

Growing Connections

An introduction to the Green Infrastructure Network

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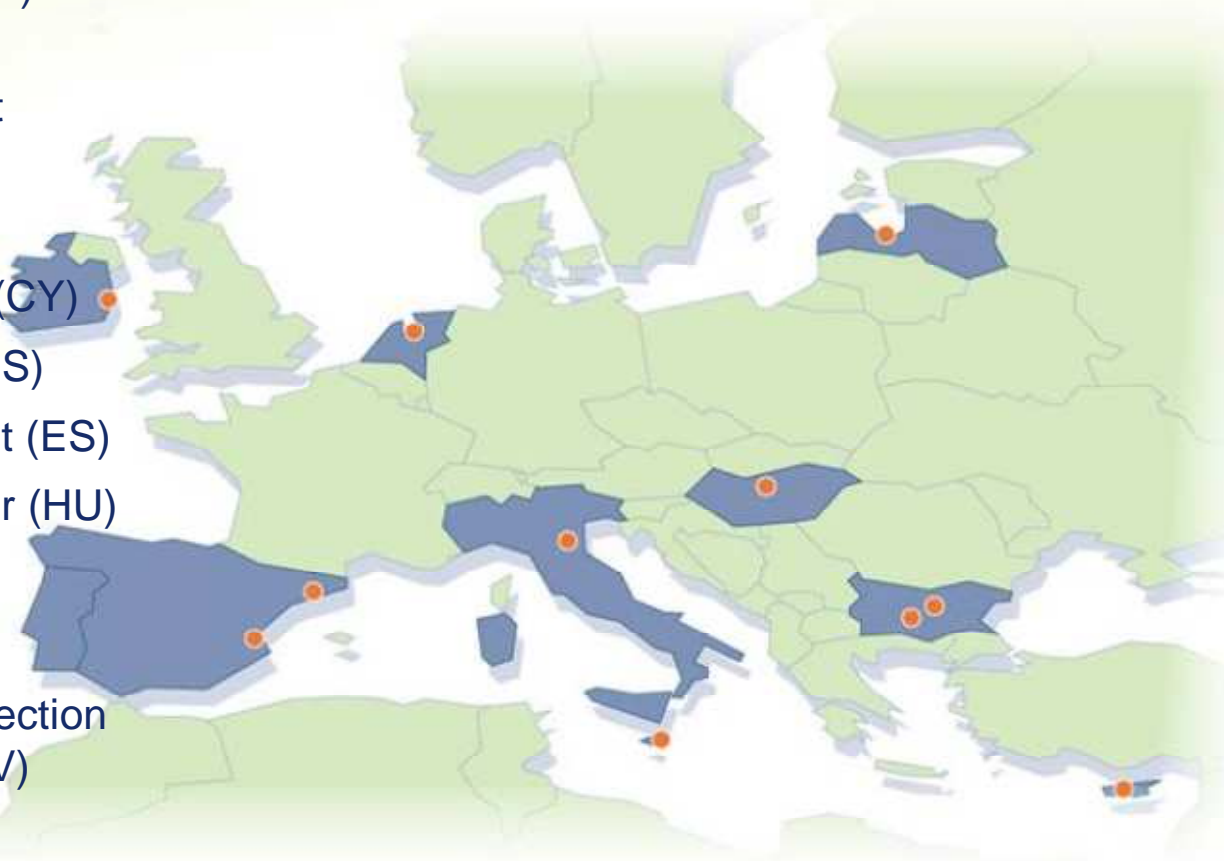
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The Green Infrastructure Network

- Partnership of 12 European regions from 10 countries
- Co-funded by the INTERREG IVC Programme
- Total budget: 1,585,164 EUR
- Promoting the development and implementation of green infrastructure:
 - by facilitating the exchange of experience
 - by identifying, analysing and transferring good practice related to green infrastructure policies

Who we are – The partnership

- Flevoland Province Council (NL) – Lead Partner
- Plovdiv Regional Development Agency (BG)
- Stara Zagora REDA (BG)
- Nicosia Development Agency (CY)
- Barcelona Province Council (ES)
- Valencia Regional Government (ES)
- Regional Environmental Center (HU)
- Fingal County Council (IR)
- Emilia-Romagna Region (IT)
- Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (LV)
- Ghajnsielem Municipality (MT)
- Azores Regional Government (PT)



What is Green Infrastructure?



