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INSURANCE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR **NATURE-BASED TRANSFORMATIONS**



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Jaroslav MYSIAK
Euro-Mediterranean Center
on Climate Change



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In-person and online questions will be addressed after each session



Plenary sessions are livestreamed and recorded



A **media corner** is available for interviews during breaks



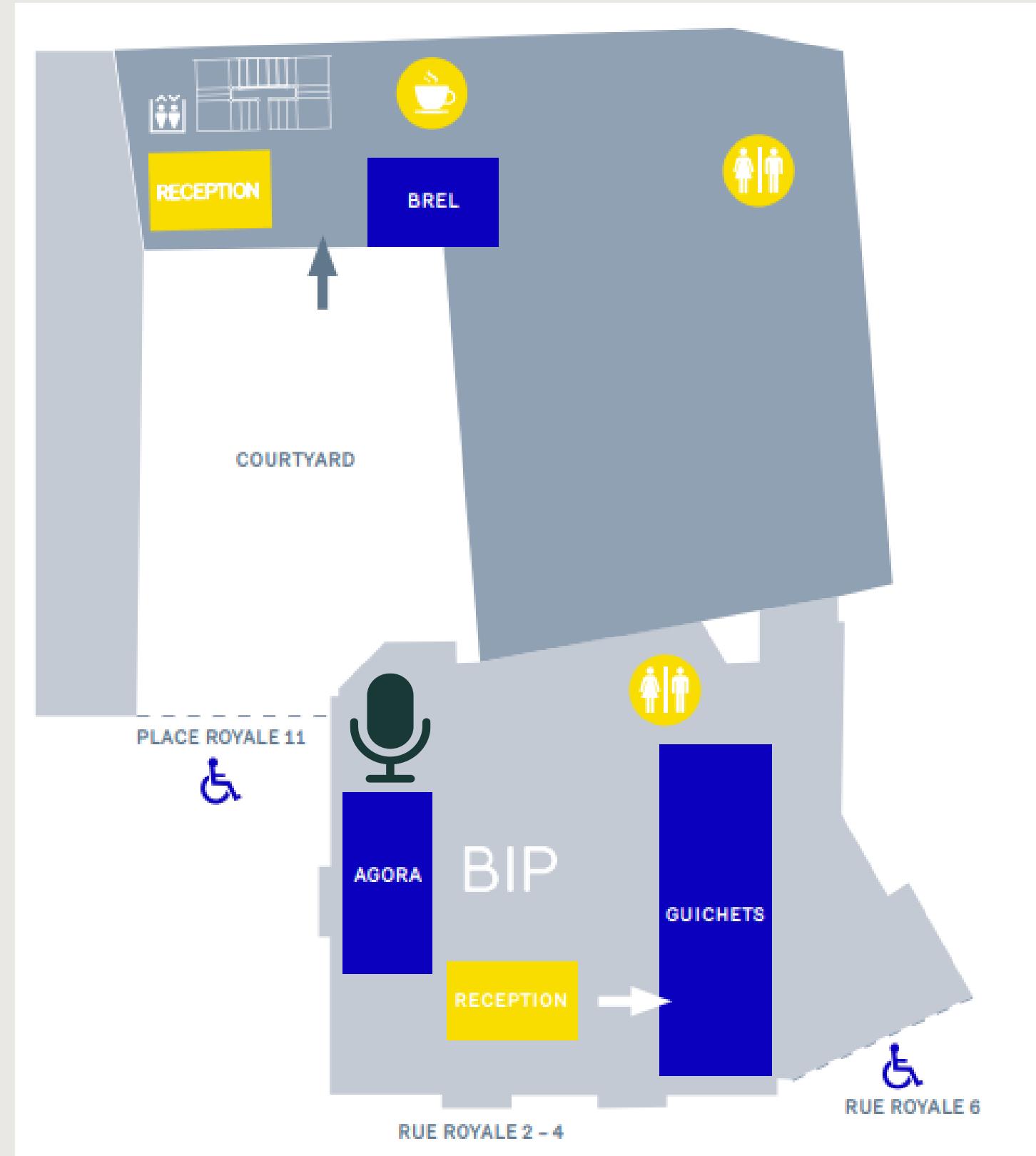
The **group picture** will be taken before the social dinner

The **social dinner** will be hosted at the festival location

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VENUE MAP



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KEYNOTE



Douglas MASON
Infrastructure Specialist





Harnessing Nature for Disaster Risk Reduction

Doug Mason





Opportunities to scale up:

- Build confidence that NBS work
- Leverage economic, policy, and social incentives
- Remove barriers that remain





National Park Service



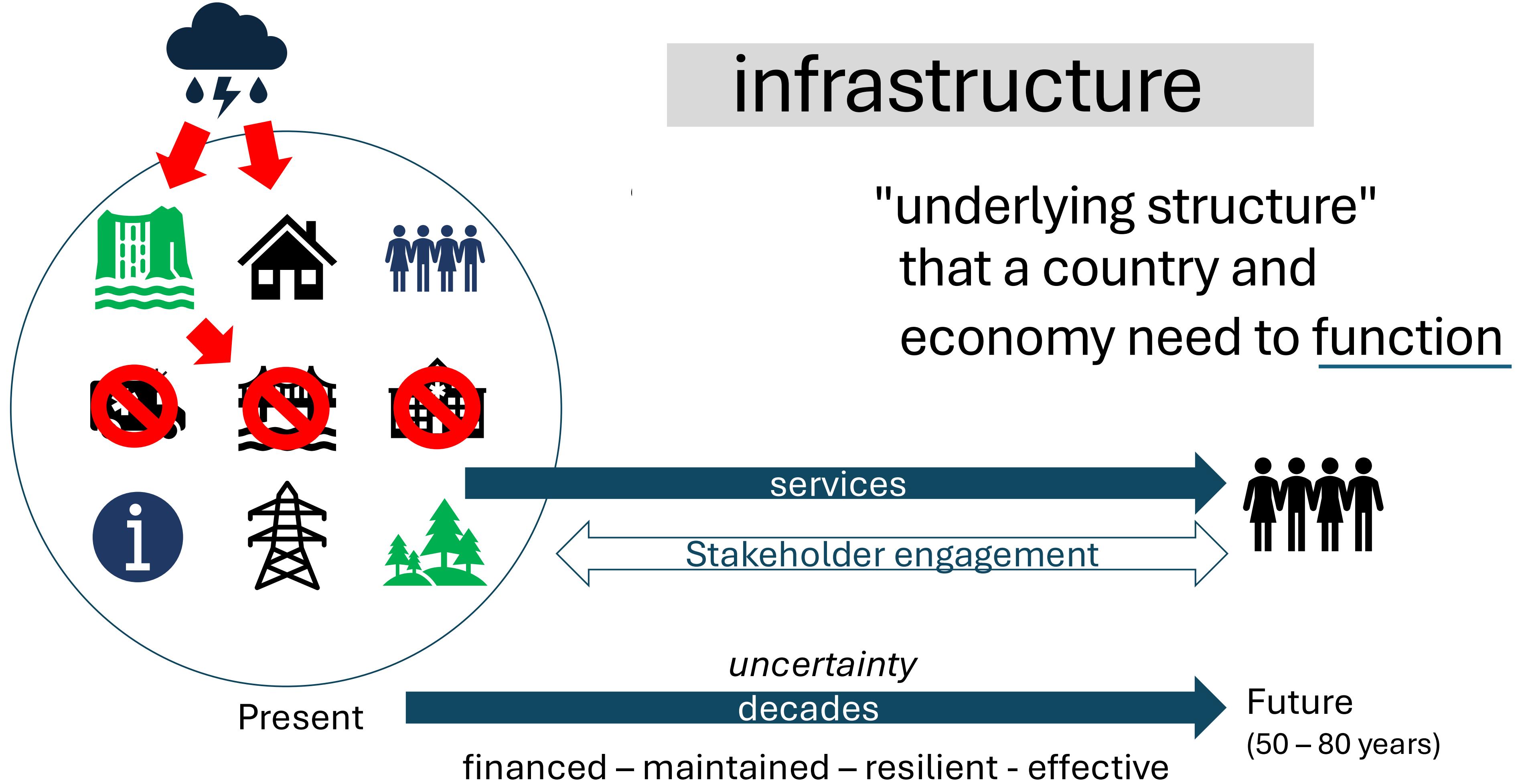


A wide, turbulent river with rocky banks and a dense forest in the background.

Fundamental challenge: scale up

- More projects
- Larger projects
- Much faster delivery

infrastructure

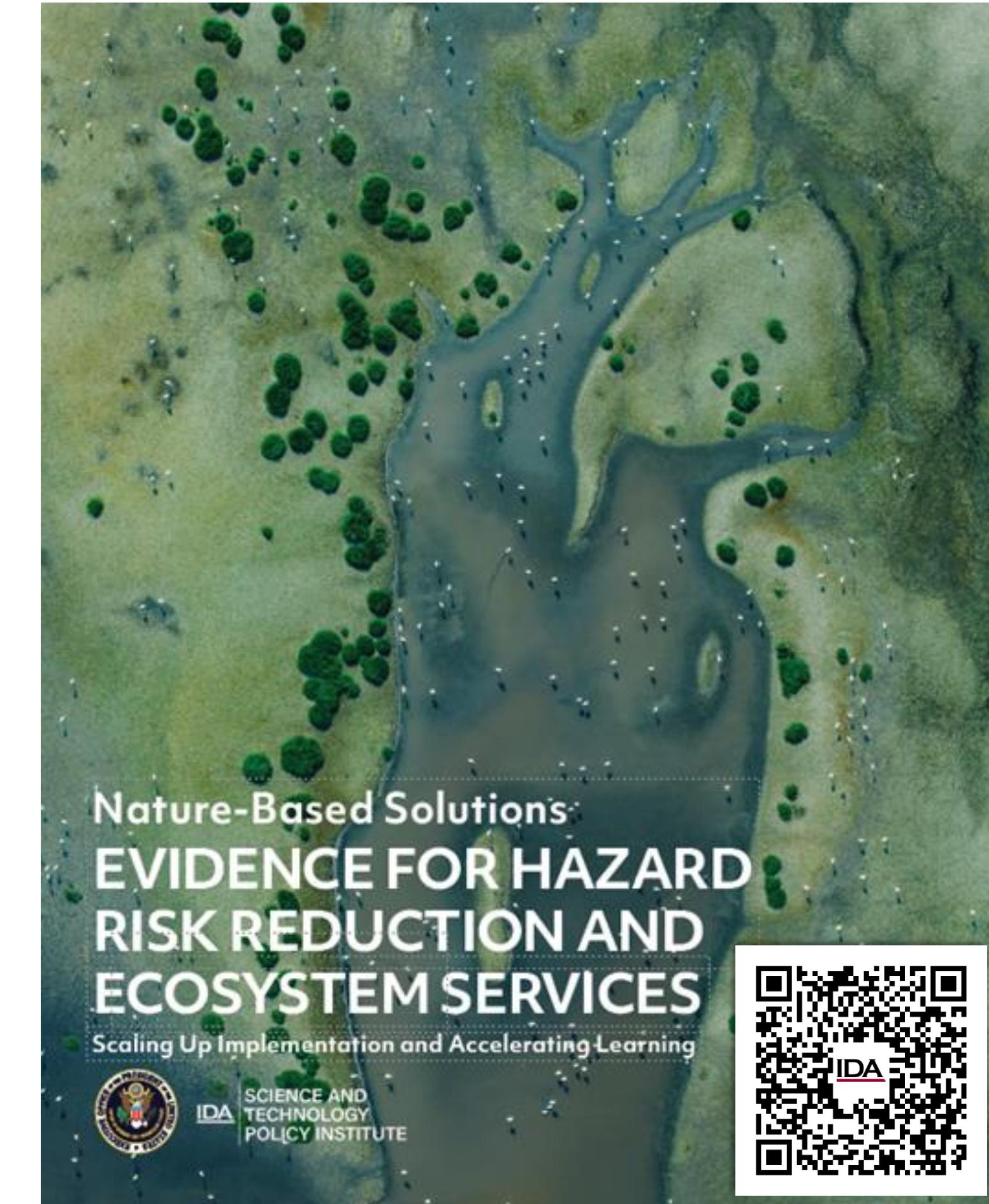




For high-intensity hazards, hybrid infrastructure can be more effective at reducing risk

- Hybrid infrastructure combines built and natural elements
- For high-intensity hazards, hybrid infrastructure can be **more effective** than either conventional or natural infrastructure on their own
- “Green where you can, grey where you must”

When are NBS effective?



