

## The Urban Agenda for the EU, its 'green' actions and the European Green Deal

Programme, Zoom links and briefing for working group 1 on 'Supporting cities to implement Nature-Based Solutions'

### EUKN webinar for Slovenia

Date: 18 March 2021

Time: 13:00 - 16:30 CET

Platform: Zoom

Language: The event, including working group 1, will be held in English language and will provide interpretation into Slovenian.

Organisers: European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN) EGTC and the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia



### Part I

The urban dimension of the European Green Deal

**Join Part I (13:00-14:20) via Zoom**

Link: <https://bit.ly/3cDZxPB>

Webinar ID: 817 4611 8707 Passcode: 401987

- 13:00-13:05 Welcome by the EUKN and programme explanation  
Martin Grisel, Director EUKN EGTC
- 13:05-13:10 Welcome on behalf of the Slovene Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning and outlook on the 2021 Presidency  
Aša Rogelj, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia, Spatial Planning, Construction and Housing Directorate
- 13:10-14:10 Panel discussion on the urban dimension of the European Green Deal  
Anthony Agotha, Senior Diplomatic Expert, Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, European Commission  
Vanessa Castán Broto, Professor Climate Urbanism, Urban Institute, University of Sheffield  
Louise Coffineau, Policy Advisor Environment & Climate, Eurocities  
Kieran McCarthy, Member of the European Committee of the Regions  
Jan Olbrycht, President of the URBAN Intergroup in the European Parliament
- 14:10-14:20 Recap of the 2020 Policy Labs for Slovenia - process and key findings  
Lea Scheurer, Senior Policy and Project Officer EUKN EGTC
- 14:20-14:40 Break

### Part II

Regulatory obstacles faced by cities and how to address them

**Join working group 1 (14:40-16:00) via Zoom**

Link: <https://bit.ly/30wy5gX>

Meeting ID: 831 1837 0316 Passcode: 437816

- 14:40-16:00 Division in three parallel working groups:
1. Supporting cities to implement Nature-Based Solutions
  2. Creating the conditions to boost Circular Economy in cities
  3. Achieving Better Regulation through the Urban Agenda for the EU (English only)

#### Information for working group 1:

##### Supporting cities to implement Nature-Based Solutions

##### Experts:

- McKenna Davis, Ecologic Institute
- Claudia de Luca, University of Bologna
- Elsa Durieux, ICLEI Europe
- Barbara Goličnik Marušić, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia
- Tom Wild, University of Sheffield
- Bettina Wilk, ICLEI Europe

##### Facilitators:

- Federica Risi & Lea Scheurer, EUKN Secretariat

The session will build upon two findings made during earlier EUKN Policy Labs for Slovenia ([report just published](#)) on the topic of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS): 1) 'Green' existing strategies and regulations without creating new ones; 2) Create a European platform collecting translated legislation and projects on NBS from different Member States.

In this context, the experts will share and discuss their experiences with 'greening' existing strategies as well as with contributing to NBS-related platforms within large research and innovation projects. The session will touch upon case studies from Bologna, Slovenia, as well as the EU Horizon 2020 funded projects CLEVER Cities, CONEXUS, NetworkNature and NATURVATION, among others. Ideally, it will serve as a 'changemaker platform' for experts working on comparable challenges in the field of Nature-Based Solutions and will help come up with concrete messages that will be presented to ministers under Slovenia's Presidency later in 2021 on how to support cities dealing with regulatory obstacles when trying to reach environmental goals.

**Join the reporting (16:00-16:30) via Zoom**

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- 16:00-16:25 Reporting from the working groups
- 16:25-16:30 Closure