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Re-thinking regulations: multi-scale and function-based biotic Roof Guidelines. About time for an overhauling.

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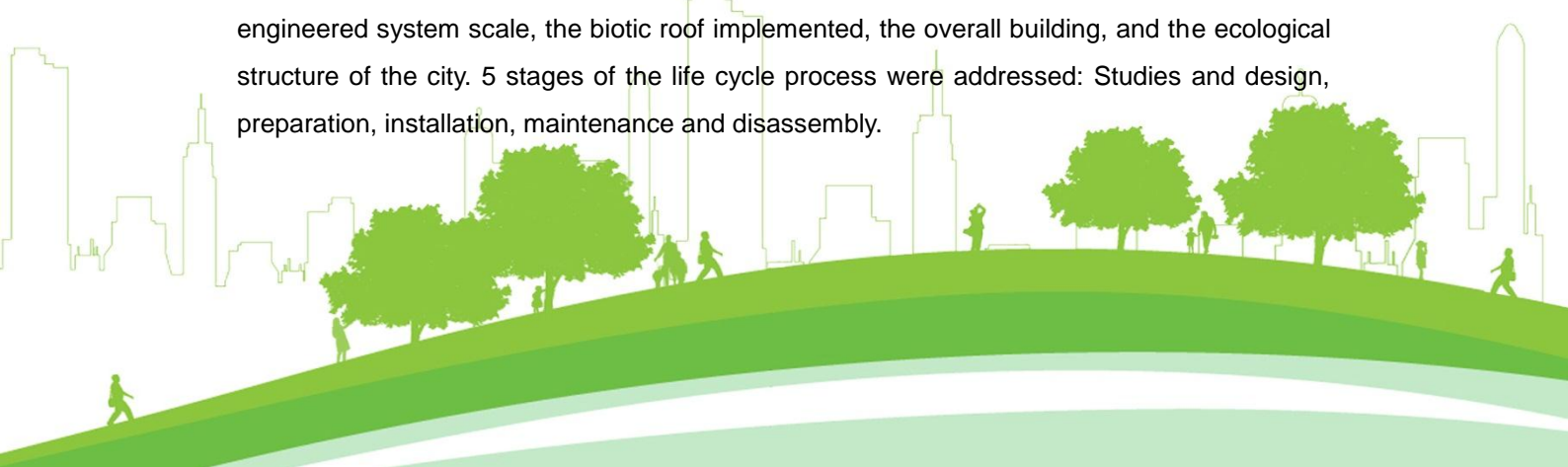
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ABSTRACT

Green roof markets have recently emerged in several cities of Latin America, such as in Bogota, being one of the most rapidly developing cities in the region. In response to the growing number of implementations, the city's Secretary of Environment published the Official Green Roof Technical Guidelines to promote and regulate the practice in 2012. These Guidelines incorporated its own distinctive elements to meet the local challenges after a process of socialized formulation: 1) New definitions and classification, 2) Function-based structure, and 3) Multi-scale and life cycle approach. These three aspects are discussed in comparison with component-based FLL guidelines.

The new definitions and classifications were based on differential scale performance, performance of components, and main purpose of the overall biotic roof. The function-based structure aimed to provide inclusive guidelines for distinctive system technologies including local adaptations and new developments, in comparison to approaches based on multi-layered systems. Guidelines were developed for 4 scales of performance: the engineered system scale, the biotic roof implemented, the overall building, and the ecological structure of the city. 5 stages of the life cycle process were addressed: Studies and design, preparation, installation, maintenance and disassembly.





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With the diversification of green roof markets and the engagement of different stakeholders in the process of local formulation, the guidelines are likely to set a proper understanding of the technology applied in local contexts, and provide new insights for the advancement of vegetated infrastructure regulation worldwide

CV

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