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# The one-stop-resource for nature-based solutions

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Gathers resources, projects, best practices and tools in one place to support the naturebased solutions community

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Consolidate, support and expand a community of practice

Upscale the use of NbS across science, business, policy and practice

Raise awareness

= Maximise impact and spread of NbS













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### **EUR 282M**

#### NBS IN CITIES

#### **CLIMATE AND WATER RESILIENCE**

Connecting Nature Grow Green Urban GreenUP UNaLab

#### **INCLUSIVE URBAN REGENERATION**

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#### INTERNATIONAL RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION OF URBAN ECOSYSTEMS

EU-CHINA:

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#### **IMPROVE WELL-BEING AND HEALTH**

GO GREEN ROUTES

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#### **HYDRO-METEOROLOGICAL RISK REDUCTION**

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#### **INSURANCE VALUE OF ECOSYSTEMS**

NAIAD

INTER-RELATIONS BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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FutureMARES

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#### NBS MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE PLATFORM

Think Nature

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#### **ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION**

**AMBER** 

MERCES

NEW PROJECTS START IN 2021 ON CARBON
NEUTRAL CITIES AND IMPROVED AIR QUALITY,
WATER SECURITY AND ECOLOGICAL QUALITY
IN CITIES AND ON RESTORING BIODIVERSITY
AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES.



## NbS Cluster Taskforces



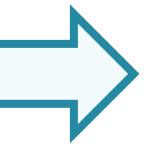


**Integrated Assessment Framework** 

Governance, Business and Finance Mechanisms

**NBS Communicators** 

**Co-creation and governance** 



#### FEATURED CASE STUDIES...



**Ntakata Mountains Project** 

The Ntakata Mountains Project aims to protect 216,944 ha of threatened forest by developing Village Land Forest Reserves (VLFRs) with local communities.



#### River Meuse project

The so-colled Border Meuse or "Grensmaas" Project has three main objectives: reduce flood risk, healthier and more diverse nature, and the commercial benefit of both gravel extraction and nature -...



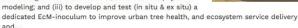
#### Community-based mangrove forest restoration in Kenya

The project proposes an integrated people-centered approach, with a particular focus on women, to address the triple crisis - poverty, climate change, and nature - at the local level.

**EXPLORE CASE STUDI** 

Measuring and Improving Urban Tree Vitality and ES **Provisioning in Leuven through Inoculation with Ectomycorrhizal Fungi (URBANMYCOSERVE)** 

> The aim is (i) to provide an assessment of the EcM community and functional group composition of urban trees, and of its environmental drivers, using next generation sequencing techniques; (ii) to relate specific EcM, or functional groups of EcM, to tree health, and tree ecosystem service delivery and resilience, using advanced noninvasive spectral and physiological sensing technology, diameter growth measurements, and urban biophysical modeling; and (iii) to develop and test (in situ & ex situ) a



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#### **Managing urban Biodiversity and Green** Infrastructure to increase city resilience in Ghent (UrbanGaia project)

The aim is to develop a realistic framework of indicators to evaluate, manage and develop performant Urban Green-Blue Infrastructure (U-GBI) in cities and intensively managed landscapes. UrbanGaia explicitly focusses on analysis of ecological and socio-economic features of the many existing GBIs. The evaluation of one the green axis of the ecological network in Ghent will serve as a case study for the framework of indicators. Furthermore, policy, governance and management practices of U-GBI are



analyzed to identify innovative approaches to GBI implementation and usage.

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We Value Nature's **Biodiversity Training: Concrete** steps & approaches to conducting a biodiversityinclusive natural capital assessment

Wednesday, 1 December 2021 - 13:30 to 16:00

Webinar



BLING NATURE-BASED HEALTH SOCIAL CARE THROUGH WLEDGE ALLIANCES

**Enabling nature**based health and social care through Knowledge Alliances

Wednesday, 1 December 2021 - 15:00 to 18:00

Online event

Public-private coherence for natural capital accounting

Wednesday, 1 December 2021 - 16:00 to 17:00

Webinar

**EVENTS CALENDAR** 

#### **Events**

#### October 2021





26 case studies / search term "resilience"

