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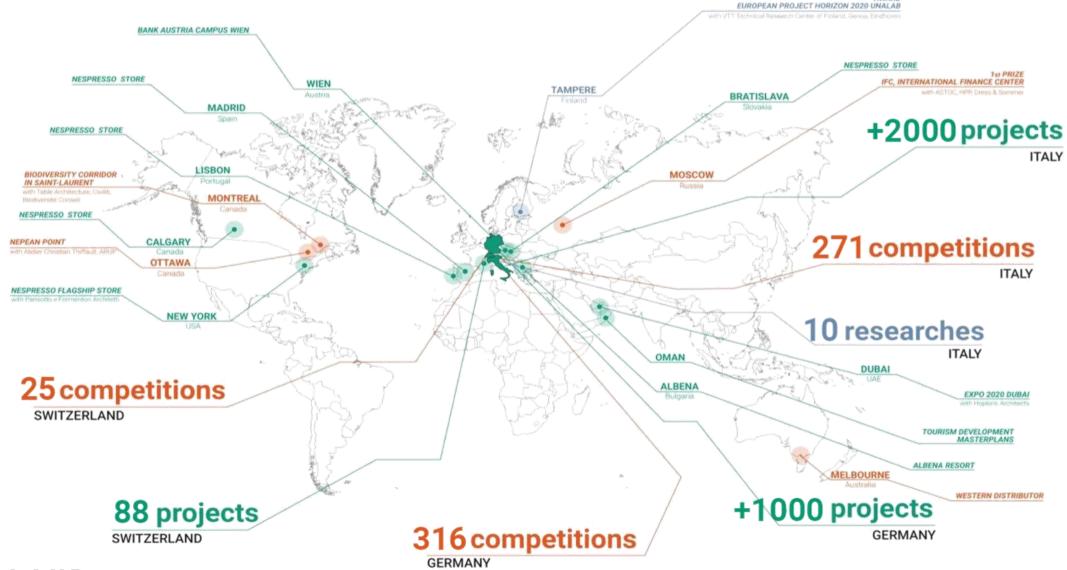


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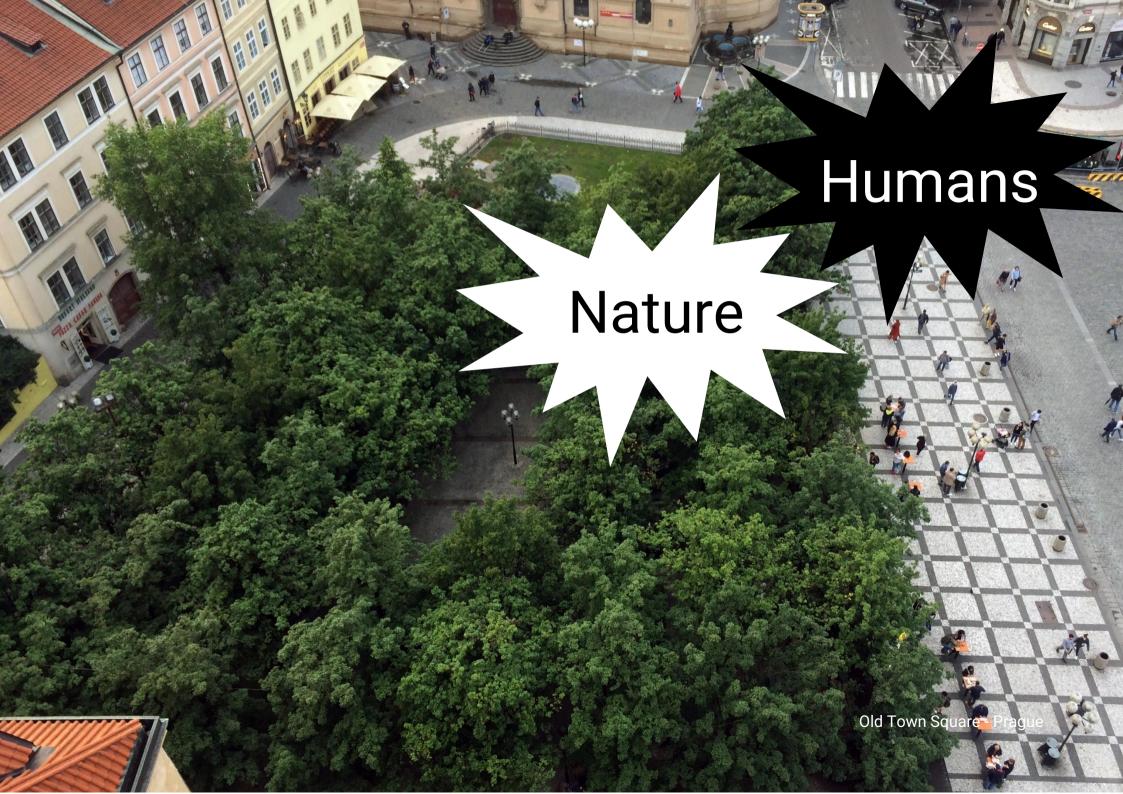
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## 3 Countries – 30 Years – 1 Mission

## **Reconnecting people with nature**



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### A new normal?

Climate change



Rheinland and NRW, July 2021

Como lake, August 2021

Turkey, August 2021

### It's time to act!





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#### Stop war on Nature!

AT MY AGE, I TRY NOT TO GET ANGRY ANYMORE, BUT WHEN I UNDERSTAND THE GREAT LOSS WE ARE UNDERGOING, THAT THIS WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR GENERATIONS ON THE LIVES OF PEOPLE, I CANNOT MAKE IT. IT SHOULD BE A WAKE-UP CALL FOR EVERYONE, IN THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO HERE IN EUROPE AND IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT'S LIKE WITH THE WAR IN VIETNAM, WHICH HAS AWAKENED CONSCIENCES AND CREATED THE PACIFIST MOVEMENT.

WE NEED TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE CREATION THAT WE HAVE LONG WAGED WAR IN THE CRUELEST WAY. IT'S URGENT.

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## The European measures for a green transition

Green Infrastructure and Nature Based Solutions



2013

2015

# Investing in a Climate-Neutral and Circular Economy The European Green Deal



Commission

"Coloro che agiscono per primi e più velocemente saranno anche quelli che coglieranno le opportunità dalla transizione ecologica. [...] Ma le finanze pubbliche da sole non saranno sufficienti. Dobbiamo attingere agli investimenti privati mettendo i finanziamenti verdi e sostenibili al centro della nostra catena di investimenti e del nostro sistema finanziario"

Presidente Ursula von der Leyen, Political Guidelines, 16 Luglio 2019

Source: Green Deal, European Commission

## LAND Research Lab

We innovate with nature







LAND Research Lab is a research&innovation think tank of LAND Group on emerging trends and technologies for landscape development.

The Lab aims to identify **collaborative procedures** and **data-driven** 

**methodologies** to make cities and rural areas **more liveable**, climate-proof and resource-efficient by reconnecting people with nature.





Horizon 2020 European Union funding for Research & Innovation



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#### 2017-2022 | 29 partners | 13 mln € by H2020 programme

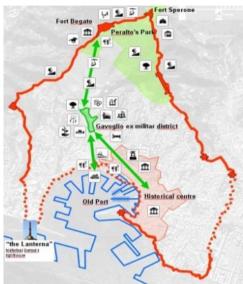
UNaLab will develop, via co-creation with stakeholders and implementation of 'living lab' demonstration areas, a robust evidence base and European framework of innovative, replicable, and locally-attuned nature-based solutions to enhance the climate and water resilience of cities. UNaLab is leading one of the EU-wide task forces among the 17 running NBS Horizon projects.

