

This [joint European conference](#) (17-19 November 2015) in Bonn will bring together experts from science, policy and practice to highlight and discuss the importance of nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation in urban areas and their rural surroundings. The aim of the conference is to increase knowledge and to foster linkages between science, policy and practice regarding nature-based solutions to meet the challenge of climate change in urban areas. In addition, emphasis is given to the potential of nature-based approaches to create co-benefits.

The conference will be opened by Prof. Jessel (BfN President) followed by keynotes by Dr. Bruynickx (EEA Executive Director) and Dr. Krull (chair of the H2020 expert group on nature-based solutions and re-naturing cities). Latest scientific findings on the impacts of climate change on European urban ecosystems will be discussed. Furthermore, the implementation of conservation measures and nature-based solutions within cities will be outlined. Interactive sessions will focus on case studies of successful nature-based projects and lessons learned. Resulting discussions of policy issues in climate change and nature conservation in European urban areas will lead to recommendations for creating synergies between ongoing policy processes, scientific programmes and practical implementation.

Conference programme and registration will follow.