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The DKKV-Lunchtalk with CEDIM

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Dr. Bijan Khazai

Tourism at Risk: Adapting Destinations to Climate and Disaster Challenges

In his presentation *“Tourism at Risk: Adapting Destinations to Climate and Disaster Challenges”*, Dr. Bijan Khazai will show how climate and disaster risks are increasingly shaping the future of tourism, and why resilience still lags behind investment and planning decisions. He will draw on concrete examples such as climate and disaster loss modelling of tourism assets for California; climate risk profiling for Small Island Developing States, and destination resilience projects in the Canary Islands, Canada and California. The presentation highlights how destination-wide risk assessments, resilience frameworks, and actionable data tools – including resilience scorecards, dashboards, and global tourism exposure databases – can help destinations move from reactive crisis management to resilience as a competitiveness strategy. These examples demonstrate how data-driven resilience planning can inform policy, investment, and financing decisions for tourism destinations worldwide.

Dr. Bijan Khazai is the CEO of Risklayer GmbH and Hotel Resilient, with over 20 years of experience as a scientist and practitioner in resilience planning, risk assessment, and risk reduction. He has led international research projects and consultancies for communities, tourism destinations, governments, and the private sector, working with clients such as Travel Foundation, Visit California, and Destination Canada. Bijan leads the development of resilience guidelines, standards, and technology-driven solutions to support the hospitality sector and tourism destinations. He holds MSc and PhD degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a former senior scientist and faculty member at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology.

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