



ReNature's Final Newsletter: The ReNature journey since the beginning

After three years filled with exciting training events, nature-based solutions studies and stakeholder engagement activities, the ReNature journey is now ending!

Let's have a look at the most memorable achievements of ReNature!



Conferences and events

Since the very beginning of the project, ReNature has been actively participating various EU-organised conferences and scientific events, where project partners have successfully presented the ReNature goals and objectives. Amongst the long list of attended events are the [ESP Europe Regional Conference](#), [The Nature of Cities Festival](#), the [EDULEARN Conference](#) and the international scientific conference "[Global and regional in environmental protection](#)" in Romania.



The ReNature Training Courses

One of the main goals of ReNature has been to help to position Malta as a front-runner country in research and innovation, and in the generation of novel NbS that tackle environmental challenges faced by modern societies. As such,

ReNature organised a total of seven capacity-building events - two Summer Schools and five Training Courses.



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ReNature's scientific research

ReNature's team of excellent international professionals has been actively contributing to the scientific research on nature-based solutions-related topics by conducting various investigations and publishing papers in leading science journals.

The full collection of ReNature publications is available on the project's website, where you can also find all of the public deliverables.

The screenshot shows the RIO journal interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Articles, About, About Pensoft, Books, Journals, and Blog. Below the navigation, there is a header for a 'Workshop Report' titled 'Capacity-building and networking events for nature-based solutions and re-naturing in Malta' by Judita Tomaskinova, Lynn Dicks, Marcus Collier, Davide Geneletti, Miriam Grace, and Davide Longato. To the right of the header is the ReNature logo and the text 'Publications'. Below the header, there are two main content areas. On the left is the cover of the book 'Planning for Ecosystem Services in Cities' by Davide Geneletti, Chiara Cortinovis, Linda Zardo, and Blal Adem Esmail, published by Springer Open. On the right is the cover of 'EDULEARN PROCEEDINGS' with a grid of images. Below the book covers, there is a section for 'Environmental Science & Policy' (Volume 120, June 2021, Pages 73-80) from Elsevier, featuring a review article titled 'Are field boundary hedgerows the earliest example of a nature-based solution?'.

Explore the ReNature Library

The ReNature open-access research collection

ReNature launched an open-access scientific collection in the [Research Ideas and Outcomes \(RIO\)](#) Journal. The assortment of research articles presents key materials related to the sustainable use of biodiversity, biodiversity-ecosystem functioning, green infrastructure and ecosystem service assessments within various areas, such as rural-urban gradients. The ReNature open-access collection further looks at raising awareness amongst students, early career researchers, policymakers and stakeholders by spreading empirical knowledge on the ReNature project's subject.

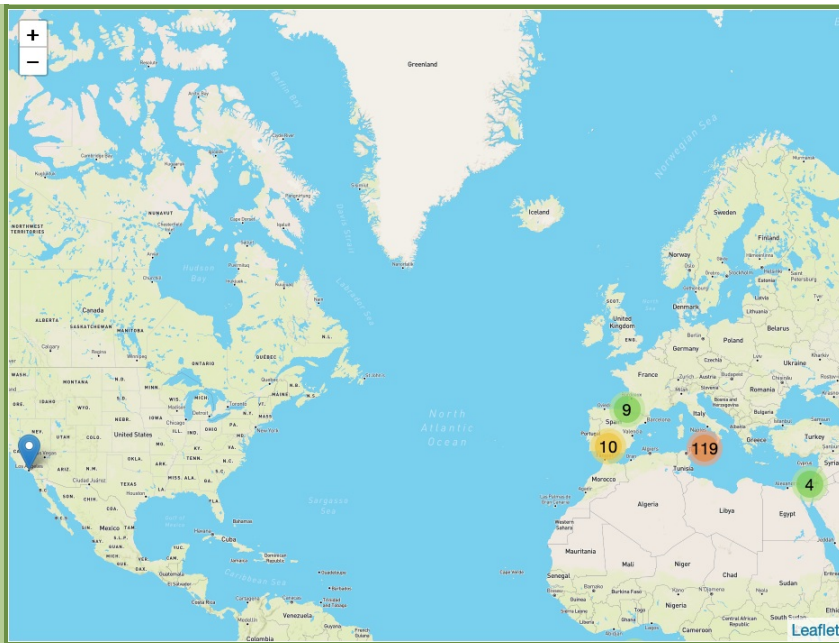
The screenshot shows the ReNature open-access research collection website. At the top, there is the ReNature logo. Below the logo, the main heading reads 'CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS: THE RENATURE OPEN-ACCESS RESEARCH COLLECTION'. The background of the page is a scenic view of a coastal city with a large dome. In the foreground, there is a list of three research items, each with a small icon and a checkbox:

