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FESTIVAL AGENDA

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12:00  Welcome
Lunch

13:30 *Insurance and Investment
Opportunities for Nature-Based
Transformations*

14:00 *EU initiatives for financing nature*
15:30

15:30  Break
16:00

16:00 *Private initiatives for financing
nature*
17:30

17:30  Aperitif and
Social Dinner

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09:30 *From Risk to Resilience:
Insurance Solutions*
11:00

11:00  Break
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11:30 *Capital for Nature:
Investment Solutions*
13:00

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14:30 *Communities Connect:
Advancing NbS through
Insurance and Investment*
16:00

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16:30 *Quantifying the costs and
benefits of NbS to inform
decision-making*
18:00

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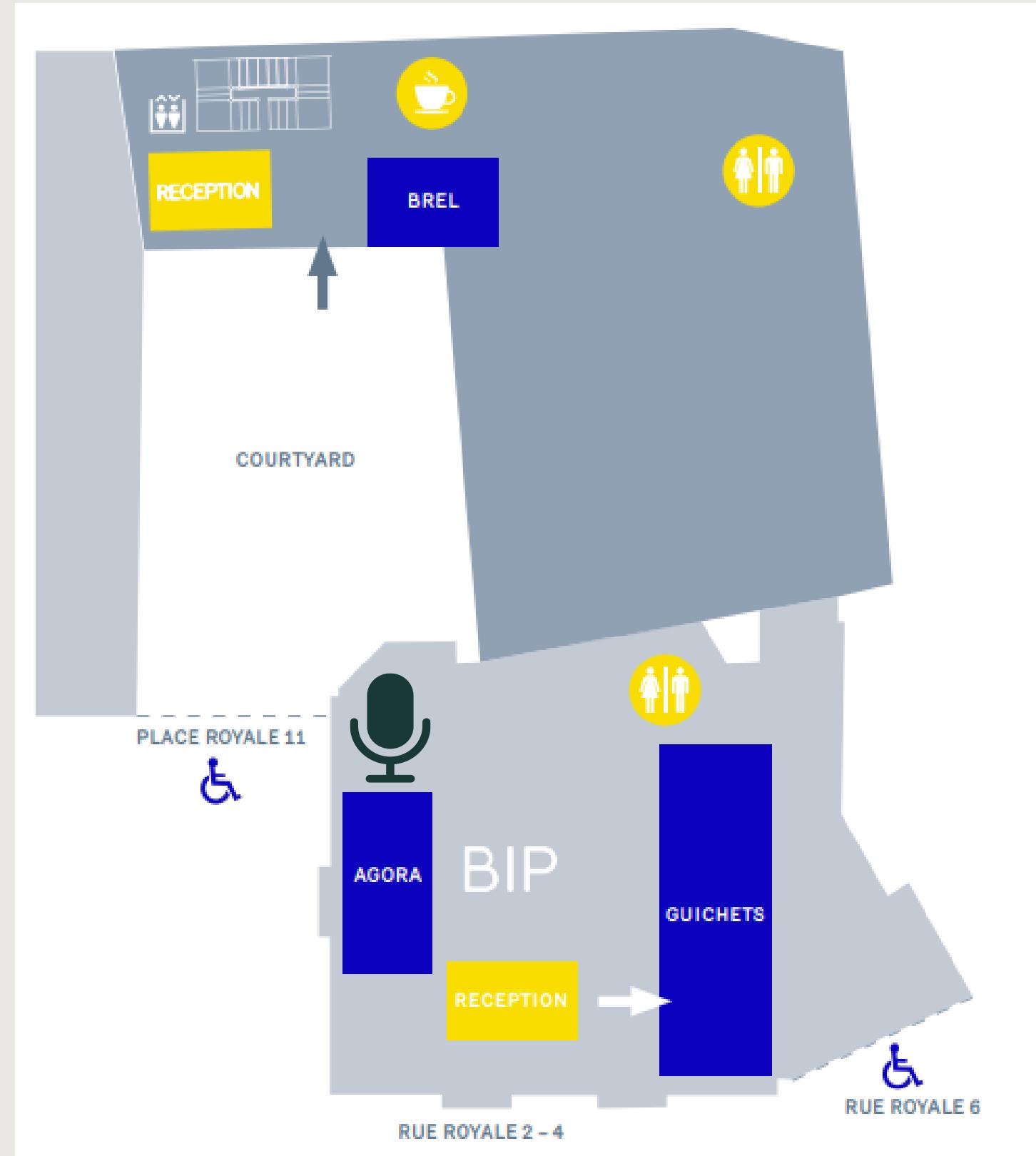


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Risk Transfer

A 5 min sprint



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Risk Transfer vs Risk Reduction



Refers to mechanisms that involve transferring the potential risk (and arising liabilities) from one party to another in exchange for a premium

Refers to identifying and managing risk to reduce potential loss in relation

(Surmiński, 2013)



Introducing the Innovation Labs

LSE's Lab

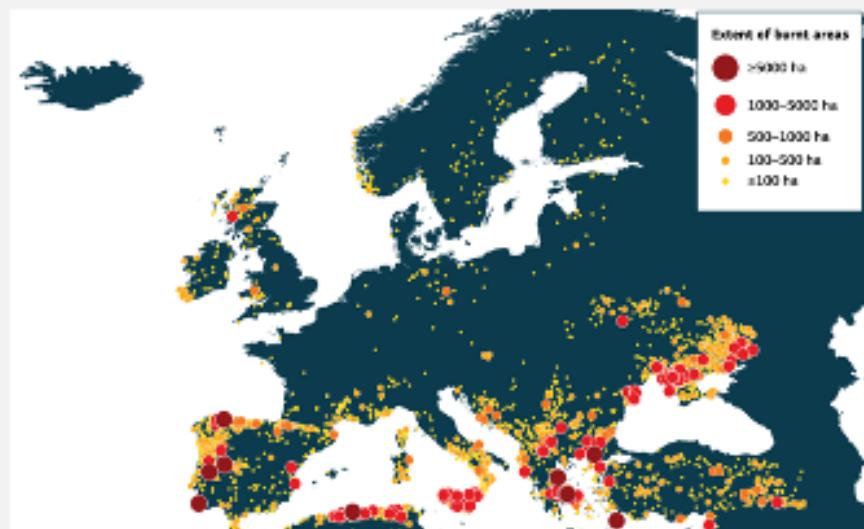
Explores how insurance solutions and England's Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) legislation could improve investment in and adoption of natural flood management solutions in urban areas



(CIWEM, n.d.)

