

## with stakeholder presentations and audience debate

- Short panel speeches (15–20 mins total) to frame key gaps and opportunities.
- Pitch session for 3–4 market-ready NbS solutions (e.g., from MERLIN/WaterLands projects).
- Moderated stakeholder debate with private-sector voices (SMEs, startups, investors) and public actors (municipalities, EU projects).
- Interactive Q&A to identify possible priorities for the Water Resilience R&I Strategy (majority of time).

Time	Segment	Details
9:00–9:10	Welcome	James Morrison Director of Healthy Planet Directorate in DG RTD intro: Why water resilience = competitiveness and vice versa.
9:10–9:40	Setting the Scene	- Potential water related NbS users (e.g., insurance firms or private sector (including SMEs), local communities and citizens.  - Examples of water related NbS (Horizon Projects).
9:40–10:30	Impact talks: R&I Gaps and opportunities	4 x 10-min pitches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture (e.g. NbS for drought resilience),</li> <li>• Insurance (e.g. NbS reducing flood/drought risk – cost benefit examples),</li> <li>• Best practice (SMEs/Startups showcasing market ready products),</li> <li>• Urban and peri-urban (co-benefit of NbS solution for water management and restoration)</li> </ul>
10:30–11:00	Audience Q&A	
11:00–11:20	Coffee Break	
11:20–12:30	Stakeholder Debate: Closing the Gaps	Moderated discussion with audience polling (e.g., Slido):  - What’s missing in EU R&I funding for water NbS?

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		- How can private sector profit from restoration?
12:30–13:00	Plenary Wrap-Up: Priorities for the Water Resilience R&I Strategy	- Rapid-fire takeaways with the audience
13:00–13:15	Closing	DG RTD B4: Next steps for the strategy
13:15+	Optional: Networking Lunch	