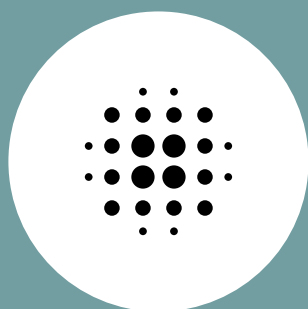


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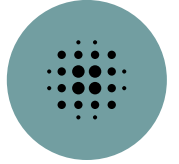
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DAY 1

PRE-PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 25



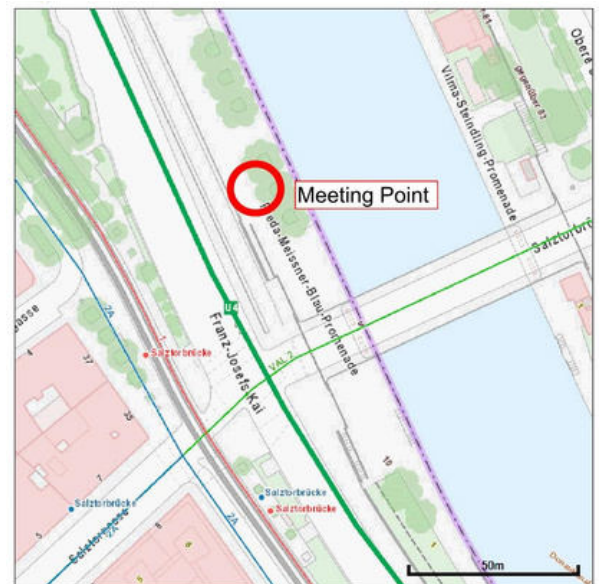
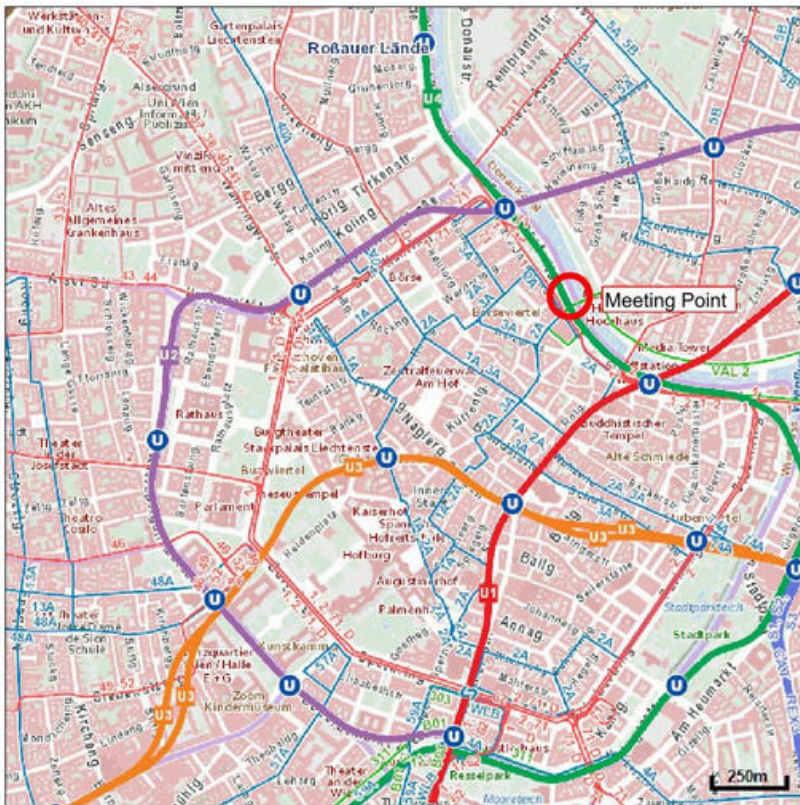
15:00 - 16:00 PROJECT: FREDA-MEISSNER-BLAU-PROMENADE

Meeting point Danube Canal Salztor Bridge
Karl Grimm (Karl Grimm Landschaftsarchitekten) & Wiener
Gewässer MA 45 (Vienna City)

Tour of the construction site: redesign of the riverside promenade &
sponge city integration.

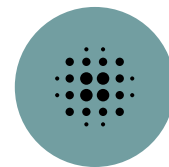
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MEETING POINT



Meeting point at the Danube Canal
by the Salztor Bridge at the bottom
after the stairs.

