



Dear Reader,

We welcome you back from your holidays and hope you had a nice summer break.

I am pleased to say that in the past months we've managed to achieve a lot and we are now happy to share with you the updates from our URBAN GreenUP project.

I hope you will enjoy our collection of stories!

Our Frontrunner cities continue to implement the Nature-Based Solutions (NBS). In Valladolid a green roof and a green façade have been installed at the El Campillo Marketplace and at an El Corte Ingles department store, respectively, and a green shelter now covers the market in the Plaza España. In Liverpool, mobile forest and floating gardens in Sefton Park Lake and Wapping Dock have been installed. Likewise, the urban catchment forestry and pollinator in the St Johns Shopping and Parr Street. In Izmir, an ecological corridor has been built in a large, dedicated green area to reunite the city with nature. Furthermore, a smart greenhouse has been set up to promote the NBS in an urban context.

The Project has actively participated in the development of the publication [**"Evaluating the Impact of Nature-Based Solutions: A Handbook for Practitioners"**](#), and the accompanying [**"Evaluating the Impact of Nature-Based Solutions: Appendix of Methods"**](#) produced by H2020 NBS Projects Task Force 2. This publication provides a summary of key principles in developing NBS impact evaluation framework as well as some European nature-based solution case studies to inspire uptake!

To let you discover some of the most interesting Nature-based solutions developed by URBAN GreenUP, we have created an [**info-pack**](#) and four web videos have been added to our YouTube channel playlist, featuring the work done in the three Frontrunner cities ([**Valladolid**](#), [**Liverpool**](#), [**Izmir**](#)) and the [**Re-naturing Urban Plan \(RUP\)**](#).

As physical events are not possible yet, we are mainly spreading the voice on URBAN GreenUP online. We have successfully concluded two public webinars: the first focused on [**Green Parklets**](#) with stories from Izmir and San Francisco, the second focused on [**Green Rooftops**](#) with stories from Valladolid and Rotterdam.

We are also very happy to see that our **network of cities** keeps growing. Twentyfour cities from Europe and beyond have already joined our Frontrunners and Followers on their mission to boost the worldwide adoption of renaturing urban plans, to welcome nature back into our cities. Remember, our network is open to all interested cities, so do not hesitate to contact us!

Best wishes and stay safe!

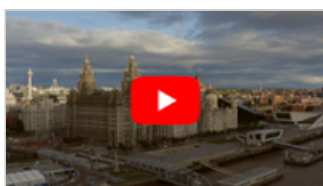
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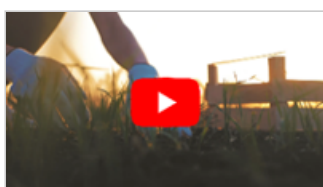
Valladolid acerca la naturaleza a la ciudad / Valladolid brings Nature back into the city.



URBAN GreenUP - urban interventions inspired by Nature reshaped Liverpool's landscape



URBAN GreenUP - İzmir'de doğaya dayalı çözümler / URBAN GreenUP - Nature-Based Solutions in Izmir



URBAN GreenUP help cities design their own 'Re-Naturing Urban Plan

Info-pack



New strategy for Renaturing Cities through Nature Based Solutions (download pdf).

News from the Project



Choosing the right Nature-Based Solutions

RMIT, one of the organisations involved in URBAN GreenUP, has published an article titled "Choosing the right nature-based solutions to meet diverse urban challenges" in the peer-reviewed Urban Forestry & Urban Greening journal.



Video on Liverpool green wall available

A video has been released featuring the green wall in St. John's in Liverpool, as part of the URBAN GreenUP project



URBAN GreenUP featured in a video for the promotion of EU Research and Innovation

URBAN GreenUP has been showcased in a video promoting the activities of the EU funded research and innovation projects towards European Commission political priorities.



An urban renaturation experience: the URBAN GreenUP project in Valladolid

An article on the work carried out by the URBAN GreenUP team in Valladolid (Spain) has been published as a result of a seminar, organised by the Spanish Network of Cities for Climate



The role of Nature based solutions in the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

The URBAN GreenUP project was featured in a report by the Council of Europe as an example of how Nature Based Solutions provide environmental, social and economic benefits and help cities become more resilient



Evaluating the impact of Nature-Based Solutions

URBAN GreenUP has contributed to a new handbook providing an impact assessment framework for nature-based solutions



Leading the fight against climate change

The URBAN GreenUP city of Valladolid has won the III Edition of the "Climate Leaders Awards" in the category of "Local Administration" for its leadership in the fight against climate change.

Our NBS stories



Pollinators play role in renaturing our cities

Bees and other pollinators are under threat from climate change and pollution. Helping them to survive means ensuring food security and maintaining biodiversity. Liverpool, Valladolid and Izmir are among the cities that are testing nature-based solutions to increase the number of these insects and make urban areas healthier and more liveable

URBAN GreenUP Webinars



URBAN GREENUP WEBINAR: Green Rooftops

24th of June 2021



URBAN GreenUP Webinar: Green Parklets

29th of April 2021

Events



Sustainable Places (SP2021)



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