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A SHORT INTRODUCTION

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The recent developments on the COVID-19 have illustrated people's need for forests and green space close to where they live: in countries where the restrictions allowed visits to green areas, an immense increase in visits to forests, parks and green spaces has been noticed. This illustrates the timeliness of the CLEARING HOUSE project, in supporting cities to deliver ecosystem services through urban forests and urban trees.

With this newsletter, we will update you every 3 to 6 months on the latest developments regarding urban forestry, sustainable urbanisation and nature-based solutions provided by trees and forests, both in Europe and China. Please register for this newsletter, and follow our social media accounts to be updated on the outcomes, results and events delivered by CLEARING HOUSE up to 2023.

Do not hesitate to contact us for any questions or feedback you have. And for now, please stay safe and stay healthy.

Project overview

Get to know our objectives

Our project addresses a global challenge to develop more resilient cities and liveable societies in order to improve human wellbeing. Our main focus is on tree-based green infrastructure which is the basis for "urban forests as nature-based solutions" (UF-NBS).

We will analyse and develop the potential of NBS in general, and UF-NBS in particular – across China and Europe – in order to enhance the resilience of cities facing major ecological, socio-economic, and human wellbeing challenges. We will also:

- Review existing knowledge on NBS
- Carry out Sino-European case studies
- Facilitate a collaborative learning process
- Develop decision support tools
- Increase NBS awareness

More on our website

The project so far

Project highlights, updates and latest news

Survey on the use of green spaces and urban forests during

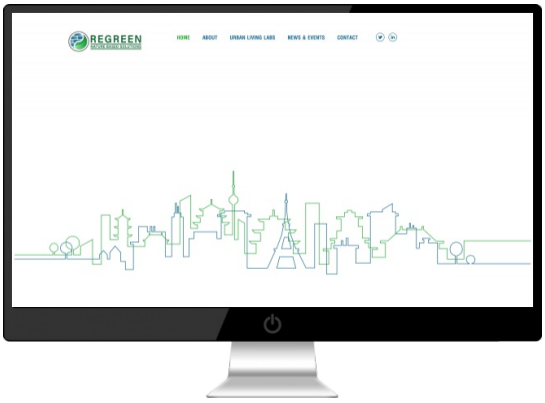
the COVID-19 confinement.

This survey aims to gather information on how the attitude of citizens towards nature in different cities across the world is changing during these challenging times.

Complete the survey

Our first co-design workshops postponed

In efforts to social distance, some workshops are being pushed back, while others are now online. Updated schedule coming soon.



Launch of sister-project REGREEN

Following long preparations, the kick-off meeting of H2020 project REGREEN took place in Aarhus from 22-25 of October.

Read more

The educational package

An interactive educational package on urban forests for pupils

The project will develop an interactive educational package on urban forests for pupils aged 10 to 14 years old. We are actually looking for inputs and feedback from teachers working with this age group. The more answers we receive on this survey, the better the educational material. If you are/know a teacher teaching to this group, please fill in and share!

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Link to the survey

The blog

Recent posts have focused on urban forest and COVID-19

1.
Stories on trees: Urban forests & Green space during Covid-19 pandemic

2.
Resilience in the times of COVID-19

3.
COVID-19 vs. access to urban green space

Related NBS events

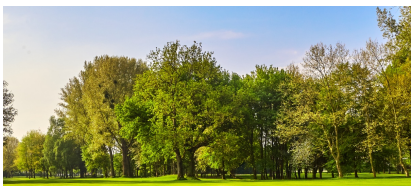
- European Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns | 30 September - 2 October 2020 (online)
- Urban Transitions 2020 | 10-12 November 2020, Sitges, Bacelona, Spain
- IUCN World Conservation Congress | 7-15 January 2021, Marseille, France

Due to protective measures against COVID-19, some events have been reprogrammed to take place online.

Our partners

Additional partners are likely to join the consortium in the coming months.

Get to know our project partners



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