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11-12 May 2023

Chemnitz, Germany



## Cities Talk Nature Conference: Unlocking the potential of underutilised urban areas

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Urban nature has the potential to provide many benefits for society and the environment.

Underutilised spaces such as brownfields, abandoned industrial areas, oversized roads and parking lots as well as roofs and facades of buildings offer a unique opportunity to increase the share of urban nature. However, such transformations are often associated with challenges.

The City of Chemnitz, upcoming cultural capital of Europe, in cooperation with Climate Alliance and Ecologic Institute invites you to a two-day conference on how to achieve such a green transition in cities. Topics include: enabling policy and governance frameworks, identification of key actors within city administrations, how to foster cross-sectoral collaboration and citizen participation, financing options, managing conflicts of interest and potential trade-offs between green and grey options for different stakeholders. The conference targets municipal actors and practitioners interested in tapping into the potential of underutilised areas to expand urban nature.

## We look forward to welcoming you in Chemnitz

### DAY 1 (Thursday, 11 May):

Join us and other municipal representatives at the Pentagon in Chemnitz for a full day of keynote presentations, panel discussions, pitch sessions and interactive workshops. Keynotes include a contribution by Dusty Gedge, President of the European Federation of Green Roof Associations.

### DAY 2 (Friday, 12 May):

Come along to our field trips showcasing different green transformation initiatives under development by the city of Chemnitz, and join in our pilot scavenger hunt addressing the challenges of climate-adapted urban planning.

### Join the conversation at Cities Talk Nature Europe in Chemnitz and pitch your urban nature story!

We are looking for inspiring stories showcased in a three-minute pep talk on how to bring back nature into cities by employing underutilised spaces. Awards await the winning participants.



**Are you interested?**  
Find out more about pitching  
your story here

### Sign the Cities Talk Nature engagement letter at the conference!

You like what Cities Talk Nature is doing and are keen on being involved beyond the event in Chemnitz? Then sign **the engagement letter** and become part of the growing Cities Talk Nature community, supported by the city networks Climate Alliance (Europe), UCLG (worldwide), FLACMA (Latin America) and UNGL (Costa Rica).

- **The conference is free of charge**
- **Participation is possible on-site only**
- **English / German / Spanish interpretation is available**

Please find more information,  
programme and registration here ►



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The conference is part of the CITIES TALK NATURE event series within the INTERLACE project. INTERLACE aims to empower and equip European and Latin American cities to effectively restore and rehabilitate (peri)urban ecosystems towards becoming more liveable, resilient and inclusive cities. CITIES TALK NATURE offers a series of events to create and promote learning and cooperation between municipalities, their stakeholders and initiatives in Latin America and Europe.