

Global IMAT-Alumni Network 2.0: Expert Training for Sustainable Development

Program 2026
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Date/ Time	Event/ Topic	Speaker
23 April 2026 13:00 – 15:00 [CEST]	IMAT-Alumni Network Conference 2026 <i>[online conference]</i> Global IMAT-Alumni Network 2.0: an interim status and the way forward - Presentation and Evaluation of the measures in 2025, special training requirements for 2026 and initiated project ideas <i>[Online survey and registration]</i>	Host: Prof. Dr. Peter Heck, Econ. Julia Veckes and Eng. Jackeline Martinez IfaS, IMAT students, alumni, partner universities and network institutions
IMAT career pathways <i>online lecture series, pls. use the following zoom link to join: https://zoom.us/j/9285013174</i>		
11 Mai 2026 13:00 – 15:00 [CEST]	"Sustainability Assessment: an evolving Metrics, Standards, and Accountability landscape"	Dr. Angel Avadi
01 June 2026 9:00 am – 12:10 [CEST]	"Chinas efforts to transform to a low carbon society"	Prof. Dr. Xiaolong Zou
29 June 2026 09:00 am – 12:10 [CEST]	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: The Forgotten Pillar of Climate Action"	Dr. John Loomis
IMAT-Alumni Expert Training 2026 <i>Online training series, registration is open: https://www.imat-master.com/imat-alumni-network/</i>		
18 June 2026 13:00 – 15:00 [CEST]	Expert Training Webinar I "Sustainability Strategies in the Industry" - Sustainability Challenges and Requirements for Industry - Driving Change: Talent and Transformation in China's EV Industry	Eng. Jackeline Martinez International Project Manager IfaS Jan Weiten International Project Manager IfaS Eng. Alejandro Pliego Head of Talent Development & Qualification Centre, FAW-Volkswagen Automotive, China

27 August 2026 13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)	Expert Training Webinar II "Women Empowerment: Leadership and gender equality in sustainable development" - Women 's Empowerment through Law: Advancing Gender Equality and Sustainable Leadership - Leading Beyond Extraction: Women, AI Governance, and Sustainable Civil Society Leadership - Power on Purpose: Reflections by Dr. Cle-Anne Gabriel - The most unsustainable supply chain in the world has no sustainability report	Julia Veckes International Project Manager IfaS Prof. Dr. Kathrin Nitschmann Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Business and Law, ECB Prof. Dr. Milena Valeva Faculty of Environmental Business and Law, ECB Dr. Cle-Anne Gabriel Founder & Managing Director, ThinkZero, Australia Ekaterina Porras Sivolobova Founder and director of the human rights NGO "Do Bold"
24 September 2026 13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)	Expert Training Webinar III (registration is open) "Resilience Strategies for DAC-Countries" - Resource and Energy Efficiency Checks (RECs). International case studies from the advisory of industries with complex material and energy flows - EU Sustainability Regulation 101: CSRD, PPWR and EPR Explained - Presentation of the ENSURE EU-Project. Empowering Net Zero Skills for Sri Lanka's Sustainable and Resilient Future - Following the Flow: From Material Flow Management to Green Building Certification	Eng. Jackeline Martinez International Project Manager IfaS Eng. Jackeline Martinez & Eng. Bhushan Chaudhary International Project Manager IfaS & IMAT Alumni Cesar Carreno-Chasin Associate Director for EU Operations, 3R Sustainability, The Netherlands Dr. Kudabadu Jayawickrama Chaminda Kumara Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT), Sri Lanka Dr. Nana Bortsie-Aryee Director Sustainability, Certification and Built Environment, Australia

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22 October 2026 13:00– 15:00 (CEST)	Strategy Workshop 2026 <i>[Online workshop]</i> - Getting to Know Each Other: Speed Introduction - The ECB Onsite Experience: What to expect? - IMAT 2028: Shaping the Future of Our Study Programs	IfaS staff members and 20 IMAT alumni <i>[selected candidates]</i>
IMAT-Alumni Conference: a parallel session of “International Circular Economy Week 2026” <i>onsite conference at ECB, detailed agenda will follow soon on www.icew.de</i>		
15 November 2026 apart from 2:00 pm (CET)	IfaS-25 Year Celebration <i>Kick Off and Networking Event</i>	Prof. Dr. Peter Heck, Managing Director IfaS
16 & 17 November 2026 9:00 am – 6:00 pm (CET)	Technology Site Visits and Cultural Exchanges	
18 November 2026 9:00 am – 6:00 pm (CET)	IMAT-Alumni expert training "Education for Sustainable Development II" - Psychological and social aspects of sustainability - Integration of AI in circular economy strategies - Corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainable corporate governance: Best practices	tbc tbc tbc
19 November 2026 9:00 am – 11:00 pm (CET)	17th International Circular Economy Conference (ICEC) with Networking Evening Event	Prof. Dr. Peter Heck, Managing Director IfaS
20 November 2026 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (CET)]	Closing presentation, round of discussion and 1:1 meetings to initiate collaborative projects	Econ. Marco Angilella Lead International Projects

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