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**“Insurance in the face of climate change – private sector risk transfer, governance instrument, or global compensation mechanism?”**

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As a Principal Investigator for the FP7-project ENHANCE she is currently conducting an analysis of disaster risk management partnerships across Europe and an investigation of the UK’s new Flood Re insurance arrangement. Swenja is also the GRI-lead in the Costing Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation in Ireland project, in collaboration with University College Cork and funded by the Environmental Protection Agency in Ireland. Swenja is also part of the Uncertainty reduction in models for understanding development (UMFULA) project, exploring insurance decision making in a developing country context. She was appointed Visiting Academic at the Bank of England in 2015 to work on the regulator’s first report on climate change.