

Enhancing Urban Critical Infrastructure Resilience through Nature-based Solutions in Portugal

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Scope and Objectives:

This webinar explores the challenges and opportunities of nature-based solutions adoption in Portugal, with a focus on the multi-level policy context; their co-benefits; and their potential to strengthen the resilience of critical urban infrastructure. It aims to: i) increase knowledge on the policy landscape of NbS for critical urban infrastructure from EU to (sub-)national levels in Portugal; ii) facilitate technical exchange on the role and potential of nature-based solutions in enhancing urban critical infrastructure resilience in Portugal; and iii) strengthen engagement among key stakeholders on the integration of nature-based solutions in urban resilience building efforts.

Agenda:

13:00-13:05	Welcome Welcome and opening remarks <i>Portugal National Contact Point for Horizon Europe</i>
13:05-13:10	UNESCO DRR Introduction Global frameworks (New Urban Agenda / Sendai Framework) Context of nature-based solutions for disaster risk reduction in the built environment UNESCO
13:10-13:25	The EU Policy Landscape for Nature-based Solutions EU policy context for NbS implementation in urban areas <i>EU representative (European Commission)</i>
13:25-13:40	Portuguese National Policy Alignment with European Union Ambitions Vertical policy alignment and interconnections (EU and local) Key national level NbS policy instruments and enabling mechanisms <i>National representative (Ministry of Environment and Energy)</i>
13:40-14:10	Nature-based Solutions Implementation at the Local Level NbS in the context of localised hazards Practical cases of NbS integration in urban critical infrastructure systems <i>Municipality of Aveiro Municipality of Guimarães Municipality of Coimbra</i>
14:10-14:25	Q&A
14:25 -14:30	Closing Remarks <i>Wrap-up of key takeaways from session</i> UNESCO

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