

International Policy Workshop

‘Policy recommendation on Nature-Based solutions for Education’

Date: 23 September 2026

Location: The Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the European Union, Rue de la Science 23, 1040, Brussels, Belgium

Objectives

Organised within the framework of the **eNaBIS project**, the International Policy Workshop aims to present, discuss, and validate policy recommendations developed through the project's country-based Living Lab policy workshops. The workshop will provide a platform for dialogue between policymakers, educators and practitioners to ensure that the recommendations are evidence-based, policy-relevant, and aligned with European priorities for the uptake and mainstreaming of Nature-based Solutions (NbS).

The workshop will also promote knowledge exchange across European projects and initiatives, facilitate discussion on key policy priorities on NbS Education, and strengthen collaboration between the research, education, policy communities and public society. Through presentations, panel discussions, and interactive breakout session, participants will contribute to refining the final set of policy recommendations and identifying priorities for future action.

Target Audience

The workshop will bring together representatives from the European Commission and other European policymaking bodies, national and regional policymakers, experts from the eNaBIS consortium, and representatives of European NbS initiatives and projects, NGOs and other relevant networks. Researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders involved in environmental governance and the implementation of Nature-based Solutions will also be invited to contribute to the discussions.

Agenda

Time	Agenda
12:30 – 13:00	Registration and Coffee
13:00 – 13:45	Setting the scene
	Welcome and introduction to the workshop objectives <i>Rasa Pakeltienė, Association for European Life Science Universities – ICA</i>
	Round of introductions by participants
	Short overview of eNaBIS <i>Julia Klavitter, University of Hohenheim</i>
	Inspiring keynote ‘NBS in Action: From Living Lab Experiences to University Curricula’ <i>Elina Oksanen, University of Eastern Finland</i>
13:45 – 14:15	Session 1: Results of the LLs country-based policy workshops
	Insights from national workshops: process and results <i>Diana Surová, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague</i>
	Presentation of summarised draft policy recommendations <i>Bart Kapteijns, Avans University of Applied Sciences</i>
14:15 – 15:10	Session 2: Panel discussion with policymakers and NBS experts
	Moderated discussion • Susanna GIONFRA, Policy Officer Biodiversity & Nature-based Solutions, DG Research & Innovation of the European Commission • Cassie HAGUE, analyst, OECD’s Centre for Education Research and Innovation • Katerina VIGKOU, Sustainability and Digital Education Coordinator, Office of the Secretary General of the European Schools (OSGES) • Tremeut DENIOT, European Education Expert, former lead of the Education for Climate Coalition • Jyri WUORISALO, RDI Advisor, Sustainable Societies Research Field, EU Climate Pact Ambassador, Savonia University of Applied Sciences
15:10 – 15:40	Networking lunch
15:40 – 16:30	Session 3: Interactive breakout discussion on policy priorities <i>Validation of key recommendations</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Plenary feedback
16:45 – 17:00	Conclusions and closing



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