## Resources on NBS and resilience

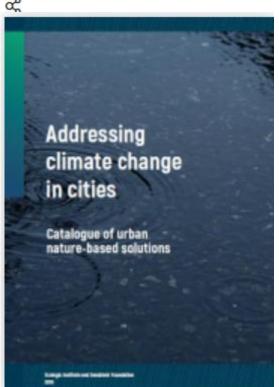


Tackling the climate and biodiversity crises in Europe through Urban Greening Plans: Recommendations for avoiding the implementation gap

To systematically bring nature back to cities, the EU Biodiversity Strategy calls upon cities with over 20,000 inhabitants to develop Urban Greening Plans (UGP) by the end of 2021. UGP present a unique opportunity for the systematic integration of urban green infrastructures in urban planning

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#### https://networknature.eu/nbs-resources



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#### Nature-based Solutions for Flood Mitigation and Coastal Resilience

Analysis of FH-funded projects



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This document summarises outcomes relating to flood mitigation and coastal resilience from the report 'Nature-based Solutions: State of the Art in EU-funded Projects' (Wild et al. (Eds.) 2020) prepared through the EC's Valorisation of NBS Projects Initiative. EU research and innovation projects

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## **Nature 4 Cities Platform**



Technical solutions, methods and tools to empower urban planning decision making and address the contemporary environmental, social and economic challenges that European Cities are facing

#### **Designed for**



Policy makers & public urban planners

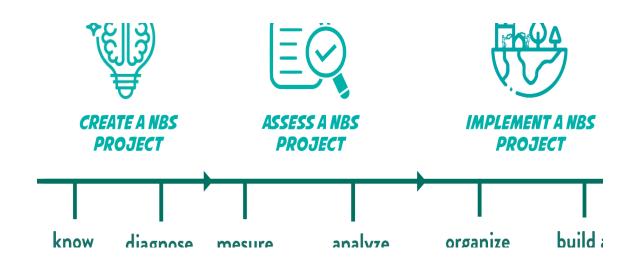


Urban professionals (advisory services, landscape companies and architects, suppliers etc)



Civil Society (inhabitants and local organizations)

#### at all stages of a NBS project

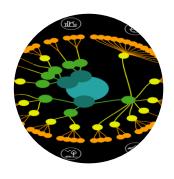


## Design a NBS





Get knowledge and inspiration to choose the right NBS to match your needs.



## **Discover Nature Based Solutions**

and the challenges they help addressing with our interactive NBS explorer with extensive factsheets on each NBS



## Discover inspiring projects and choose your NBS

with our Geocluster4NBS and pre-selection tool



## Diagnose your city's trends

Ecological continuity, biodiversity, proximity of inhabitants to a park, ... analyze your city and identify the best place to implement your NBS project

## **Assess a NBS**





Assess the impact of your NBS for urban resilience, for the environment and on socio-economic features.

Assessing your NBS project allows you increase your chances of meetings your goals



#### Diagnose your assessment needs

Find the best methods and tools to evaluate and solve your city's urban challenges



#### **Assess your project**

**Environmental assessment:** Assess the impact of the NBS during all its lifecycle

**Urban benefits assessment:** Foresee the best place for your NBS by evaluating how it will affect its surroundings

**Socio-economic assessment:** Estimate the socio-economic benefits, co-benefits and costs of a NBS project

Create your performance and launch export your calculation results

## Implement a NBS





Once your project ready to be launched, you still need to build a governance and economic model and to follow your project day by day



Get knowledge and skills to implement your project

with our implementation models handbook

implementation models database

step-by-step guide to build inclusive projects



Find the most suitable Business, governance and financing model

with our Implementation models pre-selector



Involve citizens in your project

With our NBS participation tool

## CLOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION GAP

## Handbook for the Implementation of NBS

Future proof investments?
nature-based solutions and
climate change
Risk-based Asset Management

Creating demand for investments in nature-based solutions

Governance structures for collective investments

Creating markets for implementing nature-based solutions

Market sounding + blueprint for P3







Download handbook

## Financing Framework for Water Security

Collaborative modelling protocols to structure bankable propositions





NAIAD project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 730497.



