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## Bridging disciplines, shaping futures: the power of networking for climate change communication

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Facilitating meaningful cross-sectoral conversations is essential for the successful integration of various disciplines in climate change communication. To address the key challenges of our times, the exchange of ideas and best practices can be highly beneficial in a collaborative effort to enhance public engagement around climate science and solutions. By creating networks that bring together scientists, experts, and communication professionals, research institutions can collaboratively shape future climate narratives based on information trustworthiness.

The CMCC Foundation's approach to disseminating frontier science and showcasing exemplary climate change communication initiatives serves as a cutting-edge case study. With the biennial **CMCC Climate Change Communication Award "Rebecca Ballestra"**, CMCC aims to highlight innovative science-based communication projects worldwide, raising awareness about the changing climate and its societal impacts, through art, journalism, education and integrated campaigns. An ever-growing digital platform ([www.cmccaward.eu](http://www.cmccaward.eu)) collects the best grassroots and upscaled initiatives that communicate threats and opportunities of current and future climate scenarios, empowering new voices and promoting interdisciplinary dialogue to trigger action. The first two editions of the Award have assembled over 300 initiatives from all around the globe, thus allowing to build a wide network of communication professionals and providing them with the opportunity to engage in dialogue and collaboration.

Building upon these connections, the **Foresight Dialogues** (<https://www.cmccaward.eu/foresight-dialogues/>), a series of online and in-person conversations with international experts, scientists and communication professionals, create a space for more in-depth discussions on the multifaceted role of communication in accelerating the climate transition. The topics covered include sociology in dialogue with Rebecca Huntley of the Australian agency 89 Degrees East; journalism, with Sarah Kaplan, climate reporter at Washington Post, and representatives from the American Climate Central network; disinformation, with Australian John Cook, founder of Skeptical Science, and the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO); arts, with the Serbian Center for the Promotion of Science (CPN) and Carolina Aragon, past CMCC Award Winner and professor at UMass Amherst; photography, with authors of the projects "The Cooling Solutions" and "On the Trails of the Glaciers"; solutions, with the Futerra change agency and Ione Anderson, from Brasil; public engagement, with the European Science Engagement Association (EUSEA) and

the Barcelona SuperComputing Center (BSC); architecture with the Stefano Boeri Architetti firm; and **podcasts and films** with the Italian authors of Bello Mondo, and the second edition Award winner from India, Faces of Climate Resilience.

The Foresight Dialogues are an integral part of the CMCC's editorial project, **Foresight** (<https://www.climateforesight.eu/>), **an online multimedia magazine that combines in-house climate change expertise with external knowledge**. Foresight gathers ideas from international climate experts, offering insights into the potential future of our society, economy, and planet by bridging science, policy, and public narratives.

Together, these initiatives contribute to framing the discourse on the communication of climate research, linking interdisciplinary knowledge to actionable outcomes. As the CMCC Foundation continues to enlarge its network and spotlight impactful climate communication projects, it cultivates a shared understanding of climate challenges, promoting a collective response for a sustainable future.