An overview of
CitiesWithNature

Race to Resilience
La sfida di Regioni e città in un clima che cambia

8 febbraio 2022 | ore 15:00 - 17:00 – zoom webinar

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Why is CitiesWithNature unique?

Embarking on a Journey

- Connect, Discover, Share

- Get support and advice

- Take action

# Reaching out to the Italian Cities

CitiesWithNature is a unique initiative that recognizes and enhances the value of nature in and around cities across the world.
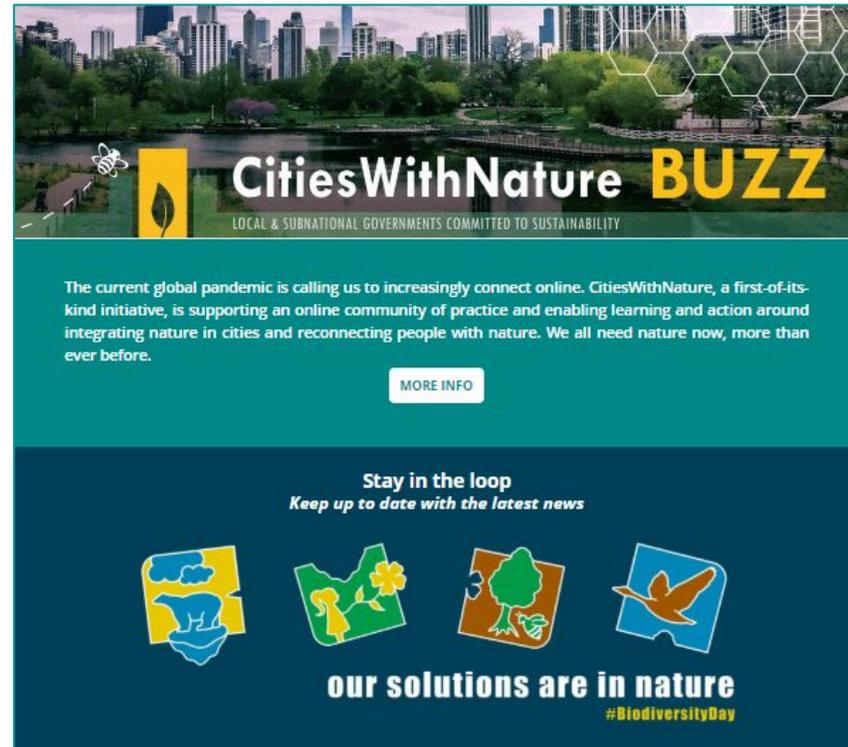
Providing a **shared global platform** to strengthen **collective action** to mainstream **nature into our cities** and surrounding regions.

Embarking on a journey to reconnect urban communities with nature.

Connecting cities with partners and each other
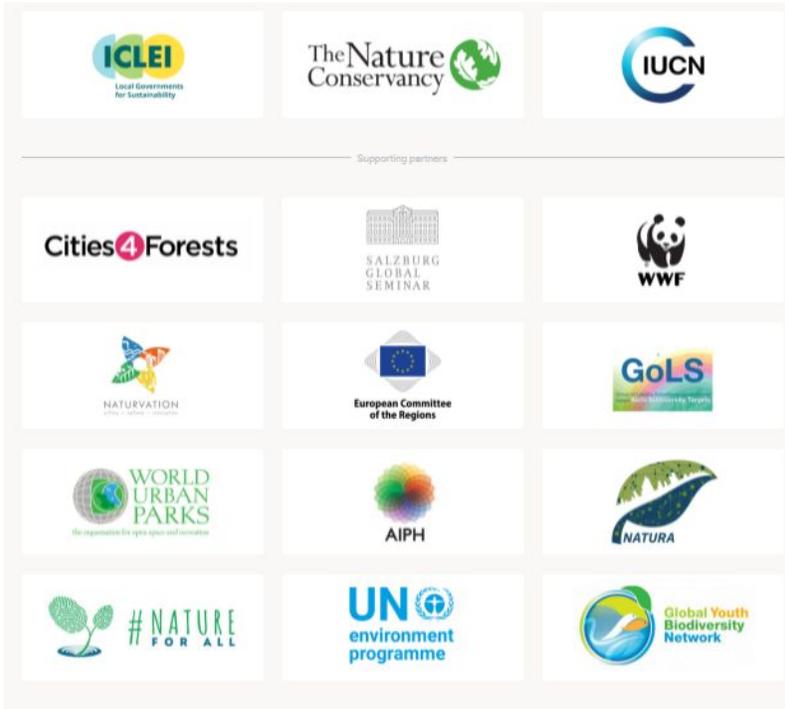
ACCESS TO PARTNERS & THEIR TOOLS AND RESOURCES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER THAT PROFILES WORK OF CITIES, NEWS AND EVENTS.

