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A Highly Active and Productive Period for NatUR-W!

Over the past few months, NatUR-W has experienced a dynamic and productive period. Our partners have been actively representing the project across a wide range of events, including webinars, forums, conferences, and expert meetings, sharing knowledge, exchanging insights, and strengthening collaborations across Europe.

From presenting innovative Nature-based Solutions to contributing to discussions on urban resilience and sustainable water management, NatUR-W continues to grow its impact and visibility within the international community.

Read on the following pages about:

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- NatUR-W Transfer ID Card
- Urban Renaturalization and Resilience in Lorca
- NatUR-W 1st webinar
- NatUR-W at Cities Forum 2025
- 64th European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress, etc.

Stay tuned, more updates and activities are on the way!

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Celebrating Europe Day in the Aranda de Duero City Council!

On May 7th, NatUR-W had the pleasure of participating in a special evening at Ribering, where young people, innovators, and sustainability leaders came together to explore how Europe is shaping a greener future.

During the event, Jesús Iglesias Saugar from NBSCLIMATE showcased groundbreaking Nature-based Solutions (NbS) initiatives, including:

- 🍇 NATMed Prima Project: Strengthening water resilience across the Mediterranean through innovative NbS approaches.
- 🍇 NatUR-W: Driving urban regeneration by reconnecting cities with integrated water cycles and renaturalization strategies.
- 🍇 CoLab Europe: Fostering rural coworking ecosystems to counter depopulation and support thriving rural communities.

We're proud to see NatUR-W highlighted among these transformative European projects. Events like this reaffirm the power of collaboration, creativity, and community-driven innovation.

Let's keep pushing toward a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future for all!

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Introducing the NatUR-W Transfer ID Card!

We are pleased to share the new Transfer ID Card of the NatUR-W project, a key communication tool that presents our project's key goals, activities, and expected outcomes.

Designed to support outreach and engagement, the Transfer ID Card is a useful tool for anyone interested in understanding and sharing the NatUR-W approach to improve cities through better water management.

We invite you to explore it and share it within your networks!



[View and download it here!](#)

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NatUR-W Project: Urban Renaturalization and Resilience in Lorca!

Can a project radically transform a run-down neighbourhood while tackling water scarcity, energy poverty, and social fragmentation?



Key elements of the project:

- Integrated Water Management
- Community Engagement
- Technological Innovation

Discover how Lorca is becoming a European benchmark for urban resilience and environmental sustainability.

Read the full article to learn more about the NatUR-W



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NatUR-W 1st webinar: Nature-based Solutions and Participatory Design: Exchange of Experiences Between EU-funded Projects

On 28 May 2025, the UNESCO Water Center for Integrated and Multidisciplinary Water Resources Management (CIMWRM) of AUTH successfully hosted the 1st webinar in the NatUR-W series:

"Nature-based Solutions and Participatory Design: Exchange of Experiences Between EU-funded Projects."

Co-hosted with the NATMed Prima Project and ReGenWestT, the event brought together over 30 participants and an inspiring panel of speakers, who explored real-world applications of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and participatory design practices across diverse EU-funded initiatives.

[Read more here](#)

Steering Committee Meeting, hosted by the Lorca City Council in June 2025!

The NatUR-W consortium gathered on the 3rd and 4th of June 2025 in Lorca for a productive Steering Committee Meeting, hosted by the Lorca City Council and NBSCLIMATE at the Town Planning Office.



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NatUR-W at Cities Forum 2025!

The NatUR-W project was present at the Cities Forum 2025, a key event that brought together urban representatives, sustainability experts, and European authorities to discuss the future of cities.

Held from 17 to 19 June in Kraków, Poland, the forum provided an excellent opportunity to present the project's progress in implementing Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) for sustainable water management and urban regeneration.

Through presentations and networking opportunities, NatUR-W shared experiences from the LorcaCity pilot project and strengthened collaboration with other EU-funded initiatives.



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NatUR-W at the 64th European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress

We are proud to share that Mr. Dionysis Latinopoulos from the CIMWRM, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) represented NatUR-W at the 64th European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress, held in Athens, 26-29 August 2025, under the theme: "Regional Science in Turbulent Times: In search of a resilient, sustainable and inclusive future."

