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NATALIE Project holds its 1st General Assembly in Gran Canaria to enhance climate resilience across Europe

Gran Canaria. October 14-16, 2024.

The NATALIE project, an EU-funded research project contributing to the EU mission "Adaptation to Climate Change", will hold its 1st General Assembly in Gran Canaria from October 14-16, 2024. It will be hosted by the Island Energy Council of Gran Canaria and Canaragua, members of the case study in Spain. This three-day event will bring together 43 partners from across Europe to review progress from the past year, share insights, and set next steps with the objective to empower at least 150 regions and local communities to become climate resilient by 2030.

The General Assembly will foster collaboration among partners implementing nature-based solutions (NBS) for climate adaptation. It will feature workshops, presentations, and discussions on key topics, including:

- **Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Adaptation:** Innovative approaches across eight case studies, including flood and wildfire risk mitigation, constructed wetlands, drought management, river restoration, urban rainwater retention, coastal management, and sustainable water management practices.
- **Co-Creation and Stakeholder Engagement:** The importance of working with local communities to ensure successful NBS implementation.
- **Knowledge Exchange and Capacity Building:** Best practices, lessons learned, and insights from ongoing case studies.
- **Funding Strategies:** Exploring investment opportunities for scaling up NBS.
- **Site Visit:** A visit to the Special Nature Reserve of the Maspalomas Dunes, home of one Demo Case in Case Study #4, showcasing how co-designed NBS address climate challenges.

The event in Gran Canaria offers a platform for dialogue, partnership building, and exploring new avenues for collaboration among European experts in climate adaptation.

About NATALIE Project: As the urgency to address societal challenges grows, Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) are playing a pivotal role in enhancing climate resilience. However, emerging issues require closer attention to unlock the full potential of NBS. The NATALIE project is supporting EU regions in building climate resilience. By focusing on three critical areas - technological and scientific innovation, financial strategies, and societal engagement - NATALIE aims to deliver transformative and sustainable solutions for climate adaptation across Europe.