

P E R I U R B A N

Component 4: Methodology Testing and Regional Action Plans

**Action Plan**

According to Component 4 general description

<b>Project Partner</b>	Consejería de Agricultura, Pesca y Medio Ambiente, Junta de Andalucía
<b>Intervention Area</b> (e.g. local, regional, specific park area)	<b>Regional</b>

PART 1: O V E R V I E W

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**List of actions detailed below**

*Please provide the list of the actions described below in bullet points.*

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordination meetings with stakeholders of the regional administration and its provincial delegations:</li> <li>2. Defining priorities concerning different levels of implementation of good practices</li> <li>3. Completing the process concerning the new law, LEY 5/2010, de 11 de junio, de Autonomía Local de Andalucía.</li> </ol>
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**Potential links to current regional activities**

*Please provide several essential bullet points*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promotion of the Natural Protected Areas Network</b></li> </ul>
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## Actions already undertaken in the thematic field

*Please provide several essential bullet points*

### **REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PERIURBAN PARKS:**

It focuses on similar issues to the INTERREG IV C PERIURBAN project. This plan accounts for the participation of the 8 provincial delegations and their specific departments. The main common focuses shared by both projects are:

- Management and Administrative Aspects
- Accessibility (Internal and External aspects)
- Public Use/Services/Equipments/Infrastructures
- Communication/Environmental Education/Promotion

### **ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEER NETWORKS IN NATURAL PROTECTED AREAS:**

Andalusia accounts for a total of 9 environmental volunteer networks in natural protected areas. During 2010 a total of 528 volunteers cooperated in a great variety of tasks concerning maintenance, sensitization, monitoring as well as conservation tasks.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND PROMOTION:**

- Educational Trips and activities carried out in Environmental Education Centres in order to promote environmental awareness of the natural protected areas in our region. The programs are each adapted to different ages according to the visiting students
- “Natural Protected Areas Visitors’ Program”: It aims to familiarize the public with the Natural Protected Areas in our region. The activities which make up the program are:
  - “La naturaleza y tú” (Nature and you): Aimed at the educational community, it seeks to promote natural values and confront environmental problems by means of student visits to Protected Natural Areas and the celebration of different workshop activities.
  - “Naturaleza para todos” (Nature for all): Allow equal access for users with disabilities so that they may also enjoy nature and carry out activities adapted to their requirements.
  - “Jornadas de Puertas Abiertas” (Open doors days): Bring users closer to local customs and traditions by making them take part of them.
  - “Andalucía en sus Parques Naturales”: Outdoor educational, and in some occasions sporting, activities aimed at all ages (hiking, equestrian trails, etc...) to bring the public closer to the values that are part of natural protected areas.
- “Ventana del visitante” (Visitor’s window): This web portal has turned into a fundamental tool for any user who seeks to plan and organize their visit to one of the natural areas of Andalusia. The site contains practical information the natural areas, the equipments they offer, monthly recommendations, publications, activities and services, accommodations and restaurants all of which are certified by the Natural Parks of Andalusia Brand.
- The Trails of Natural Parks of Andalusia booklet: Trails situated in Natural Parks and in which, besides from highlighting the traditions and culture, landscapes and sites of interest, describes in full detail the type of trail, its distance and its path, how long it takes to cross it and how to reach it.
- Green corridors projects: the goal of these actions is to promote non-motorized transportation, the



creation of open space systems in cities, landscape rehabilitation and the improvement of urban and Periurban environments.

## Action Summary

*Please provide a short overview of the actions, their objectives (including budget available) and methods deployed, potential links to current regional activities, actions already undertaken within thematic area as well as the flexibility to allow the integration of Good Practices*

1. Coordination meetings with stakeholders of the regional administration and its provincial delegations:
  - Identifying, according to the new regional administrative structure, which are the different departments who are competent in decision taking concerning Periurban Park Management issues.
  - Discussing the how to adapt the good practices identified within the Periurban Project to a regional context.
  - Planning and the implementation of good practices in coordination with the Regional Strategic Plan for Periurban Parks.
2. Defining priorities concerning different levels of implementation of good practices:
  - With each one of the departments identified in action 1, carry out a detailed analysis for each Periurban park per province on which good practices are applicable.
  - Establish in which order these must be carried out and identify how they can be supported by regional activities which are already in action (schedule and calendar wise) or avoid incompatibilities
3. Completing the process concerning the new law, LEY 5/2010, de 11 de junio, de Autonomía Local de Andalucía, that confers the competences of declaring and managing Periurban Parks to Local Administrations, and define how the transfer will be carried out.
  - Organise a meeting calendar in order to establish contact between the regional and local administrations in order to pass on the information there is concerning the spaces within the regional Periurban parks network (maps, inventory, and previously determined activities program according to regional priorities).
  - Determine, by means of written agreements, how each administration will cooperate in order to ensure a proper service to be offered to citizens in general.
  - Determine proper formulas in order to establish collaboration agreements in order to ensure a correct service on behalf of Periurban parks to citizens



