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The NatUR-W 2nd Newsletter is here!

Dive into the latest updates on sustainable urban water management and nature-based solutions (NbS)!

This edition highlights the power of working with nature, featuring our participation in Spain's premier environmental congress CONAMA 2024, and showcasing NatUR-W's impact under the European Urban Initiative at Murcia Info Day.

Dive also into IUCN Global Standard for NbS Workshops, stakeholder Meetings and the 1st Opening Site Visit! You can also explore NatUR-W new website which is a hub for all project news and resources!

Happy reading!

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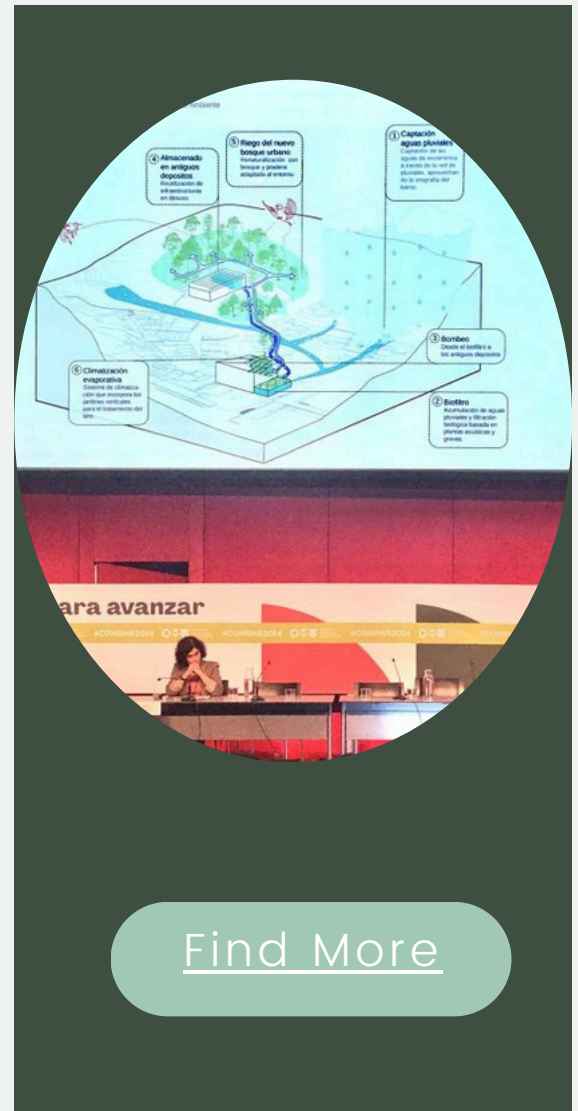


NatUR-W at CONAMA 2024!

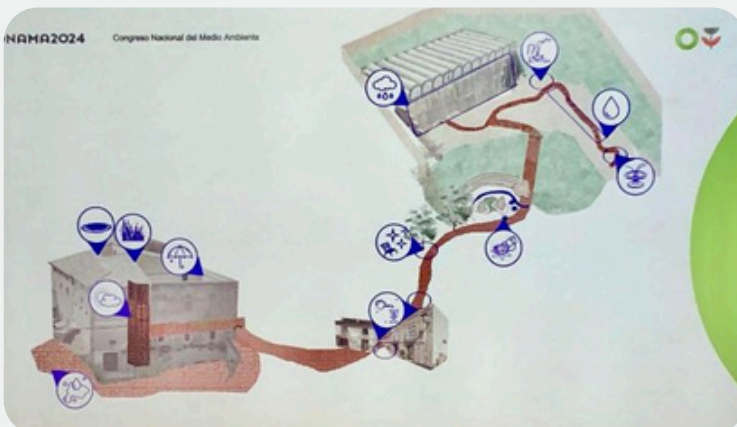
We are excited to share that our partner, Singular Green, represented the NatUR-W project at the National Environmental Congress (CONAMA2024) in Madrid on December 2, 2024.

CONAMA organized by Fundación Conama, is Spain's premier event for promoting sustainability and environmental action, bringing together experts, organizations, and stakeholders to explore innovative solutions for pressing environmental challenges.

At the event, Jordi Serramia, CEO of Singular Green, presented the main objectives of NatUR-W, focusing on the integration of rainwater into urban planning and how it will drive the project's interventions.



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NatUR-W Leaflet!

Our Promotional materials are ready! View and download NatUR-W general trifold brochure from website.

ABOUT NatUR-W



NatUR-W is regenerating Barrios Altos, a neighborhood in Lorca's historic centre, to combat energy poverty and the inefficient use of natural water resources in the face of climate change and rising temperatures.

