

7 TO 9
OF SEPTEMBERII NGO WORKSHOP - GEC: GREENING EUROPEAN CITIES
"GREENING FROM A SOCIAL PERSPECTIVE" VITORIA-GASTEIZ – 2012

FIRST DAY

16:00 Arrival - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Accommodation costs covered by the organization **FREE**

- Presentation of the concept of a European NGO network "Greening European Cities" (GEC)
- *Welcome by the organisers and by the city of Vitoria (Luis Urtaran, President of Gaialde -)*
- *NGOs and the EU Green Capital Initiative: looking back at the Hamburg NGO meeting in 2011 (TBC - Alexander Porschke, "Hamburg" Green City 2030" Initiative)*
(including short presentation reminding of the last workshop in Hamburg)
- *Round Table introduction of all participants (background, expectations, interest)*

17:00 to 18:30 INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation of Vitoria – city, green capital activities, NGO activities, challenges (by Gaialde)
- Juan Carlos Escudero Director of the CEA (* 2) - "Important aspect that became Vitoria as a Green Capital" (* 2) - CEA: Environmental Studies Center
- Arantza Madariaga - Director of CIINPI (* 1) - "Gender and Sustainability" (* 1) - CIINPI: International Center of Innovation in Gender Equality

19:00 GUIDED TOUR of the city: Visit the Cathedral **FREE**

21:00 to 23:00 "Pintxo-pote" around the old part of the city: Toloño, Plaza Nueva / Virgen Blanca, Malquerida

2ND DAY

9:30 WORKING GROUPS (each with a short key-note presentation with an example project from Vitoria, and presentations from other cities)¹

- Social Area: e.g. Wider sustainability and Gender issues; food, shelter, health, education, work...
- Economic Area: e.g. Green Jobs in Cities, sustainable transport, ...
- Environmental Area: e.g. Nature / Green Areas

Each group will work the following topics:

- Current Projects: Best Practices
- Current Problems: Bad practices
- Future projects: what we would like to do (Each group should choose some of these future projects and consider how it could be carried out and what it would take to realise it)

11:30 COFFEE BREAK **FREE**

12:00 WORKING GROUPS (cont.)

13:00 SHARING CONCLUSIONS FROM ALL GROUPS and discussion of possible joint project ideas, that could possibly be submitted to donors, such as the EU's LIFE Programme <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life> //vote on the projects and discussion of next steps14:30 LUNCH **FREE**

15:30 to 18:30 DEVELOPING A EUROPEAN NGO NETWORK "Greening European Cities"

- Short presentations of participating organisations with their experience, and their expectations for the future of the network, presentation of ideas in addition to project proposals discussed above(1) , e.g.
- GEC: A critical role in the EU's Green Capital process?
- Setting up a GEC best practice database
- Discussion of practical next steps

18:30 to 19:00 PRESENTATION OF NANTES AS THE NEXT GREEN CAPITAL AND ORGANISER OF GEC.

20:30 DINNER AT GOURMET SOCIETY **FREE**

3RD DAY

10:00 VISITING GREEN CAPITAL EXHIBITION. Farewell and departure

FREE : Costs covered by the organization