RISE-IN: RESILIENT INVESTMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS

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The RISE-IN project (Resilient Investment for Sustainable Environments) pioneers a new approach to urban climate adaptation by bridging the gap between environmental resilience and financial viability. It focuses on developing Climate Resilient Solutions (CRS) that are not only effective against climate risks, such as flooding, but also attractive and viable for investment from the outset.

By combining nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based actions, physical measures and technological tools, RISE-IN aims to co-design and tailor solutions that deliver multiple benefits, from biodiversity enhancement to improved human wellbeing, and are adaptable across diverse city contexts. These solutions undergo rigorous assessment to ensure bankability-by-design, enabling cities to implement sustainable interventions with confidence.

Funded under the Horizon Europe programme by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), the project brings together 26 partners from 13 countries with a shared mission: transform cities into living labs for resilient, scalable and financially attractive climate action.

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MEET THE RISE-IN COORDINATOR

PROF. LAURA GRASSI (POLITECNICO DI MILANO), THE RISE-IN COORDINATOR, LEADS THE RISE-IN CONSORTIUM AND ENSURES ITS SMOOTH AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY, OVERSEEING MONITORING, RISK MANAGEMENT, AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS.

SPECIALISATION

Laura Grassi is an Associate Professor at the Politecnico di Milano, where she specialises in Banking and Fintech, and the Director of the Fintech & Insurtech Observatory. She also serves as the Director of the Executive MBA Evening Program at the Graduate School of Management and acts as the Scientific Director of multiple digital finance master's programs, collaborating with several financial institutions. Recently, she has joined the European Banking Authority's (EBA) Banking Stakeholder Group (BSG).

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Laura's research and professional interests lie at the intersection of digital innovation and financial services, focusing on areas such as Fintech, Banking, and Corporate Governance. She plays an active role in fostering the growth of Fintech and Insurtech startups and leads several applied research initiatives. Throughout her career, Laura has been dedicated to advancing digital transformation in finance, both through her academic leadership and impactful research.

Holding a PhD, MSc, and BSc in Management Engineering, all with honours from the Politecnico di Milano, Laura has published extensively on cutting-edge topics like open finance, decentralised finance (DeFi), and the role of technology in transforming the financial sector.

RISE-IN LEADERSHIP

Under her leadership, RISE-IN is developing tools and methodologies that cities can use to assess climate risk, co-create solutions with stakeholders, and build pathways to investment and long-term sustainability. This role is fundamental to uniting technical excellence with social innovation and strategic planning.

MEET THE RISE-IN CONSORTIUM

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS, CONSULTANCIES AND OTHER EXPERT ENTITIES,

each contributing unique value to the project's goals.

26 ORGANISATIONS

bringing together a diversity of skills, experiences and backgrounds.

Together, this collaborative network works on climate risk assessment, stakeholder engagement, social innovation, and the co-creation of solutions tailored to local environments. Their combined expertise ensures RISE-IN is not only technically robust but also socially inclusive and applicable across different urban settings.

RISE-IN DEMO AND REPLICATOR CITIES – LIVING LABS FOR RESILIENCE

A key pillar of RISE-IN is real-world application. Participating cities in the RISE-IN project include Demo Cities, which test and refine climate solutions, and Replicator Cities, which adapt and scale these solutions in new contexts, supporting wider adoption across Europe.

The **Demonstration Cities** in the RISE-IN project serve as real-life testbeds for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of Climate Resilient Solutions (CRS):

Cesena, Italy

Advancing ecological restoration and flood resilience along the Savio River, transforming former industrial sites into biodiverse, multifunctional landscapes.

Photo credit: Christchurch City Council

Christchurch, New Zealand

Restoring the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor as a green corridor to manage flooding and enhance ecosystem services.

Póvoa de Varzim, Portugal

Strengthening riverbanks and coastal defences while fostering ecological corridors and community engagement.

The **Replicator Cities** in the RISE-IN project are key actors in the second phase of Climate Resilient Solutions' deployment, serving as strategic sites to test the adaptability, feasibility, and bankability of Climate Resilient Solutions beyond the original Demo Cities:

Ghent, Belgium

Enhancing green-blue networks, rainwater management and urban greening to address flood risk and heat stress.

Kadıköy, Türkiye

Implementing adaptation planning to tackle flooding, extreme heat and soil erosion in a dense urban setting.

Zhytomyr, Ukraine

Developing a long-term climate and energy strategy to manage flood, heat and drought risks while fostering sustainable development.

