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Newsletter #6









Project overview

Another year started, and unfortunately this will be the final year for CLEARING HOUSE. 2022 was a good and full year for the project, as you can read below. In December 2022, CLEARING HOUSE was reviewed by the European Commission and external experts, with a very positive and constructive feedback report as a result.

Keep tuned with us, CLEARING HOUSE has a lot of materials and events upcoming in 2023.

Best wishes for a tree-full 2023!

Dr Rik De Vreese

In the spotlight

Have you seen our Case Studies videos?

Discover our Case Study video on the city of Gelsenkirchen. Located in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) in the middle of the largest polycentric conurbation in Germany.



Gelsenkirchen Case Study

Discover our Case Study video on the city of Krakow and its green opportunities! Kraków is a strong urban unit with a population of over 800 thousands

inhabitants and a cultural, academic, industrial and touristic center of national significance.



Krakow Case Study

Discover our Case Study video on the metropolitan area of Barcelona, Spain, into the opportunity of the Llobregat river basin – the largest inland basin in Catalonia – as a nature-based solution to foster the ecological and social connectivity of the metropolitan area of Barcelona.



Barcelona Case Study

The project so far

Project highlights and latest news



The CLEARING HOUSE 2022 General Assembly in Gelsenkirchen, Germany

From 13-15 September 2022, the first post-covid in-person CLEARING HOUSE General Assembly took place in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. The event gathered most consortium members and was an opportunity for everyone to meet and discuss the project in a more in-depth and casual manner.

Read more



How are Nature-Based Solutions cocreated?

The force behind successful nature-based solutions is co-creation. Learn about the different steps a community must undertake to develop long-lasting sustainable nature-based solutions in this short video!

The video was created by the EU Nature-based Solutions Clustering Task Force 4: *NBS Communicators*, in collaboration with Task Force 6: *Co-creation and Governance* from Network Nature

Watch the video



Sustaining cities, naturally, across 3 continents

CLEARING HOUSE and its sister projects REGREEN, INTERLACE and CONEXUS organised two days of presentations and discussions on this topic. The materials and results are available on here on Zenodo.

Read the blogpost here



Awareness-raising continues with posters

Following the #HugATree campaign on the importance of trees in cities, posters were created with messaging and images from the campaign. The City of Uccle is the first to display the posters in a local city park. Have a look at our posters here! If you're a city, a municipality or simply interested in displaying these posters and contributing to spreading the word, contact us!

Contact us



City of Trees Educational Package now in Dutch!

Our Inspirational Package is now available in five languages: English, Catalan, Chinese, Italian, and Dutch!

Interested in teaching the importance of trees in cities to students who live in urban areas? Teach your students about urban trees and forests in a way that allows them to integrate and apply what they learn easily. Inspire your students to notice, value and protect the urban trees and forests now and in the future for the health of our planet.

Discover our Educational Package

Save the date

Greening towards Urban Resilience

LIFE UrbanGreeningPlans Final Conference - More info to come 14 to 15 March 2023, Barcelona



European Forum on Urban Forestry

24 to 26 May 2023, in Krakow, Poland

More information

Call for abstracts

EFUF is now accepting proposals for talks, presentations and non-commercial contributions to #EFUF2023. Contributions should be in line with one of the three themes for this year's forum:

- Theme 1: Urban Forests and Urban Greening Plans
 Exploring the challenges of planning for existing tree-based urban green space, and for planning new urban forests, including citizens' views and perceptions, and maximising services provided by urban forests.
- Theme 2: Urban Forests, urban Trees and Water
 Exploring the role that urban forests and urban trees can play in managing water in and around cities and towns (water buffering, reducing floods, limiting water pollution), including the impact of droughts on tree-based ecosystems.
- Theme 3: Biotic Management aspects in Urban Forests
 Exploring impact of pests and diseases, and the role of adaptive

management to limit these impacts.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 6th of February 2023, 9:00 CET (Brussels time).

Abstract Submission



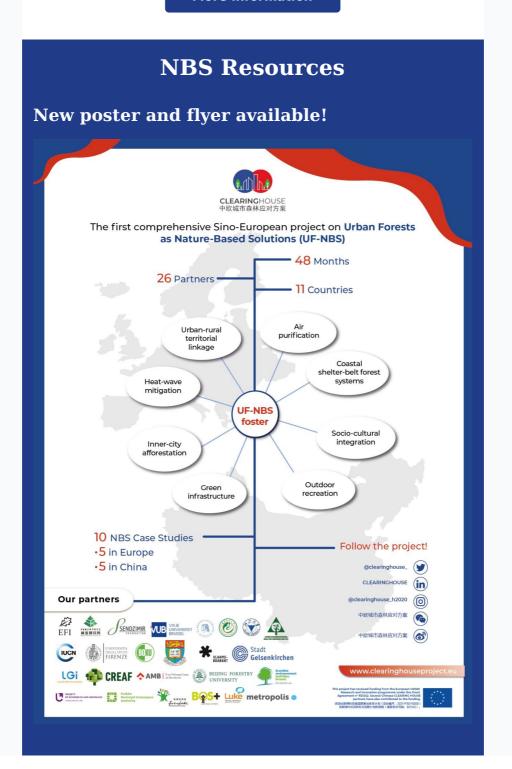
World Forum on Urban Forestry

Greener, healthier and happier cities for all16 to 20 October 2023, Washington DC (USA)

KULeuven and partners are organising a conference on how urban forests can contribute to mitigating the impacts of global warming, and how our cities should be adapted to cope with this. The international conference will discuss these and other questions, both from a science, policy, and practice perspective.

A call for abstracts is open until the 17th of February 2023.

More information



CLEARINGHOUSE has issued its new poster and flyer! It retraces the history of the project, its aims and ambitions and our many partners!

Check all our resources

CLEARING HOUSE Resources

- City of Trees inspirational package available in 5 languages
- Forest library: discover some NBS book recommandations 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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Meet our partners!



Discover the case studies!







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