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SESSION 4 Scaling Nature-based Innovation Across Europe



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Agenda Session 4

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- ⌚ Navigating Sustainability and Scalability: Insights from UPSURGE Comparative Assessments and Simulations

Jennifer McKinley & Bakul Budhiraja, QUB

- ⌚ Patras as an upscaling case of UPSURGE innovations

Konstadinos Konstadakopoulos & Vasilios Kantzaris, PATRAS

- ⌚ Panel Discussion: Overcoming Challenges in Upscaling Nature-Based Solutions in Cities

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Panel Discussion



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