

Bridging Horizons Programme

A collaboration event designed for connection, discussion, and idea-sharing.

Time	Session	Description
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Prof. Jesse Read (LIX) and Prof. Albert Bifet (TAIAO / University of Waikato) open the event, outlining goals for Europe–NZ cooperation in AI for Agritech and Environmental Science.
09:15 – 09:35	Keynote 1 – AI in New Zealand: Opportunities for Collaboration with Europe	Prof. Stephen MacDonell (Victoria University of Wellington) presents an overview of AI research in New Zealand, national research priorities, and strategic synergies with Horizon Europe programmes.
09:35 – 09:55	Keynote 2 – TAIAO Streaming Machine Learning for Environmental and Agritech Applications	Prof. Yun Sing Koh (TAIAO / University of Auckland) discusses advances in streaming machine learning and its use in real-time environmental monitoring and agricultural analytics.
09:55 – 10:15	Keynote 3 – AI & Data Science for Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Innovation	TO BE CONFIRMED
10:15 – 10:35	Coffee Break	Informal networking among participants.
10:35 – 11:45	Research Showcase & Mini Talks	Short 8–10 minute presentations from NZ and EU researchers on AI topics.
11:45 – 12:30	Open Discussion – Next Steps for Collaboration	Roundtable discussion to identify shared research themes, PhD collaboration opportunities, and Horizon Europe project pathways.
12:30 – 14:00	Networking Lunch	Lunch and informal discussions among researchers, students, and invited guests.