



Green cities for climate and water resilience, sustainable economic growth, healthy citizens and environments

Introduction to the GrowGreen project

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About GrowGreen



- **Horizon 2020 project** : Demonstrating innovative Nature-based Solutions for climate and water resilience in cities
 - European Commission contribution of **11.2 million EUR**
 - Involves **23 partners** and is coordinated by Manchester City Council
 - **Five-year project**, start date 1 June 2017
 - Partners with the cities of Manchester (UK), Valencia (Spain), Wroclaw (Poland), Wuhan (China), Brest (France), Zadar (Croatia) and Modena (Italy)
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GrowGreen's objectives



- 1) **Benefits:** demonstrate that NBS/Green Infrastructure (GI) delivers quantifiable climate resilience and other benefits
 - 2) **Replicable process:** demonstrate a replicable process for the co-design, co-delivery and co-management of NBS/GI projects
 - 3) **Systemic change:** embed NBS/GI as part of long-term city planning, investment, development and management
 - 4) **EU:** contribute to EU 'Community of Practice' on NBS and capacity building in other cities
 - 5) **Global:** establish EU leadership and support global market for NBS
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GrowGreen vision



- **Investing in nature-based solutions (NBS)** creates cities that:
 - are climate and water resilient
 - are healthy and liveable
 - have social, environmental and economic benefits
- NBS are **innovative and inspiring solutions** to urban challenges
- Embedding NBS in **long-term city planning** creates harmony between people, the economy and the environment

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Where are the GrowGreen cities?



Webinar's objectives



- Understand the **drivers** behind the cities' decisions to develop NBS Strategies
- Review the strategies' development **processes**
- Explore the **achievements**
- Learn from the **lessons**, including success stories and challenges encountered
- Discuss with the audience the **barriers** and **opportunities** for NBS strategy development in cities



Thank you!



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