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DAY 1

OFFICIAL START

Wednesday, June 25



16:00 – 18:30 PROJECT: SPONGE CITY PRATER

*Meeting Point Tegetthoff Monument (see p. 9),
Stefan Schmidt*

Site Visit: Sponge City Project at Vienna's Prater.



19:00 – OPEN END DINNER

Stuwer – Neues Wiener Beisl, Stuwerstraße 47, 1020 Wien

DAY 2

Thursday, June 26



8:00 – 8:30 ARRIVAL AND WELCOME COFFEE

HBLFA Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna



8:30 – 8:50 PRESENTATION: WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

*Director HBLFA for Horticulture and Austrian Federal Gardens &
Thomas Roth (HBLFA for Horticulture)*

Welcome and presentation of the research on urban green infrastructure and overview of the agenda and main topics of the day.



8:50 - 9:10 PRESENTATION: STATE OF THE ART - SPONGE CITY IN AUSTRIA

Stefan Schmidt & Karl Grimm (Karl Grimm Landschaftsarchitekten)

An overview of Austria's current position in implementing Sponge City principles. The session highlights recent projects, emerging challenges, and future perspectives in urban water management and climate-resilient planning.



9:10 - 9:30 COFFEE BREAK

HBLFA Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna



9:30 - 10:15 PRESENTATION: PARTICIPANT RESEARCH

Three Participants

Three participants introduce themselves and present their current research projects (15 minutes each). This session offers the opportunity to get to know different perspectives and areas of specialisation within the group.



10:15 - 12:00 TOUR: OUTDOOR RESEARCH SITE

Thomas Roth (HBLFA for Horticulture)

A tour through the outdoor facilities of the HBLFA. Various ongoing research projects will be presented, including the Sponge City pilot area and the Climate Tree Grove, which focuses on tree species adapted to future urban climates.



12:00 - 13:00 LUNCH BREAK

HBLFA Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna

A shared lunch provides time to relax, network and continue informal discussions.

**13:00 - 14:00 TRANSFER FROM JÄGERHAUSGASSE TO SEESTADT ASPERN NORD**

Train Number S3 13:17 - 13:37 Hetzendorf Station - Praterstern

Metro Number U2 13:42 - 14:01 Praterstern - Aspern Nord

**14:00 - 17:00 TOUR: SPONGE CITY PROJECTS IN SEESTADT**

Daniel Zimmermann (3:0 Landschaftsarchitektur) & Vienna 3420 Aspern Development AG

Presentation of local green infrastructure and water management concepts.

**17:00 - 18:00 TRANSFER FROM SEESTADT TO PRATERSTERN**

Metro Number U2

**18:00: - OPEN END DINNER**

Gasthaus Hansy, Heinestraße 42, 1020 Vienna

**6:58 - 9:45 TRANSFER FROM VIENNA CENTRAL STATION TO GRAZ CENTRAL STATION TO TREE OFFICE GRAZ**

Train Number RJ 553 6:58 - 9:33 Vienna Central Station - Graz Central Station & Walking to the Tree Office Graz with Tomas Stoisser (Graz City)

**09:45 - 10:00 PRESENTATION: WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

*Tree Office, Europaplatz 20, 8011 Graz
Robert Wiener (Graz City) & Tomas Stoisser (Graz City)*

Agenda and overview of the day.

**10:00 - 10:30 PRESENTATION: RESEARCH RESULTS**

Anna Zeiser (Federal Office of Water Management)

Research results on water dispersion, water storage capacity and fine material displacement in structural soils and conclusions on construction details.

**10:30 - 11:00 PRESENTATION: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Albert König (Institute of Urban Water Management and Landscape Water Engineering, Technical University of Graz)

Potential of urban plant beds/sponge city concept facing stormwater challenges in Graz.

**11:00 - 11:15 COFFEE BREAK**

Tree Office, Europaplatz 20, 8011 Graz

**11:15 - 12:15 PRESENTATION: PARTICIPANT RESEARCH***Two Participants*

Two participants will introduce themselves and present their current (research) projects about water dispersion, water storage capacity, storm water protection in connection with sponge city construction methods. This session offers the opportunity to dive deeper in this detailed special topic.

