

Call for experts to participate in an EU expert group on peri-urban Green Infrastructure

17-18 October 2017 – Leuven, Flanders

Context

The Flanders region represented by The Flemish Land Agency (VLM), with the support of Peri-Urban Regions Platform Europe (PURPLE), is launching a call for members of an expert group session on the development of strategy for Green Infrastructure within the land-use and land development policies of peri-urban regions across Europe. We are now inviting expressions of interest in becoming a member of this group and would ask interested parties to complete the attached template form.

The group will come together for the first time in a two-day workshop that will take place in Flanders on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 October 2017. The results and recommendations that will result from this workshop will be presented at the final conference of the LIFE+ project Green4Grey (www.green4grey.be) to take place at the beginning of 2019.

Please note that group members will be expected to attend the workshop as well as allow approximately one day for preparation and one day for follow up as regards input to the recommendation guidelines document that will be written after the workshop.

Purpose of the Expert group and benefits of participation

The group will bring together expert practitioners from at least six European regions to explore practical innovative solutions to problems or opportunities regarding green infrastructure and to draw on and share experience gained from relevant innovative projects and policy instruments. The group will discuss and document results from practice and implications for further policy development capable of addressing practical and policy issues. The group will also be encouraged to look at how more effective implementation of the EU Strategy on Green Infrastructure can help shape appropriate new strategies for GI in EU peri-urban regions.

Outputs from the group's work will be consolidated in the report referred to above, will be disseminated widely, and will be intended as a basis for future transnational cooperation on the topic of peri-urban green infrastructure.

Group composition

We are looking to put together a multi-disciplinary group of professionals all of whom have an understanding of both green infrastructure and of peri-urban territories. We expect that different members will bring experience and expertise across both policy and practice levels in developing peri-urban green infrastructure strategies and/or in developing projects in the field of improving peri-urban green infrastructure.

We are aiming to achieve a membership balance which reflects the different specific challenges/objectives faced from different perspectives. We anticipate membership as being of special interest to those working, for example, as ecologists, landscape architects and urban planners but anyone with a relevant interest is encouraged to apply.

VLM together with the PURPLE secretariat will decide on the final composition of the Expert Group.

Practical Matters

The VLM will meet all costs of the organisation of this workshop. Travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed for one representative of up to six peri-urban regions. Any additional workshop participants will be required to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Location: meeting venue: Leuven; field visits to project sites of the G4G project

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PURPLE (Peri-Urban Regions Platform Europe) member regions represent peri-urban territories, where urban and rural features co-exist.