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The metropolitan scale of green infrastructure

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Green infrastructure arises as a great source of innovative solutions to tackle many of the challenges our urban society is facing today. From better air and water quality to the control of diseases, green infrastructure has the potential to provide integrated solutions resulting in environmental, economic and social benefits.

Its strategies and approaches may include a broad scope of initiatives, such as green roofs or walls, reed-beds, urban gardens and forests, ecological corridors and others, which can be implemented in combination with zoning, mobility, housing and civic engagement plans, in order to obtain optimal results. At metropolitan scales, green infrastructure can reach the magnitude required to respond to climate change emergencies and to improve the quality of life of vast urban populations, but also face complex challenges.

This session, which is the public activity of the **City Managers Days 2020**, brings the perspectives of top leaders from local and regional governments on the challenges and opportunities that they face when dealing with the implementation of green infrastructure at the metropolitan scale. It will be moderated by Alexander Heichlinger, Senior Expert and Consultant in city management, who is in charge of the dynamization of all activities of the City Managers Community this year.

The event will take place online on **Tuesday, November 17, from 15:00 to 16:00 CET** (check your local time).

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided (available languages: English, French and Spanish).

Please **register here** to attend.

Programme:

- **Welcome address**

Octavi de la Varga, Metropolis Secretary General

- **Keynote speech**

Ramon Torra, General Manager, Metropolitan Area of Barcelona

- **Green infrastructure challenges & opportunities**

Alexander Heichlinger, Senior Expert and Consultant in city management

- **Round of quick showcases** from the Metropolis membership:

- Green Ramallah Project

By Malveena Al-Jamal, Director of the Health and Environment Department, **Ramallah** Municipality

- Reforestation taskforce programme

By Débora Barros, Green Areas Coordinator of the **Rio de Janeiro** Municipality

- Bioretention systems for rainwater management

By Guy Trudel, Urban Management Advisor of the City of **Montréal**

- IGNITION project and the Greater Manchester Environment Fund

By Rachel Morrison, Senior Nature-Based Solutions Advisor, **Greater Manchester** Combined Authority

- **Provocative thoughts and wrap-up**

Galia Shokry, Doctoral Researcher for the Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability, co-author of the Metropolis Observatory Issue Paper #12 (to be released in January 2021)