

Green-blue Solutions: Transforming Industrial and Business parks across Europe

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IB-Green Final Conference

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Join us for “*Green-blue Solutions: Transforming Industrial and Business Parks across Europe*”, a one-day conference bringing together local authorities, businesses and sustainability practitioners to explore how climate adaptation and nature-based solutions are key to future-proof Europe's industrial landscapes.

Held next to the Sandyford Business District, the largest Business Improvement District in Ireland, the event will feature inspiring examples of climate adaptation actions from across Europe, award-winning initiatives, and practical discussions on integrating green and blue infrastructure into existing industrial and business parks. Participants will gain fresh insights, exchange experiences, and discover how successful pilot projects can be scaled up to create lasting impact.

Secure your spot!

Register [here](#) until 8 September 2026

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Programme elements are subject to change.

08:30-09:00 Reception

Arrival, registration & coffee

09:00-09:30 Welcome

Opening remarks

- An Cathaoirleach (Mayor) Barry Saul
- Frank Curran, CEO of Dun Laoghaire
- Ger Corbett, CEO of Sandyford Business District
- Svenja Enke, Lead Partner – Climate Alliance

09:30-10:00 Rethinking Industrial Futures in a Changing Climate

Keynote

- Vicky Pasternak, Berlin BaumEntscheid e.V.

10:00-10:15 Coffee break

10:15-11:00 Understanding Climate Risks: What Extreme Weather means for Europe's Business Parks

Expert Discussion

- Daphne Teeling, Work Landscapes of the Future
- Anna-Christine Sander, Hessian Agency for Nature Conservation, Environment and Geology
- Thijn de Voogd, Municipality of Arnhem, tbc.

11:00-11:15 From Shared Challenges to Joint Action

Interreg North-West Europe

- Vincent Hagneré, Project officer, Interreg North West Europe (NWE)

11:15-12:30 From Grey to Green: Transforming Business Parks with Green-Blue Infrastructure

Parallel workshops

1) **Green-blue infrastructure in public and private spaces in the Netherlands**

- Municipality of Leeuwarden
- Municipality of Arnhem

2) *Unpaving, planting and transforming parking lots: Green-blue infrastructure in Zellik (Belgium) and Hessian municipalities (Germany)*

- Green Energy Park
- Hessian Agency for Nature Conservation, Environment and Geology

3) *How to engage and support municipalities in implementing green-blue infrastructure in Luxemburg*

- Ministry for Housing and Spatial Planning

12:30-
13:30

Lunch break

13:30-
14:15

Making Green-Blue Infrastructure Happen: Pioneer Companies & Public-Private Partnerships

Expert discussion

- Katrin Gelderblom, Astakus GmbH, "IB-Green Award"-Winner
- Franziska Böhm, Bonn Science Shop (WILA)
- Niek Smits, Municipality of Leeuwarden

14:15-
14:45

Sandyford Business District: A Business Park Transformation

Introduction

- Rory McGuire, Urban Agency
- Owen O'Brien/Dara O'Daly, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown
- Ger Corbett, CEO Sandyford Business District

14:45-
15:00

Key Takeaways

Conference closing

15:00-
16:30

From Conference to Practice – Exploring Sandyford Business District

Optional site visit

Take the conversation beyond the conference room with a site visit to the proposed Sandyford Business District Civic Park. The guided visit will showcase local approaches to green-blue infrastructure and climate-resilient business park transformation.

The site visit is open to all conference participants. Participants will need to organise transportation from the conference venue to Sandyford Business District.



[IB-Green](#) is an Interreg North-West Europe project, which brings together 11 partners from 6 countries in North-West Europe. It addresses the transformation of existing industrial and business parks into climate resilient ones by implementing green-blue infrastructure.

Lead partner: Climate Alliance

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