

The Italian Hub for Nature-based Solutions



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26th May 2023 – The NBS Italy Hub Kick-off



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Kick-off and Annual Events



Kick-off Event – Rome, CNR Headquarter
26/05/2023

1st Annual Event – Palermo
20-21/11/2024

2^o Annual Event – Milano
8-9/07/2025

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NbS Italy Summer school



NBS Italy Hub Summer School 1st Edition

9-11/07/2025 – Milano

“From Planning to Action: A Summer School on Urban NbS for Professionals and Academics”

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6-10 Luglio 2026

NbS Week

Bari, Italy



Annual Event 2026 - Bari

The NbS Italy Hub Week in Bari (Italy) will bring together researchers, public authorities, practitioners, and private sector representatives working on Nature-based Solutions (NbS). The event will focus on the role of **NbS in addressing water-related challenges**, including **urban flooding, stormwater management, coastal resilience, and the integration of green and blue infrastructures in cities and territories**.

The week will combine a high-level conference, field visits, and a training school dedicated to municipalities and practitioners interested in implementing NbS in real-world contexts.

- 6 July – NBS Italy Hub internal meeting
- 7 July – NBS Italy Hub Annual Conference
- 8 July – Field tour: NBS in practice
- 9–10 July – Bootcamp: NBS School

Our Manifesto

Promoting a Sustainable Future: Restoring ecosystems and integrating nature into cities

FIVE FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

- Valuing the NbS **Ecosystem Services** in human-altered terrestrial and marine areas: NbS enhance biodiversity, mitigate climate change, and improve water, food, and air quality.
- **Integrated** planning, design, management, and use of **green spaces**: Systematic management of green spaces strengthens urban ecosystems and sustainability.
- **Green spaces as strategic** landscape components: Green spaces enhance ecological dynamics, human health, and environmental justice.
- European **Restoration Law**: The Hub is aligned with the 2023 law aim to restore 20% of degraded ecosystems by 2030.
- **Preservation** of the complexity and integrity **of ecosystems**: Protecting urban forests, creating ecological corridors ensures environmental quality and biodiversity.

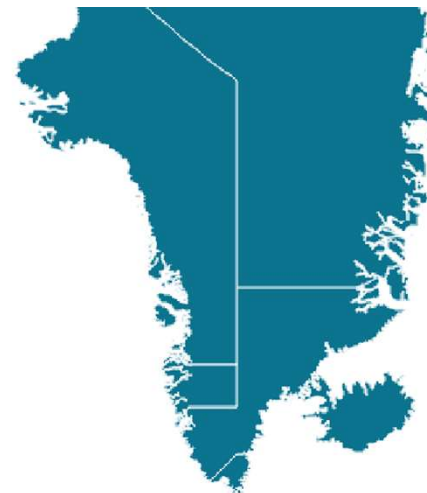
HUB Development: NBS Italy Hub leads the **ecological transition**, promoting **policies**, public-private **funding**, and sustainable urban **planning** for future resilience and biodiversity

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The national and regional Hub family is increasing

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Coordinator: CNR-IRET

Founding Partners

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- Comune di Palermo
- Comune di Siena
- Comune di Torino
- Città Metropolitana di Torino
- Città Metropolitana di Milano
- Città Metropolitana di Bologna

New Partners in 2024

- Eurac Research
- ADBPO - Autorità di bacino distrettuale del fiume Po

New Partners in 2025

- UNITN
- UNIBocconi
- LINKS Foundation
- CMCC - Fondazione Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici
- Consiglio Nazionale dei Periti Agrari e Periti Agrari Laureati (CNPAPAL)
- ARPA Umbria
- Comune di Acerra (NA)
- Associazione Nazionale Costruttori Edili (ANCE)



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Who can join the HUB?

Public authorities: universities, public administrations, research institutions and professional orders

Private institutions: trade associations, foundations and research institutions

The partnership is valid for 5 years and automatically renewed for 5 further years.

