Thinking, Building, and Living with nature:
The Connecting Nature Framework for achieving impact from nature-based solutions

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Nature-based Solutions

"Actions to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems, which address social, economic and environmental challenges effectively and adaptively, while simultaneously providing human well-being, ecosystem services and resilience, and biodiversity benefits"

UNEA adopted definition

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10 cities

Localised NBS

- Pilots of innovation
- Building or site scale
- Existing (silo'd) governance
- Capturing learning

Scaling up NBS

- Identifying and rolling out innovation
- Coherent strategic projects
- Neighbourhood + scales
- Existing governance frameworks plus trialling collaboration models with broader range of stakeholders
- Sharing experiential learning

Embedded NBS

- City-wide embedding of NbS
- Multifunctional benefits by design
- Multiple and connected scales
- New forms of collaborative governance the norm
- Sharing experiential learning
- Systems open to innovation

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- **Co-produced**

- **Design to help & support**

- **Implementing NBS**

- **Know what to expect**

- **Key considerations**

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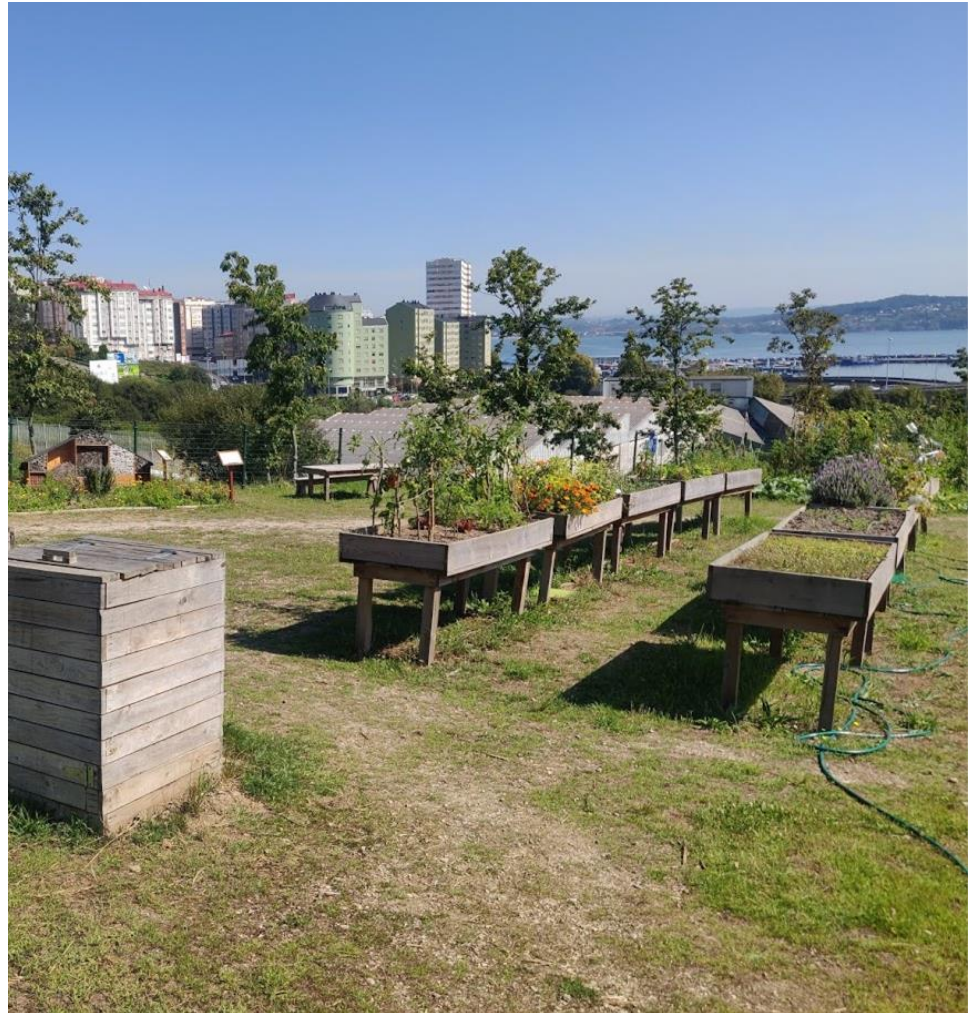- REFLEXIVE MONITORING
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The Connecting Nature cities (the stars of the show)

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Antonio and María from..

