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Executive summary

The NetworkNature [NbS Task Forces](#) (TFs) Cluster Meeting took place on the 17th of September 2025 in Brussels, Belgium. It gathered more than 100 members of the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) TFs, [NbS Hubs](#) representatives and the European Commission to explore synergies and deepen co-creation between TFs.

The meeting outlined the importance of building connections both within and beyond the NetworkNature community. It further reviewed cross-TF collaboration challenges and introduced Biodiversa+, the BiodivClim Knowledge Hub and the BiodivNbS projects cluster.

A major focus of the meeting was the [NetworkNature Labs](#). After brief introductions from each Lab, participants were invited to join a workshop-style session to advance the ideas in a collaborative spirit.

In a plenary session, each Task Force had the opportunity to share key outcomes and forward-looking objectives. Providing insights on NetworkNature's ongoing work regarding standardisation, updates were then shared on the [CEN-CENELEC](#) NbS Terminology Standard and the [CEN Workshop Agreement](#) (CWA) on Nature-based Insurance and Investments Solutions (NBIS) proposed by the [NATURANCE](#) project. The meeting also included a presentation on the [R&I Roadmap](#) which encouraged NbS Task Forces to provide feedback regarding their alignment with the roadmap objectives. The NbS Task Forces were then invited to cluster in dedicated tables.

In parallel, a tailored Hubs Capacity Building session was held, supporting the NbS Hubs in strengthening their long-term sustainability with actionable strategies to secure long-term financing and stakeholder engagement.

This year's NetworkNature NbS TFs Cluster Meeting also hosted the Urban Greening and Re-Naturing Cluster Meeting.

Introduction

Structure and overview of the meeting

The **NetworkNature (NN) Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Task Forces (TF) Cluster** meeting took place at the Brussels Environment building on the 17th of September 2025. It brought together NN Task Force members, NN NbS Hubs representatives, and the European Commission (European Research Executive Agency and DG Research & Innovation) to take stock of the TFs' achievements, exchange and strengthen synergies, further develop joint ideas and build capacities.

Throughout the day, the meeting focused on co-creation, collaboration and connection facilitated by workshop-style sessions. The morning mainly aimed to advance the **NetworkNature Labs ideas**, selected proposals which received funding from the NetworkNature TFs Operational Fund to implement cross-TF activities. During the afternoon plenary, presentations brought insights on **NbS Task Forces activities, standardisation** work, and the **R&I Roadmap**. In parallel, a tailored **NbS Hubs Capacity Building** session was held.

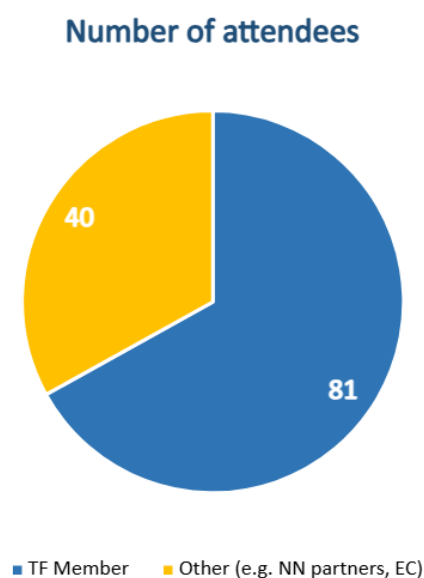
This year's NN NbS TFs Cluster Meeting also hosted the **Urban Greening and Re-Naturing Cluster Meeting**. The agenda of the meeting is provided in Annex 1.

All the slides of the day are available in [this link](#).

