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According to its objectives, Hybrid Parks will set up the foundations for the partnership for individual and integrated actions aiming at three main goals:

- Reinforcing parks to better serve economic, social and environmental objectives
- Investigating innovative policies and practices in two workshops each: “Economy: Tourism and urban (re)development”, “Social: Widening the audience” and “Environment: Public awareness”. Study tours to the UK (economic focus), Sweden (social focus) and Lower Austria (environmental focus) and open conferences further support exchange and policy development.

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Policies employing parks for economic, environmental or social development and related good practice examples are investigated in two workshops each: “Economy: Tourism and urban (re)development”, “Social: Widening the audience” and “Environment: Public awareness”. Study tours to the UK (economic focus), Sweden (social focus) and Lower Austria (environmental focus) and open conferences further support exchange and policy development.

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