



The third Project Meeting and the first Collaborative CiPeL Workshop in Hungary

The JUSTNature project, a four-and-half-year initiative that commenced in 2021, brought together representatives from seven cities and 13 organisations across Europe for the third Project Meeting in Budapest. The meeting aimed to review the progress made over the previous six months, discuss what was missed and accomplished, and receive suggestions and feedback from our cities on how to implement Nature-based Solutions (NbS) with citizens.

On March 6th, following an afternoon of introduction and pleasantries, all Work Package leaders and CiPeLs quickly reviewed the previous six months' failures in the [F*ck Up session](#). The focus was on what we had planned but did not work as intended. It is essential to learn from our mistakes and understand the challenges and barriers encountered during implementation. Moreover, WP8, including Inlecom, EURAC, and Crowdhelix, reviewed "Upscaling JUSTNature results" in terms of business analysis, long-term business plans, and commercial ecosystem development. WP9 presented the "Communication & Dissemination" strategy and activity results by Crowdhelix, ISOCARP and University of Malta.



On the second day, we discussed:

- EURAC presented their works on "Exploring JUSTNature potentials and impacts" and conducted workshops using clustering maps to design Nature-based Solutions, outside or adjacent to a pilot site.
- TUC, ABUD, and EURAC explained "Life-cycle monitoring and evaluation NbS impact, which indicators and metrics combining principles of Sustainable - Circularity - Justice."

- Prospex Institute presented “Innovation practice results” from the first Local Stakeholder Workshop in CiPeLs and plans for the upcoming workshops
- E2ARC explained the “Preparing NbS design and implementation phase.”
- Integrated Environmental Solutions (IES) presented “Completed prototype Digital Twins.”

Furthermore, we arranged three parallel sessions focused on administrative and financial, Digital twin CiPeL models, and tailored communication & dissemination strategies, to allow interested participants to discuss the future in greater detail. We closed the project meeting with a presentation by the project coordinator on Project governance & collaboration with sister projects.



Heading to the 1st Collaborative CiPeL Workshop in Szombathely

On March 8th, most of the consortium travelled to Szombathely to join the first Collaborative CiPeL Workshop (CCW). After the warm welcoming by Dr. Nemény András, mayor of Szombathely, TUM, EURAC, and ABUD presented the framework for assessing co-governance, followed by a small workshop with various partners to share ideas and revise co-governance indicators and protocols. After that, all participant went on two site visits to see the locations where Szombathely CiPeL will implement the NbS design; one is the Dési Huber István Primary School cement courtyard, and another is an empty plot along Hunyadi road and a canal.



On the last day, March 9th, partners began the day early in the morning and dedicated the session for project's cities to update on their Local Stakeholder Workshops. Each CiPeL gave reflection and exchanged experiences regarding:

- Data access barrier.
- Abstract and unpractical indicators, it needed to be relevant and tailored to each city.
- Managing expectations of participants about the project
- Preparation and rehearsal for organising team and moderators
- Motivating more people to join the next workshop again
- Engaging children and other groups and using stakeholder mapping


Lastly, everyone learned together that the justice aspect was missing, such as non-diverse participant groups, but we might limit the number of stakeholder engagement to maintain co-create discussion.

In summary, the meeting provided a clear indication that the JUSTNature project is making significant progress towards its implementation phase, with a focus on fostering a collaborative partnership with

citizens for a just transition. It is worth noting that the next project meeting is scheduled to take place in Leuven, Belgium in October 2023

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