



City of Lille

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Lille's Pilot is located in the city center in a very dense and popular neighborhood where biodiversity and nature are rarely present. The pilot site consists in an old housing building dating back the 70's that will be refurbished. The project surroundings are mainly green lawns and parking lots with several trees.

CHALLENGE

- Focus not only on the building retrofitting project but also work on bringing more ecological value in the free spaces
- Increase ecological knowledge and data on private lands
- Involving the residents of this building (population with fewer incomes, more vulnerable to environmental issues...)
- Economical challenge to maintain low maintenance fees



IMPACT

Working on "ordinary" biodiversity in a very urban context, improve nature proximity and ecological value in the most deprived districts of the city. The idea is to take advantage of every opportunity to bring more biodiversity in the project (the building itself can host animals and plants)

Decreasing the heat effect vulnerability in this grey and dense area
Reflecting on how to improve soils quality in relation to its ecological value

Increase awareness with the citizens and inhabitants of the building but also for every stakeholders working on it.



APPROACH

"The specificity of the Pilot is that the semi-private owner is the project holder. The City of Lille staff will be bringing additional expertise and human resource support. Several stakeholders will be associated (local associations, schools, different departments) and the hope is that the project will have a contagious effect in the neighborhoods in terms of awareness on biodiversity.



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