



Welcome to 2025!

This year, we're doubling down on innovation, collaboration, and real impact. Here's what's new at IN-HABIT, from city-transforming projects to inspiring community stories.



Our first Breakfast with Policy Makers was a great success

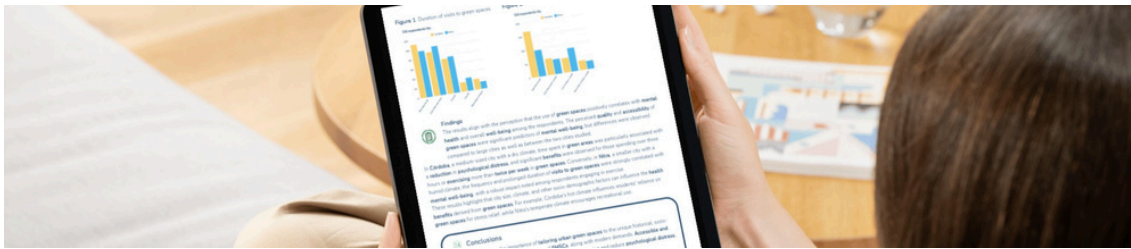
Over 30 participants came together **to discuss Lucca's pioneering work on the human-animal bond** and its role in creating more inclusive and sustainable cities. Joined by Francesco Sangermano (Regional Council of Tuscany), Laura Contalbrigo (National Reference Center for Animal-Assisted Interventions), María Mar Delgado-Serrano (IN-HABIT Coordinator), Francesco Di Iacovo (University of Pisa), the discussion highlighted best practices, behavioral change strategies, **and the replicability of Lucca's approach in other cities. Stay tuned for the next editions focused on Córdoba, Riga and Nitra!**

[Learn more](#)

#PalmerasEnPositivo Project

Supported by the University of Córdoba and local community partners, this initiative captures the resilience, unity, and warmth of the Las Palmeras neighborhood. **New video teasers with English subtitles** are live on our social media! See firsthand how neighbors and professionals are transforming one of Spain's most misrepresented areas.

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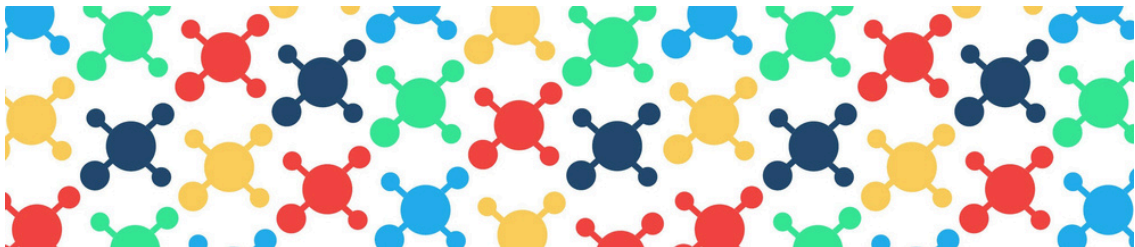


Transformative Researches & Findings

Green Spaces and Mental Well-Being

Green spaces play a crucial role in mental well-being, but how do factors like climate, accessibility, and cultural habits shape their impact? **Our research in Córdoba (Spain) and Nitra (Slovakia)** sheds light on how urban greenery contributes to mental health in small and medium-sized cities. The findings offer **valuable insights for urban planners and policymakers** looking to create healthier, more inclusive cities.

[Discover more](#)



Key events and open calls

New European Bauhaus Prizes 2025 are open for applications

The prizes recognize projects and ideas that promote sustainability, aesthetics, and inclusion. There are two main categories: **New European Bauhaus Prizes 2025** – Open to individuals, organizations, and local initiatives developing innovative projects. **Boost for Small Municipalities** – Supporting small municipalities in implementing transformative projects.

Both offer financial awards of up to €30,000. Applications are open until February 14, 2025. If you're interested, we're happy to assist you throughout the application process. [Learn more](#)

NetworkNature Science-Policy Event

27 Feb 25, Brussels

ICLEI Europe and IEEP are organising an in person science-policy event on urban transformation with a special focus on water resilience. The event will draw on the work of key Horizon projects to see how cities can mobilise EU funding for deploying NbS (notably via Cohesion Policy) and utilise Urban Nature Plans to integrate NbS into urban planning to enhance their Water Resilience Strategy.

NBS EduCommunity workshop

18 February, 14:00-16:00 PM, Online

NBS EduWORLD is holding its final NBS EduCommunity workshop. Engage with local government representatives, educators, and experts from across Europe to co-create innovative ideas and test the Youth Inclusion Toolkit developed by NBS EduWORLD.

[Learn more](#)

ICCASHAR 2025: International Conference on Critical Animal Studies and Human-Animal Relations

March 3-4, 2025, Rome

The conference brings together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Critical Animal Studies and Human-Animal Relations. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Critical Animal Studies and Human-Animal Relations.

[Learn more](#)

World happiness summit

March 15-16 2025, Miami

An international event that brings together leading experts who share evidence-based insights, offering practical tools to enhance happiness, environmental awareness, and personal and professional wellbeing.

[Learn more](#)

UPRUN Conference

27-28 March, Skopje

A two-day conference that brings together city enthusiasts, urban planners, policymakers, academics, and community leaders to shape the future of our cities. “The Future is Resilient: Transformative Change through Civic Engagement” is dedicated to exploring how urban planning and community-driven initiatives can enhance the social resilience of neighborhoods across Europe and beyond. [Learn more](#)

NBS Education Summit 2025

March 27, 2025

The high-level Nature-Based Solutions Education Summit aims to bridge science, policy, and practice by presenting key findings from NBS EduWORLD and other NBS education projects to the public, EU policymakers, and Ministries of Education. Its focus is on supporting nature-based solutions (NBS) education through policy, with a special emphasis on just transitions.

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