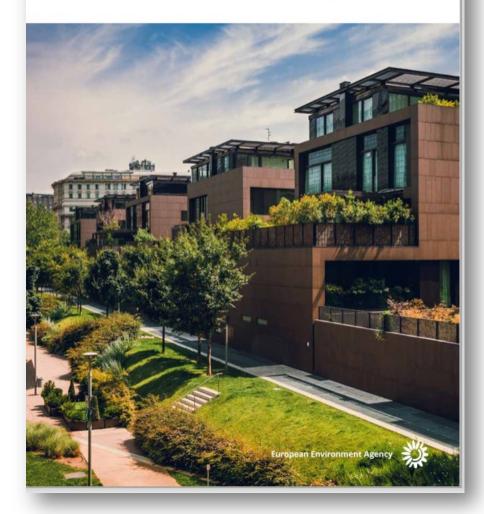
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Nature-based Solutions (NbS)



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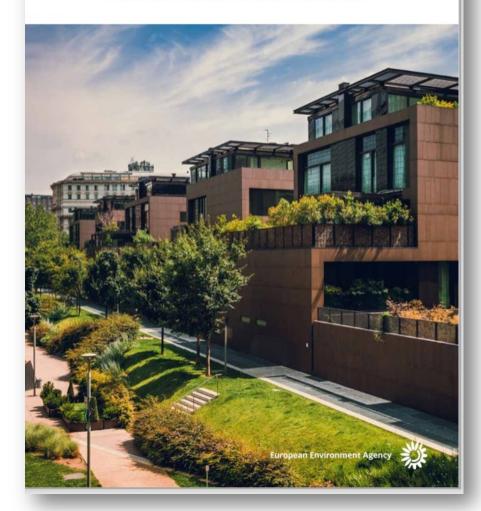
solutions to societal challenges	inspired and supported by nature	cost-effective	 Ecosystem approach and ecosystem-based approaches Green infrastructure and blue-green infrastructure
simultaneously provide environmental, social and economic benefits	help build resilience	more (diverse) nature and natural features and processes into cities, landscapes and seascapes	 Ecosystem-based adaptation Ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction Natural water retention measures
locally adapted, resource-efficient and systemic interventions	must benefit biodiversity	support the delivery of a range of ecosystem services	 Sustainable management and ecosystem-based management Sustainable climate actions and natural climate solutions

This report provides up-to-date information:

- NbS as 'umbrella concept' (CHAPTER 1)
- Global and EU policy support NbS (CHAPTER 2)
- NbS applied in water management, forestry, agriculture, cities, coastal areas and mountains (CHAPTER 3, 4)
- Multi-benefits of NbS for CCA/DRR in Europe (CHAPTER 3)
- NbS applications in Europe (97 case studies) for CCA/DRR (CHAPTER 4)
- Financing NbS (CHAPTER 5)
- Opportunities for mainstreaming NbS into sectors in Europe (CHAPTER 6)
- 11 example cases of NbS in Europe (ANNEX 4)
- NbS in European knowledge platforms (ANNEX 5)

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Global and European policy to support NbS

- NbS for CCA/DRR are embedded into Global and EU policy frameworks (SD, DRR, climate, environment)
- UN 2030 SD agenda linked directly and indirectly to nature - promote NbS and scale up implementation to transformative change
- Need to increase the level of ambition and support for NbS and to encourage new, innovative applications to enhance the coherence between relevant EU policies
- Need for EU agreed standards, quantitative and measurable indicators to assess progress, effectiveness and the benefits of NbS

Policy area	Global policy	EU policy
Cross-cutting	 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, Sustainable Development Goals (2015) United Nations (UN) Convention to Combat Desertification (1996) (^a) 	 European Green Deal (2019) Bioeconomy strategy (2012) and its update (2018)
Biodiversity (including forestry)	 UN Convention on Biological Diversity (1993) (^a) Ramsar Convention (1975) (^a) 	 Biodiversity strategy for 2030 (2020) Green infrastructure strategy (2013) Habitats Directive (1992) Birds Directive (1979/2009) EU forest strategy (2013) LULUCF Regulation (2018)
Climate	 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (2015) UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (1994) (^a), Paris Agreement (2015) 	 Action plan on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2016) Strategy on adaptation to climate change (2013, 2021)
Water and agriculture		 Farm-to-fork strategy (2020) Floods Directive (2007) Water Framework Directive (2000) Common agricultural policy (2013) Nitrates Directive (1991)
Urban	• New urban agenda – Habitat III (2016)	 Urban agenda for the EU (i.e. Pact of Amsterdam, 2016)

On-line Webinar

Nature as a solution - For resilience, mitigation and sustainable development

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