IIASA's Lab

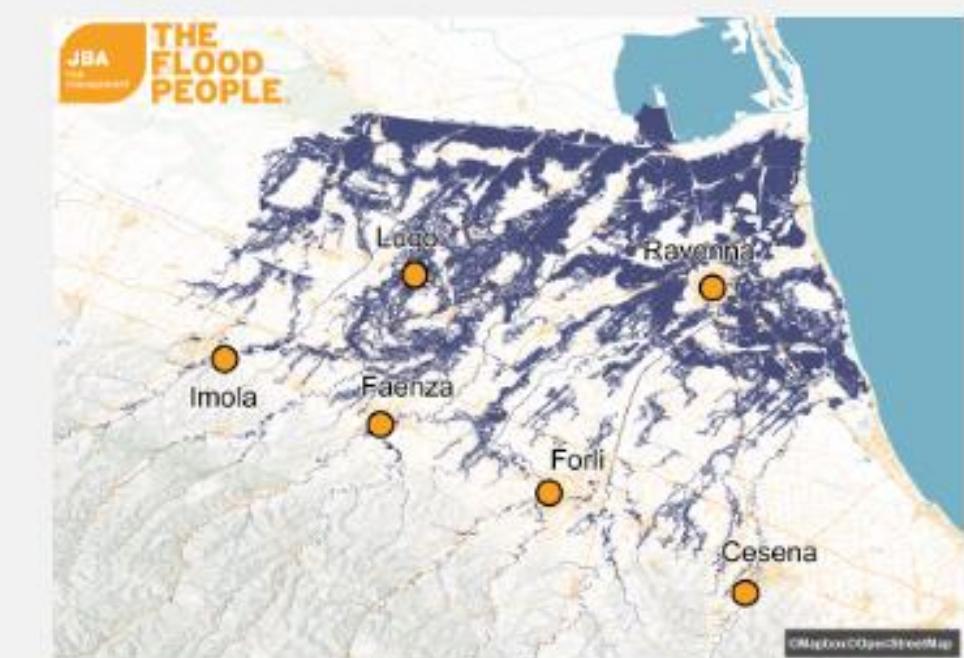
Explores how insurance products, including community-based schemes, parametric insurance, and differentiated pricing, can help close the wildfire protection gap in Mediterranean Europe while incentivising nature-based solutions for wildfire risk management



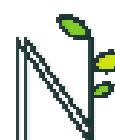
(ESA, 2023)

CMCC's Lab

Explores how a community insurance scheme could enable water boards in Northern Italy to implement controlled flooding on upstream land to protect downstream areas



(JBA, 2023)



Core Findings: At a Glance

Considerations

Competition between NbS and other land uses impacts design



Strategies

De-risking investments in NbS at initial stage enables their adoption



Embedding equity into design supports NbS feasibility/adoption



NbS reduces residual risk when incentivised



Considerations for NbS & Risk Transfer Design



More than 7000 new homes to be built in areas of high flood risk



When risks become uninsurable, it can drive economic inequity



Risk Transfer is subject to Trade-offs

- e.g. Land-use pressures

'Appropriate' NbS changes with stakeholder

- e.g. Fire manager → forest thinning
- e.g. Ecologist → preserve undergrowth

Equity:

Risk is unequally distributed

- e.g. Upstream landowners vs downstream residents
- e.g. NbS would be unfeasible without compensation for risk reduction burden





Incentivise NbS Adoption as Risk Reduction via Premium Discounts

EQUITY - Risk Transfer as Compensation for NbS

- Payment for NbS implementation to compensate landowner disutility from land use change
- Distributes NbS costs across beneficiaries and implementers according to vulnerability

Challenges

- Possible failure or poor performance of NbS
- Uncertainties in returns due to a lack of historical track records



Possible Strategies:

Risk Transfer as an Investment De-risker

- Potential new type of innovative product
 - Insuring implementation/construction of NbS
 - Risk transfer for damages to NbS
- Already present in the NbS carbon market





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Policy Recommendations on Innovative Insurance Solutions

**Feb 05, 2026
Brussels**

Oleksandr Sushchenko, UFZ



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Key Messages

- Europe's **climate-insurance protection gap is widening** because households, businesses and local authorities face rising climate losses but limited access to affordable and adequate insurance.
- **Traditional insurance models struggle to cope with increasing risks**, slow loss assessment processes and insufficient incentives for risk reduction.
- **Innovative insurance solutions** (e.g., parametric products, risk-based pricing, new distribution models and digital loss-data tools etc.) can expand coverage, reduce costs and speed up payouts.
- Adoption remains limited due to **barriers on both the demand side** (low awareness, affordability, complexity) **and the supply side** (data gaps, regulatory uncertainty, limited scalability).
- These **innovations can only deliver impact at scale** if insurers, public bodies and European institutions work together to expand access, affordability and resilience.

Mapping of IIS, sectors, types and features

- Bavaria - agriculture (affordability, resilience) sustainable parametric insurance and shared resilience (KPIs)
- Zadar - agriculture (affordability, resilience) sustainable parametric insurance
- Grabovo - buildings (affordability, resilience) sustainable insurance
- Saxony - buildings (resilience) awareness raising
- Saxony Anhalt - agriculture (affordability, resilience) parametric insurance
- Trøndelag - buildings (transparency, resilience) sustainable procurement (KPIs)
- Valencia - agri+industry (affordability, transparency, resilience) shared resilience (KPIs)
- West Athens - buildings (affordability, resilience) PP, SR, shared resilience (KPIs)

RECOMMENDATIONS for POLICYMAKERS

- Support secure, standardised **sharing of hazard, exposure and loss data** to enable fair, risk-based pricing
- Use subsidies, tax incentives and co-financing to **reward verified risk-reduction** measures
- Link **insurance incentives with CAP Pillar II** and national climate adaptation programmes

RECOMMENDATIONS for INSURANCE SECTOR

- Expand parametric and risk-based products with transparent triggers and prevention-linked pricing
- Integrate **verified mitigation actions** (e.g. flood certificates) into premiums and coverage
- Use **clear communication**, visual explanations and **trusted intermediaries**;

RECOMMENDATIONS for FINANCIAL SECTOR

- Integrate climate-risk assessments and resilience indicators into **lending and investment decisions**
- Offer **preferential financing** for households, businesses and municipalities investing in risk reduction
- Invest in **satellite data, AI-based risk modelling** and shared digital infrastructures

RECOMMENDATIONS for COMMUNITIES

- **Co-develop shared resilience indicators** and governance frameworks with insurers and public actors
- **Align coverage and prevention with land-use planning**, emergency preparedness and adaptation strategies
- **Improve risk awareness** and insurance literacy through trusted local intermediaries and clear communication



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Piloting Innovative Insurance
Solutions for Adaptation

PIISA Policy Brief: Selected recommendations on parametric insurance and justice

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Risk awareness and innovative insurance solutions are key to improving climate resilience

- Improving the coverage of climate risk insurance requires increased awareness and affordable pricing
 - **Enabling parametric insurance helps to compensate for extreme weather events**
- How can insurances better incentivise adaptation measures?
- Better availability of damage and vulnerability data supports insurance development
 - **Justice issues related to adaptation insurance need to be addressed**





Enabling parametric insurance

Challenge

- Parametric insurance is not recognised as a valid type of insurance in all countries

Recommendation

- All EU countries should develop and harmonise regulation of parametric insurance products to enable their effective use



Affordable insurance for everyone

Challenge

- How to ensure affordable insurance for everyone taking into account the most vulnerable groups.

Recommendation

- National governments should make climate risk insurance more affordable by a subsidy targeted to low-income households and other groups vulnerable to climate risk.
 - The subsidy should not be embedded in insurance prices to avoid distorting the price signal of risk.
 - The subsidy can take various forms, such as vouchers.



