

# Improving the ecological and social functions of Athens's largest green corridor

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How to diagnose and tackle the most pressing challenges

## CHALLENGES TACKLED



Biodiversity Enhancement



Climate change adaptation and mitigation



Cross-Sectoral Cooperation



## SUMMARY

In order to improve the ecological and social functions of Athens's largest green corridor, Philodassiki and NECCA made an assessment of the main issues impeding the good functioning of the green corridor. These were:

1. **SOCIAL** – high visitor numbers, damages, speed offenders, an illegal animal cemetery, and criminal actions
2. **ENVIRONMENTAL** - compacted soil that hampers natural reforestation, old forest not renewed because of lack of irrigation
3. **GOVERNANCE** - management shared among different bodies not well - coordinated or with opposing opinion, lack of staff, slow procedures in issuing permits for the relevant works, insufficient mechanical equipment, and a lack of funding

Afterwards, proposal of solutions and guidelines were shared with the different management bodies.

## STEPS



1

Assessment of the green corridor status. Data collection and information gathering



2

Interviews with the different green corridor management bodies



3

Enrichment of the available information with field data



4

Proposal of solutions for the improvement of the ecological and social functions of the corridor



5

Creation of guidelines for managers on vegetation, wildlife and visitor management

## RESOURCES NEEDED



**NECCA:**  
Human resources and technology systems

**PHI:**  
Human resources, implementation of the technical meeting



**COST OF EXECUTION AND MANAGEMENT:**  
**10.000 euros**

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**45.920 euros**



**TIME**  
**1 year**

**TIME**  
**2 years**

## MAIN LESSONS LEARNED ALONG THE WAY

In order to improve the proper management of the green corridor, the following is needed:

1. Common green management and fire protection plans;
2. Better funding and more staff;
3. Safety regulation and surveillance of the area;
4. Better cooperation with municipalities;
5. Spatial planning and phyto-technical studies;
6. Irrigation system.

The full report of this action can be found at URL  
[www.europarc.org/greening-plans](http://www.europarc.org/greening-plans)

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