Professional training program on urban green spaces management

European exchange program on the management of urban green spaces for professionals and actors of the environment

23rd to 27th of April 2018 Brussels

Urban and green challenging playgrounds for children

Target audience: landscape architects, administrators and managers of green spaces, youth and educational workers, teachers and school boards, managers in green maintenance, environmental and educational associations.

Organizer: GoodPlanet Belgium

Number of participants: 25

Partners: Environmental Department of Brussels, City of Antwerp, City of Ghent, HoGent – Landscape Architecture, JES vzw, maison de repos Anne-Sylvie Mouzon, local schools...

Training criteria:
- Theoretic frame by experts.
- Exchange.
- Debate on space for children and nature in the city
- Visit inspiring examples of green schoolgrounds and public spaces for children and youngsters.
- Workshops on case studies: analysis and designing solutions on specific cases (accompanied by trainers).
Day -1-
Getting to know each other
Connected play areas in Brussels
09:30-10:00 Welcome coffee and Registration
10:00-11:00 Course Introduction by GoodPlanet Belgium and PROGRESS partners
11:00-13:30 Getting to know the participants
13:30-14:30 Lunch
14:30-15:15 Transport
15:15-16:30 Field visit
  Park Thurn & Taxis Presentation connected play areas in Brussels
  (Duvivier, C.; Coordinator – Connected play areas - Brussels Environment)
  Allee Du Kaai Presentation temporary informal meeting space ‘Allee Du Kaai’
  (Urbina, A.; Coordinator Thurn & Taxis Participation and Events – Brussels Environment)

Day -2-
Green Adventurous School Playgrounds
Ghent
09:00-10:05 Train to Ghent
10:05-10:15 Reception
10:15-10:25 Introduction PROGRESS to visitors
10:25-10:40 Introduction GRAS: Green Adventurous School playgrounds
  (Claeys F., coördinator GRAS, City of Ghent)
10:40-11:20 Presentation: A vision on green schoolgrounds,
  Educational approach
11:40-11:55 Break
11:55-13:00 Presentation: A vision on green schoolgrounds,
  Educational approach (part 2)
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-17:30 Field trip by bike: Visit green adventurous school playgrounds
17:30 - ... Train to Brussels
Day -3-
Green Adventurous Public Areas
Antwerp
08:30 Train to Antwerp
09:00-09:30 Reception at Permeke Library
09:30-09:45 Introduction
09:45-10:30 Connected play areas in Antwerp and policy
(Seghers, W., expert playspace policy – City of Antwerp)
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45- 11:30 Risks and safety in adventurous playgrounds
(Van Ingelghem, K., GoodPlanet, expert nature and educative methodology and safety)
11:40-12:20 Lunch at Permeke Library
12:30 Bus at Queen Astrid Square
13:00-14:00 Field visit natural play area Distelhoek
14:30-15:30 Field visit natural play area Park van Eden
16:00-16:30 Bus to Central Train Station Antwerp
16:30-… Train to Brussels

Day -4-
Case studies Green play areas
Brussels
09:00-13:00 Visit case studies
* Schoolyard in Brussels, participant in project ‘Ose Le Vert’
  (Vanfraechem, T., school coach for the project)
* two neighbourhood public play areas in Brussels:
  ‘Jardin des 5 Sens’ and ‘Korte Malibransstraat’
  (Hervé, S., coördinator ‘Jardin des 5 sens’ – GoodPlanet Belgium.
   Vosters, J., staff member youth participation – Jes vzw)
* Shared public space ‘Saint-Moulin’
  (Struys, J., Brede School Flamingo – Education and Leisure Department)
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-16:00 Workshops on case studies: design solutions and ideas
16:00-17:00 Presentation of group processes

Day -5-
Case studies Green play areas + conclusion
10:00-11:00 Extra time for presentation group process / Presentation of partner’s project
11:00-13:00 Sharing experiences, expectations and learnings
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-17:00 Optional field visit of project ‘Jardin Des Délices’ (/‘Paradise Garden’),
Shared garden of a home for elderly
(Vanfraechem, T., coördinator project – GoodPlanet)