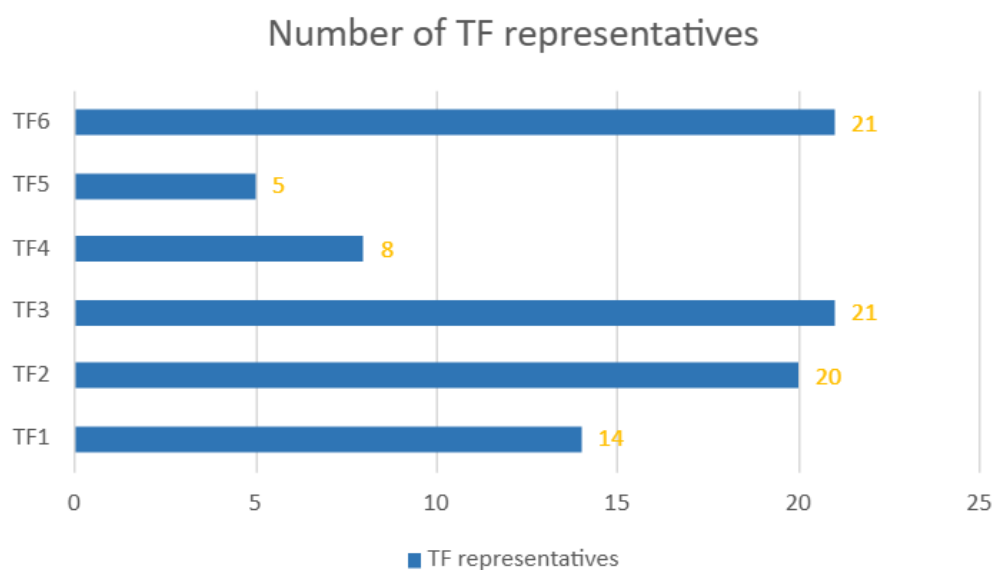
Participation

The meeting was attended by **over 100 participants**, spanning members of TFs, NN Hubs Representatives and the European Commission. All the NbS Task Forces were represented, as can be seen on the graph below.

Number of attendees



Number of TF Representatives



Opening Session

Welcome Speech

Paul Webb, Head of Department for “Green Europe” research, European Commission, DG RTD

Introduction & Agenda

Zuzana Lukacova, IUCN EURO

After welcoming the participants to the NbS Task Forces Cluster Meeting and outlining the objectives of the day, Zuzana Lukacova opened the session by emphasizing the importance of cross-TFs collaboration, as well as connecting beyond the NetworkNature community.

Building Bridges Within and Beyond the NetworkNature Community

Collaborating across the TFs

Evelyn Underwood, IEEP and Zuzana Lukacova, IUCN EURO

Evelyn Underwood (IEEP) and Zuzana Lukacova (IUCN EURO) started by highlighting how the Reinforced NetworkNature Collaboration Framework strengthens Task Force (TF) cooperation through structured bi-annual cluster meetings, NetworkNature Labs, and ad hoc cross-TF actions, aligning efforts with the Research & Innovation (R&I) Roadmap. Building on a survey distributed to the TFs members during the summer, examples of priorities to strengthen cross-TF collaboration were outlined, such as setting clear TF objectives, co-designing flagship cross-TF activities, ensuring active

coordination efforts by TF leads, implementing regular exchanges, and developing standardised methodologies. Current cross-TF collaborations including NetworkNature Labs and joint TF workstreams on indicators, datasheets, and spatial planning guidance were also underscored. Overall, while the current approach to cross-TF collaboration already fosters a collaborative network that enhances impact, aligns with the R&I Roadmap, and advances EU Nature-based Solutions research and innovation, further efforts should be planned to better structure and increase connections across TFs.

NbS Task Forces members were strongly encouraged to send their cross-TF collaboration suggestions through their TF leads.

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 7 to 12).

Introducing Biodiversa+ BiodivNbS projects cluster

Mithila Unkule, Biodiversa+

Extending the NbS horizon beyond the NetworkNature community, Mithila Unkule (Biodiversa+) introduced **Biodiversa+, European Biodiversity Partnership**, an EU co-funded initiative gathering 83 partners from 41 countries. Biodiversa+ supports biodiversity research that impacts policy and society, uniting research and policy actors to advance sustainability goals. Its third joint call **“Nature-based Solutions for Biodiversity, Human Well-being, and Transformative Change” (BiodivNBS)** funds 34 transnational projects promoting NbS development and policy integration at multiple levels. The [BiodivNBS](#) call focuses on three themes:

1. Synergies and trade-offs of NbS for human well-being
2. NbS mitigating biodiversity loss from human activities
3. NbS contributing to equitable, transformative change

Mithila further presented the [BiodivClim Knowledge Hub](#) (2023–2025), which advanced NbS for climate adaptation and mitigation by addressing science-policy-society gaps. Bringing together experts from multiple projects and initiatives across the globe, to enhance collaboration and stakeholder engagement, the Hub identified 27 research gaps and six avenues to improve NbS deployment for climate challenges.