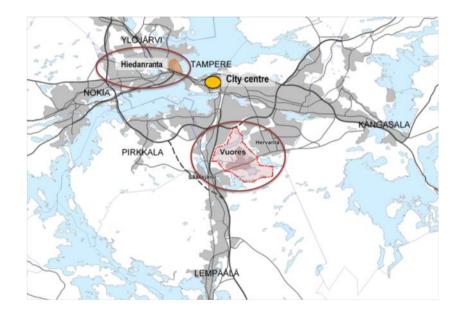


## 10 cities, 29 partners

#### UNALAB Consortium







## Eindhoven

Square of central station

Genova

Public park on former Lagaccio military barrack

## Tampere

New urban developments of Hiedanranta and Vuores



## Genova Mediterranean metropolis

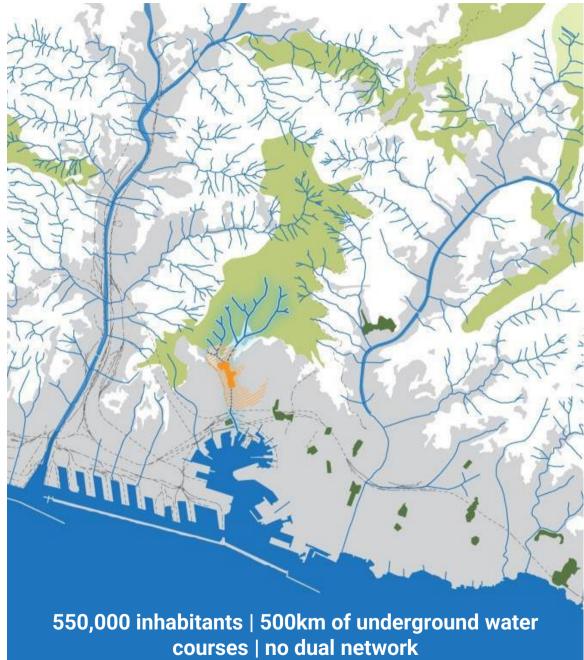




## Urban challenges









Flooding 2019



Flooding 2014



Flooding 2011



## Lagaccio neighborhood



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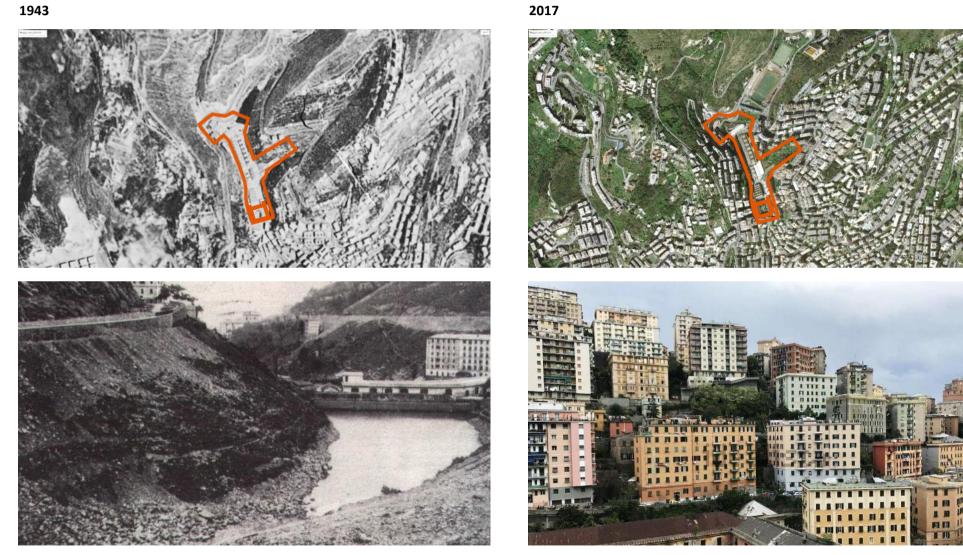


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## **Urbanisation process**



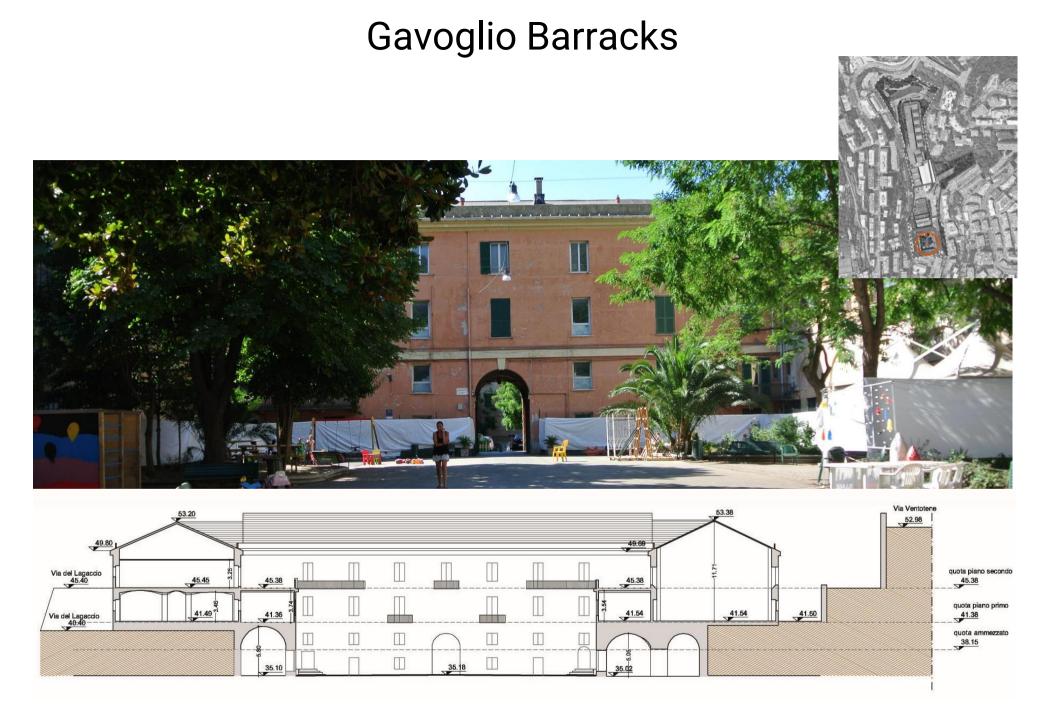
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• 3 underground rivers

Rio Lagaccio Rio Granarolo Rio Cinque Santi

- Mixed water management
- High sealing rate within the watershed









## **Urban Living Lab**

La metodologia

Living Labs are real-life test and experimentation environments that foster cocreation and open innovation among the main actors of the Quadruple Helix Model, namely:

