

## URBforDAN partnership is based on:

- **Developing** integrated multi-use management plans for urban and peri-urban forests
- **Attracting** people to spend more time in UPF areas and use them for socialization, recreation, relaxation and education
- **Providing** new experiences for forest visitors by creating a smartphone application connecting the whole URBforDAN network
- **Encouraging** involvement by launching the »best idea« competition for design concepts of best sustainable ideas
- **Setting up** new equipment like benches or information boards in urban forests

## Our main objectives:

- We **set new standards** in the sustainable care of urban forests
- We **develop internationally applicable management plans** for urban forests
- We **improve the overall experience** for the visitors



## Our ways to reach the objectives:

- **By participatory approach** we attract, mobilize and engage key actors (owners and users of UPF) and involve them in the development of Integrated Multiuse Management Plans for UPF
- **By active involvement** of owners and users we are establishing joint management of urban forests
- **With UPF Danube network** we will strengthen local, national and transnational cooperation among key actors by sharing best practices and accumulated knowledge

Project partners:  
City of Ljubljana  
Slovenian Forest Service  
Municipality of Budapest  
Budapest Horticultural Private Limited  
City of Cluj-Napoca  
Cluj Metropolitan Association  
City of Vienna  
City of Zagreb  
Croatian Forests  
City of Belgrade  
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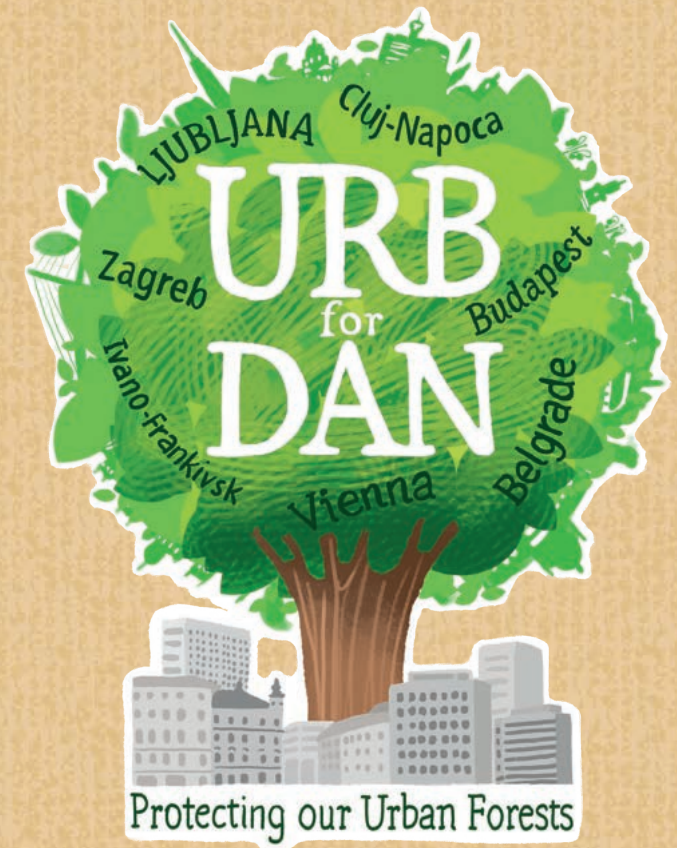
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## URBforDAN

Management and Utilization of Urban Forests  
as Natural Heritage in Danube Cities

Connecting Danube cities,  
promoting importance of urban  
and peri-urban forests (UPF) and  
committing to sustainable use  
of their resources

# OUR CITIES NEED THEIR »GREEN LUNGS«

Traditionally the city inhabitants find recreation and silence in urban forests. Their status of "green city lungs" is the main reason why forests in the project partner cities have so far survived all urbanization pressures mostly intact. However, the increasing numbers of citizens and visitors and their need for outdoor activities put urban forests under pressure. Even if many of the forests are protected as natural/cultural heritage, they will be impaired by inappropriate management, overuse and poor coordination between key actors. City of Ljubljana – the European Green Capital 2016 – recognized these needs and challenges. That's why a partnership of »Danube cities« was created, so that new standards in sustainable management of urban forests can be presented, implemented and upgraded.



# WE LOVE OUR URBAN FORESTS THAT'S OUR PASSION FOR THIS PROJECT

**Today's lifestyle in cities is fast and very intense.**

**Therefore, many citizens and visitors actively search for places to relax. There's often no time to visit green areas outside the city every day. We have a perfect alternative – an escape to the green sanctuary of an urban forest.**

# TRANSNATIONAL APPROACH FOR BIG CHALLENGES



URBforDAN is designed to deliver a change in urban forest management and utilization of ecosystem services in all seven partner cities: Ljubljana, Budapest, Cluj-Napoca, Vienna, Zagreb, Belgrade and Ivano-Frankivsk.

The project is intended to keep the current state of urban forests and to make sure that the forest areas become places for socialization, relaxation, recreation and education. Also a high-quality experience of natural heritage and green tourism for a diverse set of target groups has to be ensured. URBforDAN aims to improve cooperation between key actors to improve management of urban forests. At the same time, it aims to enrich "green tourism" in Danube Cities through new and improved services and products, accessible on over 1.000 hectares of urban and peri-urban forests (UPF\*).

\* Urban and peri-urban forest: The networks or systems comprising all woodland, groups of trees, and individual trees located in urban and peri-urban areas ... Urban forests are the backbone of the green infrastructure, bridging rural and urban areas and ameliorating a city's environmental footprint (Definition by FAO)