



Dortmund
25 - 26 September 2018

Kick-off Conference

productive Green Infrastructure for
post-industrial urban regeneration



About the conference

The conference in Dortmund will be the public kick-off for proGReg and introduce the topic of nature-based solutions (NBS) for urban regeneration to the wider public. Cities involved in the project will present their ideas for NBS, exchange knowledge, discuss challenges and solutions, and raise questions that need to be tackled in the course of the project.

ProGReg invites all people and organisations interested in NBS to join the conference and discuss ideas and the potential of productive Green Infrastructure for urban regeneration.

How can cities make use of their post-industrial areas?

**How can we use nature and natural processes
to promote the health and well-being of citizens?**

**How can citizens become involved
in regeneration processes and create new economies?**

About proGReg

The proGReg project will address these challenges by developing green infrastructure for post-industrial areas. This European Commission-funded project, coordinated by the Institute of Landscape Architecture at the RWTH Aachen University together with 33 partner organisations, runs from 2018 until 2023. It brings together the 'front-runner' cities of Dortmund (Germany), Torino (Italy), Zagreb (Croatia), and Ningbo (China), where different types of nature-based solutions (NBS) will be tested and developed. Local communities of the Living Labs - the specific areas where the NBS will be deployed in a real-life environment - are central to this project and will be involved at all stages of the project from design to implementation.

The 'follower' cities of Cascais (Portugal), Piraeus (Greece), Cluj Napoca (Romania) and Zenica (Bosnia Herzegovina) will co-steer the process since they will replicate and continue to develop the NBS models in their cities. All involved will have the opportunities to learn from each other through training sessions – both in-person at conferences as well as in on-line courses.



Tuesday 25/09/2018: Conference on Nature-Based Solutions

Venue: *Alte Schmiede, Hülshof 32, 44369 Dortmund-Huckarde*

9:00 Registration and coffee

Welcome and Introduction

9:30 Urban green infrastructure: success stories, future ambitions and “nordwärts” Project
Ullrich Sierau, Lord Mayor of the City of Dortmund

10:00 Nature-based solutions in the EU strategies for inclusive urban regeneration
Ugo Guaracci, European Commission, Executive Agency for Small and Medium sized Enterprises (EASME)

10:15 Making nature-based solutions work: Horizon 2020 innovation action proGReg
Frank Lohrberg / Axel Timpe, RWTH Aachen University

Living Labs: Cities in Research and Innovation

10:45 Living Labs: promises and challenges of a new research infrastructure
Stefan Bösch, proGReg Ethics Board / RWTH Aachen University HumTec

11:00 Sustainable innovations: the role of local governments
Barbara Anton, ICLEI European Secretariat

11:15 Making our city a laboratory for innovation:
Discussion panel of city representatives
Sanja Jerković, City of Zagreb/proGReg
Thomas Jacob, City of Hamburg/CLEVER cities
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12:00 (light) Lunch

13:00 **After-lunch Walk in the Dortmund Living Lab / Visit of Hansa Coking Plant**

Visiting the former coking plant conserved and reused as an industrial heritage site, explanation of the implemented nature-based solution for stormwater management

Living Lab Dortmund-Huckarde

14:45 From old industries to new gardens: Emscher Green Corridor and International Garden Exhibition Metropole Ruhr
Stefan Thabe, City of Dortmund – Urban Planning

15:10 Productive city: ideas for community-based aquaponics and urban gardening
Jan Bunse, die Urbanisten e.V.

Challenges and Solutions: proGReg Cities' Market Place

15:30 Front runner and follower cities present their challenges, Living Labs and planned nature-based solutions at market stands with posters, models and information material

16:40 Coffee break

Nature-Based Solutions Reference Base and Replication

17:00 Making performance measurable: nature-based solutions benefit assessment
Carlo Calfapietra, Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche Italy

17:20 Making nature-based solutions a business: replication strategies through business models
Bernd Pölling, South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences

17:40 **Concluding Remarks and Prospects for the proGReg Project**

Frank Lohrberg, RWTH Aachen University

18:00 End of conference

Wednesday 26/09/2018: Public Field Trip

Venue: Hermannstraße at subway station Dortmund-Hörde Bahnhof (Line U41) at old clock 'Schlanke Mathilde'

13:00 Field Trip: Urban Regeneration and Green Infrastructure in Dortmund

- Blue-green infrastructure PHOENIX See: new lake on a former steelworks site
- Renaturing the Emscher River as part of the Emscher Landschaftspark
- PHOENIX-West: combining industrial heritage and new economic activities
- Urban gardening Dortmund Hörde

Presented by City of Dortmund and die Urbanisten e.V.

17:00 Back at Dortmund Central Station



Final flooding of the PHOENIX See 2012, Soeren Spoo, Dortmund-Agentur, Stadt Dortmund

Conference Venue

Kulturzentrum ‚Alte Schmiede‘

Hülshof 32

44369 Dortmund-Huckarde

From Dortmund Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) tram line U47 leaves every 10 minutes (travel time 13 minutes). Stop: Parsevalstraße. From there it is about 5 minutes to walk to the venue.

Travel information: www.bahn.com/en/



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Venues



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Registration

Please use the online registration form: <http://www.progireg.eu/>
Registration deadline: 7th of September

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