SPOTLIGHT ON RISE-IN DEMO CITIES

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

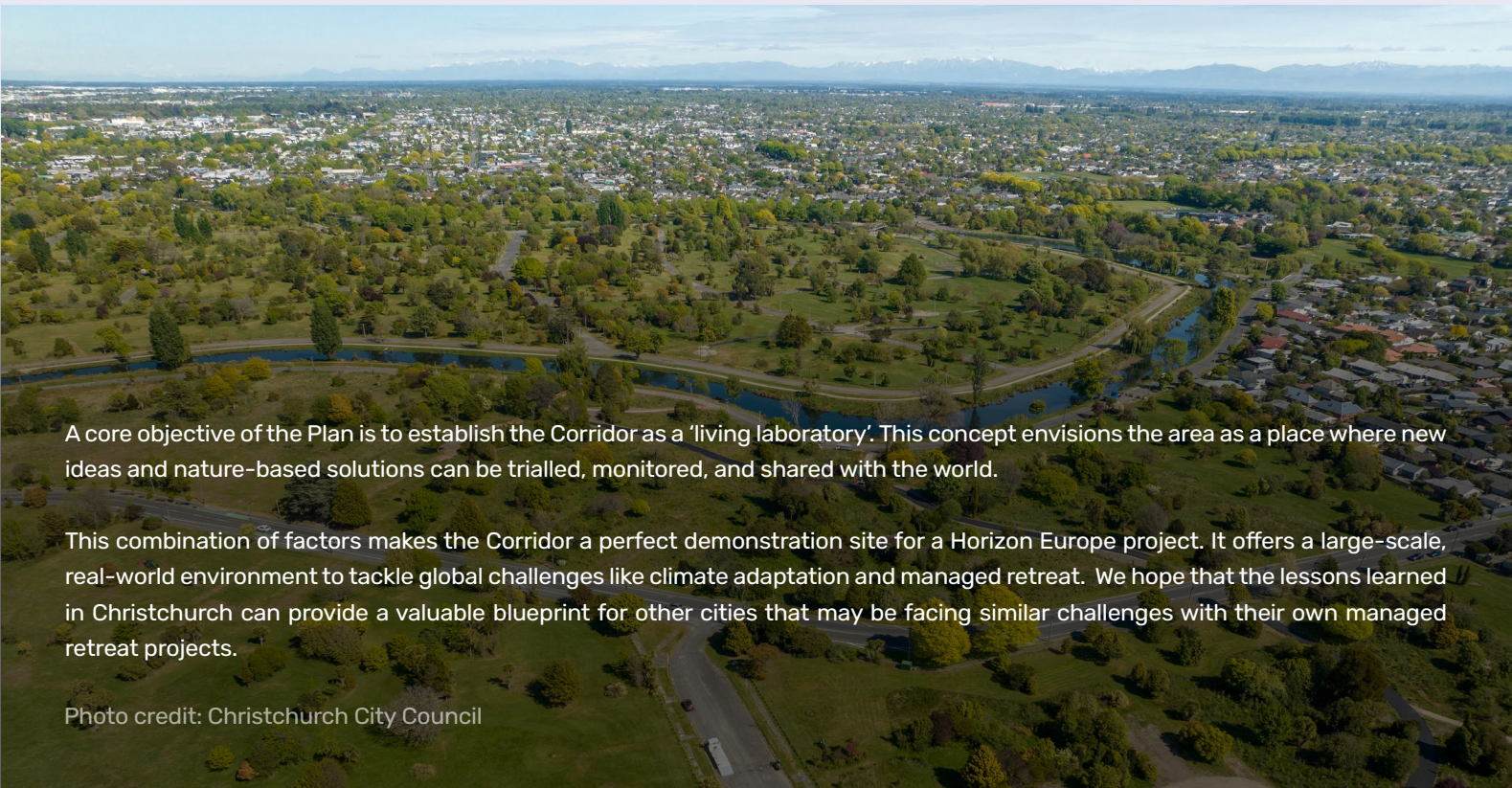
David Little

Christchurch City Council

CHRISTCHURCH AS A RISE-IN DEMO CITY: AN OVERVIEW

The Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor is a landscape of unique opportunity, born from the disaster of the 2010-2011 Canterbury earthquakes. These seismic events caused severe land damage and liquefaction, leading to entire suburbs sinking by up to a metre, and an average of half a metre across the Corridor. Combined with an associated rise in groundwater levels, this has given Christchurch an instant preview of a century's worth of sea-level rise. As a result, a 600 hectare area of land winding along the river from the city centre to the sea was deemed unsuitable for rebuilding.

What was once a disaster zone has been transformed into a place of hope through the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan. Created via collaboration between the Crown, Christchurch City Council, the community and local iwi, the plan's vision is to enhance climate resilience, restore native ecosystems, and create a vibrant public space for community connection and recreation.



A core objective of the Plan is to establish the Corridor as a 'living laboratory'. This concept envisions the area as a place where new ideas and nature-based solutions can be trialled, monitored, and shared with the world.

This combination of factors makes the Corridor a perfect demonstration site for a Horizon Europe project. It offers a large-scale, real-world environment to tackle global challenges like climate adaptation and managed retreat. We hope that the lessons learned in Christchurch can provide a valuable blueprint for other cities that may be facing similar challenges with their own managed retreat projects.