- Citizens
- Government
- Industry
- Academia

European Network of Living Labs

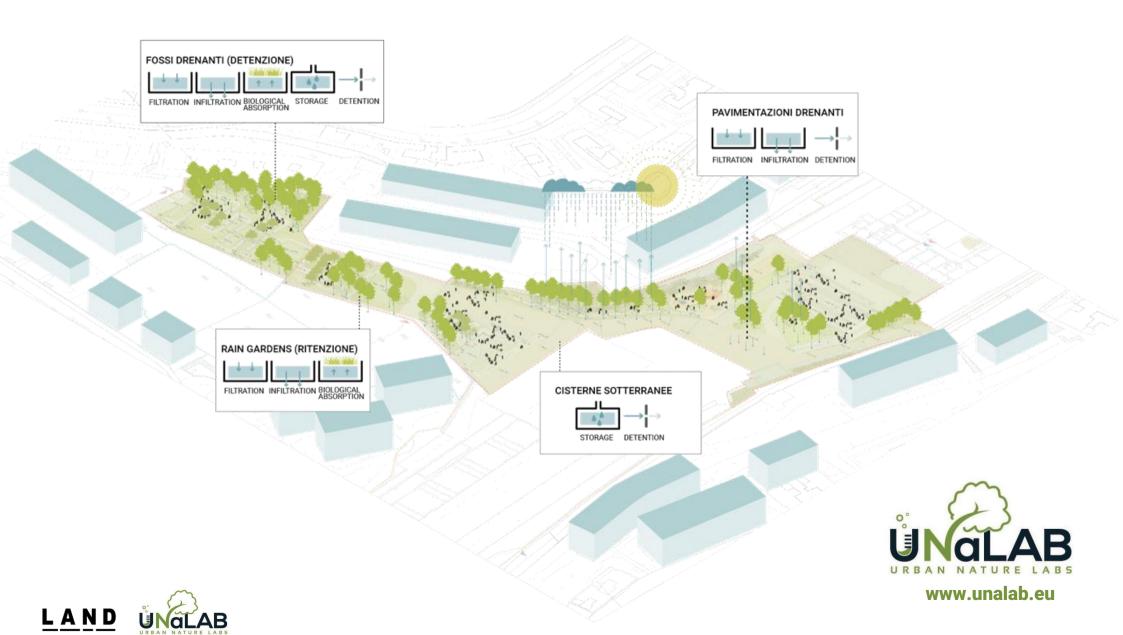




## **Co-creation**



## UNaLab NBS demonstrator





## Nature-based solutions

Back to nature



Permeable paving



Natural playgrounds



Circular materials



Green gabions



Water harvesting



Rainwater infiltration



Natural meadows



Tree groups

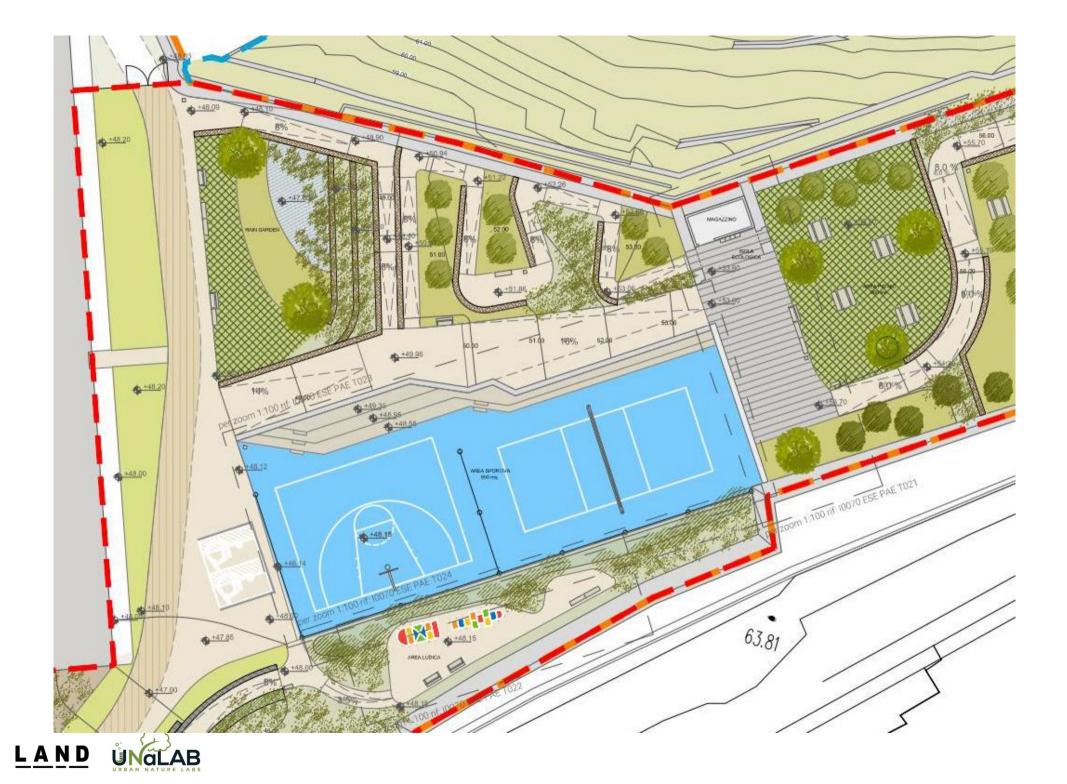




































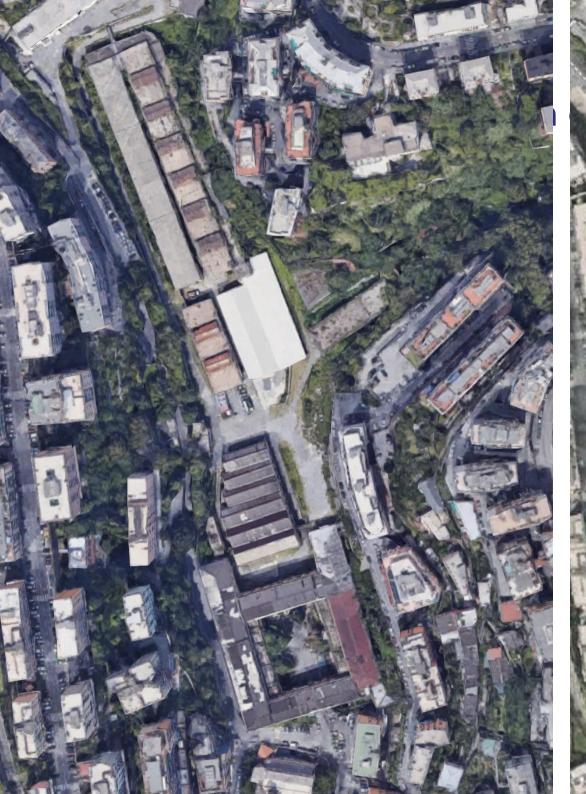






# NBs deployed

	Nr	NBS	Quantity	
	1	Demolitions: - Buildings and structures - Impermeable pavings	- 3'225 mc - 828 mc	
	2	Permeable pavings - Resin bound paving - Stabilized soil - Stone paving	- 2982 mq - 982 mq - 922 mq	
A DECEMBER OF THE REAL OF T	3	Sand playground	26.5 mq	
	4	Rain garden	122 mq	
The second second	5	Infiltration basin	108 mq	
	6	Bioswales	125 mq	
	7	Green areas: - Trees - Shrubbery zones - Community gardens - Lawns	- 124 pz - 5'660 pz - 2'025 mq - 1'522 mq	
	8	Log crib wall	1'255 mc	
	9	Gabions	1'227 mc	
	10	Water tank	30'000 lt	A STRUCTURE STATE



