

Content of the Programme of Work for the European Green Belt Association 2017 – 2018

The content of the Programme of Work for the European Green Belt Association 2017- 2018 was developed in three steps:

1. From the eight priorities for collaboration for the European Green Belt Initiative identified during the 8th Pan-European Conference 2014 in Slavonice, the Board of the European Green Belt Association chose the three most important as well as most suitable priorities for the Programme of Work EGBA 2017-2018:
 - a. Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange
 - b. (EU-) Lobbying
 - c. Awareness raising and Education
2. During the 9th Pan-European Green Belt Conference 2016 in Koli, the participants identified a list of possible tasks for the three selected fields of work for the European Green Belt Association
3. The most important tasks were selected for the Programme of Work EGBA 2017-2018 during the General Assembly 2016 by the members of the European Green Belt Association

The Programme of Work EGBA 2017-2018 will be finalized during the Board Meeting of the European Green Belt Association on 12th December 2016, including the identification of responsibilities and budgets for the chosen tasks. Below the identified tasks of the Programme of Work EGBA 2017-2018 are listed, including a first suggestion for the budget as well as the main responsibility.

Beside the specific tasks identified during the 9th Pan-European Green Belt Conference, the chair of the EGBA has to cover administrative duties, like membership administration, communication in general as well as all further activities of the chair according to the statutes.

Field of Action: Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange

Topic	Task	Details
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With special section for scientific exchange
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By mid/end of 2017 a section on the website for links to external websites is built 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online library about EGB, incl. Publications (Studies and PR-Material), Videos, Presentations 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section for presenting best practise examples from EGB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present one best practise example from each EGB region per year → 4 best practise examples per year
Expert meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special topic/theme meetings shall be included in the Pan-European or/and Regional Conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special meetings where EGB actors as well as outside EGB actors are invited to discuss a scientific theme/topic • Participants, include NGOs and GOs from both inside and outside EGB, use conference as a networking, learning and communications event
Joint Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By end of 2018, the EGBA will have defined which data should be shared and set up guidelines, procedure and rules for possible data upload 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By end of 2018, the EGBA will have identified possibilities for cooperation with existing databases 	
EGBA Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 3 times a year the EGBA will release an online newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The newsletter should cover concrete results of studies as well as presentations

Field of Action: (EU-) Lobbying

Task	Details
Declaration of EP recognising EGB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.g. Organisation of lunch debate • Representation of the EGB
Request for financial instrument on Green Infrastructure formulated and relevant institutions addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare position paper (policy) requesting funding for GI
Request for the integration of the EGB, Green Infrastructure and Connectivity in sectoral funding (H2020, Interreg, CBD) formulated and relevant institutions addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare position paper (policy) requesting sectoral funding for EGB (Connectivity, Green Infrastructure)
Declaration of Intent (DoI) signed/ endorsed by all 24 countries along the EGB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make good use of “Year of the environment” in the Russian Federation in 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGBA shall send a letter to the Russian Government with regard to the DoI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up bilateral contacts with members in other relevant countries (Greece, Turkey, Lithuania)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGBA shall explore how MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) can be reached

Field of Action: Awareness Raising and Education

Task	Components	Details
Communication Strategy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a strategy for internal as well as external communication (within EGBI, within regions and outside of EGBI)
Communication Strategy Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EGB Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One per region and year = 8 Awards
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Belt Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year on the weekend after the 24th September At least one event per year in each region
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press Tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 2018 one press tour in each region → 4 press tours in total
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logo Dissemination 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EGBA explores the option of a EGB calendar released every year and develops a concept

Additional tasks defined by the General Assembly

Topic	Task
List of ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EGBA prepares a document including all further project ideas developed during the Pan-European Conference 2016 (strategic working session IIb) and shares it with the members
Project Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together with Metähallitus Finland and the MoE Finland as lead partner the EGBA will elaborate the suitability of a joint EU-LIFE project proposal for a project on pan-European level • The EGBA monitors EU project calls and elaborates its suitability for projects on pan-European level

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