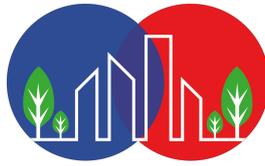


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Newsletter #5



Project overview

Our partners met in person in Gelsenkirchen (DE) for CLEARING HOUSE General Assembly!

For the first time since the pandemic, we could organize an in person event from 14 to 16th of September! We still had some remote partners participating to the different sessions, but it was a great opportunity to meet in Gelsenkirchen and visit the city's parks and forests, one of our project [case study](#).

The three days were divided between work packages updates presentation, working sessions with the partners, visit of the Bio Masse Park Hugo, the [Biennale of Urban Landscape](#) and Reinelbe Forest. We shared great moments of work and conviviality!



In the spotlight

Job opportunity within CLEARING HOUSE : Researcher in the field of urban ecology and just sustainable transitions

The Cosmopolis Centre for Urban Research (Geography Department) of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) is seeking a motivated candidate for a one-year research position (with the possibility of extension, depending on funding acquisition) in the field of urban ecology and just sustainable transitions.

[More info](#)



What do Belo Horizonte, Bogotá and Mexico city have in common, apart from being vibrant metropolises to live in?

They have been selected in the first call of the CLEARING HOUSE knowledge exchange mechanism. The global objective of the CLEARING HOUSE knowledge exchange mechanism is to promote capacity development and exchange of knowledge and practices on urban forests as nature-based solutions (UF-NBS), based on peer-to-peer exchanges and scientific support regarding UF-NBS challenges.

[Discover more](#)

Topic-specific thematic guidelines on UF-NBS



The project is developing thematic guidelines to assist local authorities, consultants, decision-makers, civil society and other stakeholders in Europe, China and worldwide in delivering Urban Forests as Nature-Based Solutions (UF-NBS) to their communities and local stakeholders.

We still welcome contributions!

[Contribute to our Guidelines](#)

Did you know? There is a new NBS definition!

We would like to highlight the successful adoption of a resolution on Nature-based Solutions (UNEA/EA.5/Res.5) including a multilaterally agreed definition of NBS at the Fifth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2) ; recognising the important role NBS play in the global response to climate change and its social, economic and environmental effects.

Under the resolution, NBS are defined as '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.’ The UNEA Resolution incorporates the essential components of the European Commission NBS definition.

[Read more](#)

The project so far

Project highlights and latest news



A look back on our #HugATree campaign

In March 2022, our CLEARING HOUSE project initiated the #HugATree social media campaign to celebrate the International Day of Forests. Our campaign’s objective was to raise awareness about the importance of trees, forests and, more generally, nature as nature-based solutions.

This campaign opened the door to further awareness-raising opportunities. Indeed, posters have been created from the campaign’s facts and photos to continue to spread awareness.

[Read more to join the poster campaign](#)



- [Co-design processes to address nature-based solutions and ecosystem services demands: the long and winding road towards inclusive urban planning](#)

- [Conceptualizing multidimensional barriers: a framework for assessing constraints in realizing recreational benefits of urban green space](#)
- [Effects of heat and drought stress on the health status of six urban street tree species in Leipzig, Germany](#)
- [Planning to practice: impacts of large-scale and rapid urban afforestation on greenspace patterns in the Beijing plain area](#)
- [Creating accessible evidence bases: opportunities through the integration of interactive tools into literature review synthesis](#)

[Discover all the publications](#)



Have you ever considered "park streets" for your city ?

□ Organizing urban spaces often creates conflicts when we have to choose between nature and city commodities such as parking spaces. Vrije Universiteit Brussel researcher Nicola Da Schio tries to balance these conflicts and identifies possibilities to implement greener in cities. One of these solutions would be to create "park streets" where cities could combine mobility and leisure.

[Watch the video](#)



CLEARING HOUSE inspirational

package at the talentboos Brussels

CLEARING HOUSE inspirational package 'City of Trees' was a guest at 'Talentboost' in Brussels the last week of July. Talentboost is a linguistic bath for children who are non-native newcomers of 4 weeks in Brussels. We were invited to organize some activities in and about the forest at the camp of the inspirational package, we had a blast!

