

Making cities around the world better places to live

URBAN ECOSYSTEMS

Providing nature-based solutions for restoration and rehabilitation of urban ecosystems

Today, 70% of European citizens live in cities, a number that is expected to increase to 80 % by 2050. Meanwhile, the unsustainable rate of urbanisation as it is taking place today is endangering biodiversity and natural ecosystems, as well as human health and social cohesion. Nature-based solutions (NBS) and Edible City Solutions (ECS) can offer cost-effective and locally attuned answers to many of the environmental, social and economic challenges facing modern societies, and, for this reason, they need to be enhanced at a greater speed and a wider scale.

EdiCitNet, **URBiNAT** and **CLEARING HOUSE** are three European-funded projects aiming to improve the sustainability of cities in different ways, such as implementing Edible City Solutions to produce food in urban contexts, regenerating deprived social housing urban developments, and planting trees to improve urban living.

Results

New models and concepts for Sustainable Cities



Healthy Corridors



Network of urban actors



Co-Creation process



Living Labs



Detail of Fernando Cueto Amoroso, Marketplace during the Occupation (1942). Collection of the National Gallery Singapore. © Fernando C. Amoroso Art Foundation Philippines.



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Challenges

- ◆ Mass urbanization
- ◆ Social inequality
- ◆ Climate change
- ◆ Biodiversity loss
- ◆ Environmental degradation
- ◆ Shortage of green businesses and job opportunities

Who benefits?



Policy makers



Civil Society



Funding Agencies including EU & national digital agencies



NGOs, Citizens



SMEs, Research Institutes

Meet the Projects

Join our community and contribute to making European cities more healthy and liveable



EdiCitNet - Co-creating Edible City Solutions and exploring urban food system innovation for greener, inclusive and more resilient cities.

edicitnet.com

Grant Agreement No. 776665



URBiNAT - Regenerating deprived social housing urban developments through an innovative and inclusive catalogue of Nature-Based Solutions.

urbinat.eu

Grant Agreement No. 776783



CLEARINGHOUSE
中欧城市森林应对方案

CLEARING HOUSE - Investigating the role of urban forests as nature-based solutions, addressing urban sustainable development challenges by planting and managing trees. clearinghouseproject.eu

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