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Join the  
**Green Policy Lab**  
Summer School  
at the University  
of Vienna  
6 to 10 July 2026



# Info Webinar – Green Policy Lab – Agenda

**13.02.2026 – 11:00-12:00**

- **University of Vienna & Summer School – Luise Scheiber**
- **International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) – Fabian Wagner**
- **Science for Policy – Lene Topp**
- **Application Process – Luise Scheiber**
- **Q&A**



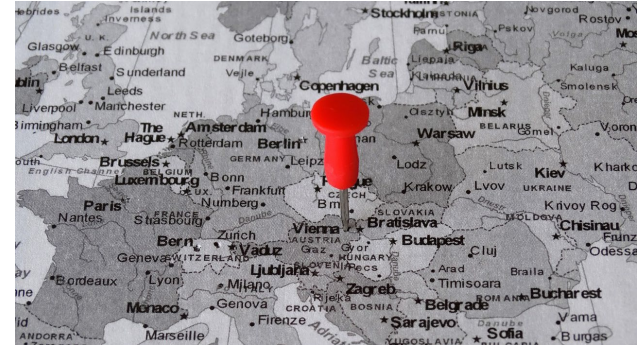
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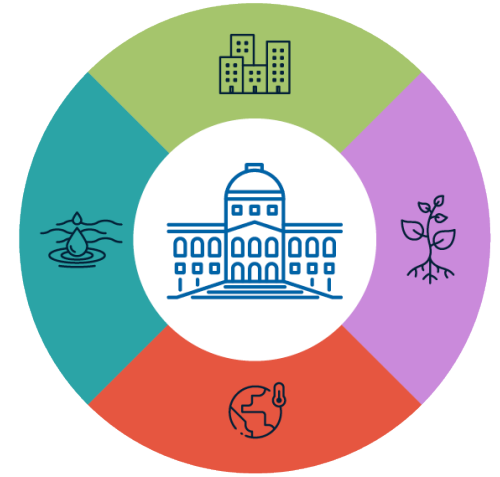
# City of Vienna

- Capital of Austria, 2 million residents
- Ranked among the **world's most livable cities**
- Unique blend of **historic heritage** & vibrant modern culture
- **Safe & green** city with excellent **public transport** and quality of life
- **9 public universities** & almost **1,500 research institutions** (Life Sciences, Quantum, AI...)



# Green Policy Lab – Science for Policy Summer School

- Part of a bigger **UniVie Initiative** to support the national **implementation of the EU Missions in Austria**
- Focus on the **4 green EU Missions**
  - Cities, Climate, Soil, Water
- **Science4Policy Initiatives**
  - **Capacity Building** for students and early career researchers
  - Support of **active S4P engagement** of researchers
- + initiatives on innovation, entrepreneurship & citizen engagement



# Green Policy Lab – Summer School

## Key Facts

- **Dates:** 6 to 10 July 2026
- **Location:** University of Vienna & IIASA Institute (Laxenburg)
- **Target Group:** open to PhD candidates and postdocs from all disciplines & institutions
- **Language:** English
- **Deadline:** 9 March 2026
- **Participation Fee:** € 250
- **2 ECTS** (subject to change)

# Green Policy Lab – Summer School

At the end of the programme, you will

- Understand the concept of evidence-informed policymaking and the growing importance of it.
- Learn about the EU Missions and how they contribute to solving the grand societal challenges of today and tomorrow.
- Learn to apply science for policy competencies through simulation games and other hands-on exercises.
- Jointly with scientists from across disciplines become more reflexive on the effectiveness of different forms of evidence and information in achieving impact on policymaking.
- Become part of a vibrant international community to amplify the reach and impact of evidence-informed policymaking across Europe.

## Programme Modules

- Opening, Learning & Networking
- EU Missions & Green Policies
- Bridging the Gap between Science and Policy
- Trust in Science
- Integrity in Science Advice
- Science for Policy Tools
- Challenges to Effective Science-Policy Dialogue
- Pitching at the Science-Policy Interface
- Writing a Policy Brief
- Your Role at the Science-Policy Interface



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<https://transfer.univie.ac.at/en/green-policy-lab-science-for-policy-summer-school/>

# Green Policy Lab - Summer School

## INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE4POLICY

INFO WEBINAR, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Lene Topp, Science4Policy Expert & Trainer

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#Science4Policy

# What is...

## **SCIENCE:**

*the pursuit and application of knowledge and understanding of the natural and social world following a systematic methodology based on evidence.*

## **POLICY:**

*a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by an organisation or individual.*

## **POLITICS:**

*the activities associated with the governance of a country or area, especially the debate between parties having power.*

# Science for Policy....

*bridging the gap between scientific research and policymaking, ensuring that policies are informed by the best available (scientific) evidence.*

# What does scientific engagement in policy look like?

Scientific evidence can be used in many ways throughout the policymaking process.

- ✓ Help define the issues that need policy action.
- ✓ Provide explanations of complex systems that allow policymakers to see unintended consequences of policies.
- ✓ Find solutions to specific issues during implementation.
- ✓ Evaluate the impact and effect of a policy.
- ✓ Help policymakers respond to a crisis, e.g. natural disaster.

# 10 TIPS

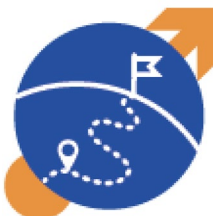
That will rock  
your socks off



Understand policy-making



Question the questions



Plan for policy impact early



Policy impact is a team sport



Build trust

10 TIPS



Network beyond scientific circles



Become bilingual in science and policy



Contextualise, provide synthesis, provide options



Be aware of your values and background



Be clear about uncertainties and limitations

# Additional Resources

- ▶ [10 Tips for Researchers: How to achieve impact on policy](#)
- ▶ [Do's and don'ts for scientists who want to shape policy](#)
- ▶ [GeoPolicy: A week inside the European Parliament – Science, Policy, and the Role of Experts](#)
- ▶ [How to combine 'science for policy' with 'science for society'](#)