A GROWING NETWORK OF CITIES

The value of **nature in cities**

Nature provides diverse life-supporting and life-enhancing contributions to people in cities and towns. These gifts from nature make human life both possible and worth living.

All cities critically depend on healthy interconnected ecosystems within around them, so it is essential that nature is fully integrated into urban planning and development.

There is a growing urgency for collective and large scale action to protect the biodiversity in and around cities to prevent irreversible loss and damage to the natural systems we depend on.
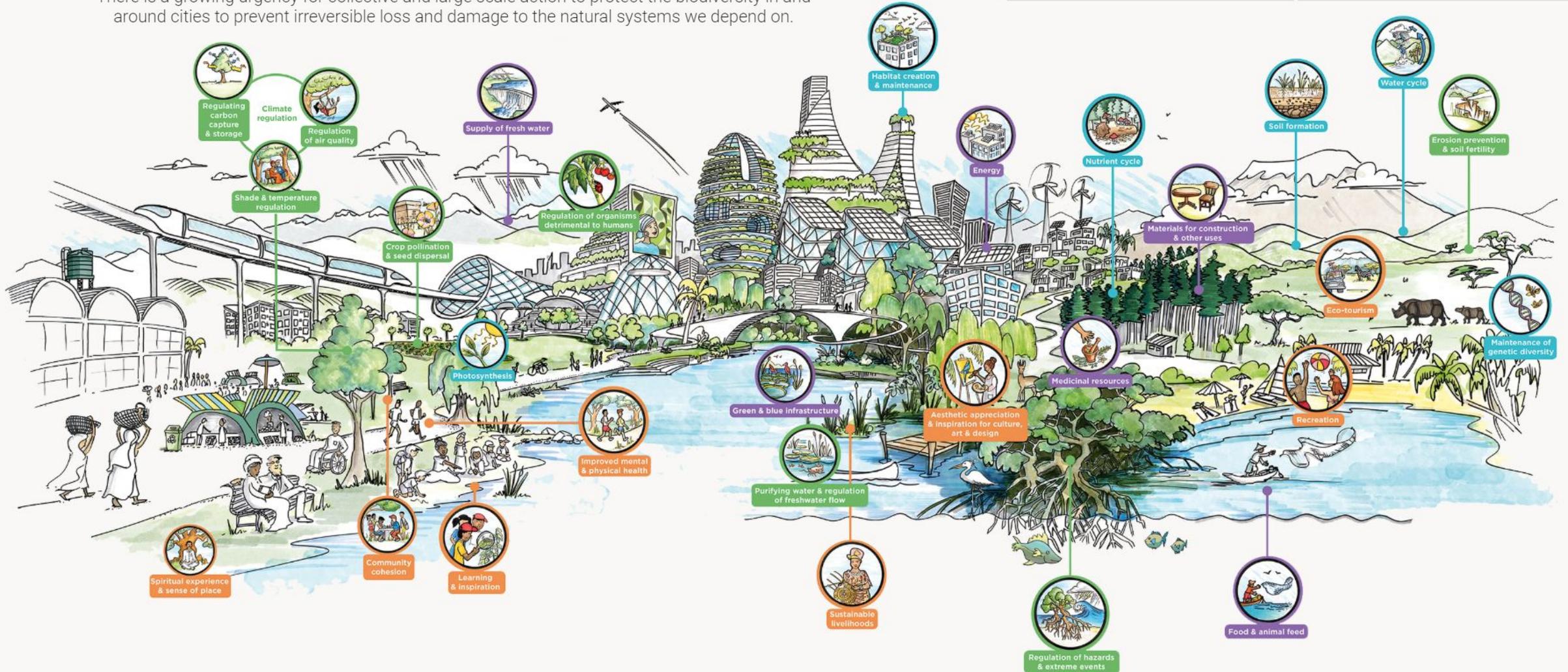
KEY

- ● TANGIBLE THINGS FROM NATURE THAT MEET HUMAN NEEDS
- ● BENEFITS OBTAINED FROM THE PROCESSES THAT REGULATE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- ● NATURES GIFTS THAT ENRICH OUR LIVES
- ● SUPPORTING THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF THE PLANT

