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# Measuring ecosystem services by urban species: the LIFE Urbangreen project

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1- Smart irrigation (KL for urban species)

2- Efficient programming of jobs and control activities (reduce their carbon footprint)

3- Monitoring through IOT, meteo and RS data (use weather, remote sensing and sensors data to improve green area management )

4- **Public engagement** (solicit social involvement of citizens in urban green area management)

5- Measure ecosystem services (regulation)







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### Measuring ecosystem services



Two-week measurement campaigns have been conducted in the two cities to assess some ecosystem services by leaf gas exchange measurements and collection of leaves for pollution trapping efficiency determination. Lidar scanning is ongoing for determining biometrics

- Storage of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Assimilation CO<sub>2</sub>
- Adsorption of PM
- Microclimate improvement by transpiration





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CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation largely exceeds sequestration
CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation depends on plant physiology and environment
Need to assess on more species, in more climates

