

## Innovating with Nature, People and Places

### 5th episode of the podcast "Creating Green Cities"

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The city of Barcelona is reinventing the work soil; a social entrepreneur in Utrecht is trying to challenge the way the government cooperates with local green initiatives; and a housing company in Malmö is redefining neighbourhood design for the 21st century. All these actions represent different examples of innovation – some of which are completely novel, and some of which utilise existing ideas in a new way.

Innovation is the theme of the 5th episode of the Creating Green Cities podcast. In this episode, we discuss different aspects of ecological, technical, social and systemic innovation. As always in our podcast, we ask our guests to share insights and experiences from their hands-on work with urban nature. Through their stories, we learn how innovative governance approaches, business models, institutional settings and different forms of collaboration can help to promote nature-based solutions as an integral part of urban planning.

The Creating Green Cities podcast has been created as part of the [NATURVATION](#) project and explores urban nature-based solutions across Europe through stories of inspiring innovators who use their passion and creativity to make cities green. The focus of the podcast is on initiatives that bring more nature to the city or enhance existing green urban areas such as parks, vegetation along streets or rivers, green roofs or gardens to deliver multiple benefits to the local population. Five episodes explore different aspects of urban-nature based solutions, such as innovation, business models and financing as well as assessment, monitoring and governance. Interview guests from Barcelona, Budapest, Malmö and Utrecht provide practical insights from their experiences of designing, implementing and maintaining urban nature-based solutions across Europe.

The podcast can be accessed directly below or streamed on popular podcast platforms, such as [Spotify](#), [Deezer](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#) or from the [NATURVATION website](#). The podcast forms part of NATURVATION's free open online 'Urban Nature' course, available on the [Coursera platform](#).

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