My Climate Risk

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'My Climate Risk' is one of the five new Lighthouse Activities of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP). The LHAs aim to provide innovative and non-traditional ways of connecting WCRP science to societal needs. The specific objective of 'My Climate Risk' is to develop and mainstream a 'bottom-up' approach to regional climate risk, which starts from the local decision context and enables relevant climate information to be brought into that context. In this respect, each of the three words in the title is of equal importance. This perspective completely inverts the construction of climate information from the traditional scientific paradigm. It also forces a rethink of the most suitable organizational structure for such an activity. In this paper, we present the thinking behind 'My Climate Risk' and our ambition for putting it into practice.