



# Life UrbanGreeningPlans

Designing innovative mechanisms to plan, implement, strengthen and manage green infrastructures in (peri)urban areas



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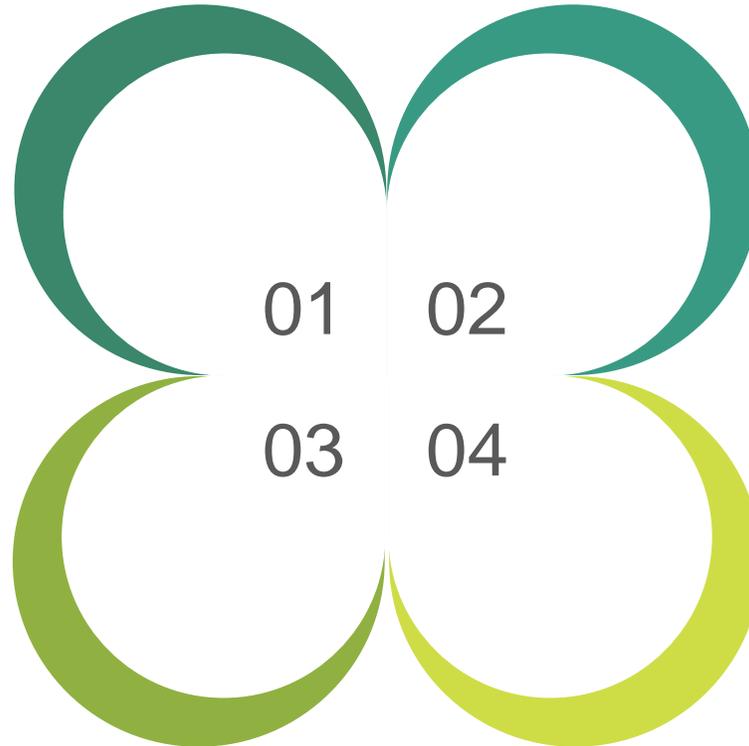
“To bring **nature back to cities** and reward community action, the **Commission calls on European cities of at least 20,000 inhabitants to develop ambitious Urban Greening Plans by the end of 2021.**”



# Main challenges

**Lack of knowledge and expertise** among **policy makers and city officers** on how to implement and maintain GI and need to test innovative mechanisms

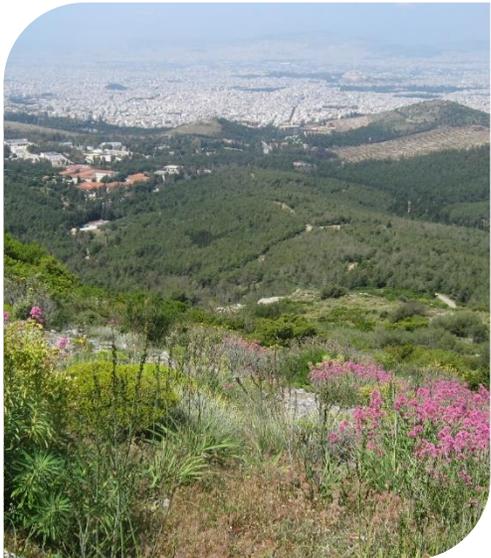
**Poor cooperation** across different sectors within a municipality and/or different municipalities. Cooperation needed because of the **multi-scalar and multi-functional nature of GI.**



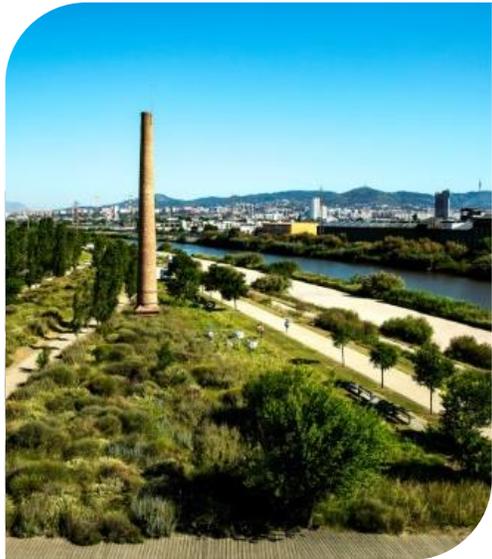
**Difficult connectivity and accessibility of peri-urban greenspaces** due to growing cities and spatial pressure and to historically poor urban planning of peri-urban areas

**Lack of innovative and effective strategies to involve local businesses** and the wider public

# 5 Metropolitan Areas



\* Athens



\* Barcelona



\* Brussels



\* Lisbon



\* Milano

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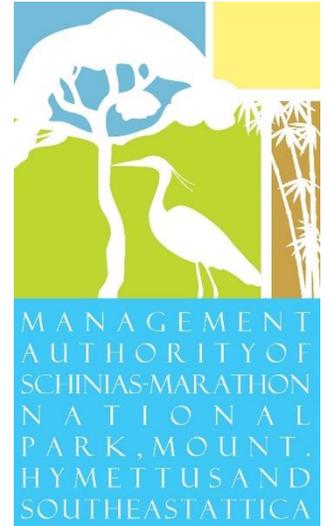


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## Athens Metropolitan Area

- **Improvement of largest green cooling corridor** connecting Mount Hymettus peri-urban forest to inner city
- **Corporate social responsibility and capacity building** programs to approach society to nature and help children, teachers, and parents reconnect with nature





## Barcelona Metropolitan Area

- Implementation of **new Nature-Based Solutions** and **socio-ecological assessment of former ones** in the Llobregat Riverside.
- **Socioecological Integrated Analysis** and **multidimensional and multiscale governance approaches** to seek consensus with different municipalities on **greening elements** of the **new Master Urban Plan** for the Metropolitan Area



## Brussels Region

- **Street-parks and pocket gardens** connecting the Woluwe park (urban park) with the Sonian Forest (peri-urban forest)
- Mainstream biodiversity and climate adaptation measures in **heritage conservation of green sites** in Brussels.





## Lisbon Metropolitan Area

- Creating and spreading **know-how in the local population** on mechanisms to enhance Biodiversity in urban **private and public spaces**.
  - Climate-adapted species for restoration,
  - Biodiversity monitoring
  - Nature-Based Solutions to accelerate natural succession in greenspaces



## Milano Metropolitan City

- **Urban forestry activities** - Reforestation of abandoned lands and test of large scale infrastructure for pollinators
- Innovative measures to approach nature to society and to **increase social and business involvement in green space management** through **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs**

What  
Training  
User guides  
How-to resources

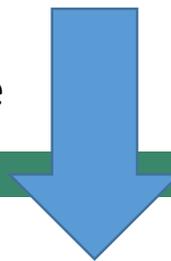
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To introduce  
mechanisms to  
enhance and maintain  
Biodiversity in  
(peri)urban areas.



Who  
Local policy makers, Green  
Infrastructure planners &  
greenspace managers

contribute

reinforce



**EU Urban Greening Platform**

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Thank you ! 🌸

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