

Mainstreaming biodiversity-oriented premises: A valuable contribution to halt the loss of biodiversity in Europe!

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Boosting Urban Green Infrastructure
through Biodiversity-Oriented Design
of Business Premises
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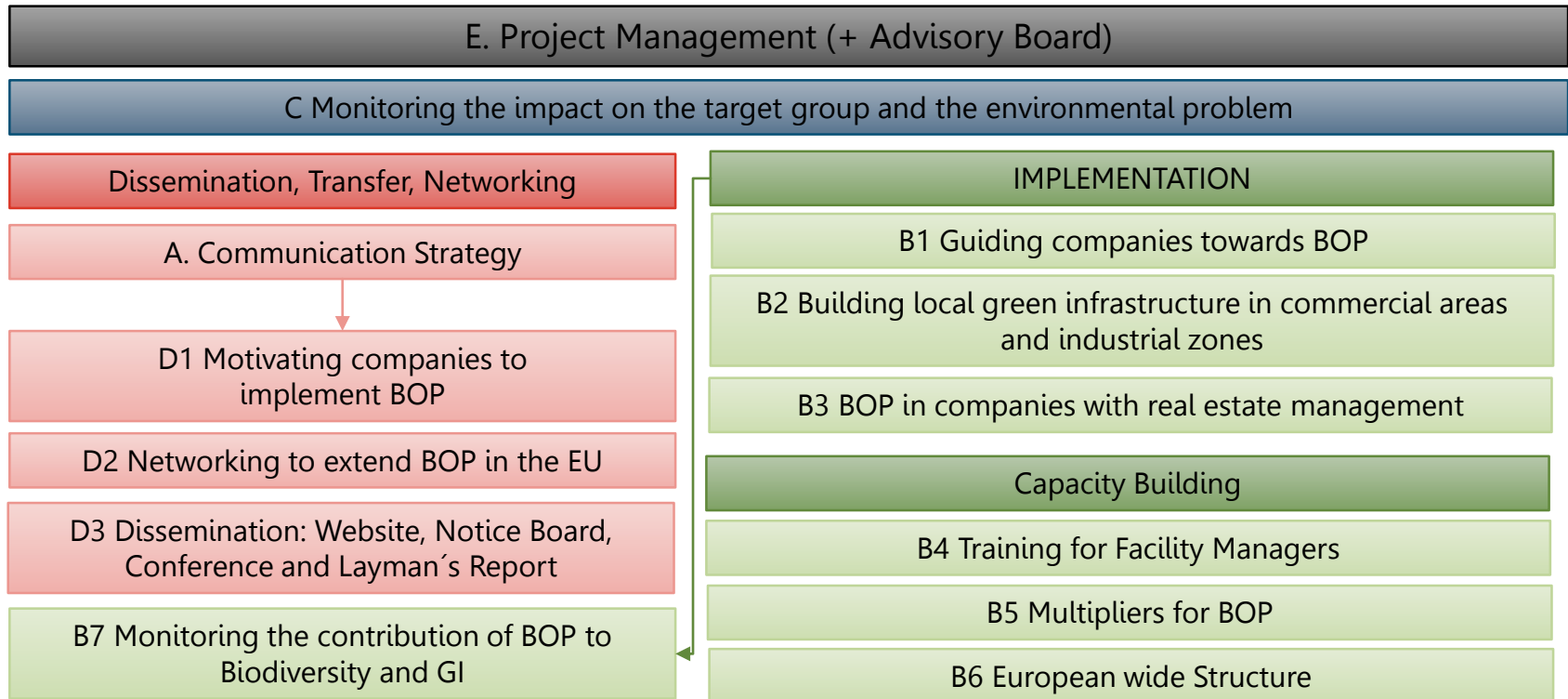
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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- **Increase the awareness and motivation** of companies and related economic actors to include biodiversity as an important topic into the company's management and decision making.
- **Sensitize and motivate** architects, landscape planners and gardeners to promote biodiversity oriented design of premises and help to mainstream BOP in Europe
- **Guarantee** a good quality of the maintenance of BOP premises and real estate
- **Implement** a monitoring system to evaluate the development and impact of BOPs on companies level and on national level
- **Establishment** of an European wide network to promote BOP premises and real estate in more than EU countries
- **Sensitization and involvement** of personnel of companies (e.g. creation of habitats, participatory monitoring) and improvement of the working climate and health by BOPs.
- **Contribute** to climate protection and energy efficiency, e.g. by the creation of green roofs