Labels:
- Regulating carbon capture & storage
- Climate regulation
- Regulation of air quality
- Shade & temperature regulation
- Supply of fresh water
- Crop pollination & seed dispersal
- Regulation of organisms detrimental to humans
- Habitat creation & maintenance
- Energy
- Nutrient cycle
- Water cycle
- Soil formation
- Erosion prevention & soil fertility
- Materials for construction & other uses
- Eco-tourism
- Maintenance of genetic diversity
- Photosynthesis
- Medicinal resources
- Improved mental & physical health
- Green & blue infrastructure
- Aesthetic appreciation & inspiration for culture, art & design
- Recreation
- Purifying water & regulation of freshwater flow
- Spiritual experience & sense of place
- Community cohesion
- Learning & inspiration
- Sustainable livelihoods
- Regulation of hazards & extreme events
- Food & animal feed

What does CitiesWithNature offer?

How can cities engage on CitiesWithNature?

- Build a city profile

- Access the Nature Pathway

- Get and share tools and resources

- Share nature actions

Cities can share their stories and actions

Metropolitan Area of Barcelona

PIONEER CITY

OTHER CITY PROFILES

The Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB) spreads 636 km2 on the Mediterranean Basin and hosts a population of 3.2 million people from 36 different municipalities. Our area's diverse terrain, with coastal mountain ranges and two fluvial and river mouth systems allow for different habitats and species to concentrate in a reduced geographic area. AMB also counts with more than 30 km of beaches and a network of more than 50 urban and periurban parks.

Country
Spain

Region
Europe

AMB : Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona

CITY INFO   YOUR JOURNEY   ACTIVITY

Vice President of Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
Antonio Balmon

AMB stands in a privileged biogeographic position. The concentration of such an array of natural assets – from the Collserola Natural Park, to the Llobregat River Delta or our network of green infrastructures- in such proximity with a dense population offers exciting opportunities for innovative solutions to tackle metropolitan challenges in consonance with the nature that surrounds us and to consolidate a metropolis with nature

Antonio Balmon

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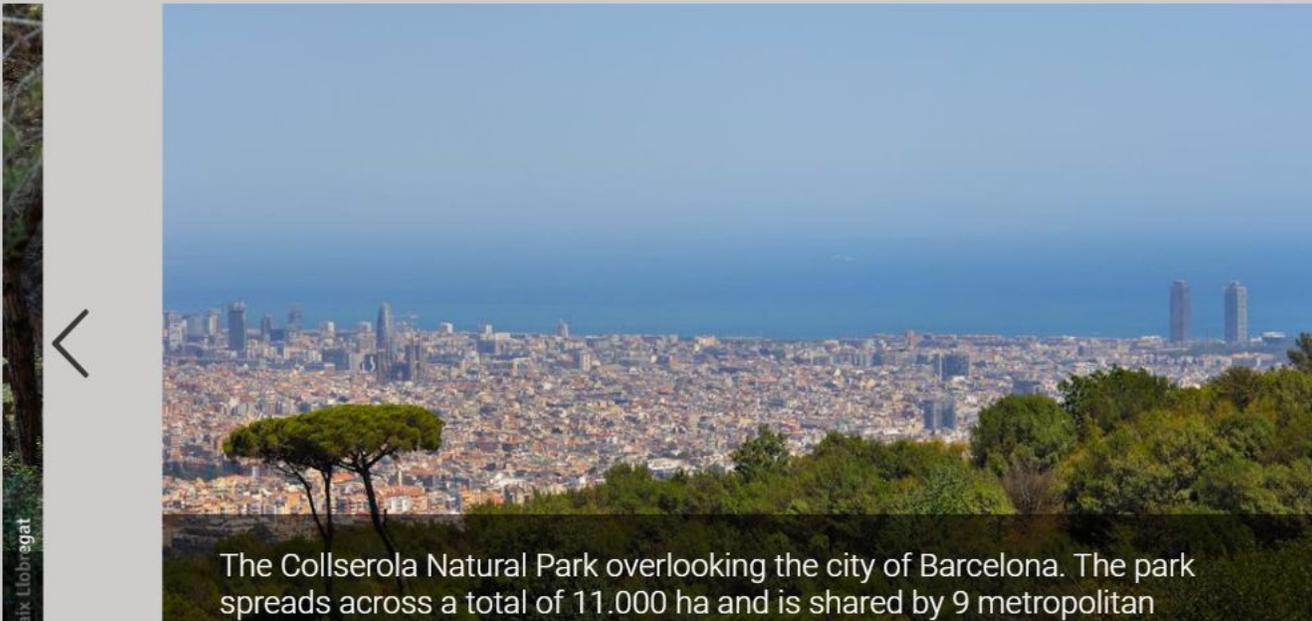
The Collserola Natural Park overlooking the city of Barcelona. The park spreads across a total of 11.000 ha and is shared by 9 metropolitan

