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Dear Ms. Kelder,

Congratulations! Your step 1 application **NWE0200311 Greening dense urban areas for enhanced climate resilience, biodiversity and health (GreenDense)** has been approved by the NWE Monitoring Committee which took place on 20-21 April 2023, in Lille, France. We kindly ask you to inform your project partners.

Please note that the step 1 approval is **not a decision on funding**, but it allows you to submit a full step 2 project proposal. The NWE Monitoring Committee has drafted a list of conclusions that serve as recommendations for you to consider at step 2 (annexed to this letter).

The complete step 2 application form must be submitted on Jems by 12.00 CET (midday) on Wednesday 12 July 2023.

A Step 2 Workshop will take place on 11-12 May 2023 in Lille, France. Please save the date as this workshop is mandatory for Lead Partners of all projects. A maximum of two representatives per project are invited, preferably persons closely involved in the preparation of the application form.

Please contact your responsible Contact Point Gé Huismans (ge.huismans@rvo.nl), Esther Veenendaal (esther.veenendaal@rvo.nl), contact point for The Netherlands, as soon as possible to discuss the recommendations and the next steps to submit your step 2 application.

Information about the complaint procedure regarding this decision can be found in Chapter 7 of the Programme Manual.

Kind regards,



David Grzegorzewski

Programme Director

Recommendations for Step2 development

Project need and justification

The territorial challenge and/or opportunity (as defined in the Interreg NWE Programme) addressed by the project must be clearly identified and well justified.

The rationale behind the identification of the involved NWE areas in the project, in relation to the identified territorial challenges and/or opportunity, should also be well described and justified.

The application should further elaborate and demonstrate the need for the project in NWE specifically, and the need for transnational cooperation on the issue to achieve the planned project results.

Contribution to Programme objectives

The application should provide a more detailed analysis/breakdown of the actual technical solutions piloted and their interconnectivity, reflecting and demonstrating the need for joint development and implementation. It is reminded that this requires a higher intensity of intervention than only “sharing of experiences”.

The overall project objective and the project specific objectives must be coherent and realistic. They must be precise, measurable and achievable by the project end or shortly after.

For the description of project outputs and results contribution to the Programme indicator framework, projects must follow the four main steps listed in the NWE Programme Manual and refer to its Annex 1 for outputs and results definitions.

Points of attention:

1. Output indicators: The project is expected to contribute to a minimum of two types of output indicators. Projects can choose more output indicators to contribute to if they want, but not less.

IMPORTANT:

- Outputs O.2 (Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects) and O.3 (Jointly developed solutions) are interrelated and count together as one type of output. Pilot actions must always lead to joint solutions and joint solutions come out of project activities organised as pilot actions. So, by choosing O.2 projects must also choose O.3 and vice versa.

- Output O.4 (Participation in joint training schemes): A joint training scheme requires and results into systematic knowledge and capacity building. It involves the training of participants over several sessions. A (series) of one-off or “light” meeting(s)/event(s)/internal session(s) where information is simply disseminated or handed over is not considered by the programme as a training scheme.

2. Result indicators:

In addition to the other result indicators they contribute to, all projects must contribute to result indicator “Organisations with increased institutional capacity due to their participation in cooperation activities across borders”.

The partnership should revise results 3 & 4 – seven pilots do not necessarily constitute seven different solutions, but rather it can be inferred from the application that the proposed GreenDense Handbook (result 3) will collate and embed all the potential solutions for mosaic GI. Hence, the project will produce one single solution for the concept of mosaic GI. Results 3 & 4

should, therefore, be merged and have a target value of 1. In relation to the mentioned solutions please also elaborate further on the difference between the GreenDense strategy document and the GreenDense Handbook.

Added value of project approach

The application should further demonstrate and elaborate on the added value of the project approach, with special consideration to the novelty of the proposed “mosaic” approach as opposed to the existing GI strategies and solutions in practice. Please also consider that the added value must reflect transnational relevance and significance.

Partnership relevance

Cooperation must be further demonstrated and structurally embedded in the partnership composition and the workplan.

Considering the outlined importance of community engagement in developing mosaic GI, the partnership should ideally expand to include relevant community/citizen groups and organisations, to reflect a true concept of a triple helix.

Additional comment

The application should generally avoid any ambiguity and generic reasoning. Please make sure to provide sound rationale, to the point and not diverging from the subject matter (please refer to the guidance questions in the application form), for the proposed activities, and to set clear, realistic, distinct, and measurable objectives and outcomes of the project.

Please make sure to provide all the necessary information in step 2 regarding the information on investment sites (if applicable), budget, and communication activities, in line with the programme guidance.

Budget: While defining their budget, project partners should be as specific as possible and provide a clear though synthetic description for each item listed. For staff costs, the role and projected FTE input in the project of the staff member concerned, has to be included in the description for expenditure claiming options (simplified cost option or real costs).

Investments contribute to the delivery of outputs that will last beyond project's lifetime and can include costs under all cost categories of the Programme. Relating cost items must be linked to the specific investment concerned (proper tick box to be ticked).

Partnership agreement: to allow for a smooth and quick start of the project after approval, applicants are strongly recommended to submit a scanned signed version of the partnership agreement (PDF format) along with the step 2 application form in the Jems (Section Application Annexes).

Private partners of France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Belgium (Wallonia and Brussels-Capital): all necessary documents regarding solvency of private partners should be uploaded in the Jems (Section Application Annexes).

Other supporting documents: Projects have the possibility to upload a one-page document to illustrate the content described in the application form. The document can only include visual elements (such as illustrations, infographics, graphs) and the format must be a single A4 page in PDF format.

For further information about all points listed above, please see the NWE Programme Manual available on the NWE Programme website (<https://www.nweurope.eu/programme-2021-2027/how-to-apply/reference-documents/>).