GrowGreen, a partnership for greener cities to increase liveability, sustainability and business opportunities.
GrowGreen aims to create climate and water resilient, healthy and liveable cities by investing in nature-based solutions (NBS). Making nature part of the urban living environment improves quality of life for all citizens and will help business to prosper. High quality green spaces and waterways provide innovative and inspiring solutions to major urban challenges, such as flooding, heat stress, drought, poor air quality and unemployment and will help biodiversity to flourish.

By embedding NBS in long term city planning, development and management, accessible green and blue spaces are a permanent feature of all urban areas around the world, creating harmony between people, economy and the environment, for the benefit of all.

The GrowGreen partnership will give space to nature in urban planning and development by joining forces with cities and experts in Europe and around the world, to implement solutions that deliver social, environmental and economic benefits. The effective use of green will contribute to health, reduce climate impacts, and create an attractive environment for citizens, visitors and investment.

The main objectives of GrowGreen are:

1. Contribute to the evidence base of nature-based solutions in cities for cost-effective, replicable means of increasing urban climate and water resilience, social, environmental and economic benefits, to underpin the development of NBS policies and the global NBS market.

2. Develop an easy-to-use replicable approach to support the development and implementation of NBS strategies in cities, aligned with existing city priorities.

3. Support the creation of the required conditions to support, drive and enable the implementation of city NBS strategies by awareness raising and capacity building in cities around the world, supporting the development of the required policy framework, business models for investment in NBS and the global market for NBS.
At the heart of the project is the creation of value by city governments through promoting the uptake of nature-based solutions with involvement of citizens, business and public-private partnerships in neighbourhoods and across cities. GrowGreen will promote learning, sharing and replicating the nature-based solutions and strategies developed in its partner cities and will join forces with other relevant networks, projects and initiatives to create a global movement for a sustainable urban future.

**City partners:** Manchester (UK), Valencia (Spain), Wroclaw (Poland), Wuhan (China), Brest (France), Zadar (Croatia) and Modena (Italy)

**Academic partners:** University of Manchester (UK), University of Cambridge (UK), University of Environmental and Life Sciences (Poland), University of Valencia (Spain)

**Civil society partners:** Tecnalia (Spain), International Union for Conservation of Nature, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (UK), Leitat (Spain), Manchester Climate Change Agency

**Business partners:** Bipolaire, Ouishare, Trinomics, The Guinness Partnership

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