

**Interreg
Europe**



European Union | European Regional Development Fund

Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems

Thematic workshop

26 November 2019 | Brussels



Agenda – Morning Sessions



- Welcome and introduction
- Let's get to know each other (www.sli.do - **#urbanecosystems**)
- Setting the scene
 - **Rayka Hauser** - European Commission, DG Environment
 - **Julie Delcroix** - European Commission, DG Research & Innovation
- Session on **Urban spaces and landscapes**
- Session on **Sustainable peri-urban areas**
- World Café 1
 - The main challenges / barriers for the design of urban-eco-systems
 - Types of urban eco-system projects you would like to develop

Agenda – Afternoon sessions



- World Café 2
 - Policy instruments required / Matching funding sources with project ideas
- **‘Reviving city centres’ - Joint Session of Urban eco-systems + Urban mobility**
- Keynote ‘How to rejuvenate a post-industrial city’
 - **Thomas Caparos & Matthieu Moïno** – Mulhouse Alsace Agglomeration
- Moderated panel discussion
 - **Irma Karjalainen** – Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority
 - **Csaba Ders** – Pannon European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation
 - **Gergely Török** – North West Regional Development Agency
 - **Christine Schwabberger** – Provincial Government of Styria
- Wrap-up and thematic conclusions
- Networking cocktail

EU / global policy context for urban eco-systems

Global



* = ongoing & upcoming revision/development

Leveraging Instruments

'Cohesion Policy' Funds

Invest EU*

Horizon 2020

C-KIC

LIFE

EU

Policies
Green Deal

EU Urban Agenda

Sustainable finance Action Plan

EU Action Plan on Sendai Framework for DRR (2016)

Action Plan for Nature, People and the Economy

Clean Planet Communication

EU Climate Adaptation Strategy*

EU Biodiversity* and Green Infrastructure Strategy

Nature Directives (Habitats and Birds)

