

Attachment 1. Interreg Europe 2021-27 Good Practice Template

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1. Author contact information

Contact information is filled out automatically and comes from your profile. You can edit it in your dashboard.

Preferably, the owner of the good practice should fill in the form. If you are not the owner, please indicate this below.

Are you submitting the good practice one someone else's behalf? Yes or no, if yes, please indicate the email address of the person responsible.
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Are you involved in an Interreg Europe project? Yes

If you are involved in more than one project, please choose the project for which you are submitting this good practice.

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Please select the project acronym:

Drop-down list of Interreg Europe approved projects

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2. Organisation in charge of the good practice

If your organisation is not the one in charge of the good practice, you can indicate the relevant organisation in this section of the form. Your contact details will still be linked to the submitted good practice.

Is your organisation the main institution in charge of this good practice? Yes

In case 'yes' is selected, you can review your organisation's details. In case 'no' is selected, you can select an existing organisation or add a new organisation.

3. Good practice general information

If you are submitting a good practice as part of an Interreg Europe project, the thematic objective and sub-topic are chosen for you.

If you are not part of an Interreg Europe project, please remember to choose the most relevant thematic objective and sub-topic for your good practice.

Thematic objective of the practice: Green / Biodiversity preservation

Geographical scope of the practice: Spain / Galicia / Ames Council

Location of the practice	Country	Spain
	Region	Galicia
	City	Ames

Practice image



Title of the practice

PLANTING OF DECIDUOUS TREES IN THE SECONDARY STRIPES OF PREVENTION AND DEFENSE AGAINST FOREST FIRES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BIODIVERSITY

4. Good practice detailed information

The questions below in italic are optional.

Short summary of the practice:

Ames Council improves biodiversity and avoids fire risks with deciduous plantations in the biomass management strips around population settlements.

Detailed information on the practice:

Revegetation in the biomass management strips with deciduous species in the surroundings of villages or urbanised areas.

Ames is a municipality with an intermediate-high degree of urbanisation that has suffered strong fires in past years, in areas close to houses.

Forest land occupies more than 65% of Galicia and its growing trend is due, among other reasons, to the abandonment of agricultural areas and the depopulation of rural areas.

Ownership is very fragmented, which complicates this task and requires educational work with the community and a trusting relationship.

Ames Council offers neighbouring landowners the opportunity to reforest with deciduous forest species plantations in these fire prevention areas, at a cost of only 20% for landowners. These plots surround different villages or housing estates in this municipality.

The Council studies the characteristics of the plots in order to propose the most suitable species, prepares the land, carries out the planting and then monitors the results.

Each plantation must combine more than one species (at least 10% variability) to avoid monoculture and promote biodiversity.

This practice improves biodiversity in areas forced by law to eliminate tree stands due to fire risk.

The practice began in 2017 and continues nowadays, with annual grants.

The beneficiaries are these villages, landowners and environment, since this practice protects against forest fires and increases ecosystem services.

Timescale (start/end date):

October 2017 – Ongoing

Resources needed:

This practice is financed by the Ames Council's Strategic Grants Plan (50.000 € per year). The Council co-finances 80% of the cost in the plots located in the biomass management strip around the settlements.

Municipal staff (1), external services and operators (1 consultant, 1 foreman and 2 labourers).

Evidence of success (results achieved):

From 2017 to 2023, the following results have been obtained:

- Planted plots: 270
- Space (ha): 23,33
- Plants: 5962
- Plants by species: chestnut 54,25, cherry tree 11,65%, oak 5,8%, hazel 9,7%, walnut 2,18%, ash tree 1%, birch 8,4%, maple 6,5%, apple tree 0,26%, pear tree 0,26%.
- Surviving plants: 78%
- Landowners planting beyond the buffer zone: 12%
- Allotment holders: 234
- Involved villages: 13

Potential for learning or transfer:

This practice may be applicable to other regions with wooden areas close to inhabited areas and where loss of forest habitats is detected.

- This solution is based on nature.
- It aims to defend against fires and improve biodiversity.
- It brings economic, environmental, landscape and quality of life benefits to its owners and to the surrounding society.
- It promotes connectivity of flora and fauna, as well as other ecosystem services.
- Deciduous tree species can easily control and inhibit undergrowth by reducing the amount of light under their canopies and the fall of leaves on the ground.
- Native trees are less demanding in terms of water, soil and climate because they are better adapted to the Galician habitat.
- Deciduous trees plantations increase the value of land where fast-growing species are not allowed to be planted.
- Public-private cooperation facilitates biomass management and lowers the costs for those responsible for carrying it out.
- This practice raises public awareness of the benefit of native tree stands and has an exemplary effect.
- This good practice is a governance practice for joint action between the public administration and the population.

External website (optional):

<https://www.concellodeames.gal/es/organizacion/departament-os-municipais/departamento/plan-de-prevencion-e-defensa-frente-aos-incendios-forestais-mediante-plantacion-de-frondosas>

<https://www.concellodeames.gal/gl/docs/plan-municipal-de-prevencion-e-defensa-contra-os-incendios-forestais-do-concello-de-ames-0>

Tags related to your practice (optional):

Green, ecosystem services, biodiversity, prevention, fires, biomass, forest management, planting, reforestation, deciduous trees, settlements, cooperation, voluntarism, awareness-raising, subsidy, council, local level.

Documents (optional):

FIRE PREVENTION PLAN THROUGH THE PLANTING OF CADUCIFOLIA FRONDOSAS IN BIOMASS MANAGEMENT STRIPS

Video (optional):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaboQHgWdtg&ab_channel=ConcellodeAmes



Images (optional):

