What we stand for

We want

- to work together with the local authorities in metropolitan areas to achieve enhanced urban, suburban and rural open spaces
- to work with interest groups, stakeholders and the broader community
- to lobby for a legal framework in order to be able to initiate measures effectively at all levels
- to develop tools and approaches so that urban and regional open spaces can serve many functions as part of the green infrastructure
- to work together to ensure that the landscapes in and around our cities improve quality of life for the population
- identify areas and existing infrastructures suitable for continuing development in green infrastructure
- to raise and allocate sufficient funds, and develop new financing models, in order to invest sustainably in green infrastructures

What we do

We will

- exchange experiences and learn from one another
- raise awareness of the significance of green infrastructure in our cities and surrounding regions
- increase the importance of open spaces in collaboration within metropolitan areas
- contribute to the development of policy at the European level, in particular in the context of the European Strategy for the Alpine Region

The network is an initiative of the EU project LOS_DAMA!
The City Network

Grenoble, Munich, Trento, Turin and Vienna started things off; on 2 October 2017, political representatives of these cities and city regions signed a declaration committing to further cooperation. The cities of Graz, Salzburg, Milan, Verona, Bergamo and Innsbruck have so far joined them.

The shared objective is to protect the precious open spaces and landscapes in and around the Alpine cities and to develop them further as green infrastructure. We invite other cities and city regional governments to join our network and invite other stakeholders to participate by providing their support.

Our network of cities and city regions works closely with the European Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP). We welcome the initiative of EUSALP Working Group 7, making the Alpine region a model region for green infrastructure.

Green Infrastructure

Natural and semi-natural areas such as farmland, areas of moor and heathland, mountain landscapes, forests, river courses and parks as well as green roofs come together to form a network described as green infrastructure.

Green infrastructure plays many important roles: as a leisure space and diverse habitat for animals, plants and people — even in times of climate change; as a source of food, water and other raw materials; as protection against flooding and more.

Green infrastructure offers economically sound solutions in harmony with nature.