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# Nature in the City

Advancing Social Impact through Nature-based Solutions

**Date: 26-27 September 2023**

**Time: 08:30 – 18:00 CET**

**Location: Wälderhaus, Am Insepark 19, 21109,  
Hamburg, Germany**

CLEVER Cities is excited to invite Horizon Europe/2020 Nature-based Solutions (NbS) projects to Hamburg, Germany for a deep dive into the social and environmental impact potential of NbS. Interactive workshops, presentations, and panels will highlight enablers and barriers to co-creating community driven NbS, leveraging real-life examples from around the world. The primary event will take place Sept. 26th and 27th, with an optional welcome keynote on Sept. 25th, and local NbS site visits on Sept. 28th. Sessions will be hosted by a wide range of starting, ending, and ongoing EU projects.

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## Conference Topic Streams

Sessions will feature examples from the following areas:

### **Proof of Social Impact**

To make the case for NbS, we need to be able to define, provide evidence and demonstrate the impact of the work we do. Better understanding our impact also comes with significant opportunities to learn what works and improve our practice. But how do we do this, and what are the challenges and opportunities of different approaches? This conference stream will explore what it means to prove social impact, delving into case studies and best practice, and providing opportunities for attendees to share their perspectives. Our sessions will aim to tackle the big questions: What do we understand to be the value of NbS; what expectations should we set for what is possible to accomplish; what are the right tools and methods to use; and how can we meaningfully involve citizens?

### **Finance and Business**

Access to finance is one of the most important enabling factors for implementing and scaling up NbS projects. We will explore different funding mechanisms and business models for NbS through case studies from existing NbS and local social impact projects. The sessions of this conference topic stream will showcase traditional and innovative impact financing instruments that demonstrate the evolving landscape of finance, where financial mechanisms are designed to generate positive social and environmental outcomes alongside financial returns. Moreover, it will look at how to develop business cases for NbS projects and partnering with the private sector.

### **Mainstreaming NbS**

Mainstreaming NbS refers to cross-departmental collaboration to integrate nature and biodiversity as a key priority across municipal departments, policy areas and planning activities, as well as joining forces with other sectors and key stakeholders such as business, civil society and academia to harness the multiple benefits of nature and biodiversity in cities. Sessions in this conference stream will showcase cities that have successfully mainstreamed NbS for example by integrating it into key policies and governance structures.

### **Co-Creation**

Co-creation is a key component of all NbS. Co-creation contributes to social acceptance and awareness and also enhances citizen engagement in decision making processes, thus making an NbS implementation successful in the long term. It is evident that for an NbS project to be successful - no matter the size or scope, co-creation with relevant stakeholders including vulnerable and diverse communities aiming towards shared multi-stakeholder governance approach is key. Sessions in this stream will highlight co-creation processes from around the world.

## Tentative Agenda

### Sept. 25: Welcome Keynote (Optional)

Time	Session
<b>17:00</b>	Doors open at Hamburg Town Hall: Rathausmarkt 1, 20095 Hamburg
<b>17:30-19:00</b>	<p>Welcome by: Martin Krekeler</p> <p><i>Key notes by: Michael Pollmann - State Councillor at the Hamburg Authority of the Environment, Climate, Energy, and Agriculture; Holger Robrecht - Deputy Regional Director Sustainable Resources, Climate and Resilience, ICLEI tbc, Santiago Sandoval - Secretary of Environment, City of Quito; Simona Collarini - Director Department of Urban Regeneration, City of Milan; Nicola Murphy-Evans - CLEVER Project Manager, Greater London Authority</i></p>
<b>19:00-20:30</b>	Networking Cocktail with Light Snacks