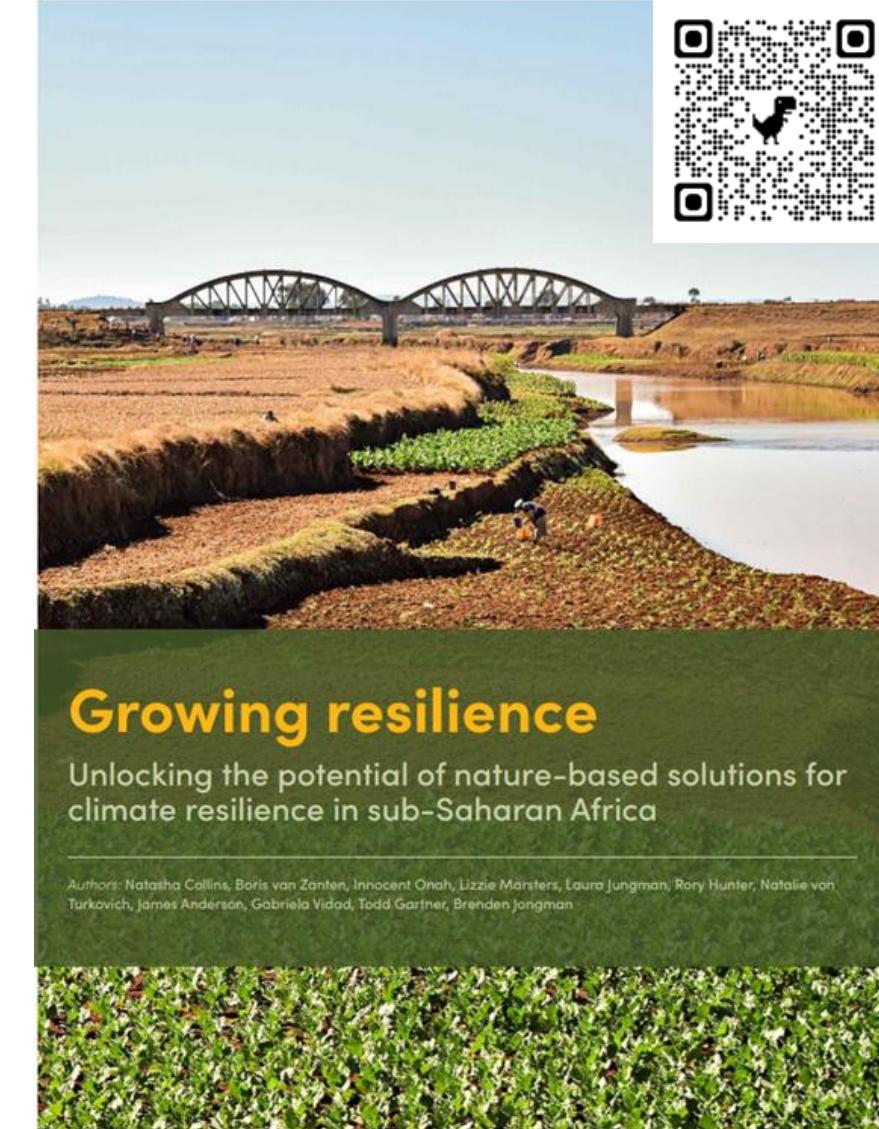
Potential Positive Effects

Nature Based Solutions		Hazard Risk Reduction							Water Outcomes	
		Pluvial Floods	Riverine Floods	Coastal Floods	Coastal Erosion	Landslides and Erosion	Wildfire	Extreme Heat	Water Quality	Water Quantity
Watersheds	Slope stabilization	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1
	Forests	2	2	1	1	4	4	4	4	4
	Agroforestry/silvopasture	2	2	0	1	3	3	2	3	3
	Grasslands and other vegetation	2	2	1	1	3	3	1	3	2
	Farmland best practices	2	2	0	0	3	2	1	4	2
	Riverbeds, riparian areas	2	3	1	1	3	2	1	3	3
	Inland wetlands	2	3	0	0	2	2	1	4	3
	Floodplains and bypasses	3	4	2	1	1	2	1	3	4
	Setback levees (riverbeds and riparian areas)	1	4	2	1	2	0	1	3	3
Coastal	Mangroves	1	1	4	4	0	0	2	3	0
	Marshes and other coastal wetlands	1	2	4	4	0	2	1	3	0
	Living shorelines	0	1	2	4	0	0	1	2	0
	Coral reefs	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	0
	Oyster Reefs	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	3	0
	Sediment transport management	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	3	0
	Seagrasses and submerged aquatic vegetation	1	1	3	3	0	0	1	3	0
	Sandy beaches and dunes	1	0	3	4	0	0	1	1	0
Urban	Urban canopy	3	2	1	1	1	1	4	3	3
	Urban green spaces (parks, water plazas)	3	2	1	1	1	1	4	3	3
	Bioretention areas/rain gardens/bioswales	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	4	4
	Constructed and urban wetlands	4	3	1	1	1	1	3	4	4
	Green roofs, facades, walls	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	3
	Permeable pavement, urban water harvesting	4	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	3

Lower income countries

Special consideration:

- Massive infrastructure needs
- Less access to finance, information, and technical capacity
- NBS growing rapidly, but still a small fraction of the financing gap.



Build confidence that NBS work

Challenge 1:

Research

NbS a cost-effective approach to mitigating hazards



Science of The Total Environment
Volume 947, 15 October 2024, 174524

Review
On the cost-effectiveness of Nature-based Solutions for reducing disaster risk

Marta Vicarelli ^{a b c}   , Karen Sudmeier-Rieux ^d , Ali Alsadadi ^a , Aryen Shrestha ^e , Simon Schütze ^{f g} , Michael M. Kana ^h , Madeline Leue ^h , David Wasielewski ^h , Jaroslav Myslak ^{b c}

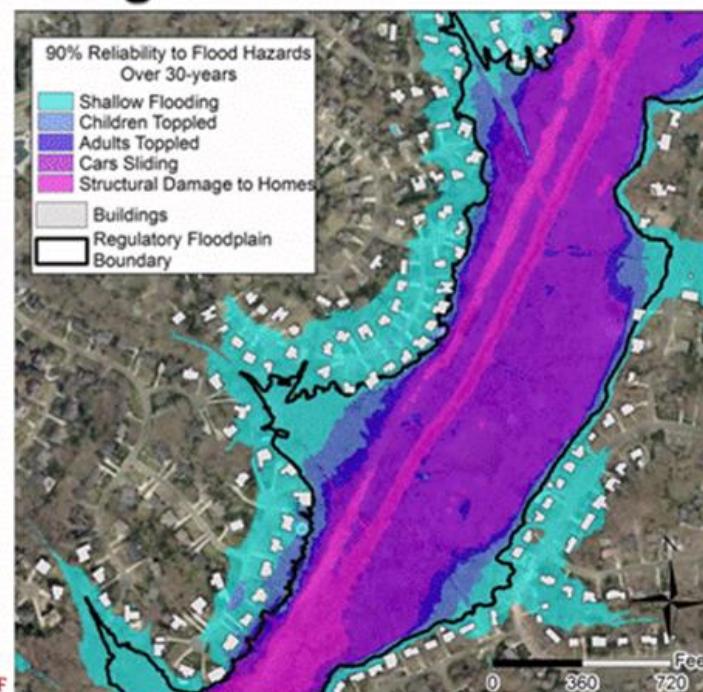
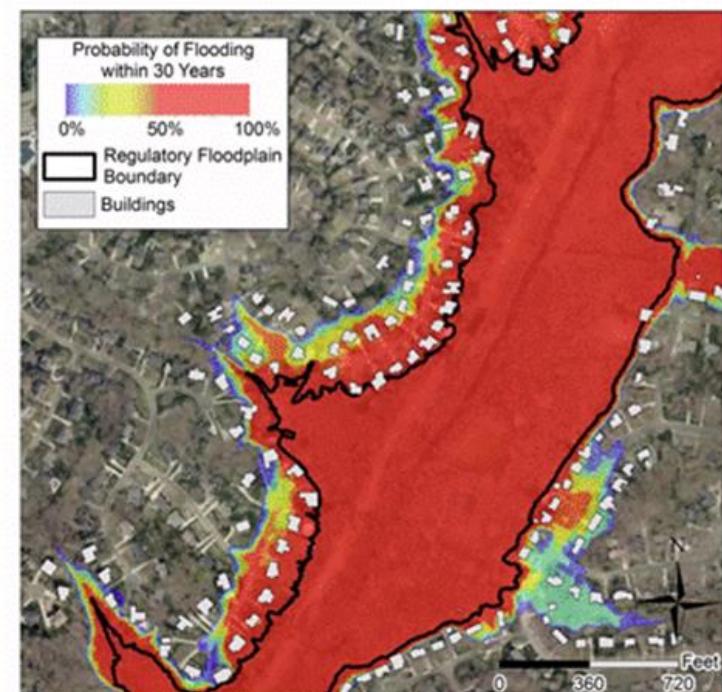
Performance data



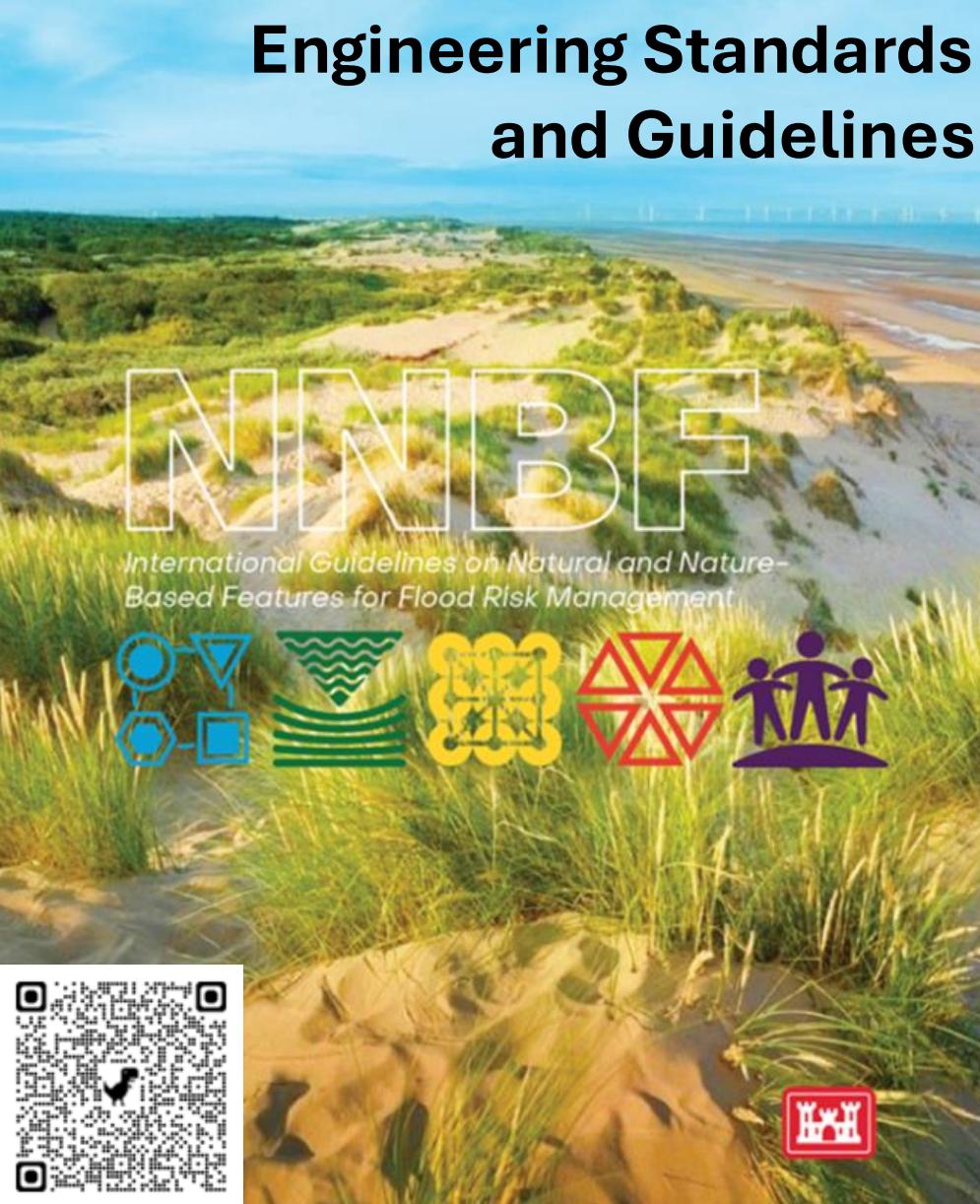
Risk assessment & communication

accounting for the full spectrum of events (not just the big ones) and communicating probability

*Brian Bledsoe,
Institute for Resilient Infrastructure*



Engineering Standards and Guidelines



Challenge 1:

Build
confidence
that NBS
work

Quantifying performance

Engineers

Evidence of risk reduction
performance

Insurers

Evidence of how NBS directly
relate to insured losses

Often missing: localized, up-to-date information on the
performance of investments in nature-based risk reduction

Remotely sensed
data

AI / Machine
Learning

Approaches that
make it simpler
to help decision
makers

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Monitoring & Evaluation Partnerships

Incentivize their use

Challenge 2:

Norming NBS

Policy on Nature-based Solutions



Supports the integration of natural and engineering processes to enhance community resilience while delivering societal, environmental, and economic benefits



Policy

Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines for Federal Investments in Water Resources

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Requires consideration of a nature-based solution when assessing infrastructure alternatives



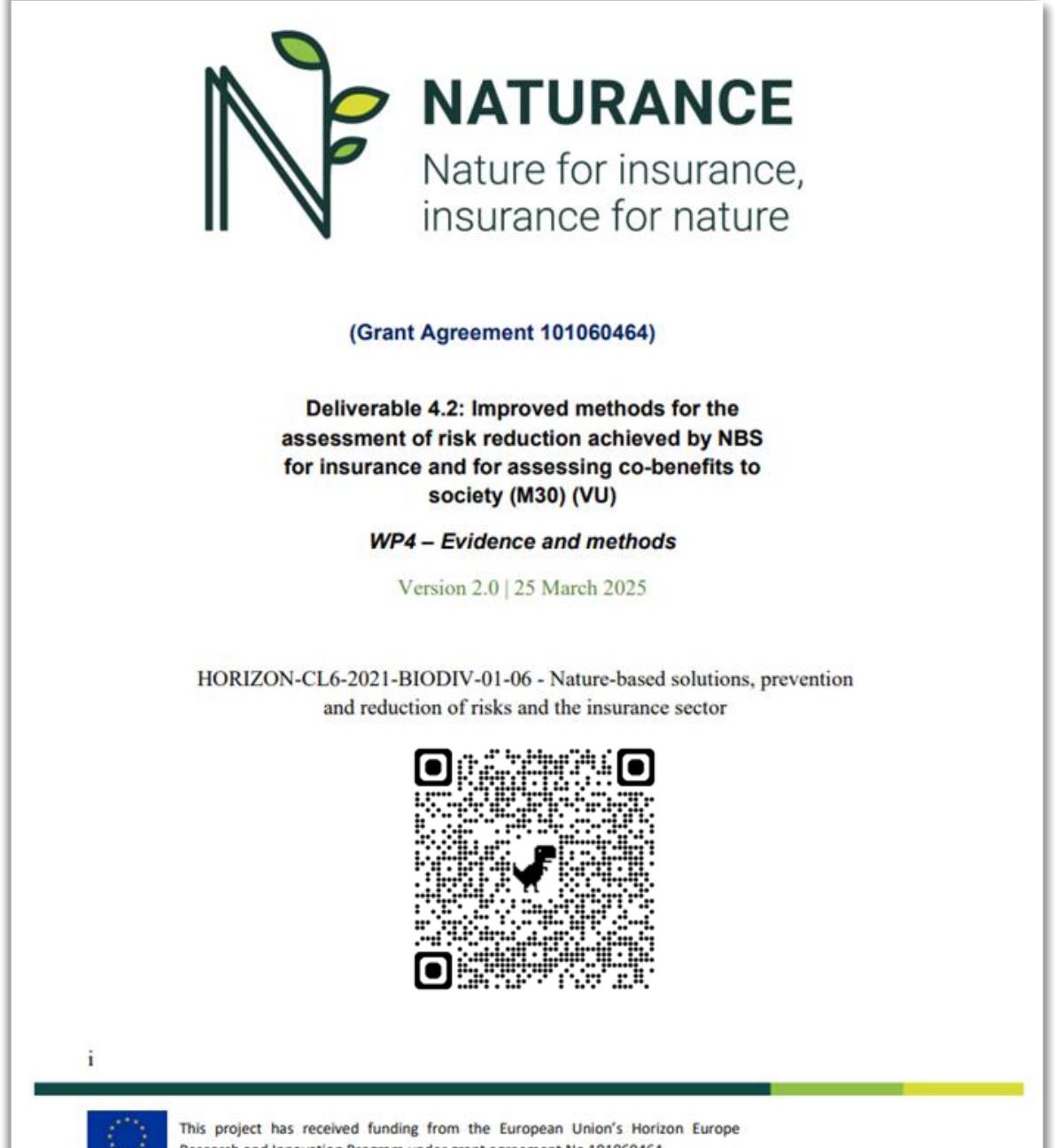
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Challenge 2:

Quantifying economic benefits

Traditionally...

