

Project Overview

BIOFIN-EU is a 3-year research project that aims to **protect and restore biodiversity** using mainstream finance. It focuses on **unlocking financial flows**, essential for protecting and reversing biodiversity loss, supporting the **EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy (SFT)**, towards achieving EU 2050 climate goals.

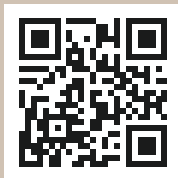
The project paves the way for transformative changes through **Nature-based Solutions (NbS)**, addressing barriers and gaps in implementing the SFT and providing guidance, training, and tools for supporting decision-making for NbS investments.

Partners



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MALMÖ HARBOUR RESTORATION

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Nature-base Solution (NbS) Action

Boost biodiversity and encourage the return of vanishing species, focusing on eelgrass

Description

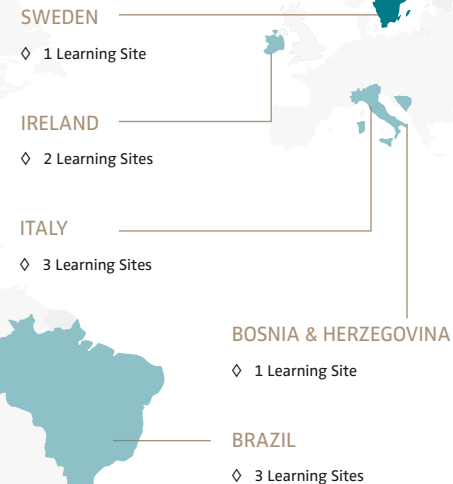
Malmö is **restoring its harbour basins** to revive a healthy marine environment, focusing on eelgrass, a vital plant for biodiversity. The project aims to **understand the community's perception** of the restoration and its benefits for both nature and the city.

Challenge

Several restoration projects are underway along Sweden's coast, but scaling up requires funding. This project examines public **willingness to pay** for biodiversity improvements and explores **funding through a household tax** for active restoration or rewilding.

Importance

Recreate the healthy marine environment that once existed and **increase biodiversity** so several different species of fish, mussels, various plants, including eelgrass return.



Protecting and restoring biodiversity using mainstream finance

Contribution to BIOFIN-EU

- Funded by the Municipality of Malmö, **sets an example for future projects** that are focused on biodiversity restoration while providing a vibrant recreational space for residents.
- **Assesses** whether long-term biodiversity improvements through rewilding are valued less than immediate gains from active planting.
- Investigates ways to **attract private funding** for NbS.
- Serves as a **testbed for eelgrass restoration**, comparing rewilding with active planting techniques.

The NbS Dashboard



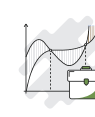
A **science-led tool for nature-positive financial decision support**, which organises NbS into clear categories, helping to establish effective governance frameworks and identify associated financial tools and business models.

The 3 Dashboard Modules



NbS Database

Categorises NbS and provide stakeholders in nature - positive investments with a systematic tool to record, monitor and report outcomes



Business Builder

- Library of Stakeholder Engagement
 - Menu of Good Governance
- Provides mechanisms for establishing, expanding and maintaining corporate participation in NbS



Data Analytics & Underwriting Engine

Provides tools and methodologies for calculating costs, benefits and impacts of NbS-investment

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