

URBAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL OF NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- The conference “Urban Green Infrastructure - Connecting People and Nature for Sustainable Cities”, the final event of the European Commission funded GREEN SURGE project, will take place from 20 to 21 September 2017 in Malmö, Sweden.
- Over 300 researchers, decision-makers, planners, and practitioners are expected to join for discussions on effective applications, emerging opportunities and future challenges of nature-based solutions for sustainable urban development.

The conference “Urban Green Infrastructure - Connecting People and Nature for Sustainable Cities”, taking place from 20 to 21 September 2017 in Malmö, Sweden, will be a platform for researchers, decision-makers, planners, and practitioners to delve into the wide range of potentials of green infrastructure to improve the quality of life for city dwellers, be it through its merits for human health and social wellbeing, its capacity to help adapt to climate change or its benefits for urban biodiversity.

Freiburg, 23 June 2017. The two day conference will be a platform for researchers, decision-makers, planners, and practitioners to express ideas, experiences and expectations related to effective applications, emerging opportunities and future challenges of nature-based solutions for sustainable urban development. The conference programme will unpack some of the social, environmental and economic virtues of urban green infrastructure, and explore the potential of nature based solutions in solving some of society’s greatest challenges. Concluding the GREEN SURGE project, the conference will share the insights from the four year project and the tools developed to support urban planners and managers to take ample advantage of these potentials to steer sustainable development at city level.

Leading researchers Prof. Dr. Stephan Pauleit, Chair for Strategic Landscape Planning and Management, Technical University of Munich, Germany, and GREEN SURGE Project leader, and Prof. Dr. Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch, Professor for Urban Forestry at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada are amongst the speakers. They are opening the event together with Andreas Schönström, Deputy Mayor of Malmö and Maria Yeroyanni from Directorate General Environment of the European Commission.

The City of Malmö will host the conference, which is co-organised by the University of Copenhagen, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.

For further information see: www.greensurge.eu/international-conference

Members of the press are invited to join the conference free of charge. Please note, that entry will only be allowed with a valid press ID. Please choose (no fee) in the registration form: www.malmo.se/greensurge
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