- Cost-benefit analyses underestimate NbS value by ignoring co-benefits
- Catastrophe models do not account for NbS impacts, underestimating their risk-reduction potential



NATURANCE
Nature for insurance,
insurance for nature

(Grant Agreement 101060464)

Deliverable 4.2: Improved methods for the assessment of risk reduction achieved by NBS for insurance and for assessing co-benefits to society (M30) (VU)

WP4 – Evidence and methods

Version 2.0 | 25 March 2025

HORIZON-CL6-2021-BIODIV-01-06 - Nature-based solutions, prevention and reduction of risks and the insurance sector



 This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Program under grant agreement No 101060464

Conclusions supported by insurers /particularly valuable



Over time, natural infrastructure may be less expensive to maintain than conventional infrastructure

- Some natural infrastructure has potential for
 - self-repair
 - strengthening over time
 - adapting as the weather changes, and
 - easier modification and repair.
- These factors can lower maintenance costs relative to conventional solutions.

Challenge 3:

Remove
barriers
that remain

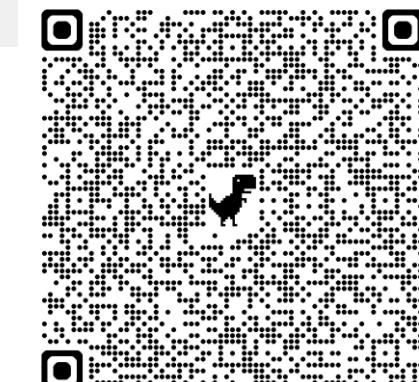
Permitting
(needs to go faster!)

Permitting NBS can takes years
(longer than conventional infrastructure)

Can consume up to one-third of a project's budget
(before work begins)

FUNDING NATURE, NOT PAPERWORK

A Synthesis of Permitting Issues, Reforms, and a Strategy for Moving Forward



Challenge 3:

Remove barriers that remain

Permitting (needs to go faster!)

Staffing Issues	Resource shortages (staffing, workloads, expertise, turnover) cause delays, while applicant deficiencies lead to poor incoming applications.
Expertise	
App. Issues	
Leadership	Organizational culture can lack leadership prioritization, urgency of deadlines, accountability, or overemphasize risk avoidance.
Accountability	
Risk Tolerance	
Inefficiency	Permitting systems may be inefficient, outdated, and ripe with inconsistency when there is a shortage of guidance, standardization / rubrics of review or tools and technology.
Inconsistency	
Outdated Tech	
Lack of Coord.	Multi-agency reviews exacerbate process issues, such as a lack of coordination, duplication, and no transparency for the applicant.
Poor Processes	
'Black Hole'	
Burdensome Req.	Restoration projects use the same permits as development, causing a mismatch in requirements and burden of proof for these beneficial efforts.

Leadership directives like executive orders catalyze cultural change by introducing permit timeliness goals and performance metrics. Leaders can also advocate for sufficient staffing and workload allocation ('regulators without borders'), subject matter and project management training. Guidance memos improve risk tolerance by emphasizing outcomes over processes.

Standardization through templates, checklists, and review rubrics create consistent requirements while applicant training reduces incomplete applications.

Tech adoption boosts staff efficiency, provides transparency, automates processes, improves project management and agency coordination.

Categorical exclusions and fast-track pathways like general permits and programmatic reviews reduce permit burdens for restoration projects.

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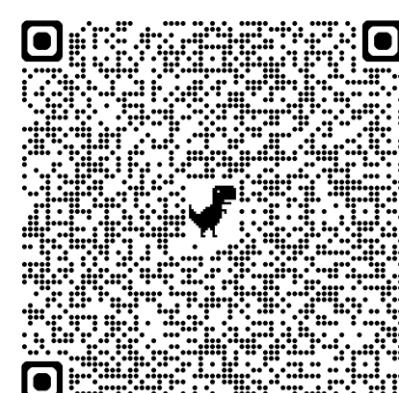
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Streamline the process to allow approval within:

- 60–90 days for well-known techniques
- Under one year for complex projects



Nature in insurance models

Remove barriers that remain

Challenge 3:



Photo credit: Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments

Nature's remedy: Improving flood resilience through community insurance and nature-based mitigation

<https://www.natureconservancy.org/~/media/assets/advocacy/advocacy-priorities/nature-for-insurance-and-insurance-for-nature-report.pdf>

Munich RE | The Nature Conservancy

NBS for flood risk can be accounted for in insurance modeling

Reduced average annual losses by 20%–30%



NATURE FOR INSURANCE AND INSURANCE FOR NATURE

August 2025

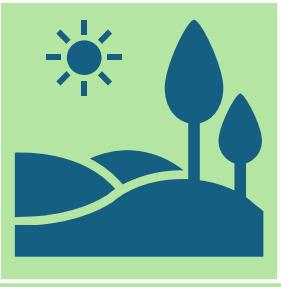


Insurance catastrophe models do not incorporate nature's benefits

NBS are public goods requiring collective financing beyond just insurance premium reductions



There is a fundamental need rapidly deliver and protect infrastructure that is financed, maintained, resilient, and effective over 50-80 years



Nature-based solutions should be an element, as they can reduce risk, lower costs, and broaden benefits



Achieving this potential requires actions to:

Build confidence that they work

Leverage economic, policy, and social incentives

Remove barriers



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Roadmap towards nature credits

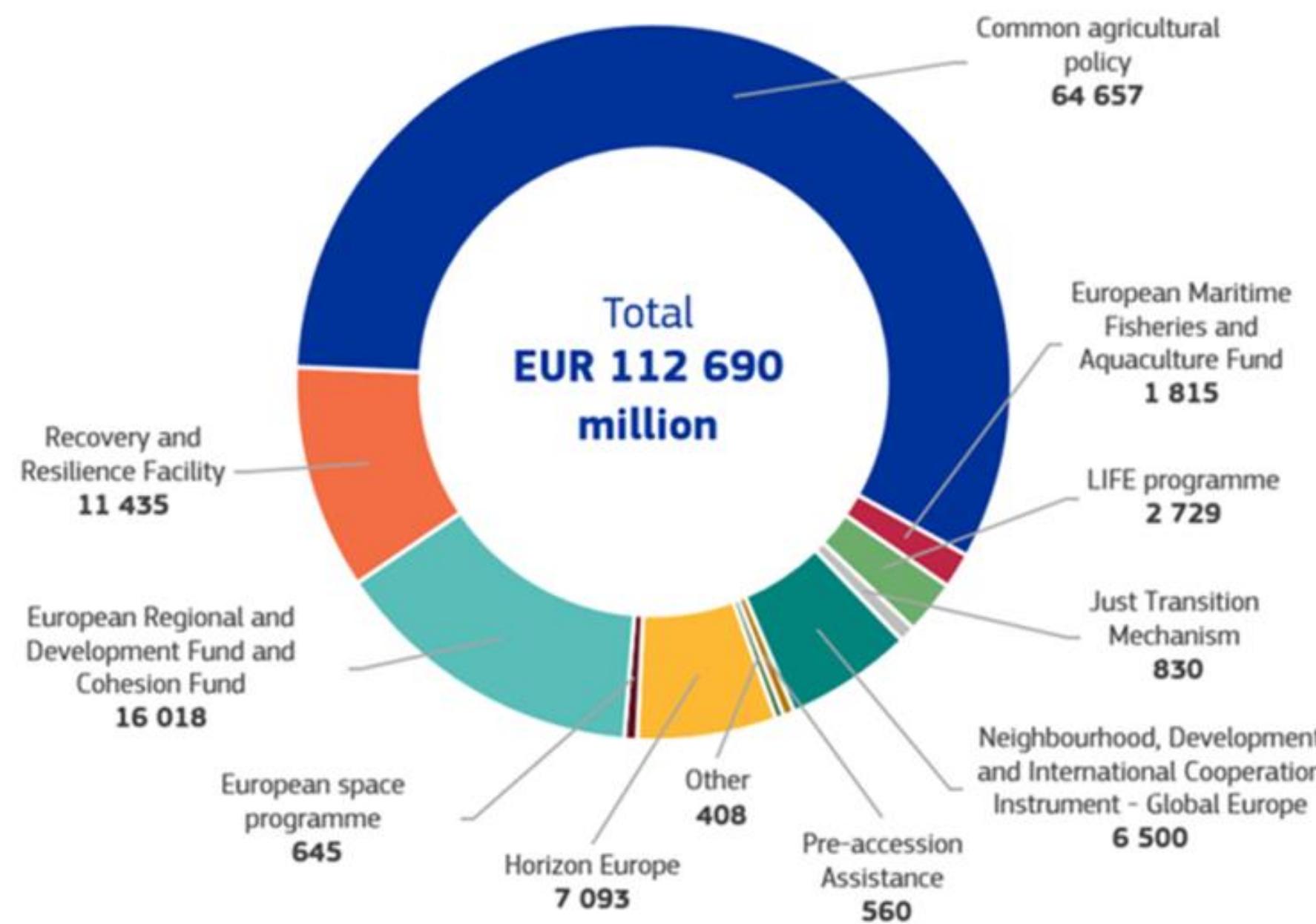
NATURANCE Festival

3 February 2026

env-nature-credits@ec.europa.eu

Public finance is essential but remains insufficient

Biodiversity contribution in the EU budget has risen, 2021-27 in EUR m



... but remains insufficient

- There is still an annual **investment gap** of EUR ~37 bn at EU level for nature and biodiversity (EIR 2025)
- The annual **global gap** rises to USD 700 bn
- The gap is particularly visible for **coastal and marine ecosystems**
- **Private capital** must be mobilised at scale, in a context of limited fiscal space

Source: EU Draft Budget 2026, Statement of Estimates and EU Commission biodiversity mainstreaming page



Potential measures to bridge the gap

Redirecting Environmentally Harmful subsidies

- PES
- Fiscal incentives
- Philanthropy

Partnership with financial institutions

- Blending finance
- Guarantee instruments
- Co-investment

Market-based instruments

- Biodiversity bonds
- **Nature credits**

Enabling regulatory framework



Roadmap actions for 2025–2027



- 2025:** Set up an expert group to gather expertise and share best practices.
- 2025–2026:** Conduct EU-wide assessment of nature credit supply and demand.
- 2025–2026:** Involve expert group to advise on fostering nature credit markets.
- 2025–2026:** Engage internationally, including preparations for CBD COP 17.
- 2025–2027:** Launch a pilot funding program, linked to innovation and competitiveness.
- 2026:** Adopt first CRCF carbon farming methods with biodiversity co-benefits.
- Mid-2026:** Consult expert group on criteria and methodologies for nature credits.



How to engage in EU works on nature credits

Participate in consultations on national restoration plans (NRPs)

- Member States must consult stakeholders under the [Nature Restoration Regulation](#)
- Opportunities to propose nature-positive business models and financing options

Follow the [Expert Group on Nature Credits](#)

- Contribute to shaping methodologies, certification and governance
- Ensure stakeholders' perspective are reflected
- Open call for membership

Engage via the [EU Business and Biodiversity Platform](#)

- Participate in working groups on biodiversity finance and credits
- Access case studies, peer learning, and policy updates
- Link nature credits to TNFD, CSRD, and supply chain resilience

Access technical assistance and advisory support

- Apply for tailored support under [Green Assist](#)
- Use [EIB Advisory Hub](#) to develop bankable biodiversity projects

Apply for EU funding under current MFF (2021–2027)

- Explore open calls under [LIFE](#), [Horizon Europe](#), and [Interreg](#)
- Submit innovation-driven proposals under the [EIC Accelerator](#)

Plan ahead for the [next EU MFF \(2028–2034\)](#)

- New instruments under the proposed European Competitiveness Fund and in national envelopes
- Opportunities depend on negotiations with EU co-legislators



