



Sustainable URBAN FRINGES SURF

What are the project aims?

- 1 Provide a common platform for EU experts & institutions to exchange their experiences, strategies, and policies in dealing with urban fringes. It will provide recommendations to test some of the innovative approaches to harness the potential of the urban fringes and influence policy.
- 2 Analyse the challenges facing urban fringes and the contribution these areas make to city region development.
- 3 Create a web based long term network of experts, practitioners, businesses, institutions, community development organisations.
- 4 Review existing approaches, test and implement innovative instruments and processes in urban fringe development.
- 5 Add value to the urban fringes and increase the importance of these areas, promote the environmental quality and highlight benefits to the community.
- 6 Improve community skills in urban fringes and empower communities, enabling them to take part in planning & decision making.



“Connecting Urban & Rural”

About the project

Sustainable Urban Fringes (SURF) is a 3 year project, bringing together partners and experts from 5 countries across the North Sea Region to exchange information and unlock the potential of the urban fringe.

Recognising the value of urban fringes to local communities, the project aims to enhance the quality and potential of these areas for future generations.



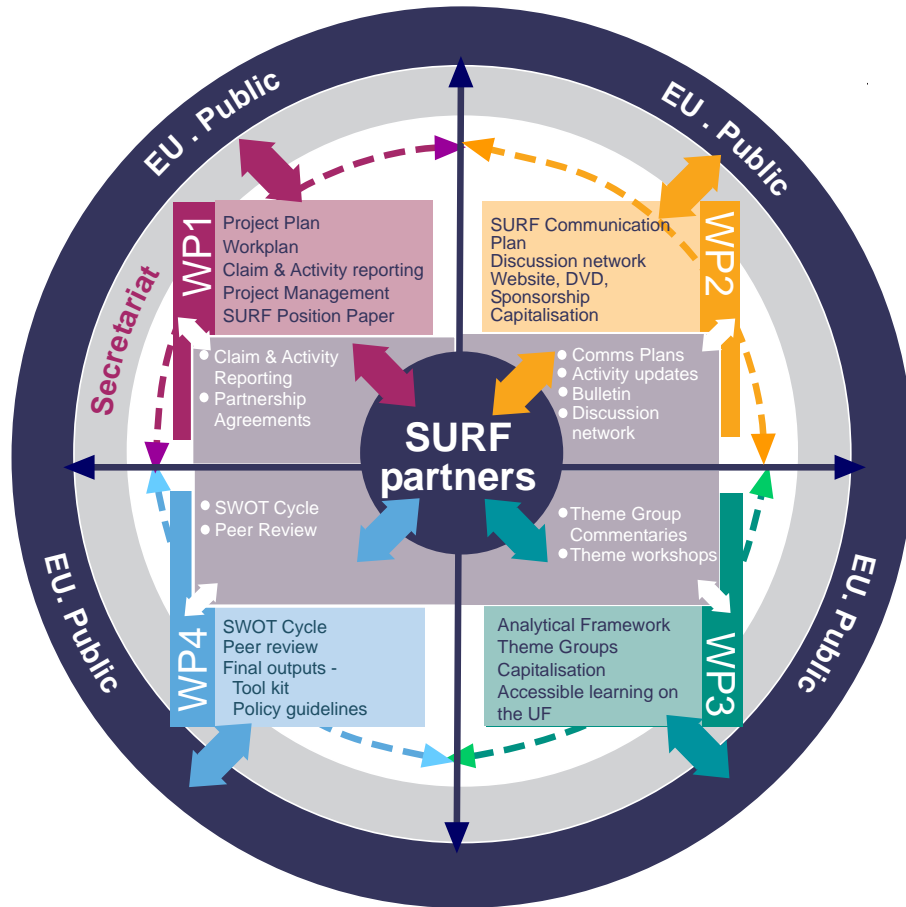
The project aims to put the urban fringe higher on the political agenda and encourage greater integration between policies and programmes at local, regional and national level.



Project Outcomes

- A set of integrated policy guidelines and approaches for urban fringes.
- A toolkit for greenspace management and developing accessible linkages.
- Comparison of urban fringe policies and recommendations for future policy.
- A Sustainable Urban Fringes accessible learning legacy.
- An academic foundation and framework.

Project Activity



Project partners

- Aberdeen City Council
- School of the Built Environment at Leeds Metropolitan University
- City of Bradford
- Norfolk County Council
- City of Enschede
- Saxion University
- City of Almelo
- City of Hengelo
- Province of East Flanders
- Province of West Flanders
- City of Hamburg
- Municipality of Harryda
- Province of Antwerp

Sustainable Urban Fringes key themes

Themes

- Economy, competitiveness and enterprise
- The role and value of green spaces
- Planning and stakeholder engagement
- Governance of urban fringes

The project is looking at four key themes for the urban fringe. Partners have been assigned a primary theme focus for the course of the project.

An Analytical Framework guides the overall project delivery and timeframes. This framework takes into account the range of different projects and interests of our partner projects and demonstrates project links to the core urban fringe themes.

The Sustainable Urban Fringes (SURF) project brings together partners from the North Sea Region which would not have been possible without the Interreg IVB North Sea programme and support from the European Regional Development Fund.

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