

# The Valletta Network for Cultural and Nature-based Public Space Interventions

Workshop in Valletta, Malta  
October 25th, 2018



[The Lower Barakka Gardens, Valletta, Malta]

This first workshop will be part of the Valletta 2018 conference "[Sharing the Legacy](#)", where the European Capital of Culture will trace routes and explore paths for their legacy. One such path leads to promoting the role of culture for urban nature around the Mediterranean.

## Workshop program – October 25th, 2018, Valletta, Malta

14.00- 14.15	Welcoming address and intro to the network
14.15- 14.30	Special intervention: Prof. Laszlo Pinter, Urban Nature Atlas and Central European University, Budapest
14.30- 16.00	Part I - the roof gardens of the Valletta Design Cluster as urban nature
16.00- 17.00	Part II - mapping and creating the network and collaboration

The workshop is divided in two parts. The first part is a site-specific, collaborative transdisciplinary exercise about the new rooftop garden that will be created on the Valletta Design Cluster [VDC], on the Biccierija building. The process around the rooftop garden involves a panoply of stakeholders, local and international, across a range of disciplines. It will also be a beta-test of Growing Pathways's site-specific transdisciplinary tool.

The second session will produce a first visual overview and idea of the scope and potential of the MUNIN network. We will run a cultural mapping exercise before and during the workshop to have input from both workshop participants and other potential members of the MUNIN network. By sharing their practical interventions and research, the participants will map culturally intervening agents involved in developing the role of urban nature in cities around the Mediterranean.

*Conference:* The Valletta 2018 conference is the fifth of its kind, arranged by the European Capital of Culture for 2018, Valletta, Malta. The aim for this year is to share reflections on the fundamental question of “What makes a city better?”. This reflection aims to understand how cities can be shaped to better suit the needs and desires of the individuals and communities that it hosts, whether on a permanent or temporary basis.” ([Conference website](#))

*Moderators:* [Growing Pathways](#) is a transdisciplinary agency exploring and documenting the pathways to a healthier human/nature relation with a particular focus on cities and nature-based liveability. Since 2015, we have worked with public and private partners from Denmark and Europe, forging a unique niche drawing on future-oriented creativity and scientifically endorsed fieldwork and action-research.

The workshop will be facilitated by PhD, Action-philosopher, Oleg Koefoed, and is planned in collaboration with Caldon Mercieca from the Valletta Design Cluster, Greta Muscat Azzopardi from The Amber Spark, and with substantial help from a team from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

*Registering:* please sign up at the Valletta 2018 conference site. If you are not able to join in Malta, you can register for a streamed session (link will be shared when ready), send us your contacts and we will make sure that you are invited to take part in the mapping and the network.

Whether you sign up through the conference or merely wish to participate in the network, please write to let us know at: [contact@growing-pathways.com](mailto:contact@growing-pathways.com)

Partners for the workshop in Valletta