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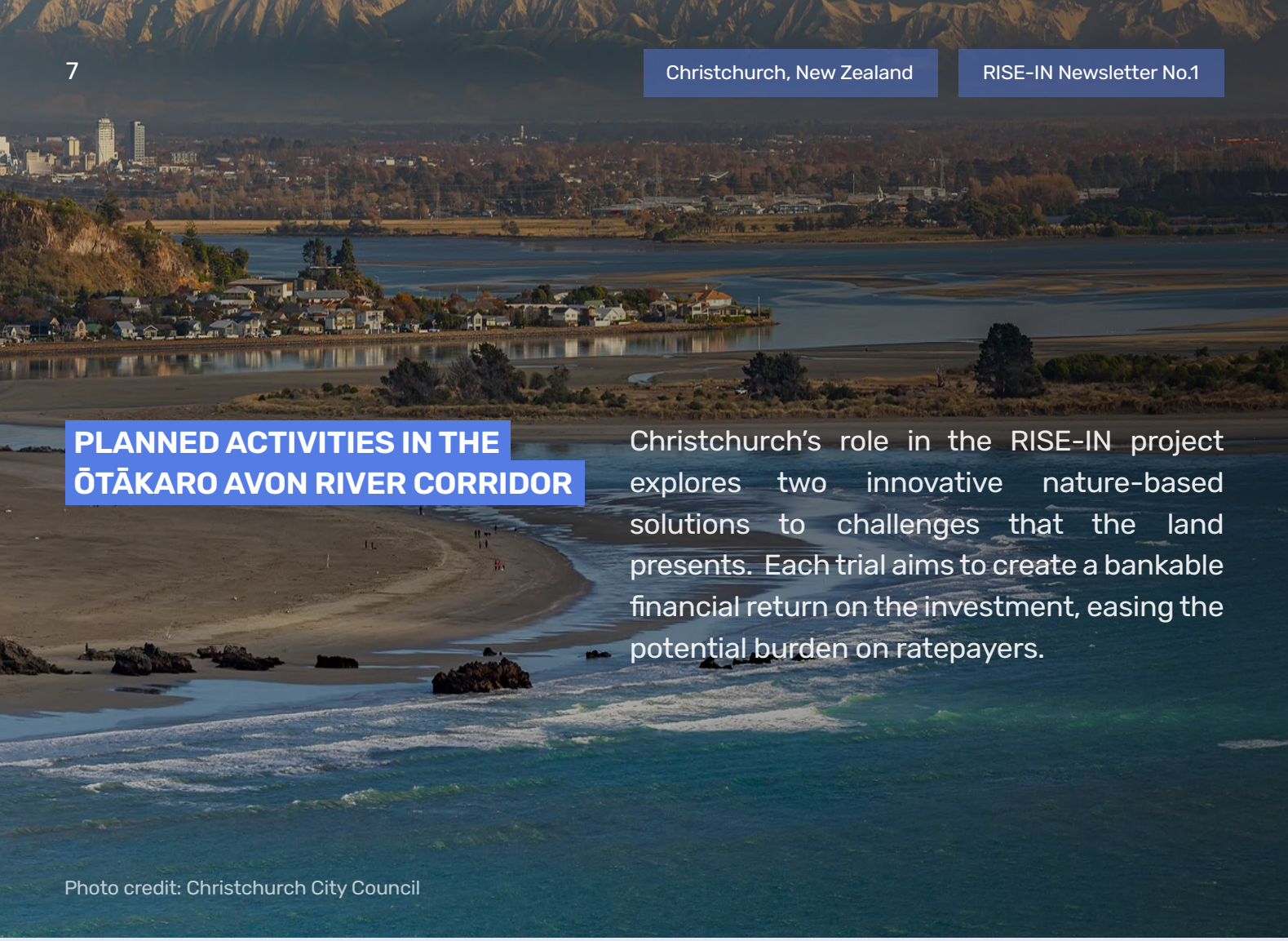

PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN THE ŌTĀKARO AVON RIVER CORRIDOR

Christchurch's role in the RISE-IN project explores two innovative nature-based solutions to challenges that the land presents. Each trial aims to create a bankable financial return on the investment, easing the potential burden on ratepayers.

Photo credit: Christchurch City Council

1 ENHANCED CARBON CAPTURE IN DEGRADED SOILS

The Corridor (and managed retreat land more generally) often suffers from poor, compacted soil. This slows down plant growth, delaying the benefits of carbon sequestration and increasing the costs of ecological restoration. Furthermore, verifying carbon stored in soil has traditionally been expensive and difficult.

Our project tackles this by trialling a suite of natural soil amendments to improve soil health and lock carbon into the ground. We are also pioneering a network of low-cost sensors to verify these carbon gains in real time, aiming to create a new, bankable model for soil carbon credits.

2 HARVESTABLE TRANSITIONAL LANDSCAPES

Instead of leaving managed retreat land fallow at a high maintenance cost (such as mowing) while future plans are determined, we see an opportunity to create productive, climate-resilient landscapes that provide multiple benefits to the community and environment.

