



Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems

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Agenda

Registration and welcome coffee is open from 8:30	
9h00	Welcome & Introduction to urban eco-systems and the services of the Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform <i>Astrid Severin, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</i>
9h15	Interactive introduction of the participants <i>Moderation: Astrid Severin and Ruslan Zhechkov</i>
Setting the scene	
9h30	Resilience of urban eco-systems: The 2019 review of the European Green Infrastructure Strategy and urban biodiversity <i>Rayka Hauser, European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment</i>
9h45	European research on nature-based solutions: New governance structures and financing models <i>Julie Delcroix, European Commission, Directorate-General Research and Innovation</i>
Urban spaces and landscapes	
10h00	Keynote from H2020 project Clever Cities on 'Nature-based urban transformation for sustainable and socially inclusive cities' <i>Martin Krekeler, Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (Germany)</i> The social and ecological benefits of the GreenBelt Frankfurt (CityZen project) <i>Simone Sterly, Institute for Rural Development Research at Goethe University Frankfurt (Germany)</i> Promoting sustainable development and regional attractiveness in peri-urban areas of Reggio Emilia (PROSPERA Project)



	<p><i>Andrea Porcelluzzi, CRPA - Center for Research on Animal production, Municipality of Reggio Emilia (Italy)</i></p> <p>Integrating urban farming in the regeneration of the City of Beja (CityZen project) <i>Marcos António Nogueira, Alentejo Region (Portugal)</i></p>
11h00	Coffee break
Sustainable peri-urban areas	
11h30	<p>Keynote from ESPON project Greta: 'Boosting biodiversity and eco-system services for territorial development' <i>Jaume Fons Esteve, University of Barcelona (Spain)</i></p> <p>Restoring a marshland habitat close to the centre of London (PERFECT Project) <i>Jessica Fieth, Town & Country Planning Association (United Kingdom)</i></p> <p>How the Rotterdam Metropolitan area rediscovers the Delta (Sware Project) <i>Lisa de Groot, Association RegioWater, Randstad Waterbaan (Netherlands)</i></p> <p>The Green Blue Axis - a multi-functional corridor along the river Jamor <i>Sofia Silvano, Municipality of Sintra (Portugal)</i></p>
World Café sessions 'Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems'	
12.30	<p>Interactive work on developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems on questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the main challenges and future opportunities for the design and management of urban eco-systems? <p><i>Moderated by the TEs</i></p>
13h00	Networking Lunch
World Café sessions 'Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems'	
14h00	<p>Continuation of interactive work on developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems on questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What policy intervention is required, and which policy instruments can be used?• What innovative financial mechanisms are there to finance the urban revival?• How can a balance of economic prosperity and well-being of citizens and nature be achieved? <p><i>Moderated by the TEs</i></p>



14h50	Wrap-up and presentation of the World Café results
15h00	Coffee Break
Reviving City Areas: the combined effect of measures relating to mobility, housing renovation, urban planning, green and blue infrastructure, natural and cultural heritage Joint plenary session of the two workshops “Fostering citizen-focused urban mobility” and “Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems”	
15h30	Introduction to the joint session and introduction of all panelists <i>Katharina Krell and Astrid Severin, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</i>
15h35	Keynote: How to rejuvenate a post-industrial city <i>Thomas Caparos & Matthieu Moïno – Mulhouse Alsace Agglomération, Town planning, development and housing service</i>
15h50	Moderated panel discussion <p>Representatives from urban authorities together with the speakers from Mulhouse will discuss achievements of their regions and respond to questions by the moderators and the audience. In the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Irma Karjalainen – Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority (Finland)</i> will present: Integrated planning process of land use plan, housing strategy and transport system plan for greater Helsinki.• <i>Éva Mikes / Csaba Ders – Pannon European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (Hungary)</i> will present: Local Action Plan of the City of Pecs: a new transformative urban design strategy• <i>Gergely Török – North West Regional Development Agency (Romania)</i> will present: Policy for the pedestrianisation and revitalisation of the historical centre of Baia Mare <p><i>Christine Schwabegger – Provincial Government of Styria (Austria)</i> will present: Successful integration of green infrastructure into strategic spatial planning in Graz</p>
16h50	Wrap and thematic conclusions including ideas for follow-up actions <i>Thematic Experts Astrid Severin (TO6) and Katharina Krell (TO4)</i>
17h00	End of Workshop & Joint Networking Cocktail <p>The networking cocktail will be held at the Mercure hotel Brussels Airport, in 2 minutes walking distance from the Transforma bxl Evere venue.</p>