A Coruña

An *Urban Allotment Gardens Green Network* connecting green areas and providing multiple benefits: enhancing biodiversity and fighting climate change, improving health and wellbeing of citizens, and promoting social cohesion.
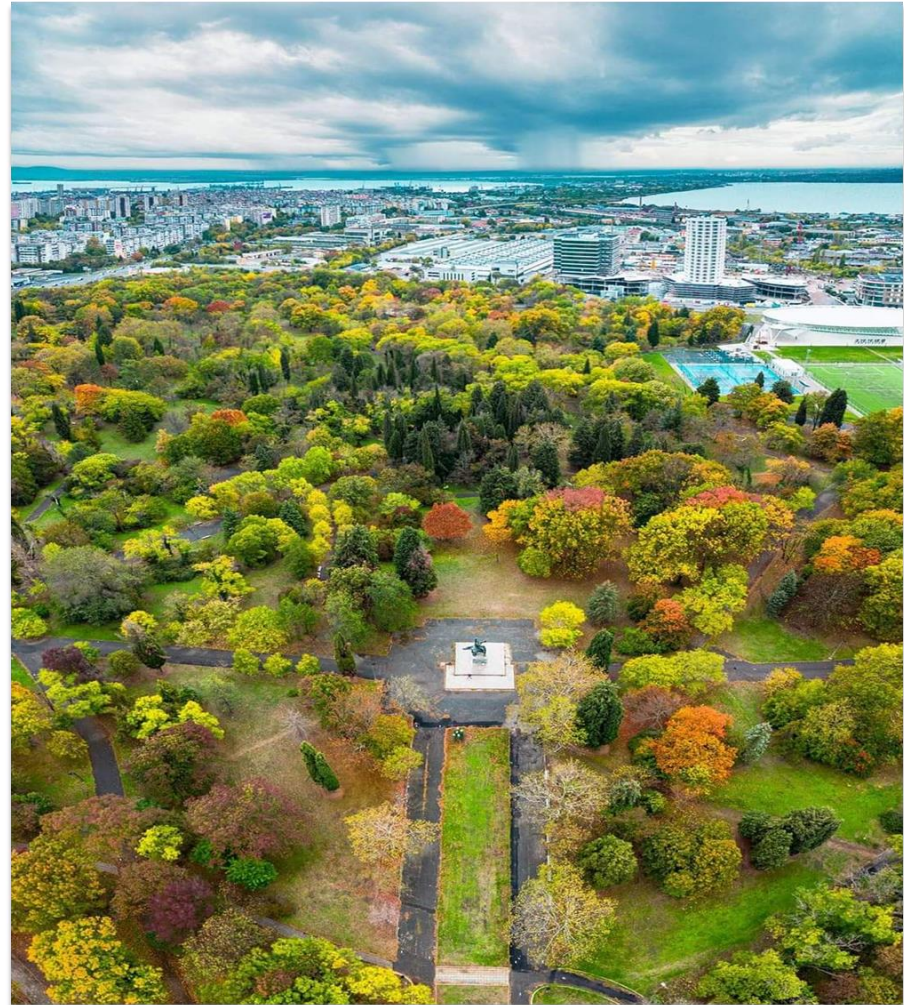
Ivaylo and Velichka from..

Burgas

Using a co-production process to regenerate the neglected *Saint Trinity Park* into a nature-based solution delivering nature conservation, climate change adaptation, education, health & wellbeing, and recreation benefits.

Katrien and Mien from….

Genk

Regeneration of the *Stiemervallei* to re-imagine the natural quality of the valley in an urban context and to co-produce ecological, environmental, social and economic benefits in partnership with the local community.

Gillian from..

Glasgow

Glasgow's *Open Space Strategy* is helping the city to address its changing context and changing demands on open space through a nature-based solution approach to open space planning, delivery and stewardship.

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Ioannis and Vasilis from..

Ioannina

Transformation of the neglected *Pirsinela Park* into the city's largest greenspace, re-connecting residents with the park through educational, sporting, and cultural activities, enhancing the park's ecological resilience, and creating a green economy for the site.

Cristian and Mariano from..

Malaga

Transforming the central *Lagunillas* neighborhood using the Connecting Nature framework methodology to deliver nature-based solutions that improve quality of life and social cohesion of its neighbors.

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Eleni from..

Nicosia

Using the Framework as a tool to include nature-based solutions as a policy theme in national and local strategies to prepare and facilitate projects across the city that create healthy, attractive, and natural surroundings for the local communities.

Marios Asteriou from..

Pavlos Melas

The transformation of an ex-military camp into an urban open innovation core creating a supra-local greenspace providing environmental, social, cultural heritage, and economic benefits for local communities.

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Natalia and Agnieszka from..

Poznań

Using nature-based solutions approaches to improve the quality of life in city areas with limited access to greenspace, focusing specifically on development of a network of eco- and social-gardens at kindergartens.

Belma Pašić from..

Sarajevo

Development of a multifunctional urban garden and sensory park, open to all citizens, and created to deliver health & wellbeing and educational benefits for special target groups.

Introducing the Framework…