Inspired by the indigenous principle of Mahinga Kai (working with natural resources), this trial focuses on planting native species to create a harvestable, natural ecosystem that enhances biodiversity and flood resilience while generating a sustainable income. We are working with local iwi and commercial partners to demonstrate how ecological restoration can become an economic asset, not just a cost.

KEY INSIGHTS FROM STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Stakeholder engagement for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan project has been extensive, including on-site open days, direct engagement with local stakeholders and interest groups, social media and webpage presence, and presentations to a range of interest groups. We have also held formal consultation periods for specific projects, using digital feedback tools.

There is broad community support for the ecological aims of the Regeneration Plan, reflecting the collaborative nature of its initial creation. This sense of ownership extends to active participation in citizen science, community planting and trapping initiatives in the Corridor. This includes our Horizon Europe initiatives, where we have seen genuine interest in the scientific trials. Residents also demonstrate a high level of climate literacy and a good understanding of the need for resilience.

There is a widely held aversion to rebuilding housing within the Corridor, or selling the land into private ownership. While the community champions the green vision of the Corridor, we are also mindful of practical concerns raised, particularly the potential impact of this project on local rates.

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INSPIRATION DRAWN FROM RECENT ŌTĀKARO AVON RIVER CORRIDOR FIELD TRIPS (Q3/4 2025)

We regularly host international delegates from conferences or partner cities in the Corridor. Recent trips have drawn significant attendance, the largest being from the 'Adaptation Futures' conference.

Photo credit: Adaptation Futures 2025

SOME TAKEAWAYS FROM THESE RECENT TRIPS INCLUDE:

There is a high level of enthusiasm regarding the project's global role. The idea of it being a window into the future of managed retreat is well understood

Visitors consistently highlight the 'living laboratory' approach as a practical and inspiring way to address real-world challenges. They also note the supportive conditions here for testing and refining new ideas, which enable an innovative approach to adaptation.

The trips allow for a great sharing of experience and technical discussion. Experts in geotechnical, ecological and stormwater engineering were all present in recent field trips - allowing for a very detailed discussion on certain aspects.

There has been significant interest in the buyout process used by the Crown, as this is a challenge common to most climate resilience projects. Similarly, the growing difficulty of insuring managed retreat sites was flagged as a shared issue, albeit one that the Corridor has largely navigated due to the initial government buyout.

WALKING THE ALTO RIVER BASIN: GROUNDING RISE-IN IN PÓVOA DE VARZIM

Andrea Luísa Neiva Maia da Silva

Mayor of Póvoa de Varzim

PÓVOA DE VARZIM AS A RISE-IN DEMO CITY: AN OVERVIEW

Póvoa de Varzim is a coastal municipality increasingly exposed to pluvial flooding and climate variability, which heightens its vulnerability while also creating a strong opportunity for experimentation and learning. The municipality is, therefore, a highly suitable demonstration partner for RISE-IN, a project that aims to strengthen climate resilience through an integrated combination of nature-based, physical and technological solutions, supported by participatory planning processes.

Within RISE-IN, Póvoa de Varzim functions as a living laboratory for testing place-based and socially inclusive approaches, with a specific focus on the Alto River basin. This basin concentrates major local challenges, including flood risk, fragmented ecological connectivity and the need to strengthen public understanding of ecosystem functions, while offering significant potential for ecological restoration, community engagement and climate-adaptive regeneration.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN THE ALTO RIVER BASIN

The Alto River basin is a heterogeneous urban–rural catchment in Póvoa de Varzim, characterised by contrasting land-use patterns that strongly influence hydrological processes and climate vulnerability. The upstream area is dominated by a traditional "campo–bouça" mosaic linked to livestock farming and the regional dairy production system, while the western sector is largely occupied by intensive greenhouse horticulture established over former masseiras fields. This spatial duality, combined with dispersed settlements and artificial drainage networks, generates complex pressures on soil, water and ecosystem functioning, making the basin a particularly relevant testing ground for integrated and context-sensitive Climate-Resilient Solutions.

Planned activities include:

FIELD WALKS

CO-CREATION SESSIONS

with the local community directly affected by flooding and benefiting from the proposed interventions.

WORKSHOPS

with specialised stakeholders from the economic, financial and investment sectors, aimed at strengthening the feasibility and scalability of the solutions.

BIODIVERSITY BIOBLITZ ACTIVITIES

Biodiversity bioblitz activities will support the identification of local flora and fauna through citizen-science approaches, benefiting from the strong regional community of biologists fostered by the proximity of BIOPOLIS, one of the largest biodiversity research centres in Portugal.

CO-DESIGN PROCESS

The co-design process will promote small-scale interventions focused on water retention, vegetation enhancement and the reinforcement of green and blue corridors, as well as co-management and co-maintenance actions to foster long-term stewardship.

