











## Meeting of the Umbrella Green Sector organization

Wednesday 15/05/2019 - Brussels EU Green Week

We are really pleased and happy to have you all present. We must think together about who else can and must be at this 'green' table meeting.

I think it is the first time that the green sector is sitting together at one table and it is all about the fact that we actually need each other. We have all our organization with members, services, large goals and political agendas and that requires action.

We are in Brussels, the EU political base and at the same time that the EU Green Week takes place. It is all about the impact that we must and want to have on politicians and decision makers for the wider green landscape sector. The EU Green Week is all about our agenda's, they are talking our language, telling our stories, speaking our words,... but we were not present. It is a really important green platform for us all. We must be there as one of the 14 partners that they allow. This year ELCA is present as the 15<sup>th</sup> with an outside stand.

The goal for 2020 must be, all of us together present at the EU Green Week or/and at other platforms. At least once a year that we come together and talk, consult, share experience and knowledge about the ideas to where our agenda is going, our political aims, the political movement in the EU, exchange our knowledge and experiences with funding, ...

The real picture is larger and bigger than all of us together because it's about the whole green and environmental industry like energy, traffic, waste, water, ... all the green issues of EU. We are representing the background, the living greenery, for us the most valuable but it has to be pushed up by us all together!

## **Short presentation of each Association**

✓ ELCA - European Landscape Contractors Association www.elca.info

The ELCA lobby document link: <u>ELCA - We take care for a green and liveable Europe</u>
The ELCA EU Green Week stand link: <u>ELCA stand - A greener environment with ELCA</u>

- ✓ ENA European Nurserystock Association
  - www.enaplants.eu
- ✓ EFB European Federation of Green Roofs and Walls www.efb-greenroof.eu
- ✓ WUP World Urban Parks www.worldurbanparks.org
- ✓ EILO European Interior Landscaping Organisation www.eilo.eu
- ✓ IFLA European Interior Landscaping Organisation www.iflaeurope.eu

## The general idea with the bigger goals of the initiative EU Green Year

Umbrella Green organisations - The Concept of the Year of Greener Cities

✓ VYL – Viherympäristöliitto www.vyl.fi

## You can find a very nice photo overview in the link