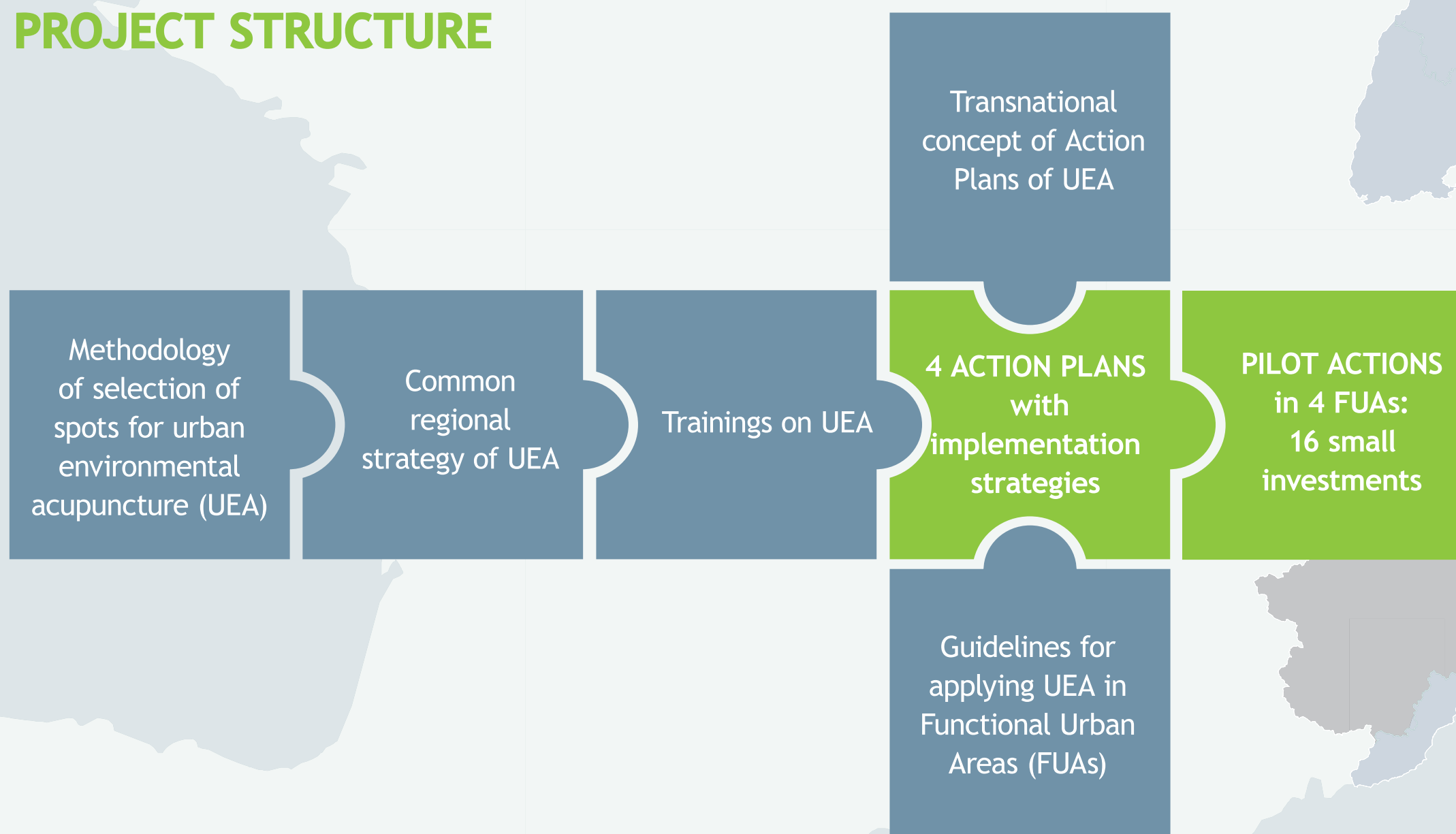


INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF SMALL GREEN SPOTS IN FUNCTIONAL URBAN AREAS FOLLOWING THE IDEA OF ACUPUNCTURE

The main objective of **SALUTE4CE** is protection and development of natural resources by the integrated environmental management of green and blue infrastructure with planting native and climate resistant vegetation in functional urban areas (FUAs) lacking large sites for this function. The project will improve capacities of the public sector and related entities in management of green and blue infrastructure in FUAs by using the small spots not attractive for other purposes.

PROJECT STRUCTURE



SALUTE4CE is involving 4 functional urban areas (FUAs) in different bio-climate zones: humid subtropical climate (Cfa), temperate oceanic climate (Cfb), humid continental climate (Dfb) and urban climate with heat island (UHI). These are: city of Alessandria (Italy), city of Erfurt (Germany), city of Liptovský Mikuláš (Slovakia) and city of Chorzów (Poland).

The project partnership will implement the concept of urban environmental acupuncture (UEA) consisting in a surgical and selective intervention into the urban environment, instead of large scale projects that involve thousands of hectares and tremendous costs. The numerous

interventions in many small spots in a FUA can provide an effect for the FUA as a whole. The examples of proposed interventions are: green walls, green paths, pocket parks, city gardens or green backyards. The transnational cooperation is needed to develop common concept which would be applicable in different FUAs regarding at the same time the local conditions. Therefore, transnational cooperation will provide common solution to be transferred easily to other countries of different climate conditions. Joint testing of pilot applications of the developed solutions will trigger pilot investments for improving the quality of the urban environment.

The partnership will develop the common methodology and criteria of selecting both spots and types of interventions which then will be applied in elaborating action plans for 4 FUAs. These action plans will demonstrate the application of the idea of UEA as an effective and innovative way of integrated environmental management in FUA to make it more liveable place.

Application of this approach for the first time in the Central European countries will involve development of the concept of regional strategy for environmental management in FUAs lacking large sites for greenery (SALUTE4CE Strategy) which will include new instruments (data bases, typology of interventions, criteria of sites selection) and ways of residents involvement. This approach will be applied to show the practical and financial benefits to other FUAs as well as to show the effects of its implementation to FUAs local climate and of cities resilience to climate change.

Pilot actions in the project will show in form of 4 small investments in each of 4 project FUAs how to implement step by step the idea of UEA. Furthermore, the concept of UEA will be promoted by the trainings, e-learning module and the SALUTE4CE handbook as tools for students and citizens involvement. These approaches will provide a transnational added value of the project.



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