

CATEGORY 1: MUNICIPAL GREEN AREAS – ECOLOGICALLY DESIGNED AND CULTIVATED



MUNICIPALITY OF BADEN (AT, 2017-2019) GARDEN TOWN BADEN - GARDEN HISTORY MEETS ARTFUL ECOLOGY


Over the past few years, mixed shrub, rose and grass beds have been created in the spa town of Baden. The change in thinking towards ecological methods of cultivation and the meaningfulness of energy and labour-intensive changing surfaces can be seen on an area of 10.000 m², which has been redesigned in accordance with biodiversity. Labour-extensive and resource-saving beds created with special extensive substrates and with ecologically valuable, location-adapted, healthy plants, they offer garden experiences for all senses the whole year around, contributing as nourishing shrubs for insects and birds. Local media keep the population informed on planned changes which shows interest in experience exchange such as communities and experts who confirm this project of model character and incorporate the idea into their private green spaces. The romantic park setting of the spa garden includes a bee castle and a pond of water lilies, which has been ageing since 1905 – 1907 and since then endangered due to illegal stocking with gold fish. The sustainable refurbishment was selected by the population from three possible projects. The pond and shore zone are now accessible from selected points and the surroundings have been completed with near-natural plantings. LaGacilly Photo Baden – a cooperation with France, in which photographic art, garden culture and European ideas meet – also invites to reflect on the relationship between nature and the environment.

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