Thank you



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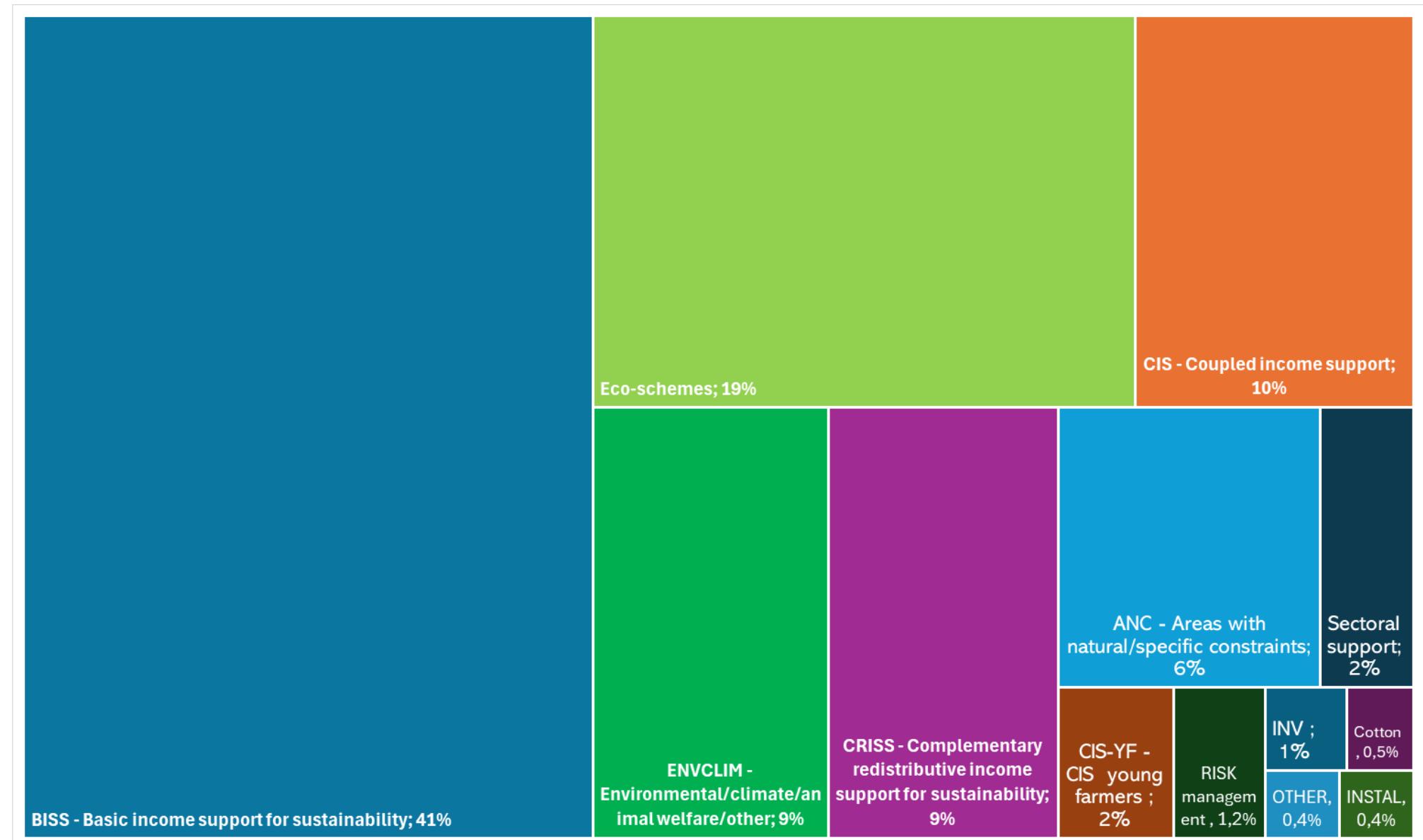


The CAP today and tomorrow supporting environmental objectives

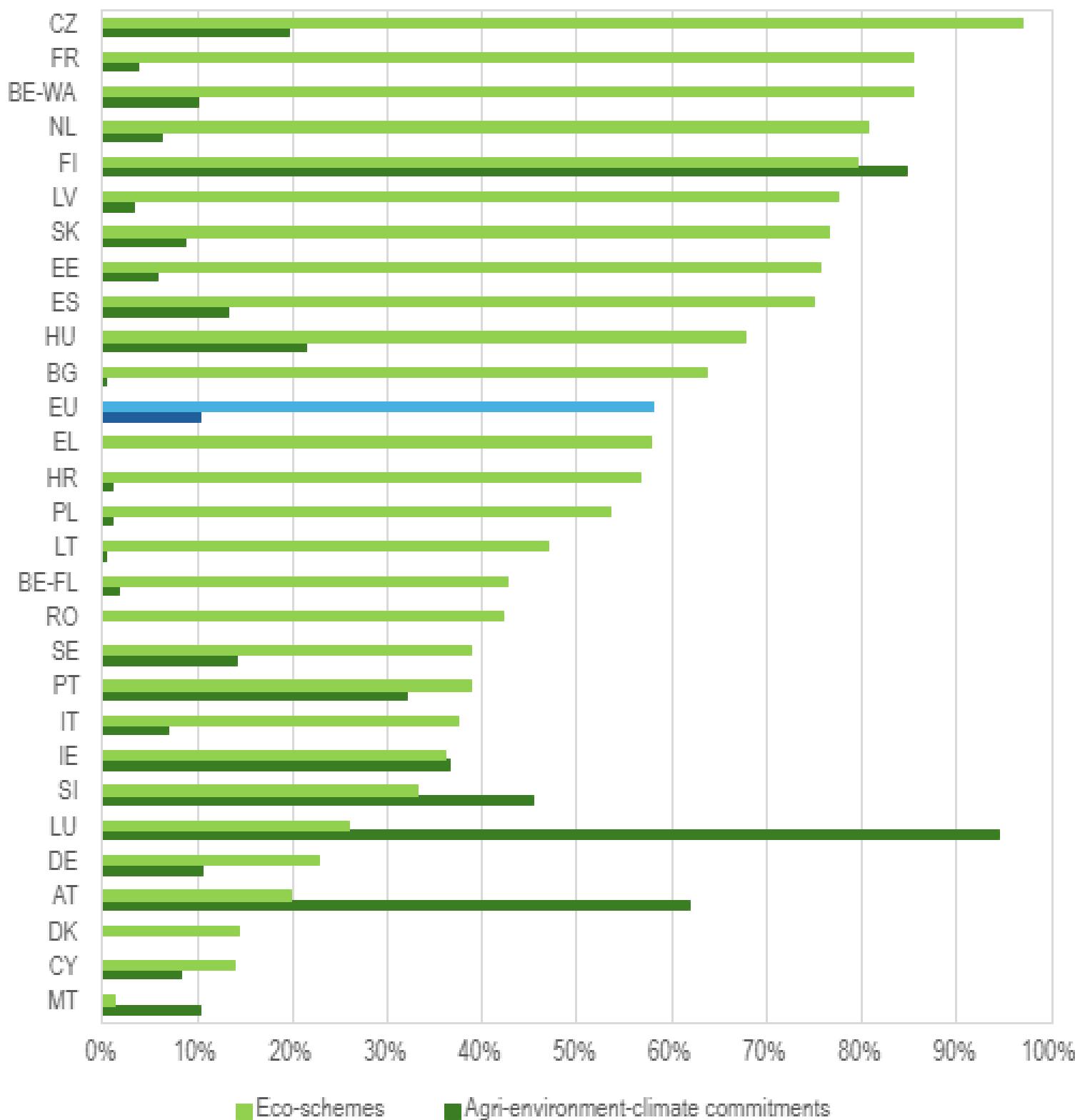
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Current implementation

Share total public expenditure under CSP, EU average, 2024



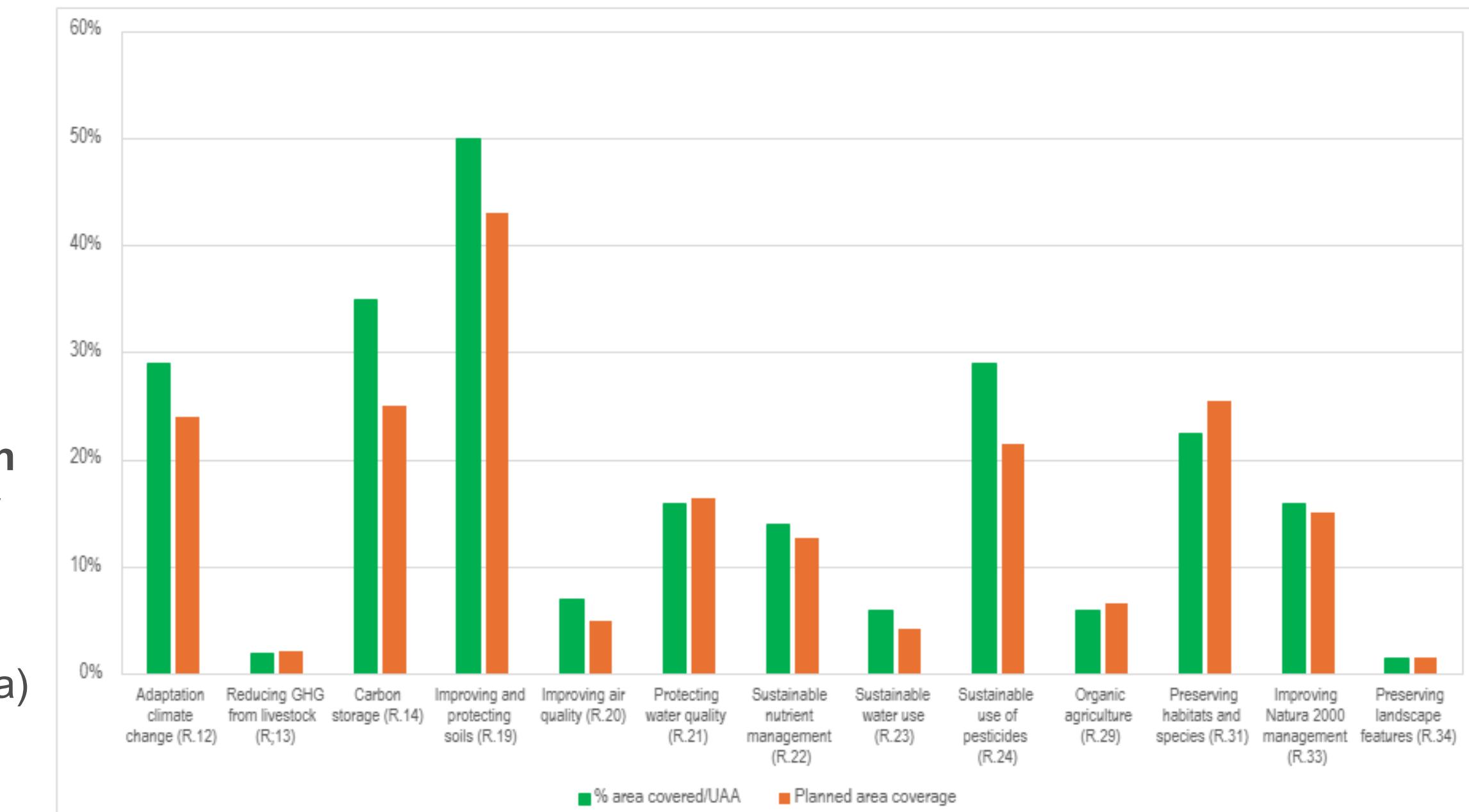
Share UAA covered by eco-schemes and AECC, 2024 (CY 2023)



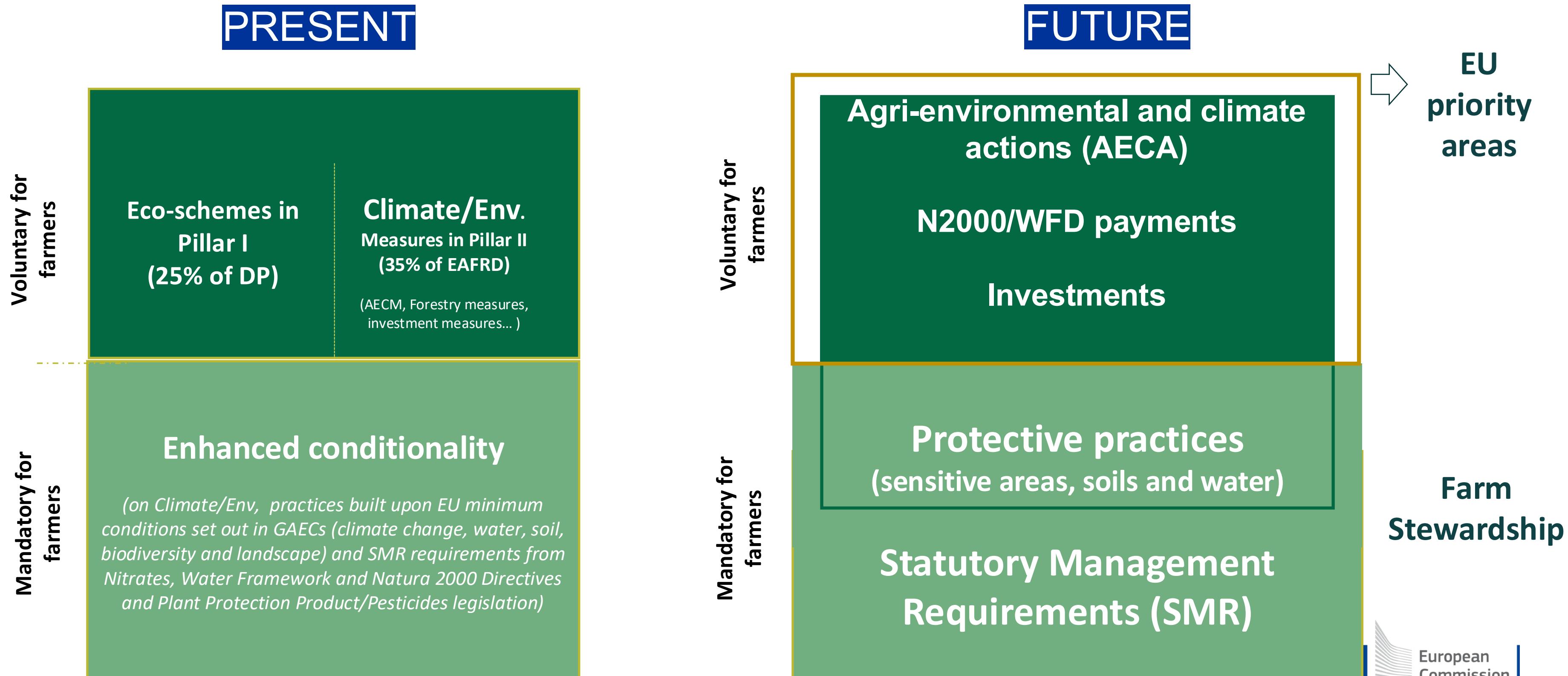
Environmental and climate action - results

- **Diverse, but overall good progress** in meeting the annual milestones for most of environmental and climate RI
- Significant progress on **protecting and improving soils** and enhance **carbon sequestration** - 50% and 35% of EU's UAA
- Sustainable **nutrient management** actions carried out on 14% UAA, though some shortfalls in several MS
- Commitments for **biodiversity conservation and restoration** on agricultural land - nearly 23% of EU's UAA
- **Organic farming**' support to nearly 6% of total EU' UAA agricultural area (9.5 million ha)
- **Green investments** - 26 000 holdings

Share of EU's UAA covered by environmental/climate actions (R.13 - share of livestock units)



CAP green architecture



Environmental and climate priority areas



Climate change
adaptation and
water resilience

Mitigation GHG
emissions, carbon
storage

Soil health

Biodiversity
preservation,
pesticide use
reduction

Organic farming

Animal health and
welfare

Water quality,
nutrient
management,
focus on hotspots

More information



CAP Strategic Plans

https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans_en#at-a-glance

CAP 2023-2027 data portal

[European Commission | Agri-food data portal | CAP 2023 - 27](https://ec.europa.eu/info/agri-food-data-portal_en)

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European Competitiveness Fund proposal

In a nutshell



Why ECF?

