



Network Nature Annual Event
Semester on Ecosystem Restoration

**Achieving the European Green Deal through
Nature-based Solutions**

21st October 2021

Draft Agenda

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ch/e/network-nature-annual-event-tickets-163358687231>

Opening plenary

Time	Topic	Description	Speakers
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome & introduction	Introduction to the event and its objectives: how the event helps H2020 NBS projects, the Biodiversity Partnership and the Horizon Europe missions on ecosystem restoration	Anna Jones (Moderator)
10.10 – 10.25	NetworkNature's ambitions for Nature-based solutions	This presentation will open the event by setting the scene and providing an overview on Nature-based solutions (NBS). IUCN experts will provide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chantal van Ham, Acting Director IUCN European Regional Office • Daisy Hessenberger,



		insights on the outcomes of the IUCN World Conservation Congress for NetworkNature, present the IUCN Global NBS Standard, and highlight plans for establishing national NBS hubs.	Nature-based Solutions Programme Officer, IUCN Global Ecosystem Management Programme
10.25 – 10.35	Mentimeter session	Interactive session with the audience	Anna Jones (Moderator)
10.35 – 10.50	Towards the next EU roadmap for R&I on NBS: overview of the landscape and knowledge gaps	This presentation will provide an overview of the EU R&I landscape on NBS and of knowledge gaps identified by key EU players, and inform on the development of the next EU roadmap for R&I on NBS	Frederic Lemaitre, Officer in charge of science-society/policy interfacing, BiodivERsA
10.50 – 11.50	Panel: The way forward for the H2020 projects on NBS – opportunities for upscaling	This panel will gather speakers from the NetworkNature NBS community of practice as well as target audiences, to share experiences, and showcase best practices for ecosystem restoration that are replicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Wild, Conexus project, University of Sheffield • Representative of MaCoBioS project (tbc) • Holger Robrecht/ Alice Reil, ICLEI • Representative of WBCSD (tbc) • Tony Williams, IFLA Europe Past President and current Chair of the IFLA Europe Working Group on Climate Change
11.50 – 12.00	Closing	The moderator will summarise the key messages from the morning session, including policy messages, and provide an overview of the next sessions	Anna Jones (Moderator)
12.00 – 14.00	Break		



Parallel sessions

Time	Parallel session	Organisers	Draft description
14.00 – 16.00	Rethinking Cities: from Smart into Human	EIB Institute, University of Luxembourg and Caritas	This session is organised independently and moderated by Tanya Beckett, BBC moderator. The session will focus on how to create and shape more resilient and inclusive communities, cities and other settlements, by looking at the built and the natural environment.
14.00 – 16.00	Carbon Farming as a nature-based solution and a first attempt to pay for ecosystem services	European Landowners Organisation	This session will focus on what nature-based solutions mean in the context of agriculture. In particular, the session will cover carbon farming as an integral part of overall farm management and integrated into a wider climate and agricultural policy.
14.00 – 16.00	The role of nature-based solutions in delivering the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework	IUCN Global	<p>The session will focus on the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework and on the role of NbS to scale up actions which provide biodiversity benefits, as well as improving human wellbeing and addressing societal challenges.</p> <p>In this session, experts will uncover and discuss the linkages and opportunities between these areas as well as complementary frameworks such as the EU Biodiversity Strategy. Stakeholders from different sectors are encouraged to join as reversing biodiversity loss will require the buy in, inspiration and investment from diverse actors.</p>
14.00 – 16.00	Closing the research gaps for nature-based solutions	BiodivERsA	<p>The session aims to engage participants to contribute to the ongoing development of a EU R&I roadmap on NBS, facilitated by NetworkNature with the European Commission and relevant initiatives such as Biodiversa+.</p> <p>Participants will be invited to discuss NetworkNature's mapping of the EU R&I landscape on NBS and collection of NBS knowledge gaps, advance their characterization and reflect on potential pathways and enabling factors to address key knowledge gaps identified.</p>
14.00 – 16.00	Kick-Off meeting of the network of National Representatives for	Steinbeis 2i	This session will start the dialogue for strengthening engagement of SMEs/start-ups for the uptake of NBS.



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Closing plenary

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16.15 – 16.30	Reporting back from parallel sessions	The closing plenary will give a short summary of take-aways and policy messages from the parallel sessions by the moderator	Anna Jones (Moderator)
16.30 – 16.40	Investment in NBS for achieving Green Deal ambitions for the EU	This presentation will reflect on the day and look ahead at the opportunities that the Horizon Europe Programme of Work presents for achieving the restoration ambitions for the EU Green Deal with the help of NBS	Philippe Tulkens, European Commission DG RTD
16.40 – 17.40	Panel: “How to achieve Ecosystem Restoration targets through joint actions, for NBS”	The panel discussion will gather speakers from different stakeholder groups in an informal conversation focused on joint action. The panel will include an interactive part with questions from with the audience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raysa França, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia Youth for Nature • Richard Scott, Member of the Board of Society for Ecological Restoration Europe, • Jurgen Tack, Scientific Director, European Landowners Organisation • Raul Sanchez, UrbanGreenUp project coordinator • Silvana Di Sabatino, Operandum project coordinator, University of Bologna
17.40 – 17.50	Closing remarks		Anna Jones (Moderator)