

# TEMPLATE

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### Summary description of the key features of the tool (developed and/or implemented)

This HANDBOOK OF CONCEPTUAL & THEORETICAL BACKGROUND, TERMS AND DEFINITIONS is the first output developed within the framework of the MaGICLandscapes project. It contains the fundamentals of green infrastructure (GI), which also includes the blue infrastructure.

With its three chapters, the handbook covers issues such as definitions of important terms (**Chapter A**) or GI and its relationship to territorial law/policies of the five partner countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy and Poland) and EU regulations and programmes (**Chapter B**). Furthermore, it covers the territorial/international needs for a green infrastructure approach and its contribution to sustainable development (**Chapter C**). It shows, how a green infrastructure approach can address specific territorial and common challenges. The nine multi-scale and multi-thematic case studies of the MaGICLandscape project are introduced too. They offer the testing ground for our trans-disciplinary partner consortium to identify and feedback best practice for assessment, thus creating transnational added value.

This handbook for practice-oriented information is based on a review of GI literature and legislations as well as practical experiences of the project partners and stakeholders.

**NUTS region(s) where the tool has been developed and/or implemented (relevant NUTS level)**

The Handbook has been developed for the following NUTS 3 regions:

AT124 Waldviertel, AT125 Weinviertel, CZ042 Ústecký kraj, CZ051 Liberecký kraj, CZ052 Královéhradecký kraj, CZ064 Jihomoravský kraj, DED2D Görlitz, DED53 Nordsachsen, DEE05 Anhalt-Bitterfeld, DEE0E Wittenberg, ITC11 Torino, ITC12 Vercelli, ITC18 Alessandria, ITC48 Pavia, PL515 Jeleniogórski  
It should be implemented in the whole CE Programme area.

### Expected impact and benefits of the tool for the concerned territories and target groups

The handbook is expected to be used as a reference for stakeholders and target groups wanting to know more about green infrastructure (GI) but also to aid them in justifying GI related actions and investments. This is done on the one hand by the provision of the policy/legal review for the concerned territories demonstrating how GI relates to multiple sectors. On the other hand it shows, what are the needs for a GI assessment and therefore, where are the starting points for actions. It is expected that the impact will be a greater support for GI as an approach and greater inter-sectoral working to achieve shared objectives that adopting a GI approach can deliver. The benefit will be an increase in together-working and maximizing the public benefit that can be achieved through GI approaches to issues such as health and well-being/recreation; mitigating climate change, flooding or loss of pollinators; supporting productivity of the land; protecting and enhancing our natural capital.

### Sustainability of the tool and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

The tool is transferable to other territories despite only having the legal/policy review for the five participating project countries. The introduction, concept and explanation of GI to the reader is not country-dependant and thus transferable outside of the project area and indeed the CE Programme area. This handbook will be translated into the 4 participating languages at part of the WPC. Only policies and legal reviews for the specific countries will be included in the local language versions. It will also form part of the final WP3 Output regarding GI strategy production.

### Lessons learned from the development/implementation process of the tool and added value of transnational cooperation

While developing the handbook we learned, that the term green infrastructure (GI) is not well known in the public. The analysis of GI in laws/policies at EU/national/regional level showed that the topic is differently represented within the EU and its countries.

There are three major added values of transnational cooperation (TC) within the MaGICLandscapes project and beyond:

- 1) TC can contribute to a general understanding of important terms, in our case the term GI and related terms
- 2) TC can help to identify differences between countries, in our case we could compare how GI is represented in national laws/policies and therefore identify gaps as well as best practice examples
- 3) TC opens up the possibility of deriving general conclusions for a larger scale on the basis of regional/national circumstances, in our case conclusions on general GI assessment needs for Central Europe, based on local/regional/national findings identified during stakeholder conversations of the project partners

**References to relevant deliverables and web-links  
If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex**

Deliverable D.T1.1.1 “Report focusing on the description of GI in national law/policy”

Deliverable D.T1.1.2 “Consultation with national/regional bodies”

Deliverable D.T1.1.3 “Report on assessment needs/specifications from each partner region”

Deliverable D.T1.1.4 “Workshop to generate first draft of conceptual framework”

Deliverable D.T1.1.5 “Handbook of Conceptual & Theoretical Background, Terms and Definitions”