

Shaping Greener, Healthier Cities!

Brussels | 5th June 2025 - 13.45

CIVA 55 Rue de l'Ermitage

Detailed Agenda

1.45 – 2.00	REGISTRATION
2.00 – 2.15	Welcome & Opening Remarks
Introduction to VARCITIES	VARCITIES Coordinator – Dionysia Kolokotsa
2.15 – 3.15	Session 1: Results in seven pilots to help Shape a Greener, Healthier Future for Cities
Intro: A portfolio of social, digital and nature-based solutions in 7 pilots	Eleni Goni E2ARC Koldo Urrutia Azcona IES
Pilot ‘pitch’: presentation of our seven Pilots	Representatives from Castelfranco Veneto (Italy), Chania (Greece), Dundalk (Ireland), Gżira (Malta), Leuven (Belgium), Novo mesto (Slovenia) and Skellefteå (Sweden)
Digital solutions enhancing Knowledge and Awareness: VARCITIES Health & Well-Being Platform and Go-Nature Game	Koldo Urrutia Azcona IES Neil Baldacchino DARTTEK
3.15 – 3.45	Panel Discussion: Hearing from our Cities: The Future of Greener and Healthier urban space
Intro: challenges and opportunities for future cities	Sara Van Rompaey E2ARC
Moderated discussion with our Pilots on insights and learning from VARCITIES on the ground	Moderator: Sara Van Rompaey E2ARC Representatives from Castelfranco Veneto (Italy), Chania (Greece), Dundalk (Ireland), Gżira (Malta), Leuven (Belgium), Novo mesto (Slovenia) and Skellefteå (Sweden)
Conclusion: VARCITIES Replication toolkit	E2ARC
3.45 – 4.15	COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION SPACE

4.15 – 5.30	Session 2: VARCITIES' learnings and recommendations for Greener, Healthier Cities	
Keynote Speech: <i>"The Future of Urban Health & Well-Being: A Vision for Greener Cities"</i>	Barbara Widera	
Focusing on lessons learned from implementation, co-creation, and monitoring efforts	Eleni Goni E2ARC James Cosier Prospex Institute Daniel Micallef University of Malta Dionysia Kolokotsa Technical University of Crete	
The future of the EU research agenda on NBS and cities	Georgios Charalampous REA Urbano Tocci DG RTD	
Panel discussion: key actions to foster greener and healthier cities, through nature-based solutions, increased building resilience and other maybe underexplored topics!	Moderator: Barbara Widera	
5.30 - 5.40	Closing Remarks	
5.40 – 6.10	REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION SPACE	

8pm	SIDE EVENT IN LEUVEN – Discover one of our Visionary Solution!	
	Olevodroom Brusselsestraat 63/69, 3000 Leuven, Belgium	
	Register for the shuttle: https://forms.gle/uYfYN97pTEJZDUu9	