

# Managing Green Infrastructure in Central European Landscapes

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## BACKGROUND AND AIMS

Green Infrastructure (GI) is one of the key strategies for landscape connectivity and sustainable development. It's an essential planning concept towards protecting natural capital and simultaneously enhancing quality of life. This approach is not yet implemented in European landscape planning policies, which seldom consider the ability of land to deliver multiple benefits. In 2013 the European Union adopted its first Green Infrastructure Strategy and asks the Member States to invest in GI.

MaGICLandscapes supports this process by providing information and adequate tools to support regional actors manage GI in a way that meets local needs and maximise the benefits it provides at different spatial levels. The tools are a series of strategies and action plans for the implementation

and better management of GI in nine Central European case study areas. Each tool considers the local circumstances, spatial needs and functions of GI. Regional actors are actively involved in the development of the strategies and action plans. They enable them to understand the regional and local needs regarding GI enhancement and to guide GI investment decisions for.

-  **10 Project Partners and 33 Associated Partners**
-  **9 Pilot Actions**
-  **9 GI Strategies or Action Plans**
-  **6 user-oriented tools**
-  **Regional workshops**
-  **Training opportunities**

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (GI) IS...

*...a strategically planned network of natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services. It incorporates green spaces (or blue if aquatic ecosystems are concerned) and other physical features in terrestrial (including coastal) and marine areas. On land, GI is present in rural and urban settings.*

(European Commission 2013)



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## WORK PACKAGES OVERVIEW

The Project Partners are collaborating in three work packages. All of them assess the current status of Green

Infrastructure, its functionality and ecosystem services on transnational, regional and local levels and opportunities to enhance GI. The project work packages build upon one



another and strongly interconnect with each other. The following provides an overview of the questions to be answered by the respective work package.

### Work Package 1: CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

-  What is Green Infrastructure?
-  Why is Green Infrastructure relevant?
-  Where are the strategic GI networks?

Duration: July 2017 – December 2018

### Work Package 3: STRATEGIES FOR INTERVENTION ON ALL SPATIAL LEVELS

-  How can we improve Green Infrastructure in terms of functionality, ecosystem services and sustainability?
-  What concrete strategies and actions are necessary?

Duration: July 2018 – June 2020

### Work Package 2: REGIONAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT

-  How does Green Infrastructure function?
-  What are services and qualities of GI?

Duration: June 2018 – December 2019



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