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Unlocking Private Capital for Nature-Based Solutions (NbS): Insights from the Invest4Nature Investor Survey

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Joanneum Research



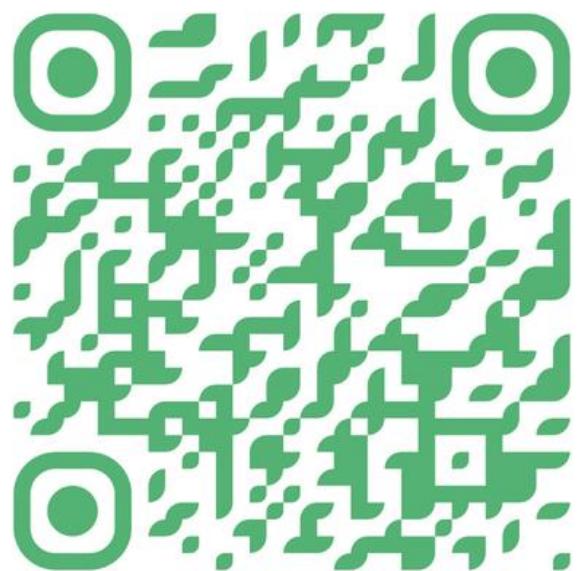
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About this policy brief



Survey with the private capital community exploring how financial institutions perceive NbS investments:

- Credit institutions/banks
- Investment funds and asset managers
- Insurance companies' investment divisions



Author: Linda Romanovska, Sustainability Advisor and Member of the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance. [Markets, Financing and Incentives for Nature-based Solutions \(I4N Deliverable 3.3\)](#)

Barriers & Enablers for Investment



Barriers

Regulatory hurdles

Higher risk profiles

Data deficiencies

Revenue uncertainty

High transaction costs

Enablers

High-potential sectors (e.g. agriculture, urban)

Sustainability-aligned capital
Green/Sustainability bonds



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Source: IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature

Policy Recommendations



Local

- Integrate NbS into urban planning and zoning
 - E.g. in Poland, regulations mandating biologically active playground areas catalyse market interest among real estate developers
- Collaborate with private investors
- Develop sub-sovereign green bonds, where feasible



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National

- Clear national biodiversity and NbS targets (NRR plans!)
- Integrate NbS into national climate strategies (synergies!)
- Biodiversity Impacts Compensation



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Policy Recommendations



EU

Develop **standardised** monitoring & evaluation methodologies

- Reduce data deficiencies and transaction costs

Create biodiversity **compensation/offset** mechanisms

- E.g. EU nature credits

Integrate NbS in broader Sustainable Finance policy landscape

- **Harmonise** NbS criteria, metrics, data points across Taxonomy, SFDR, CSRD etc.

Create **regulatory clarity** to reduce investor uncertainty

- Scope reduction in CSRD puts burden on banks to obtain necessary information from businesses.



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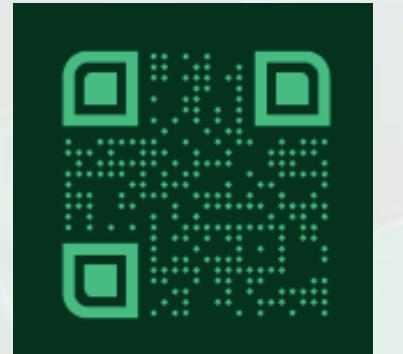


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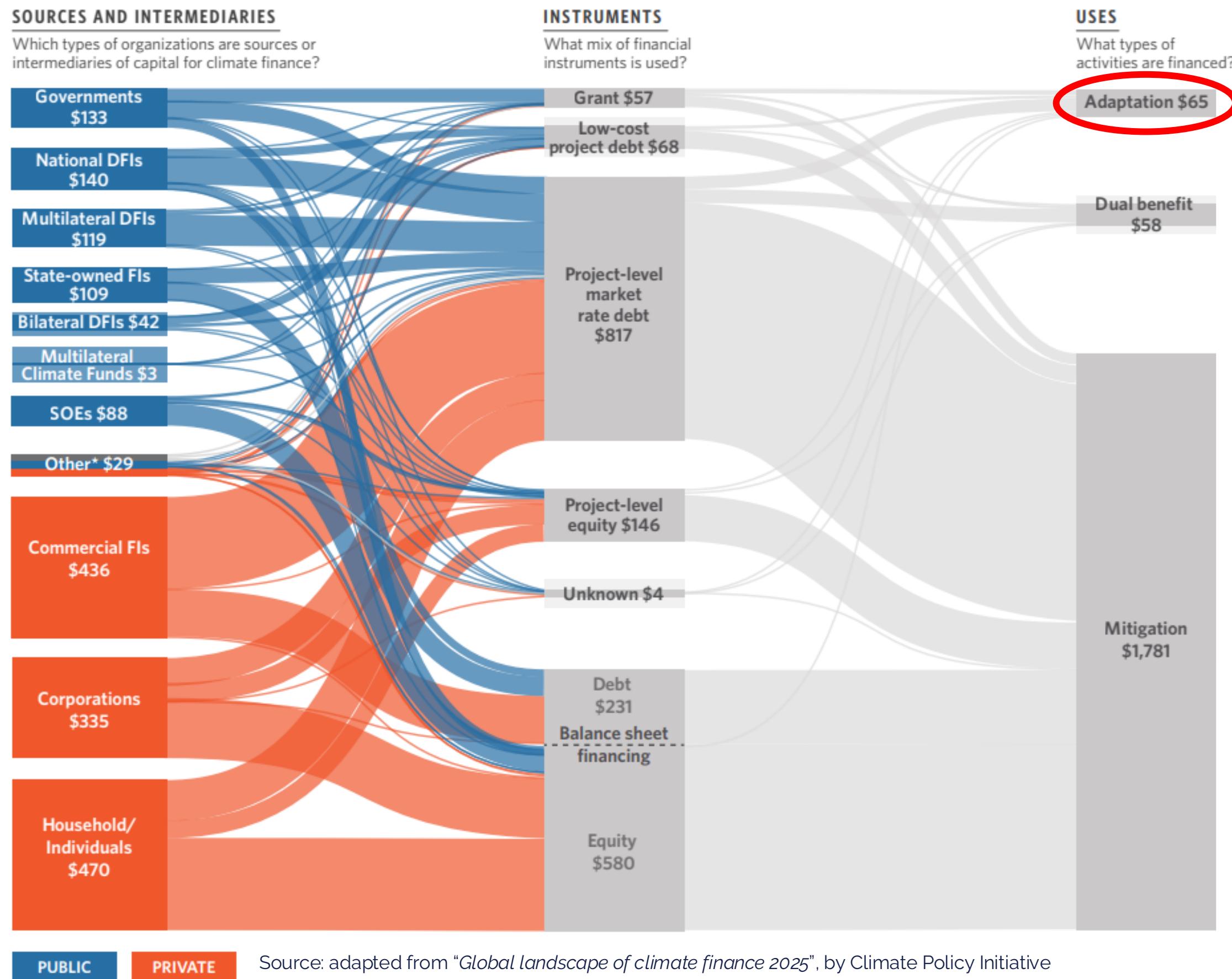


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Pitch on CLIMATEFIT policy recommendations
for Policymakers

Davide Chiaramonte – Italian Sustainable Investment Forum (ItaSIF)

Landscape of Climate Finance



- While global climate finance peaked at \$1.9 trillion (2023), adaptation remains critically underfunded
- Current flows fall significantly short of the estimated annual needs (\$212 billion) for developing regions by 2030

National Level Recommendation(s)

From planning to investable pathways

Create National Adaptation Investment Strategies

- Establish **long-term frameworks** covering all climate hazards to reduce investment risk premiums.
- Embed the "**social rate of return**" in regulatory frameworks to value resilience beyond immediate cash flows.
- Deploy targeted **financial** (e.g. subsidies, tax deductions) **and non-financial incentives** (e.g. technical assistance, capacity building programs) to internalize the monetary benefits of adaptation.

