



Editorial

Welcome to the first URBAN GreenUP Newsletter! This series of newsletters will keep you well-informed about URBAN GreenUP, a project co-financed under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. Goal of the project? To make our cities more liveable by implementing Re-Naturing Urban Plans (a set of replicable strategies that use nature-based solutions) and innovative business models into 8 cities from 3 different continents.

Our cities have become more populated and denser this past century. With climate change, we experience episodes of unexpected flooding, increased heat waves and worsening air quality. One sustainable approach to mitigate these effects consists of tailoring [Nature-Based Solutions](#) (NBS) strategies for each city. However, the story does not end there.

We see the need to find a more sustainable way in implementing these strategies to countries worldwide, while offering everyone a chance to create a “green economy” they can benefit from. So, we have formed a highly multidisciplinary consortium consisting of **25 partners from 9 countries** to achieve this dream.

URBAN GreenUP began in June 2017 and will run for five years. It will lead to the design and implementation of multiple and connected NBS in three front-runner cities: **Valladolid** (Spain), **Liverpool** (The United Kingdom) and **Izmir** (Turkey). These NBS will take on key urban challenges such as water management, green areas, air quality and biodiversity. Five other partner cities, called follower cities, will work to enable replicability of the URBAN GreenUP solutions and pave the way towards the creation of an international network of green cities.

These are **Ludwigsburg** (Germany), **Mantova** (Italy), **Medellín** (Colombia), **Chengdu** (China) and **Quy Nhon** (Vietnam). Our meeting in Izmir past January was an opportunity for effective knowledge sharing and activity coordination.

Finally, URBAN GreenUP is also proudly part of a wide network of EU-funded projects cooperating to reintroduce nature into cities via innovative strategies. We invite you to have a glimpse of the URBAN GreenUP activities through our newsletter. It includes the latest news from the project's demonstration sites and interviews with experts. Moreover, it is catered for everyone – policy makers, local governments, research communities and citizens – who shares our NBS initiative. You are also welcome to take a look at the URBAN GreenUP website, to follow us on social media to stay tuned on our journey and to join our community to create a better future for our cities.

Enjoy your reading!

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NEWS FROM THE PROJECT



Project video: Join Us In Greening Your City



Reflecting on a greener future

URBAN GreenUP consortium partners gathered together from the 16th to the 18th of January 2018 in Izmir for its 2nd Periodic Meeting, an occasion to share knowledge and progress on the implementation of urban renaturing plans... [read more](#)



Meet URBAN GreenUP'S experts: CARTIF TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Raúl Sánchez and Laura Pablos, key players of the project coordinator's team, talk about the uniqueness of URBAN GreenUP... [read more](#)

NEWS FROM OUR CITIES

Izmir

GOOD GOVERNANCE: A KEY TO RE-NATURING URBAN PLANS' SUCCESS

Izmir organized its first International Green Infrastructure Workshop



Liverpool

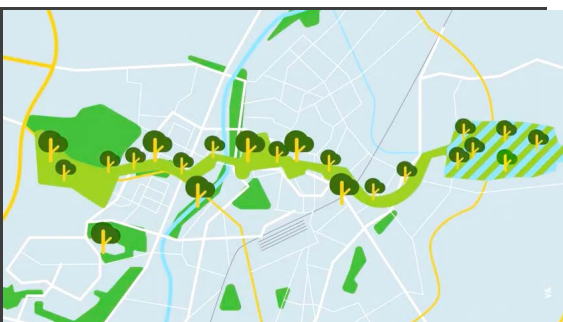
PLANS UNVEILED FOR 50 MILLION TREE NEW NORTHERN FOREST

A new **Northern Forest** will stretch from Liverpool across to Hull



Valladolid

The 42 nature-based solutions that will be implemented interconnected throughout the city include a green corridor, green roofs and facades, a floodable park... [watch the video](#)



In the spotlight: IZMIR

50 tons of CO2 absorbed each year and lower summer temperatures by 3 to 5 °C. How? With 5000 new trees along a 10 km long cycle and pedestrian route



EVENTS



[World Sustainable Energy Days](#)
Wels, 28 February-2 March 2018



[Green Cities for a Greener Future](#)
Brussels, 21-25 May 2018



[ecouild](#)
London, 6-8 March 2018



[EUROCITIES environment forum meeting](#)
Amsterdam, 4-6 April 2018

FROM THE NBS WORLD



[ThinkNature Brainstorming Forum and the Symposium on Indicators for Transformative City Innovation with NBS](#)
A Coruña, 16-18 May 2018



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