# Monitoring & Evaluation of NBS Impacts





Collaboration between 17 EU-funded projects and related programmes to develop <u>Evaluating the Impact of Nature-based Solutions: A Handbook for Practitioners</u> & <u>Appendix of Methods</u>, + <u>Summary for Policymakers</u>

The Handbook serves as a guide to development and implementation of scientifically-valid monitoring and evaluation plans for the evaluation of NbS impacts

The Appendix of Methods
provides a brief description of
each method, along with
guidance about the
appropriateness, advantages
and drawbacks of each in
different contexts

Framework of common indicators and methods for assessing the performance and impact of diverse types of NbS:

- A reference for relevant EU policies and activities
- Orients practitioners in developing robust impact evaluation frameworks for NbS at different scales
- Comprehensive set of indicators and methodologies
- Key points highlighted in Summary for Policymakers



- 1. Climate resilience: 5 + 31
- 2. Water management
- 3. Natural and climate hazards
- 4. Green space management
- 5. Biodiversity enhancement
- 6. Air quality
- 7. Place regeneration
- 8. Knowledge and social capacity building for sustainable transformation
- 9. Participatory planning and governance
- 10.Social justice and social cohesion
- 11.Health and well-being
- 12.New economic opportunities and green jobs

# Natural and climate hazards indicators

- Global policy (5.1, 5.2): These integrated indicators correspond to the way risk perception/culture is affected by the measure.
- Vulnerability (5.3, 5.4, 5.5)
- Hazard and threat (5.6

**Table 4-3.** Indicators related to Natural and Climate Hazards classified as structural (S), process focused (P) or outcome-based (O) indicators and their general applicability to different types of NBS

No.	Indicator	Units	Class	Арр	licability to N	IBS <sup>†</sup>
				Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
RECO	MMENDED					
5.1	Disaster Resilience	unitless	s	•	•	•
5.2	Disaster-risk informed development	unitless	S	•		
5.3	Mean annual direct and indirect losses due to natural and climate hazards	€	0	•	•	•
5.4	Risk to critical urban infrastructure	%	0	•	•	•
5.5	Number of people adversely affected by natural disasters each year	unitless	0	•	•	•
5.6	Multi-hazard early warning	unitless	s	•		



# NbS Hubs in EU Member States



#### WHY

- Create long-lasting structures for NBS uptake and mainstreaming;
- Foster capacity building and knowledge exchange, based on specific opportunities and challenges in hub regions
- Build relationships between national/regional/local partners; and new partnerships for action
- Create nuanced understanding of benefits and risks of NbS across climatic, geographic, ecological, political and economic contexts.

#### WHAT

NetworkNature will launch 6 NBS hubs until mid-2023

Two types of Nature-based Solutions hubs:

- 1) European Regional Hub consisting of networks and actors in a geographic region from multiple Member States with similar planning or landscape contexts
- 2) Member State Hub consisting of networks and actors from multiple regions within a Member State. A Member State Hub could develop into or be a participant in a European Regional Hub.





#### **NetworkNature offers:**

- Individualised support, tailored to the needs of each hub
- One-on-one support to set up and launch a hub
- Advice on communication and outreach campaigns
- Promotion of Hub's NBS activities, policy developments, achievement across Europe and internationally
- Networking and connection with an extensive network of experts from different disciplines and sectors
- Custom profile on the NetworkNature web platform

#### **Hubs commit to:**

- Organising and hosting a 'launch' event
- Fostering multi-level, vertical, collaboration between cities, regions, and national governments
- Providing peer-to-peer learning opportunities
- Sharing insights, reports, case studies, guidance and other documents on NbS with NetworkNature
- Involving the general public in NbS actions
- Participate in NetworkNature events





