

UBC TALKS Webinar

Urban Biodiversity Parks as a method for actively increasing biodiversity

Tuesday 27 May 2025

10.30–12.00 EEST (09.30–11.00 CEST)

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This UBC TALKS webinar will focus on urban biodiversity parks as a tool for urban ecological restoration and regeneration. The concept will be piloted by the City of Turku within Urban Biodiversity Parks project funded by EUI. Furthermore, experts from UBC cities Malmö and Riga share experiences on their local policies and practices to bring nature back to the city and actively increase urban biodiversity.

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Welcome to the webinar and introduction to Urban Biodiversity Parks project

Maija Rusanen, Senior Advisor, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission/City of Turku

10.40–11.10

Urban Biodiversity parks as a tool for urban ecological restoration and regeneration – experiences after one year of piloting in Skanssi park

Annika Pöyhtäri, Project Manager & Selina Raunio, Project Coordinator, City of Turku

11.10–11.50

Active enhancement of urban biodiversity – Case examples from UBC cities

- **Actively increasing urban biodiversity in Malmö– examples from implemented measures and plans for future**
Per-Arne Nilsson, Senior Environmental strategist, City of Malmö
- **Bringing nature back to the city in Riga – experiences from preparing urban greening plan and biodiversity guidelines**
Liene Griķe, Lead Project Manager, City of Riga

11.50–12.00

Questions from the audience and closing words