With the purpose to ensure continuity between research hubs and EU-wide coordination, such initiatives could be an entry point for future collaborations between the NetworkNature and Biodiversa+ communities. Examples of potential connection points were mentioned, such as data, governance and education topics, and joint activities.

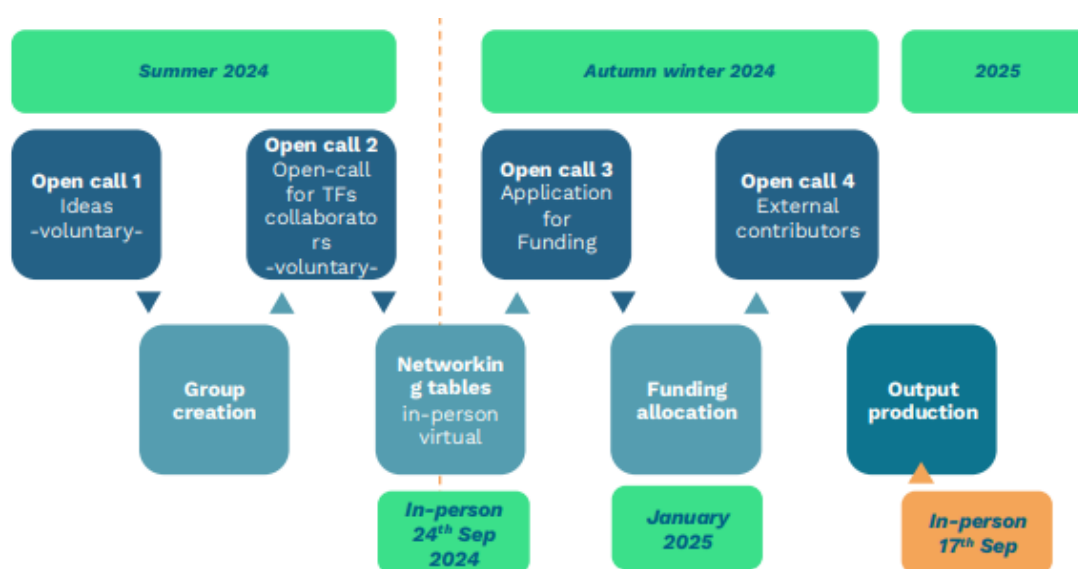
Should they have any collaboration ideas, Mithila encouraged Task Force members to liaise with her at her email address, stated here: Mithila.unkule@fondationbiodiversite.fr

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 13 to 36).

Advancing the NetworkNature Labs Ideas

[NetworkNature \(NN\) Labs](#) are structured as four-step open calls designed to promote and support the development of concrete outputs—such as tools, guidelines, publications, and other initiatives—related to Nature-based Solutions (NbS) within the NbS Task Forces. These outputs count on the support of the **NetworkNature Task Forces Operational Fund** of €112,000.

By encouraging cross-Task Force collaboration and opening participation to new partners, NN Labs help generate outputs driven by genuine interest and engagement. This approach ensures that each initiative is both meaningful and impactful, reflecting the real needs and motivations of contributors.



NetworkNature Labs timeline

Further developing the NetworkNature Labs ideas was a major goal of this year's in-person TFs Cluster Meeting. After short introductory pitches given by each of the eight NN Labs idea leaders, a 1.30-hour workshop session offered the space for discussing and advancing the NN Labs in a cross-collaborative spirit. Each idea was dedicated a table and workshop facilitating materials to conduct their own workshop structure. Participants who were not already part of an idea group were invited to join one of the tables to share their views, explore synergies and create new collaborations.

The table below lists the eight NN Labs ideas and the accompanying workshop leader.

Idea #1 - NbS 101 for Hungarian journalists How to recognise NbS and tell their stories	Mónika Németh, BURST TF6
Idea #2 - From Planning to action A summer school on urban NbS for Professionals	Gregorio Sgrigna, CNR-IRET TF1, TF2
Idea #3 - AIM-NbS Advancing Impact Measurement of Nature-based Solutions	Marcel Cardinali, TH OWL TF 2
Idea #4 - Co-creating NbS in the context of informal settlements Joint lessons with a case in the Global South	Gerd Lupp, TUM, TF6

