

The first comprehensive Sino-European project on Urban Forests as Nature-Based Solutions (UF-NBS)

UF-NBS are intended to address societal challenges, provide ecosystem services

for human wellbeing and biodiversity benefits, and increase urban resilience.

UF-NBS services are provided by peri-urban and urban forests, forested parks,

small woods in urban areas and trees in public and private spaces.

48 MONTHS

**26** 

COUNTRIES

10 CITIES AND URBAN REGIONS

€5.5 MILLION SINO-EUROPEAN BUDGET

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# OUR PARTNERS









































Trees providing shade in Helsinki (Image by Clive Davies)

### APPLICATION FOR ASSESSING **UF-NBS**

The application will optimise UF-NBS for cost-effective and performance service delivery on different scales. It will be based on remote sensing and GIS data and will primarily use a rule-based method that translates expert-knowledge into patterns like change in land-use, forest stand and tree density.

## **CHINESE CASE STUDIES**

Beijing



Hong Kong - Guangzhou -Shenzhen



Huaibei

Xiamen

#### **EDUCATIONAL PACKAGE**

Our package will reach out to school children (10 - 14 years) and teachers in both Europe and China with the aim to connect and integrate young people with our findings and the benefits of UF-NBS.

#### **BENCHMARKING TOOLS**

Our benchmarking tool will assess structure and design of UF-NBS, allow comparisons between different locations and evaluate a singular UF-NBS during planning and design phases. This will be closely linked with IUCN's Global Standard Solutions Nature-Based for Societal Challenges.

#### **URBAN PLANNING GUIDELINES**

The project will develop guidelines to improve public and private practice in the management of trees as NBS.

The guidelines will cover urban ecosystem restoration, mechanism for stakeholder engagement and institutional/organizational changes.

# **EUROPEAN CASE STUDIES**

( Barcelona

Brussels

Gelsenkirchen

Krakow

Leipzig-Halle

## **BUSINESS & INVESTMENT** CASES

Project partners will develop business models and investment cases for UF-NBS. These will be tested in the local case study cities with a view to upscaling. Based on key decision factors for policy and investment priorities, criteria like ecosystem services rendered and cost range will be used to address the business environment.

Trees along Riu Llobregat (Image by Barcelona