Time	Session		
08:30-09:00	Registration/Coffee		
09:00-09:30	Welcome and Launch of the CLEVER Cities Guidance		
09:30-10:15	CLEVER Cities Panel		
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break		
10:45-12:15	Session Block 1		
	<b>Collaborative Strategies for Implementing Nature-based Solutions in Sustainable City Ecosystems</b>	<b>Storytelling Techniques for Urban Nature</b>	<b>Being Part of a Co-creation Project</b>
12:15-13:30	Lunch		
13:30-15:00	Session Block 2		
	<b>Urban Greening Plans - Policy Implications and Learnings Coming out of CLEVER Cities</b>	<b>The Untold Stories: Co-Creation of Nature-based Solutions Session A (Methods and Tools)</b>	<b>Monitoring and Proof of Social Impact in Nature-based Solution Projects</b>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break		
15:30-17:00	Session Block 3		
	<b>Putting Theory into Practice of Mainstreaming Nature-based Solutions into Policy</b>	<b>The Untold Stories: Co-Creation of Nature-based Solutions Session B (Monitoring Processes)</b>	<b>Networking and Posters</b>
17:15-18:00	NbS Hub Panel		
19:00-20:30	Dinner and Drinks		

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08:30-09:00	Registration/Coffee		
09:00-09:30	Welcome		
09:30-10:15	Nature-based Solution Sibling Project Panel		
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break		
10:45-12:15	Session Block 1		
	Rewilding London	Co-Developing Community Based Solutions for Healthy and Sustainable City Food Systems	Leveraging Public Investment for Nature-based Solutions: A Showcase and Discussion with Cities from around the World
12:15-13:30	Lunch		
13:30-15:00	Session Block 2		
	Are all Nature-based Solutions just? Ensuring Gender, Inclusion and Diversity are Front and Centre	Co-creation with Nature-based Solutions Roadblocks and Pathways to Implementation	Roundable on Social Impacts of Nature-based Solutions: Lessons Learnt
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break		
15:30-17:00	Session Block 3		
	Discussing a Decentralised Approach with Nature-based Solutions for Wastewater Management	Innovation and Support Tools	Business Model Workshop for Nature-based Enterprises And Unleashing the Power of Nature-based Solutions: Innovative Financing Approaches
17:15-18:00			

## Sept. 28: Site Visit (Optional)

Time	Session
<p><b>10:00-10:15</b></p>	<p><b>Registration</b></p> <p>Meeting at S-Bahn station Wilhelmsburg (on the pedestrian bridge at the stairs down to the platform). Please note: You'll need a "9 o'clock-day ticket" for public transport.</p>
<p><b>10:15-10:45</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Train ride to the CLEVER pilot area and introduction.</p>
<p><b>10:45-13:00</b></p>	<p><b>A Guided Tour of Nature-based Solutions in Hamburg</b></p> <p>A guided tour along the CLEVER parcours: visit of the CLEVER intervention sites in the Hamburg neighbourhood of Neugraben-Fischbek. A guided tour of NbS in Hamburg by foot or bike.</p>

## Detailed Panels List

### Sept. 26: Conference Day 1

Time & Where	Panel
<b>9:30-10:15</b>  <b>Main Room / Plenary "Heuckenlock"</b>	<p><b>CLEVER Cities Panel</b>  <i>Speakers: Emilia Barone and Simona Collarini - CLEVER Cities Milan; Martina Zimpel - Dept. of Strategic Urban Planning; Delin Antal - CLEVER Cities Project manager; Helen Nilsson - Malmö; Kate Batchelor - Head of Landscape &amp; Placemaking at Peabody</i>  <i>Moderator: Nicola-Murphy Evans - Greater London Authority</i></p> <p>The CLEVER Cities project comes to an end - however the learning continues! In this panel CLEVER Cities will reflect on their journey and highlight key turning points and talk about crucial enablers and impeding factors which they came across in the process of planning and implementing NbS for positive social and ecological impact.</p>
<b>17:15-18:00</b>  <b>Main Room / Plenary "Heuckenlock"</b>	<p><b>Nature-based Solutions Hub Panel and Closing</b>  <i>Speakers: Leonard Sandin - Assistant Research Director; Daniela Rizzi - Senior Expert for NbS at ICLEI; Daniel Bonilla - Representative of the UrbanByNature Latin American Hub; Nicolas Salmon - Representative of the UrbanByNature Latin American Hub, Director of YES Innovation; Gillian Dick - Coordinator of NbS Hub Scotland; Eugenio Morello - Associate Professor at Politecnico di Milano</i>  <i>Moderator: Ludwig Sonesson - City of Malmö</i></p> <p>The NbS network is growing! Join representatives from NbS hubs around the globe to learn what a hub is and how they support the mainstreaming of NbS into policy and practice in different geographical, political, and cultural contexts.</p>

