



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
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Nature-Based Solutions: From Innovation to Common-use

As part of the Presidency of the Estonian Republic of the Council of the European Union, a flagship conference **"Nature-based Solutions: From Innovation to Common-use"** will be organised by the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia and the University of Tallinn. The conference will be held in **Tallinn from 24 to 26 October 2017**.

The conference will address nature-targeted innovation actions involving all societal actors. It will host leading scientists, policymakers and entrepreneurs from around the world who will share their experience on how nature-based innovation and eco-innovative technologies can be implemented in many areas of life.

High-level speakers such as **Siim Kiisler** (Minister of the Environment of Estonia), **Stewart Maginnis** (IUCN), **Hans Bruyninckx** (EEA) and **Patrick Child** (European Commission) have already confirmed their participation and will address how to increase the use of NBS in Europe and globally.

The first day of this three-day conference will feature field visits and side events for organisations related to NBS. The second day will focus on policy and governance of NBS and day three will highlight research and innovation.

The discussions will be centered around using NBS in urban environments, for water management and the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to support the implementation of NBS.

The conference will cover policy and financing as well as innovative solutions close to or already on the market to give inspiration and show what can be done. The conference aims to strengthen synergies among various recent initiatives and programs related to NBS launched by the European Commission and by the EU Member States.

The call for abstracts is open until July 14 and the registration for the conference will be opened in August 2017. Please register your interest and send in your abstract on the conference web page and we will inform you about new date and deadlines: <http://www.tlu.ee/en/NBS/>.

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Annex 1 Preliminary Schedule

Tuesday 24 October	Wednesday 25 October	Thursday 26 October
Registration and excursions / Side events	NBS policy and governance	NBS research and innovation
Morning		
9:00 Registration / Side event start	8:30 Registration	9:00 Posters, exhibition
	9:30 Welcome	9:30 Plenary session 2
	9:45 Opening Remarks	
10:00 Guided city walk / Field visits	10:10 Plenary session 1	
	11:10 Panel discussion "Local policy in moving towards NBS"	11:00 Panel discussion "NBS in green economy"
Afternoon		
	12:30 Lunch	12:30 Lunch
14:00 Movie program (BFM)	14:00 EU funded NBS projects	14:00 Parallel sessions on NBS research and innovation
	14:25 Panel discussion "Future of NBS in the EU"	15:30 Photo contest winners / Conclusions
	16:00 Parallel sessions on NBS policy and governance	16:00 Closing
17:00 Side event end	17:30 Posters, exhibition, movie program	16:30 Coffee
Evening		
	19:00 Dinner	

