



Biodiversity-Oriented Premises: What we offer to companies

Welcome to LIFE BooGI-BOP!



With a **biodiversity-oriented design of their business premises**, companies contribute directly to the protection of biodiversity on site. This is particularly effective in densely populated areas. Biodiversity-oriented premises offer permanent and temporary habitats for animals and plants. Even narrow strips of trees and meadows connect habitats with each other and thus increase their ecological functionality. In this way, company premises turn into valuable habitats for biological diversity. Several additional benefits follow the biodiversity-oriented design: better climate, seepage of rainwater, better wellbeing of employees and involvement of the staff in measures to protect biodiversity.



The EU LIFE project "**Boosting Urban Green Infrastructure through Biodiversity Oriented Design of Business Premises**" (LIFE BooGI-BOP) by seven European partners promotes biodiversity-oriented design in Europe and supports companies on their way to more biodiversity on their premises. The project is funded by the LIFE programme of the European Union.

BooGI-BOP offers companies various possibilities to participate

Information on biodiversity-oriented design of business premises

Initial guidance on the opportunities and potentials of biodiversity-oriented design

Support during the implementation of the biodiversity-oriented design

Options for adaptations in **real estate management**

Trainings for Facility Managers

European network for biodiversity-oriented design

Initial guidance

The project partners offer initial guidance (guidance for the first companies is free of charge). The guidance supports companies' decisions on BOP: What are the possibilities for biodiversity-oriented design? What advantages and disadvantages emerge from measures to promote biodiversity? How will biodiversity-oriented design look like at your site and what should be respected when tendering and awarding contracts for planning and implementation? How can you communicate the commitment to protecting biodiversity in a meaningful and credible way? The proposals are based on the objectives of a company and take into account the restrictions arising from current and future land use.

An initial guidance includes a **preparatory discussion** and an **inspection of your company premises**. The results of the inspection and a catalogue of possible measures are summarised in a brief report. If you are interested, feel free to contact the **local LIFE BooGI-BOP team** to align on the next steps: If desired, the project partners will support you in organising the implementation. We can recommend suitable landscape architects, planners or gardeners.

Concepts for companies with several company sites

The project provides a particular approach for companies with several locations. The BOP team will develop a set of measures for biodiversity-oriented design in real estate management to be applied to all locations of a company. We have yet some best practice from a number of companies throughout Europe.



Numerous companies have already designed their company premises biodiversity-oriented. Depending on needs and wishes, single measures or a comprehensive redesign can be implemented.

European network

Within the framework of the project, we will establish a European network. This is going to be a platform for the exchange of experience and the further development of biodiversity-oriented design. Companies who designed their company premises regarding biodiversity-oriented principles are invited to present themselves as good example and benefit from Europe-wide visibility for sustainability and corporate responsibility.

The network will also include information and contact data of:

- Planners and architects with expertise in the field of biodiversity-oriented design
- Sources for organic horticultural nurseries and marketers of ornamental plants, old fruit varieties, indigenous woody plants and herbaceous plants
- Environmental and nature conservation organisations which might provide local support for some topics (e.g., hanging up nesting boxes)
- Funding programmes

Training for Facility Managers

The role of facility managers is crucial in the biodiversity-oriented design and maintenance of a company premises. Often, facility managers push for the biodiversity-oriented design. Tenders for maintenance might need to be adapted and an appropriate service provider contracted. The facility manager will keep an eye on the development of the areas and readjust to achieve the objectives desired.

The BOP team will develop a tailor-made training package for facility manager to provide the necessary knowledge for the maintenance techniques of a biodiversity-oriented care regime. Furthermore, we support preparation of criteria for planning, implementation and maintenance as well as in the evaluation of offers.

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

Seven European partners in Germany, Austria, Spain and Slovakia work together in the project **EU LIFE BooGI-BOP** to promote biodiversity-oriented design of premises (BOP) as a part of green infrastructures in Europe.

We are looking for frontrunners who are interested in the biodiversity-oriented design of their company premises. We are happy to support you!

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