## PART 2: ACTIONS

### Action

*Repeat for each action proposed*

#### Section 1: Common Methodology

*Select the section(s) that are of particular interest for your Action Plan*

	<i>Please insert an X if you are interested in the section</i>
<b>Management / Relation to surrounding area</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Policy / Regulatory Aspects</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Environmental Aspects</b>	
<b>Economic Aspects</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Social and Communication Aspects</b>	
<b>Cultural Aspects</b>	
<b>Infrastructure / Accessibility</b>	

#### Section 2: Management

*Provide details on the entity that will manage the Action. If more than 1 entity will be involved, repeat table for each.*

Name of entity expected to manage the action	Regional Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment
Name of department expected to manage action (if already known)	Directorate general of Natural Areas and Citizenship
Description of entity and of specific role in the management	Responsible for the Management of the Natural Protected Areas Network of the region of Andalusia and of the services it can offer to the public

#### Section 3: Policy

*Provide details of the policy (local, regional and or national) that this action concerns and that may be impacted / improved by the action*

*Add one box for each policy*

Name of policy	LEY 2/1989, de 18 julio por la que se aprueba el inventario de espacios naturales protegidos de Andalucía y se establecen medidas adicionales para su protección
Level	Regional Law
Description of policy and how it might be changed	Definition of the natural protected areas of the region, different categories (in which Periurban parks are included) and the additional measures to ensure its protection



Name of policy	LEY 5/2010, de 11 de junio, de Autonomía Local de Andalucía
Level	Regional law
Description of policy and how it might be changed	Defining the level of competences for local administrations, this new law indicates that the declaration and management of Periurban parks as well as the establishment of concerted natural reserves, which previously was a competence of the Regional Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment, is now a responsibility of local administrations

## Section 4: Overview of the Action proposed

*Provide a brief description of the Action being proposed*

Since the new organization of the Regional ministries of Andalusia, different departments have been created, others restructured and some have been fused. This is the case of the previous Regional Environmental Ministry which is now called the Regional Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment. This change has also affected the structure of the different ministries on a provincial level, leading to changes in each one of the 8 delegations that exist.

On a side note it is also necessary to mention that in 2010 was approved a new regional law which basically transferred competences of management and declaration of Periurban parks to local administrations. This transfer has yet to be carried out and for this to happen it is necessary to define a proper procedure in order to ensure that at least the same level of service may be provided to citizens concerning their right to enjoy of the services and values these natural protected areas have to offer them.

In order to do so it is imperative that Coordination meetings with stakeholders of the regional administration and its provincial delegations may be carried out so as to help identify, according to the new regional administrative structure, which are the different departments who are competent in decision taking concerning Periurban Park Management issues prior to transferring these responsibilities to the local administrations so they can organise themselves in order to carry out the process.

It is also necessary to discuss how to adapt the good practices identified within the Periurban Project to a regional context according to the criteria of the current managers or the staff responsible for these areas. Once this has been accomplished a calendar will be determined in order to guaranty that these good practices may be properly carried out throughout the Periurban park network existing in our region and see how this effectively meets eye to eye with the previous study carried out on all of the Periurban parks of Andalusia, within the efforts made by the regional staff in accomplishing the tasks according to the REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PERIURBAN PARKS.

There are 5 good practices which have been identified during the Periurban project and which have been found most useful for our region.



<p>Management - 3 GPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdeen city council policy making on the basis of specific environmental and urban strategies</li> <li>• “Joint Syndicate “ Lille Metropolitan Natural Space</li> <li>• Regional Government of Lombardy, voluntary service for ecological surveillance</li> <li>• Aberdeen volunteering to protect sites of environmental interest</li> </ul> <p>Equipment – 1 GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seine St-Denis Parkway system</li> </ul> <p>Communication – 1 GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lille Métropole Natural Space Monitoring and Survey System</li> </ul>
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*Provide an overview of the series of specific activities required in order to implement this Action  
Repeat for each activity*

Activity 1	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Identification of specific departments all across the region concerning: Organization Chart</b>
Description	The action is focused on establishing a clear list of the relevant stakeholders of those who are in charge of aspects concerning Periurban parks on behalf of the regional ministry – these will be the ones who will be in charge of contacting with the local administrations in order to facilitate the process concerning the transfer of all the updated information concerning management aspects of these areas, priorities identified and activities programs which have been carried out by the park over the past years. This will be done by asking each responsible to overview the last reports written out for each park according to the territorial analysis which was done according to the Periurban project and the Regional Strategic Plan.
Target result / output	A clear organization chart with each one of the relevant agents identified, who will be in charge of validating the information that has been compiled concerning the Periurban parks of their province.

