

Gemeinsam für ein Grünes Europa - Together for a Green Europe

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### International Organization for natural bathing waters

### 13 (bi)-national organisations

EU: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain/Portugal, Poland

non-EU: Australia/New Zealand, Israel, USA

### 10 Extraordinary members

EU: Danmark, Finland, Slovenia, Sweden

non-EU: Argentina, Brasil, Chile, China, Philippines, South Africa, Turkey

Representing

25 nations

About 600 companies





### International Organization for natural bathing waters

How can we influence the European legislation?

Total annual budget IOB ( years without conference ): about 17.000€

Lobbying means being present in Brussels, lobbyism costs a lot of money!

—-> the IOB is too small to organise lobbying by itself.

### **Solution:**

The whole "green industry" works together with a common representation in Brussels

The initiative came from ELCA



# **ELCA**

European Landscape **Contractors Association** 





EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION















- Work on the design, construction and maintenance
- Gardens, public green and green buildings
- Development of a larger program of services
- Green Infrastructure on regional, national and global level
- Research and innovation
- The Mobility of Young Landscapers
- Exchange of experience and good practice

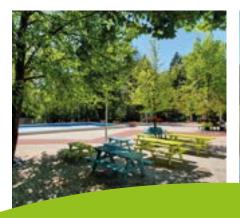
















- 23 Countries affiliated
- Representing 13.000 companies
- With 125.000 employees
- EU members: Austria, Belgium Czech Republic, Danmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Netherlands,
- · Associated members: Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Norway, Switzerland,









# **ENA**

European Nurserystock **Association** 









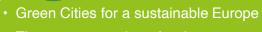












- The nursery stock profession
- Growers and traders
- Hardy nursery stock products and perennials
- Addressing many technical issues
- Monitoring EU regulations
- The health and prosperity of the nursery stock industry















- Representing 25.000 nurseries on 119.000 hectares
- 207.000 workers and 8.560 million invoiced production
- EU members: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain,
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# **IFLA Europe**

International Federation of Landscape Architects











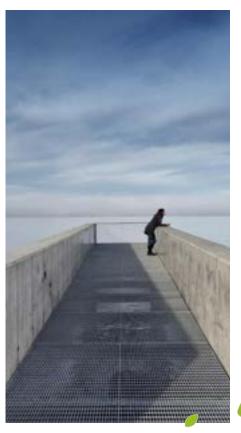
Promoting the best practice operations

• Striving to enhance the quality of landscape planning

Monitoring and management in collaboration

- · Combines environment and design, art and science
- About everything outside the front door, both urban and rural
- The interface between people and natural systems
- Nurtures communities and makes their environment human and liveable











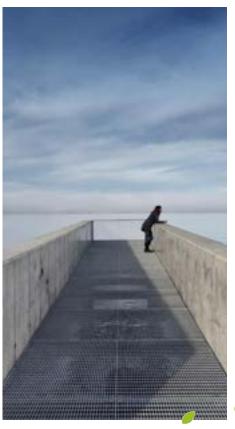




- 34 National Associations
- 26 EU member states
- 18.000 members











### **EILO**

European Interior Landscaping Organisation

















- Happiness for employees, customers and patients
- Sustainable, circular, bio-based and healthy buildings
- Purifies the air, improve humidity
- Interior plants create value
- From advice to design, implementation and maintenance
- Knowledge about several systems and solutions































### **EFB**

European Federation of Green Roof and Living Wall Associations















- Promote the use of green roofs and green facades
- Technologies to provide better quality of life
- Returning sealed surfaces back to nature
- Help with Climate Change Adaptation
- The energy performance of buildings
- Renewable Energies development and efficiency
- Engagement activities that improve urban nature

















- Representing 18 nations and
- 600 companies
- Green roof stock(\*) in 2014: 95.450.000 m2
- Sales volume in 2014: 382.362.500 €
- Prognosis: fast growing
- Estimated market volume in 2030: 62 billion











Target Country	Green Roof Stock total m² (2014)	Green Roofs new/year m²	ratio extensive %	ratio intensive %	Yearly sales figures €
Austria	4.500.000	500.000	73 %	27 %	27.350.000
Germany	86.000.000	8.000.000	85 %	15%	254.000.000
Hungary	1.250.000	100.000	35 %	65 %	5.662.500
Scandinavia (S, N, DK)		600.000	85 %	15%	16.050.000
Switzerland		1.800.000	95 %	5 %	51.300.000
UK	3.700.000	250.000	80 %	20 %	28.000.000
	95.450.000	11.250.000			382.362.500

Trend: growing (FBB DE)

Source: European Federation of Green Roofs and Walls - EFB 2015 (unpublished)

For every urban citizen within the Union there will be 5 m<sup>2</sup> of green roof or wall by 2030

1.82 billion m<sup>2</sup> green roofs and walls

€62 billion market



# **WUP**World Urban Parks Europe

















- Provision, effective management and use of urban parks
- Open space and recreation world-wide
- Integral contribution to healthy
- · Connection to the natural world
- Build healthy, liveable and sustainable communities
- Comprehensive and well managed urban parks and city open space



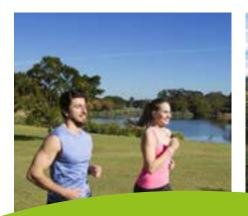














- 15 Countries affiliated
- Representing .....companies
- EU members:,Finland, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain
- Non-EU members: Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, US









# IOB

International Organization for natural bathing waters















- · Planning and construction of natural swimming ponds
- Fully biological water purification
- · Achieve and sustain biological quality
- Biodiversity by restoring aquatic ecosystems
- A place of natural beauty and biotope for wetland species
- Performed by biological filters and aquatic plants
- Contributes for the wellbeing and health of its users















- 13 Associations
- 10 Extraordinary members
- Representing 25 countries
- 600 companies/partners













IOB 600 companies

IOB represents 1% of all SoGreen partners

Or

SoGreen represents 100 times more companies than IOB alone

And the whole Green Industry











### SoGreen joint declaration 'On the Green move'

### With regard to:

- 1. The challenge that we face on climate change;
- 2. The ongoing loss of biodiversity;
- 3. The overexploitation of our soil and natural resources;
- 4. The pressure on our health and well-being;

#### The solutions is:

We need to restore our ecosystems in rural and urban areas by using the benefits of greenery in nature based solutions.

# Our goals

To be THE negotiation, consultant and discussion partner for the EU and all decision takers, representing the whole Green Industry

Fight the climate change
Create healthy living environment
Reduce the "heat island effect" in the cities
Restore healthy soil, air and water
Promote Nature-based solutions
Open the market for Green Solutions

### **Our activities**

In the past:

ELCA launched the SoGreen movement (20.11.2020)

1st SoGreen Symposium "The EU Green deal on the green move" (30.4.21)

EU Green Week 2021 (1.-4.6.21)

Now: participation in Iberflora, Valencia (5.-7-10.21)

Future:

Participation in Paysalia, Lyon (30.11.-2.12.21)

European year of greener cities 2022







# The partners of SoGreen contribute to EU-policies in amongst others the European Green Deal that focusses on:

- 1. New regulations on climate law and greening cities;
- 2. Opportunities within the Biodiversity Strategy, linked on soil, reforestation and urban ecosystems;
- 3. A nature inclusive Renovation Wave that leads to energy efficient and climate adaptive buildings;
- 4. Skills Agenda with digital skills and skills related to nature based solutions;
- 5. Facilitation of innovation supported by EU-Horizon on restoring and reinforcing ecosystems;
- 6. European support by the subsidisation in LIFE and other programs.



### Thank you all and hope to meet you



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