

National Roundtables

Regional councillors of Malopolska, state representatives of Salzburg, City leaders in Padova, municipal leaders of Budapest. What's the connection between them? The answer is that they all participated in UGB National Roundtables in the partner countries. These events are the key dissemination tools to reach policy makers, who can implement the good practices developed in the project framework. After partners presented their pilot activities and the goals of UGB they had the chance to get the feedback from decision-makers. In all cases fruitful discussions and valid opinions helped us improve our activities. We hope that these events can be a base for transferring the smart governance manual toward new institutions.



Study Visits

Even though we are a close partnership, presentations and skype meetings cannot give real insights into each other's pilot projects. That's why all connected partners visited each other in this period to see the meadows, forests, therapeutic and community gardens, tree cadastres and apps while meeting with as many local stakeholders as we could. Each study visit was connected with a stakeholder meeting in order to give our partners a moment to shine and help partners better understanding on the ongoing actions. It is always reassuring to experience that you are not alone with your problems, and as central European countries share a lot of common history, we could easily relate to problems and give possible solutions.

Story of the Period: Mid-term Review Meeting in Salzburg

The midterm review with the representatives of Interreg CE Joint Secretariat was a great opportunity to evaluate our project progress, discuss challenges and possible solutions. Every project has difficulties, ours is not an exception but with a supporting environment from the Joint Secretariat, we managed to find the right answers for our questions and we are proud that they say the UGB project and the partnership is well on track, getting closer and closer to reach the main goal, which is providing innovative urban green space management tools and approaches!



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GIS Pilots

Padova

The Padua UGB team has been working on an upgrade of the software currently used to enable the acquisition of new datasets, as well as on a new set of indicators. The team is also developing a new app for private users that will enable the acquisition of data concerning privately owned green spaces.

Salzburg

The Salzburg team has collected and harmonised various data to help in calculating indicators that depict and assess the ecological and recreational value of green spaces. The demand for integrative supply studies is also being discussed with the local stakeholders.

Zadar

Zadar has mapped selected green areas, and processed and verified all items for establishing a 'Green Cadastre'. The Web GIS application is currently being implemented to view data over the internet, and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Community Involvement Pilots

Hegyvidék

Hegyvidék hosted its first meeting for residents participating in the 'Green Space Stewardship' programme. The event marked the beginning of our pilot's community-building phase, which includes a series of events that will involve the public and district stewards involved in the project.

Krakow

In July, the Witkowiec GLL organised a picnic in the Witkowiec forest, including a survey walk. This was the second in a series of consultations organised to meet the expressed needs of local citizens. The first included a survey of primary school pupils and an art competition titled 'My Witkowiec Forest'.

Maribor

UGB pilot activities are well underway in Maribor, with high levels of public participation and involvement. So far, everybody agrees that parking in nature areas should be regulated. Several transport alternatives (as opposed to cars) for reaching these areas have also been suggested.

Multi-stakeholder Governance Pilots

Hegyvidék

Preparatory talks were held with various stakeholders of the 'Tree Alley Renewal' pilot, which aims to facilitate cooperation between actors responsible for urban forestry in our district. We are working with Szent István University to create a guideline document on climate-resilient trees.

Prague6

Our pilot actions aim to diversify the actors involved in UGS management by: creating the basis for a social programme to involve selected groups in the maintenance of therapeutic gardens, and in establishing grant programmes to support green funds for different communities.

Imagine If Trees Gave Off
Wifi Signals, We Would
Be Planting So Many Trees
And We'd Probably Save
The Planet Too.



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What is next?

As pilot actions are slowly getting to their final stage, the partnership is getting ready to evaluate the findings, and integrate them into the models and to the Smart Governance Manual. Our three knowledge providers have already working on the upgrades of the draft models and also thinking about ways how to integrate the three different disciplines into one coherent Manual. Then the time for Local Roadmaps will come, when all partners have to identify the necessary steps to upgrade their policies with the innovative solutions of the project. Follow our project website, Facebook and Twitter to get the latest news!

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