



Be Part of the Green Transition

# The Project



Nature4Cities is a H2020 EU-funded project, creating a **comprehensive reference Platform for Nature Based Solutions (NBS)**, offering technical solutions, methods and tools to empower urban planning decision making. This will help addressing the contemporary environmental, social and economic challenges that face European Cities.

We will bring Nature back into innovation, planning and implementation driven thinking. This new governance implies **new collaborative models** driven by citizens, researchers, policy makers, and industry leaders, relying on participative processes and sharing of best Practices.





# Objectives



-  Improve the Integration of NBS in urban and spatial planning
-  Build a new and active community network around NBS
-  Offer high quality decision-support tools for re-naturing cities
-  Build a holistic assessment framework for NBS
-  Develop a reference knowledgebase on NBS and Best Practice sharing
-  Propose new governance, business and financial models for NBS implementation

# Nature Based Solutions



The Nature4Cities project intends to take part in a general better understanding of the concept and its contents. In this perspective, the research project aims to give an applied definition of this concept into the urban context. **The definition works are in progress.**

Waiting for a N4C definition of NBS, we propose you to refer to the EU definition (2015):

## Nature Based Solutions - *EU definition (2015)*

Nature-based solutions are positive responses to societal challenges, and can have the potential to simultaneously meet environmental, social and economic objectives. They are actions inspired by, supported by or copied from nature; both using and enhancing existing solutions to challenges, as well as exploring more novel solutions.

Nature Based Solutions are ideally resilient to change, as well as energy and resources efficient. They recognize the importance to develop a systemic approach and at the same time to adapt interventions to the local context.

# The platform



Nature4Cities aims at **raising awareness** about NBS and foster **new collaborative models** for NBS uptake by developing a knowledge and **decision support platform**.

This platform will provide **tools for impact assessments, valorization and follow-up of NBS projects**. It will be suitable for all NBS involved people:

- ⌚ Policy makers, employees from the public sector and professionals from NBS sector will benefit from **decision support tools**
- ⌚ Researchers and the Education Community will find **data and scientific reports**
- ⌚ Civil society will be able to **give their opinion** on the demonstration projects developed in the 4 pilot cities (Alcala de Henares, Ankara, Milan and Szeged)

The strength of this project is to **reinforce the science-policy-society interface**, and thus to help developing solutions that are scientifically efficient, socially acceptable and economically viable.



**Stimulate the development of NBS projects**



**Get contributions to develop knowledge about NBS**



**Get feedback about experimentations**



# The partners



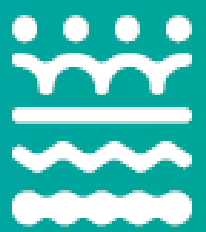
26 Partners from 9 countries



N4C research team is **an interdisciplinary and international** team (from 9 countries).

The consortium partners take a pro-active part in the EU dynamics of R&D&I, at the crossing of urban planning and construction sector, environmental assessment, social sciences, innovation management and Information and Communication Technology supporting tools.

● ● ● ● Thank you for your attention!



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