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Connecting cities for nature based solutions

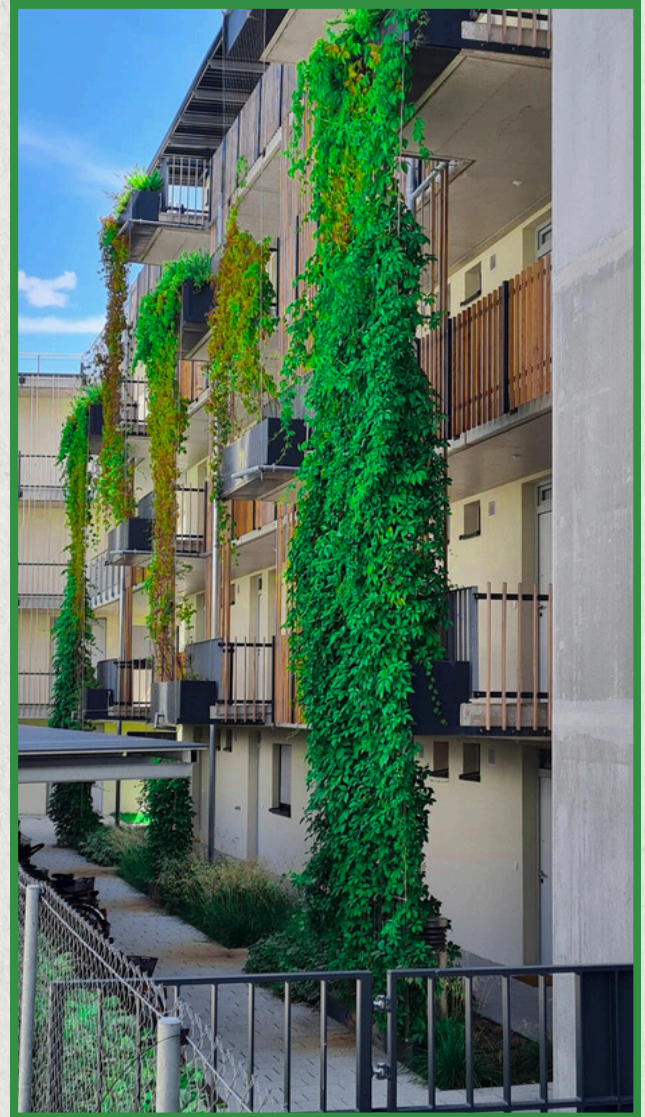
Summary

Cities across Europe are warming, facing biodiversity loss, and feeling the pressure of climate change — but the solutions are growing right in our neighborhoods. We are thrilled to announce the official start of Co-ADAPT, a new Erasmus+ funded initiative dedicated to empowering urban communities through Community-Based Climate Adaptation and Small-Scale Nature-Based Solutions (NbS).

Mission

The project “Community-Based Climate Adaptation and Biodiversity through Small-Scale Nature-based Solutions” (Co-ADAPT) empowers urban communities to actively participate in climate adaptation and biodiversity enhancement through small-scale NBS.

Duration: 11/2025 - 10/2027



What are nature-based solutions?

The EU Commission defines nature-based solutions as:

“Solutions that are inspired and supported by nature, which are cost-effective, simultaneously provide environmental, social and economic benefits and help build resilience. Such solutions bring more, and more diverse, nature and natural features and processes into cities, landscapes and seascapes, through locally adapted, resource-efficient and systemic interventions.”

Examples for Nature-based Solutions are among others green roofs, façade greening, roadside greenery, rain gardens, flowerpots and tiny forests.





Urban areas are increasingly vulnerable to climate change and biodiversity loss, facing challenges such as heatwaves, droughts and floods. With vast sealed surfaces and limited ecological diversity, cities require effective adaptation strategies to enhance climate resilience. Nature-based solutions (NbS) offer cost-effective interventions that address these challenges while improving urban biodiversity. However, municipalities often lack the necessary resources and expertise to implement NbS and engage local communities effectively. While the EU has prioritized NbS, broader civic participation is needed to accelerate implementation and ensure locally tailored solutions.

The project “Community-Based Climate Adaptation and Biodiversity through Small-Scale Nature-based Solutions” (Co-ADAPT) empowers urban communities to actively participate in climate adaptation and biodiversity enhancement through small-scale NbS such as façade greening, roadside greenery, flowerpots and tiny forests. By raising awareness, providing hands-on training, and fostering participation, the project enables citizens and civil society to co-create climate-resilient urban spaces. These community-driven initiatives serve as replicable models for other European cities. The project includes stakeholder mapping, needs assessments, and knowledge exchange to ensure local relevance and impact. Participants engage in NbS tours, hands-on workshops, and co-creation activities such as exhibitions and municipal recommendations. DIY guides, videos, an international webinar, and a dedicated website extend the project’s outreach beyond its duration.

By combining education, participation, and policy recommendations, Co-ADAPT strengthens community-driven climate adaptation in urban areas. Workshops and excursions equip citizens with practical skills, while public exhibitions and engagement roadmaps promote long-term involvement.

