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NatUR-W: From Planning to Transformation!

Over the past months, NatUR-W has continued its journey towards a greener, more resilient and climate-adapted Barrios Altos. As implementation activities accelerate in Lorca, the project has strengthened its international visibility, expanded knowledge exchange activities and engaged citizens through new participatory initiatives.

From scientific publications and international events to technical visits, webinars and community-led actions, this edition highlights the progress achieved across the NatUR-W partnership and the growing impact of Nature-Based Solutions in urban regeneration.

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Stay tuned, more updates and activities are on the way!

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Transfer Cities Meeting in Sligo

On 11–12 March 2026, representatives of the NatUR-W Transfer Cities gathered in Sligo, Ireland, for a two-day meeting dedicated to knowledge exchange and peer learning.

Participants reviewed the progress of their pilot actions, discussed challenges and explored opportunities for further development.

The programme also included site visits to Sligo's pilot interventions and other local examples of Nature-Based Solutions, providing valuable insights into innovative approaches that can support implementation and transferability across partner cities.



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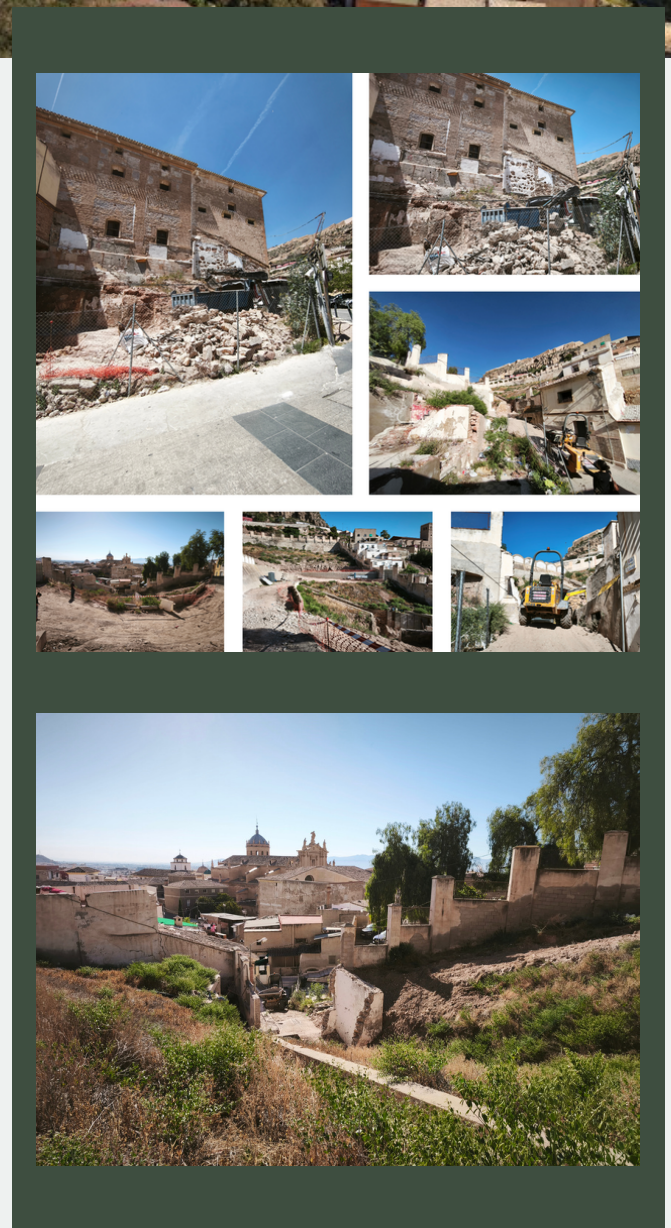


Construction Works Begin in Barrios Altos

NatUR-W has reached an important milestone with the start of construction works in Barrios Altos, marking the transition from planning and co-design to implementation.

Work is now underway on two flagship interventions: the creation of a new urban forest and the regeneration of the former jail building and its surrounding area. These actions will improve climate resilience, enhance public spaces and support the environmental, social and cultural regeneration of the neighbourhood.

The launch of the works follows an extensive participatory process involving residents, local stakeholders and experts, ensuring that the planned interventions respond to local needs while addressing broader challenges related to climate change, water scarcity and urban regeneration.



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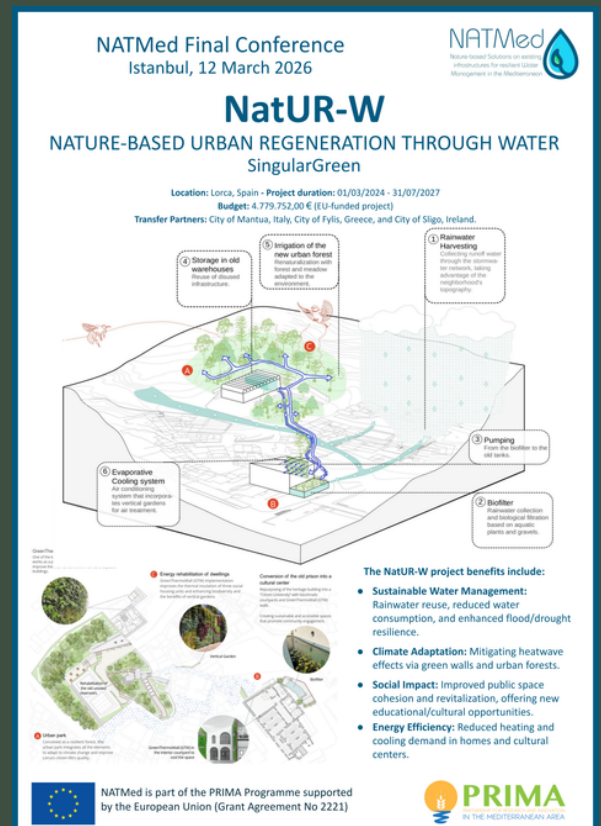


