

CLEWS FSR – Meeting Protocol

Location and time: Golm, house 1, room 1.15, 18:00, 9th December 2025

Meeting announced on: 25th November 2025

Protocol Author: Emma

Moderation: Sophia

Format of the representation of voting results: (For / Against / Abstentions)

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1. Attendance

Members present: Aeon, Benny, Emma, Silke (online), Sophia, Tilo

Members absent: Gustav, Jay, Konsti, Liv, Ludo, Paola, Rike

Guests: Faith (gen24), Flora (online), Zohreh, Emma G (gen25)

2. Determination of quorum

50% or more present? **no** :(

3. Acceptance of the previous protocol

Protocol of the last TWO FSR meetings (11 & 25th November 2025) written by Emma & Aeon and Rike will hopefully be accepted at the next meeting.

4. Action items review

Ongoing action items: Erstifahrt:

- Check Benny’s Erstifahrt finance report – **Tilo** ✓
- Write Erstifahrt report for website – **Alex**
- Add Erstifahrt report to website – **Aeon**

Events:

- Sharepic for festive party – **Emma** ✓
- Sharepic for game night – **Emma** ✓

Write HowTos:

- Ersti Fahrt & Finance – **Tilo**
- Events – **Silke**
- Mail – **Rike** ✓
- Awareness section – **Aeon/Elli**
- Website – **Aeon**
- Screen a movie (like *Picture a Scientist*) – **Rike** ✓

Others:

- Handcart: Contact toom – **Louis** ✓
- Lost box: Liability insurance – **Emma** [in progress]
- Find a mascot – **Merchteam**
- Think about something how clews supports international students – **Everyone**

5. Bollerwagen

We got the money back and probably want a new Bollerwagen (same one, same price), but we need to **vote** on this next meeting.

6. DAAD financing

We will summarize the ideas and feedback on what support for international students is perceived as particularly helpful (and should be expanded if necessary) from the previous collection.

7. Upcoming (non-FSR) meetings

Examination board: (Among others) the scope of master thesis topics in CLEWS will be discussed and Sophia would like to hear some opinions:

- Interdisciplinarity is the *main* selling point for CLEWS, so master thesis in social science and economics should also be possible, especially with CLEWS lecturers.
- Danger: Clarifying the regulations might make them narrower.
- Cutting out economics of climate change is pretty random, since we have so many lectures on this topic, selling point for CLEWS is the possibility to dive into economics / social science and all the intersections.
- Guidelines on what qualifies a master thesis for a M.Sc., maybe natural science methods applied to any of the CLEWS topics? We want this to be more transparent
- What sets us apart from the new climate physics master if not our interdisciplinarity?
- Jan Härter is not the whole examination board.

Official regulations: *"According to the BAMA-O, students have the right to propose a supervisor and topic, but both must be confirmed by the examination board.*

In addition to reviewing the suitability of the supervision, the time frame, and the scope, this also gives the board the right to review the suitability of the topic for the degree program. This does not fundamentally preclude the possibility of writing master's theses in elective areas. However, if you conclude that the topic is too far removed from the Master's CLEWS program in terms of subject matter, the thesis would no longer represent the degree program in terms of content. Therefore, in addition to supervision, you can also confirm or adjust the topic, scope, or time frame. [...] You can therefore either assign a (different) topic yourself or ask the students for new suggestions. The latter is certainly more in the students' interest. Perhaps a compromise can be found between the students' interests and the core topics of CLEWS."

VeFa: Thursday (11.12.) at 18:15 at Am Neuen Palais campus (1.08.1.45, Audimax)

→ VeFa team can't go, anyone else interested? Might be some interesting discussion around the extended compulsory attendance in seminars decided by the Senate

BUT also Let's sing at the same time, so maybe don't actually go ;)

Institute (Env Science) assembly: Wednesday (17.12.)

16:00: "Festvortrag" by Mark Lawrence: "Towards advancing sustainability: The adventure of building up RIFS"

16:30: Institute Stuff, presentations from the FSRs (Sophia put together a little something), etc.

18:00: small Christmas party, bring a mug if you want some Glühwein / punch

→ Sophia will send this also on Discord

Could use this event to network a bit with the Geoecology FSR people: In summer we thought about buying a new BBQ together with them because theirs is falling apart. Do we still want that? Probably yes, but we need talk to them, see if we even have the money for it, and then also **vote** on this.

8. Citizen dialogue format "Let's Talk About Science!"

Potsdam Transfer sent around a mail about this. Idea:

- Bring scientific findings on democratic processes, influences that weaken democracy, and our role in society from the university into people's everyday lives
- Pop-up stands in public spaces, for example in marketplaces or at regional city festivals, where you can engage in conversation with citizens
- Also to give space and attention to the current concerns and fears of the Brandenburg population
- Strengthen trust in science, but also address the causes of populism and populist mechanisms as factors that undermine democracy

Participating researchers and students have the opportunity to take part in an improvisational theater workshop free of charge in preparation for the citizen dialogues.

Possible dates:

- April 26, 2026: Orange Festival in Oranienburg
- May 9: Potsdam Science Day at the New Palace
- May 30, 2026: Ofen-Stadt-Fest in Velten
- September 15, 2026: Action day on the occasion of the "International Day of Democracy" on the island stage of the Friendship Island in Potsdam
- September 26, 2026: Regional market in Oranienburg

→ Maybe this would be a nice opportunity for some experience in CC communication for some CLEWS students that are interested?

→ Andreas would not recommend going to Oranienburg (might just be frustrating/useless because a lot of conservative/right people go there that just have too much time and

want to discuss just for the sake of discussion / promoting their opinion)

Benny will get the word out and maybe contact Birgit Schneider about possible CCC-module interactions.

9. Plan for the next months

How to stay quorate? Possibility to resign and also to pause membership during exchanges. We have a lot of inactive

Office access etc. Sophia will be on Erasmus. So Silke will take over some of the preparation work for meetings, Benny will take care of the key. Long-term idea for the key: lockbox?

10. Events

Festive Party: Invite for teachers - do we want them to participate in the cup exchange? → Yes, if they want to. Also do we ask them to bring food? → No, they won't do it anyway.

Events 2026:

- 10th January: Ice Skating (time? place? Horst-Dome-Eisstadion)
- 17th January: International Potluck
- End-of-Semester Karaoke

11. Others

PW Access: Drive document with PWs, 2-Step Verification for Google Drive

CLEWS Repository: Needs more advertisement! Also, needs to be updated!

12. Action items

Erstifahrt:

- Write Erstifahrt report for website – **Alex**
- Add Erstifahrt report to website – **Aeon**

Events:

- Invite teachers to festive party – **Sophia**
- Get in contact with Lesecafé for the kitchen key – **Silke / Emma**
- Ice Skating Sharepic – **Emma**
- End-of-Semester Karaoke Sharepic – **Silke**

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Others:

- Lost box: Liability insurance – **Emma** [in progress]
- Find a mascot – **Merchteam**
- Look at how clews supports international students (from the previous CLEWS in crisis poll) – **Aeon**
- Send this to Annegret Thieken – **Sophia**
- Promote citizen dialogue format “Let’s Talk About Science!” – **Benny**
- Advertise CLEWS Repository – **Benny**
- Get in contact with inactive FSR members to see if they still want to be active – **Sophia**
- Talk about responsibilities of coordination role:D – **Sophia & Silke**

13. Next scheduled meeting

Date: 13th January 2026, 6 pm

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