Idea #5 - An Open-Source Citizen App To map freshwater barriers and biodiversity features	Carlos Garcia de Leaniz, Swansea University & Blue Rivers Foundation TF1
Idea #6 - DSS The Co-creation – co-governance Online Decision Support System	Sean Bradley, Groundwork London TF6
Idea #7 - Integrating Insurance and NbS for Resilience shared dissemination and exploitation activities	Jaroslav Mysiak, Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change TF3
Idea #8 - The NbS Fresco An Educational and Awareness-Raising Tool	Natalia Brack, IID-SII TF4

Adapting NbS101 for Journalists: The Hungarian Experience

Phyllis Posy, Posy Global, TF4 & TF5 | Mónika Németh, BURST, TF6

The initiative aims to **incentivize local journalists to recognise and tell compelling stories about Nature-based Solutions (NbS)** by designing and delivering a **targeted capacity-building programme**. The project is currently in development, with a [Basic Guide](#) already published and the Hungarian Hub working on adapting the materials to the local language and context. A first draft of a Press Orientation Kit, including an adaptation-ready Onboarding Package and Workbook, has also been prepared.

The accompanying workshop aimed to: (1) **review** the essentials of "NbS 101 for Journalists," (2) **showcase** how the Hungarian Hub is localizing the content through the Press Orientation Kit, and (3) **invite** feedback and brainstorming on how others might adopt similar approaches.

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 41 to 43).



The NetworkNature Labs workshop tables

NbS School: From Planning to Action; A Summer School on Urban NbS for Professionals and Academics

Gregorio Sgrigna, CNR IRET – Italy, TF2

The NbS School aims to build capacity among professionals and academics in the planning and implementation of Nature-based Solutions (NbS). **The inaugural edition took place in [Milan \(July 2025\)](#)**, gathering over 40 participants and more than 15 expert speakers for three days of field visits, workshops, co-design sessions, and group projects. Key outcomes included shared lessons learned, expanded professional networks, and ideas for replication.

The workshop objective was to **reflect** on the pilot, **identify** areas for improvement, **discuss** adaptation across diverse contexts, and **gather** feedback on priority topics and effective formats.

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 44 to 46).

AIM-NbS: Advancing Impact Measurement of Nature-based Solutions

Marcel Cardinali (TH OWL) TF 2, Stuart Connop (UEL), Chiara Baldacchini (Uni Tuscia), Carolina Cantergiani (Tecnalia), Agnieszka Oszweska-Guizzo (NeuroLandscape)

The main objective of this initiative is to systematically **gather insights from EU-funded projects to identify bottlenecks, challenges, and successes in impact evaluation**. The development process was kicked off during the workshop with the aim to co-create survey questions.

The survey will be further developed and distributed to EU projects by **November 2025**, initiating data collection. Following this, responses will be analysed, with individual follow-ups and a team workshop to build consensus on key findings and outputs. The initiative will conclude with the creation and dissemination of a policy brief, along with the finalisation and submission of an open-access publication.

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 47 to 49).

Co-creating NbS in the context of informal settlements

Beatriz Caitana, CES, TF6 | Gerd Lupp, TUM, TF6

This initiative focuses on urban regeneration and co-creation of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) within informal settlements, aiming to generate new insights on climate change, environmental justice, and human-nature relationships. Using a **Participatory Action Research (PAR) approach**, the project employs co-diagnostic tools such as cultural mapping, focus groups, and ethnographic observation, alongside various co-design methods. The project emphasises empowering often-overlooked communities by highlighting their **active role in co-creating NbS** to improve daily life. It also facilitates **shared learning** among a transcontinental network of NbS practitioners and partners.

The workshop included an introduction to the Chacrinha informal settlement, followed by reflexive discussions around key themes: comprehensive understanding, systemic exclusion, creating opportunities, and shared values.

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 50 to 56).

A Citizen Science app for mapping river barriers & freshwater features

Carlos Garcia de Leaniz, Swansea University & Blue Rivers Foundation, TF1

Carlos Garcia de Leaniz presented the development of a generic Citizen Science app designed to **map river barriers and freshwater biodiversity**, with a beta version scheduled for release in October 2025 based on user input.

The workshop aimed to finalise a features wish list through consultation, establish a blueprint for using Citizen Science to map freshwater biodiversity, and engage aquatic projects and groups to expand participation and impact.

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 57 to 59).



