

*„Crossing Fences“
Beacons of Excellence Groups and
Categories of Gardens and Parks*



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1. *Development of Beacons of Excellence Groups*

The assembly of beacons of excellence groups is the result of the feedback of the national and international teams. The merging of the last table resulted in eight beacons of excellence groups:

1. **Historic Gardens**
2. **Places of Garden Culture**
3. **Recreational Sites**
4. **Places of Art**
5. **Wellness and Health, School Gardens**
6. **Farmers' Gardens and Kitchen Gardens**
7. **Experience Gardens&Parks**
8. **Shopping and Gardening**

Most of the objects play an important role in different beacons of excellence groups as they cover more than one aspect. The classification is sometimes difficult but never really critical as the number and consequences of the “inequities” are relatively small.



2. *Beacons of Excellence Groups*

Following beacons of excellence groups/categories resulted from reconsignments of the network partners:

| Nr. | Head Category/Beacons of Excellence Groups | Examples |
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| 1 | Historic Gardens | Castle grounds, museum parks, manor parks |
| 2 | Places of Garden Culture | Cloistral gardens, cemetery gardens, flower gardens |
| 3 | Recreational Sites | City parks and civic parks, spa gardens |
| 4 | Places of Art | Temporary art gardens, sculpture gardens, artist's gardens |
| 5 | Wellness and Health, School Gardens | Wellness and health, school gardens, herb gardens and medicinal herb gardens, arboretums, cloistral gardens |
| 6 | Farmers' Gardens and Kitchen Gardens | Farmers' gardens, private gardens and kitchen gardens |
| 7 | Experience Gardens & Parks | Zoological gardens and amusement parks as well as objects that offer people extraordinary experiences |
| 8 | Shopping and Gardening | Nurseries including experience elements and school gardens |

3. *Definitions of Beacons of Excellence Groups*

| Nr. | Head Category/ Beacons of Excellence Groups | Description (in terms of a motto) | Examples |
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| 1 | Historic Gardens | Historic gardens contain historico-cultural features that represent different construction eras of the past. | Castle grounds, museum parks, manor parks |
| 2 | Places of Garden Culture | Places of garden culture are characterised by professionally created, lovely parks that represent the joy of gardening. | Cloistral gardens, cemetery gardens, flower gardens |
| 3 | Recreational Sites | At recreational sites people can relax and enjoy their leisure time. | City parks and civic parks, spa gardens |
| 4 | Places of Art | At places of art people can look at art and be inspired by art. | Temporary art gardens, sculpture gardens, artist's gardens |
| 5 | Wellness and Health, School Gardens | Educational aspects as well as the importance of visitors' wellness, fitness and health are characteristic for this group. Wellness/health and school gardens contain collections of a variety of plants that provide people insight into the great diversity of nature. | Wellness and health, school gardens, herb gardens and medicinal herb gardens, arboretums, cloistral gardens |
| 6 | Farmers' Gardens and Kitchen Gardens | Farmers' gardens and kitchen gardens are traditionally small gardens with the purpose to grow vegetables, fruit, flowers etc., with vegetables and flowers generally growing next to each. | Farmers' gardens, private gardens and kitchen gardens |

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| 7 | Experience Gardens & PArks | Experience gardens & parks are particularly concerned with people's experiences and recreation, and normally charge entrance fees. | Zoological gardens and amusement parks as well as objects that offer people extraordinary experiences |
| 8 | Shopping and Gardening | Nurseries including experience elements and school gardens as well as nurseries with a particular educational purpose belong to this group. | Nurseries including experience elements and school gardens |

4. Derivation & Description of Beacons of Excellence Groups

| Category | Description | Level of Privacy | Primary Aspect | Primary Head Category (*) | Other Head Categories |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Museum Parks | Gardens which are located near public museums | Public/semi public | Design | Historic Gardens | Places of Art, Places of Experience, Recreational Sites |
| 2. Castle Grounds | Gardens which are located near historico-cultural castles and palaces | Public/semi public/private | Design | Historic Gardens | Places of Garden Culture, Places of Experience, Recreational Sites |
| 3. Manor Parks | Gardens which are located near manors | Private/semi public | Design | Historic Gardens | Places of Garden Culture |
| 4. Cloistral Gardens | Gardens which are located within a historic cloister or one that is still in use | Private/semi public | Teaching | Places of Garden Culture | Wellness and Health, School Gardens, Historic Gardens |
| 5. Cemetery Gardens | Gardens which contain historico-cultural value and are hardly being used otherwise | Public | Reflection | Places of Garden Culture | Historic Gardens |
| 6. Botanic Gardens | Gardens and Parks specialising on certain plants and flowers such as roses, rhododendrons etc. | Public/semi public/private | Design | Wellness and Health, School Gardens | Places of Garden Culture |

| Category | Description | Level of Privacy | Primary Aspect | Primary Head Category (*) | Other Head Categories |
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| 7. Arboretums | Gardens and parks specialising in plants (trees and bushes) | Public/semi public | Teaching | Wellness and Health, School Gardens | Places of Garden Culture |
| 8. Zoological Gardens and Amusement Parks | Zoos and Amusement Parks | Private (open to the public for commercial use) | Experience | Experience Gardens | Recreation, Wellness and Health, School Gardens |
| 9. School Gardens | Gardens with a teaching purpose | Semi public | Teaching | Wellness and Health, School Gardens | Places of Garden Culture |
| 10. Nurseries including Experience Elements and School Gardens | Commercial providers of gardening products displaying their products | Private/semi public | Teaching | Shopping and Gardening | Places of Garden Culture |
| 11. Farmers' Gardens | Vegetable gardens nearby farm houses | Private/semi public | Use | Farmers' Gardens and Kitchen Gardens | Historico-Cultural Gardens, Places of Garden Culture |
| 12. Herb Gardens and Medicinal Herb Gardens | Herb gardens and medicinal herb gardens close to houses | Private/semi public | Teaching | Farmers' Gardens and Kitchen Gardens | Wellness and Health, School Gardens, Historico-Cultural Gardens, places of Garden Culture |
| 13. Private Gardens and Kitchen Gardens | Privately owned gardens | Private | Design | Farmers' Gardens and Kitchen Gardens | Places of Garden Culture |

| Category | Description | Level of Privacy | Primary Aspect | Primary Head Category (*) | Other Head Categories |
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| 14. City Parks and Civic Parks | Gardens within a city having a recreational purpose | Public | Recreation | Recreational Sites | Historico-Cultural Gardens, Wellness and Health, School Gardens |
| 15. Spa Gardens | Spa gardens close to assembly rooms | Public | Recreation | Recreational Sites | Wellness and Health, School Gardens |
| 16. Temporary Art Gardens | Temporary art exhibitions taking place in parks or gardens | Private/semi public | Design | Places of Art | Wellness and Health, School Gardens |
| 17. Sculpture Gardens | Gardens or parks where sculptures are being displayed | Public/semi public | Design | Places of Art | |
| 18. Artists' Gardens | Gardens right next to artists' private houses | Private/semi public | Design | Places of Art | Places of Garden Culture |
| 19. „Other“ | Gardens or parks which do not belong to one of the above mentioned categories, such as day-trip destinations or playgrounds in forests etc. | Public/semi public | Recreation | Recreational Sites | Wellness and health, School Gardens |