



Connecting Nature

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What is Connecting Nature?

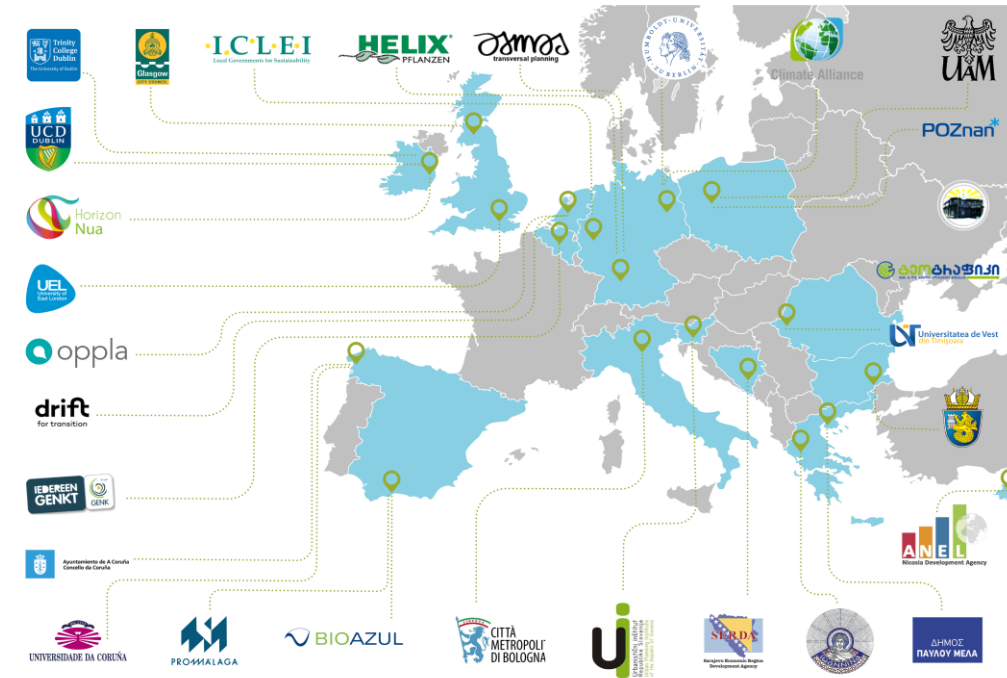
Overall goal: “to innovate with nature to build climate resilience in cities.”

Consortium: 31 project partners involved from 16 European Countries and multiplier hubs in Brazil, China, Korea & The Caucasus (Georgia and Armenia)

Coordinator: Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Budget: €12 million

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What are nature-based solutions?

The European Commission defines nature-based solutions as solutions that are “inspired and supported by nature, which are cost-effective, simultaneously provide environmental, social and economic benefits and help build resilience.”

Nature-Based Solutions therefore provide multiple benefits for biodiversity. Any approaches that do not improve biodiversity, are not based or delivering on a range of ecosystem services, are not Nature-Based Solutions



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We can identify a nature-based solution by answering 5 questions.

1. Does it use nature/natural processes?

2. Does it provide/improve social benefits?

3. Does it provide/improve economic benefits?

Does it provide/improve environmental benefits?

5. Does it have a net-benefit on biodiversity?

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Source: [Stuart Connop, UEL, 2019](#)



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Urban challenges addressed by Connecting Nature

- Rapid climate and environmental change e.g. heat island effect,
- Complex water and waste management issues (e.g. flooding)
- Adverse health and well-being challenges,
- Changes in social cohesion and migration patterns,
- Governance challenges in tackling complex urban challenges e.g. “silo thinking”, deficit of knowledge around nature-based solutions.

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Connecting Nature objectives

- Develop an urban planning process to burst open silos, enrich and nurture social, business and governance innovations and scale up nature - based solutions in cities
- Develop a city-making planning process that accelerates the scaling of nature-based solutions in cities by connecting policy and market needs and turning barriers into opportunities for innovations
- Develop a guiding process for identifying funding and financial mechanisms;
- Showcase and share learning

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Connecting Nature outcomes

Connecting Nature Framework



- TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS
- FINANCING AND BUSINESS MODELS
- CO-PRODUCTION
- IMPACT ASSESSMENT
- GOVERNANCE
- NATURE-BASED ENTERPRISES
- REFLEXIVE MONITORING

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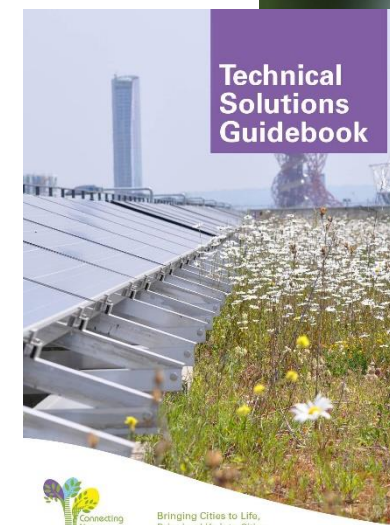
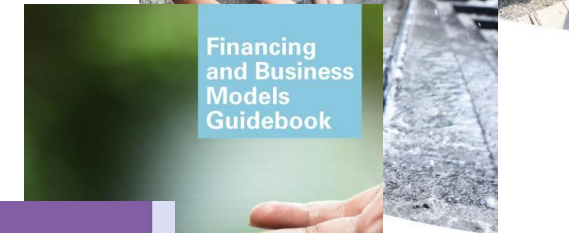
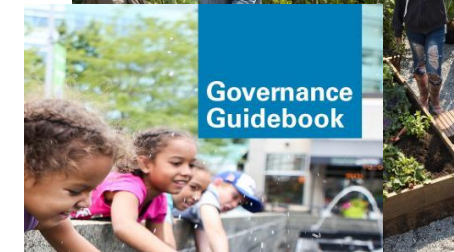
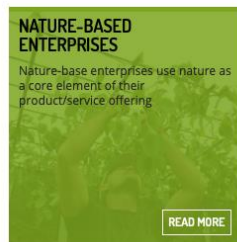
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