## How to set up a hub?

Contact Anna Bruen, <u>anna.bruen@iclei.org</u> for an initial conversation

OR

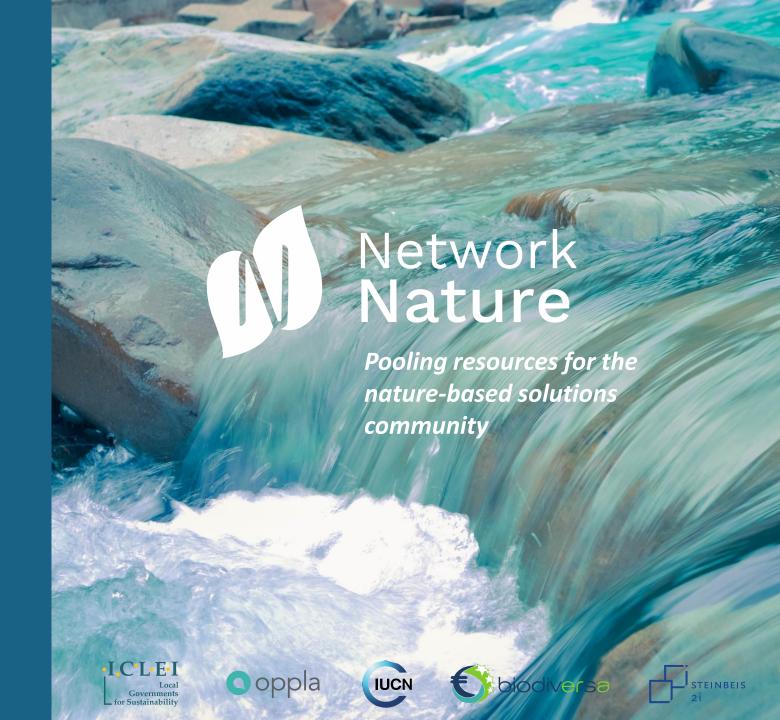
Fill out and submit the Expression of interest form

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## **NBS** resources



#### **Nature-Based Solutions Handbook**

Good general overview of NBS

Concept; classification; multiple benefits; design; planning and implementation; policy landscape

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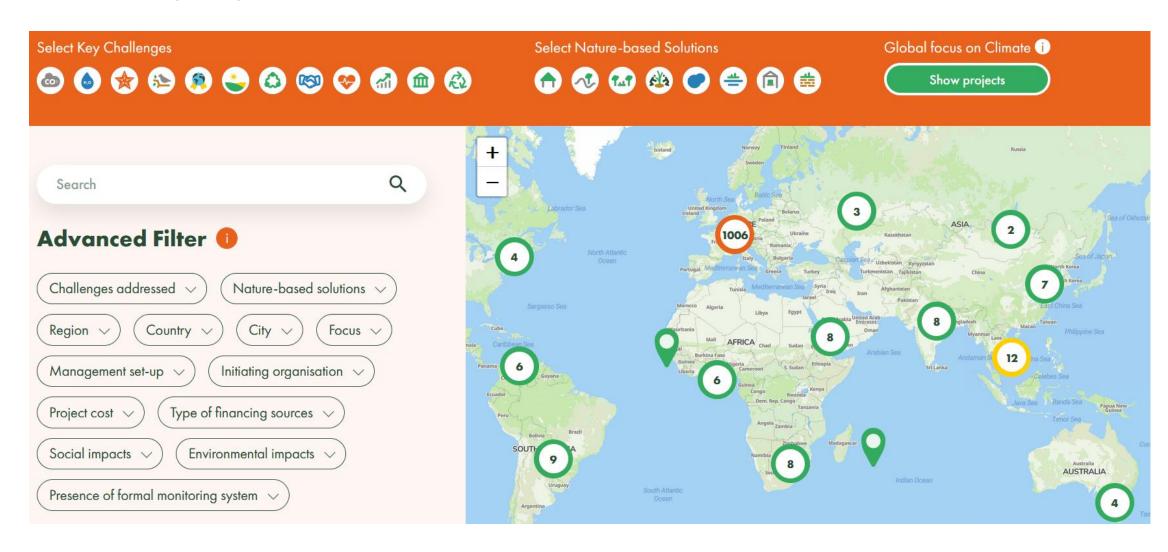
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#### **Urban Nature Atlas**

1,000 NBS case studies across Europe, search urban NBS categories (i.e. outdoor green, parks or semi-natural green areas, derelict areas), filter for challenges aligned with SDG <a href="https://una.city/">https://una.city/</a>





## **Technical NBS resources**

## Nature Based Solutions – Technical Handbook

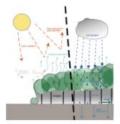
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#### Technical handbook of NBS (UnaLab)

The handbook provides accurate, detailed informatio the full range of potentially applicable nature-based solutions NBS to support <u>urban climate and water resilience</u>, their anticipated or demonstrated performand their limitations.

