



**Dortmund**  
**25-26/09/18**

**productive Green Infrastructure for  
post-industrial urban regeneration**

**Kick-off conference**



## About the Conference

The conference in Dortmund will be the public kick-off for proGReg and introduce the topic of nature-based solutions for urban regeneration to the wider public. Cities involved in the project will present their ideas for nature-based solutions, exchange knowledge, discuss solutions and challenges, and raise questions that need to be tackled in the course of the project.

ProGReg invites all people and organisations interested in nature-based solutions to join the conference and discuss ideas and the potential of productive Green Infrastructure for urban regeneration.



**How can cities make use of their post-industrial areas?**



**How can we use nature and natural processes to promote the health and well-being of citizens?**

**How can citizens become involved in regeneration processes and create new economies?**

## About proGReg

The proGReg project will address these challenges by developing green infrastructure for post-industrial areas. This European Commission-funded project, coordinated by the Chair of Landscape Architecture at the University RWTH Aachen together with 34 partner organisations, runs from 2018 until 2023. It brings together the 'front-runner' cities of Dortmund (Germany), Torino (Italy), Zagreb (Croatia), and Ningbo (China), where different types of nature-based solutions will be tested and developed.

Local communities of the Living Labs - the specific areas where the nature-based solutions will be tested and developed in a real-life environment - are central to this project and will be involved at all stages of the project from design to implementation. The 'follower' cities of Cascais (Portugal), Piraeus (Greece), Cluj Napoca (Romania) and Zenica (Bosnia Herzegovina) will co-steer the process since they will replicate and continue to develop the nature-based solution models in their cities. All involved will have the opportunities to learn from each other through training sessions – both in-person at conferences as well as in on-line courses.

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## Tuesday 25/09/2018: Public Conference on nature-based Solutions

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Venue: Alte Schmiede, Hülshof 32, 44369 Dortmund-Huckarde

9:00 Registration and Coffee

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### Welcome and Introduction

- 9:30 Urban Green Infrastructure: Success Stories, Future Ambitions and “nordwärts” Project  
*Ullrich Sierau, Lord Mayor of the City of Dortmund*
- 10:00 Nature-based Solutions in the EU Strategies for inclusive urban Regeneration  
*Ugo Guarnacci, European Commission, Executive Agency for Small and Medium sized Enterprises (EASME)*
- 10:15 Making nature-based Solutions work: Horizon 2020 Innovation Action proGReg  
*Frank Lohrberg / Axel Timpe, RWTH Aachen University*

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### Living Labs: Cities in Research and Innovation

- 10:45 Living Labs: Promises and Challenges of a new Research Infrastructure  
*Stefan Bösch, proGReg Ethics Board / RWTH Aachen University HumTec*
- 11:00 Sustainable Innovations: The Role of local Governments  
*Barbara Anton, ICLEI European Secretariat*
- 11:15 Making our City a Laboratory for Innovation:  
Discussion Panel of proGReg City Representatives  
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- 12:00 (light) Lunch

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### After-lunch Walk in the Dortmund Living Lab / Visit of Hansa Coking Plant

- 13:00 Visiting the former coking plant conserved and reused as an industrial heritage site, explanation of the implemented nature-based solution for stormwater management

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### Living Lab Dortmund-Huckarde

- 14:45 From old Industries to new Gardens: Emscher Green Corridor and International Garden Exhibition Metropole Ruhr  
*Stefan Thabe, City of Dortmund – Urban Planning*
- 15:10 Productive City: Ideas for community-based Aquaponics and Urban Gardening  
*Jan Bunse, die Urbanisten e.V.*

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### Challenges and Solutions: proGReg Cities' Market Place

- 15:30 Front runner and follower cities present their challenges, Living Labs, planned nature-based solutions at market stands with posters, models and information material
- 16:40 Coffee break

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### Nature-based Solutions Reference Base and Replication

- 17:00 Making Performance measurable: Nature-based solutions Benefit Assessment  
*Carlo Calfapietra, Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche Italy (t.b.c.)*
- 17:20 Making nature-based Solutions a Business: Replication Strategies through Business Models  
*Bernd Pölling, South Westphalia University of Applied Sciences*

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### Concluding Remarks and Prospects for the proGReg Project