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The current offer of EU funds does not provide **large-scale, seamless funding support** on the entire investment journey to address market failures...

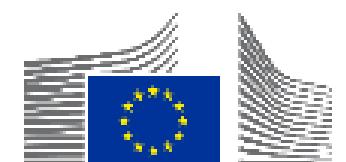
...with insufficient **flexibility** to respond to unforeseen needs...

... it is also **insufficiently linked** with other sources of public (national, regional, local) and private funding, which themselves are very fragmented...

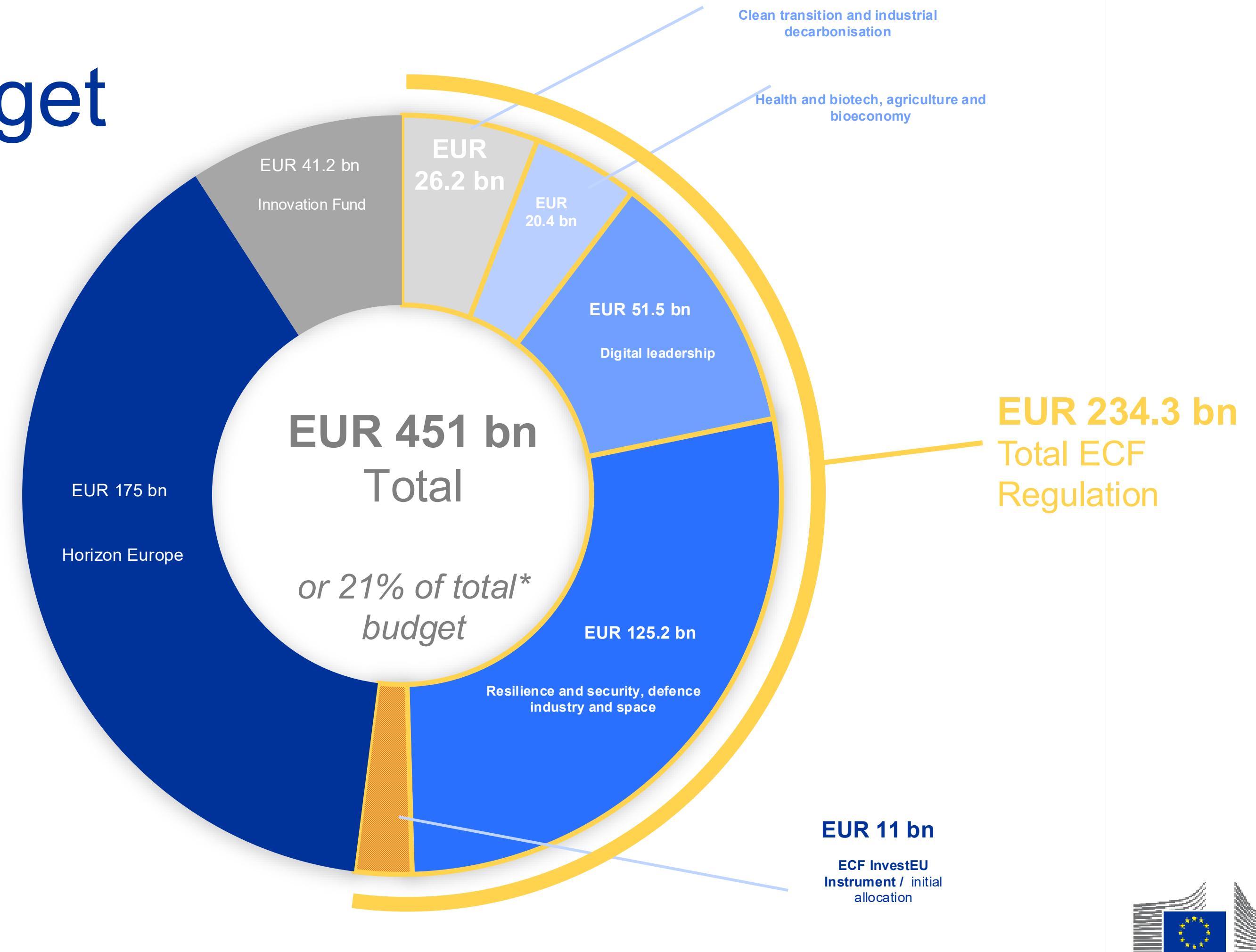
.. there is a financing and investment gap in the latter stages of innovation, development and scaling up of companies, in strategic sectors essential for supporting the competitiveness of the EU economy, including the **“valley of death” scaling-up problem..**

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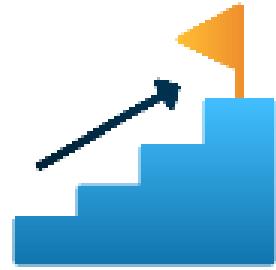
Impact assessment on the ECF



ECF Budget



Key features



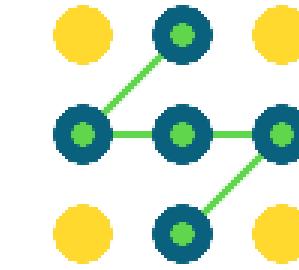
SCALE

Pulling together **investment power of € 451 billion** at EU level for our industrial leadership in strategic sectors.



IMPACT

To deliver one powerful financial toolbox to leverage and mobilise private investment.



SEAMLESS INVESTMENT JOURNEY

To fund entire investment journey from research to scale up, and global manufacturing.



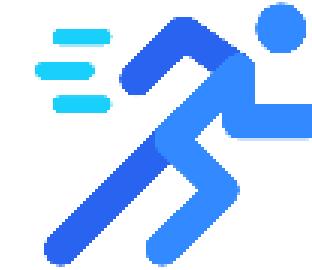
SINGLE RULEBOOK

To simplify rules and make funds get faster to applicants.



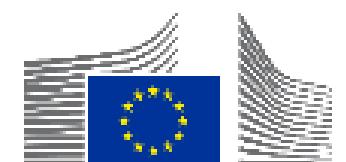
POLICY COHERENCE

To ensure coherence between industrial and research policies.

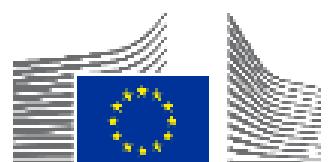
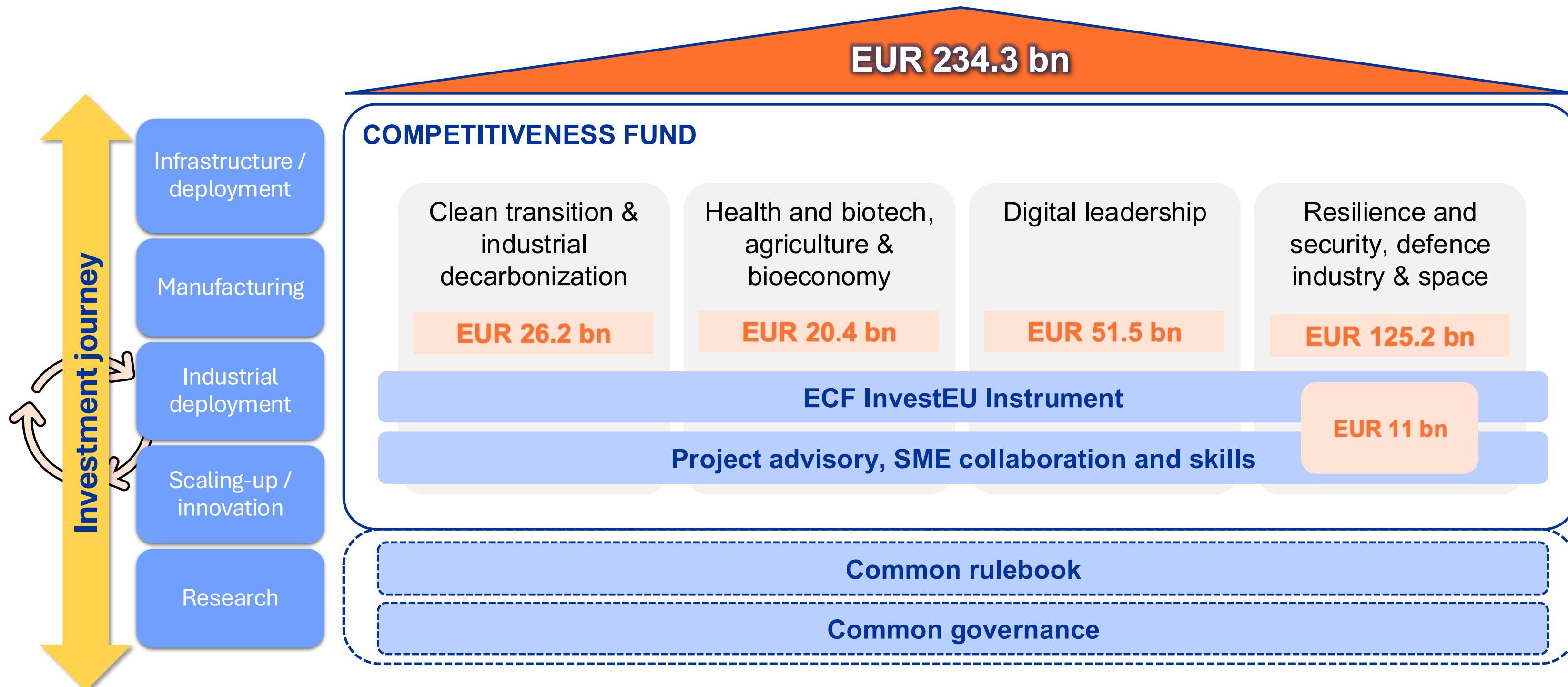


AGILITY

To react quickly to new priorities.



ECF architecture



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Investment Opportunities for Nature- Based Transformations

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Nature finance needs integrity first, then scale



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Roots revival: Why
nature-based carbon
removals are a key
opportunity for Europe

Business Briefing
2026

Business Principles for High-Integrity Nature-Based GHG Removals

- 1 Additionality to mitigation first
- 2 Biodiversity-positive outcomes
- 3 Alignment with science
- 4 Lasting and resilient
- 5 Monitoring and disclosure of effective GHG impact
- 6 Ensure inclusion of local communities
- 7 Accountability and clear liability chain
- 8 Ensure alignment with existing legislation
- 9 Disclose long-term value and risk mitigation potential
- 10 Investments should be financially viable

Businesses are ready to engage, **but only if solutions are credible, science-based and consistent**

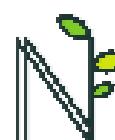
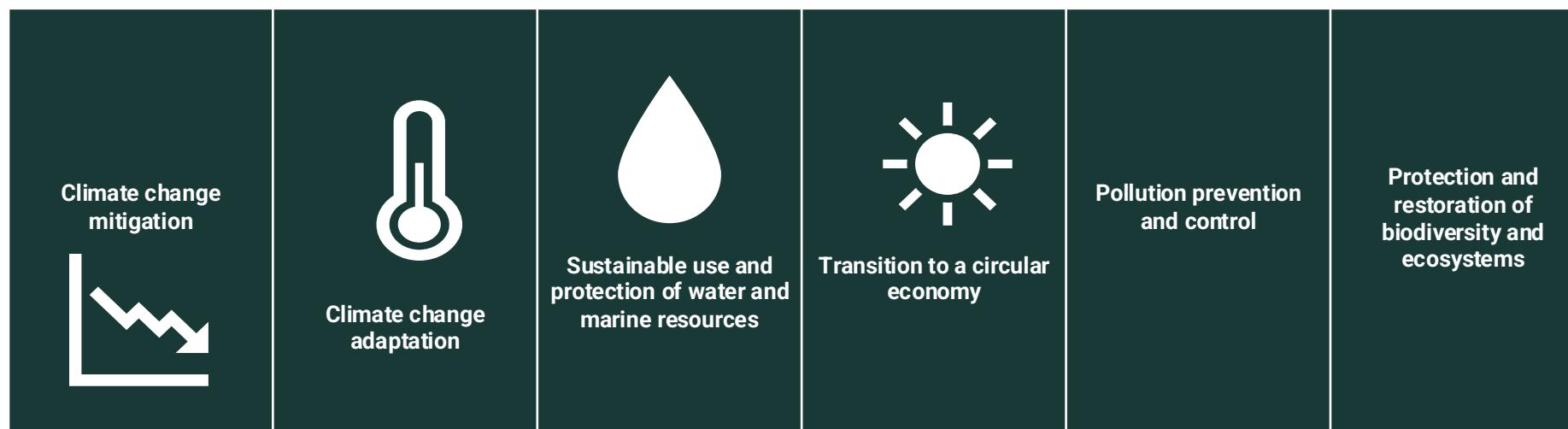
Finance will not scale **without policy clarity and integrity safeguards**



EU tools exist but not yet sufficient

Private investments

- **EU Taxonomy** – key legislative enabler to channel investments and linked to **EU green bonds and SFDR** (for investors)
 - › *Conservation, including restoration, of habitats, ecosystems and species*
 - › *Hotels, holiday, camping grounds and similar accommodation*
- Further development of the framework is needed – only **limited usability** and less attractive to private investors
- More upcoming opportunities through **resilience and risk management**



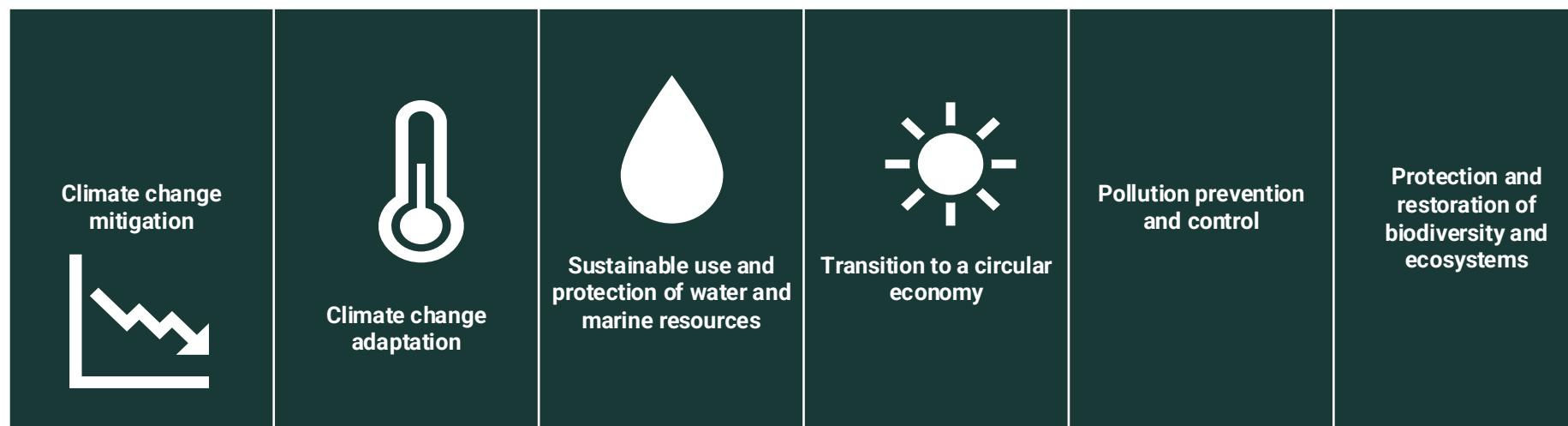
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Public funding

