



Welcome to the fourth issue of the **Naturethon newsletter!**

As we approach the conclusion of the first edition of Naturethon, the [Final Survey](#) remains open to collect your insights on local Nature-based Solutions. The Naturethon team appreciates all enthusiastic participation.

This issue features information on the EU's sustainability policies, the various benefits of Nature-based Solutions, and nature-inspired actions in urban contexts. You can also access the recording of the third [Naturethon webinar](#).

If you have recently joined the Naturethon community and missed [previous issues](#), you can find them all [here](#).

Enjoy your reading!

Final call for the Final Survey



Share your ideas with us!

Navigating New Paths for Nature-based Solution Finance

The [Naturethon final survey](#) is still open for all champions to submit your unique ideas. Share the outcomes of your group discussions with the Naturethon network!

We remind you that the final survey aims to collect the ideas discussed within the citizen groups in various formats, including drawings, text, videos, and any means to convey the imagined solution.

The best solutions will be rewarded by **NATURANCE recognitions** and the group representatives will be invited to high-level project gatherings.

Deadline for submission is 30/09. Do not hesitate to share your innovative ideas with us!

Submit your ideas

From global to glocal: Financing NbS for climate action and urban adaptation

Recording available for the third and final Naturethon webinar

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WEBINAR 17.9.24 | 16:00 CEST



From global to glocal:

Financing NbS for climate action

and urban adaptation



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The third [Naturethon webinar](#) was held recently as a joint endeavor between the NATURANCE and Invest4Nature projects. The webinar discussed **financing frameworks** with an impact, drawing special attention to cities and the social value of nature-inspired solutions for adaptation in the urban **environment**.

Silvia Ainio, climate policy expert specializing in international climate negotiations and sustainable finance, provided a global overview of the main challenges in financing nature-based solutions. While, Marianne Zandersen, professor in environmental economics at Aarhus University, Denmark, talked about social and economic benefits and values of NbS at the urban scale.

**Only a third of EU sustainability policies explicitly
mention Nature-based Solutions**



Despite their proven benefits, [a new policy report](#) by NetworkNature+ shows that Nature-based Solutions (Nbs) are only explicitly mentioned in about a third of key EU environmental and sustainability policies. Furthermore, NbS result underutilised and underfinanced while cooperation and understanding across policy levels is lacking, leading to gaps in implementation.

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Urban Nature-Based Solutions

Nature-based relations in marginalized city districts

[URBiNAT](#) is a European research project aimed at regenerating underserved urban neighborhoods through Nature-Based Solutions (NbS). These solutions form

A partnership for greener cities

[GrowGreen](#) is a European research project that aims to build climate-resilient, water-smart, healthy and livable cities by investing in nature-based solutions (NBS). Integrating nature into urban

"Healthy Corridors," improving social housing areas and residents' well-being. The project includes three frontrunner cities—Porto, Nantes, and Sofia—leading in NBS use, while four follower cities—Siena, Nova Gorica, Brussels, and Høje-Taastrup—adopt and replicate these approaches. The initiative focuses on co-creation and knowledge sharing to foster sustainable urban transformation.

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environments improves citizens' quality of life and supports business growth. Green spaces and water bodies offer innovative solutions to urban challenges such as flooding, heat stress, drought, poor air quality, and unemployment, while improving biodiversity. GrowGreen works closely with demonstration projects (Manchester, Valencia, Wroclaw, Wuhan, Brest, Modena, Zadar), which seek to test and validate NbS directly in cities.

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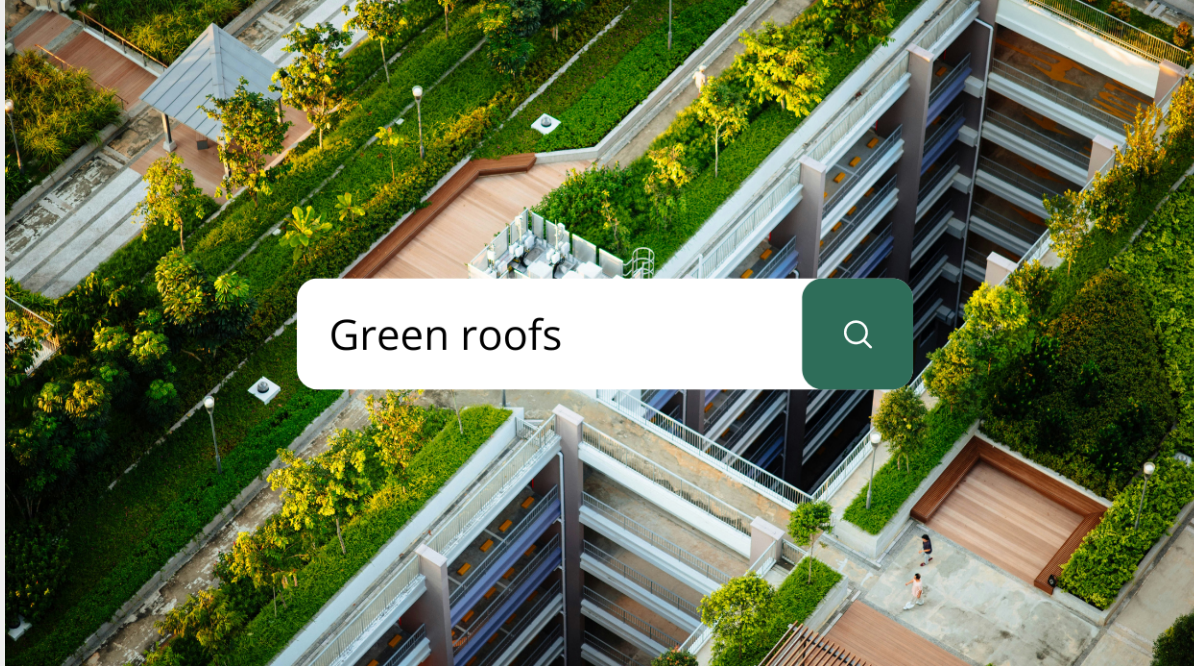
Fresh insights on the benefits of NbS for adaptation

A collaboration Between PIISA and NATURANCE

The [PIISA project](#), in collaboration with NATURANCE, produced a comprehensive summary that highlights the essential role of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in climate change adaptation. The **info card** illustrates how NbS can mitigate flood risks, enhance urban resilience, and preserve forest ecosystems.

[Find out more](#)

Naturethon glossary



Green roofs



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. Explore the latest terms to deepen your understanding of **NbS in urban settings** and share your expertise with your group.

Explore the glossary



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