



From Knowledge Exchange to Action

Building greener, more biodiverse and resilient urban
communities across the South Adriatic

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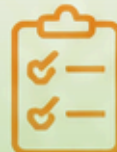


EDEN: FROM PLANNING TO ACTION



JANUARY – JULY 2026 AT A GLANCE

During the first half of 2026, EDEN moved from analysis and knowledge exchange towards concrete planning for greener and more biodiverse urban spaces. Partners combined local research, cross-border cooperation and capacity building to prepare the ground for the next phase: the implementation of **EDEN pilot urban farms**.



FROM KNOWLEDGE
TO **PLANNING**
TO ACTION 

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URBAN SPACE ANALYSIS



Activity 1.1

Assessing urban spaces and identifying opportunities for future urban farming sites across the project territories.

During this period, EDEN partners carried out the Urban Space Analysis to better understand the existing urban environment and identify underused spaces with potential for urban farming. The work combined desk research, local mapping and field-based observation across the project territories.



WHAT WAS DONE DURING THE PERIOD

- Reviewed current farming practices and the local urban context
- Mapped potentially suitable urban and peri-urban spaces
- Conducted site visits and visual assessments
- Analysed biodiversity conditions, soil potential and community accessibility



FOCUS OF THE ANALYSIS

- Urban spaces
- Environmental analysis
- Site visits
- Community potential



KEY OUTCOME

Initial mapping and assessment of potential urban farming spaces completed, providing a solid basis for future pilot-site selection and planning.



Site visit



Open green space



Field observation



Urban context analysis



Learning Across Borders



Community Knowledge Exchange | Activity A1.2

Project knowledge-exchange missions in the territories of Puglia, Molise, Albania and Montenegro bring together farmers, experts, stakeholders and community members to share experiences on urban farming and biodiversity.



Key topics discussed

- Urban farming practices
- Biodiversity conservation
- Local experiences
- Community participation
- Transferable good practices



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MISSION #1

Nikšić, Montenegro
19 February 2026

Partners explored local experiences in urban farming and space regeneration, focusing on community engagement and access to resources.



MISSION #2

Conversano, Italy
24 March 2026

Discussions focused on biodiversity, soil quality and ecological integration in urban contexts, sharing challenges and adaptive solutions.



MISSION #3

Molise, Italy
24 April 2026

The mission highlighted rural-urban connections and the valorisation of agricultural heritage as a resource for territorial resilience.



MISSION #4

Durrës, Albania
19-20-21 May 2026

The mission focused on urban farms as educational and social tools, engaging young people and promoting inclusion through urban agriculture.



Building Green Skills



EDEN Green Workshops | Activity A1.3

Green Workshops synojnë rritjen e njohurive dhe aftësive praktike të partnerëve për:

- sustainable agriculture;
- landscape regeneration;
- urban farming;
- biodiversity;
- practical techniques for creating and maintaining urban farms.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Practical approaches for greener and more resilient farming.



URBAN REGENERATION

Exploring how urban spaces can become productive green areas.



BIODIVERSITY

Integrating biodiversity conservation into urban farming practices.



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Green Workshop 2

19 – 20 June 2026 – Lecce Italy (Fondazione)

Topic:
Planning and design
of urban farms

- Systematisation of evidence emerging from the incoming missions
- Methodologies for designing sustainable urban farms
- Operational tools supporting Activity A2.1 and WP2





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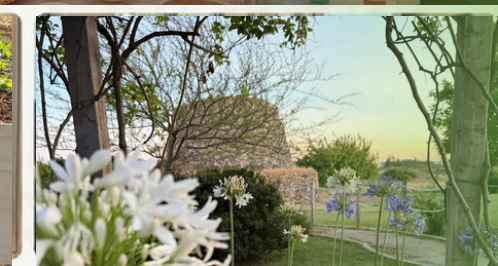
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Target group:

Urban Regeneration Leaders of the partner organisations



Outputs:

- Training materials
- Design toolkit
- Recorded sessions and e-learning resources





From Knowledge to Action

During the first half of 2026, EDEN strengthened cooperation, exchanged knowledge, built practical skills and laid the foundations for the next stage of the project.

The work carried out through urban space analysis, community knowledge exchange, green workshops and biodiversity enhancement planning is now guiding partners towards the implementation of the EDEN pilot urban farms.

As the project moves forward, the focus will shift from planning to action — transforming shared knowledge into greener, more inclusive and biodiversity-friendly urban spaces.

**The next chapter of EDEN
begins with implementation.**



Follow the EDEN journey
as ideas take root and
pilot urban farms begin to grow.

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COMMUNITIES
STRONGER
TOGETHER

“
Healthier
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