The Citizen App workshop table: establishing priorities and interlinkages in the app features

Co-creation/Co-governance Online Decision Support System

Sean Bradley, Groundwork London, TF6

The initiative's objective is to consolidate the development of a decision support system (DSS) designed to **guide users through structured co-creation and co-governance pathways**. Currently, the DSS is 70-75% complete and available for testing, with ongoing exploration of application scenarios, AI integration, and an expanded focus on a constellation of support tools.

The workshop aimed to explore user scenarios across different contexts, identify various ways to use the DSS alone or alongside other tools, suggest improvements, and assess synergies and gaps among existing tools. Additionally, it discussed the **future implications of AI** on the co-creation process.

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 60 to 63).

Integrating insurance and NbS for resilience

Jaroslav Mysiak, CMCC, TF3

Jaroslav Mysiak presented the objective of the initiative which is to develop simple, **engaging visuals and animations** that clearly illustrate **financial solutions and business innovations**, making them accessible, reusable, and valuable to a broad audience. The project is currently compiling collections of financial solutions and harmonizing templates, while contracting an illustrator and forming an event steering committee to organise a launch event.

The workshop aimed to contribute to the collection process and discuss a common graphical workflow.

For further details see [here](#) (pages 64 to 66).

NbS Fresco

Natalia Brack & Giulia Bussoletti | Institut de l'Innovation Durable Sustainable Innovation Institute (IID-SII) | TF4-6

The main objective of [this initiative](#) is to equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and **collaborative mindset** needed to understand, apply, and advocate for Nature-based Solutions (NbS). It aims to **transform abstract concepts into tangible insights**, foster systemic and participatory thinking, and promote the wider adoption of NbS in communities, policies, and planning. The concept note has been finalised, and the methodology was reviewed at the workshop.

For further details please see [here](#) (pages 67 to 69).



NbS Fresco workshop table: testing the Fresco methodology

Next Steps for the NetworkNature Labs

Building on the workshop outputs, NN Labs will continue to develop in the coming months. Once they are finalised, Labs teams have been requested to share their feedback through a reporting form.

Task Forces Updates

In this session, NbS TF representatives briefed the participants on their progress. They shared key outcomes and future objectives as well as identifying opportunities for collaboration. These insights are captured in the table below.

For further details please see [here](#) (page 74 to 103).

Task Force	Key Achievements	Future Objectives
TF1: Data and Knowledge Sharing Paul Mahony, Oppla	Membership grew by 240% to over 100 members. The first hackathon focused on metadata templates for NbS indicators, followed by a second on AI ethics during a TF event. Collaboration with TF2, TF3, and the EC team advanced NbS data standardisation. Two new workstreams—AI and impact modelling—were launched.	Pilot-ready metadata templates for NbS impact are planned for 2026, alongside AI learning events and guidance for NbS projects. Support will be provided for the EU Science Service for Biodiversity launching in 2026. All NbS projects and outputs aim to be onboarded to NetworkNature by July 2026.

TF2: Integrated Assessment Framework Louis Durrant, IEEP	Defined a set of new workstreams taking stock of current work of TF2 members.	Developing a Mini Handbook on biodiversity indicators, enhancing the usability and synergy of NbS indicators, consolidating evidence for an integrated assessment framework, and providing guidance on NbS in spatial planning. The plan also aims to strengthen collaboration with TF1, TF3, and TF6.
TF3: Finance and Business Models (for NbS) in a Nature-Positive Economy Chrispin Sanga, Steinbeis Europa Zentrum	The EC Expert publication “Policy Imperatives for a Competitive and Resilient Nature Positive Economy”, will launch at EBNS 2025 in Helsinki. Collaboration on Horizon Europe WP 2025 has formed consortia for at least four calls, with feedback provided on EC funding calls. A webinar series with I4N began alongside joint events including a collective presence at EBNS 2025.	Launch and wide dissemination of the 2025 EC expert publication, collaboration on Horizon Europe WP 2026 calls, confirmation to update the GoNP publication by end of 2027, and implementation of NNLabs on Insurance.

TF4: NbS CommunicatorsKassia Rudd, ICLEI Europe	Delivered fresh, audience-focused public outputs, fostering strong partner contributions and producing key resources like the Journalist Design Guide, NetworkNature Reads, NbS Lexicon, and Challenge Workshops.	Build awareness by collaborating on communications and engaging media to showcase NbS impact, exchange knowledge to align communication and impact measurement, and support advocacy by promoting NbS in tenders, highlighting successes, and advancing policy integration.
TF5: NbS Education Rasa Pakeltienė, eNaBIS	Enables society to bend the biodiversity curve through seven Living Labs across Austria, Finland, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic.	Compile policy recommendations to strengthen NbS education from recent mapping, identify shared challenges like integrating science education into research, and share updates across NbS networks. Promote existing materials through member channels, leverage effective platforms to reach target audiences, and use TF5 meetings for project introductions, knowledge exchange, and collaboration.

