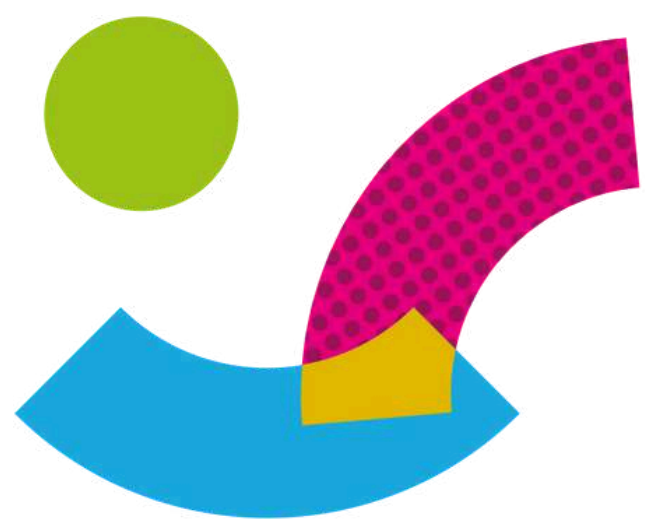




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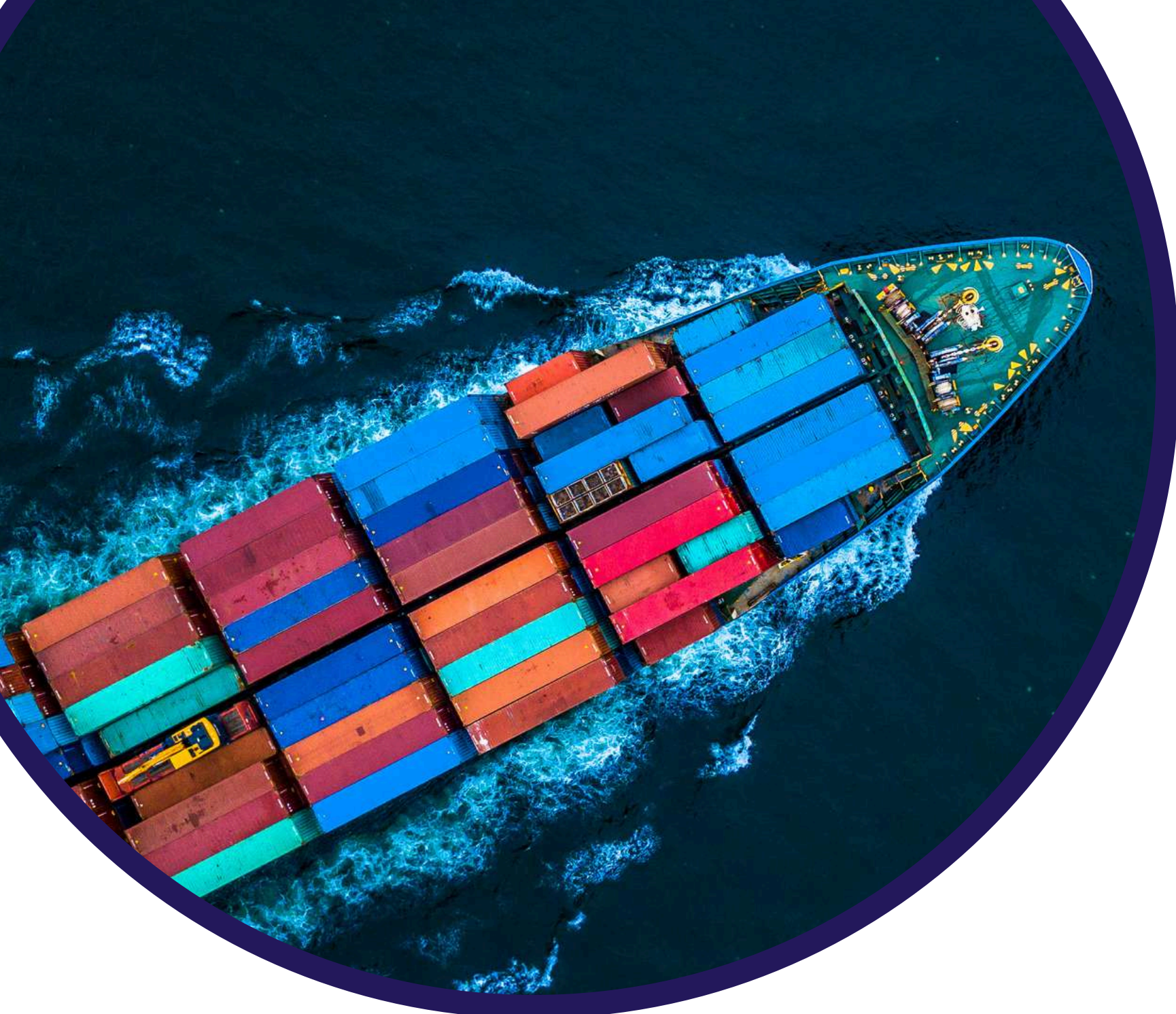
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- How to develop a shared understanding between the finance sector and ocean sustainability practitioners to maximise investment impact
- How to mobilise finance to deliver marine restoration and recovery at scale
- How to measure the impact of investment on ocean sustainability outcomes
- How can we amplify benefits for local people from investment and ensure they have a voice in decisions that impact the resources they rely on

