

# The European Land and Soil Alliance

## Use for Member Municipalities

- **Creation of Awareness for sparing Treatment of Soils**

On account of Public Relations and exemplary projects a corresponding creation of awareness is achieved, which prevents sealing of soils. Soil retains its important functions for trickling away and filtering of rainwater.

- **Cost-Cutting municipal Budget**

On account of an increase of settlement density and economical building permissions, less space is required. This leads to cost-cutting in the installation of infrastructure on account of shorter lengths of ways and lines. Compact settlement structures achieve strong cost-cutting for the municipal budget.

- **Improvement of Image and Quality of Life**

On account of a revitalization of the village centers and the installation of compact structures, the quality of life is improved, and the municipality benefits from a positive image.

- **Revitalization of public Space**

Projects removing sealing and the creation of free space in harmony with nature spare soils and at the same time revitalize public space. This in turn leads to an improvement of the quality of life.

- **Capacity Utilization of available Building Area**

When building land is seized, areas are permitted as building land through soil-relevant political instruments, in order to seize parcels of land for purposes of building, which were not available up to that point. The reactivation of vacant buildings gives an opportunity to use existing surfaces at the best.

- **Increased Soil Fertility and Balanced Water Supply**

Soil-sparing agriculture, in connection with sustainable humus cultivation and careful landscape architecture, such as planting native shrubs and trees, protects soil against erosion. Intact soils are able to absorb rainwater, store it, and partially release it to the layers below. An important measure of flood protection.

- **Improvement of CO<sub>2</sub>-Balance**

By an increase of organic substance, soils are able to perform their function as a CO<sub>2</sub> reservoir. Space-saving building and removing sealing from soils promote climate protection.

- **Exchange of Experiences – Networking**

Meeting and exchange of opinions with European member municipalities of the Soil and Land Alliance, and support by the Lower Austrian Government in measures of Public Relations

