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WHO WE ARE

Partners from five central European countries are working together to improve the management of green infrastructure and enhance the benefits and the services it provides.

Austria
Thayatal National Park
University of Vienna

Czech Republic
Silva Tarouca Research Institute for Landscape and Ornamental Gardening
Krkonoše Mountains National Park

Germany
Technische Universität Dresden
The Saxony Foundation for Nature and the Environment
Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development

Italy
Metropolitan City of Turin
Italian Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development

Poland
Karkonosze Mountains National Park

Who Funds Us?
Our project is funded by the Interreg Central Europe Programme 2014-2020 that encourages cooperation on shared challenges in Central Europe. With funding from the European Regional Development Fund, the programme supports institutions to work together beyond borders to improve cities and regions in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

TRAINING

In order to make the most of the outputs and tools and to make them transferable to other areas the project will offer training in their application.

The training is structured at three different spatial levels: transnational, regional and local. Training events will be held across the five participating countries of Poland, Czech Republic, Italy, Austria and Germany and will commence in May 2020.

For those not able to attend one of the training events in May 2020, and to allow the outputs to be transferred to other central European countries and beyond, the project will make available a series of training webinars. They will be available on the project website in June 2020.

TOOLS

MaGICLandscapes will develop a series of six tools aimed at the protection and sustainable use of our natural heritage and resources. Three of the tools provide the background for decision-making and strategy development. They are the following:

1. The Handbook of Conceptual and Theoretical Background for Green Infrastructure Assessment, Terms and Definitions
2. Regional Maps of Green Infrastructure
3. Regional Maps and data indicating functionality and ecosystem services provided by green infrastructure

The remaining tools guide assessment at three spatial levels and are decision-support tools, they are

1. The Manual of Transnational Green Infrastructure Assessment (structural and spatial relationships)
2. The Manual of Green Infrastructure Functionality Assessment (functions and ecosystem services)
3. The Manual of Creating Evidence-Based Strategies and Action Plans

GET INVOLVED!

MaGICLandscapes needs you! Whether you're a policy-maker, planner, environmental organisation or a community group, this project is relevant to you. We want to make sure that every output from this project is as usable and useful as possible and that it meets the needs of intended users. Your support and input in the development of those tools is therefore vital. We want the tools to become part of decision-making and sustainable development and for institutions to use them for future planning that considers regional and local needs. In each of the case study areas there are many opportunities to cooperate, provide input and guide the content and usability of the tools.

If you are interested in helping us and want to take part in the project, please visit our website www.interreg-central.eu/magiclandscapes. Here you will find detailed descriptions of the case study areas and local partner contact details.

We look forward to hearing from you.

MAY 2020 — Start of Training Opportunities

6 — Tools developed for Application

9 — Case Study Areas

Managing
Green Infrastructure
in Central European
Landscapes

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WHAT WE DO

MaGICLandscapes aims to provide tools and information to help policy-makers, land managers and communities manage green infrastructure in a way that meets local needs and maximises the benefits it provides at the local, regional, national and transnational level. The tools are designed to enable targeted and evidence-based investment that is supported by communities, local, regional and national agencies.

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REGIONS

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PROJECT
PARTNERS

2.2
MILLION EURO
PROJECT BUDGET

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COUNTRIES

TAKING
COOPERATION
FORWARD

MaGICLandscapes...

...delivers a series of strategies and action plans, training opportunities and tools for the enhanced management and protection of green infrastructure in Central Europe.

FACTS AND FIGURES

10 Project partners

33 Associated partners

49 Outputs for better green infrastructure

OUTPUTS

MaGICLandscapes developes and provides strategies, action plans and tools for the protection and sustainable use of natural resources. The project partners directly apply those tools in a series of regional pilot actions and training events.

All of the outputs are interconnected and feed into one another and are being developed using a case study basis and piloted in the nine case study areas.

The outputs are designed for implementation by a wide variety of end-users, ranging from regional, national and local policy and decision-makers to local communities wishing to improve their local environments.

They are designed to enable decision-makers and stakeholders to understand the regional and local needs regarding green infrastructure enhancement and protection and importantly for evidence-based targeted investment. This ensures the maximum public benefit from any such investment.

STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

A series of nine strategies and/or action plans will be developed for the nine case study areas. Each will consider the local circumstances such as needs and opportunities. Each of the strategies and/or action plans will take into account the wider spatial needs and functions of green infrastructure identified during earlier research in the project. They will be in harmony with national, regional and local planning policies and strategies and will be developed in cooperation with a wide variety of local stakeholders and communities. The case study areas are

- Tri-Border region of Poland, Czech Republic and Germany
- Karkonosze National Park and surroundings, Poland
- Krkonoše National Park and surroundings, Czech Republic
- Kyjovsko area, Czech Republic
- Eastern Waldviertel and western Weinviertel, Austria
- Thayatal National Park, Austria
- Upper Po plain, Italy
- Po Hills around Chieri near Turin, Italy
- Dübener Heide Nature Park, Germany

9 Strategies and/or Action Plans

Landscape around Chieri in the Italian Piemont | G. Bovo

Lake Kristýna and the Zittau Mountains | C. Marrs

Peat bog in the Giant Mountains | KPN

Thaya valley at Austrian-Czech border | NP Thayatal, R. Mirau