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NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR A JUST RESILIENCE IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN CITIES



The Adriatic-Ionian region is Europe's unique biodiversity, with diverse ecosystems. It shares common vulnerabilities and in previous years it has become a real hot spot for climate change. Consequences, such as floods, droughts, landslides, storms and wildfires, are evident and have become increasingly frequent, impacting vulnerable communities, that require collective efforts and joint actions. As climate change effects transcend geopolitical boundaries, the transnational approach is crucial.

NATURED project aims to empower policymakers and stakeholders to prevent the effects of climate change on urban areas, particularly flash floods, and urban heat islands. The project seeks to promote a just, safe, inclusive and place-based resilience approach, anchored in a series of interlinked activities, which include understanding the interactions between climate and cities, creating databases and digital maps for climate vulnerability and hazards in different urban zones, and engaging citizens and stakeholders to define action plans for Nature-based Solutions (NbS). These solutions will be tested in pilot actions and subsequently integrated into the public work plans of cities, with the ultimate goal of replicating the most effective solutions on a wider scale.

Project specific objectives:

- To inform and train policymakers, civil servants, professionals, and groups of citizens on the complex interactions between climate and the city (composition, structure), as evidence-based knowledge for decisions, actions, and change of behaviors.
- To build a climate vulnerability/hazards characterization of the different zones of the cities by collecting open-source data from Copernicus, national and regional meteorological services, observatories, and any other reliable source.
- To define action plans for implementing NbS through the engagement of citizens and stakeholders (supported by experts), to improve the interaction between climate and cities, and hence reduce the risks for people, infrastructures and structures.
- To review the public work plans, approved or under preparation in the cities concerned, against criteria prioritizing Nature-based Solutions, instead of grey infrastructures, to enhance resilience to climate change.

The NATURED Project Offers Nature-based Solutions for the ADRIAN Region Facing Climate Change Crisis

Project main outputs:

- Joint strategy to tackle the vulnerabilities/risks of cities to enhance resilience to climate change
- Joint action plan of implementable Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for urban resilience to climate change
- Pilot actions to test Nature-based Solutions to enhance resilience to climate change in urban areas
- Tested solutions to increase the resilience of cities to effects of climate change
- Partners cooperating across borders