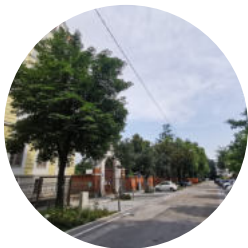
**12:15 - 12:30 TRANSFER FROM TREE OFFICE GRAZ TO RESTAURANT *HEIDENSPASS***Tramway***12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK***Restaurant *heidenspass, Griesgasse 8, 8020 Graz*

A shared vegetarian lunch provides time to relax, network, and continue informal discussions.

**13:30 - 15:00 TOUR: GRAZ CITY PROJECTS***Tomas Stoisser (Graz City)*

Walking tour in the city center of Graz to see selected examples: Mariahilferplatz, Lendplatz, Vorplatz Lendhotel, Island in the Mur, Neutorgasse, Schmiedgasse, Joanneum Ring, Girardigasse to Kaiser-Josef-Platz.

**15:00 - 15:15 TRANSFER FROM KAISER-JOSEF-PLATZ TO LEONHARDGÜRTEL***Tramway*

**15:15 - 16:00 PROJECT: SPONGE CITY
LEONHARDGÜRTEL**

*Anna Zeiser (Federal Office of Water Management) &
Tomas Stoisser (Graz City)*

Presentation of the project and investigations at Leonhardgürtel.

**16:00 - 16:45 COFFEE BREAK**

Café Tribeka, Leonhardstraße 82, 8010 Graz

**16:45 - 17:15 TRANSFER FROM TRIBEKA TO SMART
CITY WAAGNER-BIRO**

Tramway

**17:15 - 18:15 TOUR: SMART CITY TO GRAZ MAIN
STATION**

Tomas Stoisser (Graz City)

Urban development area Smart City Waagner-Biro, a former industrial zone.

**18:26 - 21:02 RETURN FROM GRAZ MAIN STATION
TO VIENNA MAIN STATION**

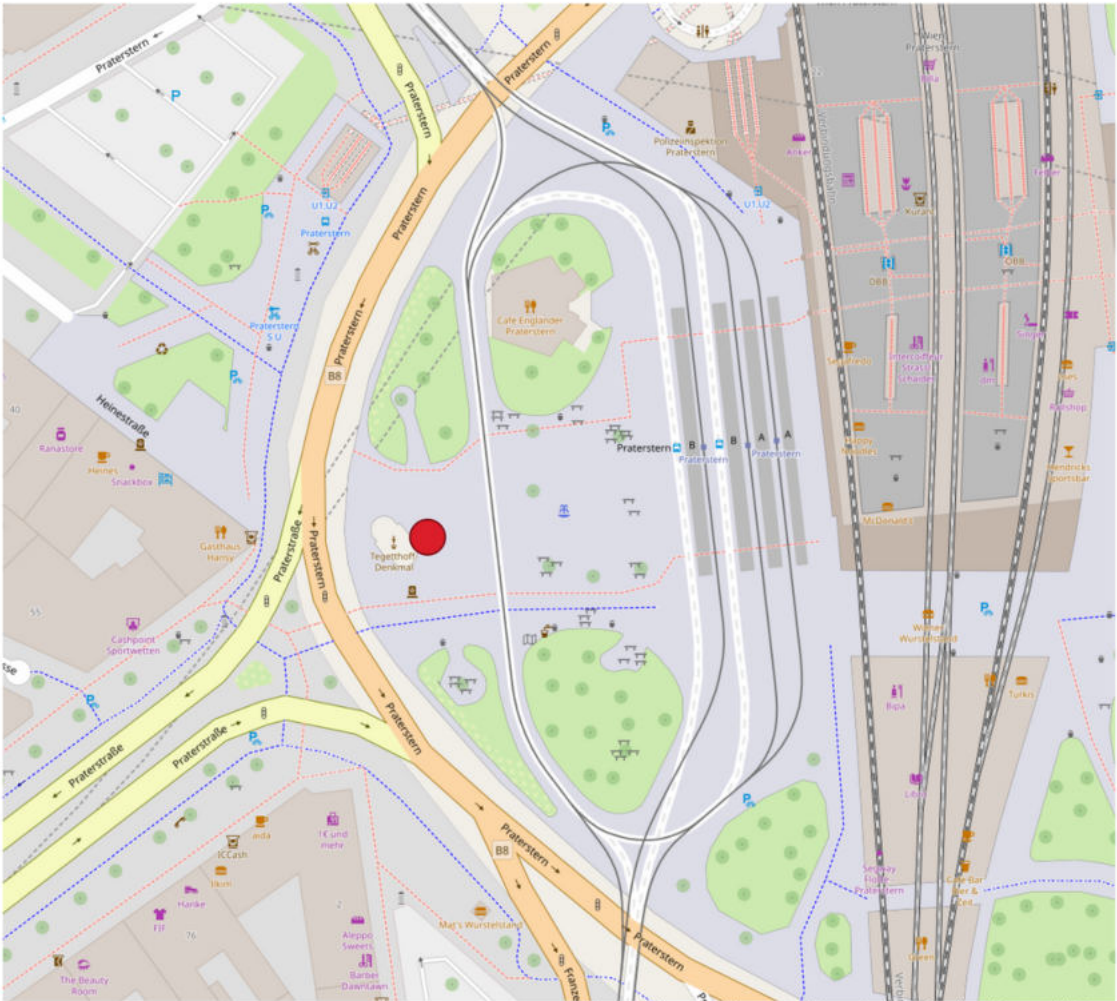
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Meeting Point
Praterstern
Vienna
June 25
16:00