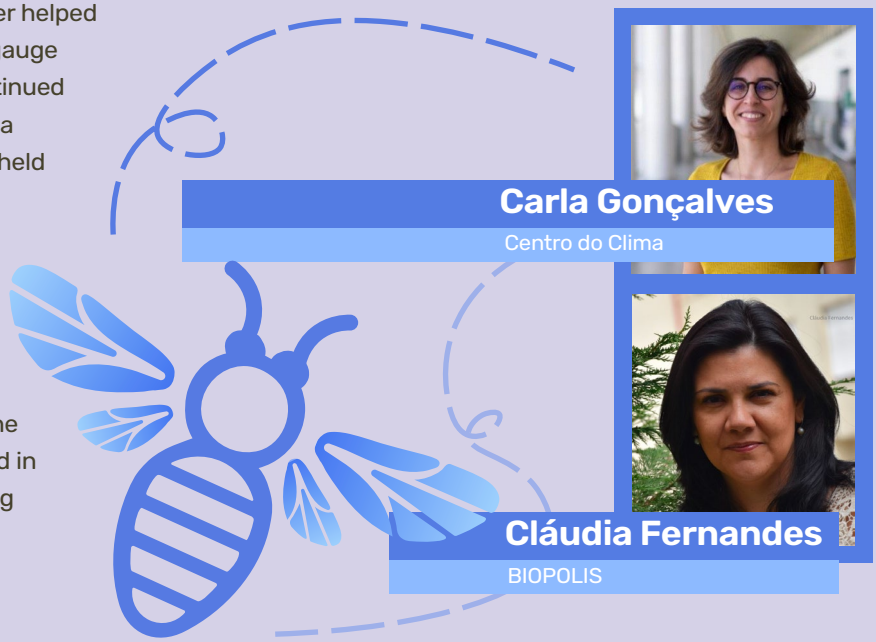
THE MAIN GOALS ARE TO ENHANCE LOCAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE, IMPROVE ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP OF ADAPTATION SOLUTIONS.

While contributing to healthier mobility patterns and improved physical and mental well-being through better access to connected and high-quality natural environments.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INTERACTION

Translating these spatial ambitions into actionable and socially legitimate interventions requires sustained engagement with the diverse actors who shape, manage and experience the Alto River basin in their everyday lives. For this reason, stakeholder engagement in Póvoa de Varzim began early in the RISE-IN project, with a first public event held in September 2025. The session introduced the project's objectives and scope while also mapping relevant local actors and gathering initial feedback through questionnaires. Participants included representatives from public administrations, banks and insurance companies, local NGOs, technical experts, and other organisations connected to water management and spatial planning in the Alto River Basin.

Beyond presenting the project, this first encounter helped clarify expectations, identify potential roles and gauge different levels of interest and availability for continued involvement. Building on these initial exchanges, a social innovation for climate resilience workshop held in November 2025, organised by LUT University, marked a shift from information-sharing to more active dialogue. The workshop created space to explore shared challenges, identify opportunities and reflect collectively on possible collaborative pathways. Together, these early engagement steps were essential in grounding the project within Póvoa de Varzim's local realities and in beginning to build trust and shared understanding among a heterogeneous group of stakeholders.



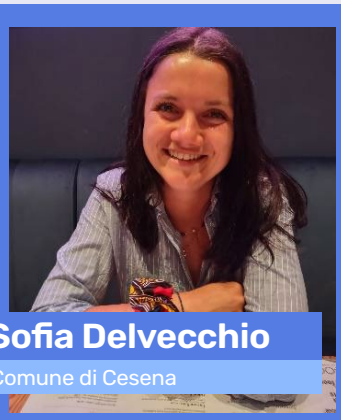
INSPIRATION DRAWN FROM THE ALTO RIVER BASIN WALK

In January 2026, engagement activities moved more decisively into the territory through a site visit along the Alto River Basin with the President of the Parish of Estela. Walking the landscape together allowed for direct observation of the basin's physical features, existing pressures and ongoing transformations. Discussions unfolded in situ, anchored in specific locations rather than abstract maps or plans, helping to connect project ambitions with the lived reality of the river corridor and its landscape.

These on-site conversations highlighted how local perceptions of risk, memories of past flooding events and everyday interactions with the river provide forms of knowledge that are difficult to capture through technical analysis alone. Later that same day, a public evening event extended the conversation to residents of the Parish of Estela, opening a space for sharing concerns, personal experiences and local insights related to the basin. The combination of field observation and open dialogue reinforced the importance of grounding RISE-IN activities not only in ecological and hydrological data, but also in the social fabric of the territory. Together, these moments deepened mutual understanding and helped shape a more context-sensitive direction for the next stages of the project.

In this way, the Alto River Basin becomes not only a site of intervention, but a shared space of learning where ecological restoration, institutional collaboration and everyday experience converge to shape locally grounded climate resilience.