Conserving biodiversity by strengthening the coherence and resilience of ecosystems



Contributing to climate change adaptation and reducing vulnerability to natural disasters



Contributing to the creation of a sustainable economy

Why is the project important?

New RESPONSE

- A new approach to protecting ecosystem services

New FRAMEWORK

- bringing biodiversity conservation into harmony with other forms of land use

New EXPERIENCE

- **local level** — methodologies, process management, policy development and implementation
- **regional level** — agriculture and economic development

Key objectives

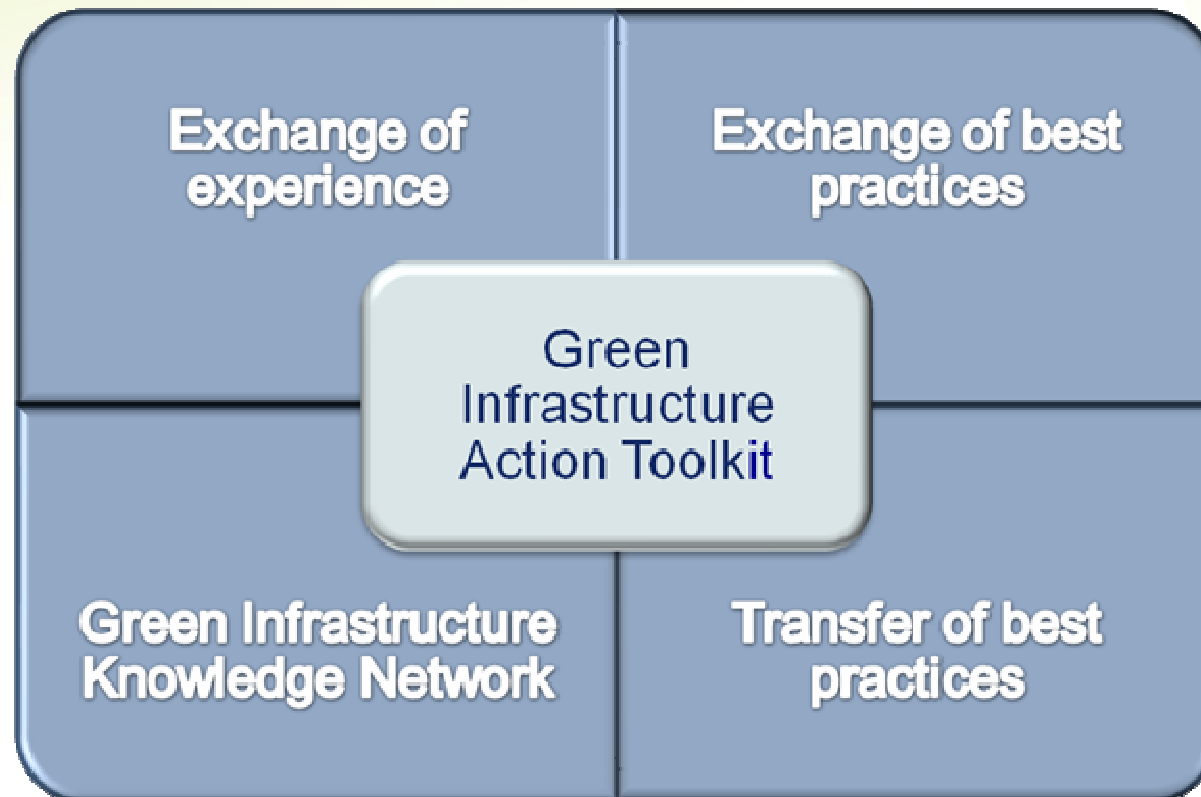
The aim

To strengthen the development and implementation of green infrastructure in EU regions

How to achieve it

By the exchange and dissemination of expertise, experience and best practice among partners

Expected outcomes



Some Best Practice Transfer

- GIS schemes for analysis and implementation of Green Infrastructure
- Integrating a local biodiversity framework within a local land-use plan
- Local communities involvement in landscape planning
- Participatory planning for Natura 2000 site management plans

Thank you for your attention!

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