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5th Meeting of the European Project TRANS-lighthouses: Nature-Based Solutions for Sustainable Communities

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- The University of Extremadura leads the promotion of decentralized composting within the framework of TRANS-lighthouses
- Researchers and community leaders from 10 European countries made progress in developing eco-social solutions

06/11/2024. On October 28, 29, and 30, the **University of Extremadura (UEx)** hosted the **5th Consortium Meeting of the Horizon Europe project "TRANS-lighthouses : More than green: Lighthouses of transformative Nature-Based Solutions for inclusive communities."** This ambitious European project, with the participation of 19 partners from 10 countries, aims to implement nature-based solutions (NbS) in various European communities, focusing on sustainability and resilience to the climate crisis.

During the opening of the conference at the UEx Space in Cáceres, prominent figures from the project offered their perspectives on the progress and challenges of TRANS-lighthouses. These included **Isabel**

Ferreira , principal investigator and project coordinator; **Jacobi Ceballos** , Councilor for Citizen Participation of the Cáceres City Council; **Gemma Delicado** , Rector's Delegate for **the EUGREEN Alliance** and general coordinator; and **Irina Rasskin** and **José Luis Fernández-Pacheco** , both researchers at the University of Extremadura and key figures in the project in the region.

The meeting brought together representatives from academic institutions, local governments and social organizations from more than ten European countries, who met to share progress and plan next steps in this ambitious project that will allow the implementation of Nature-Based Solutions in each of the territories.



TRANS-lighthouses is funded by the Horizon Europe program, which combines research and innovation, and has a budget of 6 million euros, aspiring to become a benchmark in the search for strategies for eco-social transformation in the face of the climate crisis.

In the province of Cáceres, the focus is on education and the promotion of decentralized composting for the sustainable reduction of the organic fraction of waste. The University of Extremadura, host of the event, is part of a Living Composting Laboratory in the province of Cáceres, which is being promoted by the Bioregional Economies Association (EBR). They are collaborating with the EBR on a training program for Organic Change Agents through composting, which will begin on November 5th.

During the meeting, the European partners visited the pilot composting project in the town of Botija, one of the many Living Composting Laboratories in the province. They also met with the town's mayor, **Juan Rentero de la Morena**, to learn more about the participatory, co-creation, and co-design processes implemented in the project.

Through this project, Extremadura aspires to be one of the "beacons" of nature- and community-based solutions (NbS) within the TRANS-lighthouses project, thereby continuing to contribute ideas, lessons learned, and solutions for waste management and mitigating the effects of climate change.

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