CESENA'S ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ABOUT THE SAVIO RIVER



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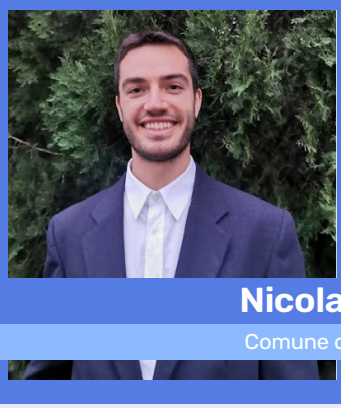

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Comune di Cesena

CESENA AS A RISE-IN DEMO CITY: AN OVERVIEW

The first year of activities for Cesena as partner of RISE-IN project concentrated mainly on internal discussions for the necessary data collection, useful for the creation of model driven by technical partners, and on the involvement of mainly one technical stakeholder - the Regional Agency for Territorial Security and Civil Protection - for continuous alignments on the possible interventions and strategies to pursue along the Savio river. On the other hand, Cesena is also partner of RIWET, an Interreg project that focuses on public-social-private partnerships to increase the contribution of local communities in restoration, management and stewardship of rivers and wetlands.

Both teams work in synergy and align their activities, in particular, in September 2025, the team of RIWET organised a walk along the river banks, to open the discussion about the shared valorisation of the Savio river. The event was actively participated by local stakeholders, and also by some RISE-IN partners, such as Ambiente Italia and LUT. At this regard, we believe the event was so successful and connected to RISE-IN topics that deserves a deeper focus on it.

BEYOND THE RIVER - TOWARDS A SHARED VALORIZATION OF THE SAVIO RIVER

PREMISES AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The municipality of Cesena has two paths that intersect each other with regard to river management:

1 **The RIWET project,** that calls for the drafting of a management document (Policy Instrument) for the urban section of the Savio river.

2 **The Natural and Seminatural Protected Landscape of the Savio river,** an area already recognised by the Emilia-Romagna region, that needs a management plan to actuate its establishment.

Both management plans must derive from public consultation and involve the participation of public entities, organizations, economic actors and citizens.

For this reason the Municipality of Cesena has started a participatory process whose aim is to draft a collaborative governance model that links together three key topics: environmental protection, hydraulic security and citizens-river relationship. This document should: (1) guide the municipality and its stakeholders in designing, implementing and monitoring the common lines of integrated development, (2) optimise resources and interventions on the river, (3) enhance the contribution of private and public actors creating trust and increasing collaboration, (4) be sustainable in terms of required time, resources and commitment.

THE EVENT

On September 25 a dialogic walk was organised along the banks of the Savio river by the Environmental Department of the Municipality of Cesena in collaboration with the project "Beyond the River. Living Between Water and Land" designed and financed by the University of Bologna. The aim of the event was to start a conversation with local actors on river management and collect suggestions, opinions and desires. It saw the participation of citizens, local organizations, representatives from the Municipality, the Authority for the management of Parks and Biodiversity - Romagna, the Regional Agency for Territorial Security and Civil Protection and the University of Bologna - Architecture department, and some partners on the RISE-IN project.

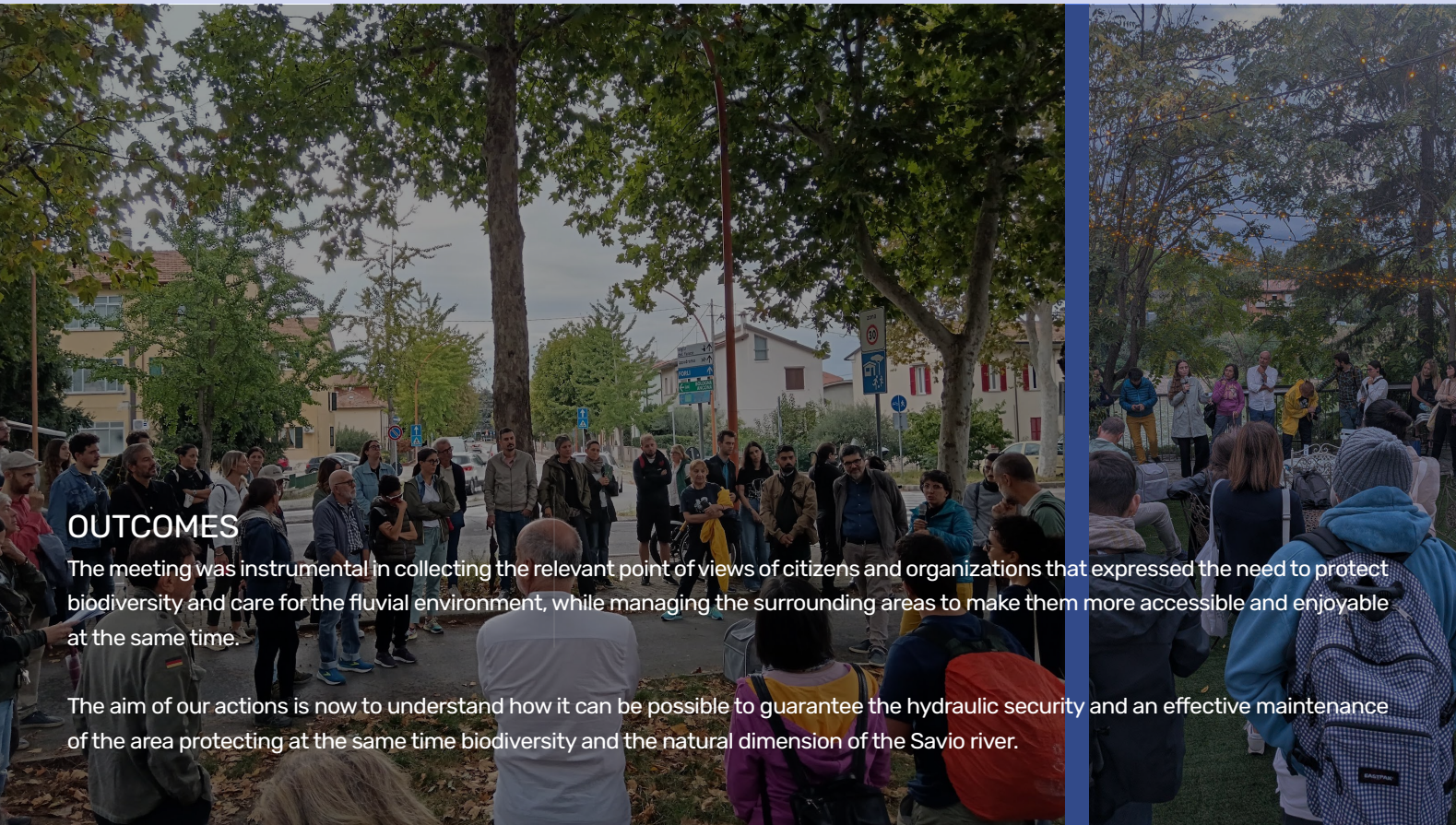
THE DIALOGIC WALK WAS STRUCTURED AS A SUCCESSION OF THREE DISSEMINATION MOMENTS, HELD BY THE INSTITUTIONAL STAKEHOLDERS OF THE PROJECT, FOLLOWED BY MOMENTS OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE PRESENTED TOPIC.

