



## Annex 1 – Action plan template

Produced by each region, the **action plan** is a document providing details on how the lessons learnt from the cooperation will be exploited in order to improve the policy instrument tackled within that region. It specifies the nature of the actions to be implemented, their timeframe, the players involved, the costs (if any) and funding sources (if any). If the same policy instrument is addressed by several partners, only one action plan is required.

### Part I – General Information

Project: **PERFECT**

Partner organisation: **Provincial Government of Styria, Department for environment and spatial planning**

Other partner organisations involved (if relevant): none

Country: **Austria**

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### Part II – Policy context

The Action Plan aims to impact:

**Investment for Growth and Jobs programme**

**European Territorial Cooperation programme**

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**Other regional development policy instrument**

Name of the policy instrument addressed: **Spatial Planning Law of Styria**

## Part III – Details of the actions envisaged

### ACTION 1: Production of a “GI cookbook” (guidebook) for mainly Styrian local councils as decision makers to raise the awareness for GI in spatial planning

1. The background (please describe the lessons learnt from the project that constitute the basis for the development of the present Action Plan) for both actions

During the stakeholder meetings in the first 2 years of the PERFECT project we realized, that one of our stakeholder groups (the spatial planners) are partly already aware of the necessity to implement GI in local spatial planning. In the INTERREG IVC project GRABS (2008-2011) a guideline for using GI in spatial planning, was elaborated and further on disseminated among the planning offices.

However, at the PERFECT-P2P-meeting in Cornwall (November 2017) we realized the importance of involving county and city councillors (e.g. political decision makers) in enhancing GI in spatial planning. This good practice inspired our idea of how we will develop our AP. Therefore, we decided to emphasize our action plan towards a stronger involvement of the planning and political level. So the action, is to produce a kind of guidebook for using more GI and setting determinations for it in Styrian spatial planning instruments and therefore to convince the decision makers of local planning. In Austria we have 9 federal states and each one has its own spatial planning or building up law. Therefore the guidebook is mainly for the Styrian municipalities and planners, but of course the ideas can be taken over by other provinces if it fits to their law.

2. Action 1 (please list and describe the actions to be implemented)

The first action is to produce the GI cookbook. In this guidebook the multiple benefits of GI and inspiring good practices learned during the PERFECT project will be gathered and summarized as an easy understandable guidebook, mainly for political decision makers and their advisors. This “Green Infrastructure Cookbook” (it is in a way the outcome of the Action plan of Styria) will therefore give further information on (see the details in the English summary):

- Definition of GI
- Need for GI (multiple benefits) as we learned it f.e. from our Amsterdam partner that GI f.e. can reduce doctor visits of the persons living in green areas.
- Way of implementation in Styrian spatial planning instruments
- Presenting good practice examples from local municipalities (as inspiration and proof of effectiveness of GI): Good examples from the neighbourhood are easier transferable.
- Lessons learned from good practices of other PERFECT partners (the Greening of the playgrounds in Amsterdam, Greening of Roofs in Amsterdam, the Stockholm system in the city of Graz, the multifunctional use of streams, waterbodies, green space and recreation in Ljubljana, the socio-ecological effects of parklands and flooding areas in London etc.).

### ACTION 2: Dissemination of the “GI cookbook”

The outcome (a printed version of the document and a digital one) will be distributed at/by:

- further stakeholder meetings in Phase 2 – mainly directly presented in the municipalities
  - voluntarily study visits with city councillors and planners (like we had in Phase 1)
  - other dissemination events (Planner days, aso)
  - website of the Department for Environment and Spatial Planning of Partner 4 STMK
  - e-mails to all 287 municipalities of the Province of Styria, planners and political office in charge of spatial planning, our stakeholder groups like the Styrian alliance of cities and/or alliance of municipalities. The political office is already involved in our action plan, the advisors of the politicians already took part in a P2P meeting (Cornwall) and in the 5th PSC-meeting in Amsterdam. This is important as they can convince the relevant politicians for changes in the spatial planning law, concerning more determinations in implementation of GI.
3. Players involved (please indicate the organisations in the region who are involved in the development and implementation of the action and explain their role) – for both actions
    - Department for Environment and Spatial Planning of Partner 4 STMK (controlling authority for all spatial planning instruments in Styria, all existing planning instruments of all municipalities are “collected here)

- All municipalities of the Province of Styria (in charge of legal determination of their local spatial planning instruments).
- Spatial Planners (experts and professionals assigned by the municipalities)
- Political Office at the Provincial Government of Styria (responsible for the spatial planning law)

#### 4. Timeframe (for both actions)

##### Phase 1

Summer/Autumn 2019:

- Monitoring of already existing planning instruments with GI in the Styrian municipalities
- Draft of "The Green Infrastructure Cookbook": until 06/2019. (The German version will be finalised till 1.9.2019)
- Final Version: until September 2019
- Dissemination:
  - starts in second semester of 2019 (to the stakeholdergroups) – printed version available in department
  - The guidebook will be on the homepage of the department of spatial planning (Partner STMK) as a download, up from autumn 2019 (municipalities and planners will be informed about it via email in September 2019)
  - The Guidebook will be distributed via mail to the 287 municipalities in Styria.

##### Phase 2

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- Implementing at local spatial planning level by addressing of probably 2 local municipalities in Phase 2 (1 per semester in 2020). The guidebook can be also presented in a meeting of the councils in their municipality. There are some municipalities, which are already very interested in implementing more GI in the planning instruments on a local level, due to participating in our stakeholder meetings and study visits. The city council of Leibnitz f.e. had already a study visit to our Perfect partner Ljubljana and was inspired about the good practices and the project itself. In this way the municipality got already to know the multiple benefits of GI in a very detailed study visit with good practise examples in Ljubljana City. Now it is up to them to implement the GI in their planning instruments. This good example will give a help for the other Styrian municipalities. Feedbacks to this can be given at the Project Partnermeeting In Autumn 2020.

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- Evaluating:
 

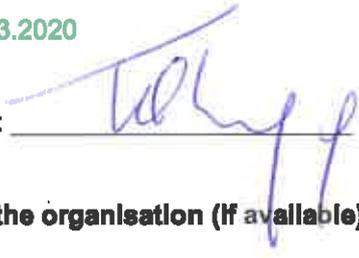
At the second year of phase 2 (especially in spring 2021) the effect of this learning process can be evaluated in the different zoning maps of the city of Leibnitz and also in the development concept, but also in the other Styrian municipalities.

It will be done a second research in the department of spatial planning of the provincial government of Styria.
  - Monitoring:
 

There should be hopefully a difference of the amount of planning instruments of using GI. A main focus will be done of course in the percentage of GI in the development concepts, as this is our aim for the selfdefined performance indicator (20% of GI). The final result should be the changing of the Styrian spatial planning law (Policy Instrument of Partner 4) to this aspect - that the municipalities have to implement 20 % of GI in their development concepts. But this is in the "hands" of the politicians.
5. Costs: The monitoring costs are covered within the budget of PERFECT for phase 2.
6. Funding sources: (none) - The dissemination and evaluating costs are all covered within the budget via the partner's own resources

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