

FIRST REGIONAL CITIES TALK NATURE EVENT FOR LATIN AMERICA –

INTERLACE PROJECT

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INTERLACE is an International Cooperation project, funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Programme, which aims to empower and equip European and Latin American cities to effectively restore and rehabilitate their urban ecosystems in order to make cities more liveable, resilient and inclusive; and will run from 2020 to 2024. INTERLACE has six participating cities:

- CBIMA, Costa Rica
- Envigado, Colombia
- Portoviejo, Ecuador
- Granollers, Spain
- Chemnitz, Germany
- Metropolia Krakowska, Poland

With the aim of raising awareness of the project and promoting Nature-Based Solutions in other Latin American and European cities, CITIES TALK NATURE was created within INTERLACE, which is based on two pillars: the "regional engagement events" in Europe and Latin America and a series of webinars that provide participants with valuable insight into best practices and offer a space for exchange on objectives, processes, practical examples, technologies, funding options and business models.

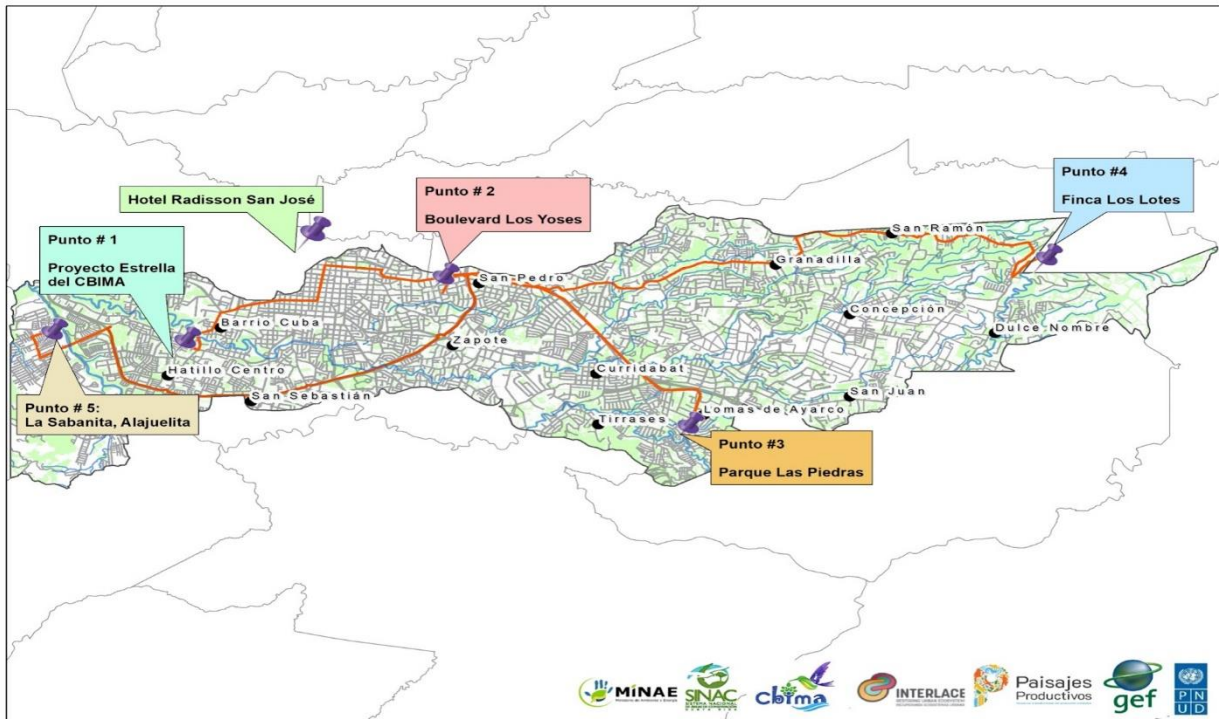
Regional Engagement Events will be held throughout the implementation of the project in the six cities that make up the project and aim to:

- Share the knowledge and experiences of the INTERLACE cities, as well as the results of INTERLACE.
- Demonstrate the restoration of urban ecosystems through the NBS, showing the intervention on site.
- Discuss and collect feedback on INTERLACE products.
- Multi-directional learning among all participants.
- Enlist the support of non-INTERLACE cities to sign the Engagement Letter on Urban Ecosystem Restoration through NBS, thus creating a global community of interest and action.

