

INVITATION



Thursday 27 April 2023, Online

European Green Infrastructure Day (EGIDay) is an annual policy conference dedicated to exploring the state of affairs of urban green infrastructure in the European Union and how to foster their uptake.

The event gathers EU policymakers, green roof industry leaders, experts and NGOs to discuss how to turn European cities from grey to green and contribute to the EU climate and energy transition.

EGIDay is organised by the **EU Chapter** of the **World Green Infrastructure Network (WGIN)**.



About the World Green Infrastructure Network

The World Green Infrastructure Network (WGIN) is a collaborative global network promoting the integration of green infrastructure in urban planning. Since 2009, WGIN has expanded to represent 22 National Associations and has held 10 World Green Infrastructure Congresses. WGIN has established supportive working research committees and has an active board of directors representing 11 nations. In 2019, WGIN set up a European Chapter to raise awareness among EU policymakers about the multiple benefits of green infrastructure. Our motto is “vegetation makes it possible”.

SESSION I: 10:00 – 11:00

Green, efficient and solar-powered: key features of a sustainable building stock

- **María Jiménez Navarro**, Energy Minister Coordinator, Representation of Spain to the EU (tbc)
- **Ciarán Cuffe MEP**, Rapporteur on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive recast
- **Dusty Gedge**, Urban biodiversity professional, European Federation for Green Roofs & Walls
- **Naomi Chevillard**, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Solar Power Europe
- **Luigi Petito**, Head of Secretariat, WGIN EU Chapter

Moderator: **Mariangiola Fabbri**, Head of Research, Buildings Performance Institute Europe

SESSION II: 11:15 – 12:15

Greening urban spaces to help restore nature in Europe

- **Jutta Paulus MEP**, Shadow Rapporteur on Nature Restoration Law
- **Bettina Doeser**, Head of Unit, Natural Capital & Ecosystems Health, DG ENV
- **Antonios Sfakiotakis**, Senior Specialist, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU
- **Florian Becker**, Project Coordinator - Environment, Eurocities
- **Toni Amich**, Green Roof Specialist, Sempergreen, Spain

Moderator: **Daniela Rizzi**, Senior Officer for Nature-Based Solutions and Biodiversity, ICLEI Europe

12:15 - 14:00 lunch break

SESSION III: 14:00 – 15:00

Permeable cities for better water management, resilience and climate adaptation

- **Margrete Auken MEP**, Shadow Rapporteur on UWWTD Recast, ENVI Committee Member
- **Michel Sponar**, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG ENV C2, Marine Environment and Clean Water Services
- **Adrian Michel**, Head of Product Management System Engineering Roofing, Sika
- **Johan Ringeling**, Business Strategist and Innovation Manager, Interpolis
- **Marek Balt MEP**, Deputy Director-General, DG ENV, European Commission (tbc)

Moderator: **Luigi Petito**, Head of Secretariat, WGIN EU Chapter

SESSION IV: 15:15 – 16:15

One possible future of European cities: green, beautiful and inclusive

- **Nicola De Michelis**, Director, Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programme Implementation, DG REGIO, European Commission (tbc)
- **Eleni Myrivili**, Global Chief Heat Officer, UN-Habitat & Arsht-Rock Resilience Center; Chief Resilience Officer, City of Athens
- **Bettina Wilk**, Senior Officer, Sustainable Resources, Climate and Resilience, ICLEI Europe (tbc)
- **Sergio Rocha**, Executive Director, Instituto Cidade Jardim (tbc)
- **Uwe Harzmann**, Managing Director, Optigruen

Moderator: **Sian Hughes**, Sustainable Leadership Advisor

16:15 – 16:30

Closing remarks **Manfred Koehler**, President, WGIN