All the participants formed small groups to share their thoughts and insights. The three interventions were:

Authority for the management of Parks and Biodiversity - Romagna shared some details and insight about the Natural and Seminatural Protected Landscape and the benefits for the city of Cesena to establish one along the course of the Savio river.

Regional Agency for Territorial Security and Civil Protection presented the on-going and future intervention carried out along the river to improve the hydraulic security of the city and its countryside;

University of Bologna - Architecture department shared part of the research of a PhD thesis on good practices from other European cities in a similar conditions as Cesena and future scenarios that could help us imagine new ways to work in parallel on the three key thematics of the process.



OUTCOMES

The meeting was instrumental in collecting the relevant point of views of citizens and organizations that expressed the need to protect biodiversity and care for the fluvial environment, while managing the surrounding areas to make them more accessible and enjoyable at the same time.

The aim of our actions is now to understand how it can be possible to guarantee the hydraulic security and an effective maintenance of the area protecting at the same time biodiversity and the natural dimension of the Savio river.

WHY THE BEE?

A BEE AS A SYMBOL OF COLLECTIVE STRENGTH

The bee, chosen as the emblem of the RISE-IN project, carries with it a profound symbolism that resonates deeply with our mission of resilience, sustainability, and transformation. Universally recognised as a symbol of industriousness, cooperation, and ecological balance, the bee perfectly encapsulates the essence of nature-based solutions, and the collective effort required to address the challenges of climate change. In RISE-IN, the bee is not only a visual motif but a meaningful representation of how communities, like hives, must work in harmony to build climate-resilient futures.

COLOURS THAT REFLECT WATER AND RESILIENCE

Rendered in shades of blue, light purple and deep green, our project's brand evokes the critical element of water – a central focus in our work on flood risk management. These hues reflect both the vulnerability and power of water, reminding us of the delicate balance between risk and resilience. Rising above the waves, the bee embodies perseverance and hope, symbolising how, through thoughtful design and collaborative action, we can transform environmental threats into opportunities for sustainable investment.

RISE-IN NEWS

RISE-IN KICK-OFF MEETING IN MILAN

The Horizon Europe and DG CLIMA-funded RISE-IN project officially launched with a kick-off meeting held from 21–23 May 2025 at Politecnico di Milano. The event brought together project partners and stakeholders to present the project's objectives, methodology, and expected impacts. Discussions highlighted the project's focus on bridging environmental resilience and

financial viability through nature-based solutions for flood risk management and the concept of Bankability Readiness Level (BRL). Demonstrator and replicator cities were introduced, along with plans for collaboration and coordination with related projects.

RISE-IN PRESENTED AT PORTO BUSINESS SCHOOL

On 2 October 2025, Prof. Cláudia Fernandes presented the RISE-IN project during MBA Orientation Week at Porto Business School. The session, titled "Leading with Nature: Biodiversity and Nature-Based Strategies for Business", explored the relationship between natural capital, biodiversity, and business strategies. Around 160 students attended the sessions, which discussed societal challenges linked to the undervaluation of nature. The event also highlighted the RISE-IN project and related research initiatives at BIOPOLIS.