Activity 2	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Municipal Periurban Strategies: Periurban Park Management Committees</b>
Description	Once the previous action is properly concluded and an organization chart is



	defined, allowing for a provincial coordination concerning the monitoring of Periurban parks management on behalf of the regional administration, it would be an ideal initiative to organize head to head meetings with local administrations which account for Periurban parks and forward them all the information which has been compiled on their Periurban park, focusing on priorities identified and activities program which were being carried out. This could serve to create small Periurban park management committees, bringing together both administrative levels focused on establishing a communication channel ensuring continuity between the regional and local management of the parks and adding criteria and consensus from two perspectives for the management of these parks.
Target result / output	Creation of 21 Periurban park management committees.

Activity 3	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Municipal Social Voluntary Park Services: Periurban Community Services.</b>
Description	Based on the experience of the Good practices identified from our Periurban partners, in consensus with the local administrations responsible for the management of each Periurban Park, help determine which type of services and activities may be instituted as Municipal Voluntary Park Services as a measure of making the park a municipal asset, one with which each municipality identifies itself.  The activity will include: Discussing in each of the Periurban Park Management Committees different cases of voluntary participation which is being carried out in Periurban parks from partner regions of the Periurban Project (Aberdeen, Lombardy).
Target result / output	List of Voluntary Periurban Park Services.

## Section 5: Stakeholder involvement

*Provide an overview of all stakeholders that will be involved and the means of involving them*

*Please include political involvement (e.g. regional and or national administration, Managing authority) and Territorial Involvement (e.g. service providers and others involved in the practical creation and management of the park)*

Name of stakeholder	Activities designed to involve stakeholder
Relevant Regional and Provincial Civil Servants who are in charge of carrying out tasks concerning the Management of the Natural Protected Areas Network of Andalusia.	Regional and Provincial Meetings in order to consensus and validate all available information concerning the Periurban Park Network of Andalusia.
Local Administrations which are responsible for the management of one of the 21 Periurban parks which are part of the Natural Protected Areas Network.	Creation of Periurban park management committees (Work meetings, training sessions, invitation for joint projects, possible partnerships, etc...)



Municipal Associations, NGOs, Local Schools	Meetings between Periurban park Management committees and the mentioned stakeholders, inviting them to participate in defining joint projects, volunteer programs and activities, possible partnerships
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## Section 6: Cooperation

*Provide details of any further cooperation / exchange with PERIURBAN partners that will be necessary*

Name of partner	Description of objective / form of cooperation
Aberdeen city council	Detailed process of achieving volunteer participation, recommendations.
Regional Government of Lombardy	Detailed process of achieving volunteer participation, recommendations.

## Section 7: Risk Management

*Where possible, provide details of any potential risks to the implementation of the Action and relative contingency plans identified (for instance difficulties in obtaining necessary permissions or any legacies required e.g. for the extension of a park area).*

Potential risk	Contingency plan
Financial risk	Determine alternative financial sources since regional funding will be determined according to regional priorities due to economical adjustments.
Political risk	-

## Section 8: Funding

*Where possible, provide an estimate of the expected costs for each specific activity and the possible sources of funding.*

*Repeat for each activity*

Activities: COSTS YET TO BE DETERMINED AS ALL ACTIVITIES DEPEND ON ACTIVITY 1 WHICH CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT AFTER REGIONAL POLITICAL AND FINANTIAL PRIORITIES ARE IDENTIFIED.			
Type of cost	Estimated Amount	Potential source of funding	Action needed to access funding
-	-	NO FUNDING MAY BE ESTIMATED AS BUDGET AVAILABILITY IS YET TO BE DETERMINED DUE TO REGIONAL FUNDING CUTBACKS AND ADJUSTMENTS	-
Total	-		





## Section 9: Expected impact

*Please describe the expected results of the Action at regional or local level*

Achieving an environmentally sound management of the Periurban Park Network of Andalusia from a local perspective and maintaining criteria following the management policies carried out from the regional level.

*Please state if any monitoring actions are already in place for measuring impact or if existing monitoring initiatives could be adapted to this purpose*

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### PART 3: T I M E T A B L E

*Provide an overview of the calendar of activities described above.  
Complete where possible and add years if necessary*

2013 (initial Actions after project end)	
Action	Estimated timing
<b>Identification of specific departments all across the region concerning: Organization Chart</b>	These three activities are considered as the basic stepping stones for any progress to be achieved in order to improve the management of our Regional Periurban Park Network. The new law which was approved has prevented any further development of activities concerning their management as there needs to be an official transition regarding transferring the responsibilities from the Regional level to the local level and this has yet to be determined.
<b>Municipal Periurban Strategies: Periurban Park Management Committees</b>	
<b>Municipal Social Voluntary Park Services: Periurban Community Services.</b>	
2014	
Action	Estimated timing
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