



Welcome to the Connecting Nature Enterprise Platform



Nature-based enterprises (NBEs) use nature as a core element of their product/service offering.

Nature may be used directly by growing, harnessing, harvesting or restoring natural resources in a sustainable way and/or indirectly by contributing to the planning, delivery or stewardship of sustainable nature-based solutions.

5 reasons to get involved:

1. Connect buyers with skilled and experienced suppliers of nature-based solutions



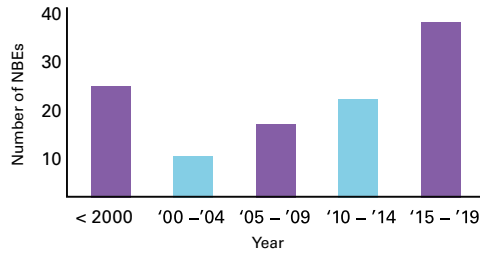
1. Recent studies* have shown that finding skilled suppliers is a major challenge. The platform helps to generate new ideas for nature-based solutions at an early stage of concept development thus increasing the quality and variety of potential interventions.

POST CHALLENGE

If you are a city council or a private company looking for nature-based inspiration at pre-tender stage - post an open challenge on the platform and get some ideas from the different communities of interest.

If you already have a tender ready-to-go, or a job opportunity, or any other kind of clearly defined opportunity, post these in the opportunity section to receive one-to-one responses.

POST OPPORTUNITY



Nature-based enterprises (NBEs) are increasing year on year

4. Connect with funding opportunities



From grant funding opportunities to investment training and opportunities, the Connecting Enterprise Platform brings nature-based enterprise to the attention of potential partners and investors – including non-conventional partners from other sectors!

Many funding opportunities for nature-based solutions adopt a multi-sectoral and multi-scale approach, combining businesses with local, regional and national administrations, as well as research partners and civil society. Enterprises and policy makers will be encouraged to engage together and experiment with new innovative business and financing models.

2. Connect with the latest industry developments. Showcase industry leaders.



The Connecting Nature Enterprise platform aims to showcase industry best practice. Nature-based enterprises are connected with academic and technology partners to raise general awareness and knowledge about new innovations and existing quality standards across this industry sector.

5. Connect offline too!



Connecting on-line is great but meeting face-to-face is even better! Come join us at a series of offline events organised for our communities of interest.

3. Connect like-minded communities.



Bringing together specialised communities of nature-based enterprises is at the core of the platform. Each community is moderated by an industry leader, a kind of enterprise ambassador who will raise awareness of the benefits and risks of nature-based solutions and share sector-specific training and opportunities.

What community do you belong to?

- Urban planning & landscape architecture
- Biodiversity and ecosystem services - advisory
- Community engagement
- Environmental consultancy
- Sustainable agriculture & food production
- Biomaterials (for agriculture, construction, manufacturing)
- Ecology & Ecosystem creation, restoration and management
- Sustainable Forestry
- Health and wellbeing
- Green buildings
- Greening grey infrastructure
- Parks and urban green areas
- Tourism and recreation

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Get in touch for more information: <https://connectingnature.eu>



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