

Global Green City Update

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There's Still Time to Enter the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024

Inspire a global movement for greener cities

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With just over 3 weeks to go before the 15th September 2023 deadline for submission of entries for the 2024 edition of the AIPH World Green City Awards, now is the time for cities to showcase their bold and innovative urban greening initiatives. Don't miss this unique opportunity for your city to participate in the only global awards where plants and nature are the core focus. If you are yet to start compiling your city's entry, there is still time! You can submit an entry in 4 simple steps:

1. **Create an account** - Do this on the online portal. This does not mean you have to submit an entry at a later stage.
2. **Login to the portal** - Here you can complete your account information and add new submissions you would like to work on over time.
3. **Compile your entry/ies** - Complete your responses to the questions in the online entry form, which are automatically saved for you to come back and edit each time you visit the portal.
4. **Complete your entry/ies** - All entries marked as 'complete on the portal will be automatically submitted at the deadline and will be eligible for judging.

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News & Events

AIPH Announces a Global Partnership with the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)



The commitment to long-term collaboration between AIPH and IFLA unites the global horticulture and landscape architecture industries and professions under the common goal of inspiring a global movement where plants and ecological systems are central to achieving transformative change to secure a more sustainable future for nature, for people, for cities, and ultimately for the planet.

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Call for Applications: Youth Jury for the AIPH Youth Award

AIPH, GYBN and Partners of the AIPH World Green City Awards are proud to announce the call for applications for the Youth Jury who will select the 3 finalists and the winner of the AIPH Youth Award in the AIPH World Green City Awards 2024. Applications will be open throughout September 2023. Follow our social media channels to be the first to know when you can apply!

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Register for the next Briefing

The next Briefings session is on 12th September with a special webinar featuring the City of London. [The 2021 Briefing series](#) explored the project implementing climate resilient planting in the City of London. Join us online to receive an update on climate resilient planting in London, as well as the latest research trialling the resilience of hedge and shrub plants vital to green infrastructure.

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AIPH Partners with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and the UNECE Trees in Cities Challenge



The prestigious network of partners for the AIPH World Green City Awards continues to grow, as AIPH formalises their collaboration with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and welcomes the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section's "Trees in Cities Challenge."



Find out how you can get involved by joining over 80 cities in the UNECE/FAO Trees in Cities Challenge: a global campaign of mayors who are implementing pledges to make their cities greener, more sustainable and resilient.

[Find out more](#)

Join the upcoming UN Decade Virtual Learning Session on 6th September 2023, which shines a spotlight on how changing our behaviour can charge efforts to restore ecosystems. Co-hosted by RARE and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), in partnership with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

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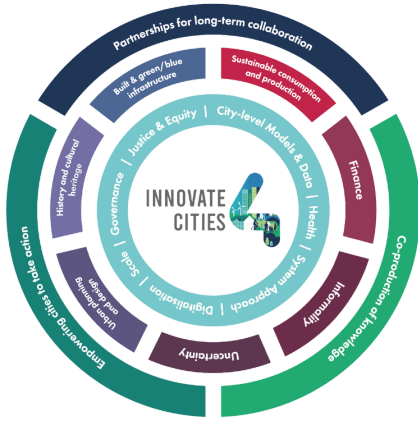
AIPH Green City Conference

On 20 September, the AIPH Green City conference will present how the industry contributes to projects and programmes that use the power of plants to create healthy, liveable, and resilient green cities. The conference, which takes place as part of AIPH's 75th Annual Congress, will be followed by tours to green city locations in Suncheon, Republic of Korea.

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Innovate4Cities Global Marketplace

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) and UN-Habitat invite you to



join us at the [Innovate4Cities Global Marketplace](#), taking place on a dedicated virtual platform from 10-12 October 2023, which seeks to link cities, local governments, funders, academia, and others to address crucial urban policy, research, and innovation gaps.

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IUCN Leaders Forum Geneva 2023

The second edition of the IUCN Leaders Forum will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 11 – 13 October 2023, under the theme Global goals for nature: tracking progress, financing success.



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Programme Launch for the World Urban Parks Joint Congress

The 2023 Joint International Congress programme has been announced with an array of engaging activations, speakers and tours, and events that will provide for an exciting week in Adelaide from 22-26 October 2023. Hosted by World Urban Parks and Parks and Leisure Australia, and supported by Green Adelaide, the Congress brings together some of the best minds to share ideas and shape our future.



[Programme](#)

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AIPH Members' Green City Reports

AIPH requests each of its [members](#) from around the world to provide an annual Green City Report. The reports describe industry-led initiatives, major green city projects, policy developments, community activities, and research publications, which are proudly featured in this section.



Québec Vert, Canada

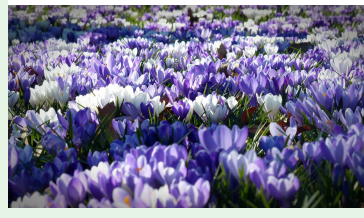


Composed of 12 associations of professionals and businesses working in ornamental horticulture, Québec Vert is responsible for more than twenty committees. A comparison between the environmental benefits of natural vs artificial flowers in hanging baskets considers aspects of production, novelty and design trends, maintenance, and disposal.

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Polish Nurserymen Association, Poland

Green is Life is an annual, international fair co-organised by two green organisations: The Polish Nurserymen's Association and the Greenery Promotion Agency. The Green City conference that is held alongside Green is Life has influenced the evolution of public greenery in Polish cities for 24 years. Noel Kingsbury, a world-renowned writer, teacher and practitioner in the field of horticulture and planting design, describes Green Areas of the Future in a Masterclass event on 1st September 2023.



