



# Newsletter 5 – Autumn 2025



## Co-creation, local nature, and European communities

In October, all Co-Bio partners gathered in Budapest for the project's final international meeting. We shared experiences, worked on joint materials, and visited the Hungarian case, where local initiatives create small green oases in the heart of the city.

The meeting marked the end of an intense period where six countries have worked to increase biodiversity through co-creation – each in their own way, but with shared values and ambitions.



## Denmark

### Denmark – Biodiversity Boxes in Skibet, Vejle

The Danish case brought citizens together around concrete actions through biodiversity boxes: small starter kits with native plants, seeds, natural materials, and guides. These were distributed at a community event where local volunteers, children, and adults built birdhouses and hedgehog shelters and got inspiration to make their gardens wilder.







Greece



### Three strong cases in three cities

#### Athens – Profitis Ilias Park

A public green area became a hub for co-creation, where citizens and local groups tested solutions to strengthen biodiversity.

#### Plataies – Biodiversity in the schoolyard

44 students and 8 adults joined forces to create a greener school environment and stronger community through planting actions and learning activities.

#### Megara – New case starting

The project gained so much visibility that a school and a parent organization asked to join. The new case starts on November 4.



Italy

#### The Biodiversity Garden, Palermo

In Italy, partners created The Biodiversity Garden at Euromadonie Roccella in Palermo: a new green space developed together with local residents, students, and organizations. The project demonstrated how small urban areas can be transformed into vibrant learning environments and habitats for plants and animals – right in the city.



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## Portugal

### Micro Forests and Community

In Portugal, micro forests were planted with volunteers and local partners. These small, dense forest patches grow quickly and boost biodiversity. At the same time, the activities have built new communities around climate action and nature care:

“Before planting trees, we planted relationships”.



## Austria



In Vienna, the university’s new campus was the focal point for case work. Students, neighbors, and landowners developed ideas and concrete measures to increase biodiversity and create urban nature on campus. The goal was learning, ownership, and community around urban nature.

The Case that Öko Campus Wien carried out in Vienna within Co-Bio shows how fruitful iterative and participative processes can be and how much effect they can have on local biodiversity. The community aspect was crucial for the success of the project and the clear process structure, that was still flexible to react to needed changes. The complex process was initiating more awareness within the local groups and the university administration



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## Hungary

### “Wekerle, Naturally!”

The Hungarian case in Wekerletelep engaged citizens in taking small, nature-friendly steps in their gardens, balconies, and shared spaces. Together with local organizations, GreenFormation held workshops, developed materials, and tested practical solutions that make the neighborhood greener.



### Joint work in the final phase

At the partner meeting in Budapest, we continued working on the project’s key outputs:

- ✓ Guide to co-creation for biodiversity
- ✓ Method handbook for co-creation processes
- ✓ Case descriptions and videos from all partner countries

These materials will be finalized and translated in November–December and published afterwards.

Thank you for your support!

The Co-Bio project shows that local communities have enormous power when it comes to creating more nature – and that small actions can make a big difference when done together.

Follow the project’s progress and watch upcoming videos at:

👉 [www.co-bio.vejle.dk](http://www.co-bio.vejle.dk)

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