Biodiversity-oriented design of business premises

– Added value for people and nature

Biodiversity is the basis of life. Intact ecosystems with a high biodiversity enable a good quality of life for present and future generations. Naturally, we use daily services of nature: clean water and fresh air, food, renewable raw materials and live in an attractive living environment where we can experience beautiful landscapes. These functions form the basis for all human activities.

However, biodiversity loss is among today's biggest challenges for human kind. In the EU up to 80 % of the area is used for cities, roads, agriculture and forestry production and industrial areas with nearly no space for flora and fauna.

Many companies are dependent on biodiversity, and human life in general will not be possible without what biodiversity offers.

Biodiversity-Oriented Design of Business Premises

Biodiversity-oriented design of business premises (BOP) is a pragmatic approach to contribute to the protection of biodiversity – especially in densely populated regions. BOPs provide permanent or temporary habitats for local fauna and flora and contribute to the creation of biotope corridors and the interconnection of the so-called green infrastructure.

A biodiversity-oriented and needs-based design increases the functionality and intrinsic value of a property in many respects: Green roofs reduce the necessity for air-conditioning (thus saving energy), improve the microclimate and the attractiveness for employees and guests. BOP offers good opportunities to sensitize and actively involve employees for biodiversity, improves the working atmosphere and increases employees' identification with the company. A biodiversity-oriented design also improves the surrounding ecological infrastructure. In this way, a company contributes to the protection of biodiversity and at the same time improves the overall attractiveness of its premises.

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LIFE BooGI-BOP

The EU LIFE project „*Boosting Urban Green Infrastructure through Biodiversity-Oriented Design of Business Premises*“ (**LIFE BooGI-BOP**) of seven European partners promotes biodiversity-oriented design of business premises (BOP) in Europe.

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Join the movement!

- The LIFE BooGI-BOP team offers advice to companies to decide on what BOP-measures are feasible and reasonable to implement.
- Companies with many locations have the opportunity to **participate in the pilot phase** of "Biodiversity-oriented design for multiple locations" (the number is limited). Here, we analyse and standardise the management of premises and test different BOP options.
- Cities and municipalities receive support in setting up initiatives for BOP.
- Your company premises are already close to nature? We are looking for good examples to convince more companies!
- We are looking for planners and implementers of biodiversity-oriented design, which we can recommend to companies during the initial assessment.

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