The project's new urban regeneration system uses self-sustaining nature-based solutions (NbS) that respect the natural water cycle in the area.

“Actions include improving energy efficiency of social housing and public buildings, and creating green areas that can act as bioclimatic shelters. In this way, NbS will help improve living conditions, providing Ecosystem Services (ES) and supporting the recovery of the historic city centre.”

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NatUR-W at Murcia Info Day!

We're excited to share that the Municipal Council of Lorca City participated in the Murcia Info Day, where they presented the NatUR-W project as a successful case under the European Urban Initiative (EUI).

During the event, Lorca City representatives highlighted the project's achievements in implementing nature-based solutions (Nbs) for sustainable water management and urban resilience. The session also provided valuable insights into the upcoming EUI calls, offering new opportunities for cities and stakeholders to contribute to a greener, more sustainable future!



NatUR-W Coordination Meeting

On January 23, 2025, the NatUR-W partners came together for a productive Coordination Meeting, to review project progress, align strategies, and plan the next steps for the initiative.

The meeting fostered collaboration and shared our partners' efforts as we work toward achieving NatUR-W sustainability goals.

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IUCN Global Standard for NbS Workshop!

The energy was truly inspiring at our recent IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions (NbS) workshop where 17 dedicated professionals from Ireland, Spain, Italy, and Greece came together to explore the transformative potential of nature in urban environments.

Over three immersive days, from February 26th to 28th, participants deepened their understanding of the IUCN Standard's principles, honing their skills in designing, implementing, and evaluating impactful NbS projects.

Through real-world case studies, engaging discussions, hands-on exercises, and expert guidance from Sara Pelaez Sanchez (NBSCLIMATE), they gained a deeper understanding of how to design, implement, and evaluate impactful NbS projects.



[Discover more about the workshop here](#)

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New Website

We are excited to introduce the new NatUR-W project website!

Designed to be an informative hub, the website, along with EUI Lorca's website, will serve as a key platform for sharing project updates, results, and insights on NbS for sustainable urban water management.

Stay tuned for the latest news, events, and resources as we work towards a greener, more resilient future!

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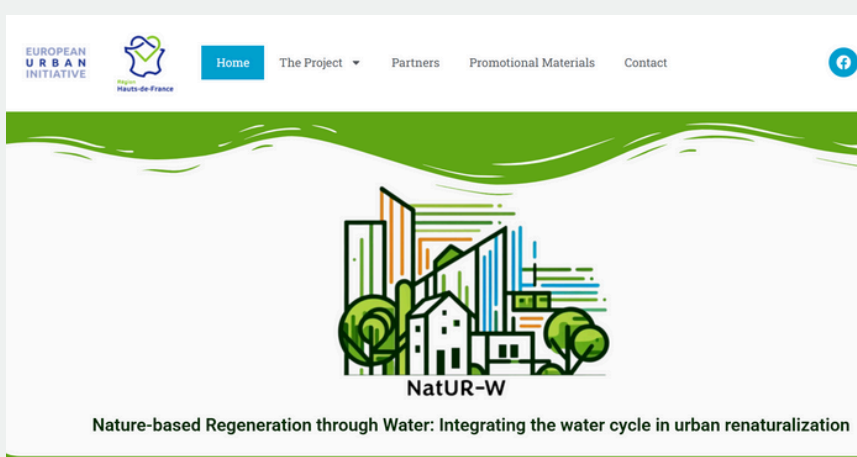


4th Stakeholders Meeting

The 4th Stakeholders Meeting of the project took place on February 25, 2025, bringing together 18 members of the project's stakeholders board.

The meeting opened with a presentation on the latest project progress, where Singular Green and NBSCLIMATE technicians unveiled the final plans for the urban park and prison.

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Opening Site Visit, Lorca, 26–27 February 2025



NatUR-W Opening Site Visit was successfully held on February 26–27, 2025, in Lorca, Spain. Hosted by Lorca City Council, this two-day meeting brought together all project partners (both Delivery and Transfer Partners), as well as the Transfer Expert and Innovative Action Expert. Attendees had the opportunity to present the project's progress, discuss about the future actions, participate in interactive workshops, and visit the city of Lorca and the intervention area. The meeting, held at “Ayuntamiento de Lorca – Área de Urbanismo”, in a hybrid format, allowing all consortium members to participate in the discussions and the workshops.

The event ended with a collaborative workshop, where participants contributed to the development of a work plan that will ensure the continued progress and successful implementation of the NatUR-W project across all partner cities.

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