

# CIRCLE U. KNOWLEDGE HUB CLIMATE

## ABOUT US

The Climate Hub is one of four Knowledge Hubs established by the European University Alliance Circle U.

Recognizing the interconnected nature of today's world, neither one single researcher nor one single institution can tackle challenges such as climate change on their own. These complex issues demand an interdisciplinary approach and collaborative partnerships between academics, working across disciplines and institutions, and in some cases together with partners in industry, public services and NGOs. Thus, the Climate Hub functions as a platform to enable researchers, students, and stakeholders to work together across disciplines, to pool their expertise, create and transfer knowledge, and jointly develop innovative interdisciplinary learning and teaching offers, events, and projects.

## OUR VISION & MISSION

The Climate Hub promotes the development of innovative, interdisciplinary courses and activities for Circle U. students, academics, staff, practitioners, and the general public.



### CO-CREATING KNOWLEDGE



### JOINT COURSES & PROGRAMMES



### COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH



### INITIATING PhD NETWORKS



### CROSS-HUB COOPERATION



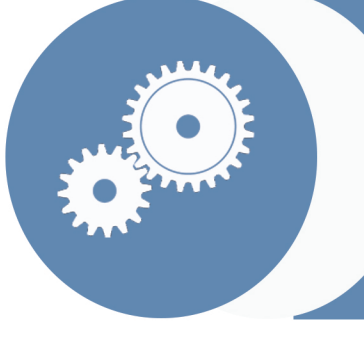
### UNIVERSITIES AS "LIVING LABS"



### REINFORCING CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT



### LIFELONG LEARNING & TRAINING



### THIRD MISSION

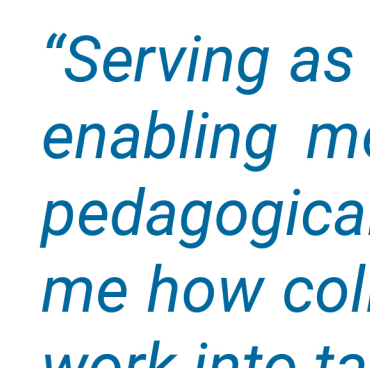
## QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE HUB (2025)

- established in 2021
- coordinated by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 1 Academic Director
- 11 Academic Chairs
- 2 Associate Fellows
- 1 Global Fellow
- 1 Student Fellow
- 15 Public Events & Talks organized
- 9 Joint Courses developed/ offered
- 6 Interdisciplinary Summer Schools implemented
- 3 Thematic Seminars for Climate Researchers organized
- 2 Joint Projects (Proposals)
- 4 Student-led initiatives
- 1 Vision



"Collaboration with and in the Climate Hub is highly enjoyable for the dynamic and enriching environment, involving diverse perspectives that converge to work on complex global challenges."

**Prof. Marcel Robischon, Academic Director of the Climate Hub at Humboldt-Universität**



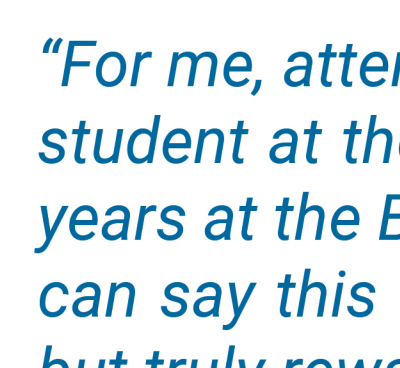
"Serving as Chair of the Circle U. Climate Hub has been a formative early-career experience, enabling me to work across borders and disciplines with European colleagues, innovate pedagogically, and translate collaboration into publications and grants. This role has shown me how collective engagement can drive climate research and education, turning academic work into tangible impact for society."

**Dr. Hillary Briffa, Academic Chair at King's College London**



"Climate change brings enormous challenges to our societies. Meeting them demands creativity, courage, and collaboration across disciplines. We need interdisciplinary approaches and innovative training formats to empower the next generation of changemakers. Circle U. provides a vibrant academic ecosystem where these pioneering ideas can come to life, offering a space to experiment, and co-create with colleagues across Europe. Together, we can shape the future we want to see."

**Prof. Marnik Vanclooster, Academic Chair at Université catholique**



"For me, attending and contributing to Circle U. was a true full CIRCLE moment: first as a PhD-student at the Aarhus Summer School on climate change, now teaching for two consecutive years at the BA School in Berlin on Climate Action. The Climate Hub does amazing work, and I can say this from both sides, as a student and as a teacher, it's not only deeply interesting, but truly rewarding to learn from and contribute to such a great team."

**Lilli Rupprechter, PhD Student at King's College London**