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The General Assembly of Partners

- It is composed by one representative per Partner
- It adopts the Hub Statute
- It adopts the Hub's annual and multi-annual programmes
- Decide on any change to the Hub regulations
- Decide on any issue raised by the Executive Board or by at least 10 Partners
- Appoints the Members of the Executive Board

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The Executive Board

- It is composed by 3 to 6 delegates, representing academia and research partners (max 2 delegates), local administrations (max 2 delegates), professional orders and trade associations (max 2 delegates), and appointed by the General Assembly
- It is permanently coordinated by a delegate from CNR-IRET
- It appoints a deputy coordinator and a secretary, without voting right
- It remains in force for 4 years

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Synergy with NBFC to spread NbS across Italy



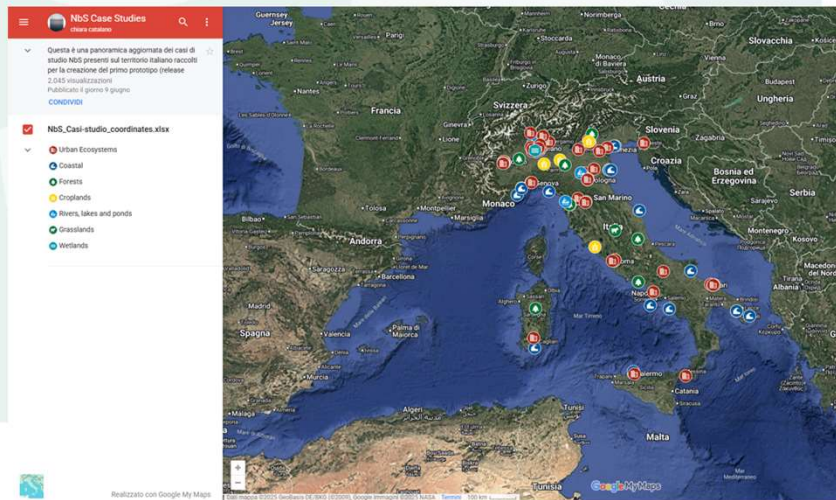
Be Innovative,
be Nature-based.

Dalla natura alle città: costruiamo insieme un futuro migliore.

ULTIME NOTIZIE >

PROSSIMI EVENTI >

CASI STUDIO NbS >



Nbs CataTool

A multi-stakeholder Decision Support System to facilitate the uptake and implementation of Nature-based Solutions

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are 'actions to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems which address social, economic and environmental challenges effectively and adaptively, while simultaneously providing human well-being, ecosystem services, resilience and biodiversity benefits' (UNEP/EA.5/Res.5).
The **Nbs CataTool**, developed within the National Biodiversity Future Center (NBFC), is a **Decision Support System** designed to provide users across the national territory with up-to-date and evidence-based knowledge on NbS. This information is consolidated in a single platform and structured according to a shared definitional framework. The CataTool is aligned with leading initiatives at European level but places a strong emphasis on the National context. Its core components include: 1) a relational **'Nbs Database'** of theoretical solutions, systematically organized and described based on rigorous scientific and evidence-based approaches and 2) a **'Case Study Database'**, which compiles national examples of NbS from established repositories (e.g., Oppla, NetworkNature, GeoIKP) and enriched with new case studies contributed by the NBFC community. The **unified definitional framework** behind the two databases is a novelty in the landscape of NbS platforms, intended to facilitate the theory to practice translation, while the **evidence-based approach** adopted is key to drive transformative decision-making.

Nbs Database

Nbs selection tool



Select the NbS that best suits your needs by following a guided path

Nbs learning tool



Learn more about theoretical NbS

Case Study Database

Case study finder

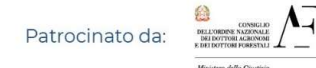


Check real case studies to learn more about NbS from previous experiences

How it works?

If you want to identify the most suitable theoretical NbS for a specific target, you can use the **'Nbs selection tool'**. Information about linked case studies is also provided.

