

Newsletter



Welcome to the NatUR-W Project!

We're excited to share the 1st newsletter of the NatUR-W Project! Through this project, we're committed to exploring and enhancing sustainable, nature-based solutions for water management and environmental resilience. In each edition, we'll update you on our progress, upcoming events, and ways to get involved with our mission.

Thank you for being part of this initiative. Together, we're making a positive impact on a greener future!

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About the project

NatUR-W – Nature-based Urban Regeneration through Water: Integrating the water cycle in urban renaturalization

NatUR-W is regenerating Barrios Altos, a neighbourhood in Lorca's historic centre, to combat energy poverty and the inefficient use of natural water resources in the face of climate change and rising temperatures.

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Lorca City Introduction

We are pleased to introduce you to Lorca, the location of the NATUR-W project! The city and municipality of Lorca, on Spain's Iberian Peninsula, is the third most populous in Murcia, with 97 151 residents. Lorca plans to regenerate its historic city centre while promoting urban sustainability, inclusivity, safety and resilience. The city has played an important part in the history of Murcia, with continuous habitation from the Neolithic era. It was a major Argaric settlement, and played a strategic role during the period of Moorish occupation, before becoming an important border town during the process of the Christian Reconquest in the 13th century.



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3 Key Actions

The proposed solution is to regenerate the urban area of Barrios Altos through innovative, sustainable and self-sufficient NbS that incorporate natural water cycle management. To start the regeneration of the area, NatUR-W is focusing on three key actions.

First, the rehabilitation of three social housing dwellings for vulnerable citizens.

Second, the renovation of the interior of an old prison building.

And third, the creation of a new green space on previously unused land.



Stakeholders meeting

The 1st Stakeholders Board meeting, which attracted 36 local stakeholders, was held on June 26, at the Municipality's premises. The main objective of the session was to identify and map the main actors of the project through two activities. At the same time, it sought to explore the interest in being part, as well as the structure, operation and work areas of the Board of Interested Parties, which will supervise the project throughout its duration.



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Kick-off Meeting for the NatUR-W project held in Lorca, Spain, Lorca, June 26-27, 2024



The 1st kick-off meeting of NatUR-W project, took place in Lorca, Spain, on June 26th - 27th, 2024, bringing together all five project partners. The project is coordinated by the Lorca City Council in partnership with three Spanish SMEs—SingularGreen, INDRESMAT, and SBN Clima—as well as the UNESCO Center on Integrated and Multidisciplinary Water Resources Management (CIMWRM) of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece.

During the meeting the Lieutenant Mayor Rosa Medina and María Hernández, from de Local Government, welcomed the participants, emphasizing the project's significance for Lorca and specifically for the Barrios Altos neighborhood. Leaders of the seven work packages outlined their roles, responsibilities, and work plans, detailing the expected interactions among consortium members. Technical discussions focused on the implementation details of the interventions.

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