It is on the basis of all of the above that the **FIRST PRESENCIAL AND REGIONAL CITIES TALK NATURE EVENT FOR LATIN AMERICA** will finally be held. The event will take place in San José, Costa Rica, on **12 and 13 May 2022**. We will start our activities on the 12th with a tour of the Maria Aguilar Interurban Biological Corridor (CBIMA), a city that is part of the INTERLACE project and an example in the application of nature-based solutions. This event will culminate on the 13th of May with a Forum of Latin American Cities to be held at the Radisson San José Hotel. Please take a look at the agenda on the next pages.

DAY 1: VISIT TO CORREDOR BIOLÓGICO INTERURBANO MARÍA AGUILAR (CBIMA)

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022	
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	
Departure Hotel Radisson, San José	
1.	Estrella del CBIMA project, Hatillo 1
2.	San Pedro, Montes de Oca, Bulevar Los Yoses
3.	Parque Las Piedras, Curridabat
4.	La Unión, Finca Los Lotes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guided walk on the finca 2. Lunch at Finca Los Lotes
5.	Sabanita, Alajuelita <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of the project La Sabanita and tour 2. Coffee
Return to Hotel Radisson, San José	



DAY 2: FORUM FOR LATIN AMERICAN CITIES - RADISSON SAN JOSÉ HOTEL

FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022		
9.00 am - 4.00 pm		
Time	SESSION	ACTIVITY
8:00 am - 9:00 am	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
9:00 am - 9:30 am	WELCOME	<p>Welcoming remarks by host organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNGL: Karen Porras, Executive Director UNGL • FLACMA: Sergio Enrique Arredondo Olvera, Secretary General • CBIMA: Erika Calderón, President Local Committee • MUNICIPALITY OF ALAJUELITA: Msc. Modesto Alpízar Luna, Mayor
9:30 am - 10:00 am	<p>INTRODUCTION INTERLACE PROJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Palomo Ríos, European Commission, European Union • Sandra Naumann, Ecologic 	European Commission as the funding body of the project and ECOLOGIC as project coordinator will present an introduction of INTERLACE
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<p>CONFERENCE: Nature-based solutions as a tool for well-being and equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Yopez, YES • Juan Carlos Uribe 	Introduction of the theme of Nature-based solutions and restoration of urban ecosystems
11:00am – 11:30	<p>CULTURAL PRESENTATION</p> <p>Félix Armando, Costa Rican musician</p>	Costa Rican traditional music
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	<p>PRESENTATION: INTERLACE PRODUCTS AND CITIES TALK NATURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emy Viquez Cubero, UNGL • Ady Carrera, FLACMA • Ferney Díaz, WWF • Mckenna Davis, Ecologic 	Presentation and introduction of the Cities for Nature Practice Group and presentation of the Cities Barometer and the Governance Atlas, work carried out within the framework of the Interlace Project.

12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	ENGAGEMENT LETTER	Signing of the Engagement Letter
12:15 pm - 13:00 pm	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:00 pm - 13:30 pm	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE	The environmental and social recovery of the environment of the Congost river and other projects for the enhancement of the natural heritage in the municipality of Granollers Albert Camps, Granollers City Council, Spain
13:30 pm - 14:00 pm	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE	Local System of Protected Areas of the Municipality of Envigado SILAPE. Model of Conservation of strategic areas and ecological structure in Colombia Agustín Gutierrez Henao, Municipality of Envigado.
14:00 pm - 15:30 pm	CITY EXCHANGE	Exchange of experiences of nature-based solutions applied in the 3 Latin American cities of the INTERLACE Project and invited cities
15:30 pm - 16:00 pm	COFFEE AND CLOSING	Presentation of the upcoming INTERLACE activities