



The 12th edition of Green Week, the biggest annual conference on European environment policy, will take place from **22 to 25 May 2012** in Brussels. This year's theme is "**Water**".

Over some 40 sessions, the conference will focus on water. This valuable resource needs to be used properly and sparingly, making sure that we have enough for all of its uses, and avoiding polluting our rivers, seas and oceans. Along with all other natural resources, this is one of the most vital for our continued existence on this planet.

Green Week offers a unique opportunity for debate and exchanges of experience and best practice. Over the past decade, the conference has established itself as an unmissable event for anyone involved with protecting the environment. The 2011 edition attracted some 3 160 participants from government, business and industry, non-governmental organisations, academia and the media.

▣ **Practical information** will be available on this website around the end of February 2012.

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Green Week is open to the public and participation is free of charge.

Exhibition

Together with the Green Week sessions and workshops, taking place in the Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi 170, Brussels, there will be an exhibition with 52 stands displaying green business solutions, NGO activities, local and regional authorities, European and international bodies, and so on. A dedicated LIFE area will illustrate LIFE Environment projects. This exhibition will run during the four days of the Green Week conference.

To apply for an exhibition stand, please read the [application guidelines](#) and submit a completed [application form](#) to the mailbox address indicated in the guidelines by **1 March 2012**.

Detailed information on all the selected exhibitors will be available on the official website at the end of March.

Satellite events

The Commission is willing to incorporate a variety of awareness-raising events (satellite events) taking place all over Europe **from 1 May 2012 to 30 June 2012** into Green Week 2012: "Every Drop Counts: the Water Challenge"

The objective of "Green Week 2012 satellite events" is to **raise the awareness of the general public about water.** This valuable resource needs to be used properly and sparingly, making sure that we have enough for all of its uses, and avoiding polluting our rivers, seas and oceans. Along with all other natural resources, this is one of the most vital for our continued existence on this planet.

Are you organising an **open door day**, a **guided tour**, a **conference/seminar**, a **youth event**, an **art initiative** or other event in your town which focuses on the theme of water?

Do you wish to contribute to Green Week 2012? If so, and if your event is selected by Green Week organisers, we will promote your event and provide a communications toolbox in order for you to promote Green Week in return.

- **To be recognised as an official "Green Week 2012 satellite event"**, please submit an [online Application Form](#) clearly describing the activities you plan to organise.

(Application Form in Word format: click
[here](#)

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We look forward to welcoming you to Green Week 2012!

The Green Week Team

