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‘Place-keeping’: urban green space in the long term

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Beyond 'place-making'?

- High-quality places
 - Capital investments
- What happens long term?
 - Who manages the place?
 - With what funds?
 - For how long?
- How can the qualities and benefits be retained and maintained?





MP4 Project partners

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● Göteborgs Stad, Local Authority, Sweden.

● Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.

● University of Copenhagen, Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, Denmark.

● South Yorkshire Forest Partnership, Local Authority, Sheffield.

● HafenCity Universitat, Hamburg.

● University of Sheffield.

● Lawaetz Foundation, Charitable Foundation, Hamburg.

● Vlaamse Landmaatschappij, Local Authority, Brussels.

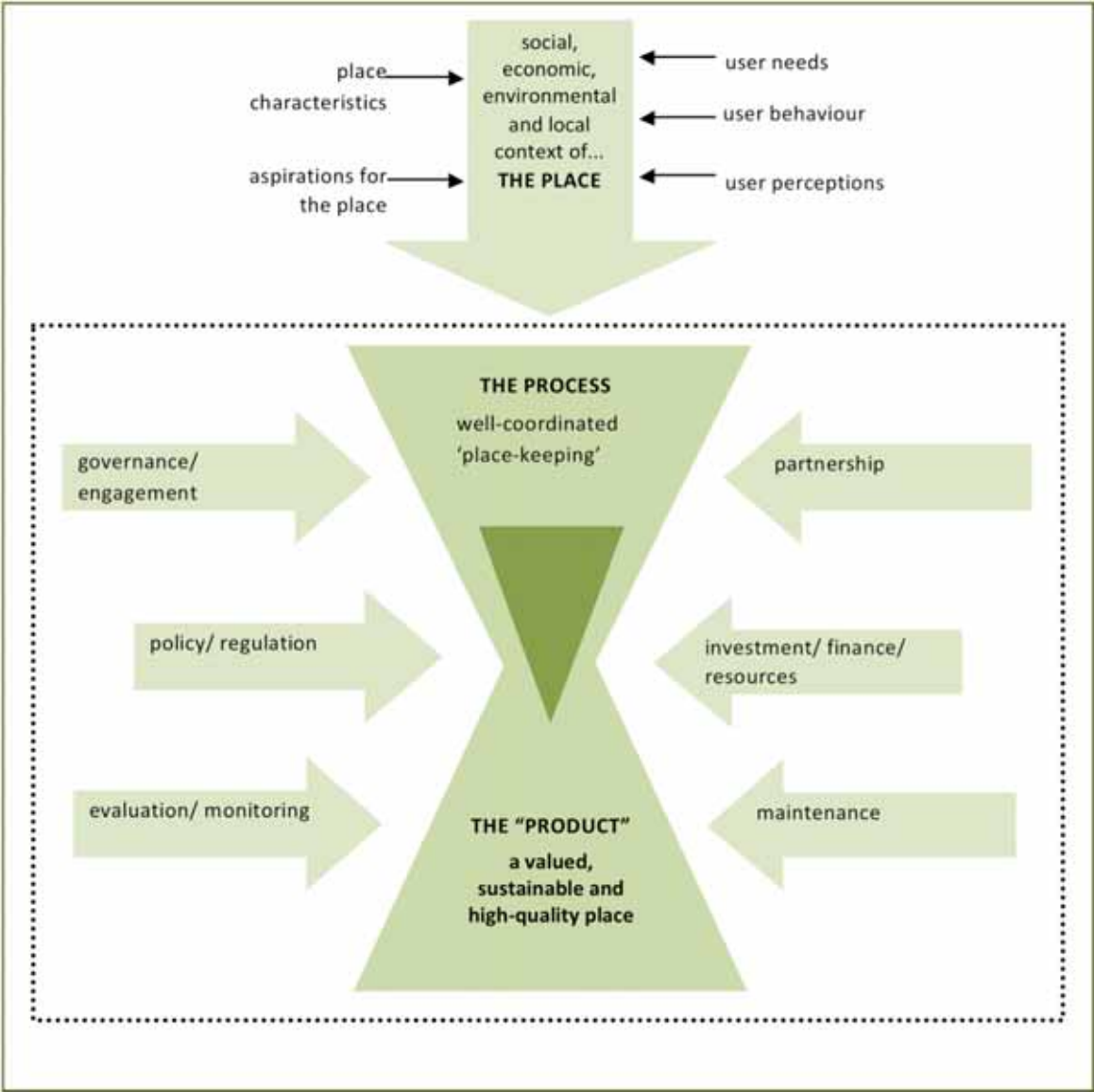
● Gemeente Emmen, Public Authority, Netherlands.

MP4 WP1: Transnational Assessment of Practice

- Ongoing literature review
 - Establishing the gap in knowledge
 - Clarifying existing knowledge/ practice
- In-depth case studies
 - Park/ Children's playground
 - Urban square
 - Waterways/ Waterfront development
 - Open space in housing estates
 - Highways/ roundabouts
 - Industrial estate



Place-keeping: a definition



PK challenges + innovations

- Re-thinking the space as place
 - Malmö: Temalekplats playgrounds
 - Playgrounds have a unique theme (some natural play)
 - Replaced run-down PGs in real need of renewal
 - Complete success...but this comes at a high price



Source: Liv Sonntag; Malmö City Council Streets and Parks Department

PK challenges + innovations

- Community + local engagement
 - River Stewardship Company, Sheffield
 - Make engagement fundamental
 - Local knowledge of the rivers is vital
 - Volunteering is central to RSC activities



Five Weirs
Walk Trust



PK challenges + innovations



- Partnerships of mixed stakeholder types
 - Hailes Quarry Park public-private project
 - Led by Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust
 - As apolitical organisation, ELGT :
 - was ‘honest broker’ of fund allocation
 - could respond faster than the council to issues
 - has greater flexibility in engaging the communities
 - plans to create ‘Friends of Hailes Park’ association to take ‘ownership’ of vision for the park and finding future funding



Source: ELGT



Next steps



- Further cross-analysis of case studies
 - Overlaps/ lessons learnt/ transferable aspects
- Knowledge exchange, inc. conferences
 - Green Work(s)!, Brugge
 - MP4 interim conference, Hamburg
 - ECLAS, Turkey
- Knowledge exchange: reports
 - Peer-review journal articles
 - Practitioner journals





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