

Invitation to the AGORA Thematic Dialogue:

Unfolding Dilemmas of Regenerative Green Neighbourhoods

Online via Zoom

Get together: 09th of June 2021 - 17.00-19.00 CEST (UTC+2)

Workshop: 10th of June 2021 - 10.00-16.30 CEST (UTC+2)

Urban liveability and cities' global footprints are two sides of the challenge for sustainable urbanisation. Although European urban areas nourish a relatively high degree of biodiversity (sometimes higher than in surrounding, non-urban landscapes), from a regenerative point of view they are still fragile and not nearly as 'green' as needed to support human and planetary well-being including climate action.

By developing and improving blue-green infrastructure and nature-based solutions overall urban liveability (including public health, recreation, and thriving diverse urban cultures as well as biotopes) and urban robustness (including democratic health and capacity-building for sustainable urbanisation) may be considerably improved together with cutting-edge approaches to clean technology and entrepreneurial creativity. In combination with an increased circularity in urban economies, this is a crucial transition pathway to drive urban transformation to facilitate genuinely regenerative places. Simplified, the appellation 'regenerative cities' means doing 'more good' rather than 'less bad' when taking into account both urban liveability and robustness as well as negative urban footprints on other places around the world. However, transitioning urban areas towards increased regenerative capacity requires specific capacities, brings about dilemmas, but potentially also synergies.

Join the Discussions!

Regenerative Green Neighbourhoods is one of three transition pathways in the [Driving Urban Transition to a Sustainable Future \(DUT\) partnership](#) programme currently under development by JPI Urban Europe. **Join this AGORA Thematic Dialogue to build the programme and first actions well on available evidence, local strategies and practical needs.** Focus will be given to identify dilemmas, critical issues and potentials to implement principles of the Doughnut Economy model on local scale, unfold the potential of nature-based solutions and circular consumption and resource management.

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Aims and goals of the workshop

The AGORA Thematic Dialogue aims to grasp the complexity of approaches to foster and support regenerative capacities of urban areas. Concretely, the workshop aims at...

- ... complementing the dilemmas* in the thematic pathway 'landscape' of regenerative green neighbourhoods
- ... articulating the most pressing dilemmas
- ... identify priority issues/aspects which will inform the DUT activities in 2022, e.g., the first DUT joint call on Regenerative Green Neighbourhoods

Before and after the workshop

The workshop builds upon the session “Unfolding Doughnut Economy dilemmas in the urban Anthropocene” organised at [The Nature of Cities Festival 2021](#). After the workshop, JPI Urban Europe will invite participants and more stakeholders to join a writing team. This writing team will discuss and describe the selected dilemmas comprehensively, derive policy recommendations, provide examples and identify links with related partnerships / programmes such as Water4All, Biodiversa, Blue Economy and / or FACCE. The findings will be published in a policy report, similar to the one on [‘Unfolding the Dilemmas of Urban Public Spaces’](#).

Booklet of abstracts

After the registration, participants are asked to provide a brief abstract on their main expertise, field of interest and position in the field of regenerative cities, NBS, and urban circular economies (about 400 words). These contributions will be used to design the workshop according to the represented expertise. The book of abstracts will be shared among the participants in advance of the workshop to allow for preparation on all sides and inform focussed discussions right from the beginning of the workshop. Additionally, the contributions will be used for elaborating a policy report on the topic.

* In JPI Urban Europe's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda 2.0, a dilemma is defined as “two or more competing goals, such as stakeholder interests and related strategies which potentially fail to achieve their aims as implementing one strategy hampers or prevents the achievement of another. Identifying and tackling such dilemmas is thus key for sustainable urban development.” -

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