



The 12th World Congress on Green Infrastructure will be held in Barcelona and Lleida (Catalonia, Spain) from 27-30 October 2026

Health & Well-being: a core theme of WGIC26

How can we better assess the impact of **biophilic design** on human health and well-being?

What role can initiatives such as **Green Social Prescribing** play in shaping healthier cities?

These are some of the key questions driving one of the three main thematic tracks of **WGIC26 Barcelona – Lleida**.

The **World Green Infrastructure Network (WGIN)** has long promoted the integration of **green infrastructure in urban environments**, benefiting both people and the planet. Yet today, a clear challenge remains: **strengthening the connection between urban nature and human health**.

At WGIC26, this topic will be explored through a dedicated track on **Health & Well-being**, inspired by the latest WHO report “Nature-based solutions and health” (May 2025).

This track will focus on the **practical integration of nature-based solutions into health frameworks, public policies, and urban planning strategies**, fostering stronger collaboration between the **green infrastructure and health sectors**.

The goal is to **advance research, inform policy, and reinforce the role of urban nature in improving quality of life**.

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New confirmed speaker



Wendy Y. Chen, Professor at the HKU in green-blue infrastructure

Professor Wendy Y. Chen specialises in **urban green-blue infrastructure**, with a strong focus on **evaluating and modelling its impact on urban sustainability and quality of life**.

Her research addresses key challenges in understanding how green-blue spaces are designed, transformed, and integrated into urban systems, combining **environmental, economic, and social perspectives**.

Through her work, she contributes to advancing the **quantitative assessment of nature-based solutions**, helping to inform more effective **urban planning and policy-making**.

At WGIC26, she will bring valuable insights to the dialogue on **green infrastructure and nature-based solutions**.

Previous Deadline

15 March 2026

New Deadline

30 April 2026

Submission deadline extended

We are pleased to announce that the **Call for Papers & Projects deadline has been extended**.

Researchers, practitioners, designers, and policymakers now have additional time to **submit their work**.

New deadline: 30 April 2026

WGIC26 welcomes **original research, case studies, and innovative applications** in green infrastructure and nature-based solutions. Submissions must be presented in **short paper format (maximum 5 pages, MS Word)**.

All submitted papers will undergo a **rigorous peer-review process**, led by the Scientific Committee, which will determine acceptance and presentation format (**oral or poster**).

Accepted contributions will be published in the official **WGIC26 proceedings**, offering international visibility within the global green infrastructure community.

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