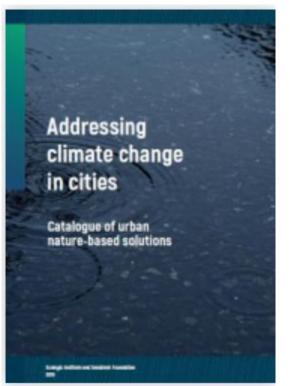












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Figure 7. An infiltration trench in East Norriton, United States (I and Podkowa Leśna, Poland (rig

#### 1.4. Infiltration trenches

#### **Overview**

#### Space requirement

The area of the infiltration trench should allow for infiltration through the trench bottom within 24 hours for medium sized rain; maximum drainage area: less than 5 ha (Dublin, 2019)

#### Place of application

Near playing fields, recreational areas or public open spaces

#### Costs (€)

Construction costs depend on the depth, geometry and soil/geology conditions of the infiltration trench; they amount to around 70-90 EUR/m³ stored volume; maintenance costs range approximately between 0.25-4 EUR/m² (surface area)/year (NWRM, 2019)

#### Mitigation benefits

Cooling and insulation

CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration

Renewable energy production

Use of low-carbon materials

Promotion of sustainable behaviors

#### Urban challenges addressed

Air pollution

Heat island effect

Water scarcity

Rainwater drainage/runoff

Flood resilience

Ecological connectivity

Urban upgrading

High energy use

#### **Technical details**

In general, an infiltration trench should consist of the following features:

- a topsoil layer of minimum 15 cm with vegetation or gravel (Pennsylvania, 2006);
- a layer of coarse aggregate wrapped in unwoven geotextile (on the top, sides and bottom).
   The void ratio should be around 40 to 80 mm (NWRM, 2013);
- a continuously perforated pipe underneath, set at a minimum slope (Pennsylvania, 2006);
- a sand filter (or fabric equivalent) at the very bottom (Minnesota, 2015).

#### **Maintenance**

It is essential to conduct regular maintenance, including removing litter and debris, inspecting for clogging and trimming any roots that could cause blockages (NWRM, 2013). The catch basin and inlets require inspection and cleaning at least two times per year. In addition, the vegetation

should be kept in good condition and bare spots should be repaired as quickly as possible (Pennsylvania, 2006). For the first few months after construction, the site should be inspected after every big storm to make sure the infiltration trench is stabilised and functioning (Minnesota, 2015).



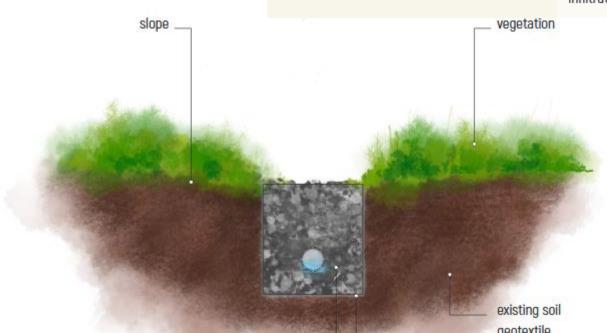
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Construction limitations: cannot be used near buildings and when contaminated groundwater is present, are ineffective on steep slopes, loose or unstable areas (MW, 2017)

#### Solutions

Preparation of geotechnical reports to inform the design and modelling process; during construction, ensure that heavy equipment (including vehicles) does not excessively compact the proposed infiltration area (Minnesota, 2015)



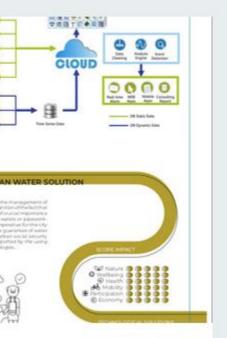
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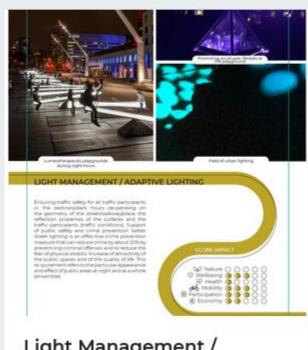
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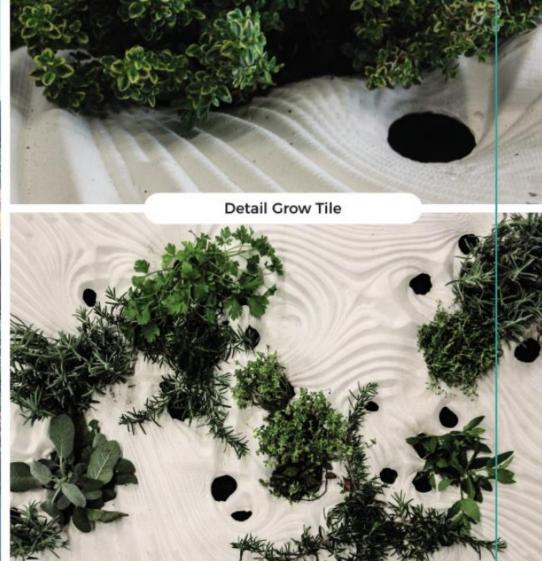




