Transferable Solution Sheet

Identification of a Transfer Opportunity for the ETU Call · Key information for potential takers

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PROJECT ACRONYM
URWAN

Urban Regenerative Water Avant-garde(N)

TOP SOLUTION TITLE
The URWAN Enabler Pack – Toolkit for Urban NbS and Green-Blue Infrastructure

Integrated toolkit to plan, co-design and implement water-sensitive urban NbS

THEMATIC AREA
Green Resilient Planning · Community engagement

SOLUTION TYPE
Toolkit: training, catalogue, guidelines, checklist

CHALLENGE ADDRESSED
Water security and climate resilience through NbS

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE
2.4 · Climate change adaptation and risk prevention

1 Solution Overview

Territorial challenge addressed

Mediterranean cities face water scarcity, drought and floods, and many municipalities lack the capacity and guidance to integrate NbS into planning and investment.

Description of the solution

Four resources: a training programme (3 kits), a catalogue of water-sensitive NbS, the Start Park co-design guidelines with a serious game, and a checklist aligned with the IUCN Global Standard for NbS.

Documents and links

https://etuinitiative.eu/solutions/urwan-start-park-co-design-toolkit-for-urban-regeneration/

Primary target users

Local authority managers and technical staff, planners, NGOs, local associations, citizens.

2 Replicability and Adaptation Potential

Potential applications

Turning adaptation goals into concrete NbS: training municipal staff, selecting context-appropriate NbS, co-designing green spaces with citizens and checking interventions against IUCN criteria. Start Park tested in the URWAN pilot cities of Ferla and Rome (IT), Ptuj (SI), Cuba (PT) and Sarajevo (BA).

Suitable territorial contexts

Any urban area, of any size, facing drought, floods or urban heat island.
Knowledge of grey infrastructure desirable; existing NbS should be documented.
Limits: no engineering design or funding of works.

3 Mentoring and Technical Support Offered

Giver ticks the schemes offered

FULL TAKER MENTORING SCHEME [X] *Offered by the giver (type X)*

Potential mentoring activities and materials

Shareable materials: training kits (EN, IT, PT, BS, SL) with videos (EN); NbS catalogue (EN, FR, ES, IT, PT, AR, BU, AL, BS, SI, GR); Start Park guidelines and serious game (EN, IT, PT, BS, SI, GR); Checklist (EN, FR, BS, ES, IT, PT, GR, AR).

URWAN School: 3-day in-person training in Rome (week of 22–26 February 2027), with Start Park practice and a pilot-site visit.

Online mentoring (indicatively 4–6 sessions over about 6 months) to support:

- applying the Checklist to planned or implemented NbS;
- a preliminary assessment of one suitable Start Park site;
- drafting the lighter Roadmap.

Indicative outcomes and outputs

- Capacity built on the 4 Enabler Pack elements
- Checklist report with recommendations
- Preliminary assessment of one Start Park site
- Lighter Roadmap, co-produced with C4LA

No funding of works, technical design or on-site facilitation. Free of charge.

SOFT TAKER MENTORING SCHEME [X] *Offered by the giver (type X)*

Potential mentoring activities and materials

Shareable materials (as above).

URWAN School: 3-day in-person training in Rome (week of 22–26 February 2027). No mentoring foreseen.

Indicative outcomes and outputs

- Capacity built on the 4 Enabler Pack elements
- Autonomous use of the Checklist for self-assessment

4 Requirements for Transfer

Requirement	Information for full takers	Information for soft takers	Stage
Technical profiles and baseline competencies	Municipal technical staff (planning, environment, public works); grey infrastructure knowledge desirable; working English	1–2 technical staff; working English	Start
Data and information	Water-related risks (drought, floods, heat); local plans; existing or planned NbS	None	Mentoring
Digital resources	Internet and videoconferencing tools	Internet access	Start
Stakeholder involvement	Planning, environment and public works departments	None	Mentoring
Operational conditions	Staff available to apply the Checklist, assess a Start Park site and draft the Roadmap	Staff available to attend the School	Start
Regulatory aspects	Willingness to integrate NbS into local plans	None	Mentoring
Other relevant requirements	None; funding needed only for later implementation	None	Later

Soft-taker column: fill only if the soft scheme is offered. Stage: Start = essential to initiate transfer · Mentoring = can be developed during mentoring · Later = needed only for subsequent implementation