

Dear LILY members,

We are delighted to share with you the first official edition of the LILY COST Action Newsletter. This newsletter is your source for updates on our recent activities, upcoming events, open calls, and exciting opportunities for collaboration across the network. It also celebrates achievements within the consortium and fosters connections with like-minded EU initiatives to enhance our shared mission of strengthening Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for health and well-being.

Marina Treskova, PhD LILY Action Chair

PROJECT UPDATES

Here's what we've been working on lately:

- WG1 workshop NbS-Health Impact Assessment Our first WG1 workshop was successfully held form 24-25 April 2025 in Heidelberg, Germany, hosted by the Interdisciplinary Center for Scientific Computing (IWR), Heidelberg University. The event facilitated dynamic discussions on assessing the impacts of NbS on health. Workshop report available here.
- WG3 workshop NbS-Health Network & Data Platform The first WG3 workshop took place from 08-09 May 2025 in Izola, Slovenia hosted by the Department of Biodiversity at the University of Primorska. It focused on building the data backbone of our network. Workshop report available here.
- **WG2 webinar Capacity Building & Stakeholder Engagement -** On 06 March 2025, WG2 held its first online meeting led by Prof. Elena Buzan and Dr. Maximilian Jungmann.

COMING UP & OPEN CALLS IN LILY

Upcoming WG Webinars:

- WG1 member meeting: 20 June 2025, 09:30 -10:30 CEST
- WG3 member meeting: 20 June 2025, 11:00 12:00 CEST
- WG4 member meeting: Date TBA (invitation to follow via e-COST)

Open Calls for WG1, WG2 & WG3

The call for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) and Virtual Mobility (VM) grants is open until **20 June 2025**. *More information and how to apply* <u>here.</u>



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NEW FACES IN LILY

Let's welcome the newest members and leading roles in our project:

- Jan Kazak (Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Poland) joins as our new WG4
 Leader. His expertise in NbS for urban adaptation and science communication will guide WG4's
 outreach activities.
- Stella Dafka (Heidelberg University, Germany) is our new WG3 Co-leader. With her background in One Health data platforms, she will support the development of our network & data platform.
- Laurens Bouwer (Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon Gmbh, Germany) joins the Core group as advisor. His extensive work in Climate change adaptation and risk assessment strengthens our strategic direction.
- Michel Deriaz (University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland) joins as a new Management Committee member for Switzerland. His interests include terrestrial ecology, land cover change, and citizen science.

We warmly welcome the new colleagues and look forward to their contributions to LILY's mission!

NETWORK CALLS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Opportunities and news from LILY Network:

ENBL2025 - Connecting Health and Climate Change

- <u>ENBL conference</u> will take place from16-18 October 2025 in Tallinn, Estonia. Abstracts have been submitted by several LILY members. Let us know if you are selected to support your participation through the **ITC conference grants** available until October 2025.

LILY NbS Sites Survey - still open!

 Contribute to our mapping of NbS sites across Europe and beyond. Your input is vital! Take the survey here: https://forms.gle/i1RQbok1fGVgyroG9

CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS

We love celebrating the achievements of our network members. If you or someone in your team has a success to share, let us know for the next issue!

Let's keep growing our collaboration and impact. We are excited to continue this together with all of you!

Warm regards,

LILY COST Action Coordination Team



