



PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Urban Green Belts project

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We are now on the peak! So many Green events had been organized and a plenty of development in the pilot field. Enjoy reading!

Green Fests



▲ Festival „City in the forest „in mid-October in Musapstan Forest Park has attracted a large number of Zadar citizens. The Musapstan Forest Park near to Zadar has become a real picnic oasis for all generations as well as pets. In order to encourage visitors to actively spend time in nature, a rich fun-filled recreational program was organized on this occasion. Visitors were able to enjoy numerous workshops, music programs, massages, yoga, energy-therapy, as well as regular walks and Sopot games.

▲ On 14.07.2018 Małopolska gathered people in Park Wojciecha Bednarskiego in Kraków. They told citizens about green spaces around them and around Kraków, especially about Witkowiec Forest, gave away plants for city dwellers with instruction - how to care about them, furthermore they had games for children and adults about green around them, recycling aspects and bees.



▲ On Saturday July 7th, RSA iSPACE contributed to a successful urban green fest, which attracted around 250 participants to come to one of the city's parks "Glanspitz", which had been redeveloped some years ago including public participation processes. The goal of the event was to raise awareness and create consciousness for the crucial values of urban green spaces with the help of an information stand, several giveaways and games like a photo quiz and a bike safari taking participants to the most popular green spaces in the city district Lehen.



▲ Maribor Development Agency organized the Urban Green Fest on September 15th, 2018, as part of the annual event held in the Botanical gardens of the University of Maribor, with many exhibitors and lecturers from the fields of healthy life style, natural products and maintenance of green areas, who contributed to the awareness rising of the general public attending. Over 300 participants could also hand print their own individual design on promotional bags, using nothing but natural herbs and colors.

▲ Hegyvidék also had its Green fest called Udvarka, which was a large picnic in Városmajor on the 8th of September. The aim of this event was to show the citizen's they can find a „garden” anywhere, not only at the countryside. They also had many different programs to try, from planting tulips through apiary till making bird feeder.

▲ Padova organized the first Green Fest on June 10th. The agenda was really attractive: thematic walks and short bike tours, bio-artistic laboratories for primary school children, music, food and many info points to get acquainted with policies and initiatives promoted by the Municipality as well as by environmental associations to raise awareness and disseminate the new mobile application to map private green spaces.



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GIS pilots

Padua

The University of Padova and the University of Venice IUAV have conducted two separate yet coordinated studies on the pilot area, calculating 19 indicators selected by UGB working group. The map of agricultural land use shows that 32.7% of the Pilot area is in fact cultivated, the great part of which (80%) is arable land. On the other hand, an Accessibility index (within 300mt) was calculated for the first time. The result was really encouraging: 70% of residents in the Pilot area, which counts 79762 inhabitants, roughly 37% of total city population, live within the buffer area. The mobile application developed by the Land Information Department to enable residents to map their private green spaces was installed by around 60 citizens.

Salzburg

The results of the Salzburg pilot comprise a map series ranging from basic information about green to complex representations of recreational and landscape values. Based on the results, important green areas and their services but also undersupplied regions could be identified. An evaluation matrix displays priority and conflict zones for different uses like recreation, agriculture, and ecology.

Zadar

Their pilot activities were concentrated around the creation and implementation of the Green Cadaster Service which was supposed to contain a GIS system and a map of at least two green area locations within the Zadar County area. The goal with the implementation of the Green cadaster was to get a platform for the intelligent management of urban green areas. The whole process was carried out through the implementation of the Green cadaster via pilot action in chosen locations in Zadar.

Community involvement pilots

Hegyvidék

The 'Green Space Stewardship' program is getting more successful. Although at the beginning it was the Municipality who offered several spaces for the stewards now it's the opposite. Volunteer stewards are come by the Green Office, willing to join the program and taking care about their living area. The Green office team is now working on a new policy in order to correct the program's current mistakes and create a thriving partnership.

Krakow

During the last period as a part of realisation of the pilot activities there were made many elements of infrastructure (footbridge, paths, benches, picnic tables, trail markers, information boards and palisade). Thanks to that the pilot area got more popular among the city inhabitants. Also running event which was organised in August resulted in the great amount of new users of that place - runners who find that place perfect for their activities.

Maribor

Upon 3 circles of collecting inputs by users and general public, the students of the Faculty of Civil Engineering prepared visualizations for the UGB pilot area in Maribor. After exhibitions and public presentation the following visualization, which got over 90% of votes was selected as the basis for preparation of further documentation for revitalization of the pilot area.

Multi-stakeholder governance pilots

Hegyvidék

The Green Office workers had already set up a new „Tree Alley Renewal” strategy for the 12th District of Budapest and a Communication Plan as well. They still frequently have preparatory talks with various stakeholders of the pilot, which aims to facilitate cooperation between actors responsible for urban forestry in our district.

Prague 6

Green Space Adoption was tested for establishing the therapeutic garden. An agreement is signed with an NGO dealing with disabled children. The building where the NGO operates and the land around that is owned by the municipality. Now the land is leased to the NGO for 10 years to establish and maintain the garden. The benefit to the Ngo is that they can use it as a therapeutic element in their activities.

5th UGB Partner Meeting

Nova Gorica, 14-16 November 2018

ZRC SAZU team hosted the penultimate partner meeting in the youngest Slovenian city Nova Gorica. The fantastic Autumn weather, falling leaves and a dash of the bora provided an inspiring background for the critical work on internal testing of GIS, multilevel governance and community involvement methods to finding smart solutions to very real-life problems that communities and specialists face in dealing with urban planning and maintenance.

To round it up, the participants had an early evening walk in the city greens, where the expert on the history of Nova Gorica, Blaž Kosovel, explained how the post-WWII modernist architecture and greens can indeed go hand in hand.



What's next?

For the final period we are planning to do the following activities:

- » Preparing for further development and maintenance of UGB
- » Finishing the Roadmap
- » Attending the closing event in Hungary