

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

Chairman, Board Sempergreen Group and Chair, WGIN European Chapter

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

Elina Bardram

Director, Climate Resilience and Information Management, DG CLIMA, European Commission

Luigi Petito

Head of Secretariat, WGIN European Chapter

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

Elina Bardram

Director, Climate Resilience and Information Management, DG CLIMA

Hildegard Bentele - tbc

Member of the European Parliament, European People's Party

Markus Elsperger

General Manager, Green Solutions Urbanscape

Eveline Bronsdijk

Sustainability and multifunctional roofs advisor, Municipality of Rotterdam

Moderation: **Luigi Petito**

Head of Secretariat, WGIN European Chapter

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, EU Urban Knowledge Network and co-lead of the Urban Agenda Partnership

Joris Solleveld

Project Leader and Regional Coordinator for Climate Adaptation, City of Amsterdam

Celeste Rouberol

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

Moderation: **Heather Brooks**

Policy Advisor, Eurocities

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

Bruno Gobin

Director, Viaverda

Benjamin Rolles

Policy Officer, DG ENV, European Commission

Bert Belmans

Professor, VUB & UAntwerp and Global President, WGIN Chapter for Emerging Professionals

Moderation: **Antonin Chapelot**

Project Manager, WGIN Global Green Roof Professional Development Programme

13:00-14:00 Networking Lunch

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

Marcos Ros Sempere

Member of the European Parliament, Socialists & Democrats

Geert De Bruijne

Product and System Manager, Optigrun International AG

Vylon Ooms

Sustainability and Climate Coordinator, Dutch Insurance Association

Moderation: **Nicolas Jeanmart**

Head of Personal and General Insurance, Insurance Europe

14:45–15:30 Financing urban green infrastructure

Sirpa Pietikäinen

Member of the European Parliament, European People's Party

Angela Olcina Sala

Policy Officer, DG REGIO, European Commission

Jaroslav Mysiak

Director, Risk Assessment and Adaptation Strategies, CMCC

Moderator: **Luigi Petito**

Head of Secretariat, WGIN European Chapter

15:30 - 16:00: Coffee and bites

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