



Towards a Sustainable Urban Planning for the Green Deal Era

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Dear Colleagues,

The Green Deal and the sustainability perspectives through which we look at cities and territories today highlight the complexity of the challenges that urban planning is facing. Environmental challenges require us, on the one hand, to design responses to rapid and sudden events (such as the effects of climate change or pandemic events), increasing the quality of built and open spaces. On the other hand, they invite us to rethink the role of nature in the city through strategies that aim to increase urban resilience, improve the health of its inhabitants, guarantee food production, etc. In the face of these conditions, we solicit contributions on the following issues:

- How can a resilient transformation of open and public urban spaces be guaranteed by welcoming, at different scales, different forms of nature within them?
- How can safer and more accessible spaces be designed through experimental design techniques and methods, such as Nature-Based Solutions (NBSs)?
- How can ‘bottom-up processes and practices’ innovate urban planning regulatory tools and design .

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