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SALUTE4CE

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

WHAT WE DO

SALUTE4CE project aims at the protection and development of natural resources by the integrated environmental management of green & blue infrastructure with a surgical and selective intervention of urban environmental acupuncture (UEA) in FUAs small spots not attractive for other purposes.

TAKING **COOPERATION** FORWARD

WHO WE ARE

Partners from five central European countries join their forces to improve environmental management in urban areas.

Czech Republic

- IURS - Institute for Sustainable Development of Settlements, Ostrava, CZ

Germany

- IOER - Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Dresden, DE
- IR - Impulse Region, Weimar, DE

Italy

- LINKS - LINKS Foundation - Leading Innovation & Knowledge for Society, Torino, IT
- LAMORO - LAMORO Development Agency, Alessandria, IT
- MoA - Municipality of Alessandria, Alessandria, IT

Poland

- IETU - Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas, Katowice, PL
- CoC - Chorzów City, Chorzów , PL
- SIBG - Silesian Botanical Garden, Mikołów, PL

Slovakia

- CoLM - City of Liptovsky Mikulas, Liptovský Mikuláš, SK

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. Pilot actions in the project will show in form of small investments in 4 FUAs how to implement gradually the idea of UEA. The trainings and the project handbook on UEA as well as tools for residents' involvement will provide a transnational added value of the project.

Who funds us

Our project is funded by the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme that encourages cooperation on shared challenges in central Europe.

With 246 million Euro of 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.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

10 Project partners

14 Outputs planned until March 2022

439.000 investment value for involved regions in Euro

Outputs

The project results will form the following outputs:

- training on criteria of selection of spots for UEA and on the use of the urban digital platform as a tool for UEA management;
- action plans for FUAs UEA based on transnational format elaborated by the partnership.

Implementation of the project will cause environmental changes such as:

- change of urban landscape;
- strengthening of stewardship of nature capital;
- change in governance;
- change in resilience of FUAs to climate change.

The project will also make changes in social awareness, knowledge and behaviour by involvement of residents, students and pupils in maintaining the planted spots, strengthening bonds in the community, increase of social capital. The project pilot actions will cause visible physical changes in the areas of FUAs by implementation of small investments in selected 4 spots in each partner FUA. It will significantly promote the project and the Programme. All these changes will be achieved by a transnational cooperation of institutional and regional partners who will be involved in trainings and workshops and the work on concrete project outputs.

STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

Action plans for urban environmental acupuncture in 4 FUAs

The growing requirements for adaptation of urban areas to climate change needs improved capacities of the public sector and related entities in management of green & blue infrastructure in FUAs. SALUTE4CE project will exploit the small spots, not attractive for other purposes, through numerous interventions in small areas. Then, 4 pilot actions will be applied in 4 FUAs in order to 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.

4 Action plans

TRAINING

Training seminars on urban environmental acupuncture

To underline the practical use of UEA concept, 4 trainings will be organized in 4 project countries. Training materials will be edited in 4 national languages (DE, IT, PL, SK) and will be applicable also outside the project partnership, especially to professionals in administration and research in the field of environment and urban planning. Then, a summary handbook “SALUTE4CE – handbook on urban environmental acupuncture” will be edited to provide guidance on preparation and implementation of EUA strategies, including small green spots as a step towards greater sustainability in European FUAs.

4 National languages

TOOLS

Tool for supporting selection of solutions for UEA

A multidisciplinary, trans-sectoral approach to implementation of UEA action plans on FUA scale, will be based on common methodology/tools in conjunction with ICT urban digital platforms and the Interactive Visualization Tool (InViTo) a citizen participation tool developed within previous European Projects.

2 Tools

PILOT ACTIONS

Pilot actions as small investments in 4 FUAs

Growing requirements for development of green & blue infrastructure in urban areas turn attention to the native and climate resistant vegetation. Today in the era of globalization urban spaces become more and more homogenic. Centres of cities are similar to each other and this similarity concerns also greenery. Pilot actions with social participation will promote the idea of restoring native vegetation and climate resistant species in small spots/lots showing practical and financial benefits of such solutions as part of urban environmental acupuncture system.

4 Investment cases