



# International Conference: Re-naturing Cities through Nature- Based Solutions

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## 1. Overview

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A one-day international URBAN GreenUP event will be held in Valladolid on the 29<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate the success of the project, after 6 years of cooperation, support and progress towards the developing, application and replications of Renaturing Urban Plans in cities to fight against climate change through Nature-based Solutions. The URBAN GreenUP international event will provide a forum to share the knowledge, the experiences acquired throughout the execution of the project, and the legacy of the project. It will be a place where national and international Nature-Based Solution experts can create synergies and set up a joint future based on what they have learned in the past.



The meeting will take place in the city center. Several NBS projects and NBS experts will be invited to take part in the event in different sessions. At the same time, and because cities belong to them, citizens will also have a place in the forum where they will learn about the importance of re-naturalizing cities from a social, economic, environmental and health and well-being point of view.

After the event, part of the afternoon will be dedicated to a technical site visit, where participants will be able to learn more about the NBS interventions carried out in Valladolid and visit the city. The day will finish with a networking cocktail

## 2. Registration

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Please register to attend the Urban GreenUP International Event using this link:

<https://urbangreenupconference.com/>

Registration is free and will be open until the maximum venue capacity is reached.

## 3. Venue, logistics and accommodation

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### 3.1. Arriving in Valladolid

The most convenient ways to reach Valladolid are:

- By plane to Valladolid ('Villanubla' airport):

"Villanubla Airport" (VLL) is located some 15kms from Valladolid. It is a small airport and, unfortunately, regular direct international flights are no longer operating. In some limited cases, you may find suitable international connection flights with Vueling ([www.vueling.com](http://www.vueling.com)) via Barcelona. Ryanair also provides flights to Valladolid from Barcelona although they do not offer connecting flights.

- By plane to Madrid (MAD):

From most destinations your best option is travelling to **Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD)** and then to Valladolid by **high-speed train (called AVE, ALVIA and AVANT)**. This is the best option as these trains take just around 50-65 minutes. Please check the timetable and buy your tickets in [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es) (**strongly recommended**) or directly at **Chamartín Railway Station**. Booking in advance is recommended, since seats are sometimes limited (trains might be full) and prices might go up. Please keep in mind that tickets are personal and can only be reimbursed or changed if you choose the relevant fee.

From Madrid-Barajas airport to "Madrid - Chamartín Clara Campoamor" Railway Station you can go by:

**1/ Cercanías, line C1 (train).** [ONE WAY: 2,60€] Departs from airport Terminal4 (T4) twice an hour approximately. Travel takes **about 12 minutes**. There is a free shuttle bus which connects T4 with the other terminals (journey time: 10 minutes). <http://www.renfe.com/viajeros/cercanias/madrid/>

**2/ "Metro" -underground-,** [ONE WAY: 5€]. You can take the metro from any terminal in the airport, and take line 8 and then 10 (the easiest connection). Chamartín Railway Station ("Chamartín") is also a metro stop. Travel takes around 40 minutes, but it might vary. Tickets can be bought at the airport. You can check the map and other conexions in the web page: <https://www.metromadrid.es/en>

**3 / By taxi** [Fixed rate to/from airport is 30€]

Alternatively, you can hire a car (around 2h30 from Madrid-Barajas to Valladolid).

**4/ By bus** [Prices vary depending on service, usually around 15-20€]

There are regular buses throughout the day. You can check the timetable and book your ticket at [www.alsa.es](http://www.alsa.es), through their phone app, or directly at the airport bus station, but booking in advance is also recommended. The journey takes 2,5 hours. These buses leave from T4 in Barajas (<https://www.alsa.es/aeropuertos/madrid-barajas>) or from the stations in the city.

### 3.2. Meeting venue

The international event will take place at the [Real Colegio Seminario de los Padres Agustinos](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Real+Colegio+Seminario+de+los+Padres+Agustinos,+Paseo+de+Filipinos+7,+47007+Valladolid/goo.gl/maps/sXvP5YZfZEzRHu2N7), Paseo De Filipinos 7, 47007 Valladolid. Google maps location: <https://goo.gl/maps/sXvP5YZfZEzRHu2N7>.