EU Level Recommendation(s)

EU Policy: enhancing transparency & regulatory certainty

Enhance transparency framework

- Develop guidelines integrating **adaptation benefits** (not just risk exposure) into financial disclosures.
- **Integrate adaptation efforts into** corporate "**transition plans**" to provide visibility on physical resilience strategies.

Expand the EU Taxonomy

- Develop a **more granular classification system** for identifying adaptation/resilience enabling activities.
- **Expand coverage** to extreme climate events.
- Leverage public funding for adaptation investments.

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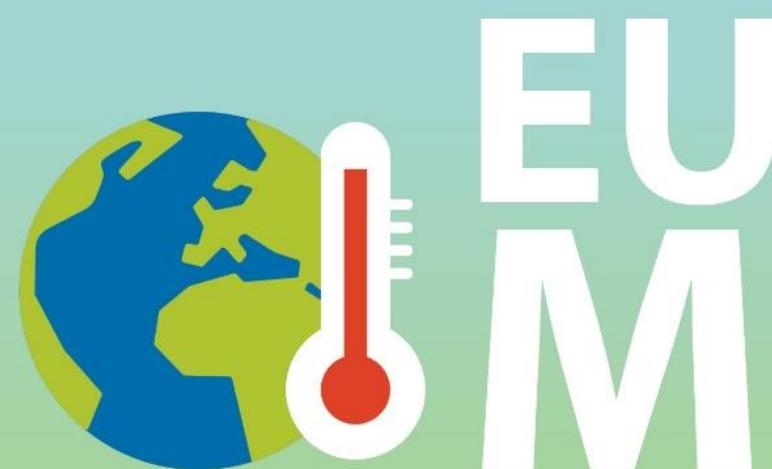


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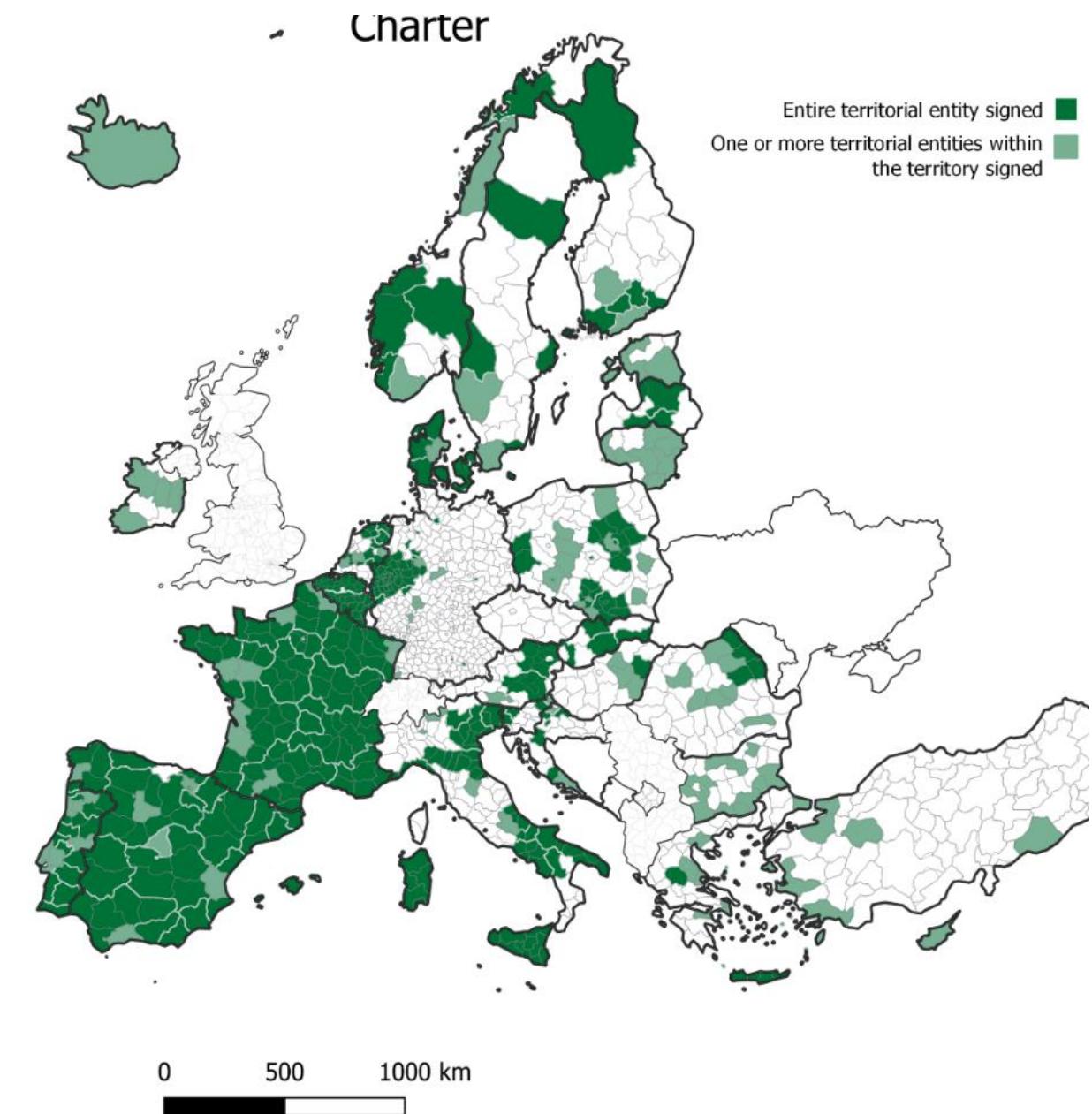
64 Research & Innovation
Horizon Europe projects



Mission Implementation Platform
MIP4Adapt: Coordination for Mission implementation & Support (incl. on financing adaptation projects)

National Adaptation Hubs

326 Regions & local authorities committed through the Mission Charter





Adaptation Mission projects on financing (Horizon Europe)

- **WP 2022** topic 02 unlocking financial resources: CLIMATEFIT; topic 03 insurance: PIISA, SOTERIA
- **WP 2024** topic 06 bankability mitigation-adaptation: CLIMINVEST, RISE-IN, BLOSSOM
- **WP 2025** topic 05 incentives to private sector financing: calculating the economic rationale (all benefits) for financing adaptation solutions, aimed at convincing the private sector to finance them: 2 projects being selected
- **NEW: WP 2026** topic 07 financing adaptation with combo public & private financing
[Mission Projects Catalogue](#)
[Public dashboard](#)

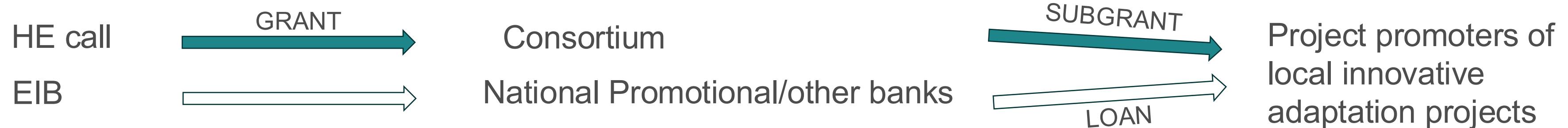


WP 2026 topic 7: Financing adaptation with combination of public funding & private financing (with banks and EIB)

HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-07: 20m EUR – 1 project

Coordination and Support Action with Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)

1) Provide Horizon Europe cascade grant (& in parallel loan part comes from intermediated EIB adaptation loan via National Promotional Banks/other banks)



2) Draw lessons and recommendations on successfully combining



WP 2026 topic 7: Financing adaptation with combination of public funding & private financing

- Rewatch the Horizon Europe info days - Adaptation Mission 20 January
- Deep dive info session on 26 February 2026 (link on Mission portal)
- WP 2026 calls published: HORIZON-MISS-2026-01-CLIMA-07:

Supporting financing of local adaptation actions with combination of public funding and private financing

Opening date: 4 February 2026 | Deadline date: 23 September 2026

Reflection Group report on Mobilising Climate Resilience Financing

European integrated framework for Climate Resilience

Open Public Consultation until 23/02

Policy package under consideration:

- Commission Communication
- Legislative proposal
- Recommendation
- Digital European Climate Hazard Viewer

Expected delivery: 4th quarter 2026



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NbS can reduce risk; insurance can de-risk NbS investments

What products, pricing and policies can incentivise investment in risk reduction?