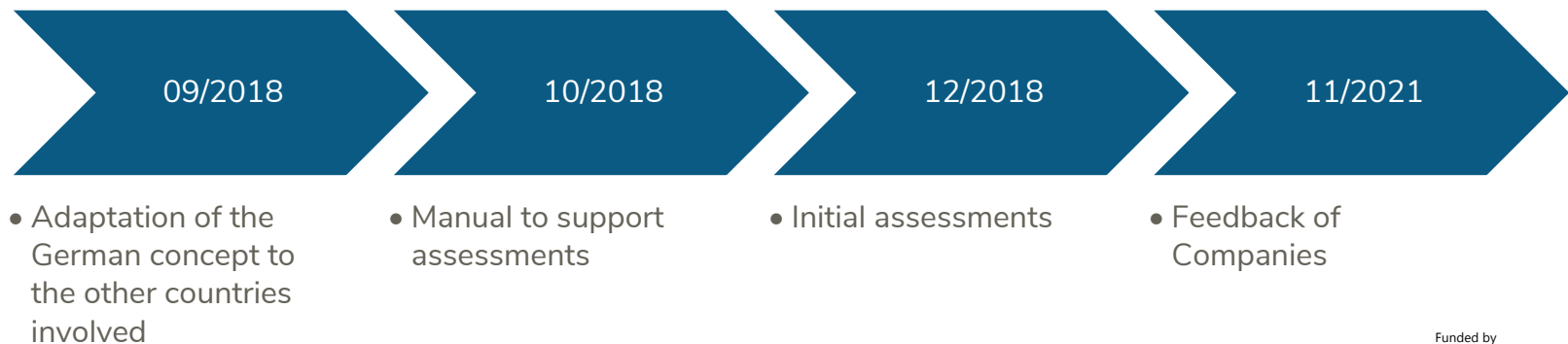
ACTIONS OVERVIEW



B1 GUIDING COMPANIES TOWARDS BOP

Objective is to support companies in Germany, Austria, Spain, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland to **implement a biodiversity-oriented design of their business premises (BOP)**. Companies will be offered:

- overview of the potential improvements on their premises (Initial assessments)
- assessment during planning and implementation



B2 BUILDING LOCAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN COMMERCIAL AREAS AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

Developing and testing a **blueprint for establishing a local green-infrastructure-initiative** in which local authorities and businesses collaborate to implement biodiversity-oriented business premises (BOP) for a whole industrial area or commercial zone

- 3 “frontrunner-companies” in the area
- Evaluation and transfer of experiences



B3 BOP IN COMPANIES WITH REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT

- Aims to integrate BOP into the corporate real estate management of companies with multiple sites:
 - Analysis of common structures and management elements of premises
 - Development of a biodiversity-toolbox
 - Implementation of the toolbox and monitoring the experiences gained
 - Dissemination and transfer of results and lessons learned

08/2019

- biodiversity-toolbox ready for implementation

04/2020

- Guidance on BOP in corporate real estate management
- 2 evaluation-workshops in Germany

B4 MAINTAINING BIODIVERSITY-ORIENTED PREMISES: TRAINING FOR FACILITY MANAGERS

The aim is to equip facility managers with necessary information to maintain biodiversity-oriented premises and to contribute to a continuous improvement of biodiversity.

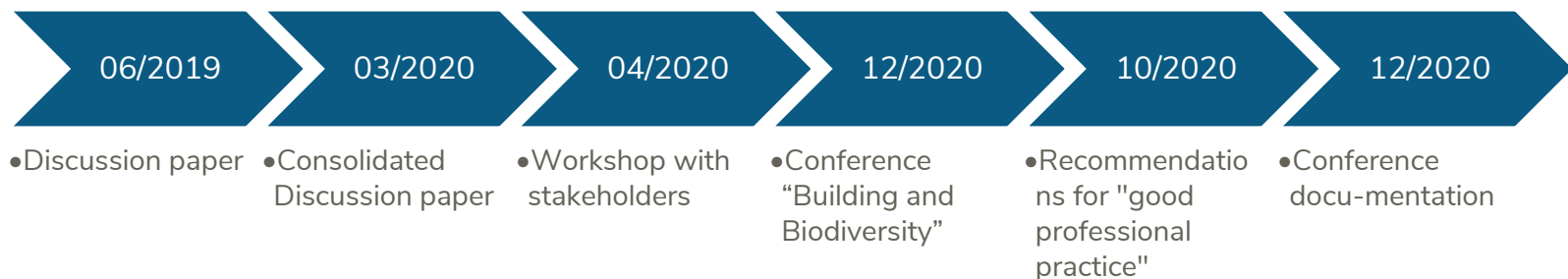
- The training will enable facility managers
 - to see maintenance as an important tool to develop and improve green areas towards more biodiversity
 - taking into account the local natural dynamics (continuous improvement)
 - to monitor the impacts on biodiversity



B5 MULTIPLICATORS FOR BOP

The objective is to **sensitize architects, planners, gardeners and the construction sector** to the relevance and requirements of biodiversity-oriented premises and biodiversity in general.

