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# Strategies and Policy Making for Place-Keeping

Challenges, pre-requisites and frameworks  
for place-keeping on local, national and  
European levels

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# Place-keeping

The long-term maintenance and management of open spaces to ensure that the social, environmental and economic quality and benefits can be enjoyed by future generation

The 'set of processes and practices that ensure that public [and private] space can fulfil all its legitimate roles [and manage] the interactions between, and impacts of, the multiple dimensions in a way that is acceptable to its users'

(after Carmona et al., 2008: 66)



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Place-keeping both retains and enhances character and quality

Long-term maintenance makes sense, but is still the 'poor cousin'

Open spaces have to cope with the wear and tear that is the result of being much loved by their communities over many years



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And so long term place-keeping must become an essential part of the urban design process – not an afterthought

**But how?**



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## Practitioners

There is little/no evaluation of place-keeping in practice because funding does not allow for it, making it difficult for practitioners to know what works

**Tell us what you need**



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## **Policy Makers**

Place-keeping is not statutory, so is at risk  
when funding is reduced

Funding rarely pays for long term  
maintenance

Place-keeping is often not a priority

**Tell us how we can change this**