TF6: Co-Creation and Governance Zuzana Lukacova, IUCN EURO	Produced guidelines and workshops on inclusive engagement, focusing on often excluded stakeholders and redefining inclusion and nature’s voice. Updated the online co-creation tool through NN Labs, with tests planned and spatial planning work launched.	WS2 plans to launch the first beta of the co-creation DSS by Q2 2026, evolve it with AI enhancements, integrate online tools, and develop a framework to assess AI’s impact on co-creation.
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* By ‘Commonly excluded stakeholders’ TF6 understand social groups highly interested in or significantly affected by NbS, but are unable or unwilling to participate, engage, or meaningfully contribute to co-creation processes.

Aligning NbS Work through Standardisation

To ensure the success of an effective NbS roll out, **collective efforts of public funded projects must be further aligned**. Building on the NbS Task Forces pivotal role in scaling and replicating NbS, NetworkNature actively foster this effort by contributing to NbS standardisation initiatives. Two of them were presented during a dedicated session at this year’s TFs Cluster Meeting.

Updates on the NbS Terminology Standard – (CEN-CENELEC)

Daniela Rizzi, ICLEI

Originating from CEN/TC 465 on Sustainable & Smart Cities, the NbS Terminology Standard aims to create a **common vocabulary and classification for Nature-based Solutions (NbS) across Europe**, supporting alignment in policy, research, and practice. Based on the UNEA-5.2 NbS

definition and aligned with frameworks such as the IUCN Global Standard, KMGBF Targets, the EU Green Deal, Biodiversity Strategy 2030, Nature Restoration Law, and EU Taxonomy, it seeks to underpin the development of a nature-positive economy. Daniela Rizzi (ICLEI) outlined how **NetworkNature prioritised NbS in European standardisation**, launching a Task Group that identified terminology as a key need and contributing to the formation of CEN/TC 465/WG 1 to ensure global alignment through UNEP processes.

The first European NbS standard (prEN 18140) aims to establish shared terminology and classifications to address challenges like the **lack of clear definitions, unclear benefits, and communication gaps**. Its core principles emphasise biodiversity net gain, sustainability, inclusive governance, and multifunctionality. Recent revisions strengthen the focus on biodiversity and resilience, clarify distinctions between NbS and related concepts, and expand technical and policy-relevant terminology.

This standard harmonises language across the EU, supporting planning, procurement, monitoring, and policies such as the EU Nature Restoration Law, while providing a **reference framework** for evaluating and investing in NbS.

For further details please see [here](#) (page 105 to 117).

Updates on the CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA) on Nature-based Insurance and Investments Solutions - Naturance

Jaroslav Mysiak, Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change,
NATURANCE | TF3

Jaroslav Mysiak (CMCC) introduced the CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA), a technical document created through a Workshop and representing the consensus of its registered participants who oversee its content. This pre-standard remains valid for up to six years, during which time it may be upgraded to a European or ISO standard.

Building on the work of NetworkNature projects, [NATURANCE](#) is developing a CWA on Nature-based Insurance and Investments Solutions (NBIS) that aims to define shared performance metrics and design principles.

By considering **nature as an asset**, ecosystem insurance can play a key role in covering infrastructure reconstruction, de-risking investments for restoration projects, and guaranteeing Nature-based Solutions performance.

Jaroslav highlighted how **the CWA can contribute to closing the finance gaps related to climate action, disaster risk reduction, and biodiversity** by providing transparent criteria and guidelines for integrating NbS into the design and operational frameworks of NBIIS.

Jaroslav informed interested attendees of future opportunities to get involved in the development of the CWA, namely:

- The CWA Kick-off Meeting on September 18, 10am-12:30pm CEST
- Monthly meetings in the fall and winter (to be announced)
- Reviewing the working document on the CEN portal

NB: Official registration with CEN/UNI is required in order to give feedback.
The registration period closes in November.

For further details please see [here](#) (page 118 to 133).

