Innovative participatory research methods in earth system governance
Earth System Governance (ESG) is a field of research that is highly relevant for understanding social interactions across scales and sectors and addressing complex problems. ESG refers to the broad collection of formal and informal rules, mechanisms, and networks ranging from the local to the global scale which deal with environmental changes. ESG can be seen as both an empirical phenomenon and as a political project. It refers to a social phenomenon observed in the interactions and activities of many international regimes, bureaucracies, local and transnational activists groups, and expert networks. At the same time, it is also a political effort to unite stakeholders, aiming to strengthen the institutions and networks addressing complex governance challenges associated with ESG. Participatory research is one very important way to appeal to ESG both as a social phenomenon - as a way to better understand the complex empirical dynamics associated with ESG – and as a political endeavour – by engaging different stakeholders in (academic) research and fostering processes of learning.
approaches. System entrepreneurs can apply start-up methods, starting small, testing early, and adapting quickly based on real-world information. Such methods enable founders to build companies, starting with as little as a laptop and a friend’s couch to call home. A tech or social entrepreneur uses their drive and initiative to attract people and resources to change and adapt, bringing fresh constraints, challenges and opportunities. Service leadership, participatory democracy and a compelling vision. Local government is the front line for many social and environmental issues and a great way to experience multiple project cycles quickly. My work over the last few years is great proof of concept and gives me...