

Introducing the Nature-based Solutions*

Hubs

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What are NbS Hubs?

NbS Hubs are strategic and creative one-stop shops for **NbS knowledge within a country/region**. They grow from existing networks and organisational structures to **connect and engage stakeholders** in their local language with the ultimate goal of mainstreaming NbS across the local, regional, and national policy levels. Each Hub is self-administered and chooses its own priorities, topics and focus, based on the needs and requirements of the region and partners.

Why NbS Hubs?

NbS Hubs bring together researchers, policymakers, cities, businesses, educators and the general public to address local barriers, and opportunities for NbS and create a nuanced understanding of NbS across ecological, geographic, economic and political contexts.

*Nature-based Solutions (NbS): “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, resilience and biodiversity benefits” UNEA-5

Where are the NbS Hubs?



- 1 NetworkNature Nordic Hub
- 2 Scottish NbS Hub
- 3 Polish NBS Hub in Wroclaw
- 4 Flanders NbS Hub
- 5 NbS Ukrainian Hub
- 6 TeAM Hub (Hungary)
- 7 South Eastern Europe NbS Hub
- 8 NbS Italy Hub
- 9 Caucasus NbS Hub
- 10 NbS Hub Portugal
- 11 Spanish NbS Hub

How do the NbS Hubs work together?

The growing network of NbS Hubs is supported by NetworkNature and the UrbanByNature Programme. What is a network of hubs? **A network of networks creating a community to support NbS implementation across geographies and policy scales.** NbS hubs are dynamic and respond to their local contexts and needs. They help **create a nuanced understanding of NbS across Europe by looking into local specificities** of NbS both in terms of the context (i.e. political, socio-economic, climatic) and finding ways to better address local societal challenges.

The NbS Hubs meet annually as part of the NetworkNature Annual Event, they have a **dedicated space on the NetworkNature platform**, and come together for knowledge exchange and capacity building activities.

More information about the NbS Hubs is available [online](#) and in the [Hubs Booklet](#).

How do the NbS Hubs work with NetworkNature?

NetworkNature is investing in relationships and working with local partners to **create long-lasting governance structures for NbS**.

NetworkNature connects NbS networks from the local, regional, and national levels at the EU level for mainstreaming, fostering capacity building and knowledge exchange, building relationships and new partnerships, and implementing more NbS policy and practices across ecosystems, geographies, and police levels. **NN works with Hubs by:**

Supporting the set-up of new Hubs

Promoting Hubs activities

Providing access to state-of-the-art knowledge and networks

Responding to emerging needs of the Hubs

Enhancing communication and outreach initiatives

Organising events and exchange opportunities

Offering networking and connections

Hosting a space on the NetworkNature website

Implementing capacity building activities

What do NbS Hubs focus on?

The NbS Hubs have the **opportunity to expand their work and network with others on NbS**. They will engage in leading a **variety of activities supported by NN**:

Organise and host a 'launch' event

Foster multi-level collaboration between cities, regions, and national governments

Provide peer-to-peer learning opportunities

Share insights, reports, case studies, guidance and other documents on NbS with NN

Involve the general public in NbS actions

Participate in NetworkNature events

Want to learn more or launch a NbS Hub?

If you are interested in launching a NbS Hub or bringing NbS into an existing Hub set-up, NetworkNature invites you to fill out this [expression of interest form](#) or send an email to networknature help desk email: hubscoordination@networknature.eu



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