



Draft Agenda – EU Green Week Partner Event

Date: 04.07.2024

Location: Brussels, exact location TBC

Title: **Unleashing the Water-Energy-Food Nexus: Energy Efficiency First**

Description:

Delve into the interconnected dynamics of water, energy, and food systems, emphasizing the critical role of energy efficiency in unleashing their potential for sustainability. The Water-Energy-Food Nexus is pivotal for EU and global sustainable development, security, and climate resilience. Legislative advancements and the upcoming Water Resilience Initiative underscore the need for integrated approaches to address this nexus amid geopolitical and climate challenges.

Objectives:

- Increase understanding of the Water-Energy-Food Nexus and its implications for citizens, businesses, and the environment.
- Highlight EU efforts, policies, and directives promoting resource efficiency and sustainability, such as the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and the Water Resilience Initiative.
- Advocate for robust policies addressing the nexus to achieve EU energy goals and broader sustainability objectives.
- Showcase innovative solutions and technologies driving enhanced sustainability, security, and competitiveness.
- Promote cross-sectoral collaboration among policymakers, businesses, and environmental NGOs.

Target Audience:

Policymakers at EU, national, and local levels, businesses, the general public, and environmental NGOs interested in sustainable development and resource management.

Format:

Introduction (15 mins): Highlighting the significance of the Water-Energy-Food Nexus for sustainability and climate resilience, focusing on energy efficiency.

Panel Discussion (60 mins):



EUASE Representative: Discussing digital solutions for delivering the Water-Energy Nexus.

WGIN Representative: Presenting nature-based solutions in urban areas for energy savings and related benefits.

Representative from the food system sector: Exploring strategies for saving resources by transforming fossil fuel-dependent food systems.

EC Representative: Providing insights on delivering social, environmental, and economic impacts of the nexus.

Q&A Session (20 mins): Audience engagement with speakers, exploring diverse perspectives and inquiries.

Interactive Elements: Virtual polls to gauge audience interest and opinions, networking opportunities for collaboration and discussion.

Moderator:

Agnese Danelon, Director of Government Relations at ECOLAB

Speakers:

Tania Pentcheva, Director of Europe Government Relations at Xylem

Jure Sumi, Slovenian Green Urban Infrastructure Association

Patty Fong - Global Alliance for the Future of Food (Confirmation Pending)

Veronica Manfredi - DG ENV (Confirmation Pending)