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



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# LARGE ABANDONNED SPACES ARE INTERESTING FOR INVESTORS THEY ARE IMPORTANT FOR CITIGENS! VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE CHANGE WELET'S ALSO RE-THINK LOCAL PLANTS! GREENING!

# PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The main objective of SALUTE4CE is the protection and development of natural resources by the integrated environmental management of green & blue infrastructures with planting native and climate resistant vegetation in functional urban areas (FUAs) lacking large sites for this function in order to restore the biodiversity and natural heritage. The project will improve capacities of the public sector and related entities in the management of green & blue infrastructures in FUAs by using small spots not attractive for other purposes. 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. Urban acupuncture considers cities like living organisms. Such microtargeting, low-cost, democratic, and empowering tactics provide urban residents the much coveted green space without driving to a

specific location.

### **WORK PACKAGES**



Project management Led by IETU, PL



Thematic 1: Methodology, trainings and tools for integrated environmental management of small green spots Led by IETU, PL



Thematic 2: Action plans for urban environmental acupuncture (UEA) Led by IOER, DE



Thematic 3: Application of urban environmental acupuncture in FUAs Led by IETU, PL



Thematic 4: E-learning Manual and summary Handbook Led by IURS, CZ



Communication Led by LINKS, IT



A number of spots will be selected in each city for implementation of the pilot investment of urban environmental acupuncture (UEA). These small spots will we converted in green spaces such as: pocket parks, green walls, public green spaces for playing and outdoor learning, green pathways and small gardens.



The Kick-off meeting took place in Katowice, Poland at the premises of LP, Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas on 23-24 May 2019. Partners from 5 different countries have been welcomed by Piotr Cofałka, Deputy Director for Research and Development, and Anna Starzewska-Sikorska, SALUTE4CE project coordinator who introduced the first concept and methodology adopted by the project. All the other work packages were then presented by the respective WP leaders. The meeting represented a chance to know each other, to present the role of each partner in the project and to share the ideas for pilot projects as well as to deepen the management issues during the steering committee meeting.

Next meeting - combined with the Project Steering Committee - will take place the 4th-5th December 2019 in Erfurt, DE.

# **EXPECTED RESULTS**

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;

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■ 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;

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- strengthening of stewardship of nature capital;
- change in governance (use of tools supporting environmental management of green & blue infrastructure);
- 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 (with other invited entities) in trainings and workshops and the work on concrete project outputs. In this way, the project will contribute to enhancement of integrated environmental management capacities in public sector and other entities in FUAs.

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**Project duration**