

CONCEPT OF REGIONAL STRATEGY OF INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF SMALL GREEN SPOTS IN FUAS

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Preface

This document is a proposal of the structure and thematic scope of the strategy for the implementation of long-term projects enriching the core areas of cities with publicly accessible "green spots" wherever there is no possibility of creating large green areas. It is dedicated mainly to UEA Action Plans as defined in the SALUTE4CE project. It specifies the scope of work that needs to be done to ensure the effective implementation of the plan and its maintenance at the level of the city's development strategy / policy or FUA. The proposed structure of the strategic document is common for various CE cities, regardless of the specificity of the legislative solutions and planning practices in force there.

Proposed framework of the strategic document

Chapter 1. Purpose of the strategy and its time horizon

Contents - brief statements about: what is this strategy about? who is this strategy for? who will implement it? what this strategy is supposed to support? what time horizon? how the strategy was developed?

Chapter 2. Expected achievements of the strategy:

Contents:

- The aim (perhaps, a common statement should be elaborated for all strategies)

(Exemplary statement): To provide a sustainable, strategic approach for the future management of green spots and to ensure conditions for the effective implementation of the UEA Action Plan and maintaining its effects

- The objectives

In each city / FUA the objectives should focus on the system and practice of green spots management. In individual FUAs these objectives will be formulated differently. However, you should consider:

- meeting major urban challenges
- implementation of key UGI planning / management principles
- ensuring, at the level of land use planning, legal conditions for the long-term implementation of the Action Plan, as well as other activities for the green infrastructure.

(Sample objectives):

To ensure lasting and effective partnership with key stakeholders



To secure a priority position in city policy for essential green spots investment and management

To ensure that, with limited resources available, future investment in green spots is directed to areas that maximize community benefit.

To ensure that green infrastructure, including UAE, is sufficiently included in planning documents.

Chapter 3. Creating and managing small green spots as a response to urban challenges

Contents:

Brief statements about:

- The challenges faced by our city / FUA, related to:

- a) adapting to climate change
- b) protecting biodiversity
- c) promoting a green economy
- d) increasing social cohesion

(the fulfilment of which will be facilitated by the creation and proper management of small green spots)

- How and to what extent the implementation of the UEA Action Plan is expected to contribute to meeting these challenges

(it can vary significantly from FUA to FUA depending on a detailed diagnosis of the challenges)

- The target image of Urban Green Areas (UGA) in our city / FUA and UEA's participation in creating this image

(this target picture should result from both the Action Plan and other planning documents of a given city / FUA)

Chapter 4. Conditions for the management of small green spots in our city / FUA

Contents:

Brief descriptions of:

- Policy context - national, regional, local
- Green space planning responsibilities and cooperation among different administrative levels
- Quality of planning and linking planning with implementation,



- Current practices of environmental management and open space management
- Maintenance system of green areas
- Participation of various stakeholders in the management/maintenance of green areas
- Financial perspective for the implementation of the Action Plan

Brief statement about:

- the barriers that need to be broken, and practices that need improvement to ensure proper management of small green spots

Chapter 5. Strategic activities for the proper management of small green points

Contents:

The list of priority activities, assigned to strategic objectives (see Chapter 2) to be implemented in different time perspectives (short-term, mid-term, long-term)

These activities are to ensure favorable conditions for the implementation of the Action Plan. This list must provide answers to the following questions:

- Who will supervise the implementation of the Action plan and how (what system, what organizational framework)?
- Who will be responsible for updating the Action Plan (what system - organizational framework)?
- How to ensure that green infrastructure, including UEA, will be duly taken into account at all stages of land use planning?
- Who and how will coordinate the preparation, implementation and updating of maintenance and management plans for individual UEA sites (system from the level of the entire Action Plan)?
- Who will be responsible for funding of implementation, and further maintenance & management (the system from the level of the Action Plan as a whole)?
- How to build partnership between the team implementing Action Plan and public or private non-profits (what system, how to ensure durability) to maintaining UEA sites?
- How can volunteers and businesses for contributing to maintaining UEA sites be recruited?

In addition, these will also to contribute to the effective implementation of key UEA management principle, such as:

- Green-grey integration - combining green and grey infrastructures
- Connectivity - creating green space networks
- Multifunctionality - delivering and enhancing multiple functions and services
- Social inclusion - collaborative and participatory planning



Chapter 6. Strategy implementation and monitoring system

Contents: brief description of:

- Linking the strategy with other plans / programs implemented in the city / FUA, including land use planning
- Position of the team implementing this strategy in the city / FUA management system
- Composition of the implementing team, functions and principles of work
- Evaluation system
- Monitoring procedure, indicators

initial values and a change in the values of the following indicators, to be generated with use of standard GIS tools):

- share of UGS (Urban Green Spaces),
- green area per capita,
- accessibility of UGS,
- social equity in the access to UGS
- Milestones of strategy implementation

Chapter 7. Communication & Reporting

Contents: brief description of the communication system within the team implementing the strategy, reporting on the implementation of progress, and publishing information.