- Ringfencing the EU Budget – 7.5% of the budget in 2024 and 10% in 2026/2027 to biodiversity.
- Under the **next MFF (2028-2034)** – no dedicated biodiversity target
- **LIFE Programme** (dedicated €5 billion for biodiversity) to be absorbed under the European Competitiveness Fund

BUT

- Opportunity to scale blended finance through **ECF InvestEU Instrument** and guarantees





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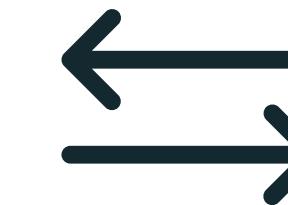
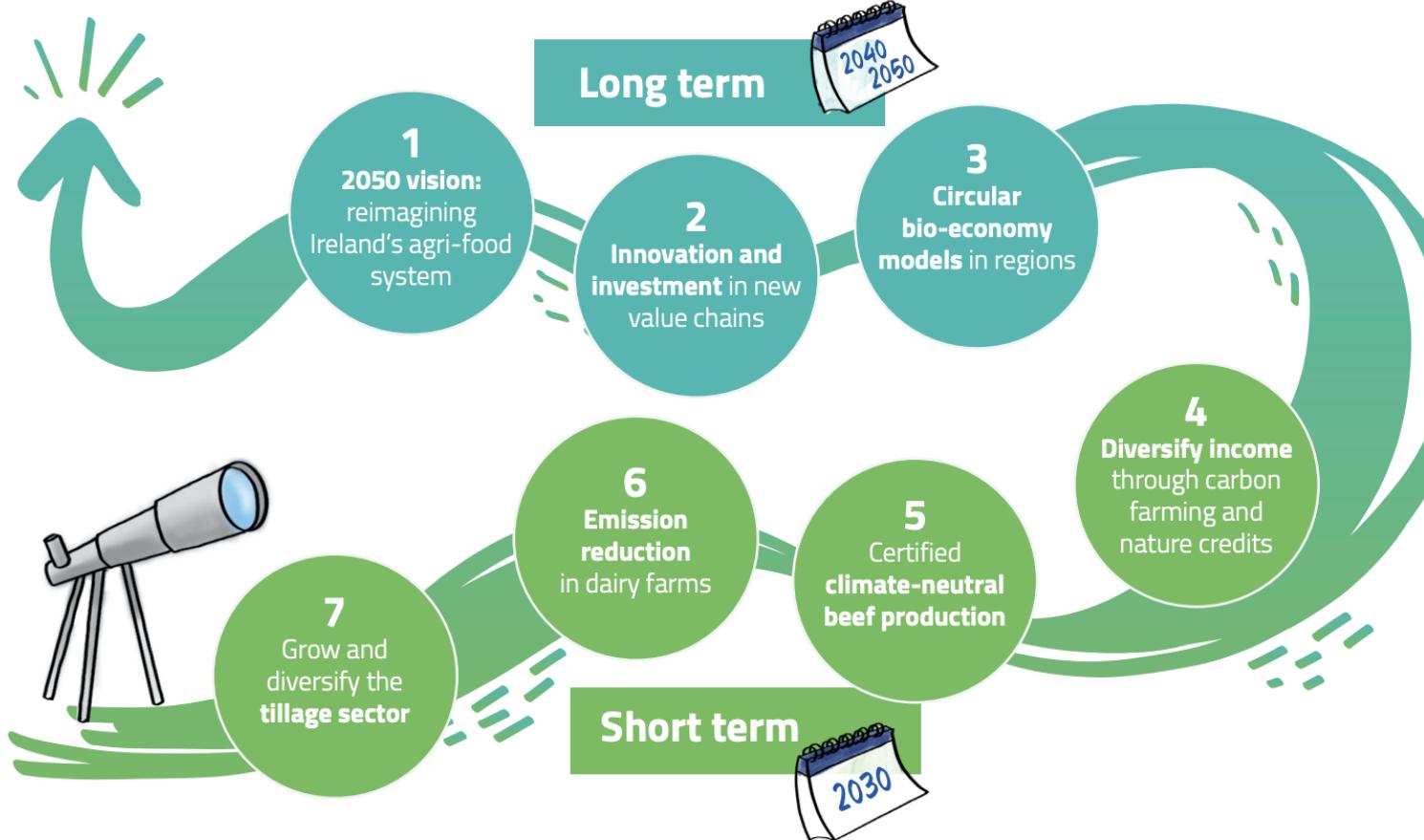
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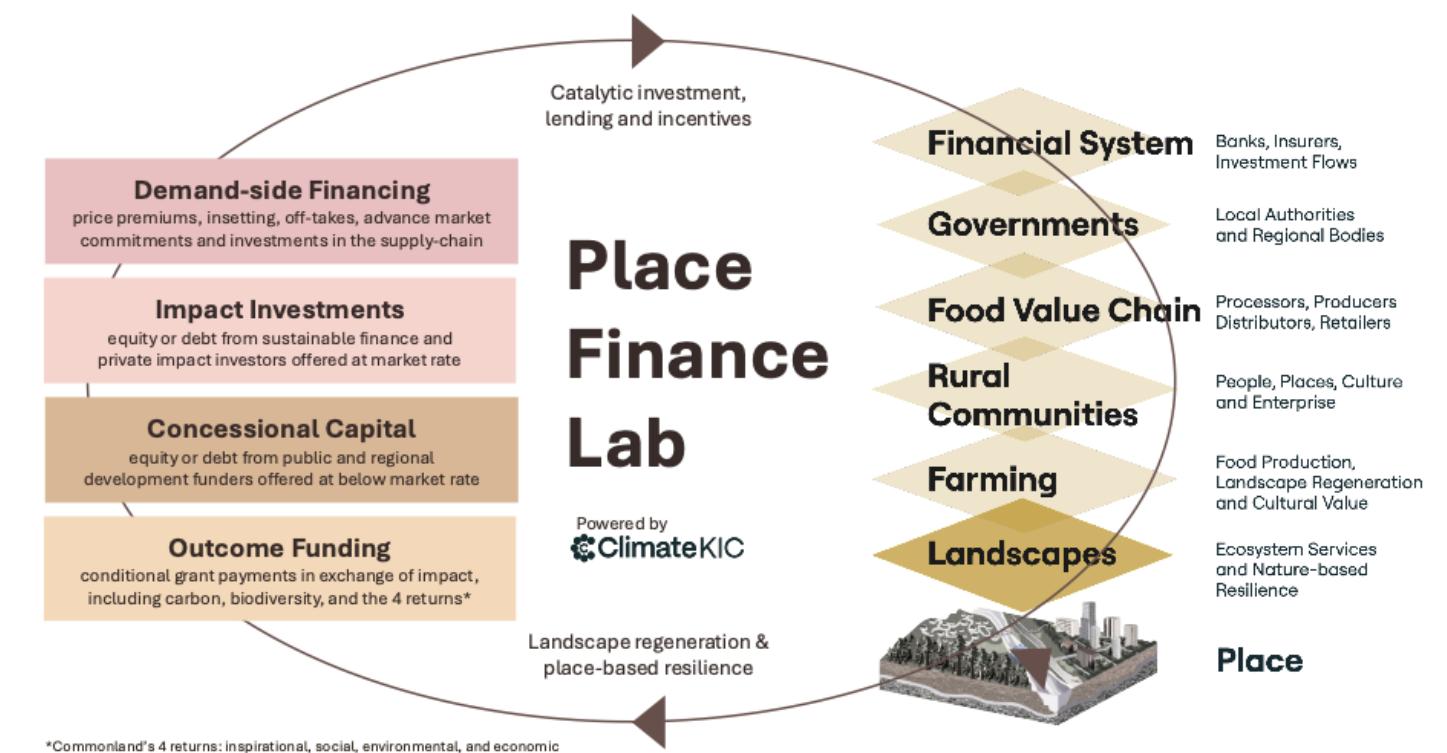


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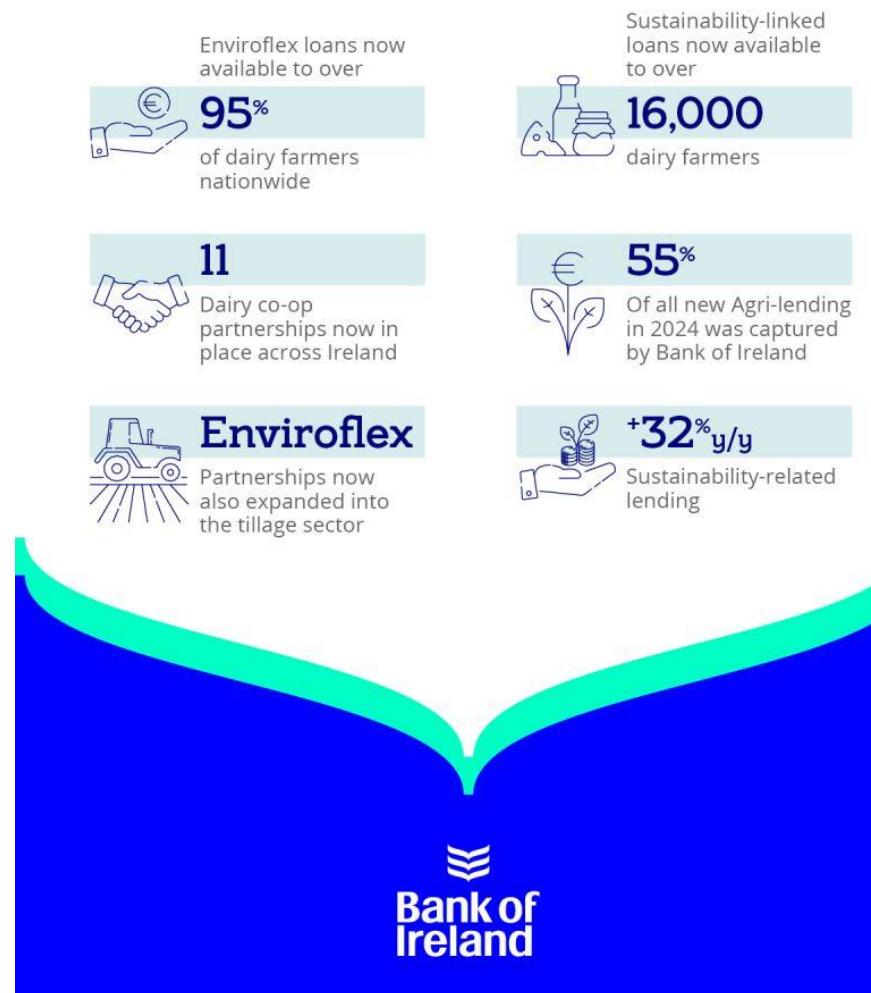
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Stacking instruments & capital

Lessons from Ireland

Enviroflex loans



Your guide to Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Schemes (TAMS 3): Water Quality supports

TAMS 3 provides grants to farmers for new farm buildings and equipment.

- To increase manure and slurry storage capacity.
- To help Farmers achieve national soil, water, and air quality standards.
- To improve animal welfare and farm safety.

There are ten TAMS schemes covering over 400 grant aided items.



TAMS Supports
Up to investment ceiling of
€160,000 for partnerships

At 40% generally

At 60% for Young Farmers, Women

At 60% for Nutrient Storage Invest

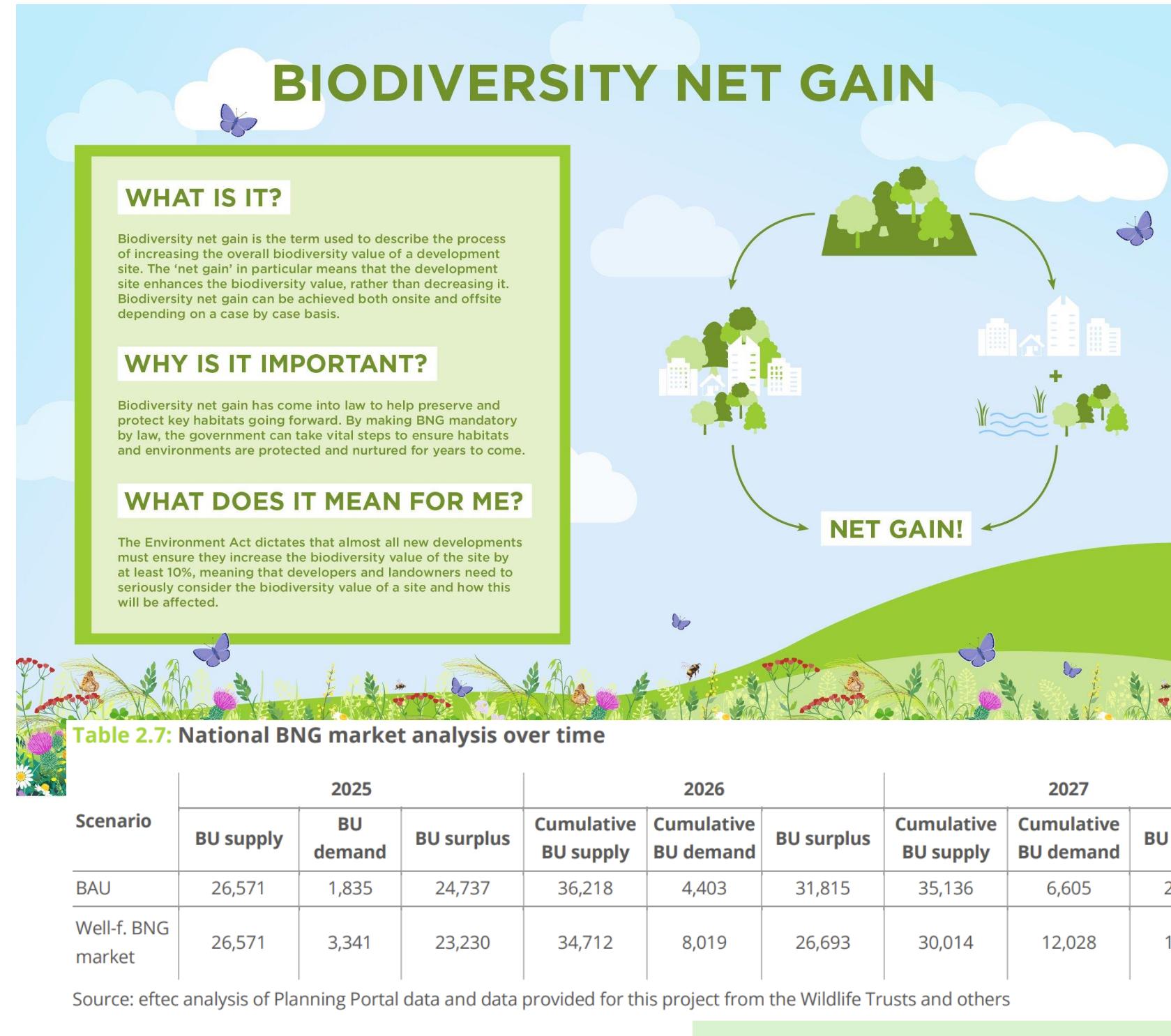
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Stimulating demand and off-take

SiLessons from outside the EU



the gap between the available supply of credits and the current demand from buyers, compounded by a lack of upfront capital.