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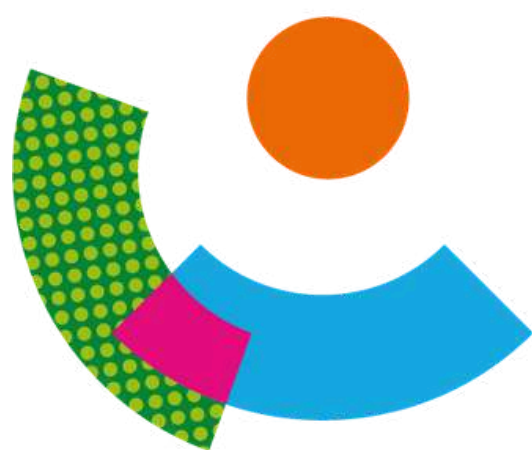
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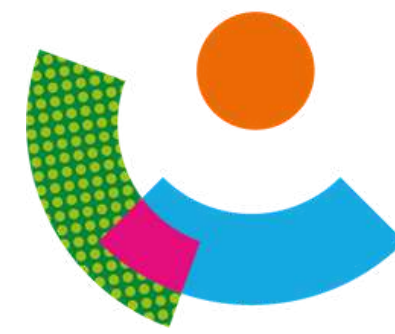
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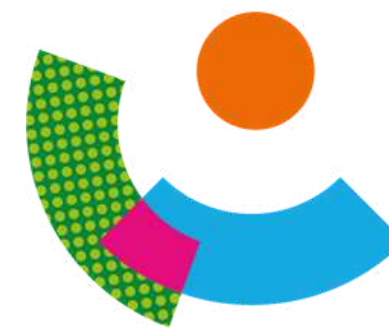
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Programme

Day 1 - Wednesday 10th September 2025

10:00 **Welcome** **Ocean and Coastal Futures**

10:20 **Mark Gough**, CEO, Capitals Coalition

In-depth session 1: Connecting Finance and Ocean Sustainability

Speakers will focus on strengthening collaboration between ocean managers, businesses and investors to improve ocean health as an underpinning foundation for social and economic prosperity.

- 10:40
- Lucy Holmes, Senior Director, Ocean Markets and Finance, WWF
 - Max Boucher / Laure Boissat, FAIRR
 - Eoin Murray, CIO, Rebalance Earth
 - Alice Teague, Deputy Director, Welsh Government
 - UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association
 - **Moderator:** Dr Lucy Greenhill, Director, HMC

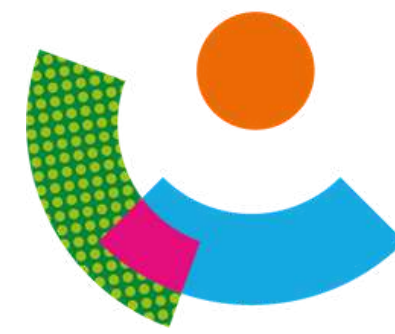
12:15 Lunch

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Panel discussion: Public-Private Partnerships