The problem isn't lack of capital, but the role of the public sector in creating investable conditions

What role can the public sector take (e.g. data, co-investment, regulatory coherence) and what promise for partnerships?

Research, data and technology can unlock investment opportunities

How can we avoid “bluelining”, where high-risk areas are excluded rather than supported?



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seeking to restore greenery**



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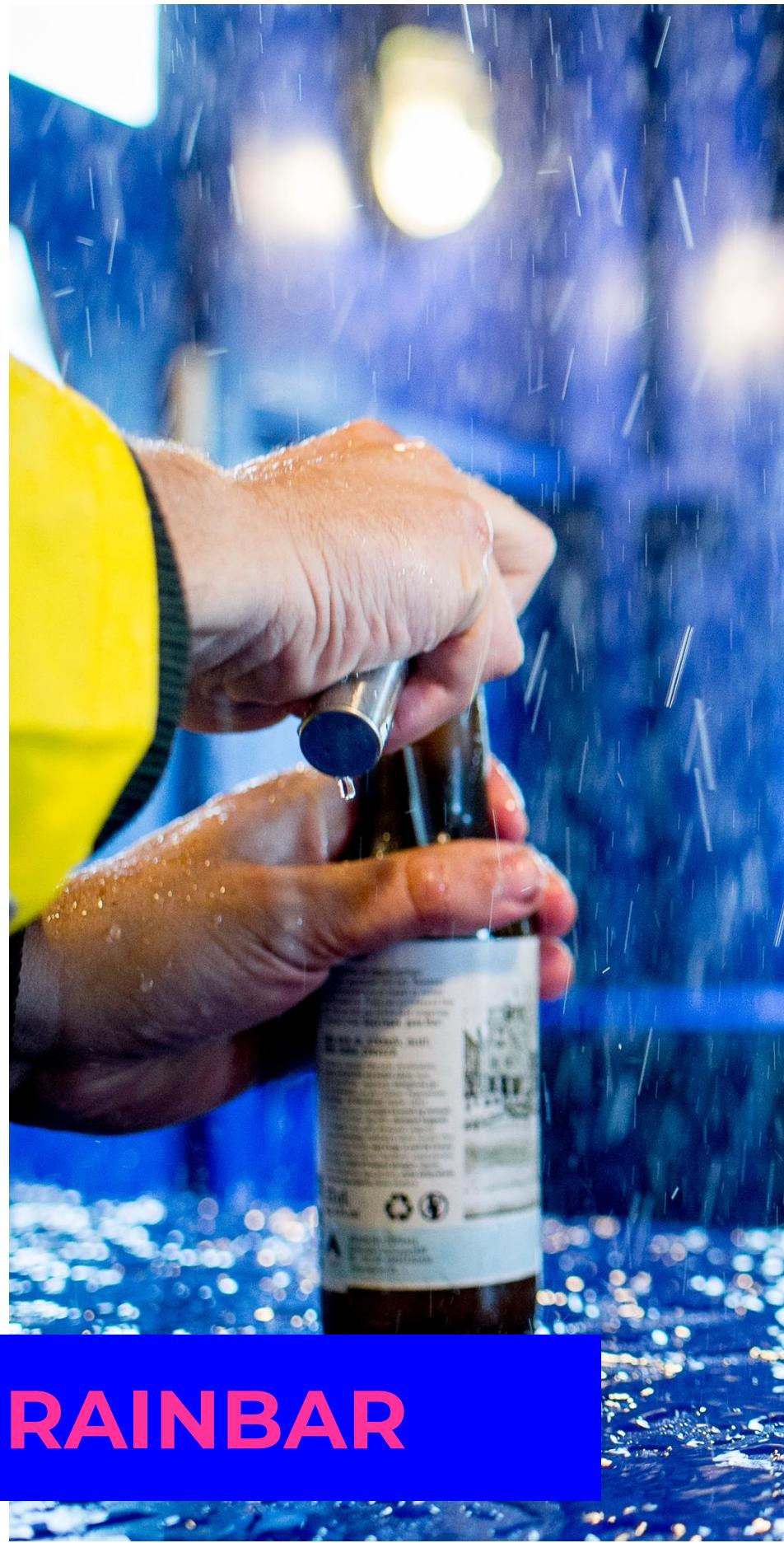


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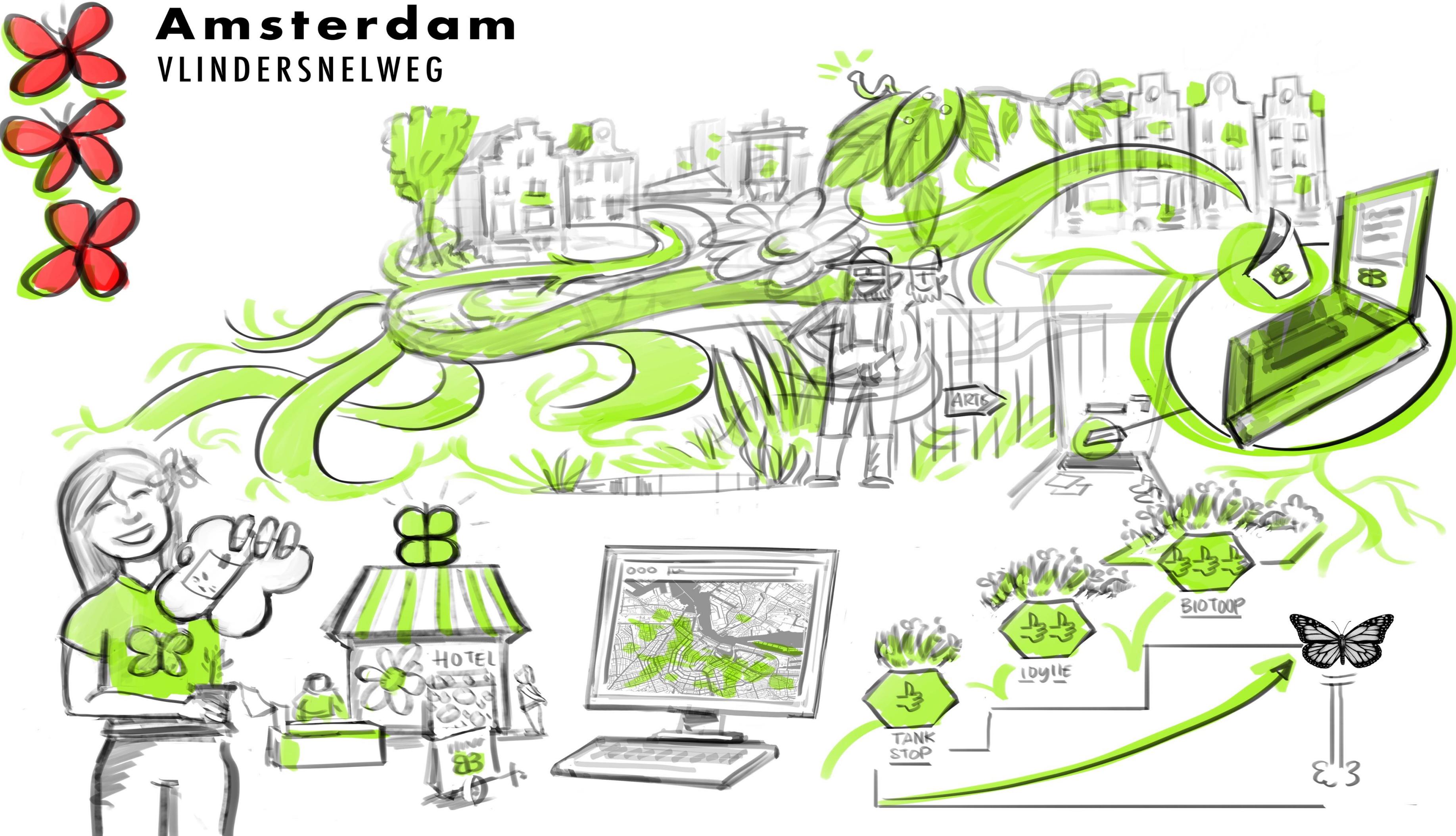


