



The main objective of LIFE+ Project QUADMAP is to develop a harmonized methodology for selection, assessment (combining quantitative and qualitative parameters) and management (noise mitigation, increasing of usability of areas and users satisfaction) of Quiet Urban Areas (QUAs). The outcomes were validated in test cases deployed in the cities of Florence, Bilbao and Rotterdam.

The coordinator of the project was the University of Florence, and besides the contribution from the municipalities of Florence and Bilbao, other partners were Tecnalia, DCMR EPA, Vie EN.RO.SE Ingegneria and Bruitparif

QUADMAP helps clarifying the definition of a Quiet Urban Area, its meaning and its added value for the city and the public in terms of health, safety and lowering stress levels. The guideline delivers validated indicators for selecting, analysing and managing QUAs and also proposes specific tools for each of the aforementioned phases.

The Project has met the challenge of defining a procedure that is as simple as possible, while optimising the opportunity to give valuable input to the management plans and help policymakers, competent authorities and any other stakeholders to understand the END's requirements regarding QUAs and to propose a complete and tested methodology in order to fulfil them.

Since different local authorities have a wide variety of interests and capabilities and the coordination of QUA management with other policies on the urban public places needs to be promoted, the guidelines offer a high degree of flexibility in their application. The idea is not to present a rigid procedure, but a complete method in which more than one equally valid criterion can be used for designating a quiet urban area.

The link to the Guidelines is the following: http://www.quadmap.eu/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Guidelines_QUADMAP_ver2.0.pdf