



Project Partners

The 14 partners, drawn from eight member states, represent a broad spectrum of authorities and climate change challenges, all with varying degrees of strategic policy and experience.

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- Netherlands**
City District of Geuzenveld-Slotermeer
- Slovakia**
Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe, Country Office Slovakia
- Sweden**
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- UK**
London Borough of Sutton
Southampton City Council
South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
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A network of leading organisations involved in integrating climate change adaptation into regional planning and development has been established across Europe in the new Green and Blue Space Adaptation for Urban Areas and Eco Towns (GRaBS) project.



The GRaBS project will facilitate the much needed exchange of knowledge and experience and the actual transfer of good practice on climate change adaptation strategies to local and regional authorities.

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New era in European partnership to plan for climate change adaptation





Get involved in the GRaBS project through:



The case for climate change adaptation

Atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations are now at their highest for 3 million years and as a result urban areas are vulnerable to increased temperatures and flooding.

Regional spatial planning and urban design can provide solutions that make our communities less vulnerable to these risks. Green infrastructure including gardens, parks, productive landscapes, green corridors, green roofs and walls and blue infrastructure such as water bodies, rivers, streams, floodplains and sustainable drainage systems, play a vital role in creating climate resilient development – a role, which is currently not sufficiently recognised and utilised and lacks integration in mainstream planning.



By advancing the knowledge and expertise of partner staff through the GRaBS project, decisions makers, politicians and communities, and regional and local municipalities across Europe will be able to make a more informed and strategic response to climate change adaptation. In the long term communities will reduce their vulnerability to the environmental, social and economic damage related to climate change impacts including extreme temperature increases and flooding incidents.



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The GRaBS project has four main objectives

- 1 To raise **awareness** and increase the **expertise** of key bodies responsible for spatial planning and development as to how green and blue infrastructure can help new and existing mixed use urban development adapt to projected climate scenarios.
- 2 To assess the delivery mechanisms that exist for new urban mixed use development and urban regeneration in each partner country and to develop good practice **adaptation action plans** to co-ordinate the delivery of urban greening and adaptation strategies, as well as cooperation amongst:
 - Planners
 - Policy-makers
 - Stakeholders, and
 - Local communities.
- 3 To develop an innovative, cost effective and user friendly **risk and vulnerability assessment tool**, to aid the strategic planning of climate change adaptation responses.
- 4 To improve stakeholder and community understanding and involvement in planning, delivering and managing green infrastructure in new and existing urban mixed use development, based on **positive community involvement** techniques.