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HAPPY FALL SEASON!

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Photo by Rosa Castañeda (EFI) taken during the Gelsenkirchen workshop Sept. 2021

SAVE THE DATES:

- **18th Nov:** webinar **Naturalitzem la infància des de l'escola** organised by CREAM in collaboration with CLEARING HOUSE (WP5 educational package City of trees). The events aims at promoting this nice material among Catalan schools and to present other local initiatives (from Barcelona City Council and CREAM) that enhance reconnection with nature for children. REGISTER [HERE](#)
- **17th Nov: Urban Forests as Nature based solutions state of the art** 9:00-10:30 CET. see the full programme [here](#). REGISTER [HERE](#)
- **16-17 Nov:** The **BiodivERSa final conference** will be an opportunity to go over the BiodivERSa main achievements. The [Official Launch event of Biodiversa+ \(the European Biodiversity Partnership\)](#) will allow to learn more about this new European Partnership on Biodiversity, get more familiar with the opportunities to get involved with Biodiversa+ and learn more about its Strategic Research and Innovation Action.
- **24th Nov:** Connecting Nature and CLEVER Cities will host a fourth **UrbanByNature China webinar** on Wednesday, 24 November (8.30-10.00 am CET). We would like to warmly invite CLEARING HOUSE partners to attend. Please find all information [here](#)
- Through the "Horizon Results Booster" CH members can participate - for free - in a capacity building **course on communication**. This course will be running for 15 days online, so you can follow it at your own pace. If you are interested, please let Rik know by the **16th of November**. Contents of the course: i) Communication strategy development (objectives, target stakeholders, channels, timelines), ii) Implementing the communication strategy (planning tools, social media, SEO, copywriting, organising events, promotional videos, printed material, open access repositories), iii) Monitoring (KPI definition, tracking, measuring impact).

WORKSHOP IN GELSENKIRCHEN 9th September 2021

JAKOB DERKS

On September 9, the second workshop in Gelsenkirchen took place. Rarely in the history of mankind has the planning of a physical meeting been so daunting. For a long time, it was unsure if the local COVID-related regulations would allow for a real-life meeting with dozens of participants. Secondly, after a summer that may have replenished Europe's aquifers, but depleted people's will to leave the comfort of their home, there was little faith in the weather gods favouring the event.

Luckily, the lockdown measures were loosened this summer and organising an outdoor event posed no problem. Moreover, despite the constantly changing weather forecast, it finally seemed that the workshop would happen on a rare sunny day.

Under blissful sunrays the meeting in the Grünlabor started with some casual chitchat, tea, and homemade cake. The very entertaining moderation of Michael Blaschke of Wald und Holz NRW gave the workshop a very educational yet playful atmosphere. Georg Winkel opened the event with a witty speech, which was followed by several informative presentations. Afterwards people were invited to join three of nine "world café" sessions on several topics relating to urban forestry in and around Gelsenkirchen.

CH people involved in the event included Norman and Georg from Gelsenkirchen who organised the event, Gesche and Rosa who helped set up the event and took care of the communications output, Jakob who hosted one of the world café groups, Rik, Dennis and Gabriela.

Once the brains were full, the stomachs needed to be fed as well. The delicious dishes were cooked by volunteers, almost exclusively with products from the vegetable gardens in the Grünlabor. It doesn't get more local than this! This also contributed to a joyful and social atmosphere that can be hard to find in more formal events in stuffy meeting venues with generic catering. Unfortunately, right after the final wrap-up, rain caught up with us. Some people took shelter, while others fled the apocalyptic scene. Thus, nature concluded the very successful first physical CH event in a long time



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Check the [summary](#) of the whole workshop from Anna on the [EFI resilience blog](#)