The Search for Buyers and Finance: The survey data is clear. When asked to name their single biggest challenge, 17 projects cited *finding buyers* and *generating demand*, and another 12 cited challenges in *securing financing* and *upfront capital*. As one developer stated, the primary obstacle is the *"Dual Challenge of Securing Upfront Capital and Identifying Reliable Demand/Buyers."*

The High Cost of Integrity: Practitioners note that the high costs associated with robust monitoring and management make it difficult to compete in a nascent market. One developer captured this dilemma, stating:

"The main challenge currently faced by the project is securing buyers for the biodiversity credits, primarily due to the relatively high costs associated with ensuring long-term conservation management and monitoring."

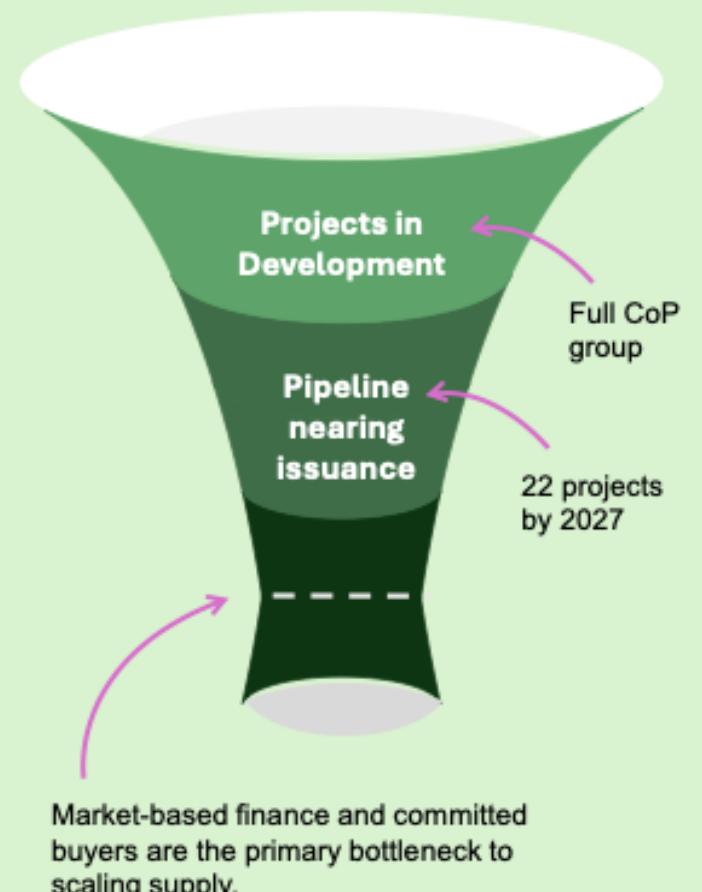
Another respondent noted that the:

"long-term viability of the project depends on firming up the demand side. Without a reliable, verified buyer committed to purchasing the nature credits at a competitive price, the market uncertainty undermines the financial incentive for conservation."

The survey makes it clear that a substantial pipeline of projects exists. The critical task ahead is to bridge the commercialisation gap. This is a clear signal that the market's focus must now include connecting this supply with reliable, scaled demand.

Spotlight: The Demand Gap Funnel

Illustrating the disconnect between a mature project pipeline and secured market demand.





Thank you

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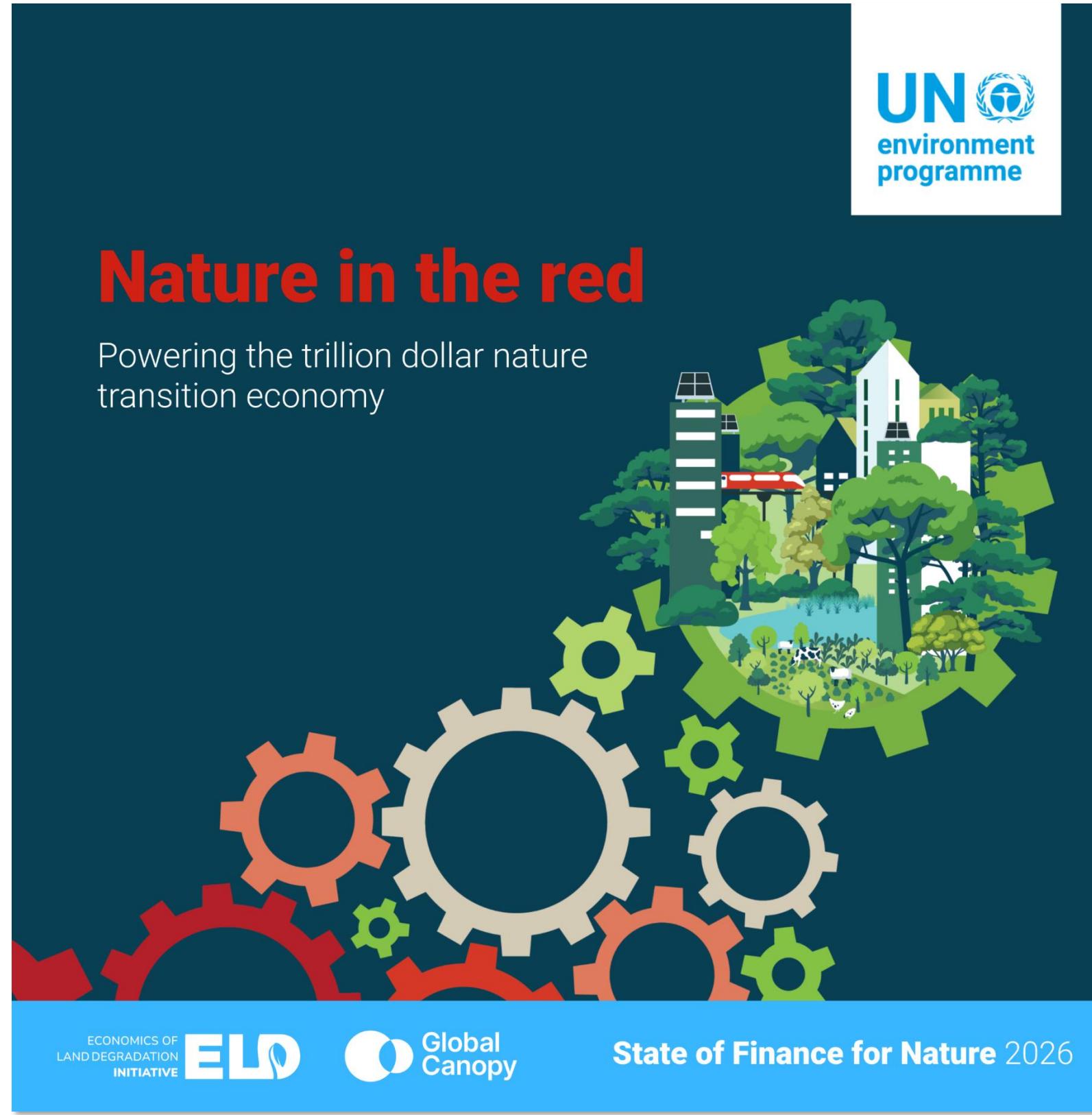
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Just published: State of Finance for Nature 2026

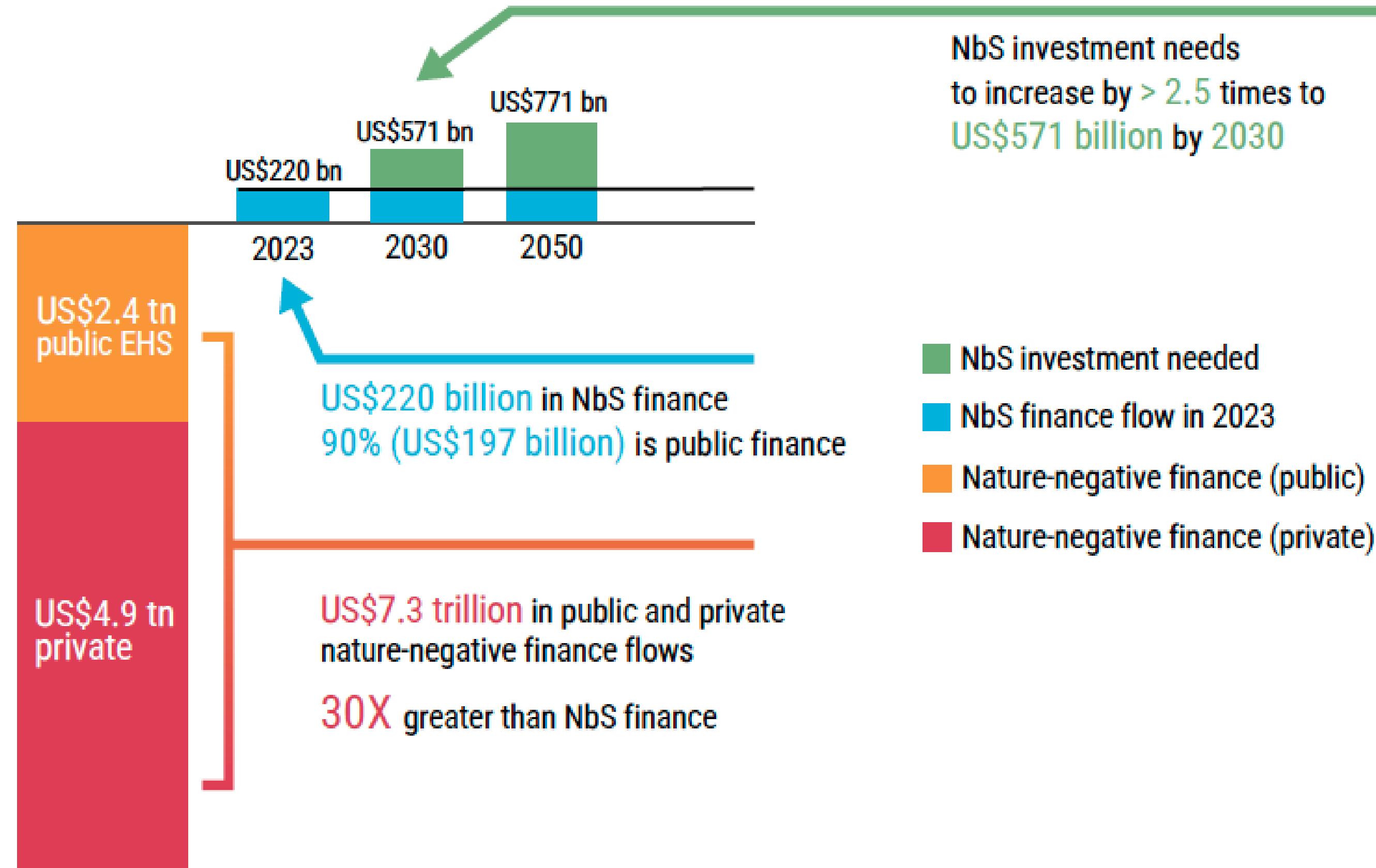


The **State of Finance for Nature** provides a global snapshot of:

- how **public and private financial flows** align – or misalign – with nature outcomes;
- tracks the extent to which investments in **nature-based solutions** support the three Rio Conventions;
- identifies **nature-negative financial flows** that require phasing out or repurposing.

