

Newsletter for Ecsite Nature Group



October 2017

Do you want to host either the official Opening event or the official Closing event for EU Green Week 2018?

This year's edition of Europe's biggest annual environment conference will focus on the theme "Green Cities for a Greener Future". It will promote participatory approaches to urban development, networking schemes, and tools for sharing best practices, engaging citizens and local authorities, and encouraging them to share their vision of a sustainable future, while also highlighting policy developments on air quality, noise, waste and water management.

On this link, you will find a Call for proposals to organisation the On this link, you will find a Call for proposals to organisation the Opening Event of Green Week, on May 21st 2018 or for its Closing Event, May 25.

<https://www.eugreenweek.eu/call-for-proposals-2018>

It would be best if the proposal presented a Consortium (say a City + NHM/SC + other).

The application proposal should not be more than 10 pages. Some costs can be covered.

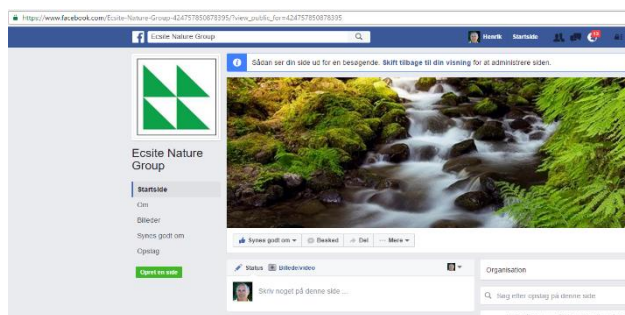
Deadline to submit : 3 November 2017

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See more about EU Green Week below

Facebook

The Ecsite Nature Group has an open Facebook group where you can write your comments, good ideas, thoughts and more. The Ecsite Nature Group Steering Committee will also post relevant posts, comments, events, conferences etc.. on the Facebook site:



<https://www.facebook.com/Ecsite-Nature-Group-424757850878395/>

EU Green Week 2018 will include events across Europe, starting with an **official high-level Opening** event on the Monday, with a high-level conference in Brussels from Tuesday through to Thursday and ending with an **official high-level Closing event** on the Friday. These Opening and Closing events will be particularly prominent, setting the tone for the week's debates, and bringing the curtain down with political conclusions at the end.

If your organisation is interested in organising one of these events, you can [submit your proposal](#) by the deadline which is 3 November 2017.

Any city can be a green city, regardless of its location or size. Going green isn't just about green spaces and parks; it's about air quality, noise, public transport, cleanliness and quality of life, and much more besides.

It's also about engaging citizens, and hearing their ideas about how cities can become more green and more liveable. **EU Green Week 2018** will explore these themes, and show how Europe is helping cities to become better places to live and work.

What is the added value for your organisation?

- If selected, the European Commission will promote your event **on the EU Green Week 2018 website and on social media** as an official part of Green Week 2018.
- Potential participation of the **Commissioner for Environment**, Karmenu Vella, as well as other high-level speakers.
- Your event will be **web-streamed** and shown on the EU Green Week website.
- You will be provided with harmonised EU Green Week branding through a **specific toolkit**.
- **Promotional items** can be provided.
- Other possibilities can be negotiated.

What do you need to consider to make a proposal for the official Opening or Closing?

Events proposed need to be relevant to the theme, must take place on the dates specified, and should envisage high-level political participation.

Opening event

The official Opening event for EU Green Week 2018 will be on Monday, May 21 2018.

- 21 May is a public holiday in a number of EU countries, so events with festive, interactive activities that engage families and other segments of society will be favoured.
- 21 May is also EU Natura 2000 Day, so events that have a connection to nature and biodiversity, and which underline their importance for quality of life or showcase sustainable urban development (with nature-based solutions to urban problems, for example) will also be prioritised.

Closing event

The official Closing event for EU Green Week 2018 is on Friday, May 25 2018.

The main message should be that any city can become greener, and that real changes are eminently possible. Tools such as participatory approaches to governance should be promoted, demonstrating how cities can engage with stakeholders and develop a shared vision for the urban environment, with potential pathways towards that future. Events focusing on governance and involving citizens and other actors will therefore be favoured.

The call for proposals is open now and the deadline for proposals is 3 November. [Read more about the EU Green Week official Opening and Closing events.](#)

Submission of proposals

Applications must be submitted using the form provided on the website:

<https://www.eugreenweek.eu/submit-your-proposal/>

The deadline for submission is **3 November 2017 at 17:00** (Brussels time).

Any questions?

Contact the Green Week team at: ENV-GW-OFFICIAL-EVENTS@ec.europa.eu