











Thematic network: Ecological Transition & Green Deal
Topic of cooperation: Nature Based Solutions and Green Design

Cities & Stakeholders



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Exchange Visits



NCI-Bologna to Melaka 17 - 19 May 2022

16 - 22 October 2022 Melaka to NCI-Bologna



Partnership Strength



- Strong political will
- High commitment to collaborate
- Innovative pilot actions

Challenges

• Cultural and sustainable tourism during the Covid-19 and Covid-19 recovery period.

Cooperation Activities

- Nature Based Solutions initiatives (+tourism and culture).
- Smart and Sustainable city with technology and cultural aspects acting as pillars of the cities of the future.
- Green Design and Research Centre.



Impact

- Improved water quality, reduced urban heat island, enhanced urban biodiversity, socioeconomic revitalisation and flood control benefits through river revitalization projects
- Ecosystem restoration and protection using area-based conservation approaches and protected area management.
- Strengthening of the Team Europe approach in Malaysia (engagement of EU Member States in ASEAN countries during Visit Melaka 2024)

Outcome

- Best practices on NBS between NCI-Bologna cities and Melaka cities will be documented and showcased during Visit Melaka 2024
- An operational design with nature, design with culture produced for the SDG Corner in Osservanza Park, the green spaces along the Melaka River Phase II with similar ideas implemented surrounding Santerno River (the spine of both cities).
- The Local Action Groups are activated (bottom-up approach) in the engagement process and citizen centric campaigns and approaches executed and implemented for both Osservanza Park, Santerno River and Melaka River Phase II.
- Win-win opportunities created for capacity building, knowledge exchange and a collaboration between urban heat mapping experts to showcase the pilot projects as a best practice cooperation between both cities.
- EU visibility is strengthened with project plaques erected on site coupled with social media channels to generate public awareness and scale community centric campaigns

Output

- Professional certifications awarded to Melaka city officials post laboratory and workshops on Green Design and Nature-based solutions
- 2D sketch drawing for SDG Corner for Kids at Osservansa Park (abandon site and reborn again) to attract youths
- 2D sketch drawing of Nature Based Solution (NBS) application along Santerno River and Melaka River Phase 2 (spine of the city, major attraction for both cities). Melaka to showcase during Visit Melaka 2024 as champion of NBS in Malaysia