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- Klaas de Dos, Founder, Ocean Fox Advisory
- Peter Lee, Head of Philanthropy and Partnerships, WWT

Panel discussion: How marine industries are investing in ocean sustainability

14:00

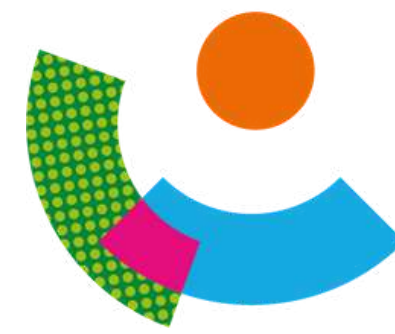
- Benj Sykes, UK Country Manager, Ørsted
- Ben Green, Marine Restoration and Enhancement Manager, National Grid
- Katrina Ross, Policy Director (Commercial & Governance), UK Chamber of Shipping
- Jennifer Godwin, CEO, Seabed User & Developer Group

14.45 Break

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In-depth session 2: Unlocking Capital to Scale Up Ocean Restoration

Speakers in this session will explore what it takes to turn ambition into action and demonstrate that large-scale investment in ocean health is both viable and vital.

15:30

- Dickon Howell, CEO, Howell Marine Consulting
- Daniel Wilde, Head of Oceans, Commonwealth Secretariat
- George Birch, Founder, Oyster Heaven
- Sarah Brown, Fund Manager, Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund (SMEEF)
- Kirsty Schneeberger, Founder & CEO, Athena Blue
- Adrian Gahan, Campaign for Nature
- **Moderator:** Louise Heaps, WWF

17:15 Close day 1

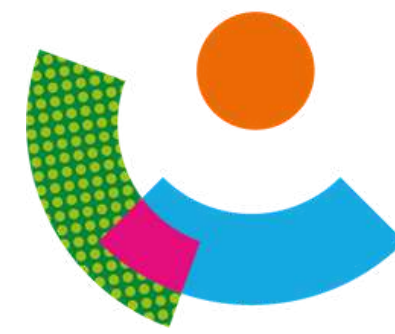
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Day 2 - Thursday 11th September 2025

9:00 **Welcome** **Ocean and Coastal Futures**

9:10 **Keynote** **Torsten Thiele**, Founder, Global Ocean Trust

In-depth session 3: Measuring What Matters - Tracking Impact

Speakers in this session will spotlight innovative approaches and tools being used to demonstrate measurable outcomes, ensuring that investments are both sustainable and accountable.

9:30

- Melis Ford, Nature Engagement Lead, World Benchmarking Alliance
 - François Mosnier, Head of Ocean Programme, Planet Tracker
 - Dr. Will Le Quesne, Principal Scientist, Cefas
 - Tom Brook, Blue Carbon Specialist, WWF
 - **Moderator:** Klaas de Vos, Founder, Ocean Fox Advisory
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Panel discussion: Engaging ocean philanthropy in a world of blended finance

11:00

- Will Steadman, Grants Director, Ecological Restoration Fund
- Morven Robertson, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

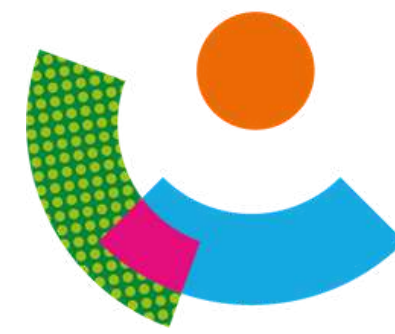
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Day 2 - Thursday 11th September 2025

11:45 **Lunch**

12:45

Martin Koehring, Ocean and Finance Specialist at the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

In-depth session 4: Coastal Communities - Inclusive and Equitable Investment

Speakers will explore innovative funding strategies and collaborative investment models to empower UK coastal communities, spotlighting successful case studies, policy frameworks, and practical tools to help local leaders secure the resources they need for a thriving coastal future.