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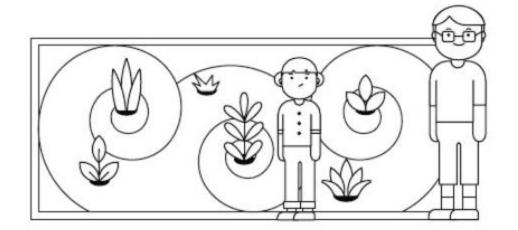




Detail 2: Grow Tile

#### **GROW TILE**

The Grow Tile can be customized and implemented on horizontal or vertical surfaces. It aims at creating optimal environmental conditions for plants to live in urban environment, thanks to its design, minimizing maintenance operations.



#### **SCORE IMPACT**

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TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS

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## **Resources for NBS financing**



## NBS Business Model Canvas

The Nature-Based Solutions Business Model Canvas is an easy-to-use tool to help you develop and capture in a visual format the business model of your NBS (planning, capital investment, operation)

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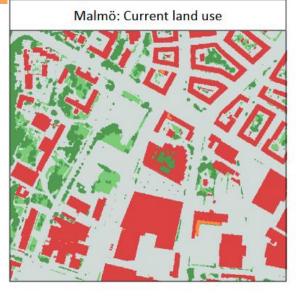


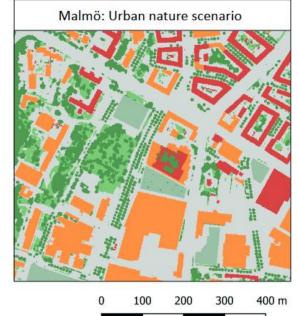
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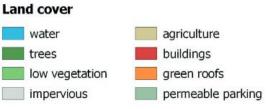
# **Open Access digital maps Assess benefits of NBS**

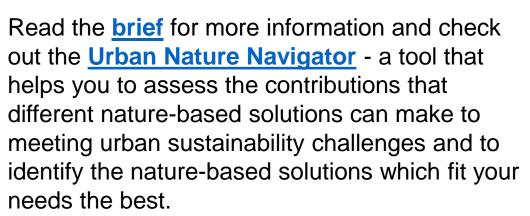
- Quantify benefits of NBS for 1) heat mitigation, ii) carbon storage, and to iii) water run-off retention, plus
- Two different scales:
  - i) a European-scale assessment, including 775 major European urban core areas and associated hinterlands (i.e. Functional Urban Areas, FUA), and ii) a more finegrained city-scale assessment for three selected cities (Malmö,
  - Barcelona and Utrecht)
- 6 scenarios for different NBS, such as green roofs, parks, street trees, permeable parking areas











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https://networknature.eu/naturvation

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Roadside tree concept, Leipzig Square meter for butterflies, Edinburgh



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#### Play the puzzle in three steps:

Choose a type of nature-based solution or a specific case













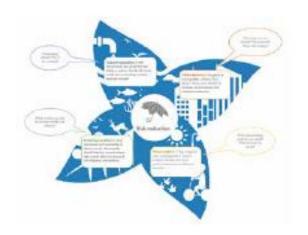




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#### 3. Mix and match nature-based solution business models