[Read more!](#)



Connecting Nature Summit

Our colleague Joanne Schanté joined the Connecting Nature Final Summit on Nature-Based Solutions to present to EU policy-makers the joint publication : "The Vital Role of NBS in the Nature-Positive Economy"!

[Access the document](#)



[Learn from our 22 UF-NBS Case](#)

studies

Together with [NetworkNature](#), CLEARING HOUSE partners have collected data from 22 selected UF-NBS case studies in Europe and China. The analysis of these cases illustrated the high importance of UF-NBS as contributing to health, well-being and quality of life.

[Discover the case studies](#)



Co-design workshop in Gelsenkirchen

What is the importance of urban forests for our health, for the biodiversity in our cities and for the future of our densely populated region? What does the term participatory mapping mean? And what can we use the i-Tree software for?

These and other questions were discussed with 80 activists from the citizenry, politics, science and administration at the Green Lab Hugo. The event included both expert presentations and a World Café. It was organized by the European Forest Institute, the Department of Environment of the City of Gelsenkirchen and the State Forest Enterprise Wald und Holz NRW (Regional Forestry Office of the Ruhr area) as part of the CLEARING HOUSE project.

[More about the workshop](#)

Save the date



Network Nature Annual Conference

27 September 2022, Brussels

Since nature-based solutions (NBS) have the potential to tackle the interlinked 'triple crisis' related to climate change, biodiversity and land degradation, it is more important than ever to foster their uptake. Join the Network Nature Annual Conference to discuss NBS upscaling opportunities with European Commission representatives, NBS focused projects and other relevant stakeholders.

[More information](#)

**SUSTAINING CITIES,
NATURALLY**

**SAVE THE DATE
13-14TH OCT 2022**

Webinar focusing on urban ecosystem restoration in Europe, China & Latin America

This event is an official side event of the European Week of Regions and Cities.

The projects have received funding from the European H2020 Research and Innovation programme under the Grant Agreement n° 869324 (INTERLACE), 821242 (CLEARING HOUSE), 821016 (REGREEN), 867564 (CONEXUS).

Sustaining Cities, Naturally: Urban ecosystem restoration

Urbanisation leads to societal challenges as social deprivation, climate change, deteriorating health and increasing pressure on urban nature. Urban ecosystems can contribute to lessen these challenges, through implementing nature-based solutions.

This online webinar illustrates how Horizon2020 projects support international cooperation in knowledge creation and knowledge exchange between local authorities and researchers to promote urban ecosystem restoration in Europe, China and Latin-America. This webinar is jointly organised by the projects: [INTERLACE](#), [CONEXUS](#), [REGREEN](#) and [CLEARING HOUSE](#).

[More information](#)

NBS events

EFUF European Forum on Urban Forestry

**2022
BELGRADE**

EFUF week took place in Belgrade!

CLEARING HOUSE project was extremely well represented at the 24th European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF) 17th – 21st May 2022, Belgrade. The project was mentioned in the opening keynote by Elisabeth Pötzelsberger and there was a plenary presentation on Urban Forests as a Nature-Based Solution by Clive Davies and Rik De Vreese which focused on CLEARING HOUSE progress. The project was also highlighted by Professor Cecil Konijnendijk as an example of good practice during his presentation on the 3-30-300 rule. As a result, several

delegates volunteered to work alongside Clive Davies on the CLEARING HOUSE guidelines.

[Event website](#)



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Webinar: Ecosystem restoration and benefits of forests and urban trees Summit

Our webinar co-organised with REGREEN on Ecosystem restoration and benefits of forests and urban trees was on 21st June. The goal of this webinar was to provide insights into the ecosystem restoration and the benefits of forests and street trees in urban areas of China.

CLEARING HOUSE Resources

- [City of Trees inspirational package](#) available in 4 languages
- [Forest library](#): discover some NBS book recommendations and share yours with us!
- [Why trees are important?](#) Learn about the power of NBS
- [CLEARING HOUSE Dashboard](#): an important aspect of CH work is the compilation of existing knowledge in a reference-recorded knowledge repository to find answers.
- [Discover all our publications](#)



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