- Project Report:** ReNature: creating the first nature-based solutions compendium in the Mediterranean. Authors: Anna Sapundzhieva, Mario V Balzan, Judita Tomaskinova, Leticia De Santis, Marcus Collier, Jean Williams, Lynn Dicks, Miriam Grace, Davide Geneletti, Iliyana Demirova.
- Workshop Report:** Capacity-building and networking events for nature-based solutions and re-naturing in Malta. Authors: Judita Tomaskinova, Lynn Dicks, Marcus Collier, Davide Geneletti, Miriam Grace, Davide Longato, Renata Saduła, Pavel Stoev, Anna Sapundzhieva, Mario V Balzan.
- Forum Paper:** Building capacity for mainstreaming nature-based solutions into environmental policy and landscape planning. Authors: Mario V Balzan, Judita Tomaskinova, Marcus Collier, Lynn Dicks, Davide Geneletti, Miriam Grace, Davide Longato, Renata Saduła, Pavel Stoev, Anna Sapundzhieva.

Explore the collection

The ReNature Nature-Based Solutions Compendium

ReNature developed the first open-source compendium, containing data on nature-based solutions in Malta and the Mediterranean. The compendium is open for use by everyone, especially policymakers, designers, planners, and citizens, who want to identify the nature-based solutions that are in place in Malta and the Mediterranean region.



Search the compendium

The ReNature Interactive Research & Support Tool

As part of the ReNature open-access nature-based solutions compendium, the project has designed an Interactive Research & Support Tool, which will be available for the website users as of August 2021. The purpose and idea behind this innovation is to provide evidence-based solutions to major societal problems by enabling decision-makers and practitioners to learn from actualised nature-based solutions in the Mediterranean region.

Explore the ToolKit

ReNature Awards



ReNature partner received the Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award

Prof Davide Geneletti (University of Trento, Italy) has received the Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in research in the field of environmental planning.

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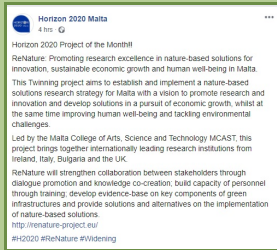
A winning prize at the Post COVID-19 City Challenge

In January 2021, our project partner Prof Davide Geneletti from the University of Trento, Italy participated in The Post COVID-19 City Challenge



with a proposal for Renaturing marginal public spaces for people and ecosystems, where the submission received a winning prize.

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ReNature has been awarded 'Project of the Month' by Horizon 2020 Malta

In September 2020, ReNature received the Horizon 2020 Malta award for "Project of the month". The European framework awarded ReNature for its contribution in capacity building with a vision to promote research and innovation and develop solutions in a pursuit of economic growth. Additionally, ReNature enhances the human and environmental well-being in Malta.

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Features

ReNature featured on the Maltese National TV

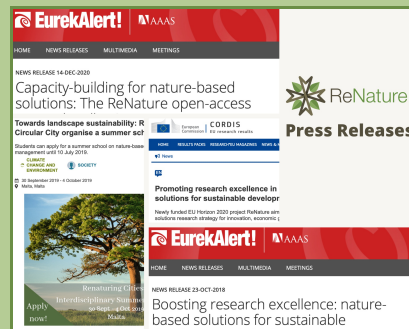
The kick-start of ReNature has been launched at a press conference in February 2019. The event has been participated by the Minister for Education and Employment Evarist Bartolo was live-stream on the Maltese national television.



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ReNature featured in two press releases

The project has been mentioned in a number of press releases published by the worldwide scientific communication platform EurekAlert! and the EC's news and events service CORDIS Wire.



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ReNature featured in a Horizon 2020 video

The European Commission's Horizon 2020 programme, featured a video presenting Maltese researchers who successfully participated in projects funded under the H2020 EU framework for research and innovation. It features the core horizontal actions of the programme and interviews with Maltese participants that have benefited from it.



[Watch the video](#)

ReNature featured in a Maltese Newspaper

In an interview with the Maltese online magazine Malta Today, ReNature's project coordinator Mario Balzan explained the benefits of nature-based solutions and what the next steps towards a green future are.



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**Thank you for being part of the
ReNature journey!
Every ending is a new beginning and we
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endeavors!**



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