

NEWSLETTER



Promising Mid-Term Results Presented in Madrid

On 12 November 2025, ClimEx-PE presented its **mid-term results** at the Water4All JTC 2022 **Mid-term Meeting** in Madrid. Representing the project, **Judit Mádl-Szőnyi**, **Ildikó Erhardt** (ELTE) and **Diana Puigserver** (UB) highlighted ClimEx-PE's core idea: aquifers can buffer climate extremes, and local MAR interventions can be scaled up to **Nature-Based Managed Aquifer Recharge** at landscape level.

The presentation introduced the NaBa-MAR® concept, the Spanish and Irish study sites, and key outputs including the Green Paper, social and stakeholder surveys, the educational package, and the project's broader dissemination activities.

The reviewers praised the project's **overall progress**, including the mid-term report and the strong dissemination, communication and education activities. The meeting also opened up new opportunities for collaboration with **sister projects** within the Water4All community.

The meeting confirmed that ClimEx-PE remains on track and is well positioned for the second half of the project.



Research & Social Insight

ClimEx-PE is advancing its **social research** on **groundwater** and **MAR** through **surveys**, **stakeholder engagement** and **interviews**.

A second round of the Hungarian **national representative survey** has been completed, while **semi-structured interviews** have now started in the project's social research strand.

These activities also support a new **manuscript** nearing submission:

'Social knowledge and opinion systems related to groundwater and managed aquifer recharge (MAR)'



Advancing Partnerships in London

In December 2025, ClimEx-PE took part in the **GEF-NATURESCAPES International Workshop** in London, represented by **Katrin Merfeld** and **Jessica Lillquist** (UU).

The project also contributed to the co-organisation of the event together with NATURESCAPES, the Global Environment Facility, Durham University, and the British Academy.

The workshop created valuable space for exchange on **urban climate, nature and sustainability action**, while also helping ClimEx-PE build new **international connections** and strengthen its partnership network.



Visible and Invisible Waters at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

On 12 December 2025, ClimEx-PE contributed to a live **public demonstration** at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest. Through two interactive models, visitors could explore the **visible and invisible parts of the water cycle** and the principles of **NaBa-MAR®**.

The event showed **how hands-on demonstrations** can make **groundwater processes** more understandable for diverse audiences and strengthen **public dialogue** on **climate adaptation, water retention and groundwater stewardship**.

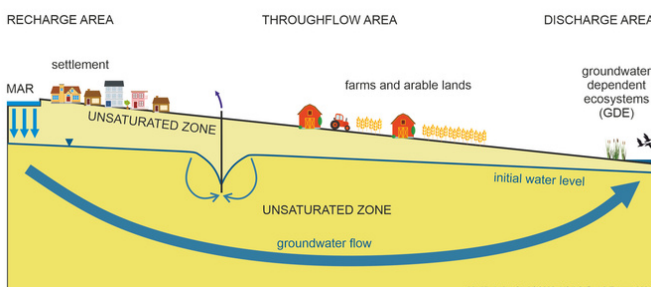


How NaBa-MAR® Works



Local water retention → Enhanced recharge → Infiltration into the subsurface → Increased groundwater storage → Elevated groundwater levels → Landscape-scale benefits → Support for people and ecosystems

Before NaBa-MAR®



With NaBa-MAR®

