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Acronym / Abbreviation	Meaning
E-Institute	E-ZAVOD, ZAVOD ZA PROJEKTNO SVETOVANJE, RAZISKOVANJE IN RAZVOJ CELOVITIH RESITEV
UNIPASSAU	UNIVERSITAT PASSAU
ICS	INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION STUDIESSKOPJE
LEITAT	ACONDICIONAMIENTO TARRASENSE ASSOCIACION
GCE	UNIVERSITEIT ANTWERPEN
PATRAS	DIMOS PATREON
POR	POR CONSULT DOO ZA POSLOVNO SAVJETOVANJE
PRATO	COMUNE DI PRATO
AITIIP	FUNDACION AITIIP
OC	OPENCONTENT SOCIETA COOPERATIVA
Belfast Council	Belfast City Council
BURST	BURST NONPROFIT KFT
ICLEI	ICLEI EUROPASEKRETARIAT GMBH
RRA-PODRAVJE	REGIONALNA RAZVOJNA AGENCIJA ZA PODRAVJE – MARIBOR
BOKU	UNIVERSITAET FUER BODENKULTUR WIEN
BP18	BUDAPEST FOVAROS XVIII. KERULET PESTSZENTLORINC-PESTSZENTIMRE ONKORMANYZATA
BREDA	GEMEENTE BREDA
BeeoDiv	BEEODIVERSITY
QUB	THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST
OPERATE	FONDAZIONE OPERATE
UniLeeds	UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
IETU	INSTYTUT EKOLOGII TERENOW UPRZEMYSLOWIONYCH
Katowice City	KATOWICE - MIASTO NA PRAWACH POWIATU
NBS	Nature Based Solutions
IoT	Internet of Things
AI	Artificial Intelligence
SC	Steering Committee
EC	European Commission
PC	Project Coordinator
PM	Project Manager
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators
PEDR	Plan for Exploitation and Dissemination



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

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This document serves as a planning document developed under Work Package 8 Quintuple-Helix based Verification, Communication and Dissemination, Task 8.6 Clustering events and the task is led by E-ZAVOD.

This deliverable presents a summary of the joint activities among the UPSURGE, JUSTNature and DivAirCity projects, funded in 2020 by the European Commission under the Horizon 2020 programme (H2020-LC-CLA-2020).

EU Commission has identified those projects to work as a cluster to maximize the H2020 programme impact.

### 1.1 UPSURGE

UPSURGE aims to establish a European Regenerative Urban Lighthouse as a development framework for the implementation of NBS practices in European cities. It will provide multiple functionalities that capitalise on the existing potential of experiences from real-life tested NBS applications, and a knowledge base supplied by research institutions and companies.

The project will demonstrate nature based solutions (NBS) applications for climate change mitigation and air quality improvements in real operational environments using a network of place labs in 5 cities and the concept of quintuple helix. It will also provide knowledge and a set of digital tools to facilitate decision making and investment processes for regenerative urban development models as well as encourage citizens science through co-creation and participatory approaches for NBS implementation.

### 1.2 JUST NATURE

The overall objective of JUSTNature is the activation of nature-based solutions (NbS) by ensuring a just transition to low-carbon cities, based on the principle of the right to ecological space.

This refers to the right to clean air and indoor/outdoor thermal comfort for human health and well-being, as well as thriving biodiversity and ecosystems. It also refers to the duty of not constraining the ecological space of others, in relation to the mitigation of climate change and measures required for reducing GHG emissions.

JUSTNature will simultaneously drive Innovation in 4 dimensions considered key to achieving the overall aim of low carbon cities:

- Enabling governance capabilities, especially with regard to
- Long-term NbS system maintenance & operation, combined with
- Enabling business models and market design, and informed by
- Technology & applications.

### 1.3 DIVAIRCITY

DivAirCity is valuing diversity and social inclusion to achieve innovative, creative, culture-driven, green and carbon neutral urban society.

DivAirCity addresses the equation of social inequality, health conditions and air pollution in cities.

DivAirCity shifts the urban paradigm by valuing human diversity as a resource to define new services/models towards cultural-driven green cities. The project focuses on the nexus between **people, places, peace**, economic growth, and its impact on air quality and decarbonisation

Within the overall programme of DivAirCity we are launching a special contest for young people, as today's change agents and citizens of the future. This contest is the place and time for younger generations to share their ideas and dreams on how to make cities sustainable and inclusive for them.

