24 public and private sector organizations joined together in early 2020 to form the Infrastructure and Nature Coalition in preparation for the 2021 IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC). In late 2020, we invited a webinar series that addressed biodiversity, natural capital, ecosystem services, and climate change at all stages of the infrastructure lifecycle. Common themes for action emerged highlighting data and standards, technical capacity, decision-maker awareness, participation and preparation for the 2021 IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC).

In late 2020, we hosted a webinar series that addressed the time has come and we invite you to the IUCN WCC virtually or in person to dig deeper into these themes and explore how we can best support and accelerate the way forward for infrastructure.

The events below take place in 2 venues, the Exhibition Hall and the Congress Forum. The Exhibition Hall events are free to attend and can be live-streamed by registering here. The Forum events require IUCN WCC registration which can be found on their website.

Click on each event for more information.

### 4 September
#### 16:00 - 17:30 CEST
**Corridors and Crossings: Mainstreaming Ecological Connectivity into Existing and Planned Infrastructures**

Location: Forum Room H8 - 7 Corseilles/live-streamed

Over the last 30 years, many actors around the world have learned how to avoid or mitigate the impacts to ecological connectivity caused by infrastructure – including roads, railways, canals, fences, and energy networks. This session will bring together representatives of the private sector, and research to discuss the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity conservation requirements into infrastructure development that maintains, enhances, and restores connectivity. Following this, there will be an opportunity to learn about existing and innovative practices, hear about experiences and developments around the world, and be inspired to apply the increasing body of best practices through their collaborative networks, projects, research initiatives, and legal, policy, and regulatory frameworks.

### 5 September
#### 14:00 - 15:00 CEST
**Nature-Positive Infrastructure—the Wave of the Future**

Location: Forum Room H8 - 10 Alpilles/live-streamed

This is the moment. The international community must come together now to grasp the unique opportunity that lies ahead in 2021 to set the stage for a new post-2020 infrastructure norm and practice. These will be guided by the 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, CBD Quality Infrastructure Investment Principles, and UNFCCC’s nature-based solutions for the climate. The global infrastructure sector must work with the private sector and governments to transform the way we plan, build, and operate infrastructure so that it is truly nature-positive. Infrastructure development has driven nearly enough to ensure they are sustainable, due to challenges in four key areas: data and standards; awareness, technical capacity and know-how; collaboration and participatory approaches; and policy and regulatory incentives.

### 6 September
#### 11:00 - 12:30 CEST
**Addressing Biodiversity Risks in Infrastructure Investments**

Location: Exhibition Hall H3 Post-2020 Pavilion/live-streamed

This workshop will consider biodiversity risks in lending and investment decisions for infrastructure exposure to material financial risks. While more investors are integrating energy efficiency, GHG emissions, air pollution, and physical climate risks into their portfolios, the disclosure and integration of biodiversity risks is less prevalent. This session will explore the tools and methodologies underpinning the management of biodiversity-related financial risks in the infrastructure sector and debate what needs to happen to level the playing field for investors who are serious about sustainable infrastructure.

### 7 September
#### 11:00 - 12:30 CEST
**Blowing Up the Barriers: Delivering Sustainable Infrastructure in a Rapidly Changing World**

Location: Forum Room H8 - 6 Cap Corseille/live-streamed

Investments in infrastructure development will skyrocket over the coming decades. And yet we know the world is not doing nearly enough to keep us on track to meet the SDGs and the CBD.

### 8 September
#### 18:00 - 19:30 CEST
**Transport4Nature Launch: Acting in Favor of Biodiversity: CEO Commitments for a New Era in Transport and Energy Infrastructure**

Location: Exhibition Hall H3 Post-2020 Pavilion/live-streamed

Transport4Nature invites European transport and energy infrastructure companies to make commitments to biodiversity. Launched by ENE and its partners, this alliance of networks, environmental associations, has one ambition: to create a collective European sustainable dynamic to protect, enhance and restore biodiversity through the involvement of transport and energy infrastructure CEOs. On the occasion of the launch of Transport4Nature, major European transport and energy infrastructure companies, such as Eiffage in France and REN in Portugal, will testify, through the voice of their CEOs, to their commitment to biodiversity and will encourage their respective companies to join the sustainable infrastructure dynamic.

### 9 September
#### 19:00 - 20:30 CEST
**Equity, Ecosystems and Scarcity—the Global Sand Crisis and Infrastructure**

Location: Exhibition Hall H3 Post-2020 Pavilion/live-streamed

Sand is the world’s most consumed raw material after water and an essential ingredient to our everyday lives. It is central for the construction of roads, bridges, and buildings and is fundamental in the manufacturing of glass and silicon computer chips. Yet rising demand is outstripping supply, with demand for sand reaching 10 billion tonnes per year, placing it on the verge of becoming a new global commodity. The global demand for this resource continues to rise faster than natural sources can sustain, it is crucial to manage it sustainably.

### 4-11 September 2021

Click on each event for more information.