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Poule: Battle for Limburg**MIDDEL 50.000 - 100.000 INWONERS****1** *Roosendaal* 192482TPI 2492,45 

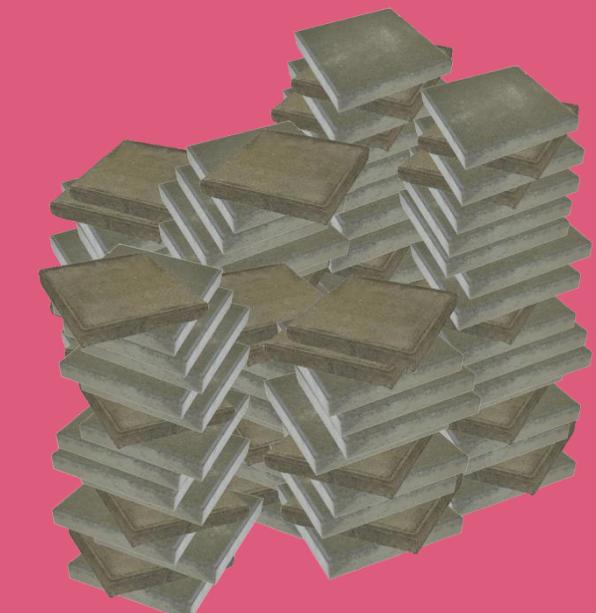
Klassement: Middel

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Klassement: Klein

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Poule: Zeeuwse Tegelwippers**2** *Heeze-Leende* 50738TPI 3141,67 

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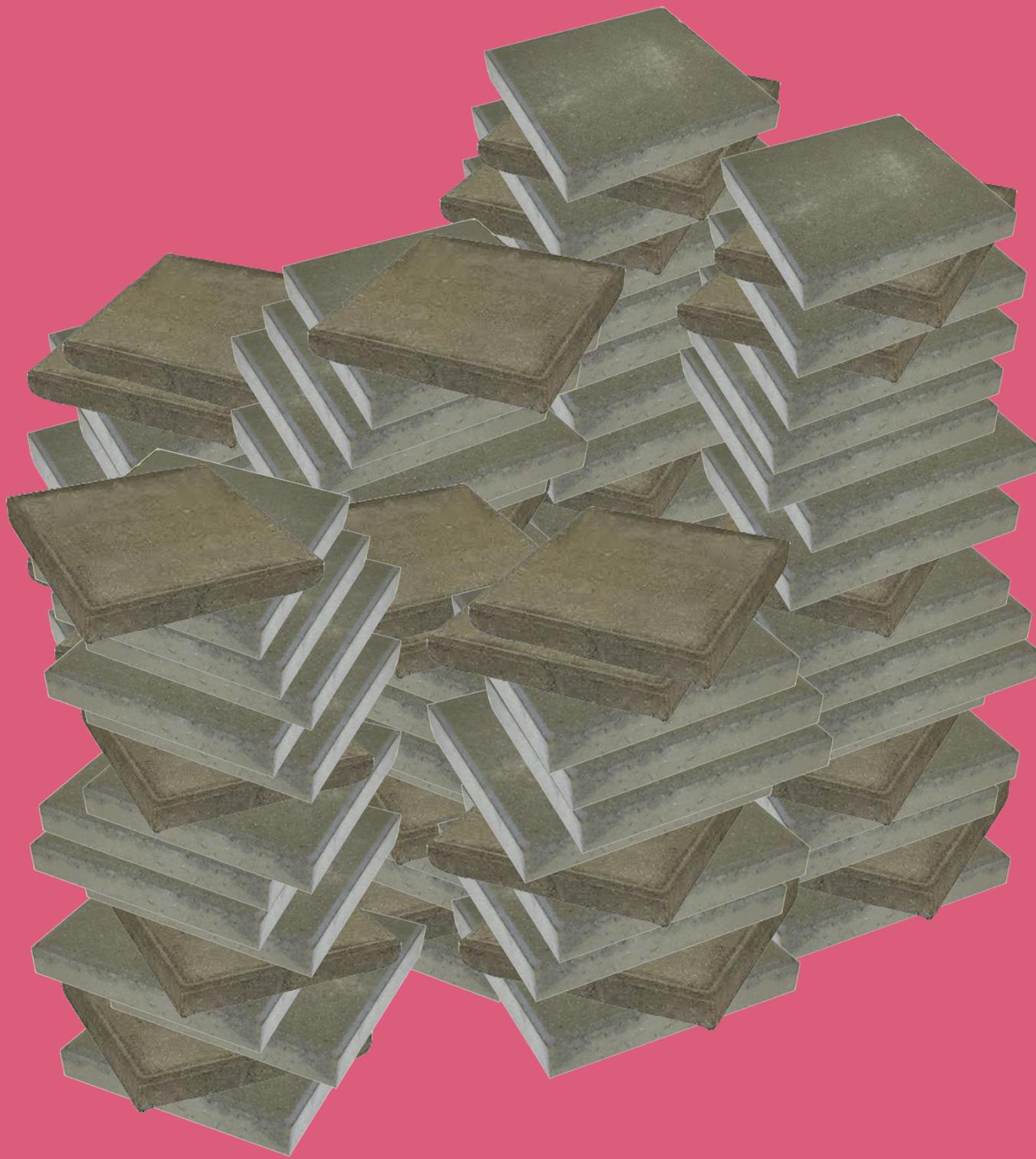
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Poule: Samen gaan wij voor go...**3** *Bernheze* 94541TPI 3025,6 

