

# POLISH GREEN ROOF ASSOCIATION

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## GREENING MODERN CITIES

Green roofs and living walls in the context of urban adaptation to climate change

### Conference programme

Tuesday 19.05.2026

<b>8:00 - 9:00</b>	<b>registration</b>	
9:00 - 11:00	<b>dr. Marta Weber-Siwirska</b> President of Polish Green Roof Association	welcome
	A representative of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Opening remarks
	<b>prof. Ewa Burszta-Adamiak</b> Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences (Poland)	The hydrological performance of contemporary green roof solutions
	<b>Luigi Petito</b> World Green Infrastructure Network (EU Chapter) (Belgium)	Urban Green Infrastructures in Europe: navigating an evolving EU policy and regulatory landscape
	<b>prof. Manfred Koehler</b> World Green Infrastructure Network (Germany)	Sponge-City-Project: „Implementation of blue-green infrastructure in German Cities“
	<b>Marloes Gout</b> Miasto Rotterdam (City of Rotterdam) (The Netherlands)	The development of the green roof programme in Rotterdam
	Q&A	
<b>11:20 - 13:00</b>	<b>coffee break</b>	
11:20 - 13:00	<b>prof. Marta Pogrzeba</b> The Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas (Poland)	Self-sufficient, intelligent module for urban green infrastructure
	<b>prof. Stephan Brenaisen</b> Zurich University of Applied Sciences (Switzerland)	Key Design and Concept Principles for Biodiversity on Green Roofs and Implementation Strategies
	<b>prof. Olyssa Starry</b> Bucknell University (USA)	Rooftop Landscapes as Lab Spaces: Interdisciplinary research relating green roof design to function
	<b>dr Ferre Maes</b> Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)	Equity-Ready Green Roofs: A Scorecard for Cities
	Q&A	
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>lunch</b>	
14:00 - 15:20	<b>Marek Cyunel</b> University of Agriculture in Krakow (Poland)	The metaverse as an experimental environment for the design of green roofs and living walls to enhance the well-being of urban space users
	<b>prof. Viktor Mileikovskiy</b> Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture (Ukraine)	Time-dependent carbon dioxide absorption of plants on green structures and indoor greening
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	Q&A	
<b>15:20 - 15:40</b>	<b>coffee break</b>	
15:40 - 17:00	<b>Vera Enzi</b> European Federation of Green Roof and Wall Associations- EFB (Austria)	Solar green roofs – why do our cities need them?
	<b>Maciej Fuhrmann</b> Air Protection and Climate Policy Office of the City of Warsaw (Poland)	The Warsaw Green Building Standard in the context of blue-green infrastructure
	<b>Marta Wojniłko-Szymańska</b> Housing Cooperative Wrocław – Południe (Poland)	Transformation of a Housing Cooperative through Residential Development and Community Energy – Two Pillars of a Modern Estate
	Q&A	

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9:00 - 11:00	<b>Tanya Muller Garcia</b> Mexico City (Mexico)	Green Roof Policy in Mexico Through a Nature-Based Solutions Lens
	<b>Małgorzata Żydek-Piątek</b> Katowice Municipality (Poland)	Green Roofs Pay Off! Katowice on Tax Incentives and Municipal Projects
	<b>Magdalena Jabłońska</b> Wroclaw Municipality (Poland)	From concept to maintenance: the process of greening Nowy Targ Square in Wroclaw
	<b>Michał Więcek</b> Wroclaw Municipality (Poland)	Wroclaw Green Building Standard
	Q&A	
10:40 - 11:00	coffee break	
11:00 - 12:40	<b>prof. Tetiana Tkachenko</b> Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture (Ukraine)	Improving air quality in sports facilities using green structures and phytodesign
	<b>dr. Kamil L. Rawski</b> Białystok University of Technology (Poland)	Concept of Stormwater Interception and Runoff Management Using Blue-Green Infrastructure: A Case Study of Branicki Street in Białystok
	<b>dr inż. Jadwiga Stochel-Cyunei</b> Cracow University of Technology (Poland)	Green Architecture under Conditions of Resource Scarcity as a Tool for Constructing Place Identity and Prestige
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	Q&A	
12:40 - 13:30	lunch	
13:30 - 14:45	<b>Steven Peck</b> Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (Canada)	Biophillic Design:Theory, Practice and Impact
	<b>Tetiana Konchenko</b> European Federation of Green Roof and Wall Associations- EFB (Austria)	From vision to implementation: transforming the built environment towards a nature-positive model - the Industry Roadmap 2050 and Action Plans for Green Buildings
	<b>Dhiru Thadani</b> Thadani Architects + Urbanists (USA)	Design Solutions in a Rapidly Urbanizing World
	Q&A	
14:45 - 15:00	coffee break	
15:00 - 16:00	A panel organised by Białystok University of Technology (details to come soon)	
16:00 - 16:15	summary and closing of the conference	

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