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Emerging Global Challenges

Significant environmental / ecological / climate / social change

SDGs must to be embedded in all new infrastructure

Shifting patterns of habitation / migration

Growing societal concerns: health / well-being / happiness

Management / building / design standards continually changing

Co-financing models are adapting to the new global realities

Moving from 'building cities' towards 'city-making' – co-design

Consumers / citizens want multiple gains / co-creation



Overall goal: Innovating with nature to co-create climate resilience in cities

Consortium: 31 project partners involved from 16 European Countries, Brazil, China, Korea & The Caucasus (Georgia and Armenia)

Coordinator: Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Budget: Total €12 million EC contribution €11.4 million

People: 200+



Connecting Nature Vision

Develop indicators of impact and effectiveness of nature-based solutions

Develop new business models for financing nature-based solutions

Replicate and scale nature-based solution planning processes globally

Embed nature-based solutions in city-making

Innovate with nature-based solutions

Establish co-creation processes for nature-based solutions in cities

Key questions - citizens

What does co-creation / co-design *look* like?

How do citizens engage meaningfully to deliver results *and* innovation?

Who moderates the process?

When is the co-creation process ‘finished’?

How do we measure the success or failure of a co-creation process?



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