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[Citilab](#) Plaça de Can Surís, s/n, 08940, Cornellà de Llobregat

The EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 calls upon cities with over 20.000 inhabitants to create Urban Greening Plans. These plans aim to **bring nature into cities**, support biodiversity and mitigate climate change. This is the framework of LIFE UrbanGreeningPlans, a 2-year project that focuses on practical implementation measures for Urban Greening.

www.euoparc.org/life-urbangreeningplans/

How can we further enhance ecosystem services in our cities?
How can green spaces contribute to urban resilience?
How can we incorporate urban greening at different levels of government?

Those are the questions we will answer during this high-level event.

At this final conference of LIFE UrbanGreeningPlans, we will bring together people from **different disciplines** to reflect on urban greening, sharing best practice case studies and working towards a common framework. To do so, we will take into account multiple scales and angles. We will consider a wide range of **urban ecosystems**, from urban forests, parks, blue and green corridors, to others. Furthermore, we will consider the actual contexts of climate change, rapid urbanization and social uncertainty.

During two days, Conference participants will enjoy a **highly interactive programme**. From the presentation of the different project actions in the cities of Athens, Barcelona, Brussels, Milan and Lisbon, to thought-provoking keynote speakers, the event will have no shortage of **inspiration for decision makers and urban planners** across Europe.

[**Register here**](#)

Please note that changes and amendments to the programme might still be possible.



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Programme

Live interpretation into Catalan will be available on both days.

Day 1, 14.03 - Final Conference Urban Greening Plans

8:45	Registration	
09:15	Opening session Institutional welcome	Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB) Bruxelles Environnement
9:45	Session 1: UGPlans: nature based urbanism	
	EU Launch UGPlans (15 minutes)	Benjamin Casper Environmental Policy Advisor at the European Commission DG ENVIRONMENT
	Challenges: Urban adaptation and change from social justice and ecological resilience perspectives (30 minutes)	Brian McGrath Professor of Urban Design, Parsons School of Design
	Presentation of the new Barcelona Metropolitan Area Masterplan (15 minutes)	Jacob Cirera Urban Policy Development Area - AMB
	Discussion (30 minutes)	
11:15	Coffee break	
11:45	Session 2: Urban forests. Inspiration from other cities	
	Madrid metropolitan forest. The opportunity of a large peri-urban	Sílvia Villacañas Director of Strategic Planning. Madrid City Council





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	park (15 minutes)	
	Green and blue infrastructure (GBI) for ecological resilient cities (15 minutes)	Míriam García Doctor of architecture and director of LANDLAB
	Transforming the city: urban forests as nature-based solutions (15 minutes)	Corina Basnou Researcher at CREAF Erasmus + Uforest ; H2020 CLEARING HOUSE; H2020 CONEXUS
	Discussion (15 minutes)	
	Session 3: Field stations Interactive presentations in small groups of the different actions of the LIFE UrbanGreeningPlans project. <i>The presentations will be held in English and will not be translated.</i>	
	Introducing the UrbanGreeningPlans Knowledge Hub	Esther Bossink Communications Officer, EUROPARC Federation
	Field Station session (15-minute rotating sessions) During this session, participants can rotate through the different project results and case studies of the LIFE UrbanGreeningPlansProject. Each rotation will have presentations from NECCA/Philodassiki Enossi Athinon, Barcelona Metropolitan Area, Bruxelles Environnement, Câmara Municipal de Lisboa and Parco Nord Milano.	Specific information on each 'rotation' will be shared with participants before the event.
13:45	Lunch	





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<p>15:30 - 18:30</p>	<p>Field trip Participants can pick one site to visit.</p>	<p>River Besòs Collserola Natural Park Urban Green and active mobility</p>
<p>Park River Besòs</p> <p>The renaturalization of the Besòs River has improved the quality of the area and the lives of the people of the cities surrounding it. Join us to see the interventions to recover the river from a social and environmental point of view.</p> <p>Walking tour (approx. 2 hours)</p>		
<p>Collserola Natural Park</p> <p>Walk to Collserola Natural Park, the largest green lung of the metropolitan area of Barcelona. Enjoy a panoramic view of the metropolitan area of Barcelona.</p> <p>Walking tour (approx. 2 hours)</p>		
<p>Urban green and active mobility</p> <p>Barcelona and its metropolitan area is experimenting with a large transformation to prioritise civic spaces and reduce car-occupied areas. Join us to see the latest interventions.</p> <p>Walking tour (approx. 2 hours)</p>		
<p>20:00</p>	<p>Official dinner Conference participants are invited to take part in the official dinner.</p>	





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Day 2, 15.03 - Final Conference Urban Greening Plans

09:15	Opening Day 2	
09:30	Innovative and sustainable facilities for outdoor activities (30 minutes)	Jens Øyås Møller Development Consultant, Danish Foundation for Culture and Sports Facilities
10:00	Session 4: Blue corridors Planning and managing Nature-based Solutions in metropolitan river landscapes	
	Ecosystems services in the metropolitan section of the Llobregat river (15 minutes)	Joan Pino Director of CREAM
	Strategies for the recovery of metropolitan river spaces (15 minutes)	Mireia Monràs Architect Fluvial Spaces Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
	River Somes (15 minutes)	José Ramón Sierra Founding partner at PRÁCTICA
	Discussion (15 minutes)	
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Session 5: Urban green Designing multifunctional green spaces	
	How to get politicians and planners to make decisions that won't show success before they are dead? (30 minutes)	Richard Murray President of Stockholm Ekoparken Association, editor of Why Cities Need Large Parks – large parks in large cities 2022



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	Multifunctionality in heritage green spaces <i>(15 minutes)</i>	Roselyne de Lestrangle Urban architect and European project leader at Bruxelles Environnement
	Discussion <i>(15 minutes)</i>	
	Session 6: Looking to the future Creating an adaptive and sustainable future	
	Cities and rivers <i>(30 minutes)</i>	Margarita Jover Principal co-founder at aldayjover & Program co-director MLA-MSE Landscape & Engineering. School of Architecture, Tulane University.
	Discussion <i>(15 minutes)</i>	
13:30	Closure	