

## **ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS IN CITIES**

### **Nature-Based Solutions & Green Infrastructure**

International Urban and Regional Cooperation Asia & Australasia

Tuesday, 5 October 2021, 9:00 – 10:30AM (CEST) / 4:00 – 5:30PM (KST)

#### **SCHEDULE**

	<b>PROGRAM</b>
<b>Date</b>	5 October 2021
<b>Venue (Online)</b>	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
<b>Time</b>	9:00 – 10:30AM (CEST) 4:00 – 5:30PM (KST)
<b>Thematic Cluster</b>	Nature-Based Solutions & Green Infrastructure
<b>Topic</b>	Urban heat islands, heavy rainfall and flooding
<b>Co-Host</b>	CityNet
<b>Participants</b>	IURC pilot cities working in the thematic cluster “Green Infrastructure & Nature Based Solutions”
<b>Language</b>	English - <i>Interpretation into Korean will be provided.</i>

#### **BACKGROUND**

This thematic cluster webinar is a part of International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) Asia & Australasia, which aims to further urban and regional cooperation in the fields of sustainable urban development and innovation between EU and non-EU cities. Within the thematic network “Ecological Transition & Green Deal”, this webinar will narrow in on two main topics related to current global issues.

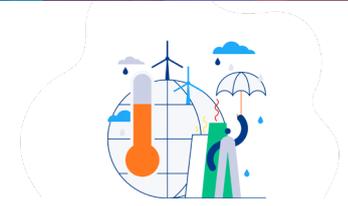
The effects of climate change are becoming more pronounced around the world. From the unprecedented, deadly flooding in parts of Europe and Asia, leaving devastation in its wake, to the record heat waves that have caused massive, overwhelming wildfires in Europe, Canada and the U.S, to the unnatural melting of the ice sheets in Greenland and the North, causing the ocean levels to rise.

Considering such disasters, this webinar proposes to encourage in-depth discussion on nature-based solutions to address urban heat islands, and on water retention infrastructure to manage heavy rainfall and flooding risks.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Through interactive deep discussion on an international level, this thematic webinar aims to showcase challenges faced and solutions implemented in IURC pilot cities. The exchange may inspire other pilot cities to capitalize from these experiences and transfer knowledge to their own circumstances. It will:

1. Foster cooperation between EU and non-EU cities to address two specific challenges: urban heat islands and heavy rainfall/flooding
2. Identify potential pilot areas and stakeholders to address these challenges on a city level



## PROGRAMME

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Time	Program
8:55 – 9:00 (CEST) 3:55 – 4:00 (KST)	Virtual room opens for participants
9:00 – 9:05 (CEST) 4:00 – 4:05 (KST)	<b>Program Introduction</b> Megan Chow <i>Program Officer, CityNet &amp; Korea Country Coordinator, IURC Asia-Australasia</i>
9:05 – 9:10 (CEST) 4:05 – 4:10 (KST)	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Geunhyeong Yim <i>CEO, CityNet</i>
9:10 – 9:15 (CEST) 4:10 – 4:15 (KST)	<b>Setting the Scene</b> Amb. Maria Castillo-Fernandez <i>Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Korea</i>
9:15 – 9:35 (CEST) 4:15 – 4:35 (KST)	<b>Panel 1: Nature-Based Solutions and Urban Heat Islands</b> Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Won-Ju Kim, Seoul Institute</li> <li>Ms. Sofia Castelo, Think City, Penang</li> <li>Mr. Imanol Zabaleta, Centro de Estudios Ambientales, Vitoria-Gasteiz</li> <li>Mr. Marino Cavallo, Nuovo Circondario Imolese, Bologna</li> </ul> <p>Pablo Gándara <i>Team Leader, IURC Asia-Australasia</i></p>
9:35 – 9:50 (CEST) 4:35 – 4:50 (KST)	<b>Panel 1: Pilot Action Discussion</b> Pablo Gándara <i>Team Leader, IURC Asia-Australasia</i>
9:50 – 10:10 (CEST) 4:50 – 5:10 (KST)	<b>Panel 2: Water Retention Infrastructure for Heavy Rainfall and Flooding</b> Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Cheoul-woo Song, Busan Metropolitan City</li> <li>Mr. Vishal Shah, Surat</li> <li>Ms. Mary-Liz Walshe and Mr. Neil Higgins, Dublin City Council</li> <li>Mr. Corjan Gebraad, City of Rotterdam</li> <li>Mr. Toru Omiya, Obuse, Nagano</li> </ul> <p>Jens Bley <i>Cluster Manager, IURC Asia-Australasia</i></p>
10:10 – 10:25 (CEST) 5:10 – 5:25 (KST)	<b>Panel 2: Pilot Action Discussion</b> Jens Bley <i>Cluster Manager, IURC Asia-Australasia</i>
10:25 – 10:30 (CEST) 5:25 – 5:30 (KST)	<b>Summary and Closing Statement</b> Megan Chow <i>Korea Country Coordinator, IURC Asia-Australasia</i>