

NATURETHON

CITIZENS GROWING NATURE-BASED FUTURES

Welcome back, NbS enthusiasts!

The NATURANCE project is pleased to announce the second edition of the Naturethon: "Seeds of Change – Citizens growing Nature-based Futures." This initiative aims to engage citizen groups in the world of Nature-Based Solutions (NbS), mobilizing and channeling an engaging and productive dialogue among communities in Europe (and beyond). Whether you're already an active group or a passionate individual, you're (always!) the right person to participate.

The second edition will include three training events in October and November 2025. Stay up to date by visiting the project's [official website](#), where you can find upcoming [events](#), materials and informations in our [digital library](#), as well as informations about the previous edition. Enjoy your reading!

Registration to Naturethon 2025



How does Naturethon work in brief?

Become a champion, register your group!

Follow a few simple steps to register your group to the [1st event](#). Not part of a group? Don't worry! Ad hoc groups will be formed during the training sessions.

[Register here](#)

Enroll in supporting activities

Attend the scheduled training activities. Three meetings with experts and facilitators are planned to provide participants with basic knowledge of NBS while also helping groups develop their ideas.

Engage in dialogue

Encourage your community to discuss and design effective NBS in your local area, thus helping shape the vision of a greener, more resilient, and more inclusive future.

Submit your idea

At the end of the initiative (December 1st), groups will share their ideas with the Naturethon team. Choose your preferred format: text, drawing, video, or any other creative medium.

And then?

At the end of the process, the representatives of the three proposals that stood out for their innovation, feasibility, and social and environmental impact will be hosted by the project at the next Finance Innovation Festival in Brussels (February 3-5, 2026). There, they will have the opportunity to present the key points of their proposal to an audience of international professionals.

Improve your leading skills

The challenges that climate change imposes on communities require a complex effort that includes the ability and responsibility to engage all stakeholders with the common goal of finding effective and equitable solutions together. The European Climate Adaptation Platform [Climate-ADAPT](#) provides useful materials to support engaged citizens and local authorities in facilitating adaptation processes. This includes [DIY manuals](#) with best practices and direct local experiences from which to draw inspiration.

The Naturethon community



The first edition of Naturethon proved how much creativity and commitment citizens can bring to the table. Across Europe and beyond, participants translated their ideas into actionable proposals for more resilient territories.

Here there is the [showcase](#) of a inspiring variety of approaches:

Valencia NBS team (Spain)

Their project on long term flood resilience was recognized, integrating green infrastructure and risk analysis to strengthen urban adaptation. Thanks to its concrete approach and the support of

Nigerian farmers project (Nigeria)

Awarded for promoting regenerative agriculture and food security. By introducing nitrogen-fixing crops, the project aims to restore soil fertility, reduce

a rich amount of data, the work was awarded for its consistency to the Naturethon goals.

“Os rapazes do Mathos” (Portugal)

Their work focused on restoring the coastal ecosystem of Matosinhos, removing cement walkways, rebuilding dunes, and experimenting with innovative financing tools.

dependency on synthetic fertilizers, and improve farmers’ livelihoods.

Green laboratory (Slovakia)

A creative proposal from students and experts in Bratislava to test green roofs and vertical gardens, turning NbS into living laboratories with tangible community benefits.

[Find out more](#)

Naturethon+



An additional series of in-person and online events were scheduled after the end of the first round to foster engagement. All these projects in this round share a combination of technical ingenuity and the successful mobilization of citizens to have systemic changes through local actions. More than everything, it shows that Naturethon it's not a competition, but the nest of a community of practice where ideas become seeds for transformation.

[Find out more](#)

Case-study



NATURANCE TALKS

Connected Urban Green Spaces
in the Metropolitan Area of Milan, Italy

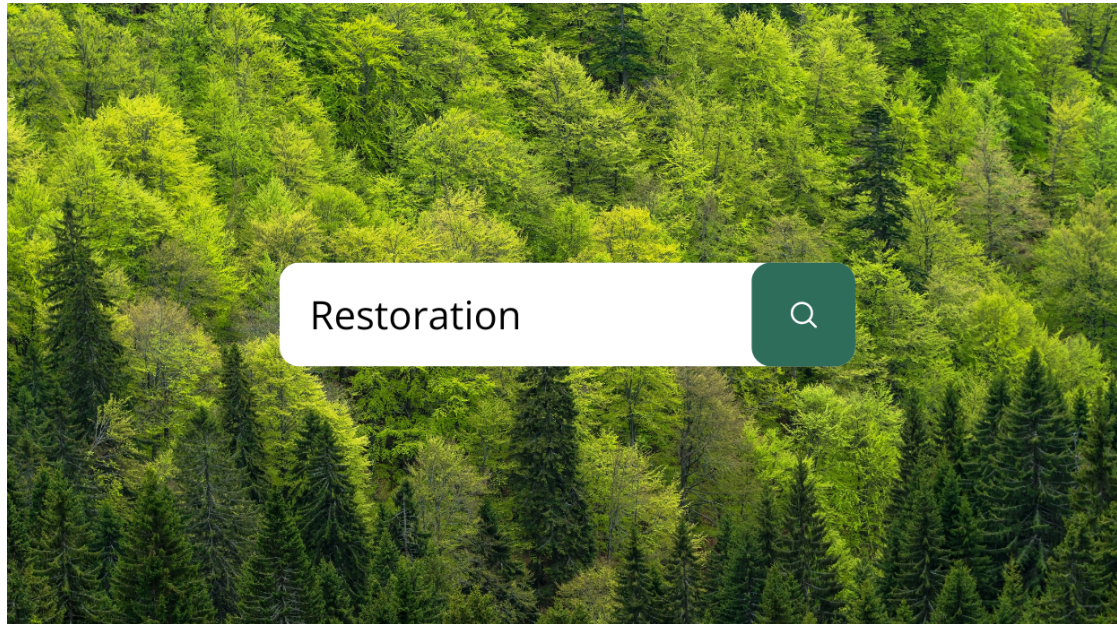
Andrea Staccione
KIT, CMCC

Connected Urban Green Spaces in the Metropolitan Area of Milan

Want to better understand what NbS is and how it works? And perhaps you're curious to discover how successful participatory projects help communities and regions become more resilient?

Adopting a network-based approach to nature-based solutions strengthens urban resilience by supporting climate adaptation and reducing disaster risks. In this talk, Andrea Staccione (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology) presents a case study of Milan, showing how interconnected green infrastructures can halve flood damages and reduce population exposure, offering urban planners clear guidance on where to prioritize future green investments and interventions.

Explore our NbS Digital Library



Restoration



Learn the meaning of complex Nature-based Solutions and finance jargon to become a true expert in leading your team discussions. The [Naturethon Digital Library](#) provides a glossary with insights into the field's main concepts as well as a diverse collection of tools and resources to dive into the world of Nature-based Solutions.

Explore the library



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