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Nature and Urban Wellbeing

Nature-Based Solutions to Societal Challenges

May 18-20 2015, Ghent, Belgium

Please join us for an international conference on Nature-Based Solutions. Relevant to research in many disciplines, to EU policies and practitioners, this event offers rich possibilities to share, learn and connect.

Nature-Based Solutions is a rapidly emerging concept covering a range of approaches which use natural processes and species to address societal challenges. Of particular interest are solutions to problems such as ecological quality and human health/wellbeing in urban environments – and their rural hinterlands - as well as reducing their global footprints.

Some solutions have existed for a long time yet there is a growing need for innovative Nature-Based Solutions and for development in deploying and up-scaling existing efforts. Such solutions are key to more sustainable and prosperous societies, and are attracting the interest of researchers, developers, governments, businesses and citizens.

Conference aims

This inter-disciplinary conference will address key scientific and applied questions, discuss underpinning information, provide new perspectives, and develop partnerships. It will:

- Provide a forum for dialogue across fields of research, policy and practice engaged in nature and urban well-being
- Evaluate conditions and options for upscaling Nature-Based Solutions
- Build on previous work, knowledge and experience to develop innovations in Nature-Based Solutions.

Programme

- 18 May: Mini training course on Nature-Based Solutions concepts
- 19-20 May: Plenary and parallel sessions, interactive poster session and panel discussions
- See website for details.

Who is the conference aimed at?

- Researchers from all disciplines
- Policymakers and authorities on all levels
- Businesses and solution providers
- Urban planners
- Health professionals
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Educationalists

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www.alter-net.info/outputs/conf-2015

Register by 10th May 2015

Fee: €100 (€50 for staff students of ALTER-Net member institutes)