13:00

- Sonali Siriwardena, Partner and Global Head of ESG, Simmons & Simmons
 - Annie Breaden, Director of Corporate Operations, Crown Estate Scotland
 - Rebecca MacDonald-Lofts, Lead Officer, LGA Coastal SIG
 - Kat Bruce, Founder, NatureMetrics
 - Alice Teague, Deputy Director, Welsh Government
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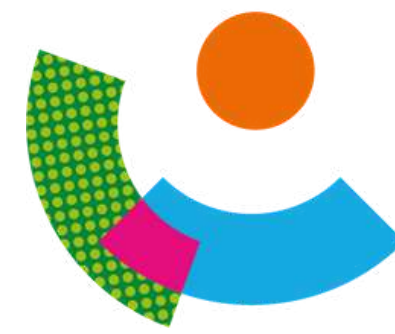
14:30 **Break**

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Day 2 - Thursday 11th September 2025: Parallel panels & workshops

Panel discussion: Innovation in financing

- Harry Wright, Founder & Director, Bright Tide / Ecotide
- James Merchant, Blue Economy Specialist, Marine Conservation Society
- Elizabeth Beall, Managing Director, Finance Earth
- **Moderator:** Beth Siddons, HMC

15:00

Panel discussion: What investors need and want

- Will Oulton, Sustainable investment expert
- UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association

Parallel Workshops:

Solutions Workshop 1: Can we create a new coastal community fund?

Solutions Workshop 2: Scaling up and tracking investment

16:30 Plenary

16:45 Conference close

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Theme 1: Connecting Finance and Ocean Sustainability

This theme focusses on strengthening collaboration between ocean managers, businesses and investors to improve ocean health as an underpinning foundation for social and economic prosperity.

- How can we support alignment between private sector ambitions and international and UK targets and commitments for ocean protection?
- How can emerging frameworks such as Marine Net Gain, TNFD delivery and nature positive approaches be designed to ensure investment returns, reduce regulatory burden and improve nature outcomes?
- How do we channel investment from economic sectors that rely on coastal and ocean resources to the right place at the right scale?
- How can we improve communication and collaboration between the private and public sector to understand shared aspirations for ocean protection and restoration?
- How can financial institutions and ocean sustainability practitioners develop a shared language and understanding to strengthen collaboration and drive confident investment in ocean solutions?

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Theme 2: Unlocking Capital to Scale Up Ocean Restoration

Building investor confidence is essential to mobilise capital at the scale needed to deliver ocean restoration and conservation outcomes. This includes de-risking investment through science-based approaches, transparent governance, and to move beyond pilot projects to delivery at scale. This session will explore what it takes to turn ambition into action and demonstrate that large-scale investment in ocean health is both viable and vital.

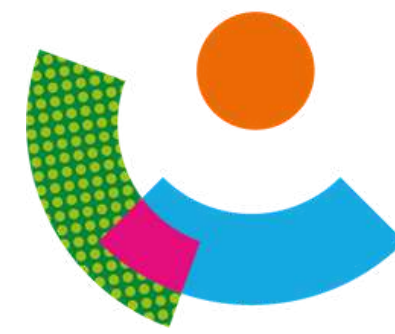
- How can we de-risk investment so businesses, investors and innovators feel more confident?
- What are the emerging opportunities for investment in nature restoration?
- What is needed to develop bankable, on-the-shelf options that are ready to deliver as investors come to the market?
- How do we work toward consensus on priorities, such as agreeing target areas and approved methods for habitat conservation and restoration?
- How can we support the innovation needed and ensure projects have access to finance to deliver long-term impact at scale?

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Theme 3: Measuring What Matters - Tracking Impact

Robust metrics and transparent reporting are essential to assess the environmental, social, and economic impact of ocean-related investments. This includes moving beyond traditional economic indicators to include ecosystem health, community wellbeing, and climate resilience. We will spotlight innovative approaches and tools being used to demonstrate measurable outcomes, ensuring that investments are both sustainable and accountable.

- What do investors need to understand to provide assurance and track impact?
- What is the progress in defining metrics and monitoring frameworks to understand contribution to sustainability outcomes?
- How much data is enough and who is responsible for reporting? Can we achieve more through collaboration and data sharing?
- How can we make progress while ensuring a learning-based approach to address evidence gaps?