TWITTER FEED

#CitieswithNature / #httpstwittercomCoopr_InterAMB

ihnji Retweeted

Cathy Oke ✔ 12h

So great that at the start of week 2, we have the fab @ihnji to join our team! Looking forward to see more urban nature from your 100km! Here's some pics from our team's efforts today ⬇️ #citieswithnature https://t.co/qMMuemKz9c

The Tools and Resources Hub

Access a range of reliable resources and cutting-edge tools on biodiversity, nature-based solutions, ecosystem restoration, and more.

Upload and share tools and resources from your city with the world.

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Themes

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Biodiversity, ecosystems & built environment

Climate change & disaster risk reduction

Health & social well-being

Discover the latest tools and resources

The Nature Pathway

A guide for mainstreaming nature in local government

Comprehensive method

Based on decades of ICLEI experience

Learn and share

Mainstreaming nature in your city using the Nature Pathway

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4. DEVELOP STRATEGY
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4.1 DEVELOPSTRATEGY & ACTION PLAN FOR NATURE-BASED DEVELOPMENT: < <u>1</u> 2 3 >

Our city has a local biodiversity strategy and/or action plan.

YES
SHARE & INSPIRE OTHERS

PLEASE UPLOAD:

A copy of your biodiversity strategy and/or action plan (or similar document)

NOT YET
LEARN FROM OTHERS

To develop strategies and actions plans for nature-based development, including target setting and implementation actions, your city can use the following tools and examples from other cities:

+ WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Here are some approaches/measures

We have a strategy and/or action plan that takes into account and/or provides for:

- Alignment with national objectives, priorities and targets set out in our country's NBSAP

- Our city's potential contribution to meeting the Aichi Biodiversity

Coming Soon: The Action Platform

- The place for cities to show what actions they are taking to help achieve global nature goals
- Recognised by Secretariat of the UN CBD
- Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
- Set targets that are relevant for a city and aligned to global goals
- Easily track commitments and generate reports of the city's progress

Coming Soon: The Action Platform
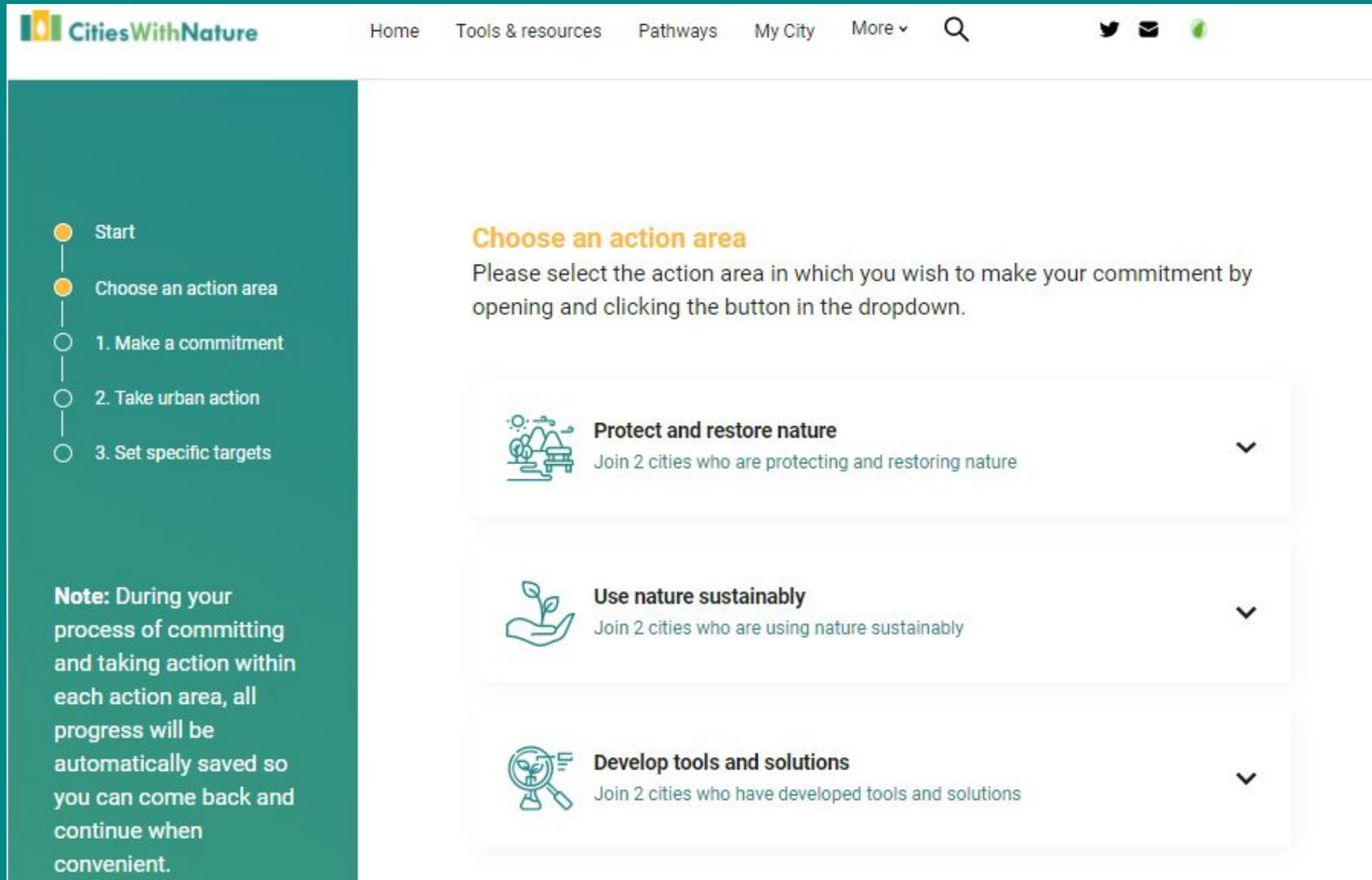
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Home   Pathways   City profile   More ⌄   🔍

