

EU Green Week  
**PARTNER EVENT**

# Green sponges for water and climate resilience

Press club Brussels Europe  
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#WaterWiseEU



**8:30** Arrival & Coffee

**9:00** Welcome by the Living Rivers Europe coalition

**9:05** Opening speech by Luca Perez, Deputy Head of Unit “Sustainable Freshwater Management”, DG Environment, European Commission

Followed by 1-2 questions from the audience

**9:20** Panel discussion

ADAPTING WATER MANAGEMENT TO COPE WITH INCREASING DROUGHTS AND FLOODS

- Louise Duprez, Adaptation & Resilience Coordinator, EU 2024 Belgium Presidency
- Telma Branco, Environment Attachée, Permanent Representation of Portugal
- Rafael Seiz, Freshwater Policy Coordinator, WWF Spain
- Nicole Couder, Suez

**9:50** Q&A with the audience

**10:00** Coffee break

**10:20** Panel discussion

THE WAY TO UPSCALING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO WATER RETENTION

- Ana Rocha, Senior Policy Advisor, European Landowner Organisation
- Paul Brotherton, Freshwater Manager, Wetlands International Europe
- Vasileios Latinos, Head of Resilience and Climate Adaptation, ICLEI Europe

**10:45** Q&A with the audience

**10:55** Concluding remarks by the Living Rivers Europe coalition

*This event is organised by the Living Rivers Europe NGO coalition.  
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