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### Sept. 27: Conference Day 2

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<p><b>9:30-10:15</b></p> <p><b>Main Room / Plenary</b> <b>"Heuckenlock"</b></p>	<p><b>Nature-based Solutions Project Panel</b> <b>Sibling Project Panel, Nature-based Solutions for Urban Regeneration - Projects' Reflections and Outlook</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Goncalo Moniz - Coordinator URBiNAT; Ina Säumel - Coordinator of EdiCitNet; Martin Krekeler - Project Coordinator of CLEVER Cities; Axel Timpe - Coordinator of proGIreg</i></p> <p><i>Moderators: Alice Reil - Project Manager at Green Space Planning Unit, City of Munich; Daniela Rizzi - Senior Expert for NbS at ICLEI</i></p> <p>Join leaders from ProGIreg, URBiNAT, EdiCitNet, and CLEVER Cities to explore how they've used NbS to address urban challenges and improve communities, even during the pandemic. We'll discuss their journey, challenges, and lessons learned, fostering collective growth and celebrating their remarkable achievements.</p>
<p><b>17:15-18:00</b></p> <p><b>Main Room / Plenary</b> <b>"Heuckenlock"</b></p>	<p><b>Final Reflections Panel</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Sofia Romagosa - FEAST and RESONATE; Isabel Ferreira - Trans-Lighthouse; Isabel Rute, Director of local NGO in Porto; McKenna Davis - NICHES; Gerd Lupp - TRANS-Lighthouse</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Ana Mitic-Radulovic - President of the Management Board, CEUS</i></p> <p>This final session serves as a vital bridge between the lessons learned from ending projects and the aspirations of the next EU project generation. As representatives from recently started projects gather, this panel aims to foster a collaborative reflection on the valuable insights gained during the conference discussions and their own experiences.</p> <p>By bringing together insights, challenges, and solutions, this session will contribute to a transition from one project generation to the next. Attendees will gain actionable insights that enhance their project's potential for success.</p>



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<p><b>10:45-12:15</b></p> <p><b>Room 3</b> “science centre”</p>	<p><b>Mainstreaming: Collaborative Strategies for Implementing Nature-based Solutions in Cities</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Thomas Martinez - Principal Researcher, LEITAT Technological Center, UPSURGE project; Alice Reil - Munich City; Bern Pölling - South Westphalia University of Applied Science; Paolo Guarnieri - Prato City; Sian Whyte - The Young Foundation; Facilitated by: Thomas Martinez - Principal Researcher, LEITAT Technological Center</i></p> <p>The benefits provided by NbS to urban ecosystems present an extremely complex set of interdependent problems and opportunities that must be addressed interactively, mutually, and innovatively. This session aims at presenting different actions to mainstream NbS in cities at different levels. Upsurge project will present the European Regenerative Urban Lighthouse that is being developed to assist cities in NbS implementation and provide them with knowledge and guidance in their regenerative transition. The success of this consultancy depends on the clustering activities that will be exposed in this session. Success stories from recent projects in Munich with guidance on NbS adaptation, activation of green spaces with citizens and different departments will be presented. The specific NbS implementation of the Prato Urban Jungle will be showcased. It is an interesting example that addresses many challenges such as urban planning, co-design with stakeholders, maximising social and environmental impact and encouraging the implication of citizens. The session will be completed by presenting business model, consultancy services and barriers that can occur when planning and implementing NbS.</p>
<p><b>10:45-12:15</b></p> <p><b>Room 2</b> “academy”</p>	<p><b>Mainstreaming: Storytelling Techniques for Urban Nature</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: David Maddox - Artist and Scientist; Marta Delas - Artist; Charlie LaGreca - Artist</i></p> <p>There are five key elements to every story: plot, setting, characters, point of view, and conflict. We almost always use these when we recount a story or event to our family and friends. But we don't do this in science. Why not? This workshop explores the building blocks of good storytelling using techniques from comics, fiction, and theatre. We'll break into groups to create outlines for stories that participants want to tell. A key question: what can we learn from storytelling techniques that would help us communicate our own work?</p>