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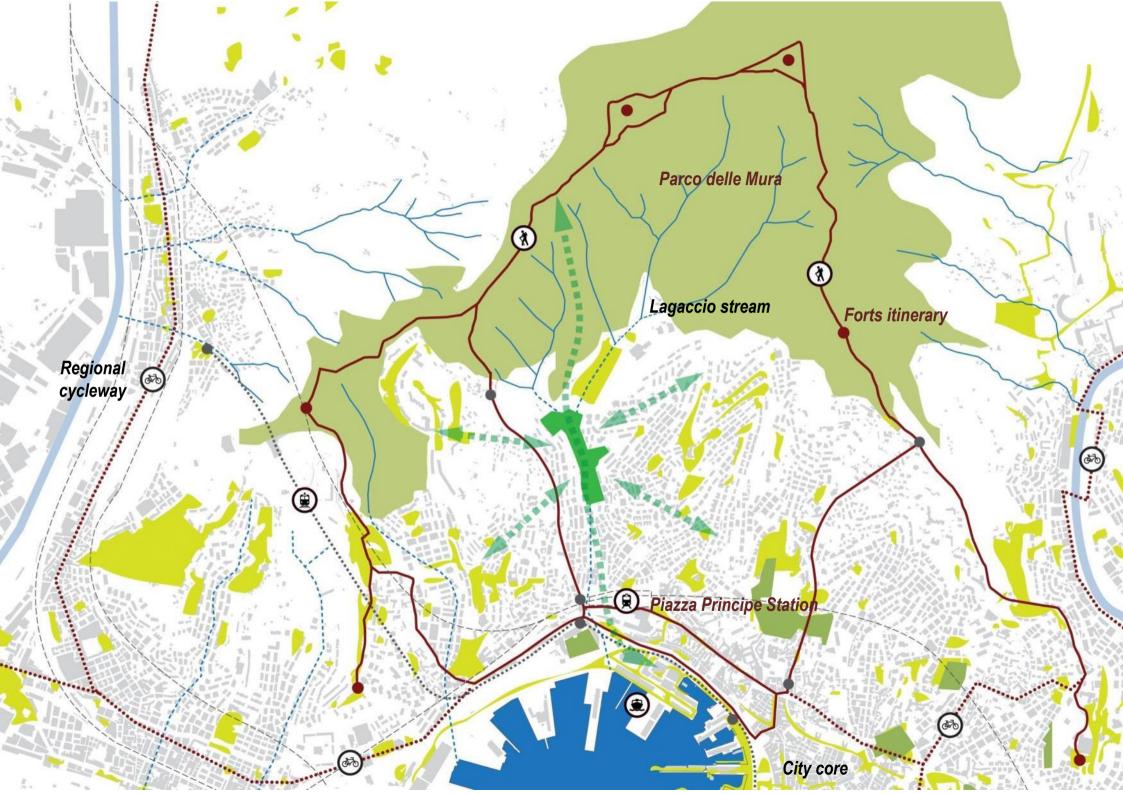
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> Salita Cinque Santi

Parrocchia San Giuseppe





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#### **NBS Technical Handbook**



The UNaLab project has developed a first draft version of its Technical Handbook of Nature-based Solutions. The handbook provides accurate, detailed information on the full range of potentially applicable nature-based solutions (NBS) to support urban climate and water resilience, their anticipated or demonstrated performance, and their limitations. This handbook will be a living document throughout the course of the project and the final version will be published towards the end of the UNaLab project. The final version can therefore be used both by the project's follower cities, as well as by cities beyond the UNaLab project.

The first part of the handbook deals with the concept of nature-based solutions, its origins, and similarities to other concepts that focus on natural processes aimed at enhancing living conditions. The second part consists of a catalogue of NBS that primarily are useful for tackling the UNaLab cities' challenges related to water and climate adaptation.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT: 3 NBS Technical Handbook - Part I.pdf, 3 NBS Technical Handbook - Part II.pdf

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WORK PACKAGE: Climate & Water Resilient Urban Living Labs

#### https://www.unalab.eu/documents/nbs-technical-handbook

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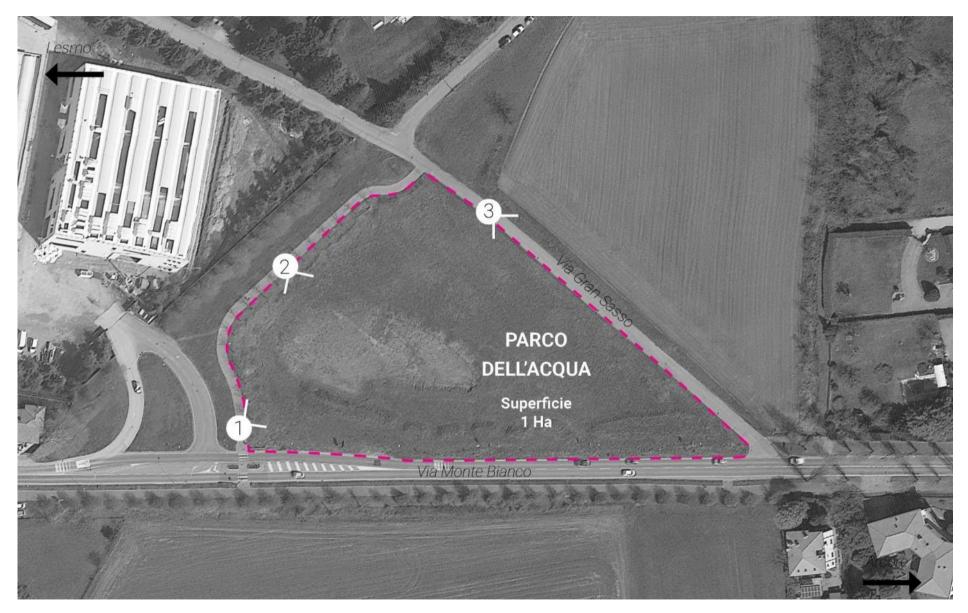


