Concept note of a Project as part of the Nature Based Solutions Challenge

***Hand in before April 13, 9.00 am CEST via wur.eu/NatureBasedSolutionsChallenge***

***Maximum 7 pages excluding pictures (font= Lato, letter size = 10)***

Overall assignment

The overall assignment of the Nature Based Solutions Challenge is to design and implement a Nature Based Solution, and to thereby generate impact in multiple ways.

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| Team name | |
| * *Choose a descriptive / creative / innovative name for your team* |  |
| University and country | |
| *Name of university and country* |  |
| Site and background | |
| * *Where is your site located?* * *Please provide some background information on your site.* * *What made you choose this site?* |  |
| **Problem definition** | |
| * *Please provide a problem definition of the problem your project is addressing* |  |
| **Goals and objectives** | |
| * *What are the goals and objectives of your project?* |  |
| **Vision** | |
| * *Describe the future that you envision for the region, landscape or city in which your nature-based solution will be located. Visualisations are also welcome!* |  |

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| **The Nature-based Solution** | |
| * *Describe the Nature-based solution you want to implement during the challenge and how this is related to your problem definition and vision.*   *With implementation, we mean the actual uptake of your NBS in your site.* |  |
| **Impact and added value** | |
| * *Describe in general terms the impact and added value of your nature based solution.* |  |
| *Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are defined by IUCN as “actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems, that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits”. Therefore, we invite you to elaborate on the effects of your Nature-based Solution on climate change adaptation, climate change mitigation, biodiversity, human well-being, economy and other aspects you can think of. Please note that not all Nature-based solutions address all these aspects.* | |
| Climate change adaptation | |
| * *In which way and to what extent does your project contribute to climate adaptation?* |  |
| Climate change mitigation | |
| * *In which way and to what extent does your project contribute to climate mitigation?* |  |
| Biodiversity | |
| * *In which way and to what extent does your project contribute to biodiversity?* |  |
| Human well-being | |
| * *In which way and to what extent does your project contribute to human well-being?* |  |
| **Economy** | |
| * *In which way and to what extent does your project contribute to economic impact?* |  |
| Other aspects | |
| * *Does your project also contribute to other aspects? Please elaboate* |  |

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| *The following part of the Concept Note is more practical. Here you address* ***how*** *you are going to implement your Nature-based Solution and what is needed to achieve your goals and objectives. In this part, you thus address what you will be doing when you are selected to participate in this student challenge.* | |
| Planning | |
| * *Please provide a preliminary timeline of preparations and project itself.* |  |
| First steps |  |
| * *What steps do you need to take before the actual implementation of your NBS?* |  |
| Implementation | |
| * *What is your plan towards implementation of your nature-based solution?*   *With implementation, we mean the actual uptake of your NBS in your site.* |  |
| Monitoring and evaluation | |
| * *How will you monitor the process and make sure your goals and objectives are met?* * *How will you evaluate your project?* |  |
| Partnerships | |
| * *What stakeholders are you partnering with?* * *How will this partnership be?* * *Are you considering collaborating with other sponsors, NGOs, a state subsidy, or grant?* * *How will you collaborate with other parties?* |  |
| Continuation | |
| * *How will you disseminate knowledge?* * *How will the project be sustained after the challenge?* |  |
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| Personal development | |
| * *What do you want to get out of the project for yourselves?* * *What will you learn from it?* * *How will the project help you to develop?* |  |
| Budget: Include a budget in this document  *Specify how you will spend the €2500 if you are selected.* | |
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| Resources & Relevant links | |
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| Pictures & Quote  *Add a team picture and some pictures of your project site.*  *Add a quote about why you are excited about implementing your idea. This quote + your team photo can be used to introduce your team on social media channels from WUR Student Challenges.* | |
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