

Session 4B - Citizen engagement and the co-creation of nature-based solutions for sustainable urban development: theories and practices for disruptive approaches

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There is a broad consensus that citizen participation is critical in processes of urban regeneration, as well as the planning and implementation of nature-based adaptation. Citizen involvement is said to increase acceptance, fairness, quality of life and sustainability. Hence, the proposed session focuses on the methodologies and practices of participation in various stages of urban regeneration with the development of tools and guidelines for citizen engagement. This session will address co-creation initiatives that put Communities of Interest into action.

Encouraging ways that go beyond everyday traditional planning, co-creation aims to open the process to permanent innovation, challenging all for disruptive and experimental approaches that leverage Communities of Practice in different urban contexts.

We welcome a variety of presentations: subjects for researchers and practitioners through oral presentation format (scientific papers/report / design-artistic practices/storytelling). The session aims to approach these topics in two perspectives:

a) Co-creation methodologies and processes that have been designed to engage a wide range of citizens and other stakeholders, focusing in particular on: innovative co-creation methodologies that frame strategies, goals, steps, and tools, with the aim of implementing projects by different actors. Further focus encompasses co-creation training models for future facilitators in living labs to co-create initiatives for the community.

b) Citizen engagements strategies related with: the efficacy of co-creation processes, namely in relation to participation and inclusion; allowing the specific needs of the diverse citizen groups to be addressed; matching citizen engagement to the participatory cultures of cities; encouraging researchers and practitioners to build a mixed knowledge base with key stakeholders; working interdisciplinary and interculturality in developing NBS; rethinking engagement in times of COVID-19; sharpening and tailoring participation for an inclusive and innovative urban regeneration with NBS. The focus here will include case studies, lessons learnt and best practices.