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Green City Principles

Hot Off the Press: Nature-Based Solutions for Cities



This new book brings diverse perspectives from across the globe together to describe the state of the art in advancing nature-based solutions for cities. It aims to provide a handbook for graduate students, early career professionals, and emerging and advanced scholars to begin working with NBS in ways that consider multiple perspectives, disciplines, and ways of knowing.

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Transformative Urban Coalitions for Greener Cities



Learn about the 5 reasons why we must make 2023 count for cities [here](#). Transformative Urban Coalitions (TUC) supports cities to find joint solutions to become more green, inclusive and sustainable. The project's Urban Labs bring together communities to address local needs and help shift cities towards zero carbon emissions by 2050. Read more about this inspiring project in the [Phase I Global Visioning Report](#).

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Policy

EU Nature Restoration Law: What It Means for Cities

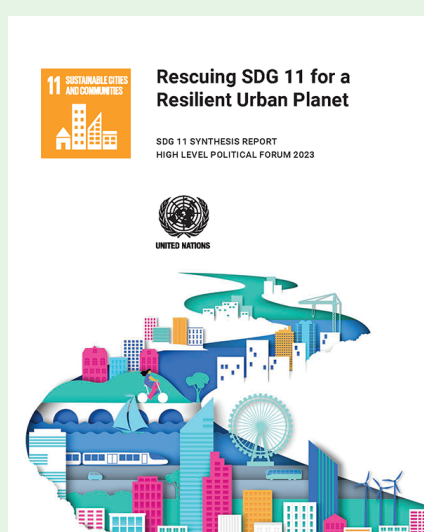
First proposed in June 2022 by the European Commission as part of the [European Green Deal](#) and its [2030 Biodiversity Strategy](#), the EU Nature Restoration Law aims to bring healthy ecosystems back to Europe. While the final text is still under negotiation, the proposed law clearly acknowledges the importance of bringing back nature to cities.

[Read the policy brief](#)

Rescuing SDG 11 for a Resilient Urban Planet

The current 2023 synthesis report shows that the world is off track in achieving SDG 11. Rescuing SDG 11 is urgent for the sake of present and future generations. The report points to the immense opportunities that exist and the innovations that are already underway.

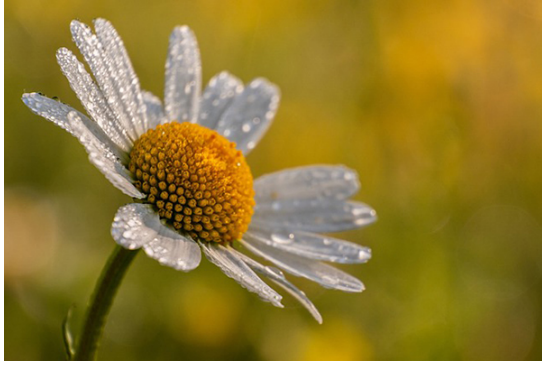
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Research Findings

Minimising Pollen Allergies in Urban Greenspaces

Achieving Green City Goals through Better Tree Planting Initiatives



Most current studies on urban green space focus on the positive benefits garden plants create for cities. However, the incidence and prevalence of pollen allergies is increasing worldwide, and this needs to be considered when designing and managing urban greenspace. A three-step greening strategy is proposed to minimise the volume of allergen production and increase the well-being of users of urban parks in Chengdu City.

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Tree planting in cities provides multiple benefits and forms part of many green city targets. This research presents seven principles that can help improve the success of tree planting initiatives in achieving urban greening targets. It is based on ensuring that the right type of trees are planted where they are needed most and where they will have the greatest impact.

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Best Practice

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Case Studies

Less Waste, More Life in the City

Buenos Aires, Argentina

The City of Buenos Aires has developed an innovative model to address waste management and improve the quality of urban green spaces. The City has adopted a comprehensive composting technique, which makes use of material generated from the maintenance of green spaces (such as cut grass, small branches, fallen leaves and flowers, etc.) for use as natural fertilisers to improve soil conditions and increase vegetation in the parks and squares of the City.



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Comprehensive Recovery of the Ciénaga de Mallorquin Coastal Lagoon Ecosystem

Baranquilla, Colombia

In response to climate change, the Ciénaga Mallorquin Ecopark's urban and landscape elements are carefully designed to solve problems of pollution, uncontrolled urban growth, and, in turn, generate the basis for a biodiverse city through the development of an active ecotourism network which makes natural heritage visible, and provides the city with new green public spaces.

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Green Trails of Łódź

Łódź, Poland

The City of Łódź's Green Trails is an ambitious urban greening project to counteract climate change and eliminate urban heat islands, increase water retention, and thus improve the quality of life of its inhabitants. This initiative proposes over 126 km of hiking and cycling routes throughout the city, which together form an integrated green network, linked by organised areas of urban greenery – parks, squares, and lawns.



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International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)
Since 1948, AIPH has united horticultural producers in an international community that thrives to this day. Much has changed in that time. Technologies advanced, cities rose from the ground, and we have become more connected than ever. As a result, our essential bond with nature has been weakened. AIPH strives to reignite and uphold an appreciation of plants that we believe is a basic human instinct. We support the work of grower associations globally and together we champion a prosperous industry, growing plants that enhance lives, advance societies, and sustain our planet, for this generation and the next.

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