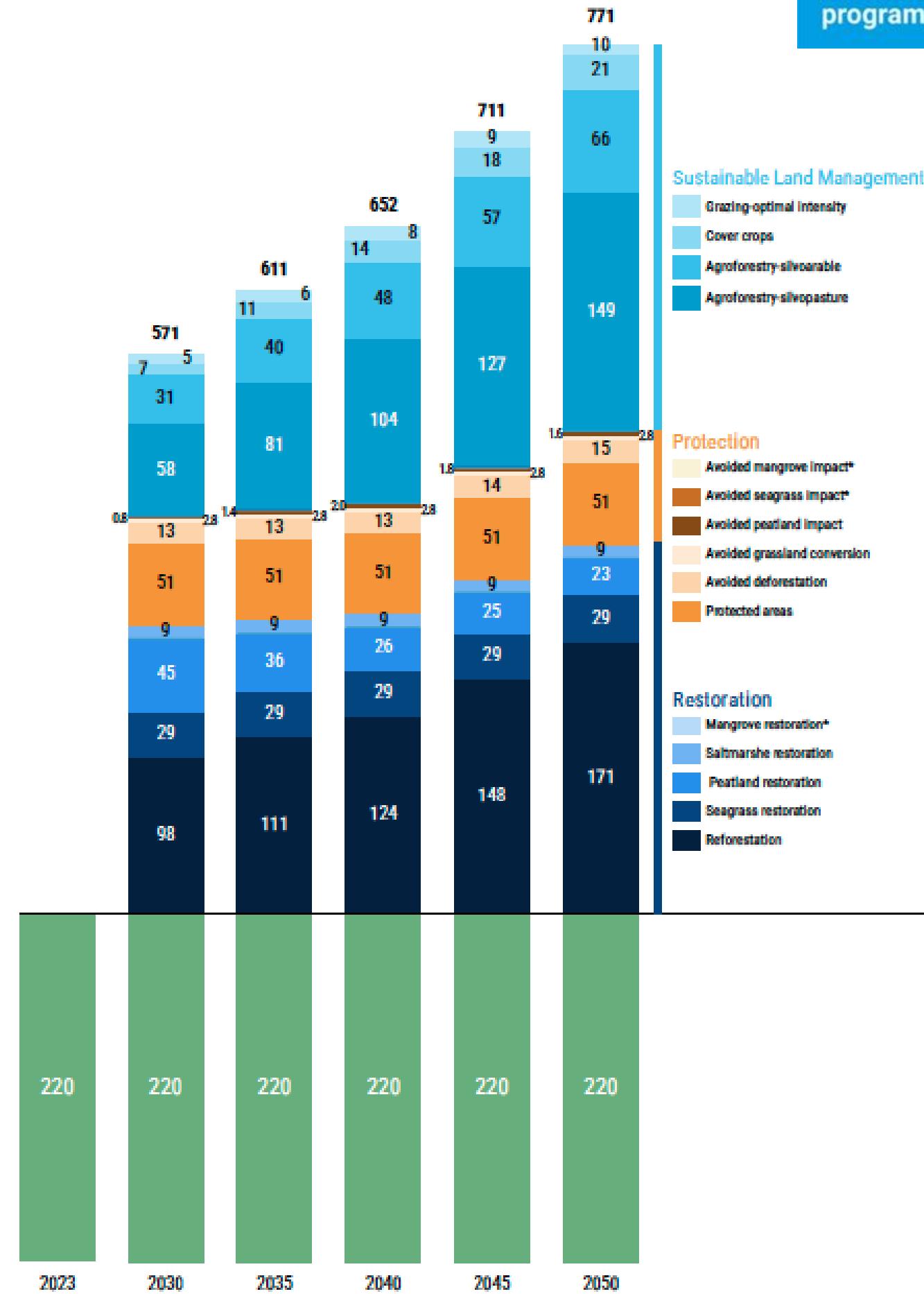


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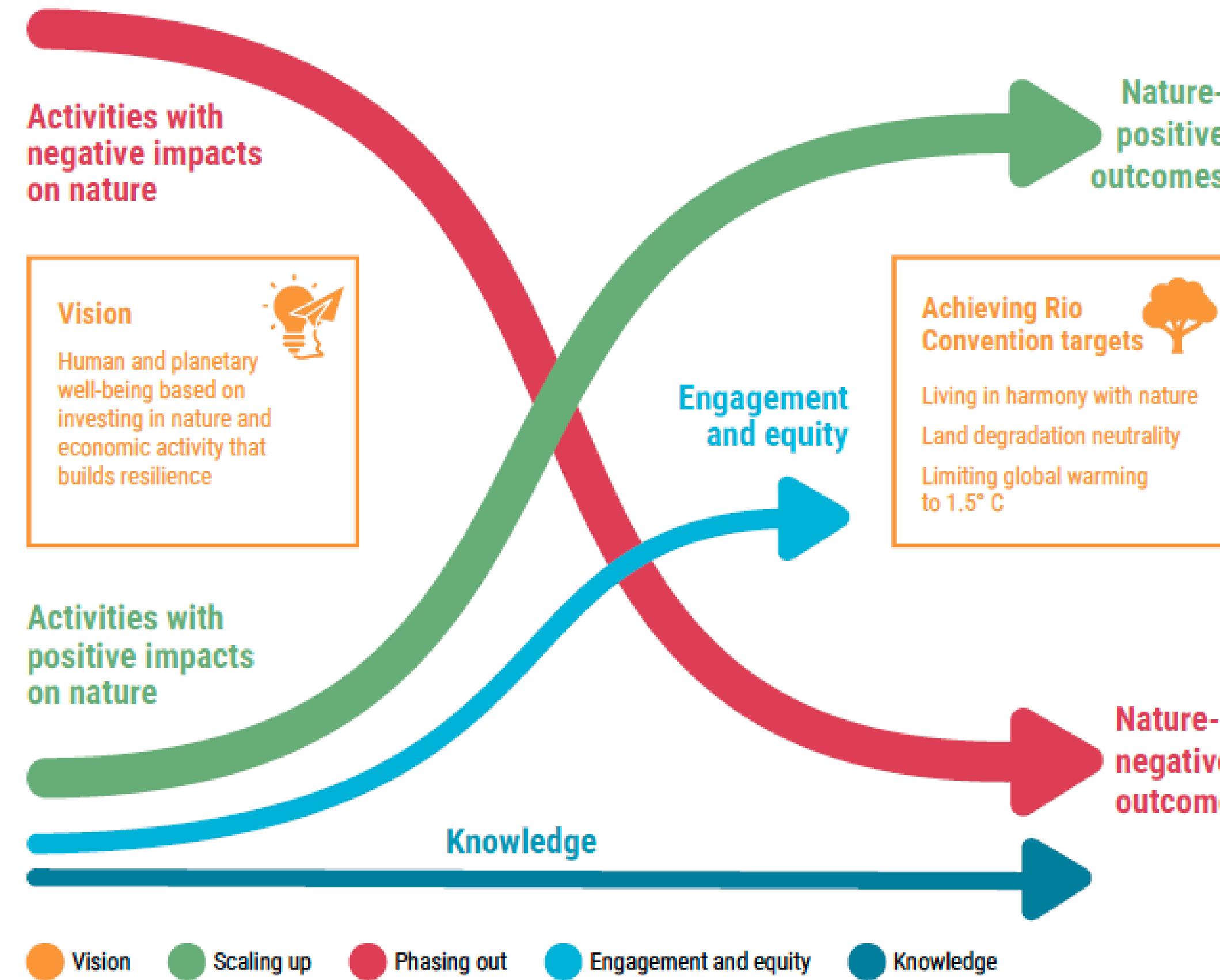


Annual investment needs in NbS to reach Rio targets, 2030-2050 (billion US\$)

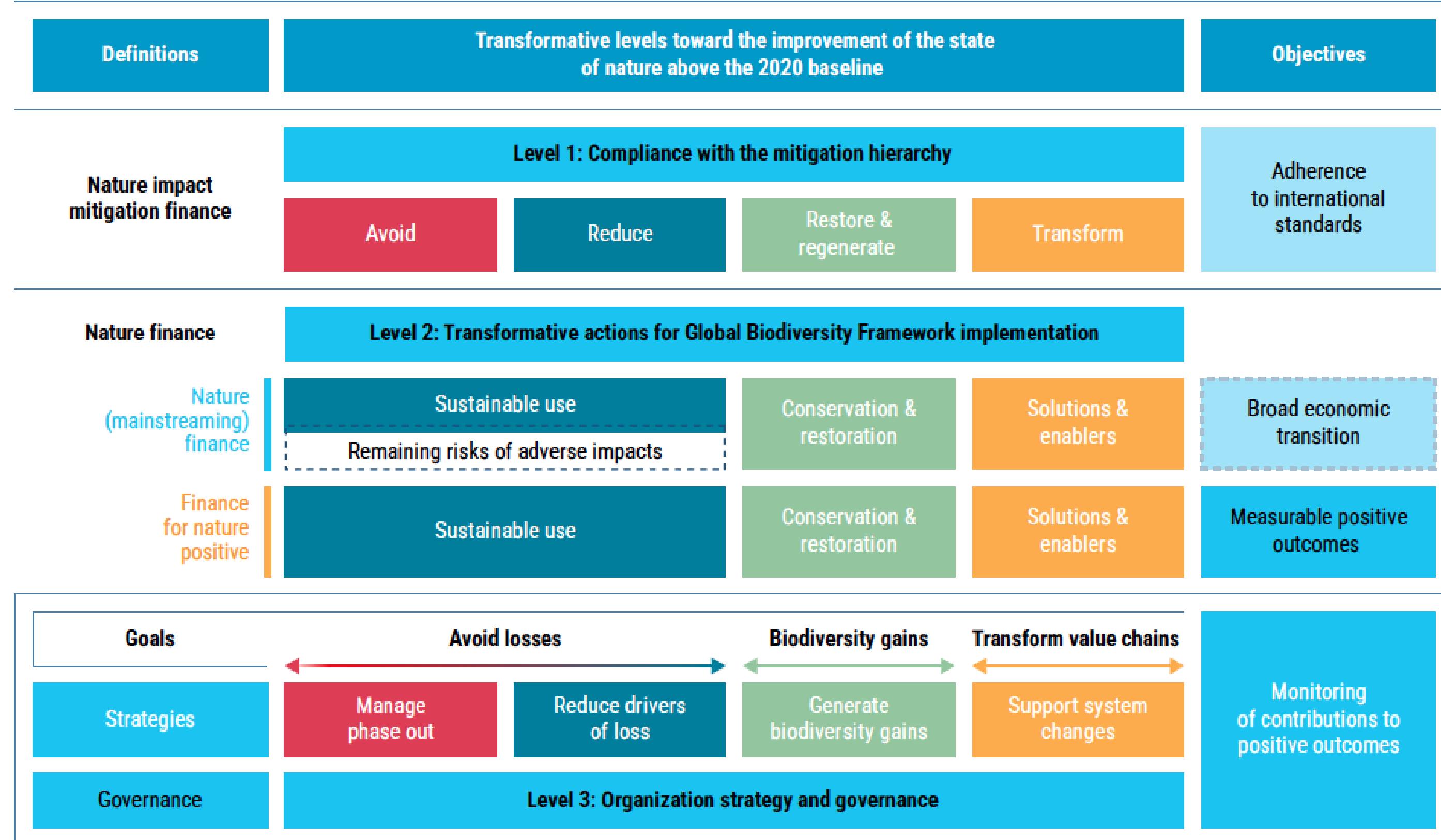
- **Additional NbS investment needs in 2030 (~US\$ 350 bn) are primarily required for restoration**
(US\$181 bn restoration; US\$ 101 bn sustainable land management; US\$ 68 bn protection)
- **Protection-focused NbS cover a large share of land area at relatively lower cost**
(~80% of additional NbS land area by 2030, absorbing ~20% of additional NbS finance)
- **Additional NbS investment needs rise to US\$550bn by 2050**
(driven by the scale-up of agroforestry systems (+144%) and restoration, incl. reforestation (+28%))



A Nature Transition X-Curve



Private Finance: Finance for Nature-Positive Working Model



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Key takeaways

- For every **USD 1 invested in nature, USD 30 still finances nature destruction**—making the urgent scaling and redirection of finance toward NbS both a climate and economic imperative.
- **Demand is vital:** Sustained markets depend on clear demand and revenue certainty.
- **Risks need to become more quantifiable**, with nature-based products requiring trust and long term commitment.
- **Stay curious**, engage with different groups who are outside of our bubble



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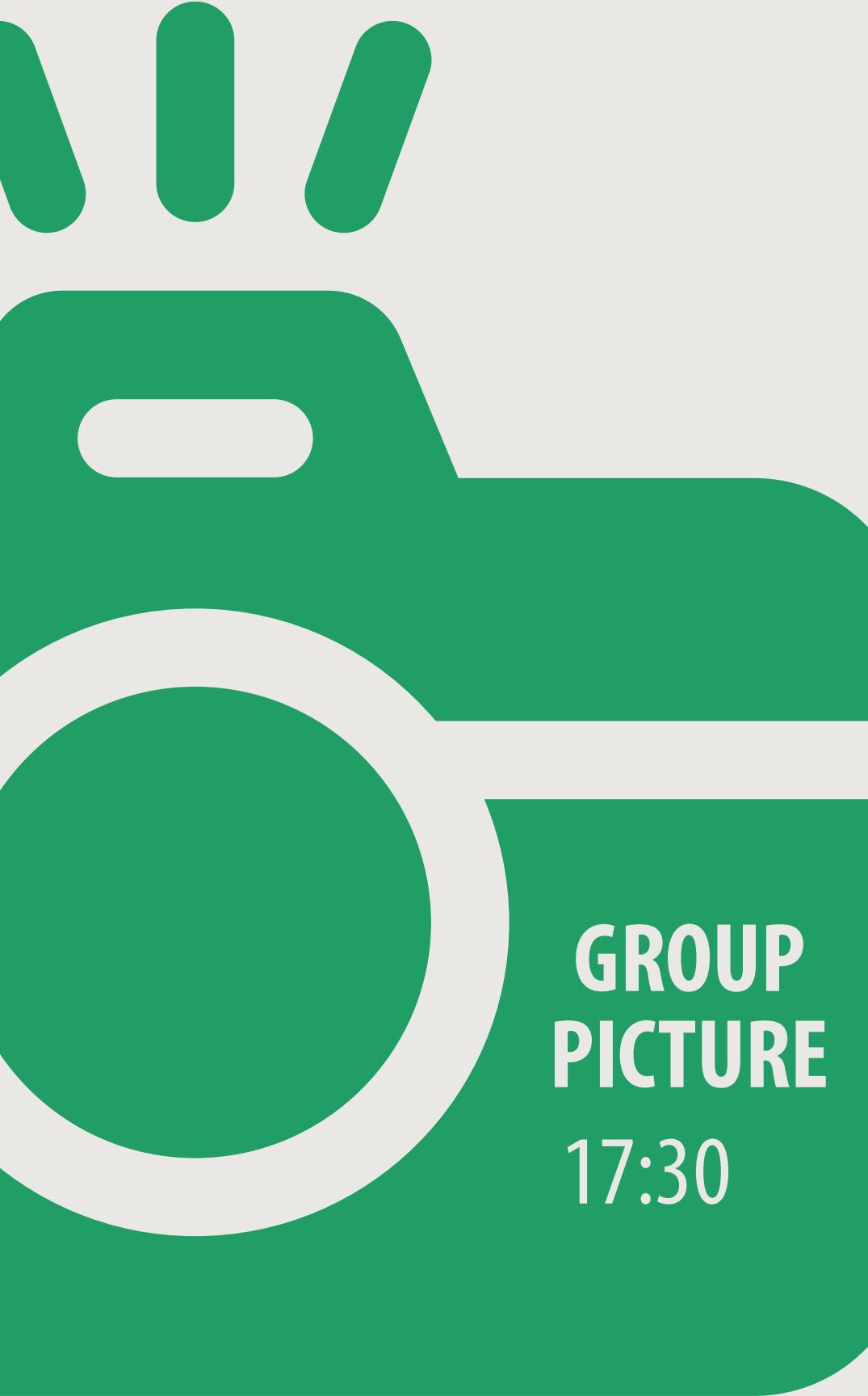
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