



## Workshop A5

# Building Inclusive Multi-stakeholder and Bankable Flood Resilience in Cities

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**Opportunities for inclusive blue-green infrastructure in cities**

RECREATION

GOODS e.g. TIMBER

INCREASE  
QUALITY  
OF  
LIFE

MITIGATION

Trees &  
Green  
spaces  
Green roofs  
Green walls

help  
to cope  
with hot  
weather  
through

shading &  
evaporation  
cooling,

help save  
energy



SPACE FOR NATURE

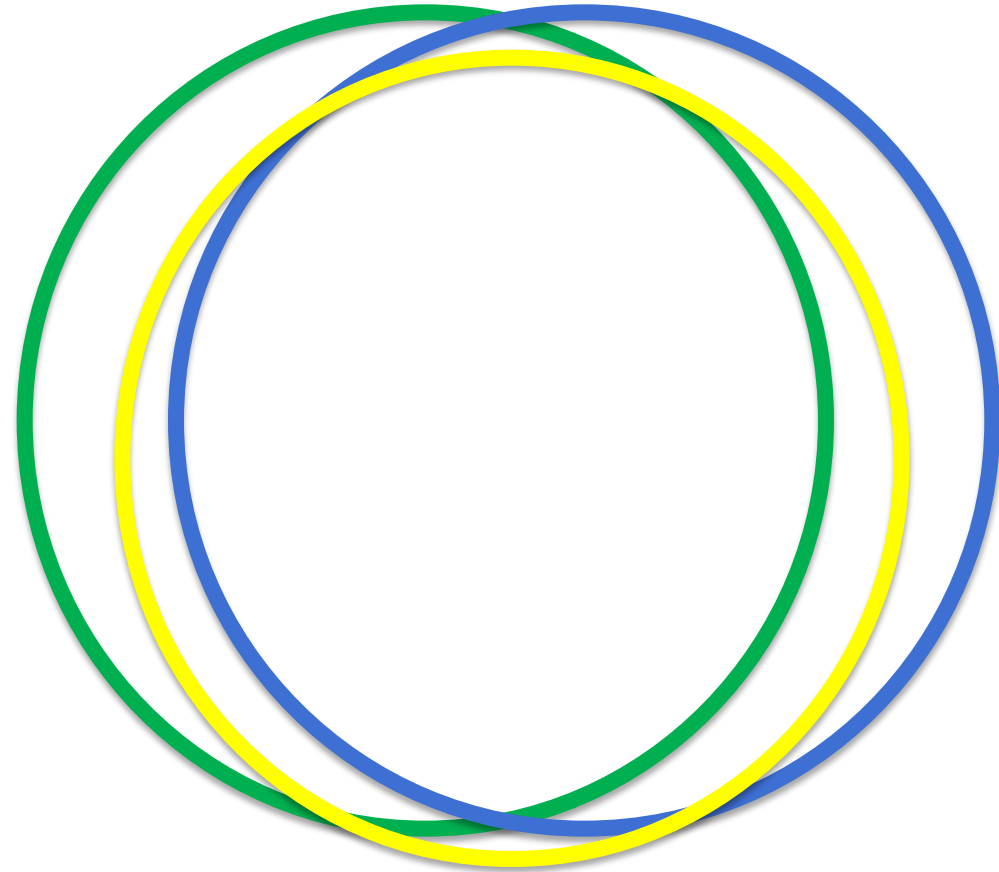
FLOOD PROTECTION



# The Rosetta Stone

**EBA** – **NBS** – **GI**  
**eco-DRR** – **NWRM**

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working with nature for people

# Policy Framework(s)

## EU Action Plan for nature, people and the economy

- 7th EPA
- EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy
- **Green Infrastructure (GI)**

## Water Framework Directive Flood Directive

- **Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM)**

policy signals to decisionmakers, planners, promoters to invest in working with nature at local, regional, national and cross-boundary levels



# Water Retention & Land Use related Measures

## Measures

Reforestation and afforestation  
Riparian forests and vegetation  
Meadows / Pastures restoration  
Buffer strips, Tillage, Terracing  
Crop practices, Green Cover  
Filter strips, Swales, Ponds  
Permeable surfaces, Filter Drains  
Floodplain restoration  
Restoration and management of  
Lakes and Wetlands  
Revitalisation of flowing waters  
Bank stabilisation and re-meandering

## Direct Impacts

improving soil's water  
storage capacity  
limiting soil erosion  
increasing groundwater  
recharge  
conserving water in  
natural systems  
decreasing speed,  
controlling runoff  
increasing retention  
time  
smoothing peaks

## Ecosystem Services

Flood prevention  
Water provision  
Water purification  
Connectivity  
Recreation  
Carbon storage





# EnRoute

## Enhancing Resilience of Urban Ecosystems through Green Infrastructure





## City labs



**Antwerp • Glasgow • Greater Dublin • Helsinki, Espoo & Vantaa • Karlovo  
Leipzig • Limassol • Lisbon • Manchester • Oslo • Padua • Poznan  
Rome • Tallinn • The Hague • Trento • Utrecht • Valletta**

# Options for upscaling based on an EU wide assessment of urban green infrastructure



- **25 indicators**
  - Green Infrastructure
  - Air quality
  - Population
  - Soil sealing
  - Ecosystem services
  - Natura 2000



# The potential of urban green infrastructure is not fully tapped

- Measuring is knowing: urban GI map is a key product for urban planning
- A network of urban GI can help achieve local and regional **biodiversity** goals
- Urban GI: a bridge between scientists, policymakers and **citizens** to make cities sustainable and resilient



City-lab: Rome

## More information on DG ENV and BISE webpages:



[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/ecosystems/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/ecosystems/index_en.htm)

<http://biodiversity.europa.eu/bise-catalogue>, > Green Infrastructure