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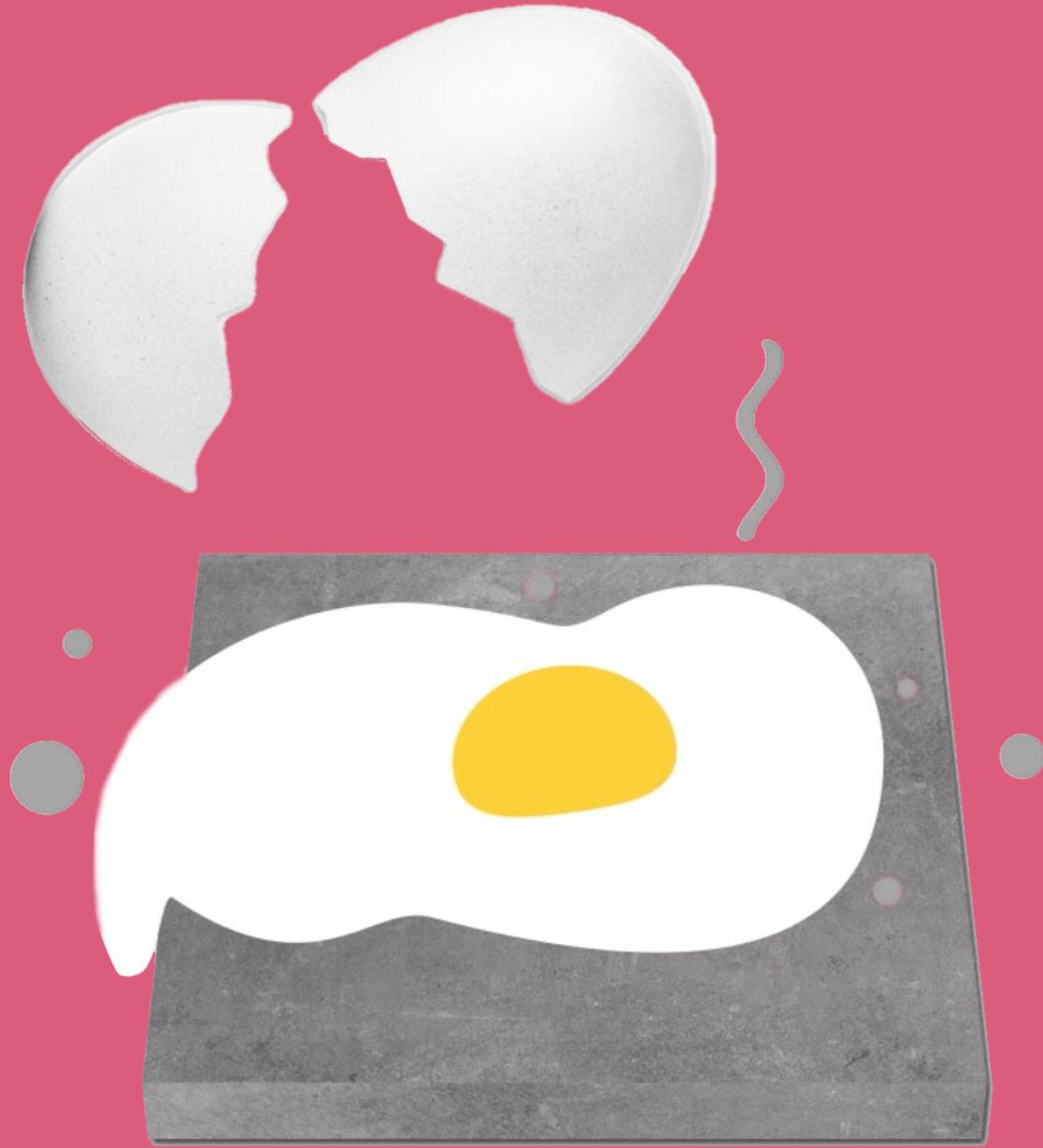


OVER
20 MILLION
REMOVED TILES
IN THE
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PRIZES



- **12,5K+ WEBSITE VISITORS PER MONTH**
- **1000+ ENTRIES PER MONTH**
- **OVER 3 MILLION SOCIAL MEDIA VIEWS YEARLY**
- **11.000 NEWS LETTER SUBSCRIBERS**
- **DAILY MEDIA COVERAGE**
- **€6 MILLION MEDIA VALUE**

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BETER LEVEN

Gras in je tuin: voor de biodiversiteit kan het beter

Tegels eruit, groen erin; steeds meer mensen een grasrijke tuin. Maar wie insee

in debuurt

**NK tegelwippen:
Amsterdammers wippen
tegels uit hun tuin en dit
waarom**

23 maart 2022

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**NK Tegelwippen
wipseizoen**

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**NK Tegelwippen: Heel Holla
wipt**

Gouden Tegel te winnen op NK Tegelwippen

Trouw

Groene gids

Je tuin koel en klimaatproof maken?
Dat wordt tegelwippen.



The
Guardian

The alternatives

This article is more than 2 months old

'We need to accept weeds': the Dutch 'tile whipping' contest seeking to restore greenery

BBC

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TEGELWIPPE



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THE FLIPKIT





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FOOTBALL GRASS



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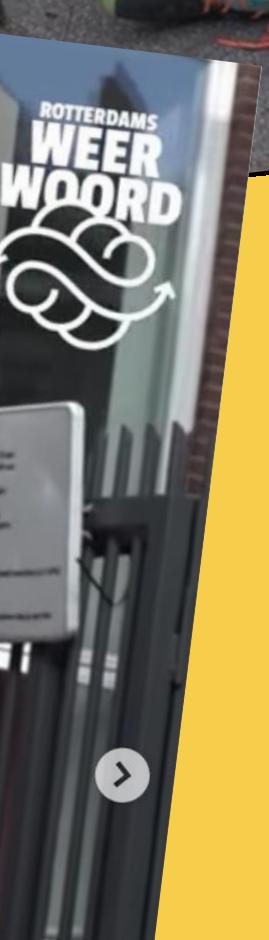
WIN A GREEN STREET

WIN EEN
GROENE
STRAAT!

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ROTTERDAM
WEE WOOR





TEGELWIPPE

A collage of 12 images illustrating various aspects of garden maintenance, social interaction, and personal growth, serving as a visual metaphor for the quote "FLIPPING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WINNING". The images include: 1. Two women smiling and holding small plants. 2. A woman working on a garden bed. 3. A woman working on a brick wall. 4. A woman working on a garden bed. 5. A woman working on a garden bed. 6. A woman working on a garden bed. 7. A woman working on a garden bed. 8. A woman working on a garden bed. 9. A woman working on a garden bed. 10. A woman working on a garden bed. 11. A woman working on a garden bed. 12. A woman working on a garden bed.

