



# Local Action for Urban Sustainable Development

with ICLEI Europe

## Episode 3



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ICLEI Europe - Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) is a global network working with more than 2,500 local and regional governments in over 125 countries on their commitments on sustainable urban development.

ICLEI Europe believes that local action drives global change, and that the leadership of local and regional governments can make a significant difference when addressing complex environmental, economic and social challenges. ICLEI is part of the European Secretariat which is based in Freiburg, Berlin and Brussels.

### Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) definition used by ICLEI (based on UNEA)

Type 1

**No human intervention:** Natural ecosystems doing their job e.g. rivers and peatlands.

Type 2

**Hybrid management:** Human-managed environments e.g. forests, parks and mangrove restoration.

Type 3

**Fully artificial:** Urban green roofs and newly created ecosystems.

### Nature-based Solution (NbS) Initiatives in Education

- **NbS Eduworld:** A collaboration with municipalities across Europe to connect education with NbS.
- **NbS Academy:** Training programmes for teachers on NbS.
- **Cool Schools:** A transdisciplinary applied research project aiming to green school grounds and implement nature-based climate shelters in schools.

### NetworkNature

- **EU Platform** supporting NbS implementation for local, regional and international cooperation.
- **One-stop shop for:**
  - Guidance and policy recommendations.
  - Knowledge-sharing spaces among projects and stakeholders.
  - EU-financed projects tackling various dimensions of NbS.

### Recommended Resources

[NetworkNature](#)

[NBS Academy](#)

[NBS Eduworld](#)