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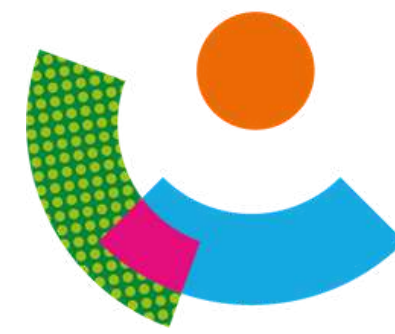
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Theme 4: Unlocking Funding Pathways for Resilient Coastal Communities

Our diverse coastlines provide unique challenges and opportunities for local communities who rely on the natural coastal and ocean resources for their livelihoods and wellbeing. This theme explores how we can amplify benefits for local people from investment and ensure they have a voice in investment decisions that impact the resources they rely on. From climate resilience and nature enhancement to economic regeneration, we'll spotlight successful case studies, policy frameworks, and practical tools for a thriving coastal future.

- What innovative funding strategies and collaborative investment models are there to empower coastal communities and ensure a thriving future underpinned by a healthy ocean?
- How can we ensure that coastal communities benefit from investment affecting their local area?
- How do we ensure inclusivity and equity for all in blue finance?
- How can we support communities in accessing sustainable finance for ocean related projects?

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About

The **Blue Finance: Investing in Ocean Sustainability** event will bring together government, ocean sustainability and finance specialists, academics and practitioners to explore how capital can be directed toward sustainable investment. Through dialogue and collaboration between these communities, the conference aims to catalyse finance solutions that ensure returns on investment through protecting and restoring ocean health, and generating equitable outcomes for communities.

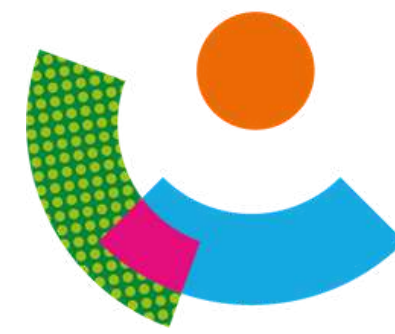
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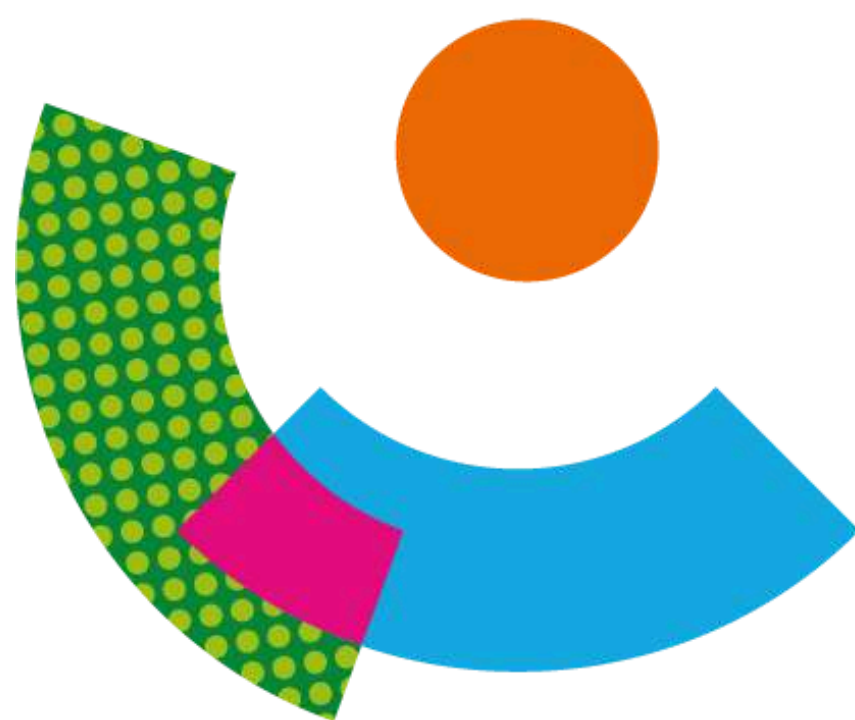
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