[Read the article here](#)



Co-designing urban nature-based innovative GreenThermoWalls for climate change adaptation in a Nature-based City (NatU)

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Smart City Expo World Congress SCEWC25

The global event for cities and urban innovation, taking place from 4-6 November 2025 in Barcelona, Spain.



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Building Insect hotels Workshop!

NBSCLIMATE with the support of the Ayuntamiento de Lorca held a workshop on building insect hotels with the children of the neighbourhood, an activity to raise awareness of the importance of urban biodiversity and explain the positive impacts that our interventions will have on the city.



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Publication – Transforming Public Space with Nature-Based Solutions: Lessons learned from Participatory Regeneration in Lorca, Spain

We're pleased to announce that our latest research, conducted under the supervision and initiative of Dionysis Latinopoulos from the CIMWRM, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), as part of the NatUR-W Project, has been published in Land (MDPI)!

The open-access article, "Transforming Public Space with Nature-Based Solutions: Lessons from Participatory Regeneration in Lorca, Spain," Land 2025, 14(10), 2066, explores how participatory governance and co-design can foster more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable urban regeneration.

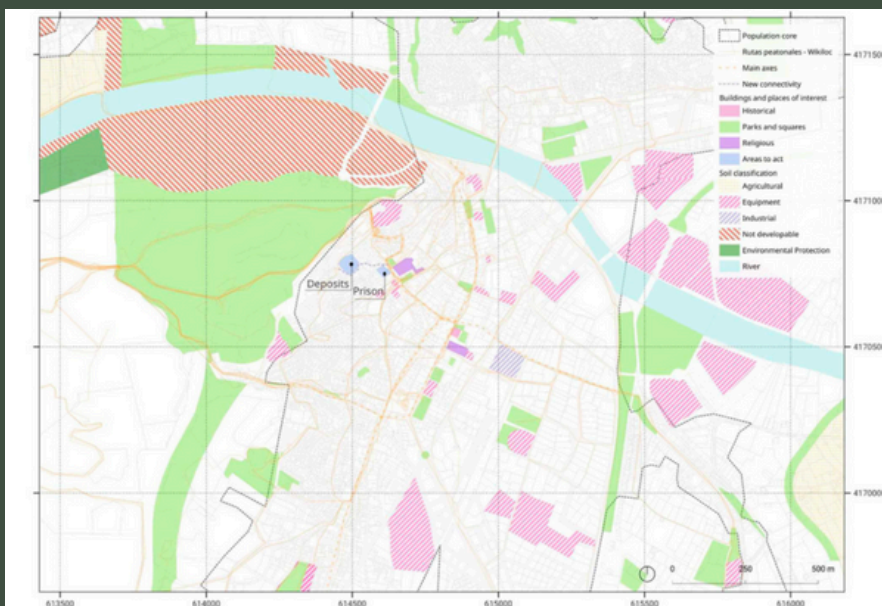


Figure 1. Map of the study area, showing the project location and its environmental context (Source: Authors' own elaboration).

[Read the full article here!](#)

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On 30 October, the NATMed Prima Project hosted its third and final external webinar, organized by our partner Demir Enerji.

NatUR-W and UNaLab were invited to present insights from the participatory methods used in their projects dedicated to citizen engagement and co-creation in the implementation of Nature-based Solutions (Nbs).

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Transfer Cities Meeting in Mantova

On September 30 and October 1, the city of Mantova (Italy) hosted an inspiring two-day meeting of the Transfer Cities involved in the NatUR-W project under the European Urban Initiative (EUI).

Representatives from Mantova (Italy), Lorca (Spain), Fyli (Greece), and Sligo (Ireland) came together to share progress, exchange experiences, and strengthen cooperation in advancing sustainable urban transformation and climate resilience across Europe.



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NatUR-W at the Smart City Expo World Congress 2025 in Barcelona!



We're proud to share that Iván Murcia from SingularGreen represented the NatUR-W Project at the Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC25) in Barcelona on 5 November, the world's leading event on urban innovation and sustainable city development.

During the joint session organized by the European Urban Initiative (EUI), Iván presented the first results of NatUR-W, alongside other inspiring New European Bauhaus projects. The session explored how European cities are accelerating sustainability through integrated approaches and participatory urban design.

This participation highlighted how NatUR-W is helping transform Lorca, Spain, through Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) that promote urban resilience, sustainable water management, and community well-being, contributing to a greener and more inclusive urban future.



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