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(Re)Natured
Cities



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*Building greener,
more biodiverse and
climate-resilient cities
through municipal
cooperation*



Discover the latest updates,
achievements and upcoming activities
from the (Re)Natured Cities project



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The (Re)Natured Cities Project



About the project

(Re)Natured Cities is a European cooperation project that supports municipalities in adopting more sustainable practices for the management of Urban Green and Blue Spaces (UGBS). Through nature-based solutions, the project seeks to enhance ecosystem services, promote local biodiversity and transform UGBS into key assets for climate resilience and citizens' well-being. Bringing together local authorities, research organisations and expert partners from across Europe, (Re)Natured Cities aims to strengthen municipalities' capacity and encourage the active involvement of local communities in the long-term stewardship of UGBS.

Our objectives

- Support municipalities in their green transition
- Promote sustainable and nature-based practices
- Improve biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Increase environmental awareness and eco-literacy
- Encourage citizen participation and ownership
- Strengthen cities' resilience to climate change

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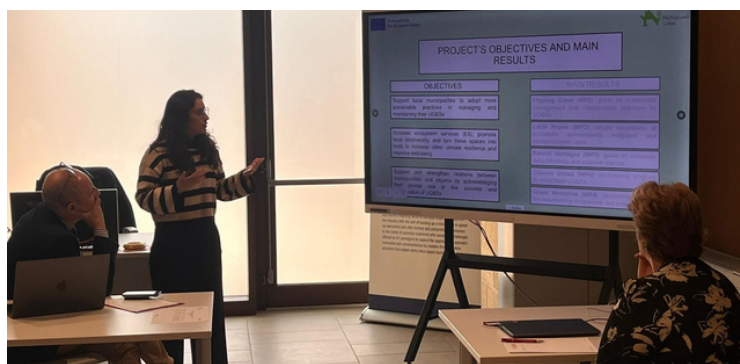
STARTING OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

The (Re)Natured Cities partnership officially launched the project during the **Kick-off Meeting** in Bari, Italy, on March 5th 2026. Bringing together partners from five European countries - Cyprus, Denmark, Ireland, Italy and Portugal - the meeting allowed the project consortium to establish a shared vision, define the first implementation steps and strengthen their collaboration for the years ahead.

The meeting provided the opportunity to align partners on the project's first implementation phase, with particular focus on the launch of Work Package 2. The research methodology, work plan and responsibilities were discussed, and the foundations for the national assessment activities that would later inform the development of the project's training materials were established.



The (Re)Natured Cities Consortium



Partners discussing the first project activities

WORK PACKAGE 2

What has been achieved so far

Through interviews and field trips, all partners gathered valuable information, capturing a diverse picture about current management and maintenance practices (MMP), challenges, training provided to professionals and accessibility of UGBS, as well as expert knowledge for future improvements.

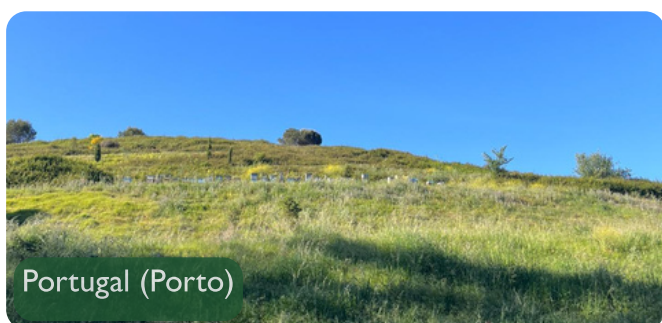
What we did



Interviews with local experts in charge of UGBS management and maintenance practices.



Field trips to document current MMP and assess the state of UGBS in terms of biodiversity, ecosystem services and accessibility.





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Key insights from across Europe

The local assessments carried out across the partner countries provided valuable insights into the current management and maintenance practices of UGBS. Although municipalities operate in different contexts, the research revealed common priorities, shared challenges and opportunities.

Biodiversity-friendly management is becoming a priority

Municipalities are increasingly adopting management approaches that support biodiversity while maintaining safe and accessible public spaces.

Climate adaptation is shaping maintenance practices

Green and blue spaces are largely recognised as essential assets for increasing urban resilience to climate change.

Practical solutions are needed

Municipal staff highlighted the importance of accessible guidance adapted to operational realities.

Knowledge sharing creates opportunities

Despite different local contexts, municipalities face many common challenges that benefit from European cooperation.

Citizen awareness matters

Successful sustainable management also depends on effective communication with local communities.

Research drives innovation

The evidence collected will support the development of practical learning resources tailored to municipalities' real needs.



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From Research to Action

The knowledge generated through the transnational analyses is now guiding the next steps of (Re)Natured Cities. Evidence is turning into practical solutions to support municipalities in managing UGBS more sustainably.

PUBLICATION OF THE TRANSNATIONAL REPORT

The (Re)Natured Cities consortium is very pleased to announce the publication of the first activity's Transnational Report!

The report brings together the results of the local assessments carried out in all partner countries, identifying common practices, priorities and key needs that are shaping the development of practical resources and capacity-building tools for municipalities.

The report is available on the project website in all partner languages.



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DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNICAL MODULES

What's next?

Building on the insights of the Transnational Report, the consortium is now working on the development of technical modules that will translate research findings into guidance for municipalities.

These modules will:

Provide practical guidance with alternatives to current management and maintenance practices.

Explain the environmental value of these practices in a clear and accessible way.
Strengthen communication between municipalities and citizens and promote public awareness.

Support municipalities in overcoming operational challenges and making the most of available resources.

Encourage the adoption of nature-based solutions that enhance biodiversity, ecosystem services and climate resilience.



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THE (RE)NATURED CITIES JOURNEY SO FAR

A Timeline



Local Assessments
Completed



Transnational Report
Completed



Technical Modules Development
In progress



Flipping Green Flipbook
Upcoming

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