# Involving businesses in Park management

Innovative measures from Periurban Parks in Milan

### **CHALLENGES TACKLED**

Biodiversity

Enhancement

Citizens and Business Involvement

#### SUMMARY

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes can be an effective means of involving companies in biodiversity enhancement through team-building activities. Parco Nord Milano has built a portfolio with modular activities (e.g. planting) that can serve the Park's needs and corporations' requests. For that, a dialogue between corporations and the park was put in place in order to approach positions and match interests. In addition, digital channels were used for the strategic positioning of the Park.

## STEPS



Appoint a dedicated person to manage the relationship between the park and business companies

Co-create with business the CSR activities portfolio

Create a brochure with a modular offer of CSR activities

Organize and manage the companies' activities inside the Park

#### **RESOURCES NEEDED**

#### COST

- Dedicated staff **30 working days**,
- approx. €6270
- Equipment for the CSR activities.



# TIME

variable - depending on the type and size of company and activity chosen.

#### MAIN LESSONS LEARNED ALONG THE WAY

Generally speaking, the needs and intentions of businesses and those of the Park differ. As such, it is important to have a dedicated person who is capable to translate each other's needs, create a "win-win" bridge between the two actors, and avoid green washing.

Furthermore, having communication materials ready to approach businesses, or visa-versa, greatly speeds up the process and establishes the Park as a reliable partner.

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