



Twinning – international capacity building

Measure by	Future Cities project partners
Coverage	Areas of Future Cities-activities: NWE-countries, International
Measure type(s)	Inform / Consult / Co-produce
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Description and Aim

Staff (2-3 persons) of Future Cities partners engage intensely in a 1-2 day workshop discussing a concrete measure and developing plans further. Practical experiences are exchanged and advice is given across borders different countries.

Aim: Change knowledge – change attitude

The aim is to foster the direct and problem-oriented exchange of practical experiences and to find solutions by consulting between local/regional authorities and water boards from different countries.

Target group(s), Message, Instruments

Target group(s):

Administration staff: regional, local authorities/organisations
Project partners from the Future Cities-project: persons from different departments of the organisations

Message:

The know-how of different organisations from different countries can contribute effectively to improve a measure/plan or solve a problem.

Used instruments:

Use opinion – use facts
Printed information, presentation, site visits, moderated co-producing sessions with the “map-table”, etc. :
To explain the adaptation measures/plans and procedures to the other project partners, to learn from each other and to develop a measure further or make it transferable.

Experiences

Combination with other measure:

Concrete twinning sessions were held about structural measures (see fact sheets, e.g. green roofs, Heerener Mühlbach) and the communication tool “Mactable”.

Good-practice:

The twinning method is a valuable communication tool to dig deeper into a concrete topic which is of interest for at least two project partners to exchange their know-how. This can be enhanced by combining the know-how of the project partners with input from external experts (“views from different angles and different interest”).

For the practical development a “twinning request” is formulated by one partner describing topic and solutions sought for. Partners interested in the same theme or having further knowledge and experience about the topic in question respond.

The hosting partner organises the meeting with adequate instruments. In order to make the results of the meetings available a “twinning report” is written by all participating partners which covers the results of the meeting but also the lessons learned by each project partner.

Efforts have to be made related to the time needed for travelling and meeting.

Follow up:

According to the different themes the twinning activities are followed up by integrating the advice given in the plans or procedures.

The network for twinning activities was build up during the funded period of the Future Cities-project. After the end of the funding, twinning exchange is most likely to go on by e-mail contacts. One e-mail-twinning took place while the Future Cities-project was running.