

# PROGRAMME



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**Thursday 24 April 2025**

**Brussels, L42 Business Center & Workspaces**

**European Green Infrastructure Day (EGIDay)** is the Brussels - based policy conference dedicated to exchange views on the state of affairs of urban green infrastructure in the EU and how to unlock their multiple benefits, for citizens, businesses and the environment.

The fourth edition of the EGIDay will gather in person EU policymakers, urban green infrastructure experts, local authorities and NGOs to discuss how to turn European cities from grey to green, contributing to climate adaptation and water resilience of Europe's urban areas.

**9h30 – 10h00: Welcome coffee**

**10h00 – 10h05 Welcome and introduction**

**Luigi Petito**, Head of European Chapter Secretariat, World Green Infrastructure Network

**10h05-10h20: Keynote address**

**Elisabeth Werner**, Deputy Secretary-General for Policy Coordination, European Commission **TBC**

**10h20-10h35: Why do urban green infrastructures matter for cities' design, development and reconstruction?**

**Marta Weber-Siwirska**, Department of Landscape Architecture, Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences

**10h35 – 11h35: Policy panel: Exploring the benefits of urban green infrastructure for water resilience and climate adaptation**

**Moderator: Luigi Petito**, Head of European Chapter Secretariat, World Green Infrastructure Network

**Speakers:**

**Thomas Bajada**, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats **TBC**

**Jutta Paulus**, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/EFA

**Elina Bardram**, European Commission, Director for Adaptation & Resilience, Communication and Civil Society Relations, DG Climate Action **TBC**

**Humberto Delgado Rosa**, Director for Biodiversity, DG Environment

**Jure Šumi**, President of Management Committee & Member of Advisory Board, World Green Infrastructure Network

**Emily Bankert**, Researcher, Buildings Performance Institute Europe

**11h35 – 12h25: Structured dialogue and input from participants**

**Benjamin Caspar**, Policy Officer, Environmental Policy, DG Environment **TBC**

**Ramsés Grande Fraile**, Policy Analyst, DG Regional and Urban Policy

**Uwe Harzmann**, CEO, Optigrun international AG

**Jan Osenberg**, Head of System Integration, Solar Power Europe

**Luca Costantino Arbau**, Senior Expert, Resilience and Climate Adaptation, ICLEI Europe

**Loïc Charpentier**, Water Innovation Policy Manager, Water Europe

**12h25 – 12h30: Concluding remarks**

**Corné Van Garderen**, Chair of European Chapter of World Green Infrastructure Network.

**12h30: Networking Lunch**