

Appendix 1

Tab. S1 - Case studies and projects of Green Infrastructure in Europe investigated in this study.

Scale	Country	Project title	Year started	Vision and objectives	Ecosystem Services	Biodiversity	Social and territorial Cohesion	Sustainable Development	Human well-being	Reference
Transnational programme	Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia, Poland, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, Greece	European Green Belt initiative	2004	To create the backbone of an ecological network, running from the Barents to the Black Sea and to foster transboundary cooperation and sustainable regional development.	X	X	X	X	-	http://europeangreenbelt.org
	Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Ukraine	Carpathian EcoRegion Initiative	2001	To achieve the long term conservation of the Carpathian Mountains, while supporting its economy and culture for the lasting benefit of people through international partnership towards its conservation.	-	X	X	X	-	http://www.carpat.es
	Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Lichtenstein, Monaco, Slovenia, Switzerland	Ecological Networks in the European Alps	2005	To protect, maintain and restore ecological connectivity in the Alps and to analyse existing physical and legal barriers to the establishment of ecological corridors in the Alps and links to other ecoregions (e.g. the Mediterranean or Carpathians)	-	X	X	-	X	http://www.alpine-ecological-network.org
National programmes	France	The French Ecological Network (Trame verte et bleue)	2008	To diminish the fragmentation and vulnerability of natural habitats and species by developing a green and blue infrastructure. To establish a land use planning document which contains a regional scheme for ecological coherence and identifies natural core areas to be connected together.	-	X	X	-	X	http://www.legrenelle-environnement.fr
	United Kingdom	Central Scotland Green Network	2009	To create a high quality green network, which will enrich people's lives, promote economic prosperity, allow nature to flourish and help Scotland respond to climate change.	X	X	X	X	-	http://www.centalscotlandgreen-network.org
	Germany	Biotope Network	2004	To coordinate and harmonise the planning and implementation of ecological corridors through a bottom up approach. To define common criteria for identifying components of the ecological network.	-	X	X	-	-	http://www.bfn.de
City-region programmes	Spain	Green Belt in Barcelona Metropolitan Region (Anella Verda)	2000	To guide new land use development through restoration of open spaces and natural areas in built-up areas in order to increase biological diversity and social cohesion.	-	X	X	X	X	LIFE00 ENV/E/000415
	Germany	Munich City Region	1998	To balance the preservation and development of green spaces with urban development. To develop ecological standards and safeguard natural resources.	X	X	X	X	-	http://www.muenchen.de/plan
	Italy	Milan City Region	2000	To develop land-use policies and regulations were implemented for the management of the rural landscape and the conservation of habitat and ecosystems.	-	X	X	X	X	www.parconord.it
Urban programmes	United Kingdom	Borough of Sutton (London) - Sustainable Urban Planning Networks for Green Spaces	2003	To demonstrate how urban municipalities can develop effective stakeholder participation tools to plan and undertake urban improvement for the enhanced environmental value of urban green space.	-	-	X	X	X	LIFE03 ENV/UK/000614
	United Kingdom	City of Plymouth - Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan	2008	To enhance multiple benefits of green spaces. To strength and restore connectivity. To improve recreation links within city and with countryside. To use woodlands to reduce carbon footprint	X	X	X	X	X	http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/
	The Netherlands	Arnhem - Urban Forestry Network	2009	To embrace the concept of an urban forest made up of trees, forests and other green-spaces and to place public participation at the centre of the approach.	-	-	X	X	X	http://www arnhem.nl/english/