Water Framework Directive* and Floods Directive

MS/regions /local

Policy/
instruments

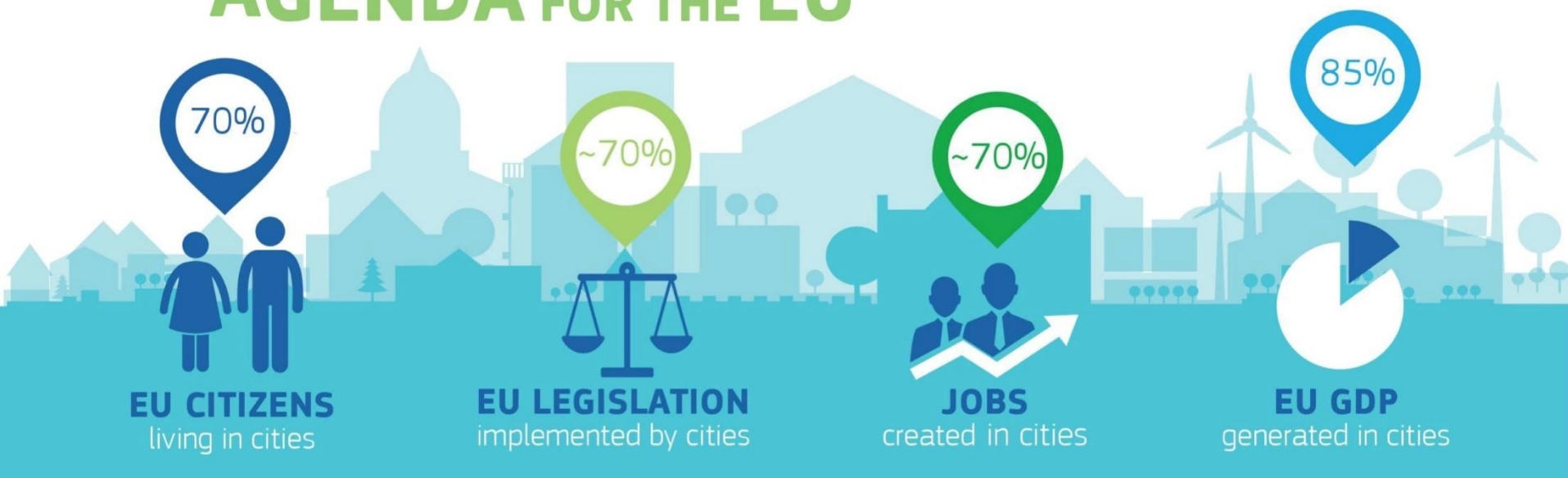
Adaptation Plan

Nationally Determined Contribution

EIP on Water
National plans for GI, Nature

EU R&I partnership*: Climate, Biodiversity, Urban

URBAN AGENDA FOR THE EU



12 PRIORITY THEMES

PARTNERSHIPS WHICH ALREADY STARTED



12 priorities
=
12 partnerships

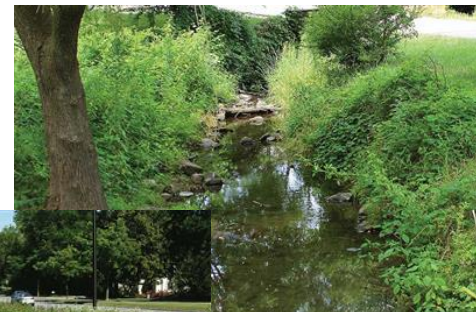
Wetlands



Bio-filters



Vegetated floodway, swales



Permeable pavements



Green roofs, green walls



Floodable parks
Retention ponds
Alluvial meadows



Daylighting,
Re-naturalization of
River course



Green spaces



Reforestation,
Street trees



Interreg Europe projects



- **SWARE:** Waterway regions
- **HERICOAST:** Coastal landscapes
- **Delta Lady:** River Deltas
- **Star Cities:** Riverside Cities



- **PERFECT:** Environment in Cities and Towns
- **SHARE:** Urban Area requalification
- **RFC:** Fortress Cities
- **Blue Green City:** Blue and Green Infrastructure
- **PROSPERA:** Peri-urban areas
- **RENATUR:** peri-urban spaces
- **CityZen:** Urban farming ecosystem
- **UL2L:** UrbanLinks 2 Landscape



- **BIO-GOV:** Biodiversity Governance
- **INVALIS:** Invasive Alien Species
- **IMPACT:** Protected Areas



- **Green Pilgrimage:** Natural and Cultural Heritage
- **Land-Sea:** Eco-tourism strategies
- **CHRISTA:** Sustainable Tourism
- **Cult-RInG:** Cultural Routes
- **Local Cultural Flavours:** Authentic tourism
- **ECO-CICLE:** Cycle tourism in natural areas

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Good practices

The Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform has assessed hundreds of good practices related to sustainable mobility. Check our [good practices database](#).

Good practice:

Nordpark Pulheim - An urban invitation into the landscape

Good practice:

The vegetable gardens of St. Peter (Perugia-Italy): the rebirth of a forgotten place

Good practice:

Applying the Stockholm Solution to enhance Green Infrastructure in Austrian Cities and Towns.



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Knowledge hub

The Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform publishes news and policy briefs on key trends and challenges

- **News** on '2019 review of EU Green Infrastructure Strategy'
- **Story** featuring a good practice from UL2L project
The Water Kingdom biosphere reserve



Coming soon: New Policy brief on urban ecosystems



PLP support in urban eco-systems



On-demand, expert support and networking for overcoming your regional policy challenges

- **Peer Review** – Two-day intensive meeting where peers will visit your region to advise you on your regional policy challenge
- **Matchmaking** – Short, intensive meeting (online or in-person) to discuss your issues with regions that have already successfully tackled them
- **Online Discussion** – 90 minute online, cross-project, discussion to dive, in-depth, into a specific challenge
- **Helpdesk** – Tell us your challenge and we can point you towards good practices, resources, projects and European support programmes

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Peer Review 'Corporate social responsibility (CSR)'

Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, Marseille, June 2019

Download the report [here](#)



Expert support

Next Peer Reviews:

- **Nature Park Our,**
Luxembourg (4-5 March 2020)
- **Circular Economy in**
Warminsko-Mazurskie,
Poland (11-12 March 2020)



Call for peer reviews
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- **Webinars:**

- Sustainable tourism
- Circular business models
- Cultural routes
- Eco tourism in riverside areas

- **Thematic workshops:**

- Circular economy, June 2017
- Cultural heritage, June 2018
- Natural heritage, November 2018
- Industrial Symbiosis, May 2019
- Urban eco-systems, November 2019



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