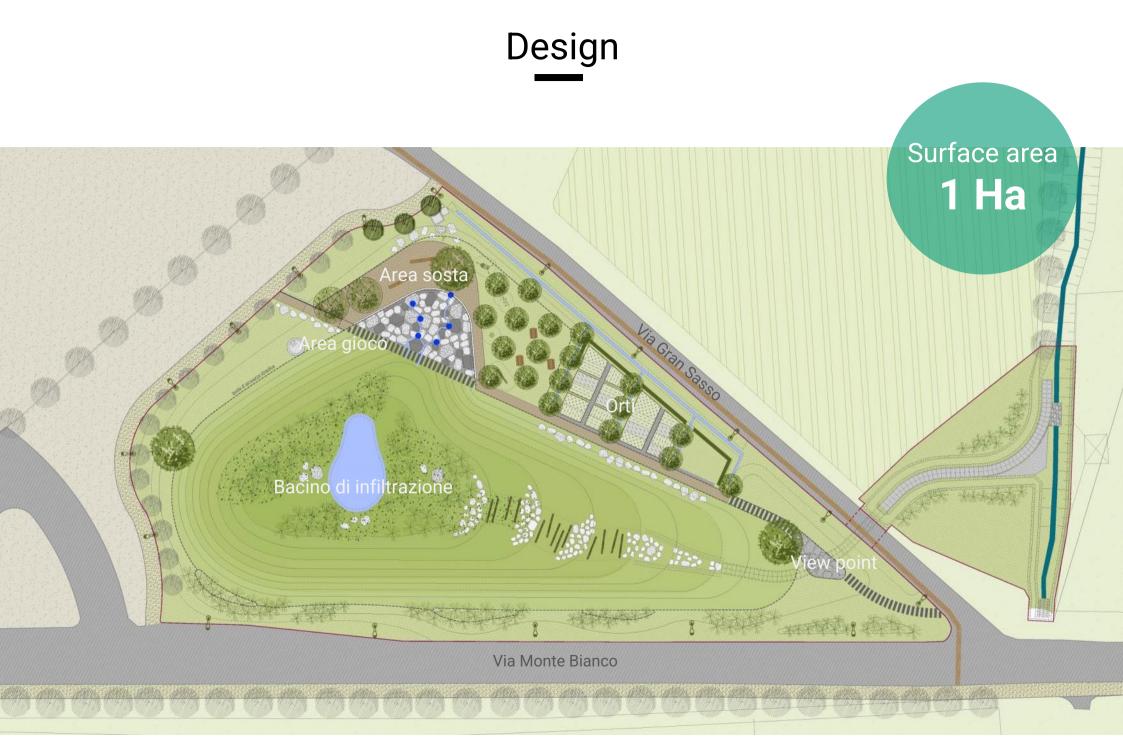
## Arcore Water park

Milan, Italy



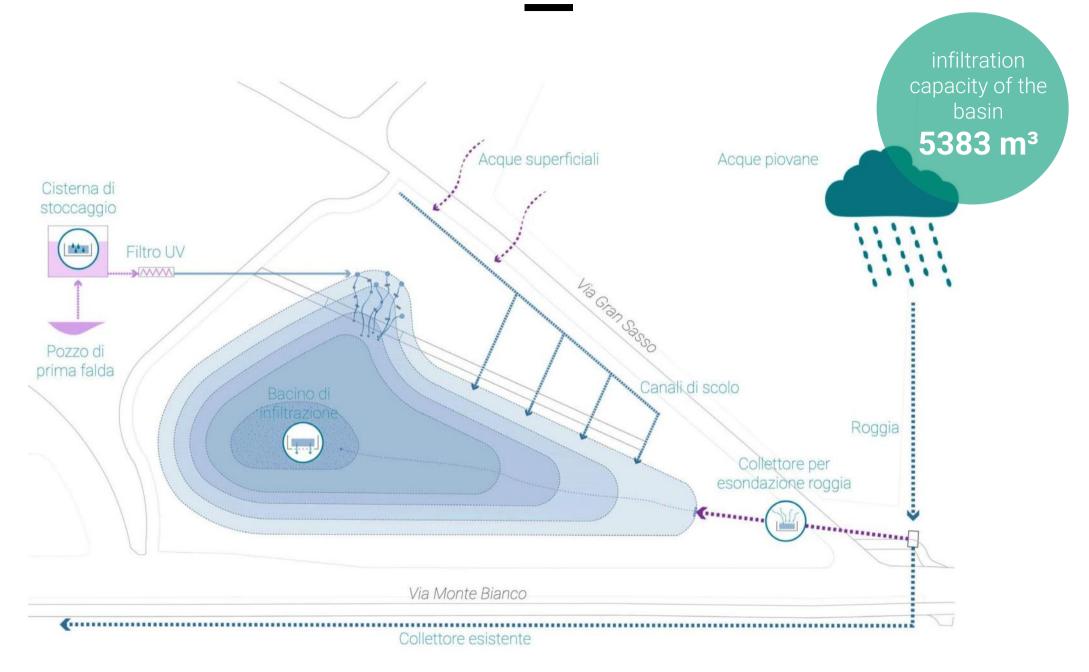
### Current state





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#### The water system



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# Towards Climate Resilience – Measuring the Impacts of NBS

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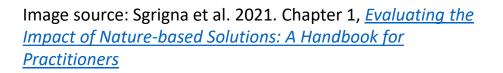
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### Why Evaluate NBS Performance and Impact?

- NBS can simultaneously address several societal challenges in terms of primary benefits and cobenefits
  - Environmental, social & economic benefits derived from natural capital → ecosystem services
- NBS can support high-level objectives related to climate change adaptation and mitigation, ecosystem and biodiversity conservation and restoration, sustainable development, etc.
- At present, widespread adoption of NBS and their incorporation within multi-level policy instruments is hindered by the fragmented and largely discipline-specific nature of existing evidence of NBS performance and impact





Engaging stakeholders

NBS

Project

Co-Implem

Action planning Assignment of roles

and resources

Co-Creation

Assessing

Identification of

**Project planning** 

Identifving targets.

evaluating options,

estimating costs and

benefits

current issues

and, where

possible, their

root causes

Sharing lessons learned

Monitoring &

Evaluating

Measuring &

assessing changes,

analysing costs

and benefits

Implementing

Execution of defined

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#### How? An Integrated NBS Assessment Framework

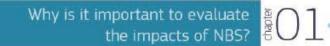
 Collaboration between 17 EU-funded projects and related programmes to develop <u>Evaluating the Impact of</u> <u>Nature-based Solutions: A Handbook for Practitioners</u> & <u>Appendix of Methods</u>, + <u>Summary for Policymakers</u>

The <u>Handbook</u> serves as a guide to development and implementation of scientifically-valid monitoring and evaluation plans for the evaluation of NBS impacts The <u>Appendix of Methods</u> 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*





How do I develop a robust

NBS monitoring plan?

What constitutes NBS monitoring?

How can I execute monitoring and

What indicators of NBS impact can I use?

impact assessment activities?

How do I select appropriate

indicators of NBS impact?

Overall framing; Global context

Policy context

#### Value of NBS

Purpose and main principles of NBS monitoring

A step-by-step approach to developing robust monitoring and evaluation plans

NBS impact assessment best practices from EU H2020 projects

Indicators of NBS performance and impact

Illustration of NBS impact indicator selection and application

How can I ensure NBS work for Disaster Risk Reduction?

What kinds of NBS monitoring data can I gather, and how should I manage these data? Main data types, data sources, and data generation techniques

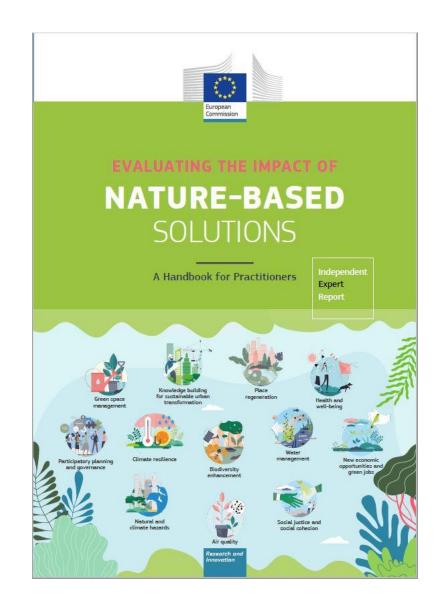
Risk assessment for DRR

Illustration of monitoring and

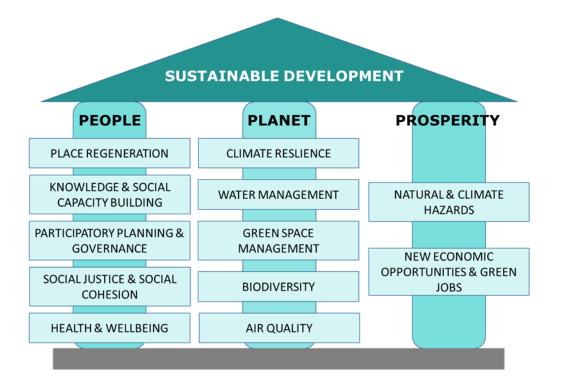
assessment of NBS for DRR

Data gaps, biases and ways to address them

Appendix of Methods Evaluating the Impact of Nature-based Solutions



#### Indicators of NBS Performance and Impact



12 societal challenge areas that can be addressed by NBS mapped against the UN Sustainability Development Goals' People-Planet-Prosperity triad



Key indicators of NBS performance & impact provide information about their relative effectiveness in comparison with defined objectives

- Selection of indicators can occur at any time during the NBS adaptive management cycle
  - Initial monitoring and assessment plan identifies "must have" outcomes that can be linked to specific indicators
  - Review of planned NBS impact indicators during co-creation process can help to identify potential additional benefits and inform NBS design
  - Indicators can be added or replaced at any time in response to observed changes or new challenges (adaptive monitoring)
- Handbook presents 446 possible indicators across 12 societal challenge areas
  - **73 Recommended** indicators of performance or impact that are central to the assessment of main expected outcomes
  - **373 Additional** useful indicators of performance or impact that may be necessary to evaluate specific targets, or desirable when additional resources are available for monitoring and evaluation

### **Getting Started with Indicator Selection**

#### PRINCIPLES

Impact evaluation plans and indicators must:

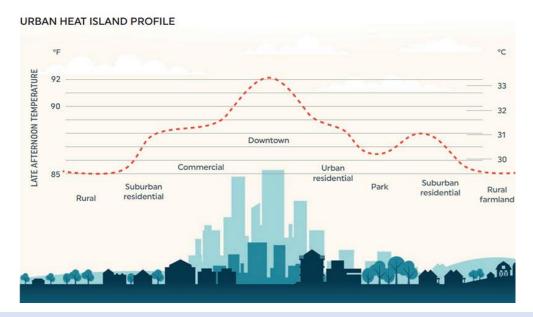
- **Be scientifically sound** measuring the impact of an NBS should follow anappropriate methodology that is capable of assessing the Key Performance Indicators (or KPIs)
- Be practical and straight-forward Define scope of expected impacts, specific site or target group(s), & reliable, feasible plan for data collection
- Use reference conditions and baseline assessment ensure a clear link between challenges addressed and indicators selected
- Align with policy principles and reporting obligations seek alignment with key policy objectives
- Be based on a transdisciplinary approach combine knowledge from societal actors with knowledge and methods from different disciplines





### Challenge $\rightarrow$ Objective $\rightarrow$ Target EXAMPLE: It's getting hot in here

- Citizens of Summer City have noted that some parts of the city are excessively warm. Data show an increase in heat-related illness & mortality. Longterm, regional temperature measurements show that the city centre is up to 5°C warmer than the surrounding countryside on hot days.
- Co-innovation with stakeholders identified NBS as a preferred option to address urban heating.
- An NBS action was proposed including depaving of an area in the city centre and planting of trees and biodiverse greenery, and implemention of green facades on the buildings surrounding the new public green space.
- According to the NBS literature, these solutions can address heat stress, air pollution, climate driven health issues, habitat loss or fragmentation, and biodiversity loss.



- Challenge or problem: Excessive heat in city centre during warm months
- **Objective of NBS action:** Reduce urban heating and increase resilience to future climate warming
- Target: Reduce air temperature in city centre by at least 2°C on hot days



#### Indicators to measure NBS Performance and Impact

#### **Challenge Categories**

- 1. Climate Resilience
- 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 Urban Transformation
- 9. Participatory Planning and Governance
- 10. Social Justice and Social Cohesion
- 11. Health and Wellbeing
- 12. New Economic Opportunities and Green Jobs



No	<b>T</b> - 11 1	Units		Applicability to $NBS^{\dagger}$		
No.	Indicator		Class	Type 1	Type 2	Туре З
RECO	MMENDED					
1.1	Total carbon removed or stored in vegetation and soil per unit area per unit time	kg/ha/y	0	•	•	•
1.2	Avoided greenhouse gas emissions from reduced building energy consumption	t CO₂e/y	0		•	•
1.3	Monthly mean value of daily maximum temperature (TX <sub>x</sub> )	°C	0	•		•
1.4	Monthly mean value of daily minimum temperature (TNn)	°C	0	•		•
1.5	Heatwave incidence: Days with temperature >90 <sup>th</sup> percentile, TX90p	No./y	0	•		•
ADDI	ADDITIONAL					
2.10.1	Urban Heat Island (incidence)	) °C	ο	•		•
2.10.1	Mean or peak daytime temperature	) °C	ο	•		•

Mean of daily maximum temperature (TX)		Climate Resilience				
<b>Description and</b> <b>justification</b> Mean of the daily maximum temperatures observed during specific time period, either for a specific year or over a specific period of years <sup>1</sup> . Proposed to detect T <sup>o</sup>		•	Data source			
			Required data	A time series of air T <sup>o</sup> data (measured in <sup>o</sup> C)		
	increment		Data input type	Quantitative		
Definition <sup>2</sup>	Let $TX_{ij}$ be the maximum temperature at day <i>i</i> of period <i>j</i> . Then mean values in period <i>j</i> are given by: $TX_j = \sum_{i=1}^{I} TX_{ij} / I$		Data collection frequency	The sensors can collect the data every 10 minutes. In case the effectiveness of a NBS is analysed this should be measured at least hourly. At midday, the cooling effect reaches its maximum so, for example, the heat effect on health can be analysed; at night, the effectiveness is less, but the effect of the night temperature on sleep		
Strengths and weaknesses	minimum temperature t	gether with the mean of daily hat can gives an idea of the high Irban comfort and human health.		disturbance can be analysed. Regardless of the adaptat aim, the best time to measure the higher effect on heat reduction is midday, as this is the hottest time of the da where the cooling effect reaches the maximum (Georgi and Dimitriou, 2010; Shashua-Bar et al., 2012; Tan et 2016).		
Measurement procedure and tool		e.g., TESTO multi-function);				
-		imer period or a hot summer day one specific year or range or	Level of expertise required	The sensors must be calibrated and located in the same place during all the measurement period. Not any sensor is valid		
	Summer is the most common season in which it is assessed (spring and autumn are considered in relatively fewer studies: e.g., Yan H., Wang X., et al. 2012; Shashua-Bar L., Tsiros I.X., Hoffman M.E. 2010) The maximum is the category most employed in the	Synergies with other indicators	Synergies with the mean of daily minimum temperature.			
		Connection with SDGs	SDG 3 Good health and well-being, SDG 11 Sustainable cities and communities, SDG 13 Climate action			
	literature, but the average also is rele this indicator the average is proposed		Opportunities for participatory data collection	Participatory data collection is feasible with supervision		
Scale of	It depends on the sensors network coverage; it can be a point or in case there are several localizations it ca be transformed to a grid (through interpolation)		Additional information			
measurement			References	<sup>1</sup> <u>http://glossary.ametsoc.org/wiki/</u>		
This sounds like a good way to measure longer-term trends, but			Mean daily maximum temperature for a month <sup>2</sup> https://eca.knmi.nl/indicesextremes/indicesdictionary.php#8			

what if we want to know more specifically about hot days (rather than a monthly average)?

Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect Climate Resilience Natural and Climate					
		Hazards			
Description and	The UHI effect is caused by the absorption of sunlight by (stony) materials, reduced evaporation and the emission of heat caused by human activities. The UHI effect is greatest after sunset and reported to reach up to 9°C in some cities,		Data source		
justification			Required data	Hourly temperature measurements	
			Data input type	Quantitative	
		Data collectionAnnually; at minimum before and after NBSfrequencyimplementation			
Definition	Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect denotes an urban area that is significantly warmer than its rural or undeveloped surrounding areas. Expressed and evaluated as temperature (°C).		Level of expertise required	Low	
			Synergies with other indicators	Assessed from <i>Mean or peak daytime temperature</i> indicator and connected with <i>Heatwave Risk</i> indicator	
Strengths and weaknesses+ Fairly easy and straightfor temperature differences - Requires a rather large ar measurement stations to he within the urban area - May require modelling exp			Connection with SDGs	SDG 3 Good health and well-being, SDG 11 Sustainable cities and communities, SDG 13 Climate action	
		plistically identify the effect	Opportunities for participatory data collection	Participatory data collection is feasible through geographically referenced direct temperature measurements if these are not automated.	
Measurement	1. Identify or install one or more meteorological		Additional information		
procedure and tool	<ul> <li>(temperature) measurement environment, and one meas city that functions as a refer models can be used.</li> <li>2. Compare the hourly aver measurements of the urban the station outside the city</li> <li>3. Look for the largest temp</li> </ul>	at stations within the built surement station outside the rence station. Alternatively, rage air temperature a measurement station(s) with (the reference station). perature difference (hourly	References	<ul> <li>Van Hove, L.W.A., Jacobs, C.M.J., Heusinkveld, B.G., Elbers, J.A., van Driel, B.L., &amp; Holtslag, A.A.M. (2015). Temporal and spatial variability of urban heat island and thermal comfort within the Rotterdam agglomeration. Building and Environment, 83, 91-103.</li> <li>United States Environmental Protection Agency. (2006). Excessive Heat Events Guidebook. Retrieved from <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-03/documents/ehequide_final.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-03/documents/ehequide_final.pdf</a></li> </ul>	
	average) between urban and countryside areas during the summer months. This temperature difference is an absolute				
Scale of measurement	measure of the UHI effect. City to regional scale		This sounds like it will tell us whether we achieve the target, does this mean that we also have to measure another indicated		

