

We Value Nature 10-Day Challenge Event

*Discover and live test Nature4Cities Nature Based
Solutions platform,
23rd March 2021, 9:00 - 12:00 CET*

Session summary & key takeaways

While the benefits nature-based solutions (NBS) bring are recognized, the concept newness and the complexity in implementing these solutions rise to many concerns and questionings that can hinder NBS development. The solution proposed by Nature4Cities to remove potential barriers is to bring knowledge, adapted urban planning tools covering new governance, business and financing models, and new integrated assessment capabilities to facilitate NBS design and implementation. During the Nature4Cities (N4C) session the N4C project has been firstly presented together with the Nature4Cities platform which is a one stop-shop that provides knowledge and assessment tools for Nature Based Solutions. Secondly, we did a focus on our field-test activity results through testimonials and feedbacks coming from our pilot cities. Thirdly, the participants had the opportunity to test the platform and assess tools by themselves with the N4C team live support. They were invited to share their feedbacks and first feelings through a white board. Finally, a presentation and discussion about the N4C's business model has been launched to determine what the future of Nature4Cities platform could look like.

Key takeaways:

- Through a comprehensive reference platform for NBS - the Nature4Cities platform - the project delivered databases, knowledge and decision support to empower urban planning decision-making with NBS.
- The assessment tool is composed by three main components: Environmental assessment, Urban benefits assessment and socio-economic assessment.
- The N4C pilot cities testimonials conclude that the N4C platform provides a practical support in their projects to renature cities. It also raises the need to train new NBS professional experts and to provide new services useful to guide the user through NBS theme.

Warm thanks to the speakers for the insights shared:

- Stéphanie Decker, NOBATEK/INEF4
- Susana Martín Toral, CARTIF
- Bianka Hévízi, Municipality of Szeged
- Barnabás Körmöndi, MUTK
- Cinar Uysal, Ekodenge
- Giulia Garavaglia, Metropolitan city of Milan
- Maider Arana Bollar, TECNALIA
- Domenico Perfido, R2M

Key solutions presented / actions to take

- The Nature4Cities project, platform and tools were briefly presented together with testimonials and feedbacks from Nature4Cities four pilot cities.
- A quick demo of the platform and the assessment tool was done. Participants were invited to live-test the platform and to provide feedbacks through a White Board. They can continue to use the platform that will be opened in Beta version at the end of the N4C project (30th April). Actions to take : test the N4C platform and send us feedbacks.
- Discussion of our platform business model and after-life is still open.
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Useful resources

- Have a look on our [5 thematic webinars on NBS](#) by navigating on our dedicated blog article. Especially we recommended the [webinar #5 - Nature4Cities platform: one stop-shop for your urban project](#) which is an introduction to the N4C platform.
- Our "[How to use the N4C Platform](#)" guidelines will provide additional instructions with screenshots of the platform that helps participants to use it during the event
- The Nature4Cities platform : <https://www.nature4cities-platform.eu/>
- [Recording](#)
- [PPT presentation](#)