

## **Session 5A - Social and solidarity economy as driver for resilient living places**

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The social and solidarity economy (SSE) introduces new perspectives that expand the comprehension of nature based-solutions in at least four main areas. Firstly, the solidarity economy is grounded in territoriality and stimulates the connection with physical space through collective self-supply or small-scale informal economic circuits. In this way, the functionality of public spaces is expanded, reducing the public monopoly and diversifying the ways in which these spaces are used by citizens. Secondly, whether from a fairer and more conscious perspective of production and consumption, or in a closer connection to urban and rural contexts, the interdependence between the solidarity economy and nature is reinforced. Thirdly, the perspective of equitable access to resources allows us to question the naturalization of economic inequalities in the territories. Fourthly, new ways of sociability and urban living have emerged, grounded in the democratic management of initiatives for the enhancement of community autonomy. Mutual assistance, relationships, and neighbourhood economies have transformed isolated communities into parts of an active and liveable city. From the perspective of SSE, urban neighbourhoods consist of a set of complex cultural, socioeconomic and emotional relations, rather than merely a space for living. In this sense SSE is chosen as the key approach for the enhancement of NBS benefits. Proposals are expected to discuss the opportunities that emerge from social and solidarity economy principles and practices for the introduction of innovation in the city. This session will cover conceptual frameworks that can explain this relation, including community-driven experiences and public policy initiatives, among other related topics.