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Protect Europe's coasts and urban areas with green infrastructure, claims international group

Following NASA's revelation that a group of glaciers spanning an eighth of the East Antarctica coastline are being melted by warm seas, the international green infrastructure project PERFECT has called for the urgent installation of green infrastructure across Europe's urban and coastal areas.

The group, which is formed of member organisations from seven European countries, claims that in the face of inevitable sea-level rises, green infrastructure must be used to protect shorelines and adapt our cities to the impacts of climate change.

Henry Smith, project manager of PERFECT, said:

'Green infrastructure has been used successfully throughout the world to protect urban and coastal areas which are at risk from flooding due to climate change. Although we must of course work to reverse the effects of global warming, it is essential that governments, local and national, allocate funding towards flood alleviation measures to avoid future displacement of their populations.

'As a group we are calling on governments throughout Europe and the world to use green infrastructure as a cost-effective, attractive and powerful solution for addressing rising sea levels, protecting themselves before it is too late.'

Notes to editors

1. Planning for Environment and Resource Efficiency in European Cities and Towns (PERFECT) is a project funded by Interreg Europe (<https://www.interregeurope.eu/>) working to promote green infrastructure across seven European countries. The lead partner for PERFECT is the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA), based in London. For more details on PERFECT, click [here](#).
2. To access PERFECT's resource library, which includes recently published expert papers highlighting green infrastructure best practice, click [here](#).
3. The Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) is an independent campaigning charity calling for more integrated planning based on the principles of accessibility, sustainability, diversity and community cohesion. For more information, click [here](#).
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