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### **Bristol unveils green city toolkit at UN climate change conference**

Bristol, the current and first UK city to be named European Green Capital, will be helping other cities around the world 'go green' by sharing its experience and knowledge about sustainability at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris (COP21).

Bristol, which is co-hosting the Cities and Regions Pavilion at COP21, pledged to act as a role model for other cities around the world when it became European Green Capital. The city will do this through a free online toolkit called [The Bristol Method](#) which documents everything Bristol has learnt from its year as European Green Capital so other cities can benefit.

George Ferguson, Mayor of Bristol said: "The people of Bristol have worked incredibly hard over the last decade – and particularly during 2015 – to make this city more sustainable. As part of our year as the European Green Capital we pledged to make it easy for other cities to emulate our successes and learn from our challenges. I am delighted that the Bristol 2015 team and partners have created this invaluable online resource full of straightforward advice, based on our direct experience, which we will share with others at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris."

The Bristol Method comprises a series of 'how to' documents that cover a range of subjects, including the five themes of Bristol's Green Capital year (energy, resources, transport, food and nature) as well as the broader topics of the economy and transforming cities.

There are currently 24 documents available on the [Bristol 2015 website](#) with more being added every week. As Bristol's year as European Green Capital draws to an end, these modules represent a valuable legacy that will continue to benefit cities around the world.

Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General of the European Commission, said: "One of the reasons Bristol was chosen as this year's European Green Capital was because we believed the city could inspire change far beyond its city walls. Bristol has done this by creating an invaluable repository of initiatives on how to tackle many of the sustainability challenges faced by cities across Europe and the rest of the world with the Bristol Method. This toolkit will provide a powerful legacy of the city's experiences as Green Capital of Europe."

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## **Notes to Editors**

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The European Green Capital Award was launched in 2010 by the European Commission to promote and reward the efforts of cities and their local authorities to improve the environment.

Bristol 2015 attracted £7m of funding from central government and is also supported by Bristol City Council and the wider business community including First Group, KPMG and Skanska. Arts Council England is providing support to a wide range of arts and cultural projects during the year through their Exceptional award. [www.bristol2015.co.uk](http://www.bristol2015.co.uk)