

MANUAL OF TRANSNATIONAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

Decision Support Tool

This Manual provides guidance in assessing the structure and types of Green Infrastructure (GI) at transnational level. It demonstrates the process and methods of generating transnational GI maps. The manual evaluates available data, for example data provided by the European Copernicus Programme, regarding their suitability for assessing GI in Central Europe. It provides a method for ground-truthing and shows results of the individual ground-truthing carried out in the nine case study areas of the Interreg Central Europe Project MaGICLandscapes - Managing Green Infrastructure in Central European Landscapes.

Furthermore, the Manual introduces a coordinated GI classification scheme by providing a transnational GI map for the whole Central Europe as well as regional GI maps of all case study areas. Due to some shortcomings regarding transnational data (spatial resolution, accuracy, classified elements) the manual also demonstrates how to refine maps to the national and regional level using available more detailed data (e.g. biotope data) and provides a collection of refinement examples from the MaGICLandscapes case study areas. The Manual is a useful tool for regional stakeholders dealing with GI mapping. The maps produced alongside the manual provide a well-founded basis for further GI analyses, for example on the provision of ecosystem services, biotope connectivity and functionality etc.



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