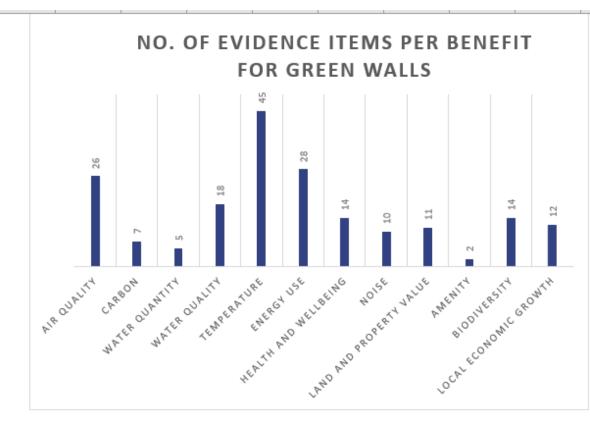
## **NBS** impact assessment (1)



#### NBS evidence base

Developed by the IGNITION project, central evidence repository covering multiple benefits of: green roofs, green walls, sustainable drainage systems, green spaces and street trees

Benefit	No. of evidence items	Evidence item %	No. of evidence sources
Air quality	26	14%	16
<u>Carbon</u>	7	4%	3
Water quantity	5	3%	2
Water quality	18	9%	4
<u>Temperature</u>	45	23%	20
Energy use	28	15%	18
Health and wellbeing	14	7%	12
Noise	10	5%	8
Land and property value	11	6%	9
<u>Amenity</u>	2	1%	2
Biodiversity	14	7%	9
Local economic growth	12	6%	8
Total	192		111



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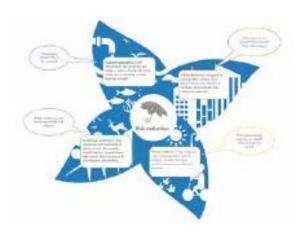




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## Financing Framework Building Blocks

- 1. Mode of governance
- Funding Strategy
- 3. Financing Strategy
- 4. Procurement Strategy

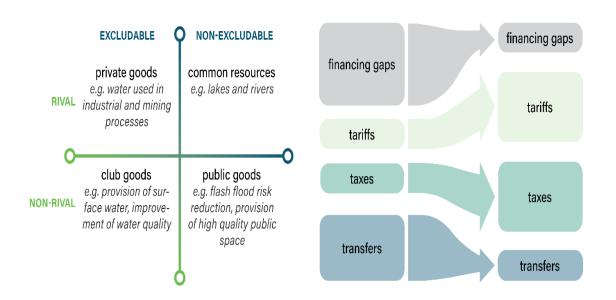
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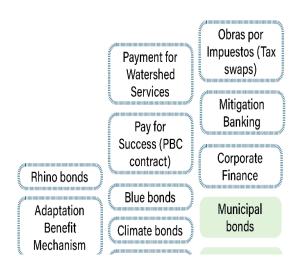
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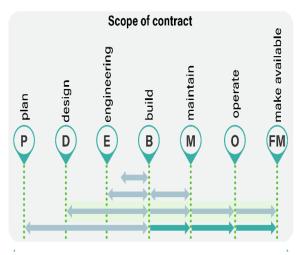
Type of economic good > Modes of governance



#### 3. Develop Financing Strategy

#### 4. Develop Procurement Strategy





# Typology of NBS implementation arrangements

Public project procurement

Public commissioner develops a project and tender it in the market through traditional or PPP/ Performance-based contracts

Water stewardship

Private company invest and commissions a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to implement watershed conservation measures to reduce their water risks

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Collective investment schemes

Entity that pool resources from different beneficiaries and invest them in a variety of NbS and hybrid measures

**Environmental markets** 

An ecosystem service itself is marketed and sold as a commodity to a beneficiary (usually an institution rather than individual) in the context of a dedicated market, usually subject to oversight by a regulatory body





Source: Handbook for the Implementation of Nature-based Solutions for Water Security (Altamirano et. Al 2021)

## More resources on NBS



NBS types and typologies (from NBS H2020 projects and beyond):

Catalogue of Nature-based solutions for urban regeneration

The UNaLab Technical Handbook of Nature-Based Solutions

The URBAN GreenUP Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) Catalogue

ThinkNature's Nature-Based Solutions Handbook

Online URBiNAT NBS Catalogue

Compendium of nature-based and 'grey' solutions, GrowGreen

Nature-based solutions for local climate adaptation in the Basque Country - Klimatek Project

Nature4Cities NBS multi-scalar and multi-thematic typology and associated database

Addressing Climate Change in Cities - Catalogue of urban nature-based solutions, Ecologic Institute