

REGREEN 4th Newsletter overview

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REGREEN is now already in its final year. We conclude end of February 2024 and look forward to presenting our insights, tools and guidances to bringing high quality nature into cities and to discussing challenges at our final conference in Brussels 28-29th November 2023, which we host in collaboration with our sister project [CLEARINGHOUSE](#).

Below you'll find an overview of some of the many activities, processes, tools and guidelines that we have or will be soon finalizing.

Since our 3rd Newsletter in December 2021, REGREEN partners met in Velika Gorica and in Aarhus Urban Living Labs. You can read the stories from the many inspiring NBS implementations in [Aarhus](#) and [Velika Gorica](#) ranging from the large-scale peri-urban setting to suburban and inner city NBS. In Aarhus the focus is on countering flood risks, lack of recreational opportunities, sequestration, and biodiversity, while Velika Gorica is working to balance a fast urbanization with the need for a high-quality life in balance with nature.

We also hope you will continue enjoy listening to the [REGREEN Podcast series](#) where you can dive into different aspects of NBS and hear from our ULLs, notably from Velika Gorica and from Beijing. A total of 8 episodes have been published.

City planners, NBS practitioners and decision-makers will be interested in learning about the work by the REGREEN Partner IPR on [Guidelines for where and how to depave and regreen cities](#). You can read about the method to target areas where renaturing represents a key to restoring biodiversity, adapting to climate change and improving health and wellbeing. These guidelines provide recommendations on how to implement high quality nature in the best possible conditions and you can try out the interactive visualization tool for Paris Region to identify areas that can be depaved.

You may also find the stories interesting about our [training workshops in Aarhus and Velika Gorica on what is NBS and how to implement NBS for high quality nature](#) - and the accompanying training kit and slide deck that has just been released. Also, for the French speakers, you can find a replay and speaker's presentations from a [technical day on renaturing cities](#), led by IPR. We strongly feel these activities on guidelines for depaving, training and knowledge sharing on how to implement NBS are filling an important gap to create resilient, more biodiverse urban space and we hope you'll find this useful.

Another activity that we are excited about in REGREEN are [walkable floormaps](#), which have been tested and used in (separate) sessions with city planners, decision makers and school children and teachers. It's a truly collaborative effort across disciplines in REGREEN and the activity has been met by a genuine interest and even

transformative potential for thinking out of the boxes and across silos. We are currently working on guidance material for engaging stakeholders using walkable floorplans.

We are engaging with citizens and eliciting their views on urban NBS through [photo-elicitation focus groups](#) and [deliberative valuation workshops](#). We look forward to completing our research and sharing the results later this year.

A lot of written output has been produced and can be found on the REGREEN website under ‘resources’. In this newsletter, you can read specifically about [tools and guidelines for mapping and modelling procedures](#) of ecosystem services; a [typology for urban green infrastructure](#); [spatiotemporal changes in land cover and ecosystem services](#) in European and Chinese Urban Living Labs; [Urban-rural dependencies in Europe and China](#) and opportunities to design NBS for resilience.

You can also read about some of the events REGREEN has hosted, for instance the [Sustaining cities, naturally](#), together with our sister projects CLEARINGHOUSE, INTERLACE and CONEXUS gathering an audience from South America, China and Europe; [URBIO](#) special session on blue-green infrastructures and NBS for resilient cities; the [Biodiversity COP15](#), where ICLEI presented REGREEN during the China Day and the session on building cities with nature; and the [Transition Workshop](#) during the EURESFO 2022 in Athens, Greece. We will be present and organising a Stakeholder Dialogue during the next [EURESFO 2023](#), a unique platform for city representatives, experts and stakeholders to discuss climate change adaptation and resilience. EURESFO 2023 takes place in Cascais, Portugal in October and hope to see many of you there.

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Happy reading!