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<p><b>10:45-12:15</b></p> <p><b>Main Room / Plenary "Heuckenlock"</b></p>	<p><b>Co-creation: Being Part of a Co-creation Project</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Nina Mehmi, Dorréll Gayle-Menzie, Chris Sekulla, Anne Poole, John Hogan, Vanita Pitla, Tim Rice - Community Design Collective; Daisy Froud - The Bartlett School of Architecture</i></p> <p>In this session, you will hear directly from the Community Design Collective (CDC) about their experience of working in a project that works to challenge traditional power dynamics and values the expertise, knowledge, and ‘lived experiences’ of its residents. The group will share lessons learned and suggestions for those interested in undertaking similar projects. They will reflect on the processes involved in influencing decisions and the impacts these have had on their community and environment. Audience members will be invited to take part in a Q&amp;A to learn more about their role in laying new foundations to shape the evolution of their neighbourhood in future years.</p>

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<p><b>13.30-15:00</b></p> <p><b>Main Room / Plenary "Heuckenlock"</b></p>	<p><b>Mainstreaming: Urban Greening Plans - Policy Implications and Learnings Coming out of CLEVER Cities</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Ben Caspar - DG ENV; Roby Biwer - CoR (online); Holger Robrecht - ICLEI Europe; Marc Montlleo - Barcelona city council; Santiago Sandoval - Secretary of Environment of Quito; Ludwig Sonesson Bengtsson - City of Malmö; Ana Mitic - City of Belgrade</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: Philipp LaHaela Walter - ICLEI Europe &amp; Helen Nilsson - City of Malmö</i></p> <p>In order to bring nature back into our cities, the European Commission calls on all cities above 20,000 inhabitants to develop Urban Greening Plans (UGPs) as a key action of its Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. An UGP serves as an overarching framework articulating, formalizing, and showcasing a city's commitment to promoting and protecting biodiversity and urban greening. As the EU enters the final phase of negotiations for the landmark EU Nature Restoration Law (NRL), cities' actions to develop Urban Greening Plans and to implement the NRL are gaining more and more importance. The NbS Replication Roadmaps developed by the CLEVER Fellow Cities were used as a template for conceptualizing the key elements and process steps of the official guidance for cities to create their own Urban Greening Plan. This session will highlight key learnings of a few CLEVER cities from developing and implementing NbS Replication Roadmaps and their implications to cities that are thinking about crafting their own Urban Greening Plan and implementing the Nature Restoration Law.</p>
<p><b>13.30-15.00</b></p> <p><b>Room 2 "academy" &amp; - Room (Holzhafen)</b></p>	<p><b>Co-creation: The Untold Stories: Co-Creation of Nature-based Solutions, what did we learn? Session A (Methods and Tools)</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Goncalo Moniz and Isabel Ferreira - URBiNAT; Nicola Murphy-Evans and Sian Whyte - CLEVER Cities - London; Gerd Lupp - Phusicos &amp; TRANS-Lighthouse; Thalia Tsaknia - NBS EduWORLD; Simona Collarini and Emilia Barone - CLEVER Cities Milan, CDM</i></p> <p><i>Moderators: Israa Mahmoud &amp; Eugenio Morello - DASTU, Politecnico di Milano</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: Shreya Utkarsh - ICLEI Europe &amp; Sean Bradley - Groundwork London</i></p> <p>Co-creation has been at the centre stage in the NbS implementation processes since the inception of many H2020 projects. It contributes to social acceptance and enhances citizen engagement in decision-making processes, thus making NbS implementation and management successful in the longer term. In this session, we will look at different methods and tools that may be used to enhance stakeholders' engagement encompassing vulnerable and local communities while aiming towards an inclusive shared governance.</p>

