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**France-Latvia Dialogue on sustainability and climate change**

**April 15 2024 15h15-17h45  
 University of Latvia, House of Science, Jelgavas street 3, auditorium Alfa**

**15.15**  Registration

**15.30**  **Official Opening** (15 min)

* Rector **Prof. Gundars Bērziņš** (tbc)
* H.E. **Ms. Aurélie Royet-Gounin**, Ambassador of France to Latvia
* H.E. **Mr. Kaspars Melnis**, Minister for Climate and Energy of Latvia (tbc)
* **Mr. Renārs Kairis**, Chairman of the Eco Council of University of Latvia

**15.45** **Keynote speech** by **Sophie Szopa**, IPCC, Laboratoire des sciences du Climat et de l’Environnement: “Climate Change: science-based state of the art and challenges”

**16.15 Panel discussion** (75 min): Solutions and best practices for climate change mitigation and adaptation – Moderator: **Xavier Landes** (SSE Riga)

* **Sophie Szopa**, Laboratoire des sciences du Climat et de l’Environnement, France
* **Yann Françoise**, Deputy head of Climate and Ecological Transition Directorate, Head of the climate department at City of Paris, France
* **Jānis Brizga**, Researcher at the University of Latvia, department of geography and earth sciences, Latvia
* **Vineta Kleinberga**, Researcher at the Rīga Stradiņš University, Faculty of Social Science, Latvia
* **Laura Treimane**, Sustainability Project Manager at the Bank of Latvia

**17.30** **Closing remarks** by **Robert Vautard** IPCC and senior climate scientist at the National Centre for Scientific Research at Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace in Paris: “IPCC role and ongoing activities”

**17.45** **Networking session**