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# Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems - complementing grey with green for improved adaptation

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[McKenna Davis](#) [1]



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Nature-based solutions can support urban adaptation needs, while also generating additional

On 18 November 2015, McKenna Davis, Fellow at Ecologic Institute, gave a presentation at the European Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change on Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems. The biennial conference, organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the European Network of Heads of Nature Conservation Agencies (ENCA), focused on "Nature-based solutions to climate change in urban areas and their rural surroundings: Linkages between science, policy and practice." The presentation slides are available for download.

McKenna Davis introduced Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) as a valuable tool for reducing Europe's vulnerability to climate change, and highlighted their potential to aid adaptation efforts while also offering a myriad of additional social, economic and environmental benefits. Drawing on preliminary outcomes of the EU-funded RECREATE project, the evidence basis for SuDS as an effective solution to urban flooding challenges was presented alongside the related challenges and potential barriers as compared to traditional engineered solutions.

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