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<p><b>13.30-15:00</b></p> <p><b>Room 3</b> <b>"science centre"</b></p>	<p><b>Social Impacts: Monitoring and Proof of Social Impact in CLEVER Cities</b> <b>Presentations from the Projects: URBiNAT, EdiCitNet, ProGleg and CLEVER cities</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Igone García - TECNALIA; Johannes Robert - Steg; Turin Representative; Luis Tejero - Madrid; Gonçalo Canto Moniz - CES; Isabel Rute - URBiNAT</i></p> <p>Building evidence about the multifunctional character of NbS is key to mainstream these solutions in urban design and planning. URBiNAT, EdiCitNet, ProGleg, and CLEVER Cities have faced common challenges addressing the social impact of NbS in Urban Regeneration processes. The main purpose of this session is to highlight the monitoring and impact assessment of successful stories of these projects. The presentation will move from the definition of the monitoring framework to showcase the added value of NbS through tools, methodologies, and sensors that could inspire other cities to define the NbS monitoring strategies to inform urban decision-making processes.</p>

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<p><b>15:30-17:00</b></p> <p><b>Main Room / Plenary "Heuckenlock"</b></p>	<p><b>Mainstreaming: Putting Theory into Practise of Mainstreaming Nature-based Solutions into Policy</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Santiago Sandoval - Secretary of Environment of Quito, Ecuador; Agnieszka Arabas - Coordinator, Environment and Spatial Management, Krakow; Natalia Burgos Cuevas - Ecologic Institute, Berlin</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: McKenna Davis - Ecologic Institute, Berlin</i></p> <p>In this interactive session, we aim to highlight opportunities and good practice examples of NbS mainstreaming from around the world. We will begin by introducing the Urban Governance Atlas, showcasing more than 250 global policy instruments supporting NbS. Participating cities will present examples of successful NbS mainstreaming, touching on aspects including co-creation and cross-departmental, cross-sectoral, and multilevel collaboration. An interactive panel discussion will conclude the session, enabling exchange with audience members and bidirectional learning and inspiration.</p>
<p><b>15:30-17:00</b></p> <p><b>Room 2 "academy" &amp; - Room (Holzhafen)</b></p>	<p><b>Co-creation: The Untold Stories: Co-Creation of Nature-based Solutions, what did we learn? Session B (Monitoring Processes)</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Denia Kolokotsa and Sara Biancifiori - VARCITIES; Alessandra Aires and Laura Ribotta - ProGIreg; Bianca Lüders - LGV: DIPAS and Johannes Robert- STEG Hamburg - CLEVER Cities Hamburg; Emilia Barone and Chiara Vona - CLEVER Cities Milan</i></p> <p><i>Moderators: Israa Mahmoud &amp; Eugenio Morello - DASTU, Politecnico di Milano</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: Shreya Utkarsh - ICLEI Europe and Sean Bradley - Groundwork London</i></p> <p>Co-creation has been at the centre stage in the NbS implementation processes since the inception of many H2020 projects. It contributes to social acceptance and enhances citizen engagement in decision making processes, thus making NBS implementation successful in the longer term. In this session, we will look at Monitoring processes and techniques that may be used to enhance the learnings from success (and failure) of the co-creation pathways while looking at the potential of digital technologies to facilitate the participation of different stakeholders in the process.</p>