Mean or peak day measurements	time temperature – Direct	Climate Resilience				
<b>Description and</b> Green urban infrastructure can significantly affect climate		Data source				
justification	<b>ustification</b> change adaptation by reducing air and surface temperatures with the help of shading and through increased evapotranspiration. Conversely, green urban		Required data	Automated continuous monitoring of ambient air temperature		
	infrastructure can also provide		Data input type	Quantitative		
	shelter from wind, thereby reducing heating requirements (Cheng, Cheung, & Chu, 2010). By moderating the urban		Data collection frequency	Annually; at minimum, before and after NBS implementation		
microclimate, green infrastructure can support a reduction in energy use and improved thermal comfort (Demuzere et al., 2014). The cooling effect of green space results in		Level of expertise required	Low			
	lower temperatures in the surrounding built environment. A simulation of the surrounding buildings showed the potential for a 10% decrease in the cooling load due to the presence of the green area in the vicinity (Yu & Hien, 2006).		Synergies with other indicators	A prerequisite for <i>Heatwave Risk</i> and <i>Urban Heat Island</i> indicators, and a requirement for <i>Depth to groundwater</i> indicator		
			Connection with	SDG 3 Good health and well-being, SDG 11 Sustainable		
Definition	Mean or peak daytime local temperature by direct		SDGs	cities and communities, SDG 13 Climate action		
Strengths and weaknesses	<ul> <li>measurement (°C)</li> <li>+ Straightforward assessment of ambient air temperature</li> <li>+ Reliable in the long run</li> </ul>		Opportunities for participatory data collection	Participatory data collection is feasible through direct temperature measurements if these are not automated		
	- Requires a rather large amount of monitoring st	int of monitoring stations to	Additional information	nation		
	be installed to monitor various	NBS intervention areas	References	Cheng, C.Y., Cheung, K.K.S., & Chu, L.M. (2010). Thermal		
Measurement procedure and tool	Ambient air temperature can b continuous monitoring of temp intervention area, and calculat daytime temperature before ar	erature, near the NBS ion of mean and peak		performance of a vegetated cladding system on facade wall Building and Environment, 45(8), 1779-1787. Demuzere, M., Orru, K., Heidrich, O., Olazabal, E., Geneletti, D., Orru, H., Faehnle, M. (2014). Mitigating and adapting to		
Scale of measurement	Plot to district scale			climate change: Multi-functional and multi-scale assessme of green urban infrastructure. Journal of Environmental Management, 146, 107-115.		
				Yu, C., & Hien, W.N. (2006). Thermal benefits of city parks. Energy		

and Buildings, 38, 105-120.

Does this measurement tell us whether we have achieved the target? Do we have the resources and expertise to collect these data?

### Measuring the Cooling Effect of NBS

An NBS action was proposed including depaving of an area in the city centre and planting of trees and biodiverse greenery, and implemention of green facades on the buildings surrounding the new public green space.

- Temperature data from measurement stations able to collect data every 10 minutes will provide the information we need for all 3 indicators
- To assess effect of NBS on city temperature we need measurements:
  - In the hot city centre, in close proximity to NBS
  - In the hot city centre, in an area without NBS
- To quantify UHI effect
  - Also need one or more measurement stations in the surrounding countryside



- What do we need to measure?
- What data or data sources are already available?
- How do we get the data (what equipment do we need)?
- Where do we need to take measurements?
- How frequently do we need to take measurements?
- How are the data handled? By whom?
- Do we have the expertise needed to acquire and manage the data?
- Do we have the resources to purchase and maintain necessary equipment?





### Generate a Taolored Portfolio of Indicators

- The impacts of NBS actions have very broad impacts consult with experts from a range of different disciplines
- First, consider the main objective(s) of the action
  - What are we targeting?
  - What do we need to measure to know if the objectives have been achieved?
- Next, brainstorm possible additional benefits (co-benefits)
  - What other positive outcomes might we obtain?
  - How can we measure these other benefits?

According to the NBS literature, these solutions can address heat stress, air pollution, climate driven health issues, habitat loss or fragmentation, and biodiversity loss

- In the preceding example, we focused on the main objective
- If we were to brainstorm co-benefits, what do you think might be some important things to consider?
  - Hint: all the indicators discussed so far were outcome oriented. What about co-benefits derived from the process of implementing the NBS?



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# Civil Society Organizations and Environmental Actions in the City of Buenos Aires. The case of NBS actions.

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# **The City of Buenos Aires**

Capital and largest city of Argentina

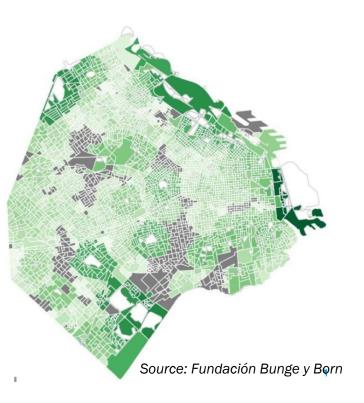
Autonomous district

Population: 3,000,000 (7% of the country)

Area: 202 km<sup>2</sup>

Green space: 6.2 m<sup>2</sup>/inhabitant

15 districts



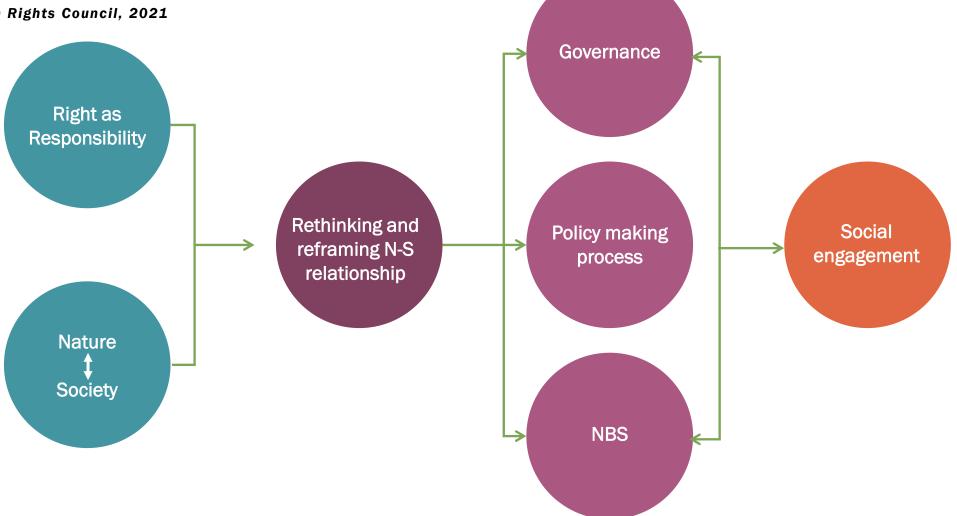


- (Buenos Aires)

Argentina

### "Clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a human right"

UN Human Rights Council, 2021



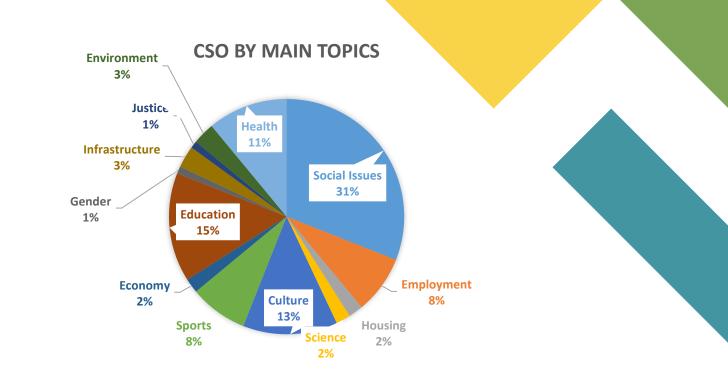
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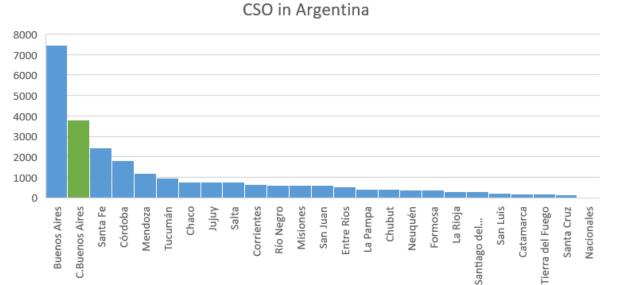
## Why

