



# NATURE 4 CITIES



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## THE PROJECT

**Nature4Cities** is a Horizon 2020 EU-funded Research & Innovation project, creating a comprehensive reference Platform for Nature Based Solutions (NBS), offering technical solutions, methods and tools to empower urban planning decision making. This will help addressing the contemporary environmental, social and economic challenges faced by European Cities.

We will bring Nature back into innovation, planning and implementation driven thinking. This new technical and governance approach implies collaborative models driven by citizens, researchers, policy makers, and industry leaders, relying on participative processes and sharing of Best Practice.



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### NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS EU definition (2015)

Nature Based Solutions are positive responses to societal challenges, and can have the potential to simultaneously meet environmental, social and economic objectives. They are actions inspired by, supported by or copied from nature; both using and enhancing existing solutions to challenges, as well as exploring more novel ones. Nature Based Solutions are ideally resilient to change, as well as energy and resources efficient. They recognize the importance to develop a systemic approach and at the same time to adapt interventions to the local context.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

-  Improve the Integration of NBS in urban and spatial planning
-  Build a new and active community network around NBS
-  Offer high quality decision-support tools for re-naturing cities
-  Build a holistic assessment framework for NBS
-  Develop a reference knowledge base on NBS and Best Practice sharing
-  Propose new governance, business and financial models for NBS implementation



TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO  
NBS KNOWLEDGE  
DEVELOPMENT

TO  
GIVE  
FEEDBACK

# THE N4C PLATFORM

**Nature4Cities** aims at raising awareness about NBS and foster new collaborative models for NBS uptake by developing a knowledge, assessment and decision support platform.

This platform will provide tools for impact assessments, valorisation and follow-up of NBS projects.

**Nature4Cities** multi-stakeholder platform will appeal to:

- **Policy makers**, employees from the public sector and professionals from NBS sector who will benefit from the knowledge base and decision support tools
- **Researchers and the Education Community** who will access high standard data and methodological developments
- **Civil society** who will benefit from the knowledge diffusion modules and a dedicated citizen engagement platform that will be demonstrated within the course of the project within our four pilot cities (Alcala de Henares, Ankara, Milano and Szeged).

TO  
DEVELOP YOUR  
NBS PROJECTS

The project seeks to reinforce the science-policy-society interface in the field of NBS-oriented urban planning, and thus to help developing solutions that are environmentally efficient, socially acceptable and economically viable.

# 26 PARTNERS FROM 9 COUNTRIES

**N4C** consortium is an interdisciplinary and international team (9 countries represented). The project partners take a pro-active part in the **EU** dynamics of **R&D&I**, at the crossing of urban planning and construction sector, environmental assessment, social sciences, innovation management and **Information & Communication Technology** supporting tools.

- **5 leading Research and Technology Organizations:**  
Nobatek (FR), Tecnalia (ES), Euracat (ES), Cartif (ES), Luxembourg Institute of Science & Technology (LU), Carema (FR)
- **4 universities:**  
University of Nantes (FR), Agrocampus Ouest (FR), University of Szeged (HU), Middle East Technical University (TR)
- **2 leading industrial organizations:**  
Acciona Infraestructuras S.A. (ES), D'Appolonia spa (IT)
- **8 Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs):**  
R2M Solution Ltd (IT), Ekodanga (TR), Innova Intagra Ltd (UK), Dunaworks (NL), Argodor (TR), Terranis (FR), Colouree (IT), Graen4Cities (AT)
- **2 clusters of stakeholders:**  
Plante & Cité (FR), Hungarian Urban Knowledge Center (HU)
- **4 cities providing pilot sites:**  
Città Metropolitana di Milano (IT), Çankaya-Ankara (TR), Szeged (HU), Alcala de Henares (ES)

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