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## nature based solutions TERRITORIOS DEL AGUA

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE SEMINAR**

Fundación Torcuato Di Tella and Delta Alliance Argentinean Wing, with the support of the Embassy of the Netherlands, organise the Seminar "Territorios del Agua". In this event, representatives of different Argentine universities will present graduate and postgraduate workshop productions, to generate a scope for reflection on the problem of the design and implementation of Nature-based solutions in the country. At the close, experts from the Netherlands will offer keynote lectures with reflections and case studies on the subject.

## INTRODUCTION

During the last decades, a paradigm shift has taken place at the international level, regarding the relationship between cities and their environment. The perspective that prioritized intervention strategies on the natural environment and the protection of cities against extreme hydrological events was replaced by a nature-based vision of the problem towards a balance between the urban and environmental systems.

The paradigmatic example of this change of perspective is undoubtedly the case of the Netherlands. There, the program "Room for the River" has contributed with a wide amount of nature-based solutions, through which the relationship between the city and nature was recovered through the implementation of actions that allow to live with water instead of living against water, including civil society in the process.

Among nature-based solutions found globally, de-culverting (or daylighting) is a very interesting method to analyse, from its basic form (the removal of the "roof" of a culvert) up to more integral solutions such as the reconstruction of riverbeds and banks.

Considering that in Argentina there is a long history of covering water courses, which resulted of negative impacts in environmental, social and spatial terms, it is relevant to explore new alternatives to restore the relationship between nature and the city.

## THE SEMINAR

In this Seminar, representatives from different Argentine universities will present projects carried out within the framework of graduate and postgraduate courses. After that, Dutch experts will offer keynote lectures on the main aspects of the subject, showing examples of cases around the world.

