

Benchmarking Collaboration: Second Meeting

5 October 2022
15h00 – 16h30 CEST

Background Information

The [Informal Network of Experts on Sustainable Urban Forestry](#) (INESUF) provides a forum for knowledge exchange, capacity-building and peer-to-peer learning to advance sustainable urban and peri-urban forestry.

Cities and experts report that a lack of urban forestry benchmarks makes it difficult to set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely) targets during urban forestry planning and to assess whether plans are realistic, ambitious and well-targeted. Benchmarking of sustainable urban and peri-urban forestry among peer cities was proposed as an area for collaboration during the [Second Meeting](#) of the INESUF on 8 December, 2021. Access to consistent, comparable data could support effective planning, monitoring and comparison among peers.

An INESUF Benchmarking Collaboration was launched as a result, and the First Meeting of the Benchmarking Collaboration was organized on March 28, 2022. The meeting facilitated dialogue among participants to discuss, in detail, collaborative activities that could be implemented through the Informal Network to support benchmarking. Based on this discussion, UNECE is developing a sustainable urban and peri urban forestry benchmarking survey to share with cities participating in the Trees in Cities Challenge, as well as other interested cities across the UNECE region and beyond.

This Second Meeting of the Benchmarking Collaboration will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on and provide input to the design of the sustainable urban and peri-urban forestry benchmarking survey.

The agenda for the meeting is presented on the following page.

Connection Instructions

The meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams. [Please register](#) to receive the link to join the meeting.



Meeting Agenda (ENG)

15h00	Opening
15h05	Presentation of benchmarking survey concept UNECE will present an overview of the survey
15h20	Introductions (tour de table) Each participant will be given the floor to introduce herself or himself and to provide general input on the survey concept
15h25	Discussion of benchmarking survey questions Moderated discussion
16h25	Closing