- Community identity
- Voice of vulnerable groups
- Motivating to address challenges
- Experience in legislative process

### **Buenos Aires - data**

- 3,811 CSO, 14.7% of Argentina
- 128 CSO oriented to Environment issues





# **CSO** participation

# What / Who

- Target:
  - CSO located in the city of Buenos Aires, oriented to environmental issues.
- Objective:
  - To know the opinion about the current situation of NBS in Buenos Aires
  - To inquire about the vision in order to build a greener city

# How



White: information, facts



**Black:** risks, difficulties, problems.



**Yellow:** benefits, positive points.



Red: feelings, intuitions.



**Green:** creativity, possibilities, alternatives, new ideas.





**Blue:** manage the thinking process

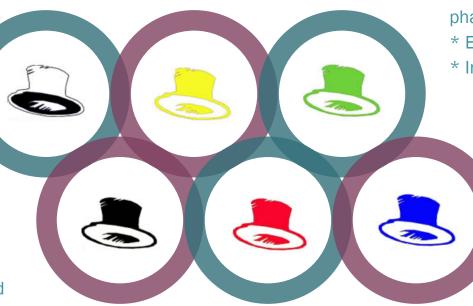


# Results

- \* Laws and Constitution:
- participation and environment issues as priorities.
- \* COVID-19 pandemic: importance of urban green spaces.

- \* Socioeconomic situation.
- \* Excessive bureaucracy to propose and implement NBS projects.
- \* Insufficient private sector investment.
- \* Conceptual differences about NBS.
- \* NBS as greenwashing.

- \* Experience in co-creation processes.
- \* Cohesion and articulation between CSO.
- \* In charge of the protection of green areas.



- \* Need to move from a carbon reduction approach to a global one.
- \* Establish a real governance.
- \* Fear of real estate business in green areas.
- \* NBS is more than a green roof.

- \* More public budget for the "comunas".
- \* Social participation in the different phases of the policy making process.\* Environmental literacy.
- \* Inclusion of NBS in building projects.

- \* Long-term public policies.
- \* Transversal communication between stakeholders.
- \* Large implementation of the law about Environmental Education. NBS as a priority.

# **Some initiatives**

# **Meeting streets**



# **100,000 trees - 2025**



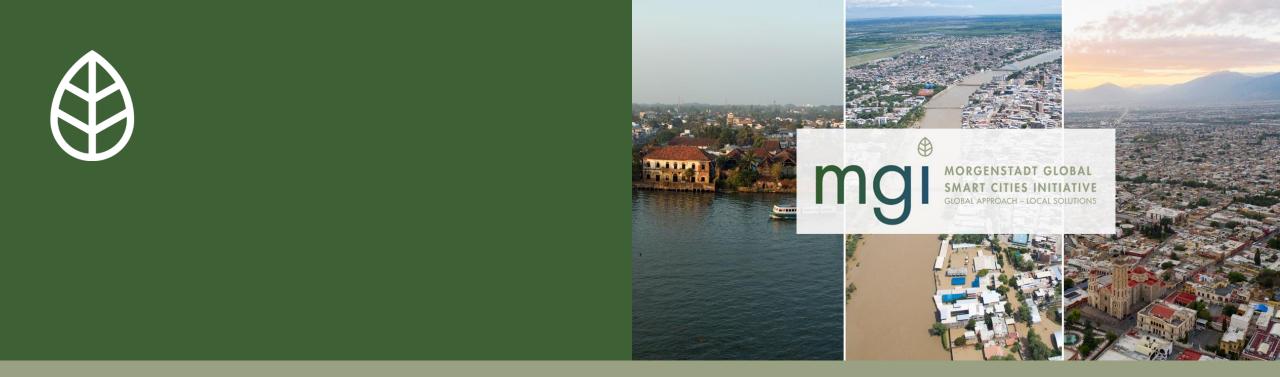
## **Green Schools**





# Thank you! ¡Gracias!

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## **Objectives**

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### **Contribution for climate protection:**

• Mitigation, adaptation and resilience for climate change.

# **Contribution for sustainable urban development:**

• Long-term and sustainable transformation process leading to replicable and affordable solutions for a resource-efficient, resilient and livable city of tomorrow.

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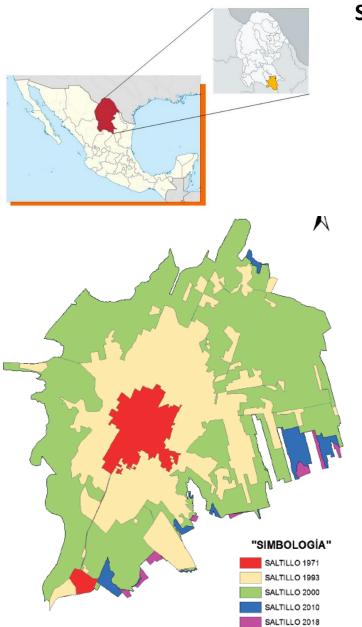
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Population: 920k

Heart of automobile manufacturing industry (Highly industrialized city).

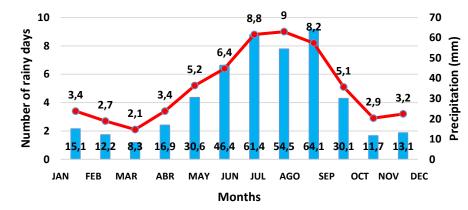
Arid weather (desierto de Coahuila).

River natural ecosystem in the city.



## SALTILLO CITY, MEXICO

Climogram – Saltillo Station (DGE)

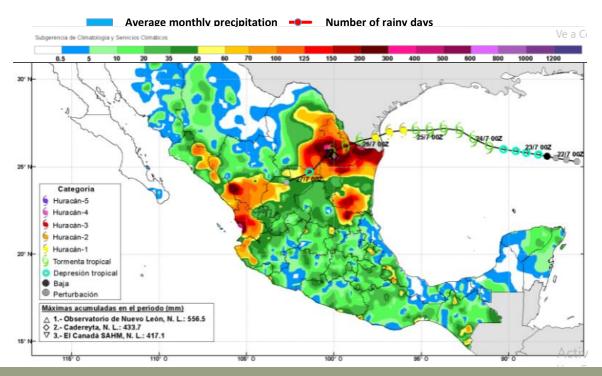


Average annual precipitation of 370 mm (Semi-arid region) is lower than the Average annual precipitation of the country of 720 mm.

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Acumulative precipitation (mm) from July 25 to 27 by hurricane Hanna



### Define the co-creation goal

Co-creation process goal was to define Blue-Green Infrastructure project on steps to get there:

- Sustainable and resilience urban city.
- Identify concrete replicable and affordable solution for a resourceefficient, resilient and livable city of tomorrow (Sponge city).



### CHALLENGES

- Absolute water shortage
- Dependence on overexploited aquifiers
- Flooding and lack of rainwater drainage
- Rivers in bad condition







Fluvial ecosystem healthy

Mobility

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## **Defining techniques of Blue-green infrastructure**



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