Task Forces and the NbS R&I Roadmap: Measuring Impact

Evelyn Underwood, IEEP | Mithila Unkule, Biodiversa+

Through a plenary presentation dedicated to the NbS Task Forces (TFs), Evelyn Underwood (IEEP) and Mithila Unkule (Biodiversa+) delved into the [NbS Research & Innovation Roadmap](#) and provided insights on TFs role in implementing it.

The European NbS R&I Roadmap aims to consolidate EU research, implementation, and coordination efforts, establish a shared vision, and provide a **central platform for advancing NbS innovation across Europe**. It seeks to empower policy, practice, business, and citizens to fully leverage NbS for a sustainable and just societal transformation grounded in robust evidence. The roadmap guides strategic planning and monitors progress, with

mid-term updates planned by 2027 to assess gaps, projects, and revise the strategy.

TFs are vital in this process, addressing knowledge gaps, integrating evidence and innovation, contributing to roadmap updates, and monitoring implementation.

To facilitate this effort, NbS Task Forces are strongly encouraged to integrate the roadmap implementation topic in meeting agendas and to fill the NbS R&I Roadmap implementation tracker accessible [here](#) every 6 months.

Action Area	Action	TF1 data & knowledge	TF2 Integrated assessment	TF3 finance	TF4 comms	TF5 education	TF6 co-creation and governance
ACTION AREA 1 – ADVANCING NBS KNOWLEDGE AND DATA	1a. Advancing knowledge for sustainable and effective NbS design and implementation	- development of a shared case study template and API		- Identify current gaps within investment policies and practices, such as the lack of financial incentives for green/NbS investments and produce recommendations			

Extract from the NbS R&I Roadmap implementation tracker

The red text is draft text from TF action plans Jan-June 2025 - to be replaced with text on outputs and achievements

For further details please see [here](#) (page 134 to 155).

Clustering Tables

After the presentation of the NbS R&I Roadmap by Biodiversa+, each Task Force gathered in person for **dedicated Task Force-specific working sessions**. These sessions provided space to: reflect on progress since the previous cluster meeting, identify ongoing work that needs coordination across partners, discuss planned activities for the upcoming period, and explore opportunities for collaboration with other NbS Task Forces and relevant projects.

The clustering tables were designed as **working dialogues**, rather than formal presentations, allowing participants to share challenges, clarify next steps, and align contributions to the overarching objectives of NetworkNature. Notes from these discussions have been captured in the following sections and will feed into both the shared annual work planning and the next cluster coordination checkpoint.

NbS Hubs Capacity Building

An external expert from Euromed Consulting Group supported this session by presenting an **independent assessment of the current NbS Hub landscape**, drawing on a preparatory questionnaire and earlier consultations with the Hubs. The consultant's initial presentation outlined shared structural, governance, and funding challenges across the network and highlighted the need for stronger coordination, clearer Hub identities, and more sustainable long-term operating models. Building on this overview, the NbS Hub coordinators took part in an interactive World Café discussion to reflect on how Hubs can **grow, collaborate more effectively, and sustain their work beyond NetworkNature**. Conversations converged around common priorities such as improving alignment, strengthening communication and branding, and exploring diversified funding pathways.

The outcomes of this session, together with the consultant's subsequent guidance report, will inform upcoming work to shape a future support

framework for NbS Hubs and to develop practical recommendations for their continued efforts and longevity.

Urban Greening and Re-Naturing Projects Cluster Meeting

This 90-minute cluster meeting took place back-to-back with the NetworkNature Annual Event, demonstrating the platform's **strong convening power**. The session brought together projects funded under the EU Missions **'Adaptation to Climate Change'** and **'Climate-neutral and Smart Cities'** that are working to advance urban greening, renaturing and climate-resilient city planning.

Representatives exchanged practical experiences from implementation across different urban contexts, including governance arrangements, co-creation with communities, procurement, monitoring approaches and strategies to ensure long-term maintenance and financing of nature-based interventions. **Common challenges** were discussed, such as navigating regulatory frameworks, aligning municipal departments, securing political support and sustaining momentum beyond the project lifetime. The session highlighted **clear opportunities for continued collaboration**, including shared communication activities, contributions to joint knowledge products, and participation in future thematic cluster exchanges facilitated by NetworkNature.