Hello, **Name** ⌄

Start

Choose an action area

● **1. Make a commitment**

○ 2. Take action

○ 3. Set specific targets

Action area: Protect and restore nature   ✕

1. Make a commitment

Now that you have selected this Action Area, you can choose one or more of these five commitments. Thereafter, you may choose specific actions under each commitment and you may continue to also set specific targets for each action.

1. Conserve, connect and restore ecosystems   ⌄

2. Conserve and restore key species   ⌄

Coming Soon: City Biodiversity Index (CBI)

- Tool for cities to do **baseline measurements** of their current biodiversity profiles and then monitor and assess them over time
- Public platform on which **biodiversity awareness raising** exercises can be launched
- **Shared goals and data collection** across stakeholders encouraging better communication, stronger networks and more co-operation

Ultimate goal: better policy outcomes:
Indicators as policy tools for measuring economic, social and environmental variables.

- Currently offline handbook - new edition translated into French and Portuguese

- Online version being developed on CitiesWithNature

A Growing Network

Over 200 cities from 58 countries around the globe

Latest to join:
- COP26

- New York City, USA
- Maui in Hawaii,
- Monterrey, Nuevo León, México
- the Port of Prince, Haiti
- and Vitoria-Gasteiz City Council, Spain

Latest partners to join
CitiesWithNature

- **London National Parks Cities**
  7 of December 2021

- **The Global Youth Biodiversity Network:**
  Developing a pathway on youth, nature and cities

- **8 80 Cities:** *We believe that if everything we do in our cities is great for an 8 year old and an 80 year old, then it will be great for all people*

Tweets around NYC

NYC Tweets

@Val_Plante welcomes New York City as our 200th city & encourages cities around the world to join #CitiesWithNature and share their commitments and actions through the Action Platform🌱 #ForNature #GenerationRestoration

Cities are poised to play a key role in addressing the dual crises of biodiversity loss & climate change together 🌳🏙 @mremae welcomes New York City to #CitiesWithNature, joining forces with cities around the world #ForNature #GenerationRestoration

As a founding partner of #CitiesWithNature @IUCN welcomes @nycgov as the 200th city! 🗽 The action platform is geared toward encouraging urban solutions #ForNature & sharing resources for more resilient cities #GenerationRestoration

RegionsWithNature

- A sister platform to CitiesWithNature
- Regional governments have requested a dedicated platform that focuses on nature and biodiversity and meets their specific needs

Functions will include:

- A place for regions to make public their commitments to the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- Guidance/tools for applying biodiversity strategies and action plans at the regional level
- Resources for coordination.

CWN Tutorials:

How to register and activate on CitiesWithNature:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVNW5JMXxks

How to build your city profile on CitiesWithNature:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97pjWWS0l6A

How to use the Tools & Resources Hub:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7rWdiI5G8c&t=2s

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