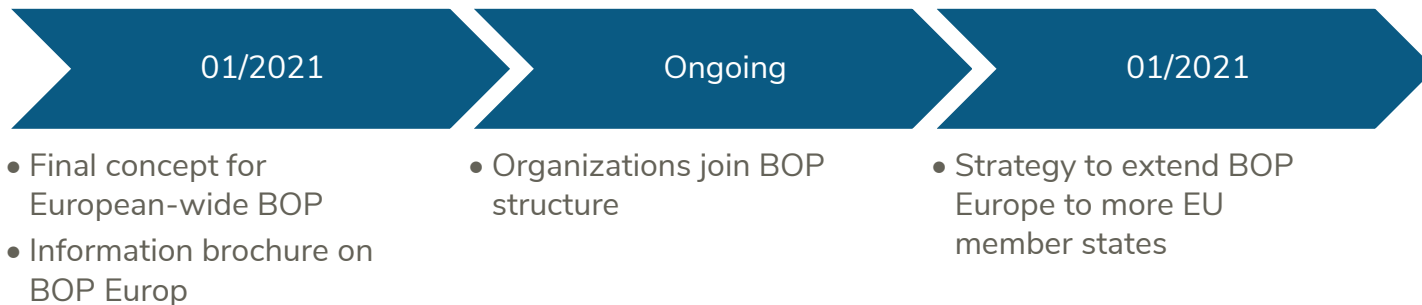
- Conference “Biodiversity & Building” as part of the Interreg-Project “Blühendes Bodenseeland” (ABH039)
- Discussion-paper “Building with Biodiversity: Chances and Challenges”
- Workshop and Conference in Austria
 - Recommendations



B6 EUROPEAN WIDE STRUCTURE

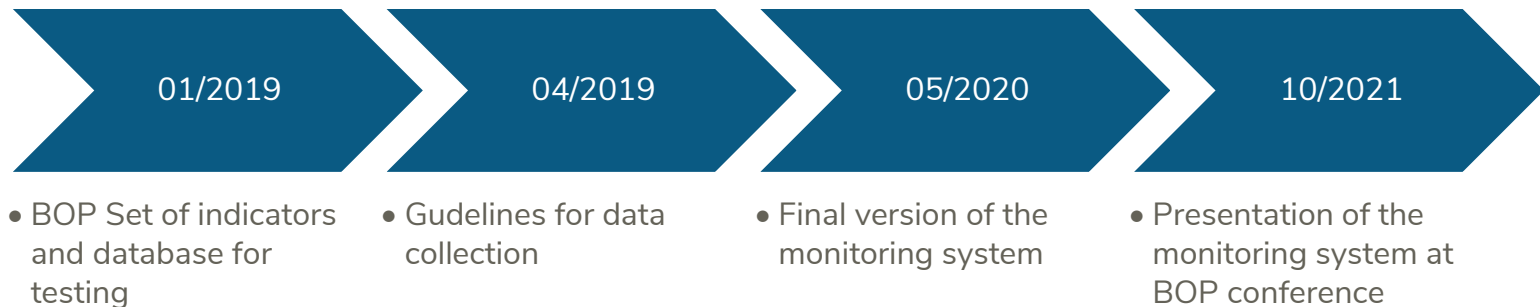
European-wide structure for mainstreaming of BOPs in the European Union. National focal points for biodiversity oriented premises (BOP-Focal Points).

- Elaboration of a practical organizational structure which can be implemented in all member states (BOP – Focal Points) and start of implementation
- Concept to assure long term financing for the promotion of BOP
- Re-inforce the contribution of BOP to green infrastructures in EU



B7 MONITORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF BOP TO BIODIVERSITY AND GI

- Development of an European-wide monitoring system for biodiversity oriented premises (BOP) with an interactive database and practical + meaningful indicators.
 - Monitoring of the potential created for biodiversity
 - Monitoring of the real development of biodiversity
- Database including maps of Green Infrastructure (e.g.planned or existing biotope corridors to create synergies)



D1 MOTIVATING COMPANIES TO IMPLEMENT BOP

The objective is to promote BOP and to convert them into a seriously considered option for companies.

- Best Practices to showcase feasibility and motivation of businesses
- Dissemination at Events
- Reach out to Business - sector specific media and Social media



D2 NETWORKING TO EXTEND BOP IN THE EU

Create synergies with projects and initiatives working on similar or complementary objectives by e.g.

- Regular contacts with coordinators of projects supported by the EU (LIFE, Horizon 2020, Interreg ...)
- Round table with representatives of the EU Commission and the Parliament organized together with the EU
- Presentation of the project and exchange during international events: CBD COP 2020, Green Week in Brussels, Horizon 2020 events, Interreg Central Europe conferences and others

QUESTIONS?

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