

UrbanByNature South Eastern Europe Hub: Webinar #1

Understanding policy landscapes and integrating policy areas for advancing nature-based solutions

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Date: Monday, 04 July 2022
Time: 3:00-4:00 pm (CEST)
Platform: Zoom
Language: English and Serbian

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UrbanByNature is continuing capacity building in the South Eastern Europe region:

After a successful [launch event on 17 and 18 May in Belgrade](#), UbN South Eastern Europe is excited to embark on a five-part webinar series starting on 4 July. Along the [UrbanByNature methodology](#), participants will be introduced to innovative approaches adopted and implemented by cities and other stakeholders throughout the region.

The first session of the UrbanByNature South Eastern Europe webinar series will focus on step 2 of the UbN methodology: EXPLORING existing urban greening policies, plans and regulations to identify gaps and understand local needs. Representing the CLEVER Cities project, **McKenna Davis from the Ecologic Institute** will provide insights on coherent and coordinated policymaking to ensure objectives between different policy areas are aligned, and reflect on relevant EU policies on nature-based solutions. Adding practical experience from the region, **Marija Vilhelm and Adrijana Sestic from the City of Banja Luka** will share how spatial development policy mapping and stakeholder coordination contributed to initiating urban forestry protection and forming the Green Belt of Banja Luka.

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Facilitation



Ana Mitić-Radulović, President of the Management Board, Centre for Experiments in Urban Studies - CEUS

Review: UrbanByNature South Eastern Europe kick-off event



Maja Jovanovic, Secretariat of Environmental Protection, City of Belgrade, Serbia



Daniela Rizzi, Senior Officer for Nature Based Solutions, Green Infrastructures and Biodiversity, ICLEI Europe

Intervention #1: Improving local policy coordination and coherence for enhanced NBS delivery



McKenna Davis, Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute Berlin

Intervention #2: Development of Banja Luka's Green Belt



Marija Vilhelm, Independent Expert Advisor, City of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Adrijana Sesic, Independent Expert Advisor, City of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*The webinar recording will be made available on the [CitiesWithNature](#) YouTube Channel.