

EU GREEN WEEK PARTNER EVENTS

SMART COMMUNITIES: A PATH FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

2024 13 JUNE
BRUSSELS

ABOUT THE EVENT

The event will be held from 10h00 to 15h45 and will focused on addressing the challenges of water scarcity, flooding, and pollution in Europe. This discussion will bring together leaders, policymakers, researchers, and industry professionals to discuss and develop solutions for creating a more resilient water system in Europe.

The event is divided into policy session in the morning and co-creation lab session in the afternoon. It will feature keynote speeches, panel discussion, interactive presentations, and networking opportunities, all aimed at fostering collaboration and sharing best practices in water management.

Topics to be covered include the impact of climate change on water resources, the importance of sustainable water infrastructure, innovative technologies for water conservation, and policy recommendations for improving water resilience.

The session aims to discuss how EU policy can help to improve soil management and support the effective implementation of soil biodiversity conservation measures. Such skills are key to strengthen the resilience of farmers against the impacts of climate change and other external pressures, and ultimately to ensure food security.





Through panel discussions and key note presentations, participants will learn and work collectively to identify knowledge gaps, management challenges, and research priorities in order to promote sustainable soil and water management practices.

This session also serves as an opportunity to celebrate the progress that has been made in EU environment policy and to inspire individuals, communities, and organizations to take stronger action in the future to protect, preserve, and restore our environment. By promoting sustainable development practices, the event aims to create a more resilient and thriving environment for present and future generations.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in discussion and learn about successful water resilience projects happening across Europe. Overall, the session aims to inspire and empower stakeholders to take action towards building a more sustainable and resilient water system in Europe. By bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise, this event will serve as a catalyst for driving positive change and ensuring a secure water future for generations to come.



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AGENDA

Morning session



- 10:00 Welcome and introduction to the event**
Kamila Olchowicz, IrRADIARE, moderator
- 10:05 Welcome addresses**
Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union
- 10:15 Key note address**
Michiel Scheffer, European Innovation Council, President of the Board
- 10:30 Intervention panel**
Doris Marquardt, European Commission, DG CNECT, EU Policies, Agriculture, Digitalisation, Innovation
Juan Manuel Velasco, European Commission, DG INTPA, Senior Policy Officer
Luis Sanchez-Alvares, European Commission, DG AGRI, Research and Innovation
Rodrigo Ataíde Dias, European Commission, DG MARE, Maritime Affairs
Giuseppe Saija, EU KNOW, Managing Director
David Lamb, EU CAP Network, Team leader (video-record)
Catherine Mulligan, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Expert
Francisco Vigalondo, Aragón Region, Representative in Brussels
- 11:50 Debate opening address**
Marcos Nogueira, CoEER, President
- 12:05 Q&A panel and debate**
- 12:30 End of the session**

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Afternoon session



14:00 Welcome and introduction to the session

Sandra Dumonteil, IrRADIARE

14:10 Key note address

Francisco Mendes Palma, Transform4Europe - UCP Office, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Rolandas Urbonas, Lithuanian Energy Institute, Deputy Director (video-record)

14:30 Intervention panel

Monika Manolova, PhD, Project Expert, Bulgaria-Romania Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Innovations Expert, Digital National Alliance. Presenting Horizon Europe DALIA project

Ulrike Ziegler, Research Center Jülich GmbH, representing AGROECOLOGY Project

Domagoj Krnjak, the Ministry is: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition, Project Manager, representing LIFE CROLIS Project (Video record)

Alexandre Rodrigues, Necton, Innovation Coordinator, representing REALM Project (Video record)

Mercedes Echegaray, Managing Director of the Water Agency of Castilla-La Mancha

15:20 Q&A panel and debate

Kamila Olchowicz, IrRADIARE

15:35 Closing address and wrap-up

Marcos Nogueira, CoEER, President

15:45 End of the event



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EXPECTED AUDIENCE

This event is a forum for experts, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders to come together and discuss the pressing issues surrounding soil and water resources in a changing environment.

This event will be a meeting point for partners and stakeholders to debate ideas, share best practices and networking.

.....>> Morning session
POLICY SESSION

.....>> Afternoon session
CO-CREATION LAB

QUESTIONS & REGISTRATION

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VENUE & LOCATION

 **June 13th, 2024**

 **10h00 - 15h45**

 **Portuguese Permanent
Representation to the
European Union**
Avenue de Cortenbergh 12,
1040 Brussels

ABOUT EU GREEN WEEK

TOWARDS A WATER RESILIENT EUROPE



Water is a critical resource that must be safeguarded and passed down to future generations. It is essential for people, the environment, and for promoting a fair, sustainable, and strong economy.

The EU is facing an increase in natural disasters such as droughts and floods, which highlights the urgent need for water resilience. Water resources are under pressure due to decades of mismanagement, pollution, and ecosystem damage, as well as the impacts of climate change. The global water cycle is in turmoil, linked to issues of climate change and biodiversity loss, with each crisis exacerbating the other.

The 2024 EU Green Week is part of [#WaterWiseEU](#), a campaign to stimulate an EU-wide conversation around water today and in the future. The campaign aims at fostering awareness and promoting positive, collaborative solutions.

EU Green Week is an annual opportunity to raise awareness, promote and discuss European environmental policy.

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THE FOCUS OF THE PARTNER EVENTS IN 2024 WILL BE ON WATER RESILIENCE.

Organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment, this high-level event attracts policymakers, leading environmentalists, stakeholders, and interested parties from across Europe and the globe.

Faced with recurrent water-related crises, this edition of the annual conference will debate what is needed to make the EU more water resilient, today and tomorrow.

The Conference will take place between 29- 30th of May.

At the conference, guest speakers will discuss various aspects of integrated water management. This includes topics such as:

- Fostering a water smart economy within the EU;
- Addressing the challenges of restoring and safeguarding the disrupted water cycle;
- Ensuring widespread access to clean and affordable water and;
- Sanitation and international water cooperation.



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Throughout the week, partner events organised by schools, universities, business associations, environmental organisations, civil society, and government agencies will take place across Europe and beyond. These will raise awareness and educate people about the importance of protecting the environment and promoting sustainable living practices. They will include a variety of activities such as educational workshops, seminars, and eco-friendly projects highlighting the importance of water resilience.

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