NatUR-W Presented at NATMed Final Conference in Istanbul

On 12 March 2026, NatUR-W participated in the Poster Session of the NATMed Final Conference in Istanbul.

The conference provided an opportunity to showcase the project's innovative approach to urban regeneration through water-sensitive Nature-Based Solutions and to exchange experiences with researchers, practitioners and policy-makers working on climate adaptation and sustainable development across the Mediterranean region.

The participation strengthened the project's international visibility and contributed to the dissemination of lessons learned from Barrios Altos.



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3rd Webinar: NatUR-W at NEB4ALL Training

On 26 March 2026, NatUR-W participated in the online training session “Presentation of Existing NEB Projects”, organised by the NEB4ALL project.

The event brought together National Contact Points and representatives from New European Bauhaus initiatives across Europe. Pedro Sánchez from the Municipality of Lorca presented NatUR-W and shared insights into the project’s implementation and contribution to sustainable urban development.

The session provided a valuable opportunity to exchange experiences and strengthen collaboration within the growing NEB community.

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Partners

- (1) Lorca City Council
- (2) Singular Green
- (3) INDRESMAT
- (4) NBSCLIMATE
- (5) Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- (6) Municipality of Mantua
- (7) Municipality of Fylis
- (8) Municipality of Sligo

Transfer Cities

- COMUNE di MANTOVA
- ΔΗΜΟΣ ΦΥΛΗΣ
- Sligo County Council
Comhairle Chontae Shligigh

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Kick off meeting
Lorca, xx-yy 2024

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4th Webinar: Urban Design Quality, Biodiversity, and Nature-based Solutions in the New European Bauhaus Framework

On 27 April 2026, NatUR-W organised the webinar “Urban Design Quality, Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions in the New European Bauhaus Framework”.

The event brought together experts from NatUR-W, LIFE Bauhausing Europe, LIFE SeedNEB and the URBACT BiodiverCity Network to exchange experiences and good practices. Discussions highlighted approaches for enhancing biodiversity, promoting climate resilience and supporting community-led urban transformation, while showcasing practical tools that can help cities implement New European Bauhaus principles.

The webinar highlighted the importance of cross-project collaboration and demonstrated how European initiatives can collectively contribute to more resilient, sustainable and attractive urban environments.

WEBINAR

Urban Design Quality, Biodiversity, and Nature-based Solutions

in the New European Bauhaus Framework

Date:
27 April 2026

Time:
10.00 (CEST)

Duration:
2 hours

Online via
Zoom

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FROM:



NatUR-W



BiodiverCity



Life Seed NEB



LIFE Bauhausing Europe

Q&A SESSION
Open discussion with all speakers

Zoom link
is shared in the post

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Project information posters

To further enhance transparency and community engagement, NatUR-W introduced a series of information posters throughout the neighbourhood.

The initiative was designed to:

- Inform residents about project objectives and ongoing activities.
- Provide clear answers to frequently asked questions and concerns.
- Support transparency throughout the implementation phase.
- Encourage dialogue between citizens and the project team.

By bringing information directly into public spaces, the information posters help ensure that local residents remain informed and actively involved as the transformation of Barrios Altos progresses.



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Crowdfunding Initiative and Bioclimatic Cultural Route

NatUR-W launched a new crowdfunding initiative aimed at supporting local regeneration activities in Barrios Altos while promoting awareness of the project's environmental and social benefits.

Linked to the Bioclimatic Cultural Route, the campaign encourages citizens and visitors to actively contribute to the transformation of the neighbourhood. The initiative combines climate action, cultural heritage and community participation, creating new opportunities for residents and stakeholders to become part of Lorca's sustainable urban regeneration journey.

RUTA BIOCLIMÁTICA Y CULTURAL POR LOS BARRIOS ALTOS DE LORCA

GUÍAS LOCALES DE FUNDACIÓN INICIATIVAS EL GIGANTE
Reservas:
<https://rutaporlorca.eventbrite.es>

May 30 · 10:00 AM
Plaza de España
Lorca

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NatUR-W Deep Dive Site Visit in Lorca

On 28–29 May 2026, NatUR-W partners, experts and Transfer Cities met in Lorca for two days of collaboration and exchange.

Participants visited the project sites, including the future urban forest and the former jail building, where implementation works are already underway.

The meeting also featured a peer-review workshop of the Transfer Cities' pilot actions, enabling partners to share experiences, receive feedback and discuss the next steps for transferring NatUR-W solutions to other European urban contexts.