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<p><b>10:45-12:15</b></p> <p><b>Room 3</b> <b>“science centre”</b></p>	<p><b>Mainstreaming: Rewilding London</b>  <i>Speakers: Abby Crisostomo - Greater London Authority &amp; David Mooney - London Wildlife Trust</i>  <i>Facilitated by: Stella Yeung - Greater London Authority &amp; Philipp LaHaela Walter - ICLEI European Secretariat</i></p> <p>Like many places around the world, London is seeing the effects of climate change on its doorstep, with increasing extreme heat incidents and surface water flooding events. The last few years have also revealed how vital tackling the climate and ecological emergencies are for a strong recovery from the pandemic.</p> <p>In this panel debate, we will look at ways in which NbS can help address the climate and ecological emergencies. Restoring natural landscapes, for example, can help capture greenhouse gases. However, with only a small window of opportunity left to reduce carbon emissions and overcome the challenges brought forth by climate change, is it time to bin strategies and focus only on action? Speakers will debate the pros and cons of each approach, deliberate the impact that current financing models have on the way projects are developed and implemented, and discuss where the responsibility for action should lie.</p>
<p><b>10:45-12:15</b></p> <p><b>Room 2</b> <b>“academy”</b></p>	<p><b>Co-creation: Co-Developing Community based Solutions for Healthy and Sustainable City Food Systems</b>  <i>Speakers: Carina Woolthead - City of Guldborgsund; Hannelore Herreman - City of Gent; Susana Campos - Instituto Politécnico de Viana do Castelo</i>  <i>Facilitated by: Brigitte Braun - os4os; Johanna Vordemfelde - ICLEI Europe</i></p> <p>This world cafe style workshop will feature Living Labs from the Horizon Europe Food Systems project FEAST2030. Emphasis will be placed on links between sustainable and healthy city food systems for all, nature-based solutions, and co-creative planning processes. Through the presentation of real-life challenges the Living Labs face on their journey we want to foster cross-pollination and enhance collaboration throughout the disciplines of food systems and nature based solutions. After a brief introduction of three representative Living Labs (Guldborgsund, Denmark/Gent, Belgium/Alto Minho, Portugal) we will gather in small groups to discuss the challenges these Living Labs encounter in a phase of starting of co-creation processes. The involved stakeholders vary from non-governmental, public organizations to educational institutions. We want to showcase how co-creation can work in real life and what awaits along the way.</p>

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<p><b>10:45-12:15</b></p> <p><b>Main Room / Plenary “Heuckenlock”</b></p>	<p><b>Finance and Business: Leveraging Public Investment for Nature-based Solutions - A Showcase and Discussion with Cities from Around the World</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Ângela Cruz Guirao, Director of the Department of Green and Sustainable Development, Campinas, Brazil; Luis Tejero Encinas - General Directorate of Sustainability and Environmental Control, Madrid, Spain; Marianne Zandersen - Coordinator of REGREEN; Oscar-Mauricio Rojas-Figueroa - Environmental Engineer; Preciousstone Raputsoa, Municipal Manger, Waterberg District Municipality, South Africa (tbc)</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: Daniela Rizzi - ICLEI Europe; Olga Horn - ICLEI World Secretariat; and Marilia Israel - ICLEI SAMS</i></p> <p>In 2020, a mere 0.3% of overall urban infrastructure spending was devoted to NbS (UNEP/ Penn State, 2023). Clearly, access to finance for NbS remains a key challenge for local governments, despite the manifold benefits that they provide. In this session, cities from different world regions will showcase how they were able to fund their NbS projects by leveraging public investment. They will shed light on the success factors and the challenges they had to navigate and will engage in discussions with participants to share insights and learn from each other. This session is jointly organized by CLEVER Cities and <a href="#">INTERACT-Bio</a>.</p>

