

GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE
Building Capacity for Urban Forest Management across Europe:
Indicators, Knowledge, and Participation
April 27-30, 2026 – Antalya, Türkiye

Venue: [Akdeniz University Guest House](#)
Pınarbaşı, Dumlupınar Blv., 07058 Konyaaltı/Antalya, Türkiye
(CEST, UTC+2)

DAY 1 – Monday 27 April

Management Committee meeting

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:10 Welcome by Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University. (*Cengiz Yücedağ*)

9:10-9:40 Welcome Antalya City

9:40-10:30 **Action CA23148 Introduction, Period 1 and 2** (Tomas Goga)

10:30-11:00 COFFEE

11:00-12:00 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Pascal Verheye**, (Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship, VLAIO). *Online “Information session on Horizon Europe”*

12:00-12:45 Communication (Ana Macias) and Grants. (Malgorzata Kacprzak)

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-14:30 **WG1:** Progress and activities (Dimitrios Fotakis)

14:30-15:00 **WG2:** Progress and activities (Cengiz Yücedağ)

15:00-15:30 COFFEE

15:30-16:00 **WG3.** Progress and activities (Claudia Menéndez)

16:00-16:30 **WG4.**Progress and activities (Alexandru Petrisor)

16:30-17:00 MC Meeting Closure (Tomas Goga)

DAY 2 – Tuesday 28 April

Working Groups meeting

8:30-8:50 Registration

8:50-9:00 Welcome by Dean of Engineering and Architecture Faculty,
Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University. (Prof.Dr. Ahmnet Uyumaz)

9:00-10:00 **KEYNOTE: Prof. Thomas Randrup**
"From Maintenance to Strategic Management of Urban Forests."

10:00-10:30 COST Action objectives and plans (Dieter Anseeuw)

10:30-11:00 COFFEE

11:00-11:30 Overview General Surveys (Ana Macias, Gerd Lupp, Naomi
Zürcher)

11:30-12:30 **WG 1 Meeting** (Kieron Doick-Dimitris Fotakis)
Task 2.1(Leonia Nunes)
Task 2.2 (Miia Mänttäre)

12:30-13:00 **WG 2 Meeting** (Cengiz Yücedağ- Martina Dell'Unto)
Task 1: (Anna Codemo) *online*

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:00 **WG 2 Meeting** (Cengiz Yücedağ- Martina Dell'Unto)
Task 2: (Eugene McGee) *online*
Task 3: (Veronika Andrea)
Task 4: (Malgorzata Kacprzak)
Task 5: (Liina Jürisoo)

15:00-16:00 **WG 3 Meeting** (Claudia Menéndez-Dimitris Athanassiadis)
Task 1: (Ana Macias, Gerd Lupp)
Task 2: (Barbara Darr, Naomi Zürcher)
Task 3: (Selim Bayraktar, Ieva Misiüne)
Task 4: (Philip Chambers)

16:00-16:30 COFFEE

16:30-17:15 **WG4 Meeting** (Alexandru Petrisor-Sonila Papathimiu)

**CA 23148 The European Network for the
Integrative Approach of Urban Forestry (INTUF)**



19:00

Social Dinner ([Sunset View Restaurant & Bar](#), 1311. Sk. 07100
Antalya/Muratpasa Antalya)

DAY 3 – Wednesday 29 April

Conference Building Capacity for Urban Forest Management across Europe: Indicators, Knowledge, and Participation

8:15-8:30 Registration

8:30-9:30 KEYNOTE: Naomi Zürcher

"Growing the Urban Forest- the art and science of growing capacity"

9:30-10:30 Topic 1: Short Communications (Chair: Kieron Doick)

Antonis Kavvadias- *"Integrated UAS, Satellite and Ground Microclimate Monitoring of Urban Vegetation Performance in Mediterranean Parks"*

Ibrahim Ozturk- *"Automated LiDAR-Based Environmental Mapping for Optimizing Digital Infrastructure in Urban Forest Management Facilities"*

Turgay Dindaroglu- *"Paraecology and AHP-Based Participatory Urban Green Belt Management (Kahramanmaraş Green Belt Case Study)"*

Ling Yang- *"Linking Extreme Climate Events to Functional KPIs for Urban Forest Management"*

