



# Connecting Nature Roadshow 2022

A mobile exhibition showcasing innovative solutions to co-create, implement and manage nature based solutions in your city



**Connecting Nature** is an EU supported partnership which has brought together local authorities, communities, industry partners, NGOs, and researchers to collaborate on the development of practical solutions for the design, implementation, stewardship and impact measurement of large-scale Nature-based Solutions in urban settings.

As cities move towards achieving the targets of the European Green Deal of no net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050; the decoupling of economic growth from resource use and ensuring that no person and no place are left behind, the role of Nature-based Solutions in cities will become increasingly important.

To support and engage with cities as they build back better with nature, the Connecting Nature project has created the **Connecting Nature Roadshow** showcasing project innovations that cities can use when implementing large scale nature-based solutions. Among the innovations featured on the Roadshow are:

***Mobile Green Living Room (Helix Pflanzen)***

***Arts based engagement process for NbS (EM|Path)***

***Nature-based Enterprise Support (Connecting Nature Enterprise Platform)***



Connecting Nature partner Helix Pflanzen GmbH created the **Green Living Room** as an outstanding example of a Nature-based Solution for urban areas. Designed to fulfil multiple objectives and ecosystem services, the Green Living Room has proved its popularity in Ludwigsburg (Germany) with the local population and visitors alike. With its lush vegetation and colourful planting, it has become a spot for urban dwellers and stimulates biodiversity in an inner-city district.

Such has been the interest in the Green Living Room Concept that Helix has developed a mobile version and will be travelling across Europe in 2022 as part of the **Connecting Nature Roadshow**.



Also travelling with the **Connecting Nature Roadshow** will be EM|Path: the developers of a co-creative process for Building Nature-based Narratives to co-produce Nature-based Solutions. Inviting creative encounters with the past, present, and future **this new arts-based engagement process brings together multiple stakeholders to** explore relationships with nature and how these can shape Nature-based Solutions for your city.

Planning, designing and managing large-scale Nature-based Solutions require experienced, skilled suppliers of these solutions and as demand for Nature-based Solutions grows where do cities find these companies and practitioners? How do you stimulate a competitive nature-based economy in your city? As part of the Roadshow, you'll be able to meet with the Community Ambassadors, members of the **Connecting Nature Enterprise Platform** and discuss with our Enterprise team how to build a local network of nature-based enterprises in your city.

**Interested?** Read on to find out more and complete the online Expression of Interest Form if your city would like to host the **Connecting Nature Roadshow** in April 2022



## The Mobile Green Living Room (MGL®)

The mobile Green Living Room consists of living wall modules (wireframe cubes) that are fixed to a hook lift container platform. The vegetation cover is very diverse to illustrate the high potential of living walls to increase amenity value and stimulate biodiversity.



A light open roof structure, partly covered with vegetation provides shade.

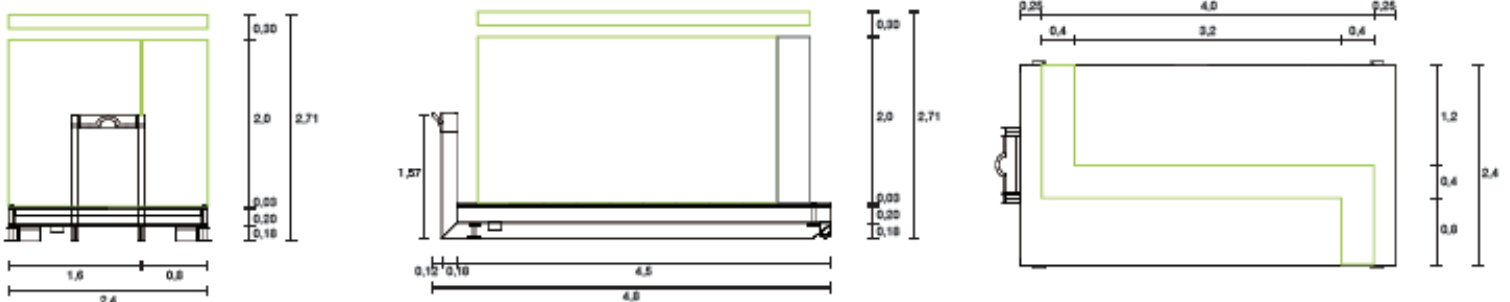
The MGL provides instant services for clean air provision, cooling and shading, a habitat for urban biodiversity and is a great way to engage citizens and communities in a better understanding of what nature-based solutions are – the MGL lets citizens get up close to green infrastructure facilitating a learning by doing approach much better than any simulation or visualisation.

The MGL enables cities test the visual and aesthetic suitability of a Green Living Room in a specific urban location and assess the use of this type of nature-based solution for functionalities such as noise reduction.

### Technical Information

The Mobile Green Living Room can be trucked to any location that has truck access.