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<p><b>13:30-15:00</b></p> <p><b>Main Room / Plenary “Heuckenlock”</b></p>	<p><b>Mainstreaming: Are all Nature-based Solutions just? Ensuring Gender, Inclusion and Diversity are Front and Centre!</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Shreya Utkarsh - ICLEI Europe; Ben Delbaere - University of Antwerp (Online); Julia Gaeckle - RWTH Aachen University; Annika Dalén - Gender - Equality Officer (Online)</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: Kalyn Potter - National University of Ireland Maynooth</i></p> <p>Research, policies and practices have tried to couple justice and NbS in urban settings to ensure no one is left behind in the strides towards just transitions. To ensure NbS hold true to its promises of multiple benefits and co-benefits and provide long term sustainable impacts for humans and nature, we must take into consideration the diverse perspectives right from the early stages of planning up to continuous maintenance practices. For this reason, GoGreenRoutes project has applied the gender, inclusion and diversity lens and conceptualised ‘seedbeds’ as early place based interventions to acknowledge and strengthen the sense of belonging and ownership for NbS in the six cities of Umeå, Tallinn, Burgas, Lahti, Versailles and Limerick.</p> <p>This session will highlight the fundamental cornerstones for effective participatory processes and detail the processes undertaken but also reflect on the outcomes of such interventions. Lessons learnt from GoGreenRoutes project might prove beneficial for other cities and researchers interested in evaluating their stance on applying the environmental justice lens to NbS, ensuring that the trade offs to NbS such as green gentrification are nipped in the bud and everyone benefits, especially the vulnerable groups and communities. Afterall, the aim of NbS projects is to tackle societal challenges, where gender, inclusion and diversity play a crucial role in mainstreaming of NbS.</p>



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<p><b>13:30-15:00</b></p> <p><b>Room 2</b> "academy"</p>	<p><b>Co-creation: Co-creation with Nature-based Solutions Roadblocks and Pathways to Implementation</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Christina Haderer and Janine Maier - Centouris Institute, University of Passau; Emma Campbell</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: Emma Campbell - School of Natural and Built Environment, Queen's University, Belfast</i></p> <p>This session aims to unpack and discuss barriers and pathways to the use of co-creation approaches in implementing NbS on urban sites. Structured into two sections, the first presents progress on the EU Regenerative Urban Lighthouse project, UPSURGE. Researchers describe how they support cities to use a range of co-creation methodologies to design, implement and test different types of NbS' in Belfast, Budapest, Maribor, Breda, and Katowice. Short presentations explore lessons learned in co-designing NbS' in each city and the project's 'Place Labs' which seek to build capacity for ongoing impact. The second interactive session will bank learnings from participants through short roundtable discussions on the barriers to using co-creation processes, ways to foster inclusive collaboration and how to maintain momentum once project funding ends.</p>
<p><b>13:30-15:00</b></p> <p><b>Room 3</b> "science centre"</p>	<p><b>Social Impacts: Roundtable on Social Impacts of Nature-based Solutions: Lessons learnt</b></p> <p><i>Speaker: Isabel Rute - Director of Local NGO from Porto</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: Isabel Ferreira - Centre for Social Studies</i></p> <p>The roundtable session is composed by representatives from four sibling projects (URBiNAT, ediCitnet, CLEVER CITIES and proGIreg) who will present and discuss the main learned lessons related to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The approach in measuring the social impact of NbS. Researchers are invited to discuss how the social impact of NbS was explored in their project and which methodological approach was developed for the overall co-creation cycle.</li> <li>2. The implementation of the measuring process related to the social impact of NbS. Cities representatives (public officers, citizens or other representatives) are invited to discuss the implementation of the process and the results of measuring the social impact of NbS, including the effects on practices of co-creation and co-governance.</li> </ol>