Murat Sarginci- *"Climate Smart Urban Forestry"*

10:30-11:00 COFFEE

11:00-12:00

Flash Posters Presentations (Chair: Ana Macias)

Irfan Abbas- *"UrbanTreeViT-Net: A Hybrid Vision Transformer and U-Net Framework for Urban Tree Segmentation from Remote Sensing Imagery"*

Ece Çalışkan Altınok *"Evaluating Urban Forestry Performance through Key Indicators and Public Participation: The Case of Bilecik, Türkiye"*

Saman Shokrpour *"Botanical Gardens and Green Façades as Urban Living Labs: A KPI Framework for Nature-Based Solutions in Urban Forest Management Plans"*

Sasa Orlovic *"Towards integrated key performance indicators for nature-based solutions and green infrastructure: A multidisciplinary urban forestry framework from Novi Sad (Serbia)"*

Parisa Günes *"Enhancing Climate-Resilient Urban Forest Landscapes in Mediterranean Cities: Soil-Based Indicators, Adaptive Planning Methods, and Ecological Outcomes"*

Murat Yilmaz *"Valorization of Urban Forest Biomass into Activated Carbon: A Circular Bioeconomy Approach for Urban Forest Management Plans"*

Bulent Ozel *"gAla Giving Trees a Voice: An Agent-Based Urban Ecosystem Modelling Augmented with Generative AI"*

12:00-13:30 Visit: Antalya Municipality in Atatürk Kültür Park

13:30-14:30 LUNCH

14:30-15:30 Topic 2: Short Communications (Chair: Cengiz Yücedağ)

Vladimir Stojanovski- *"Citizen perception, use intensity and governance implications of urban green spaces: Evidence from Skopje City Park"*

Marija Perkunic- *"Engaging Small Cities and Towns in Urban Forestry Capacity Building: Strengthening Local Governance through Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships"*

Antonella Cristofori- *"Urban green elements and the air biodiversity- the AirBiD project"*

Ieva Misiune- *"Perceived Effects of Nature Therapy across Urban and Non-Urban Forest Types: The Role of Forest Characteristics"*

Gerd Lupp- *"More than Green: Stakeholder Engagement and Co-Creation of NBS – Insights from the Horizon Europe Project TRANS-lighthouses"*

15:30-16:00 COFFEE

16:00-17:30 Ideation Workshop . Urban Forest Stakeholders and
Communication tools.(WG3)

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DAY 4– Thursday 30 April

**Conference Building Capacity for Urban Forest Management across
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8:30-9:30 **Topic 3 Short Communications: (Chair: Claudia Menéndez)**
Besa Shahini-*“Capacity Building for Urban Forestry in Small Cities and Towns. Institutional Constraints, Participatory Pathways, and Planning Outcomes”*
Pedro Obregon Santander *“From Ladders to Choices: Linking Participation Theory to Residents’ Preferences in Urban Green Space Governance”*
Milutin Milenković *“Tree-Quest: A Free App for Measuring Urban Tree Attributes for Biomass and Carbon Assessment”*
Dimitris Athanassiadis *“Advancing inclusive, cross-sector collaboration in urban forest governance in North Sweden”*

9:30-11:30 **Workshop. “7 Glasses”- lessons for urban forestry. (WG1)**

11:30-12:00 COFFEE

12:00-12:30 **Workshop. “7 Glasses”- lessons for urban forestry. (WG1)**

12:30-13:30 **Topic mixed: Short Communications (Chair: Alexandru Petrisor)**
Todor Stoyanov- *“Management of urban forests, green areas, parks and suburban forests in Sofia”*
Itziar Aurora Montalbán (online)- *“Biotechnology for Greener Cities: The Role of Plant Tissue Culture in Urban Forest Development”*
Anna Codemo (online 7min) *“Insights from a content analysis of urban forest management plans among European municipalities”*
Martina Dell'Unto (7min) *“Feasibility mapping for Urban Tree Planting: A scenario analysis applied to Antalya”*
Prof. Dr. Atila GÜL *“The Relationship between Urban Residents and Urban Forestry”*

13:30-14:00 **CLOSURE (Dieter Anseeuw)**

14:00-14:30 LUNCH

15:00-16:30 **Training of trainers. Citizen science inventory TreeQuest, (with Antalya municipality). (WG2)**