Platform measurements	4.80 x 2.40 x 2.80m (L x W x H)
Green room (S-shape)	Element width: 0.40m, length: 6.50 m, height: 2.0m
Weight:	Max. 10 tons
Vegetation area	25m <sup>2</sup>
Irrigation	Integrated irrigation system with water tank with solar pump Water consumption depends on the weather, approx. 1m <sup>3</sup> per week
Roof	Trellis, e.g. with grape kiwi
Plant selection	Ground covering plants, flowering plants and plants for snacking (e.g. herbs, strawberries, geranium, etc.)
Ecological welfare effect	O <sub>2</sub> release: 25 kg per year CO <sub>2</sub> binding: 35 kg per year



## Pathway for building Nature-Based Narratives...

The pathway for crafting nature-based narratives is underpinned by a co-creative, arts-based engagement process developed within the Connecting Nature project. It was first piloted and tested in Sarajevo in March 2020; it was then taken to Nicosia where it went through a similar co-creative process and was delivered in September 2020. The nature of co-creation has meant that each time, it was developed in collaboration with the cities, to suit the needs, and engage with the nature of each city.



### The process harnesses the power of creativity and creative activity and...

- uses **memory work, immersion in nature, embodied reflection, eco-therapy, and body mapping** to help capture our lived experiences and build our stories in and with nature.
- is designed to **establish or re-establish connections with nature** within cities and aims to revitalise connections to nature and provide a useful tool for engagement.
- invites creative **encounters with the past, present, and future, providing space for imaginative and innovative storytelling** by the participants themselves.

### By the end of the experience, cities will:

- Gain experience using an arts-based co-creative methodology to explore peoples' relationship with nature
- Co-produce a shared nature-based narrative drawing on participants' creativity and creative activity
- Reflect on the process and how the outputs can be mapped to help guide co-design and delivery of Nature-based Solutions

**The Past:  
What has  
brought you  
here?**

*“My favourite tree was this pomegranate tree in the picture, I loved it, and the fruit, with its sweet and delicious flavours, made for an outstanding summer. I felt free there, it brought me peace and happiness, I loved the sound of birds, the hummingbirds with its many colours that came to visit...”*  
- memory text



**The Present:  
What does  
here mean?**

**The Future:  
Where are you  
going/how do  
you get there?**



...to co-produce Nature-based Solutions



Connecting Nature  
Enterprise Platform

Nature-  
based  
Solutions in  
your city

Do you have  
them, do you  
plan for them,  
do you need  
more of them?

How do  
you find  
Suppliers  
of NBS?

Advisers,  
Designers,  
Builders,  
Maintenance  
professionals,  
Community  
Initiatives?

How do you  
support and  
scale local  
suppliers of  
NBS?

## Stimulate the Nature-Based Economy in Your City

Come and meet some of Europe's Nature-Based Enterprise Community as the **Connecting Nature Roadshow** visits your city. Meet our Community Ambassadors; all NBE leaders in their field; learn how to create a nature-based entrepreneurship strategy for your city; and invite nature-based enterprises in your city to come to our networking events and join the on-line [Connecting Nature Enterprise Platform](#).

Our expert team of nature-based entrepreneurs and innovations support actors would be delighted to co-develop a customised programme on nature-based entrepreneurship and stimulating the nature-based economy in your city with workshops, talks and practical demonstrations of nature-based solutions to be delivered as part of the **Connecting Nature Roadshow** in your city.



Water  
Management



Community  
Engagement



Green  
Buildings



Urban  
Landscapes



Smart Tech



Health &  
Wellbeing



Sustainable  
Agriculture



Sustainable  
Tourism



Sustainable  
Forestry



Nature-Based  
Organisations

## Expression of Interest

Thank you for your interest in hosting **The Connecting Nature Roadshow** in your city in April 2022. Please complete the [online expression of interest form](#) and one of the roadshow team will be in touch with you to discuss your interest further.

**The deadline for submission of expression of interest is: 12th January 2022**

Please note that prior to completing the Expression of Interest, the following is the minimum requirement that would be needed to host the **Connecting Nature Roadshow** in your City.

- Barrier free location that fulfils the requirements including permissions for using the public space
- Water and energy will be supplied on site by the user in compliance with requirements for water and energy set out in the technical fact sheet
- Flat, firm ground that will withstand driving and manoeuvring of a 20-tonne truck
- Safe parking area for the truck
- Safe storage for canvas cover and dismantled support frames
- A contact person with decision making authority for the duration of the visit
- 2 persons available for installing and dismantling MGLR (2 hours)
- A nearby indoor space to host workshops if weather conditions prevent them from being hosted outdoors at the Mobile Green Living Room
- The Connecting Nature Roadshow is covered by a public liability insurance
- Costs relating to delivery, installation/removal from site, night-time protection barrier (if required), irrigation work and maintenance may be covered fully or partially by the Connecting Nature project. Costs are agreed on a case-by-case basis and should be agreed in advance
- To maximise community awareness and engagement the user agrees to promote the **Connecting Nature Roadshow** widely to local communities, stakeholders, and businesses before and during the event

The **Connecting Nature Roadshow** Team will provide:

- The Mobile Green Living Room as described in the technical fact sheet
- It will be delivered to a location that fulfils the basic requirements as outlined above
- Delivery, installation/removal from site, night-time protection barrier (if required), irrigation work and maintenance work are completed by the Roadshow organisers
- Contact persons to respond to technical questions on the mobile green living room; the Nature-Based Narrative building workshops, and the Nature-Based Enterprise Supports as required
- Workshop materials







## Connecting Nature Roadshow

The **Connecting Nature Roadshow** will stay for a maximum of 3 days in the city. Exact times and dates will be agreed two months in advance:

- Day 1 Arrival and Set Up
- Day 2 Open to the public, workshops, and interactive activity; (exact activities will be agreed in advance according to city needs and priorities)
- Day 3 Take down and Removal.

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