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Kick-off in Vejle

November 14th – 15th 2023 the partners in the Co-Bio project met for the first time, in Vejle Denmark, to kick off the project and plan out the activities.

After two days with lots of discussions, presentations and designing, we are ready to get started!



Results of the meeting

During the meeting the partners agreed on the next steps in the project and on shared understandings of urban biodiversity and co-creation.

The partners also defined green principles in the project, such as climate friendly travel, catering, avoidance of disposable packaging and unnecessary consumption.



Co-creating Biodiversity in Urban Areas

As global populations rise and economies develop, the demands on land-use systems increase. This has resulted in widespread declines in biodiversity and 80 percent of European habitats are in poor condition. For us to turn back the damages and restore biodiversity, ecosystems and promote new climate and biodiversity friendly practices, we need to engage all parts and sectors in society.

The Co-Bio project aims to support the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, with the concrete focus of urban biodiversity. The project will result in capacity building of professional and volunteer adults within the public, private and civil society sector in how to co-create shared solutions for urban biodiversity.



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“Urban biodiversity is the variety and abundance of life in a city”

-Puppim de Oliveira et al. 2014

The project outputs

In the project, the partners will develop four concrete outputs that will promote urban biodiversity by providing competences, networks and tools to stakeholders from different sectors like public administrations, civils society and private companies.



State of the art and local mapping: Collecting research, best practices and methods relevant for designing trainings, guides and cases in the project.



Teaching methodology on facilitation of co-creation: Method for facilitating local cases where stakeholders gain skills while cooperating to support urban biodiversity.



Guide on co-creation of urban biodiversity: Important knowledge, tools and methods for local stakeholders to co-create urban biodiversity.



Casetesting and descriptions: Best practice descriptions of the six local cases in the project and evaluation of the project results.



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The partners

The Co-Bio project is comprised of 7 partners, from 6 countries in Europe.

The partners span expertise in biodiversity, co-creation, mobilisation, grassroot involvement, training and education.



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