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Mobilizing public and citizen engagement to unlock for inclusive practices toward social change

Take your NbS idea further



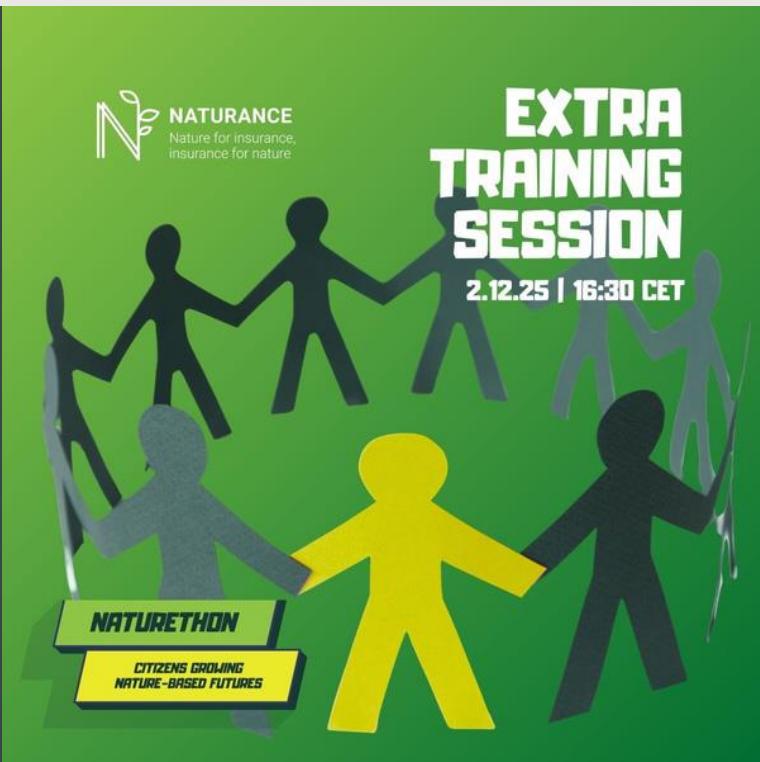
NATURETHON

CITIZENS GROWING NATURE-BASED FUTURES

Fostering a sense of empowerment and creating conditions of full transparency, accountability, and trust

Finding solutions to societal challenges that are inspired by and work with nature, providing environmental, social, and economic benefits while enhancing resilience





NATURETHON

Citizens growing Nature-based Futures

About

Citizen group meetings designed to tap into the collective understanding of NbS deployment and to stimulate discussions around their financial mechanisms and instruments.

Place

Big city in the south of Europe affected by repeated heat waves during the summer.

Urban Heat Waves

Grab them!

Grab more sticky notes from here if you need them!

CHALLENGES

CLIMATE	ENVIRONMENTAL	SOCIAL	ECONOMIC	OTHER
Rising T°, Changing seasonal patterns, Extreme heat waves	Limited green surface, Limited vegetation, Pollution	Limited access to green spaces, Health issues, Vulnerable categories	Utility vs. Migratory and local communities, SMEs vulnerable	

NBS IDEAS

GOVERNANCE	ENVIRONMENTAL	SOCIAL	ECONOMIC	OTHER
Urban parks and vegetation, Climate refugee, Migratory and local communities	Urban parks and vegetation, Climate refugee, Migratory and local communities	Resilient social networks, Affordable communities		

USERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

PUBLIC	PRIVATE SECTOR	GOVERNMENT	NGOs	OTHER
University	Farmers & hunters, Tourism sector	Government and society learning platforms	Env. Referees, NGOs, CSOs	

FINANCING STRATEGIES

PUBLIC	PRIVATE SECTOR	INDIVIDUAL/CITIZENS	POLICIES	OTHER
PES	Performance financing, Carbon and biodiversity credits		High Value	

CHALLENGES

CLIMATE

Primary Challenge: Intensified heat waves, prolonged drought, UHI effects, and air quality stress.
Associated challenges: Public health risk, heat stress, and reduced thermal comfort for vulnerable groups such as elderly, patients, children, outdoor workers, travellers and low income households etc..

ENVIRONMENTAL

Primary Challenge: low green space ratio especially low tree canopy coverage, fragmented green area, impermeable pavement(asphalt, concrete with low albedo), limited and polluted water bodies.
Associated challenges: urban heat island effect (UHI), heat stress, loss of access for cooling, poor air quality, community disconnection, compounding crises. Competing land-use priorities between housing, green spaces, and mobility.

SOCIAL

Primary Challenge: Vulnerable groups are exposed to heat waves, unequal access to cooling infrastructure, Public space exposure. Stress of healthcare cost for public sector and individuals. Low engagement of private sectors and citizens on NbS implementation.

Associated challenges: Higher health risk, social inequity, limited adaptive capacity and community resilience, energy poverty, social exclusion, reduced social interaction.

ECONOMIC

Primary Challenge: Escalating energy consumption and cost for cooling, higher healthcare cost, business activity disruption, lower productivity, higher heritage preservation cost, increased insurance cost, tourism economy impacted. Heavy financial expenditure for municipality on heat waves adaptation and NbS implementation. Lack of effective financing mechanism and operational approach for NbS scale-up.

Associated challenges: rising electricity bills, healthcare costs both for individuals, households pay more for insurance premium or cannot afford insurance premium, municipal stress for healthcare, reduced local tourism business revenue, small business vulnerability, community frustration, job insecurity.

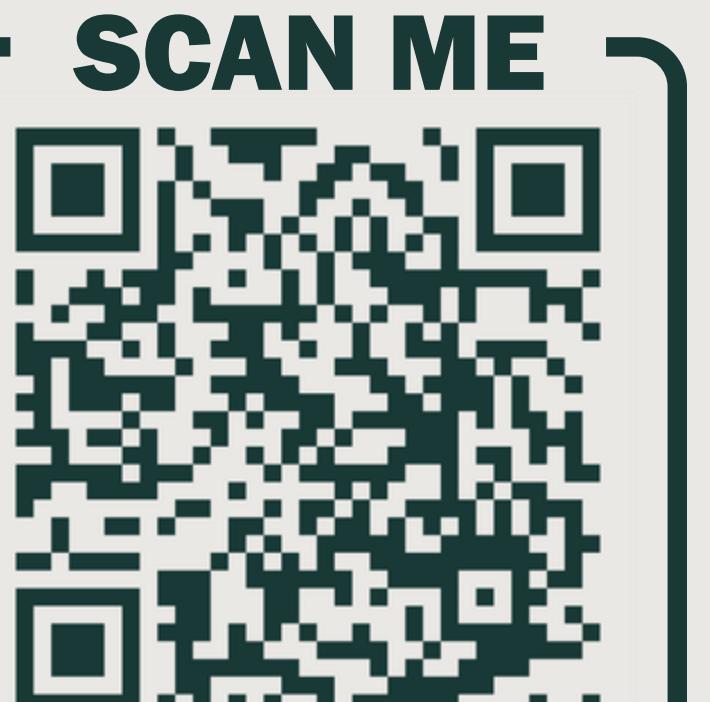


NbS elements to implement to address the challenges identified

NbS IDEAS

GOVERNANCE

Potential NbS: Integrating NbS into municipal urban planning. Provide incentive and regulations NbS projects. Coordinated action across municipalities, metropolitan authorities, and regional agencies. Linking NbS governance with health policy to protect vulnerable groups and to get access to healthcare budget. Deploying AI and GIS tools to track NbS effectiveness. Creating evaluation metrics for environmental, social, and economic co-benefits. Foster public participation. Scale up NbS projects.
Associated NbS elements: Embed NbS into municipal building codes. Use heat vulnerability maps to prioritize NbS in areas with <15% green coverage. Ensure every district benefits from cooling interventions. Guarantee equitable distribution across Milan's municipi.





2025 CHAMPIONS

COOL MILAN

Yanchao Wang, Barbara Di Micco
Stephen Asare Ntow, Mari Chakryan

GREEN CITY CHAMPIONS

Francesca Mazza, Forgive Maluleke,
Saba Mirzahosseini, Borhan Sepehri

RISORGIVERS

Legambiente Treviso NGO

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11:00	
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12:30	
12:30	Closing Session
13:00	



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Welfare economic assessment
Aarhus (DK)



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Phytoremediation Pilot
Milan (IT)



Nature-Oriented
River Work
Aichi prefecture (JP)



Urban nature for climate
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Paris (FR)



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Basque Country (ES)



Citizen engagement
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Budapest (HU)



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Waalwijk (NL)



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