View in browser



SELINA

# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026 / #14

## Welcome to the SELINA Newsletter #14!

As autumn unfolds, we are pleased to bring you the latest edition of the SELINA Newsletter, featuring the latest project news, research updates and highlights from across the Consortium.

Happy reading!

We would love your support in spreading the word about SELINA and expanding our community. Feel free to share this Newsletter with your networks.

Missed any of our earlier editions? You can catch up on all our Newsletters on **our website**.

## A few words from the Coordinator

Dear SELINA friends and collaborators,

Welcome to the fourteenth edition of the SELINA Newsletter!

The past months have brought further progress in SELINA's work, with new scientific publications and collaborative activities helping to strengthen the integration of biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services into decision-making across Europe. A key highlight was the 8th SELINA Workshop in Riga, Latvia, where partners came together to review the project's latest results,

discuss progress across the Demonstration Projects and explore how SELINA's knowledge, tools and guidance can support decision-makers and stakeholders. As the project approaches its final stages, these discussions are increasingly important for bringing together its outputs and ensuring their practical relevance.

Engagement with the wider scientific and stakeholder communities has remained an important part of our work. From international events such as the World Biodiversity Forum and BioMonWeek to national seminars and presentations in Slovenia, SELINA partners have continued to share project results and strengthen collaboration.

New scientific publications have expanded the project's contribution to research on nature-based solutions for urban flood mitigation and the changing patterns of sealed and artificial areas in European cities.

These achievements reflect the continued commitment of the SELINA Consortium to making scientific knowledge accessible and relevant to policy, planning and practice. As we move towards the final phase of the project, our focus remains on consolidating these results and ensuring that SELINA's outputs can support more informed, evidence-based environmental decision-making across Europe.

Thank you to all our partners and collaborators for your continued contributions and commitment.

Enjoy reading!



Yours sincerely,
**Prof. Dr. Benjamin Burkhard,** SELINA Coordinator

# SELINA Highlights

## SELINA's 8th Workshop in Galway



Between 28 September and 1 October 2026, the SELINA partners gathered in Riga, Latvia, for the project's 8th Workshop, organised by our Latvian SELINA partners, the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development (MoSARD) and the Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF).

Hosted at the Riga National Library, the four-day event brought together around 50 participants in person, with a further 10 joining online, for discussions on the project's latest results, the Demonstration Projects, and the practical implementation of SELINA's outputs in the Compendium of Guidance. The workshop provided an important opportunity for partners to take stock of the progress achieved so far and to discuss the next steps for the remaining project outputs.

With SELINA moving towards the final stages of its work, discussions focused increasingly on how the knowledge, tools and guidance developed throughout the project can be brought together and made useful for decision-makers and stakeholders working with natural capital, biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Learn more

---

# SELINA partner Asplan Viak receives Esri SAG Award




SELINA's partner Asplan Viak has received the Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award from Esri, recognising the company's innovative use of GIS, digital collaboration and digital twins in planning and urban development.

The award recognises Asplan Viak's innovative use of Esri technology and its integration of GIS into project delivery. By combining geographic data, 3D models and digital twins, the company uses technology to support collaboration and make complex urban development projects easier to understand for professionals, clients and decision-makers.

Within SELINA, Asplan Viak has explored the integration of public-private ecosystem-services knowledge into urban planning and design using digital twins.

Learn more

# SELINA's News




## SELINA at the World Biodiversity Forum 2026

SELINA was showcased at the World Biodiversity Forum, held between 14–19 June 2026 in Davos, Switzerland and organised by the University of Zurich, where the project presented its work on ecosystem services and evidence-based decision-making to an international audience. The Forum provided a valuable opportunity to increase the visibility of SELINA.

Read more here




## SELINA at BioMonWeek 2026

SELINA was showcased at BioMonWeek 2026, held between 4–8 May 2026 in Montpellier, France. Co-organised by Biodiversa+, Alliance for Nature, BioAgora, GBIF ECA and MARCO-BOLO, the conference brought together researchers, policymakers, practitioners and other stakeholders to advance biodiversity monitoring across Europe.

Read more here




## Ecosystem services research at the 6th KAEPP Seminar

The 6th KAEPP Seminar, Ecosystem Services – Challenges of Valuation




## SELINA ecosystem services research in Slovenia

On 27 May 2026, a presentation on the ecosystem services concept and

and Implications for Decision-Making, was held on 10 April 2026 at the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. The seminar explored approaches to identifying, assessing, mapping and valuing ecosystem services, with a focus on their role in environmental, agricultural and spatial planning. It offered an opportunity to strengthen cooperation between ZRC SAZU and the University of Ljubljana.

Read more here

the SELINA project was held in Škofja Loka for rural development stakeholders from the Gorenjska region. The presentation introduced some of SELINA's goals, part of which were current research activities in Slovenia, project outputs, including the Slovenian Community of Practice, the Terms of Reference web tool, the assessment of carbon sequestration at the Triglav National Park test site and selected published research.

Read more here

# Communities of Practice




## 2nd CoP meeting for Poland

The second Polish Community of Practice (CoP) meeting took place on 26 May 2026 in Poznań, organised by the Department of Integrated Geography, Faculty of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University. The meeting highlighted the importance of practical, user-friendly




## 3rd CoP meeting for Germany

The third German Community of Practice meeting took place on 10–11 September 2026 at Leibniz University Hannover (LUH), with a focus on the private sector and brought together 20 participants from research institutions, public authorities and NGOs. The activities provided an opportunity to exchange views on




## 6th CoP meeting for Italy

The sixth Italian Community of Practice (CoP) meeting took place on 22 June 2026, organised by SELINA partners from the University of Trento. It focused on how ecosystem evidence can support collaboration between public and private actors in environmental decision-making. Practical examples

tools for translating ecosystem services knowledge into everyday planning and procurement processes.

Read more

the use of ecosystem services knowledge and valuation tools in decision-making.

Read more

were also shared, including urban greening, energy efficiency and climate adaptation.

Read more

# Recent SELINA publications

Several SELINA-supported and related scientific publications have been released in recent months, reflecting ongoing research across the project and its partners.



## New publication in Sustainable Cities and Society

A new SELINA-supported scientific article, "Prioritising nature-based solutions for urban flood mitigation in public and private spaces: A study in Trento, Italy", by researchers from the University of Trento, has been published in Sustainable Cities and Society. The findings show that different nature-based solutions are suitable for different areas of the city. Beyond Trento, the method could help urban planners identify suitable locations for NbS and



## New publication in Land Use Policy

A new SELINA-supported scientific article, "Temporal and spatial patterns of the Sealed-to-Artificial area Ratio in European urban areas", co-authored by Silvia Frezzi and researchers from the University of Trento's PLANES Lab, has been published in Land Use Policy. The results show an overall decrease in SAR, with regional differences, and highlight how landscape composition and urban form influence these patterns, providing insights to support

integrate flood risk information into climate adaptation strategies.

Read more here

urban planning and European policy targets.

Read more here

## Upcoming International Events

**November 2026**

**Call for Session Proposals – Scientific Conference**

*(3 - 6 November, Paris, France)*

Read more

**December 2026**

**British Ecological Society Annual Meeting, Birmingham, UK**

*(14 - 17 December, Birmingham, UK)*

Registration is open until mid-November

Read more

## Follow SELINA

Did someone forward you this newsletter? Please subscribe to SELINA's newsletter via the button below and don't miss out on the project's quarterly updates.

SUBSCRIBE

You received this email because you signed up through our subscription form.

Unsubscribe

Funded by the European Union

*SELINA receives funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101060415.*

SENT BY mailerlite