RISE-IN LAUNCH EVENT IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Christchurch City Council hosted the official launch of the RISE-IN project in New Zealand, marking the start of collaborative activities in the region. The event focused on planned work in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, a key site for ecological restoration and climate resilience planning. Local leaders emphasised the opportunity to combine environmental innovation with economic development. The launch also highlighted Christchurch's role as a demonstrator city within the project.

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RISE-IN AT ADAPTATION FUTURES 2025

The RISE-IN project was showcased at Adaptation Futures 2025, the flagship conference of the UN World Adaptation Science Programme held in Christchurch, New Zealand. The event gathered more than 1,500 participants from across the climate adaptation community. A presentation highlighted lessons from the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor and the goals of the RISE-IN project. A field trip for international delegates also took place in the corridor to demonstrate local adaptation initiatives.

RISE-IN AT "BUSINESSES AND NATURE: AN ESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIP" CONFERENCE

RISE-IN was presented at the conference "Businesses and Nature: An Essential Relationship", which explored corporate best practices for biodiversity conservation. Prof. Cláudia Fernandes delivered a presentation titled "Businesses for Water and Nature: Why Act Now?". The event brought together companies and organisations to discuss how businesses can integrate nature into their strategies. It aimed to promote awareness and action toward stronger connections between business activity and ecosystem protection.

WEBINAR "FINANCING NATURE", GIZ

RISE-IN was presented during a high-level webinar organised as part of GIZ's Urban October series. The discussion focused on scaling up finance for nature-based solutions and strengthening urban resilience ahead of COP30. Speakers examined the challenges of financing nature-based projects and emphasised the need for innovative financial approaches. During the webinar, the RISE-IN project was introduced as an example of initiatives working to improve the bankability of such solutions.

RISE-IN PROJECT FEATURED IN NEW ZEALAND COVERAGE

The RISE-IN project was highlighted in a news article by The Press in New Zealand. The coverage focused on work taking place in the Ōtākaro–Avon River Corridor, a 600-hectare area undergoing restoration and long-term planning. Experts from Christchurch City Council and the University of Canterbury provided perspectives on the site's challenges and future potential. The media attention increased the visibility of the project's activities in the region.

RISE-IN PROJECT AT ESTELA PARISH

The RISE-IN project was presented in Estela Parish, Póvoa de Varzim, highlighting local engagement within the project's activities. The visit focused on the Alto River Basin and the surrounding coastal landscape, an area with strong ecological and cultural value. Participants discussed the role of nature-based solutions and local knowledge in strengthening climate resilience.

NEW EU MISSION PORTAL ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION GOES LIVE

A new online portal supporting the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change has been launched to support regions and communities across Europe. The platform aims to provide resources, knowledge, and tools to help local authorities advance climate adaptation actions. It also promotes collaboration between cities, regions, and stakeholders involved in resilience efforts. The portal is intended to facilitate knowledge sharing and strengthen Europe's collective response to climate risks.

RISE-IN FEATURED IN MIP4ADAPT JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The RISE-IN project has been featured in the January newsletter of the Mission Implementation Platform for Adaptation to Climate Change (MIP4Adapt). The feature highlights the project's approach to supporting climate-resilient investments and nature-based solutions. It also presented the project as part of broader European efforts to accelerate climate adaptation.

CENTRO DO CLIMA PRESENTS STRATEGY AND LOCAL ACTION AT AGÊNCIA PARA O CLIMA

Centro do Clima presented its strategy and local climate action initiatives during a meeting at Agência para o Clima. The presentation highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen climate governance and support local adaptation measures. It also outlined initiatives designed to engage communities and stakeholders in climate action.

RISE-IN PARTNERS CELEBRATE COMMUNITY HERITAGE THROUGH "THE RIO ALTO I KNEW" INITIATIVE

RISE-IN partners announced a community initiative "The Rio Alto I Knew", which celebrates the cultural heritage and collective memory of the Rio Alto area. The initiative encourages residents to share personal stories, photographs, and experiences connected to the landscape. This initiative places an emphasis on the importance of local knowledge and cultural heritage in shaping sustainable and resilient futures.

RISE-IN'S FIRST SHOWCASE WEBINAR: BUILDING RESILIENT CITIES TOGETHER

The RISE-IN project hosted its first official webinar, marking an important milestone in its mission to strengthen urban climate resilience worldwide.

Titled "RISE-IN: Building Resilient Cities Together", the webinar took place on March 30th from 10:00 to 11:30 CEST (in English). The event introduced the RISE-IN approach to transforming cities into living labs for sustainable, scalable, and financially attractive climate interventions.

At the heart of the webinar was the project's three Demo Cities: Cesena (Italy), Christchurch (New Zealand), and Póvoa de Varzim (Portugal). Representatives from each city presented the Climate Resilient Solutions they plan to develop and implement throughout the project, offering insight into how local action can drive global impact.

The session highlighted how climate adaptation measures can be designed from the outset to be: **INVESTMENT-READY, SCALABLE, IMPACTFUL.**

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