

Draft Agenda

Nature-Positive Recovery: Ukraine's Green Reconstruction and EU Accession

Investing in Nature as a Foundation for Post-War Recovery and European Integration

EU Green Week 2026 Partner Event, Brussels

European Economic and Social Committee (Rue Van Maerlant Building (VMA), Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels)

Link for registration: <https://forms.gle/azZGXGKZNQMEhvMcA>

Date: 4 June 2026

Time: 16:00 – 18:00

Organizers: RACSE in partnership with Foreign Policy Council “Ukrainian Prism” and the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine

Format: Public policy panel discussion

16:00 – 16:10 | Opening and Introduction

Moderator, Patrizia Heidegger, Deputy Secretary General, EEB (tbc)

- Welcome and overview of the session
- Setting the context: EU Green Week 2026 and nature-positive economy

16:10 – 17:30 | Panel Discussion

Speakers:

- **Yuliia Hrytsak**, Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine
- **Marcela McAndrew**, DG Environment
- UNDP Ukraine (tbc)
- Hans Rhein, Head of Unit, European Commission (D1 – LIFE Energy and LIFE Climate) (tbc)
- **Nataliya Andrusevych**, RACSE

The discussion will address:

- integration of the EU environmental acquis into Ukraine's reconstruction;
- mobilisation of green and sustainable finance;
- practical solutions and flagship projects for nature-based recovery;
- strengthening EU–Ukraine partnerships and societal engagement.

17:30 – 18:00 | Q&A and Closing Discussion

- Interactive exchange with the audience
- Key takeaways and closing remarks