

Actions on the regional and local levels:
What can ThinkNature do – the platform, the regional
Think & Do Tanks and the Local Representatives?
- Stakeholder Engagement -

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Example #1: Finding the 'right' urban green in Utrecht

Citizen participation in green planning | Utrecht, The Netherlands

>> Municipality responsible for creating more green areas and linking up new and existing green spaces, while the government and citizens collaborate in achieving higher quality green space.

Citizens are asked to submit ideas for urban green infrastructure under these conditions:

- Ideas are linked to public space
- Support comes from other neighbours
- Participation in implementing the idea is necessary
- Idea can be realised within 3 years
- Self-maintenance or maintenance is possible from municipal green workers



Overzicht ingezonden wijkgroenideeën Binnenstad:



Onderstaande ideeën zijn ingediend door bewoners. Deze ideeën zijn nog niet getoetst. Na toetsing is duidelijk welke ideeën er op welke wijze uitgevoerd kunnen worden.

1. Speeltuin De kleine Dom

Vervangen bomen speeltuin De kleine Dom

naar boven ↑

2. Rozenperk Sterrenhof

Vervangen beplanting rozenperk Sterrenhof

Example #2: Pla Buits urban gardens



Greening temporarily vacant urban space | Barcelona, Spain

>> Combining bottom up dynamics and efforts of municipality to green vacant spaces in dense city on a temporary basis

- Co-management initiative fostered by the City Council
- Aims to involve civil society in defining, installing and managing activities of different types in unused publically owned land across all districts
- Provides opportunity to temporarily use public spaces – promoting social activism and cohesion in neighbourhoods, ‘sense of belonging’ is an outcome
- **Challenges:** long term engagement, contradictions on how inclusive these projects end up being for the overall surrounding community and social cohesion (engagement of immigrants observed to be difficult).

Take a look at NATURVATION’s Urban Nature Atlas:
<http://naturvation.eu/atlas>

Questions for discussion

1. What are the 3 main challenges of engaging citizens, SME, NGOs, researchers and/or others (from the perspective of these groups!)?
2. What are good examples in which local governments engaged these groups? What failed completely?
3. What can/should ThinkNature do to support stakeholder engagement across Europe at local level?

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Thank you!



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