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# CLEARINGHOUSE 中欧城市森林应对方案

## Newsletter #7



### Project overview

We have started the last year of CLEARING HOUSE, and as project coordinator I have the privilege seeing lots of things coming together.

We will soon meet in our case city Krakow, to exchange experiences, to see the work done in Krakow and to present CLEARING HOUSE to the European Urban Forestry scene. We have also started the preparations for the final event - mark 28 and 29 November in your calendars and meet us in Brussels to learn about the CLEARING HOUSE outcomes.

It is also really nice to see all the publications by CLEARING HOUSE colleagues - we mention some of these in this newsletter, the full overview is available in our Zenodo Community at <https://www.zenodo.org/communities/clearinghouse/>.

I wish you a good reading, and a nice spring.

Dr Rik De Vreese

## Publications in the spotlight

Have you seen our latest publications ?



CLEARING HOUSE partners have been active in publishing articles since the start of the year 2023.

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### **Urban Forests in the Time of COVID-19: Visitor Frequencies and Attitudes in Bonn, Germany**

**Read  
article**

The publication focuses on visitors' frequencies and attitudes towards urban forests and their management, before and during the COVID-19 lockdown.

### **Pandemic urban development is leading us away from nature**

**Read  
article**

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to construction-led development as part of recovery plans in Europe, overshadowing nature-based agendas in terms of scale, size, and policy.

### **The unrelenting global expansion of the urban heat island over the last century**

**Read  
article**

The global rise in temperatures and urbanization has led to the increasing prominence of the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect in scientific research.

### **Towards an integrated garden. Gardeners of all types, unite!**

**Read  
article**

Urban gardens are focal in metropolitan social-ecological infrastructure and yet they are spaces often threatened by urban development.

### **The role of brownfields and their revitalisation for the functional connectivity of the urban tree system**

**Read  
article**

The publication focuses on the role of brownfields and their revitalisation for the functional connectivity of the urban tree system in a regrowing city

### **Governing Europe's forests for multiple ecosystem services**

**Read  
article**

Europe's forest provide multiple ecosystem services for societies, ranging from provisioning (e.g. wood) and regulating (e.g. climate mitigation and biodiversity) to cultural (e.g. recreation) services.

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## **The project so far**

*Project highlights and latest news*



## [Study about sustainable funding mechanism for Urban Forests as NBS & cost-effectiveness](#)

Within the project a study was led in order to understand sustainable funding mechanisms for UF-NBS and their cost-effectiveness, with a focus on European municipalities. One of CLEARING HOUSE objective aims to create business and investment cases for Urban Forests as Nature Based Solutions (UF-NBS) on the basis of increased evidence about environmental, social and economic benefits.

[Read more](#)



## [Sharing experiences and how to improve the quality of life in cities through afforestation and urban forest strategies](#)

One of the objectives of CLEARING HOUSE is to foster exchange and learning between cities on how to promote and enhance the use of UFNBS in local territories. Active planning, management, and inclusion on the climate agenda of the urban forest can improve society's resilience to climate change and help cities and communities better adapt. Mexico City, Belo Horizonte and Bogotá have recently been selected to participate in the first learning exchange mechanism of the project, an opportunity to promote capacity development and peer-to-peer exchange of knowledge and practices on UFNBS.

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## [#Nature4Future awareness-raising campaign](#)

To raise awareness about the importance of UF-NBS and forest conservation, the #Nature4Future quiz campaign has been launched on the International Day of Forests

This campaign aims to educate people about the different European and Chinese case studies showcased by the CLEARING HOUSE project. By participating in this campaign, people can learn more about the importance of NBS and the role forests play in our ecosystem.

[Read more](#)

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## Save the date



### European Forum on Urban Forestry

*24 to 26 May 2023, in Krakow (PL)*



### Network Nature Annual Event

Enabling transformation through and for nature-based solutions  
*8th June 2023, Brussels (BE)*



### World Forum on Urban Forestry

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

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## CLEARING HOUSE resources



## City of Trees Educational Package in Spanish!

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

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](#)



## Awareness-raising videos on Nature-Based Solutions

Within the Network Nature task force, we have created a series of informative videos that shed light on the importance of NBS in today's world.

The first video, "How are nature-based solutions co-created?", provides insights into the process of co-creating NBS and focuses on how collaboration between

different groups can lead to the development of innovative NBS that benefit both humans and nature. The second video, "What are nature-based solutions?", gives an overview of what NBS are and how they can help solve some of the environmental challenges we face today. A third video is to be expected on the type of nature-based solutions that exist, both in the rural, urban and maritime contexts.

[Watch the videos](#)

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