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3rd GreenInUrbs Training School

Duisburg , Germany, 10th – 14th October 2016

From Brownfields to Green infrastructure and urban forests

Industrial Nature Trail, Wild urban forests and wood biomass short rotation landscape laboratories on former brownfield sites as nature based solutions in Ruhr Metropolitan Area, Land Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Training School for practitioners, managers, students, post-doc and young researchers

The Ruhr Metropole Region (Land Nordrhein-Westfalen) is the most densely populated multiple-city region of Germany. Its unique history reveals more than 150 years of industrial landscape development dominated by coal mining, steel and chemical industries.

After the decline of coal mining the structural changes have had and still have deep social and environmental impacts. One of the challenges is the reclaiming of large brownfield

sites. Since 1989 the state government of NRW has financially supported the economic, social and cultural change. One of the major state-supported projects is the creation of the Emscher Landscape Park (ELP) as a consequence of the International building exhibition Emscher Park (1989-1999).

During the training school week the importance of urban forestry and a vivid green urban infrastructure and their contribution to climate mitigation, environmental education, health and recreation and biodiversity will be shown and discussed.

The school will provide an overview of how to establish an urban green infrastructure in a former industrial region. An overview of the theoretical background, practical approaches and good practice of urban green infrastructure and urban forestry will be given. The programme will include the visits of demonstration sites.

The training school will provide time and space for learning on site, discussion and networking with recognized international experts.

The school is organized by the Ministry of Environment Nordrhein-Westfalen, together with Biologische Station Westliches Ruhrgebiet and the local forest administration on behalf of **COST Action FP1204 “GreenInUrbs” (www.greeninurbs.com) and is free of charge.**

The COST Action “GreenInUrbs” will make available 20 grants of 600 € each for the selected participants (financial support does not apply for local people).

Eligible participants are those from COST Countries and from approved Institutions of COST Near Neighbours Countries (please visit the website http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/fps/Actions/FP1204 for details).

Application. Interested participants should contact and/or send an application with a brief CV to Lucia Cherubini (fp1204.granholder@ibaf.cnr.it) and Renate Spaeth (renate.spaeth@mkulnv.nrw.de) by 10 July 2016.

Selection will be based also on geographical distribution and gender balance.

Venue: The training school will basically be held in Duisburg, Nordrhein-Westfalen, at the Youth hostel Landschaftspark Duisburg – Nord;

www.duisburg-landschaftspark.jugendherberge.de;

The venue is situated at Landschaftspark Duisburg Nord- a former blast furnace site

www.landschaftspark.de;

Visits of the UNESCO World heritage site Zeche Zollverein (www.zollverein.de) in Essen and of a biomass landscape laboratory in the City of Gelsenkirchen are planned.

Travel information. The City of Duisburg is situated on the River Rhein and can be reached by: plane and train plane: airports of Düsseldorf; Düsseldorf-Weeze, Eindhoven, Cologne train station: Duisburg Hauptbahnhof

Accommodation. is available at the Training school conference Site Youth hostel standard. The price is approx. 35 euros per night, breakfast included; Lunch will be provided and if requested Dinner is also available at a price of 7 Euros.

Applicants should indicate whether they intend to stay at the Youth hostel or book accommodation independently