

Tuesday 29 September, The Comet | Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Bruxelles

9:00 – 9:20 Welcome coffee

9:20-9:30 Opening remarks

Corné van Garderen - Confirmed

Chairman of the board Sempergreen Group and Chair of WGIN European Chapter

9:30–10:00: Fireside chat: What can we expect from the European Climate Resilience Framework?

Elina Bardram - Confirmed

Director of CLIMA.E, Climate Resilience and Information Management

Luigi Petito - Confirmed

Head of Secretariat, WGIN European Chapter

10:00-11:00: Choosing green and blue over grey for cities' climate resilience

Henk Ovink - Confirmed

Executive Director, Global Commission on the Economics of Water

Elina Bardram - Confirmed

Director-General of CLIMA.E, Climate Resilience and Information Management

Hildegard Bentele

Member of the European Parliament, European People's Party

Marcos Ros Sempere

Member of the European Parliament, Socialists & Democrats

Markus Elsperger - Confirmed

General Manager, Green Solutions Urbanscape

Moderator: Luigi Petito - Confirmed

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:15 How green is green enough? Defining urban green space and tree canopy for climate resilience

Martin Grisel

Director of the European Urban Knowledge Network and co-lead of the Urban Agenda Partnership

Joris Solleveld - Confirmed

Project Leader and Regional Coordinator Climate Adaptation, City of Amsterdam

Celeste Rouberol - Confirmed

International Projects Manager, Paris Agency for Urban Ecology, City of Paris

Moderation: Heather Brooks - Confirmed

Environment Policy Advisor, Eurocities

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12:15 – 13:00 Building capacity for the New European Bauhaus: Skills, professional development and delivery

Elena Montani

Head of the New European Bauhaus unit

Benjamin Rolles

Policy Officer, DG Environment

Moderation: Bert Belmans - Confirmed

President of the WGIN Chapter for Emerging Professionals

13:00-14:00 Networking Lunch

14:00 – 14:45 Reducing the economic risk of climate impacts via Nature-Based solutions

Thomas Pellerin-Carlin

Member of the European Parliament, Socialists & Democrats

Geert De Bruijne - Confirmed

Product and System Manager, Optigrun International AG

Representative from insurance industry (TBD)

Moderator: Nicolas Jeanmart - Confirmed

Head of Personal and General Insurance, Insurance Europe

14:45 – 15:30 Financing urban green infrastructure

Sirpa Pietikäinen - Confirmed

Member of the European Parliament, European People's Party

Angela Olcina Sala - Confirmed

Policy Officer, DG REGIO

Vylon Ooms

Sustainability and Climate Coordinator, Dutch Insurance Association

Moderator: Luigi Petito - Confirmed

15:30 – 15:40 Closing Remarks

Jure Sumi - Confirmed

Group head of digitalization at Knauf Insulation and Board Member of the WGIN

15:40- 16:00: Coffee and bites

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