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# RECONECT - Ecosystems Regeneration and Nature-based Solutions to reduce hydro-meteorological risk in rural areas

**RECONECT H2020 Innovation Action** 

Coordinator: IHE Delft

Budget: € 15 500 000 Euro (EU contribution € 13 500 000)

Duration: 6 years

Partners: 36 (-2)

Italian partners:









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## A short video to introduce the project context ....







### Holistic approach and co-benefits of NbS

Nature-based Solutions (or NbS) are solutions inspired by nature that aim to help societies address environmental, social and economic challenges in a sustainable way.

NbS can be applied to mitigate the impacts of intense hydro-meteorological events, bringing various benefits in relation to: (a) management of water resources; (b) social impact; (c) economic impact.

They can work in combination with traditional or grey infrastructures (hybrid solutions).

Furthermore, NbS are more effective if implemented through the participation of the local population and by applying a good model of territorial governance.





### Demonstrate and upscale NbS Best Practices



RECONECT ground on a network of Demonstrator and Collaborator sites. They are examples of large scale Nature-Based Solutions for hydrometeo risk reduction, that can provide proof-of-concept for upscaling and replication. The network consists of:

- 4 Demo Type A: NbS + monitoring
- 6 Demo Type B: monitoring
- 5 EU + 19 INT Collaborators: feasibility studies and transfer of BP





### The river system Dove and Gose Elbe (Hamburg, Germany)

NbS in the area focus on the reactivation and the distribution of the storage capacity of the rivers Bille, Dove and Gose Elbe, their tributaries and trenches and their flood plains, to create more retention volume for water during flood events. At the same time, necessary stable water levels in the rivers can be provided during droughts

The distribution of the storage volume during flood events is managed by the RECONECT NBS operation and controlling system







### Seden Strand (Odense, Denmark)

Existing dikes are moved inland, closer towards the settlement. The gained area in front of the dike (27ha) is then converted from agricultural use to natural habitat, through a so called 'self-design' rehabilitation process. This natural habitat is expected to undergo a dynamic succession into salt meadows. Restoration of the habitat for toads and migrating birds creates a landscape with rich biodiversity, as well as flood risk mitigating properties. These planned actions complement efforts for the whole Natura 2000 area, where there is a problematic decline of habitats for birds depended on the coastal habitats.







### Portofino Regional Park (Genoa, Italy)

The low anthropic impact and the integration with the natural environment make NbS as the most suitable interventions in a protected area as Portofino. In particular designed NbS concern:

- improvement of vegetation cover;
- restoration of ancient terraces having importance for landscape and cultural heritage;
- hydraulic-forestry arrangement of waterways;
- consolidation of the hicking paths;
- construction of selective bridles (in wood) and thresholds (in stone);
- stabilization of rock walls.

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### "Reconect", sopralluogo a San Fruttuoso

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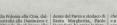
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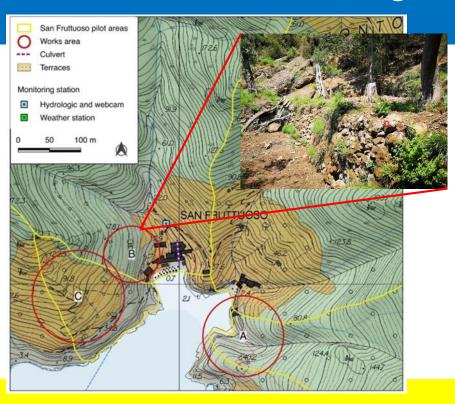
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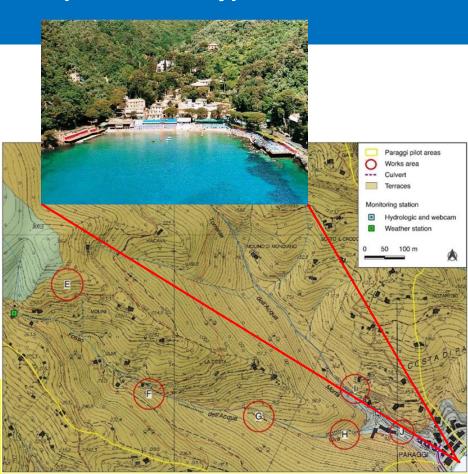
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### **Ijssel River Basin - Room for the River (The Netherlands)**

The Ijssel River basin Demonstrator B is implemented under the banner of the 'Room for the River' Programme. The programme is to give the river more room to manage higher water levels. Thanks also to RECONECT, at more than 30 locations, measures are taken to give the river space to flood safely while at the same time improve the quality of the immediate surroundings.

A good Water Governace is fundamental to move from a Good Practice to a Best Practice

### **Lessons from the recent floods** in the Netherlands, luck or wisdom or both?

When the clouds started gathering and turning dark grey around what was supposed to be a lovely mid-July day, little did we know the devastation the ensuing floods would cause for much of Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.



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