Wrap-up and concluding remarks

Zuzana Lukacova | IUCN EURO

Zuzana Lukacova (IUCN EURO) concluded the meeting by thanking the attendees for their participation and summarising the day. She also outlined the future work of the NbS Task Forces and the next cluster meeting scheduled for **spring 2026**.

Zuzana praised the success of the meeting which was marked by a strong sense of **collaboration, learning, and shared purpose**. Throughout the day, the importance of cross-Task Force dialogue and strengthened links between the TFs, Hubs, and European institutions was clearly reaffirmed. The meeting served not only to reflect on what has been achieved so far, but also to collectively shape what comes next.

Ultimately, the day reaffirmed that progress in the NbS field is grounded in connection—between ideas, people, and practices. As a next step, NetworkNature will continue to facilitate these connections, building the bridges necessary for truly **transformative change** across Europe's Nature-based Solutions community.

Annex 1: Agenda

09h30 – 10h20		
Welcome and introduction		
09h00 09h05	Welcome Speech	Paul Webb, European Commission
09h05 09h10	Introduction & Agenda	Zuzanna Lukacova, IUCN
09h10 - 09h30	Building Bridges Within and Beyond the NetworkNature Community	
09h10 09h20	Collaborating across the TFs	Evelyn Underwood, IEEP Zuzanna Lukacova, IUCN
09h20 09h30	Introducing Biodiversa+ BiodivNbS projects cluster	Mithila Unkule, FRB
09h30 – 09h55		
Advancing the NN Labs Ideas		
09h30 09h55	Introduction from the NN Labs ideas and objectives of the workshop	Ideas leaders • Mónika Németh, BURST TF6 • Gregorio Sgrigna, CNR-IRET TF1, TF2 • Marcel Cardinali, TH OWL TF 2 • Gerd Lupp, TUM, TF6 • Carlos Garcia de Leániz, Swansea University & Blue Rivers Foundation TF1 • Sean Bradley, Groundwork London TF6 • Jaroslav Mysiak, Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change TF3 • Natalia BRACK, IID-SII TF4
09h55 10h30	Coffee break	
10h30 12h00		
Advancing the NN Labs ideas		
Building on a cross-collaborative spirit, this workshop-style session will focus on further developing the 8 NN Labs ideas, each being dedicated a specific table. Participants who are not already part of an idea group will be invited to join one of the tables to share their views, explore synergies and create new collaborations.		

12h00 13h40	Lunch Break	
13h40 14h10	Task Forces Updates	
	Key updates from the NbS Task Forces & Objectives of the session	NbS TFs Representatives: • TF1 - Paul Mahony • TF2 - Louis Durrant • TF3 - Chrispin Sanga • TF4 - Kassia Rudd • TF5 - Rasa Pakeltienė • TF6 – Natalia Burgos
14h10 14h30	Aligning NbS Work through Standardisation	
14h10 14h20	Updates on the NbS Terminology Standard – (CEN-CENELEC)	Daniela Rizzi, ICLEI
14h20 14h30	Updates on the CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA) on Nature-based Insurance and Investments Solutions	Jaroslav Mysiak, Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change, NATURANCE TF3
14h30 16h30	Task Forces Session	
14h30 15h00	TFs and the R&I Roadmap: Measuring impact	Evelyn Underwood, IEEP Mithila Unkule, FRB
15h00 16h30	Task Forces Tables Each Task Force will be given a dedicated space to gather and advance internal work.	
14h30 16h30	NbS Hubs Capacity Building: Strengthening the NbS Hubs and Ensuring Long-term Sustainability	
14h00 16h30	Urban Greening and Renaturing Projects Cluster Meeting	
16h30 16h35	Wrap-up and concluding remarks	IUCN
16h35	Final Coffee	



NetworkNature is an expanding 'network of networks' working together to raise awareness, share knowledge and build capacity about nature-based solutions to accelerate their uptake in business, science, policy and practice along the policy priorities of the European Green Deal. It will maintain and add to a diverse and science-based repository of evidence on NbS, strengthen partnerships and foster new relationships around a clear, strategic framework for action. This work is underpinned by an up-to-date EU Research & Innovation NBS Roadmap and NetworkNature's six priority themes: Biodiversity enhancement and ecosystem restoration; Sustainable food systems; Zero Pollution; Climate adaptation, mitigation and resilience; Sustainable finance, investment and just transition; Sustainable urban and regional transformation.



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