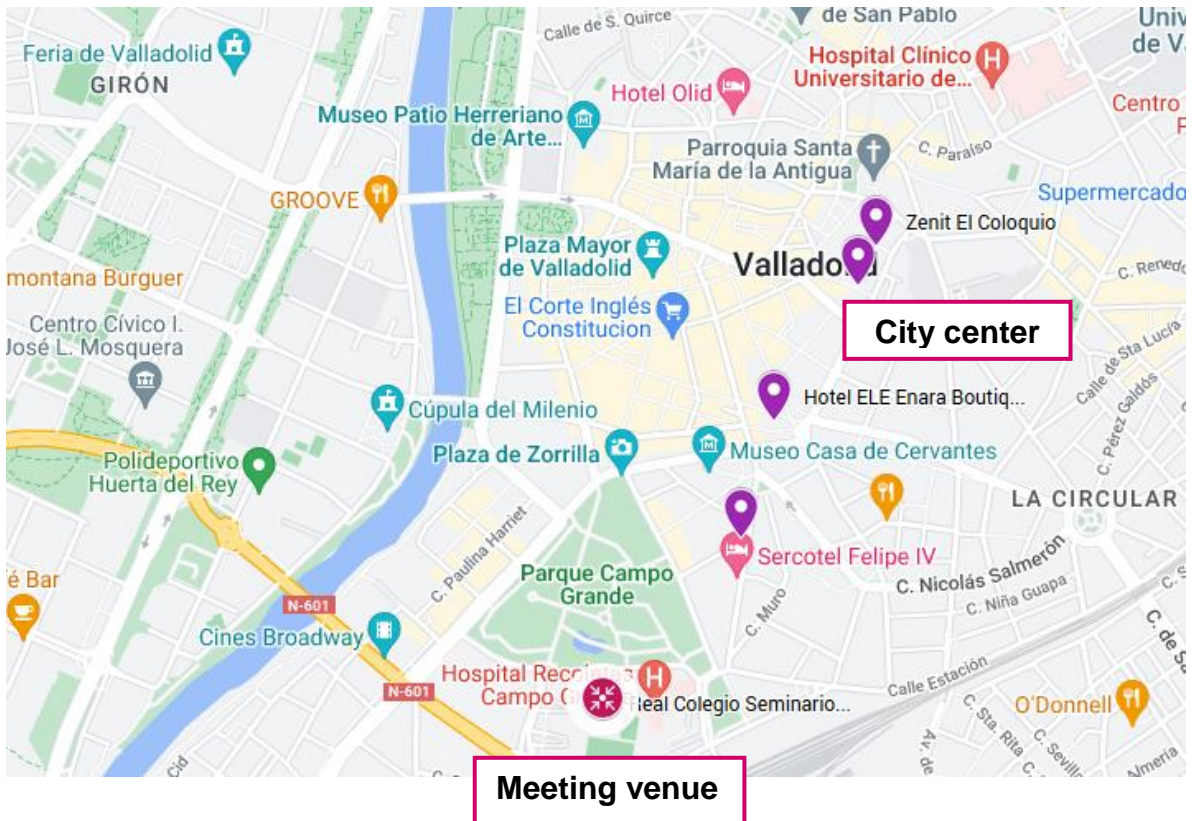


### 3.3. Accommodation

We have a list of recommended hotels in close proximity (walking distance) to the city center:

Hotel (link)	Category	Address
<a href="#">El Coloquio de los Perros</a>	****	Plaza de la Universidad, 11
<a href="#">ELE Enara Boutique</a>	****	Plaza de España 5 (Entrance at Montero Calvo 30)
<a href="#">Boutique Gareus</a>	****	Gamazo 8, corner with Colmenares 2
<a href="#">Boutique Catedral</a>	***	Núñez de Arce, 11

It takes around 15 minutes walking from the City Centre to the meeting venue.



