

Even though it may sometimes be forgotten, nature forms an inseparable part of cities. Green spaces and natural areas are of key importance for cities' balanced and healthy development. The proposals for the naturalisation of cities are becoming increasingly important in this respect and a shift both from the traditional management of public gardens to the ecological management of urban nature, and from a situation of isolated parks and gardens to the formation of a veritable urban green infrastructure is proposed. The challenges of the future which urban life poses can only be faced with an approach encompassing the city and nature, green spaces and biodiversity, gardening and ecology, and professionals and lay citizens.