Meeting point in front
of the Tegetthoff monument



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TIMETABLE

Time	Place	Programm
WEDNESDAY JUNE 25		
15:00 - 16:00	Danube Canal Salztor Bridge	Pre-Program Project: Freda-Meissner-Blau-Promenade
16:00 - 18:30	Praterstern Vienna	Official Start Project: Sponge City Prater
19:00 -Open end	Stuwer - Neues Wiener Beisl, Stuwerstraße 47, 1020 Wien	Dinner

Time	Place	Programm
THURSDAY JUNE 26		
8:00 – 8:30	HBLFA Branch Office, Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna	Arrival and Welcome Coffee
8:30 – 8:50	HBLFA Branch Office, Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna	Presentation: Welcome & Introduction
8:50 – 9:10	HBLFA Branch Office, Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna	Presentation: State of the Art – Sponge City in Austria
9:10 – 9:30	HBLFA Branch Office, Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna	Coffee Break
9:30 – 10:15	HBLFA Branch Office, Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna	Presentation: Participant Research
10:15 – 12:00	HBLFA Branch Office, Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna	Tour: Outdoor Research Site
12:00 – 13:00	HBLFA Branch Office, Jägerhausgasse 77, 1120 Vienna	Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:00	-	Transfer from Jägerhausgasse to Seestadt Aspern Nord
14:00 – 17:00	Vienna Seestadt	Tour: Sponge City Projects in Seestadt
17:00 – 18:00	-	Transfer from Seestadt to Praterstern
18:00 – Open end	Gasthaus Hansy, Heinestraße 42, 1020 Vienna	Dinner

Time	Place	Programm
FRIDAY JUNE 27		
6:58 – 9:45	-	Transfer from Vienna Central Station to Graz Central Station to Tree Office Graz
9:45 – 10:00	Tree Office Graz, Europaplatz 20, 8011 Graz	Presentation: Welcome & Introduction
10:00 – 10:30	Tree Office Graz, Europaplatz 20, 8011 Graz	Presentation: Research results on water dispersion & water storage capacity
10:30 – 11:00	Tree Office Graz, Europaplatz 20, 8011 Graz	Presentation: Stormwater Management
11:00 – 11:15	Tree Office Graz, Europaplatz 20, 8011 Graz	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:15	Tree Office Graz, Europaplatz 20, 8011 Graz	Presentation: Participant Research
12:15 – 12:30	-	Transfer from Tree Office Graz to Restaurant *heidenspass
12:30 – 13:30	Restaurant *heidenspass, Griesgasse 8, 8020 Graz	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Graz City	Tour: Graz City Projects
15:00 – 15:15	-	Transfer from Kaiser-Josef-Platz to Leonhardgürtel
15:15 – 16:00	Leonhardgürtel, 8010 Graz	Project: Sponge City Leonhardgürtel

Time	Place	Programm
16:00 - 16:45	Café Tribeka, Leonhardstraße 82, 8010 Graz	Coffe Break
16:45 - 17:15	-	Transfer from Tribeka to Smart City Waagner-Biro
17:15 - 18:15	Graz City	Tour: Smart City to Graz Main Station
18:26 - 21:02	Tree Office Graz, Europaplatz 20, 8011 Graz	Return from Graz Main Station to Vienna Main Station

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