

CATEGORY 2: USER-FRIENDLY GREEN AREAS AND GARDEN PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF GASTRONOMY/THE HOTEL INDUSTRY & COMMERCIAL AREAS



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The Ibis Budapest Citysouth (formerly known as Hotel Ibis Aero) was built on a forest area in the 9th district of Budapest in 1972. At that time, this was the closest possible accommodation to the airport, whereas today the hotel is located at a traffic intersection of the city. The community garden programme of the Hungarian Centre for Contemporary Architecture (KÉK) is currently operating four gardens in Budapest, one of them being located in a backyard of the hotel since 2016 at the hotel management's request. With a minimum effort, the existing vegetation has been maintained, natural materials recycled and an ecological community garden implemented. Inspired by the project's success, the cultivation area on the remaining backyard has been extended and a healing garden has been created, combining the community garden and therapeutic garden with ecological horticulture. The garden not only offers a lively, natural environment for the relaxation of guests but is also a place that makes ecological horticulture techniques experienceable in practice. It shows the therapeutic elements of a sensory garden whose sensory properties serve guests in enjoying stimulating or soothing relaxation and as a demonstration area for expert visitors. The garden shows the untapped potential of urban green spaces for healthy food production and human well-being. Within the framework of the project, also workshops, concerts, as well as other cultural and pedagogical events are held.

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