



TreeCities4MED - Webinar 2

INDNATUR and URBforDAN: two INTERREG projects in support of Urban Forestry

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- **Moderator:** Ms Maria Beatrice Andreucci, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
- **INTERREG project #1**
INDNATUR: Nature Based Solutions to improve industrial areas – by Ms Rosario del Caz (University of Valladolid, Spain) and Mr Artur Gonçalves (University of Braganza, Portugal)
- **INTERREG project #2**
URBforDAN: Management and Utilization of Urban Forests as Natural Heritage in Danube Cities – by Mr Jurij Kobe (Ljubljana City Administration, Slovenia) and Mr Klemen Strmsnik (Project Manager ZaVita d.o.o., Slovenia)
- **The INTERREG framework: areas of activity, calls and opportunities** – by Representative from the INTERREG Programme

INTERREG is one of the key instruments of the European Union (EU) supporting cooperation across borders through project funding. Its aim is to jointly tackle common challenges and find shared solutions in fields such as health, environment, research, education, transport, sustainable energy and more. Funded by the European Regional Development Fund, one of its main targets is to diminish the influence of national borders in favor of equal economic, social and cultural development of the whole territory of the European Union. Its main goal is to strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion throughout Europe, by fostering a balanced development of the continent through cross-border, transnational and inter-regional cooperation.

In this webinar, we will present two projects that have been developed within this framework: INDNATUR and URBforDAN.

INDNATUR is a *INTERREG cross-border Project* which aims to study and test renaturalisation solutions in industrial areas. The ultimate goal is environmental, social, economic and cultural improvement of these spaces through the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions. All of this will derive from the combined incorporation of NBS guidelines and sustainable urban drainage systems, both in public and private spaces and buildings. Within the project, two pilot projects will be carried out, consisting on the construction of a green-blue corridors in the Argales industrial estate (Valladolid, Spain) and in the industrial area of Cantarias (Bragança, Portugal).

The URBforDAN is an *INTERREG Danube Transnational Project* which aims to improve cooperation between key actors to resolve conflicts and improve management of urban forests. At the same time, it aims to enrich “green tourism” in Danube Cities through new and improved services and products on over 700 hectares of urban and peri-urban forests. The project is designed to deliver a change in urban forest management and utilization of ecosystem services in the pilot areas selected in the seven project partner cities. The countries involved in the project include Slovenia, Hungary, Romania, Austria, Croatia, Serbia and Ukraine.

After the presentations of the two projects, a representative from the INTERREG Programme will be invited to provide an overview of the programme, present the portfolio of activities/priority areas for the upcoming edition INTERREG VI (2021-2027), and explore opportunities for the submission of urban forestry and urban greening related project proposals.

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