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## WP-Research



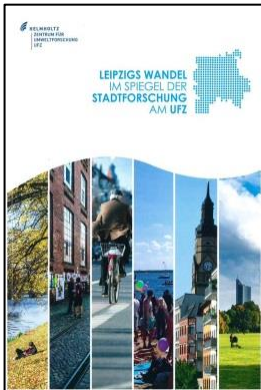
In **WP 1** (Concepts/Synthesis) a [Side Event on Urban Sustainability Transformations](#) at the Regional [UN Habitat III](#) Conference in Prague in March 2016 has been organized in cooperation with the representatives of the City of Leipzig, City of Brno and the JPI Urban Europe. Furthermore, during the [2<sup>nd</sup> German Future Earth Summit](#) a side event on the concepts of Urban Transformations has also been organized. In **WP 2** (Urban Land Use & UES), several scientists have been involved in applying for new soft money (e.g. H2020 Smart and Sustainable Cities, Swedish Research Council Formas and EU-INTERREG Central Europe). At the WP-meetings in early 2016, diverse land-use topics were presented and discussed such as indicators for measuring climate-related ESS and biodiversity for urban brownfields in the TERENO urban system, relations between urban green infrastructure and rent/price development as well as eco-gentrification. In **WP 3** (Sustain. Water Infrastructures) scientists of the IP are participating in the preparation process of Leipzig's green roof strategy. It is envisaged to analyze how green roofs can be used as stormwater storage in sustainable water management concepts and embedded in integrative sustainable urban development strategies (e.g. through the provision of ESS like recreational functions, urban gardening and the reduction of the urban heat island effect). E. Gawel held a keynote speech on "The German water sector from an economic perspective - status and prospects" at the [1. Mülheimer Tagung 2016 - Wasserökonomische Konferenz](#) and a presentation on the same topic at a meeting of the working group "Economics" of the [VKU](#) (Verband kommunaler Unternehmen). In **WP 4** (Env. Risks & Vuln.), the final conference of the EU-projects [TACTIC](#) and POP-ALERT on "[Improving preparedness in Europe through risk communication and community-based approaches](#)" took place in March 2016 in Brussels. The conference focused on community-based approaches to preparedness, involving the participation of organizations and the general public.



## Policy Brief UN Global Sustainable Development Report

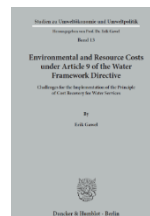
A Policy Brief for the UN Global Sustainable Development Report 2016 on "[How to achieve Urban Sustainability Transformations \(UST\) in real life politics?](#)" authored by F. Koch, K. Krellenberg and S. Kabisch has been published recently. The piece describes the IP approach on urban transformations and the pitfalls of implementation.

## Leipzigs Wandel: New Publication + further exhibition dates



The IP has recently published the brochure „**Leipzigs Wandel im Spiegel der Stadtforschung am UFZ**“. The brochure displays a print version of the IP exhibition which was showed at Rathaus Leipzig in November 2015. The [exhibition](#) will be also presented on 24 June in the frame of the Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften and from 18 July to 19 August at the Kubus/UFZ in Leipzig.

## Book: Governance of water infrastructure



The book "[Environmental and Resource Costs under Article 9 of the Water Framework Directive. Challenges for the Implementation of the Principle of Cost Recovery for Water Services.](#)" by E. Gawel has been published. The book

provides a current in-depth analysis of all related questions of recovering the costs (ERC definition, concepts and instruments of cost recovery etc.), referring to both the legal as well as the economic aspects of pricing water services in line with Article 9 of the WFD.

## IP-Flashlights

- WP3's SIGN-Opera Workshop on "[Sustainable Urban Catchment Planning and Governance](#)" takes place from 18-19 April at the Helmholtz Gemeinschaft, Berlin with participants from China and Germany
- A video on "[Diversity and social cohesion in Leipzig, Germany](#)" has been published. The Film is part of WP2's [DIVERCITIES-Project](#) on Governing Urban Diversity, funded by the European Union.
- New [articles](#) from IP-members: Bedtke, N./Gawel, E. (2015): Efficiency and Competition in the German Water Sector between "Modernization and "Regulation". *Journal for Public and Nonprofit Services*, 38; Jaganmohan, M., Knapp, S., Buchmann, C.M. & Schwarz, N. (2016): The bigger, the better? The influence of urban green space design on cooling effects for residential areas. *Journal of Environmental Quality*, 45; Knapp, S. (2015): Die Stadt der Zukunft - grün, vielfältig, lebenswert? *Forum der Geoökologie* 26; Wang H.-F., Qureshi, S., Knapp, S., Friedman, C.R. & Hubacek, K. (2015): A basic assessment of residential plant diversity and its ecosystem services and disservices in Beijing, China. *Applied Geography* 64