## 2 CLUSTER ACTIVITIES PLAN

The UPSURGE project coordinator has prepared the action plan with the coordinators of JUSTNature and DivAirCity projects and prepare a first clustering activities points.

1. Participation at clustering meetings organised by EC
2. Include the representatives of sister project into Advisory Bord of UPSURGE project
3. Seek the possibility to prepared common deliverables during sister projects implementation
4. Prepared common communication & dissemination activates

The plan was prepared on kick off meeting of UPSURGE project in September 2021 and will be updated during all three projects implementation.

### 2.1 PLAN OF ACTIVES FUTURE CLUSTERING ACTIVITIES

A useful tool to engage our community and empower stakeholders involved in the NbS for different reasons is the Nature-building Helix (which currently involves 242 experts and 118 organisations from 35 countries) and where all projects are invited to join to share opportunities for collaboration and to gather information and contributions from stakeholders who are on the platform (the Crowdhelix platform accounts for 650 members from 57 countries).

In 2023, the events of interest for the sister projects will be:

- Nature-building Helix event (online) in September;
- EU Week of Regions and Cities in Bruxelles, 9-12 October.
- COP 28 in Dubai, 30 November - 12 December;
- UN-Habitat

### 3 IMPLEMENTATION OF CLUSTERING ACTIVITIES

During first reporting period the following activities have been carried out:

Date	Activity
15.09.2021	Presentation of UPSURGE projekta on kick-off meeting of DivAir City
22.09.2021	Presentation of the sister projects DivAirCity in JustNature on Upsurge kick-off meeting
30.09.2021	Presentation of UPSURGE projekta on kick-off meeting JustNature
24.02.2022	<p>Online meeting with the following arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share the public deliverables (after they are submitted)</li> <li>• Check repository system on DivAircity for sharing files (Daniela and Elisa)</li> <li>• Share newsletter or recurrent updates</li> <li>• Share videos, logos presentations from each others project to be uploaded on individual webistes</li> <li>• Share social media links to be connected and (addition here) support each others post, tweets etc etc</li> <li>• Check participation to the following events:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bauhaus Festival participation – 7<sup>th</sup> March submission</li> <li>○ EU weeks of regions - 13 of October participation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Include the other projects in AB formal meetings</li> <li>• Check with Ugo action plan of coordinated activities.</li> </ul>
9.01.2023	The Upsurge representatives have been invited to the Advisory board meeting of the DivAir city project, but due to other prior set meeting we have not participated. After the meeting, they have sent a video recording of the meeting.
10.05.2023	<p>Online meeting was about participation to the EU Week of Regions of sister projects.</p> <p>The session (the application was approved on the condition that it be included in a “political lab” and involving several other funded projects. The sister project have identify the priorities:</p> <p>Divaircity (Daniela Melandri) identified the following priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To be as effective as possible in the involvement of municipalities, citizens and business sector;</li> <li>2. To include the activities around NbS in a legal framework that supports the engagement of citizens, to ensure citizen engagement activities have a real impact at local level (e.g. “Patto di Collaborazione” is a good institutional tool available at municipal level in Italy);</li> <li>3. Addressing data gaps in measuring diversity, inclusion, equity, and lack of data in the management of activities and interventions around NbS.</li> </ol> <p>JUSTNature (Sonia Gantioler) identified the following priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What strategies to use to move from co-creation to co-governance;</li> <li>2. What policy approach to data management;</li> <li>3. Strengthening interaction and dialogue between policy-makers and business</li> </ol> <p>Upsurge (Darko Ferčej) identified the following priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve the exchange of experiences on co-creation towards co-governance. It could be good to compare the methods of co-creation implemented in the project labs and their effectiveness;</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Become a best practice case to show other cities how to implement NbS and participatory process - a suggestion could be a city tour/study visit open to other cities;</li> <li>3. Gathering information on public procurement and legislation by collecting information from the cities involved in our projects and making it available to other cities.</li> </ol>
<b>30.05.2023</b>	Meeting regarding participation in the EU Week of Regions and Cities.
<b>Future events 9-12 October 2023</b>	<p>Joint registration for the workshop European week of cities and regions: Content of the application:</p> <p><i>Why should greening plans involve citizens right from the start? How can we move from citizen consultations as part of procedures for investments, to a new approach focusing on informative decision making? In Nature based solutions/regenerative approach, citizens involvement is at the core of how greenery is planned and implemented. In this frame, citizens share their knowledge as experts, turning into co-owners of NBS to maximize their usefulness and benefits.</i></p>