



Green sponges for water and climate resilience

Wednesday 29 May, 9:00-11:00, Brussels

Time	Session	Duration
8:30-9:00	Welcome coffee and pastries	
9:00	Welcome by the LRE coalition	5'
9:05	Opening speech: Florika Fink-Hooijer or Claudia Olazabal, European Commission Followed by 1-2 questions from the audience	15'
9:20	Panel discussion 1: Adapting water management to cope with increasing droughts and floods Moderated by the LRE coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rafael Seiz, Freshwater Policy Coordinator, WWF Spain ● Telma Branco, Environment Attaché at the Permanent Representation of Portugal (tbc) ● Representative from the Belgium Presidency ● Representative from one of the members of Water Europe Followed by Q&A with the audience (15')	40'
10:00-10:15	BREAK	15'
10:15-10:55	Panel discussion 2: The way to upscaling practical solutions to water retention Moderated by the LRE coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representative from the European Landowner Organisation (tbc) ● Paul Brotherton, Wetlands international ● Vasileios Latinos, Head of Resilience and Climate Adaptation at ICLEI Europe (tbc) Followed by Q&A with the audience (15')	40'
10:55-11:00	Concluding remarks by the LRE coalition	5'