## 4. Detailed agenda

29 <sup>th</sup> of March 2023 - URBAN GreenUP International Event		
08:00 – 9:00 h	Registration	
09:00 – 9:10 h	Welcome by organisers	<b>Raúl Sánchez</b> - URBAN GreenUP project coordinator - CARTIF
09:10 – 9:30 h	Conference opening	<b>Oscar Puente</b> - Mayor. Municipality of Valladolid
		<b>Sergio Sanz Hernando</b> - Deputy General Director - R&D Programmes Manager - CARTIF
9:30 – 9:55 h	Keynote speaker: The post-2020 policy context and the opportunity for NBS	<b>Gilles Doignon</b> - Team Leader Biodiversity & Nature-Based Solutions at European Commission
9:55 – 10:20 h	NBS regional hubs and TFs, the power of collaboration	<b>Bettina Wilk</b> – NETWORK NATURE - ICLEI
10:20 – 10:40 h	The NBS Observatory	<b>Andrés Alcántara</b> – IUCN - CONAMA
10:40 – 11:00 h	Keynote speaker: Nature Based Opportunities – the right time for positive messaging	<b>Clive Davies</b> - School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, Newcastle University   CLEARING HOUSE project at European Forest Institute
11:00 – 11:30 h	Coffee break	
11:30 – 11:45 h	URBAN GreenUP Legacy: outcomes and project mini-handbook presentation	<b>Raúl Sánchez</b> - URBAN GreenUP project coordinator - CARTIF
11:45 – 12:15 h	URBAN GreenUP Front-Runners cities impact s& outputs.	<b>Juliet Staples</b> - URBAN GreenUP Liverpool City Council
		<b>Berna Ataman</b> - URBAN GreenUP Izmir City Council
		<b>Rosa Huertas</b> - URBAN GreenUP Valladolid City Council
12:15 – 13:00 h	Roundtable 1. Joint legacy of the NBS projects with a mission view.  Moderated by <b>Laura Palomo Ríos</b> - European Research Executive Agency. Unit REA.B3 – Biodiversity, Circular Economy and Environment	<b>Laura Wendling</b> - VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland – Unalab Project Coordinator
		<b>Siobhan McQuaid</b> - Trinity College Dublin – Connecting Nature project coordinator
		Manchester City Council - GrowGreen project coordinator
		<b>Raúl Sánchez</b> - URBAN GreenUP project coordinator - CARTIF
13:00 - 14:00h	Lunch break	
14:00 - 14:15 h	Keynote speaker: NBS contribution to Biodiversity, EC Handbook and Cases Studies.	<b>Stuart Connop</b> - Sustainability Research Institute (SRI) University of East London
		<b>Esther San Jose</b> – URBAN GreenUP Team - CARTIF
14:15 – 14:30 h	Keynote speaker: Recovering contact with nature	<b>Paul Nolan</b> - Mersey Forest Director
14:30 – 15:00 h	Roundtable 2 – URBAN GreenUp replicability and NBS opportunities Moderated by <b>Thami Crosser</b> - RMIT University	Speakers: Cities invited (followers & network of cities)
15:00- 15:30 h	Roundtable 3 – Let's share our city experience! Moderated by <b>Isabel Sánchez</b> – Valladolid City Council	Speakers: Cities invited (followers & network of cities)
15:30 - 15:40 h	Goodbye /conference closing	<b>Rosario Chávez</b> - Councillor. Municipality of Valladolid
15:40 – 16:00	Conclusions and thank you from organisers	<b>Raúl Sánchez</b> - URBAN GreenUP project coordinator - CARTIF
16:00 - 17:30h	Technical field visits	NBS implementation areas Tour (organised by Valladolid City Council)
17:30h	End of first day URBAN GreenUP final event	
19:30h	Networking cocktail   Reception and cocktail at “La Leyenda del Pisuerga”	

#### 4.1. Technical field visits

More information will be available soon

#### 4.2. Networking Cocktail

More information will be available soon

## 5. Practical information

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- **Emergency numbers in Spain:**

- Pan-European emergency number: 112
- Local police: 092
- Fire brigade: 080 or 085
- National police: 091

- **Covid-19 restrictions:**

For general information about Covid-19 in Spain, please visit the Ministry webpage:

<https://www.sanidad.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/home.htm>

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