

Annex 4: DESCRIPTION OF GOOD PRACTICE

The aim of annex 4 is to get detailed and structured information on good practices identified within INTERREG IVC projects. Since this information will directly feed into an on-line good practice database to be made available on the programme website, we would be grateful if you could ensure the good quality of the information provided. In particular, this information should be well written and easily understandable for external readers. One good practice can be described per form. There is no limit on the number of good practices that can be submitted, but a minimum of four good practice descriptions are required over the project's lifetime. Annex 4 is submitted together with the progress reports.

N.B. See Programme Manual section 1.1 for the programme's definition of a good practice

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 INDEX	0575R2
1.2 PROJECT ACRONYM	B-TEAM
1.3 PRIORITY	2: Environment and risk prevention
1.4 PROGRAMME SUB-THEME	Cultural heritage and landscape

2. GOOD PRACTICE INFORMATION

2.1 Title of the practice	Allotments as interim uses			
2.2 Topic of the practice <i>Please specify the precise topic of the practice in a few words (e.g. support to SMEs, demographic change, e-governement, risk management, water scarcity, renewable energy).</i>	Innovative approach of using vacant urban spaces to support community initiatives and kickstart local entrepreneurship			
2.3 Location of the practice	Country	IE		
	NUTS 1	IRELAND		
	NUTS 2			
	City	Dublin		
2.4 Start date of the practice (and if applicable, end date)	Start	01/01/2012	End	

2.5 Detailed description of the practice

Please provide a detailed description of the practice itself. The description should include information on the nature of the practice, its objective, the main stakeholders involved (including the beneficiaries) and the financial resources required for its implementation. If known, please also indicate key success factors and conditions for potential transfer.

The allotment project on Chamber Street in Dublin was established following interest from the local community and Councillors to address the empty development sites in the local area, particularly council owned former social housing sites and to create an interim use for these sites. The project was driven by the Liberties Area office with best practice examples studied for guidance (Cambridge Council in the UK have successful allotment policies and examples). A total of 27 allotment plots and a community gardens were created on the site. In this allotment example, 11 month leases are signed with the Council with modest costs for renting a plot for each 11 month period. The list of allotment members is drawn from the locality and is renewed for each period. Initiatives such as gardening tutorials were held when the allotments were launched to provide education and encourage good practice in plot maintenance.

Although this particular example is of a Council owned site, there are other national examples where private lands intended for development but now vacant have been converted into allotments for rent and have provided an income stream for the owner that offsets the cost of set up (thus increasing their attraction as a viable temporary use).

2.6 Evidence of success

Please explain why this practice is considered as good. Objective result and/or impact indicators are welcome in this section to demonstrate the success of the practice (e.g. n° jobs created or safeguarded, n° of patents submitted, amount of tons/year of freight traffic withdrawn from road, % of greenhouse gas emission reduced).

The benefits are considered significant and positive for local area, particularly for visual improvement, community development, and an education/ recreation asset for local community. Once established, the allotments became an instant success with demand for plots over taking supply.

2.7 Contact details to obtain further information on the practice

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