If you want to see what is already on the ground, you can navigate the **'Case Study Database'**. For each case study, the link to the corresponding theoretical NbS is also provided.



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1st year -International Events



A Taste of NBS: Co-Creation with the NBS HUB

26/01/2023 Portimao



CLEVER Cities Final Conference

26/09/2023 Hamburg



NetworkNature Final Conference

08/06/2023 Bruxelles

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Isola prossima
15/09/2023 Terni

Workshop di co-creazione del parco di Villa Turrisi – Progetto EuPolis
21/09/2023 Palermo

La Città Biodiversamente Aperta
25/01/2024 Siena

Forum Acqua in Toscana
10/05/2024 Arezzo



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2nd year -International Events



The Cities of Nature

15-26/04/2024 (virtual) and 3-7/06/2024 Berlin



NN TaskForce Cluster Meeting

24/09/2024 Brussels

Global Change Research Symposium

16-19/10/2024 Beijing

European Climate Change Adaptation conference –

17-19/06/2025 Rimini

EU-LAC Policy Dialogue on NbS

26-27/06/2024 Brussels

Exploring Future Research Horizons - Foresight Workshop on NBS and Transformative Change

25-26/02/2025 Oslo



Science Policy Forum Biodivers+ 8/04/2025 Montpellier



Urban Resilience Forum 25-27/06/2025 Rotterdam

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Foreste urbane in Italia

18/06/2024 Bari

NbS e resilienza dell'ambiente urbano ai cambiamenti climatici

9/10/2024 Palermo

PNRR forestazione urbana: potenzialità, prospettive e criticità

19-21/11/2024 Bari

Forum Biodiversità Po

12-13/03/2025 Milano

AGRIWORLD EXPO

23/05/2025 Matera



Milano Green Week

26-29/09/2024 Milano

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3rd year -International Events



NN Annual Event & Taskforce Cluster Meeting

16-17/09/2025 Bruxelles

European Climate Change Adaptation conference 2025 - CMCC

16-18/06/2025 Rimini

Urban Resilience Forum

25-27/06/2025 Rotterdam

SSPCR 2025- Smart and Sustainable Planning for Cities and Regions

9-12/12/2025 Bolzano

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3rd year - National Events



15th National Conference on Biodiversity /2nd International Conference on Mediterranean Biodiversity
3-6/06/2025 – Perugia

"Corso di Formazione per l'attuazione della Nature Restoration Regulation (EU 2024/1991)
National Biodiversity Future Center"
8-12/09/2025 - Genova

Event & TF cluster



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Instagram: [nbsitalyhub](#)

Linkedin: [nbs-italy-hub](#)

Facebook profile page for NBS Italy Hub. The cover photo features the slogan "Be Innovative, Be Nature Based." and a QR code. The profile picture is the NBS Italy Hub logo. The bio states: "The main purpose of the National Hub is to support the collaboration among stakeholders, enhancing their skills development and productive know-how circulation." The page is categorized as "Ambiente".

Instagram profile page for nbsitalyhub. The profile picture is the NBS Italy Hub logo. The bio states: "Organizzazione di Italia ambientale. Be Innovative. Be Nature Based. 20-21 novembre 2024: Nbs Italy Hub Annual Meeting". The grid shows several posts, including a "SAVE THE DATE" post for the 20-21 November 2024 NBS Italy Hub Annual Meeting, a "Research Symposium: Smart Solutions for Sustainable and Healthy Cities", and a "Evento formativo NBS Soluzioni basate sulla Natura e resilienza dell'ambiente urbano ai cambiamenti climatici".

LinkedIn profile page for nbs-italy-hub. The profile picture is the NBS Italy Hub logo. The bio states: "Organizzazione di Italia ambientale. Be Innovative. Be Nature Based. 20-21 novembre 2024: Nbs Italy Hub Annual Meeting". The page shows a post for the "Nbs Italy Hub Annual Meeting" on November 20-21, 2024, with a QR code for registration.

Canale Whatsapp: [NbS Italy Hub](#)



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