



PROMOTING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR INNOVATION, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND HUMAN WELL-BEING IN MALTA

Nature-based solutions are living solutions, inspired by nature, which address societal challenges whilst providing economic, social and environmental benefits. They also help build resilience and bring biodiversity to cities and landscapes through adapted interventions. Example include urban green spaces, green roofs and walls, sustainable urban drainage systems, hedgerows, and natural water retention systems.

The challenge of putting together socio-economic demands and environmental challenges is particularly felt in Malta, the smallest member state of the European Union. ReNature will build the evidence-base through improved capacity, networking and knowledge synthesis, adopt business and policy approaches, and develop a strategic research strategy to foster nature-based solutions research in Malta and the Mediterranean region.



OBJECTIVE: Strengthen collaboration between MCAST, Maltese national authorities and ReNature partners



ACTION: Promote dialogue and knowledge co-creation among scientists and practitioners



OUTCOME: Create a National Research and Innovation Cluster to contribute to nature-based innovation in Malta and Europe.



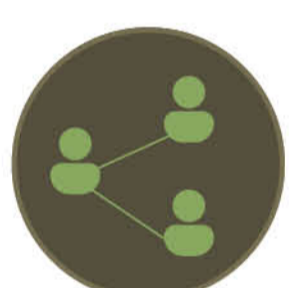
OBJECTIVE: Inform practitioners and policy-makers on landscape and urban planning



ACTION: Promote open-source innovation by creating a compendium and sharing information with interested users



OUTCOME: Develop a Nature-Based Solutions Impacts Toolbox for practitioners



OBJECTIVE: Promote collaboration for the development of excellent scientific research



ACTION: Offer training for capacity building within MCAST and for stakeholders, young researchers, academics and practitioners



OUTCOME: Learning modules for Masters programmes in environmental science



OBJECTIVE: Extend the partnership by collaborating with European practitioners



ACTION: Implement mentoring visits from researchers in research intensive institutions



OUTCOME: Implement knowledge and technical practices within project results, toolbox and complementary training courses



OBJECTIVE: Develop guidelines for national authorities, policy-makers and businesses on nature-based solutions implementation



ACTION: Organise meetings and disseminate outcomes for an amplified effect on environmental management, landscape planning and businesses.



OUTCOME: Embed project results in a larger community through promotional materials, website, social network profiles, and an online open-source compendium.

