WE ATTEND THE CONFERENCE 'RENATURALIZING OUR CITIES'

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Today, NAIDER attended the Conference 'Renaturalizing Our Cities' organized by the Bilbao Urban & Cities Design Association and held at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the UPV/EHU. In it, and after a brief introduction by the representative of the UPV/EHU, Unai Tamayo and the association, Xabier Arruza Bilbao, 5 speakers of different kinds have shared their ideas.

In the first talk, *'Rights of Nature and Land Management'*, given by Estrella Sánchez, Professor of Applied Economics, Faculty of Economics and Business of the UPV/EHU, she stressed the importance of **approaching land management from an eco/naturcentric approach** and not from an anthropocentric approach. This is an important idea, since the environment has traditionally been defined as that which surrounds us, putting human beings at the center, when **solutions should be oriented towards natural parameters, putting nature at the center.**

The following speakers shared this vision. Their talks were oriented towards '*Urban Greening. A necessity with many benefits*' by Iñigo Urrutikoetxea from IHOBE, and on '*The Naturalization of Cities*' by Marta González Cavia, founder of Estudio G&C Arquitectos. The latter made a very applauded statement by NAIDER: **We need "more natural" nature**. This concept contrasts with the traditional tendency to consider as natural areas green areas composed of lawns, shrubs and decorative seasonal plants, which require more maintenance and provide a lower degree of naturalization. Marta Gonzalez bet self-managed green areas, connected and integrating flows and other natural elements.

Finally, the director of SUDS, Pedro Lasa, with the talk '*Cities and permeable systems for smart and sustainable rainwater management*' and the CEO and Founder of Bioo, Pablo M. Vidarte, with his talk '*The Dawn of the Biotech City*', have shown **their solutions based on nature**, related to the increase of permeability for a better management of rainwater and the generation of clean energy integrated in green areas.