



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST

Municipality CHAUDFONTAINE

Country BELGIUM

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Name project

"Differentiated management" : A reasoned approach for the management of the green spaces, we all have something to gain from this !

Category Certification Criteria: mark the category of your project

- Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualita' urbana);
- Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);
- Policies for hospitality, awareness and training (politiche per l'ospitalita, la consapevolezza e la formazione);
- Social cohesion (coesione sociale).

Summary project

Chaudfontaine has a lot of public green spaces. The inhabitants and tourists can take advantage of a pleasant and friendly living environment.

The municipality of Chaudfontaine wished to get involved in a more respectful management of the green spaces without any quality loss : The principle is to apply to every space the best adapted type of management by taking into account its use, its situation, ... " Maintain as much as needful but also as little as possible"

Goal project

- manage the green spaces according to their purposes : relaxation, leisure activities, culture,...
- limit the human, financial or technical constraints
- limit the pollutions and risks for our health by reduction of phytosanitary produits (pesticides, chemicals, artificial fertilizer, ...)
- return of the nature in "town"
- improve the quality of life by diversifying the styles of landscapes

Involved in the "Maya Plan", Chaudfontaine wanted particularly to protect the nectar-gathering insects and use alternative technics to pesticides

Result project

- inventory of the municipal green spaces : situation, surface, ecology, ...
 - mapping
 - analysis of the different possibilities of management for each space
 - distribution of spaces in various categories and classes : entrance of village, roadside, semi-natural zone, ...
- choices done for :
- grass planting and shearing



- weeding : mulching, plant covers, ...
- trees management : particular care for a better development (the good species at the right places, maintenance, ...
- reaping and maintenance of the edges of the roads
- floral ornamentation: association of wild flowers and perennials : biological and esthetic interest (native plants)

Some examples of realizations :

- creation of a didactic orchard in the garden of the city hall. This help the development of nectar-gathering insects : an hotel for insects has been settled, a didactic panel describe and explain the orchard and 10.000 leaflets have been published and distributed
- Hauster Park : development of thematic gardens, works of art emphazing the nature, wild space, ..

Finance (costs and benefits)

Creations and realizations : 25.000 €

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

- Engineering consulting firm
- Municipal Plan of development of the nature
- Municipal Department of environment
- Municipal Department of works : plantations and maintenances : each time it's necessary (depending on the season)

Additional information (if necessarily)

This management is a work of each year for the municipal departments : environment and works for the maintenances, new creations, ... information to citizens and tourists. Events are created around this subject : Week of the tree, guided walks, ...

Link website
(if available)

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