

**CITIES OF TOMORROW (CoT) R&D PROGRAMME**  
**GRANT CALL 2**  
*FOR VERTICAL 5: CITY IN NATURE*

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

**CALL TOPIC 6: ECOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES OF BLUE-GREEN  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR URBAN CLIMATE AND URBAN BIODIVERSITY**

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**T6. CALL TOPIC 6**

- T6.1 Regarding the objective and technical deliverable on “applying/adapting the suite of ecosystem service (ES) models and multi-criteria decision-making (MCDA) framework and tools in at least two sites in Singapore”, are there any specific sites of interests that applicants should target? (09 November 2023)**

Research proposals should suggest at least two appropriate sites with justifications that are suitable for demonstrating the functionality and usability of the ES models and MCDA framework and tools for planning and designing BGI.

- T6.2 Do reservoirs qualify as blue-green infrastructures (BGIs) within the context of the Call Topic? (09 November 2023)**

Reservoirs can be considered as BGI depending on the framing of the proposal. Please refer to Table 1 on the minimum set of BGI typologies to examine, and para 2.1c on the scale to which the deliverables should minimally address, in Annex C of the Grant Call Information Sheet.

- T6.3 What are the areas of expertise required in a project team for this Call Topic? (22 November 2023)**

The project team should have multidisciplinary expertise in topics such as hydrology, ecosystem services, biodiversity, decisions science, and landscape architecture required in order to sufficiently address the Call Topic’s research objectives.

- T6.4 Should all the blue-green infrastructure typologies (i.e., in Table 1 of Annex C of the Grant Call Information Sheet) be examined or studied at a single site? (13 December 2023)**

The project team can propose different sites for each of the typologies (or combinations of them). There is no need to identify a single site that encapsulates all the minimum typologies required.

**T6.5** In relation to urban freshwater biodiversity as one of the ecosystem services that should minimally be studied (i.e., in Table 1 of Annex C of the Grant Call Information Sheet), are there specific taxa that are of interest for the Call Topic?  
(13 December 2023)

The project team is to propose biodiversity taxa that is best suited for the scope of the research. The Call Topic does not prescribe any specific taxa of interest.