- 17:40 *Frank Lohrberg, RWTH Aachen University*
- 18:00 End of conference

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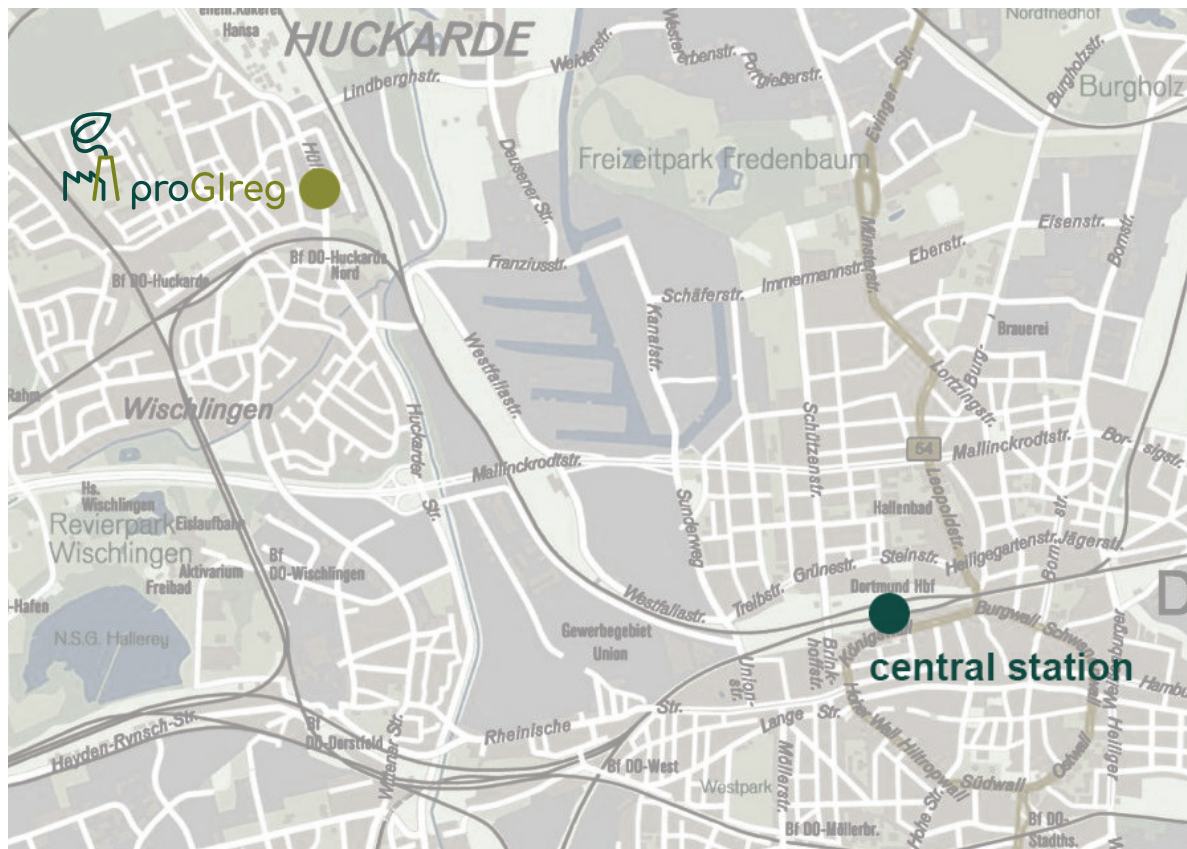
## Wednesday 26/09/2018: Public Field Trip

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Meeting point: Hermannstraße at “DO-Hörde Bahnhof” (Subway station Line U41)

### Field Trip: Urban Regeneration and Green Infrastructure in Dortmund

- 13:00 - Blue-Green Infrastructure PHOENIX See: New lake on a former steelworks site  
- Renaturing the Emscher River as part of the Emscher Landschaftspark  
- PHOENIX-West: Combining industrial heritage and new economic activities  
- Urban gardening Dortmund Hörde  
Presented by City of Dortmund and die Urbanisten e.V.
- 17:00 Back at Dortmund Central Station



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### Conference Venue

Kulturzentrum  
,Alte Schmiede'  
Hülshof 32  
44369 Dortmund-Huckarde

From Dortmund Central Station (Hauptbahnhof) tram line U47 leaves every 10 minutes (journey time 13 minutes). Stop: Parsevalstraße. From there it is about 5 minutes to walk to the venue.  
Travel information: [www.bahn.com/en/](http://www.bahn.com/en/)



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### Registration

Please use the online registration form: <http://www.progireg.eu/>  
Registration deadline: 7th of September

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