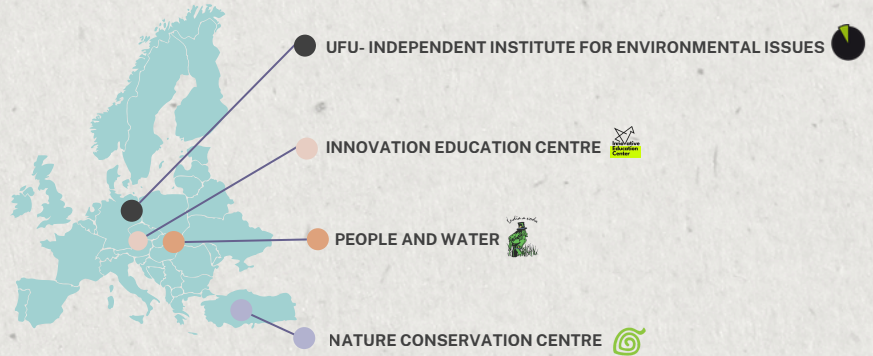
Sustainable partnerships and a strong dissemination strategy ensure the project’s scalability across Europe. Co-ADAPT will leave a lasting impact by integrating new materials and methodologies into the work of participating organizations and their target groups. Organizations will develop skills in community-based climate adaptation and strengthen networks with local stakeholders, enabling future NbS projects.

Local communities will benefit from tangible improvements in their urban environments through implemented small-scale NBS, leading to increased biodiversity, enhanced well-being, and greater climate resilience. Community participation fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility, ensuring the sustainability of NbS initiatives. Additionally, policymakers can incorporate the project’s recommendations into urban planning, reinforcing long-term environmental and social benefits.

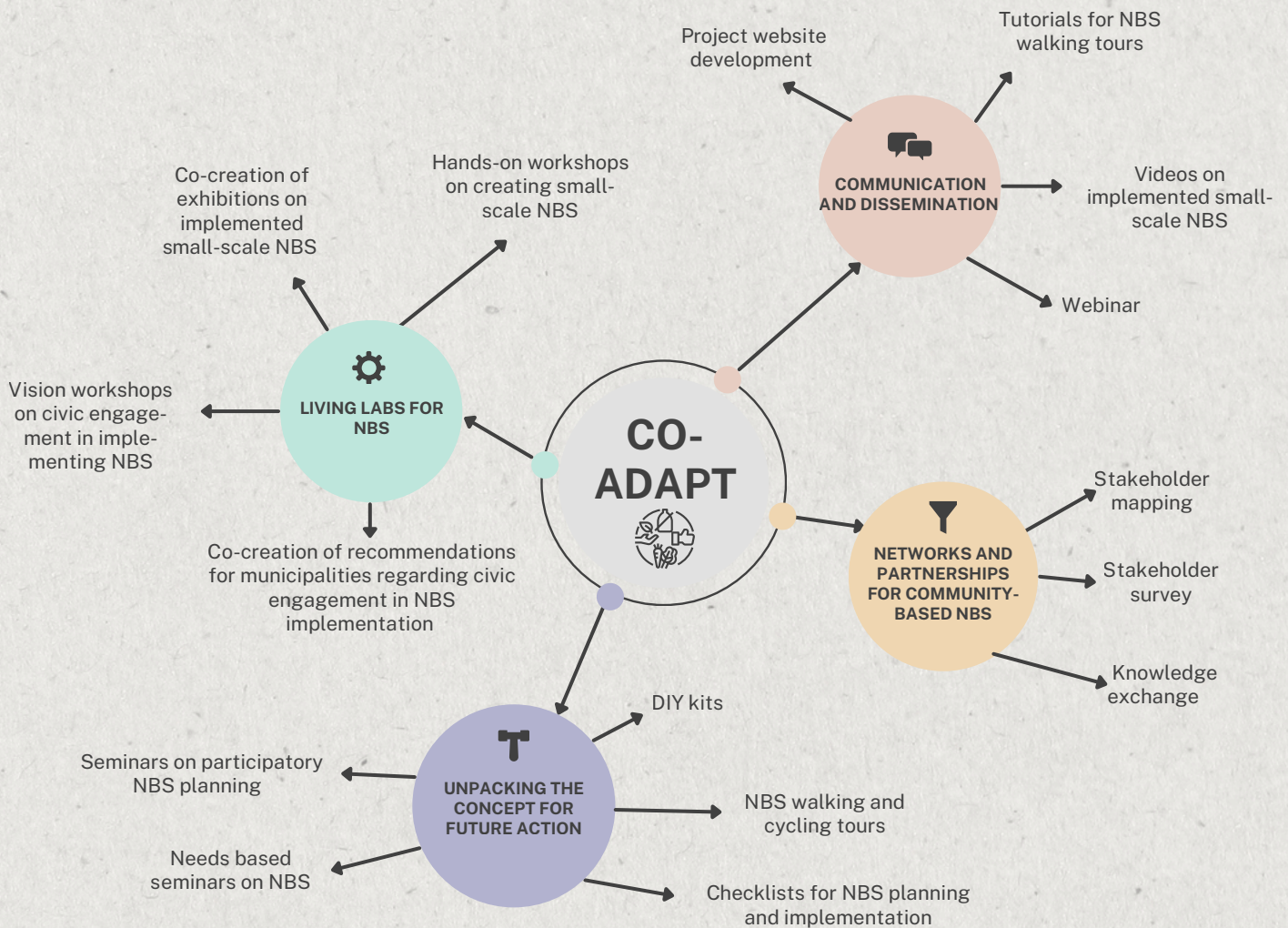
Co-ADAPT will involve a diverse group of participants, including urban citizens, civic initiatives, civil society organizations, professionals, local stakeholders, educators, and municipal representatives. The project will engage over 400 participants through on-site activities, including workshops, tours, and seminars.

Project Partners

Co-ADAPT brings together partners from Berlin, Vienna, Ankara, and Košice with a shared mission: to prove that small and local actions can significantly improve urban resilience.



Activities



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