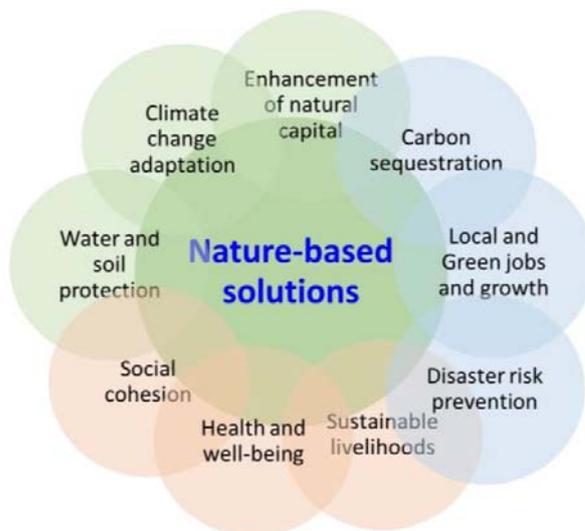


MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN PROJECT OPERANDUM IN WHICH WE PARTICIPATE

Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) are solutions to societal challenges that are inspired and supported by nature, which are cost-effective and give social, environmental and economic benefits and help build resilience. Such solutions bring diversity and nature into cities, rural world and all kind of landscapes with locally adapted, resource-efficient and systemic inventions.

The European Commission is strongly committed to the implementation and research of the Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) and thus is making great efforts on promoting projects related with these kind of topics in the European fund programme Horizon2020. The Operandum project, started in July is focused on the mitigation of the impact of hydro-meteorological phenomena through the design, implementation and demonstration of NBS in small Open Air Laboratories (OALs). Some of these OALs are study areas located in National Parks or areas protected by UNESCO with years of research and well knowledge of the area with different environmental problems (floods, droughts, landslide, salinization intrusion...) which will try to be solved with the development, test and monitoring of NBS.

Seeing the potential and relevance of the project, other countries outside the European Union are involved. With their own OALs, China, Hong Kong and Australia have added more budget for this project to be part of it and also to widen the importance and applicability of the nature-based solutions worldwide.



With such a big project, with 26 partners involved among universities, enterprises, research centers and NGO's, the coordination is a must. Such is that Operandum is organized in 10 work packages with different subtasks and aims but all of them are interrelated under the same umbrella and have the same goal.

More information about the project will be available in the webpage and social media in the following weeks, as right now they are under construction. More

information about the Nature-Based Solutions according to the definition and guidelines of the European Commission can be found at

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index.cfm?pg=nbs>