

## 2. Free up resources for IAS work by easing green area maintenance classifications



*Transforming managed grasslands into urban meadows is a popular way for municipalities to reduce biodiversity loss, increase living comfort and, at the same time, reduce the maintenance costs of green spaces.*

*The saved resources can be allotted to cost-effective IAS activities.*

### Benefits of the action

By establishing low-maintenance meadows, the municipality increases biodiversity, improves living comfort and gains more resources for managing the IAS situation.

### Do this

Explore possibilities to transfer green areas currently classified as maintenance level A to lower-cost categories, e.g. pollinator-friendly and nature-beneficial urban meadows.

The released resources can be directed towards invasive species mapping, prevention, or control.

### More information

More information (in Finnish) on development and costs of open green spaces:

[Presentation 5.10.21 at the green spaces webinar of the Luontokunnat network](#)

[Other materials of Luontokunnat network](#) (Luontokunnat.fi)