<b>Time &amp; Where</b>	<b>Session Block 3 Details</b>
<b>15:30-17:00</b>  <b>Room 3</b> <b>"science centre"</b>	<p><b>Mainstreaming Nature-based Solutions: Discussing a Decentralised Approach with Nature-based Solutions for Wastewater Management</b>  <i>Speakers: Daniela Rizzi - ICLEI, NICE Project; Karen Naciph Mora - ICLEI, NICE Project; Pedro Carvalho - Associate Professor at Aarhus University</i>  <i>Facilitated by: ICLEI European Secretariat</i></p> <p>Join us for an interactive discussion on wastewater management and decentralised approaches with NbS. In the first part, we'll compare centralised and decentralised wastewater systems, share real NbS examples, and discuss current challenges in your city's wastewater management. In the second part, we'll focus on policy, highlighting Lyon as a successful case. We'll explore policy barriers and incentives for decentralised systems, emphasising collaboration between cities and policymakers. Let's brainstorm strategies to coordinate initiatives across administrative levels and drive sustainable wastewater management.</p>
<b>15:30-17:00</b>  <b>Main Room /</b> <b>Plenary</b> <b>"Heuckenlock"</b>	<p><b>Co-creation/Mainstreaming: Innovation and Support Tools</b>  <i>Speakers: Carolina Cantergiani - CLEVER Cities, Tecnalia; Sean Bradley - CLEVER Cities / NetworkNature; Rebecca Busck - Thirdroom UX/UI Designer; Amir Alamo - Thirdroom developer</i>  <i>Facilitated by: Sean Bradley - Groundwork London &amp; Carolina Cantergiani - Tecnalia</i></p> <p>Innovation is a key part of Living Labs. It requires a collaborative approach that combines solution sets and tools that can address certain challenges by testing new ideas, methods, services, or technologies. In the process of NbS implementation, innovation has been observed in the methods applied, especially related to co-creation, but also in the monitoring, planning and management, and in the materials used. The CLEVER Cities Project has endeavored to document these innovation pathways and learn from them. The CLEVER LIST tool brings many of these experiences into a single webtool. Other innovation was possible when a number of EU Living Lab projects came together in Taksforce 06 to share perspectives and experiences. One of the main outcomes of this partnership is an online, dynamic decision support system (DSS) for co-creation. This innovative tool was developed by a team coordinated by URBiNAT and CLEVER Cities and with DSS development led by Thirdroom. The Beta version of the DSS will be presented, along with the LIST tool and an emerging dynamic knowledge brokering software created by the same team responsible for the DSS project.</p>

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<b>15:30-17:00</b>  <b>Room 2</b> <b>"academy"</b>	<p><b>Business and Finance: Business Model Workshop for Nature-based Enterprises</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Isobel Fletcher - Horizon Nua; Joanne Schanté - LGI Sustainable Innovation; Daniel Rizzi - ICLEI</i></p> <p>This hands-on workshop targets nature-based enterprises (NbEs)/projects/startups/supporters working on city NbS and who are interested in working on their value proposition and business model, whether to brainstorm or refine an existing model for a NbE. Participants are encouraged to bring ideas! Participants will take-away concrete tools and canvases they can continue to use after the workshop, as well as plentiful ideas and inspiration. The facilitation will be based on the business model canvas adapted to NbS by Connecting Nature and Horizon Nua, as well as inputs from the Network Nature, Naturvation, CLEVER Cities and CLEARING HOUSE projects.</p>
<b>15:30-17:00</b>  <b>Room 4</b> <b>"Holzhafen"</b>	<p><b>Finance and Business: Unleashing the Power of Nature-based Solutions - Innovative Financing Approaches</b></p> <p><i>Speakers: Eva Frade Bravo - Secretary foundation &amp; public relations from Platoniq Foundation &amp; Peter Cafferkey - Philanthropy/Foundations Market Development Lead from EVPA European Venture Philanthropy Association</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by: Joanna Abi Abdallah - Project Manager at EBN</i></p> <p>To boost the global demand for NbS, it is important to develop business models that leverage public funds for NbS through blended finance mechanisms that attract private investors and can be done through innovative impact financing instruments. These instruments leverage creative approaches to address societal and environmental challenges while mobilising capital for impactful projects. In this session, we will discuss examples of innovative impact financing instruments applied to NbS projects.</p> <p>Join us for an exciting exploration of "Innovative approaches to financing nature-based solutions." To unleash the true potential of NbS on a global scale, we need groundbreaking business models that harness public funds through blended finance mechanisms, enticing private investors to join the movement. Through innovative impact financing instruments, we can address societal and environmental challenges while mobilizing capital for transformative projects. In this session, we'll dive into real-life examples of these game-changing instruments applied to NbS projects. Get ready to be inspired by the limitless possibilities and the positive impact we can create together!</p>

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