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10-DAY  
CHALLENGE

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11 – 24 March 2021

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Events and activities for  
naturally-smarter businesses



**NATURE  
4 CITIES**

**Discover and live-test  
Nature4Cities Nature Based  
Solutions platform**

**23rd March 2021, 9:00 - 12:00 CET**



# A few 'house rules'



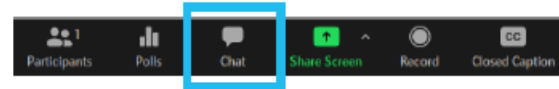
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# Get involved in The We Value Nature 10-Day Challenge

- Complete **daily challenges**. Each challenge can be completed in around 10 –15 minutes and will help you take the next step on your nature journey.
- Register for practical, interactive **sessions**.



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# Programm

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**09:15 – 09:45** : Nature4Cities project, platform and tools

**09:45 – 10:25** : Our field-test activities results : testimonials and feedbacks from our pilot cities

***Break (10 minutes)***

**10:35 – 11:20** : Quick demo of our platform and by yourself with our live support + share with us your feedbacks and first feelings.

**11:20 – 11:45** : Our platform business model and after-life

***Conclusions (15 minutes)***

# Urban areas face challenges



to address them **Nature4Cities** intends to foster the implementation of

# NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

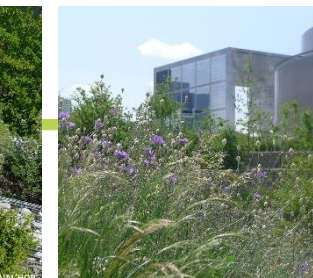
these are

# ACTIONS

inspired by or supported by

# NATURE





and spread out at different and interconnected scales





# The H2020 project



-  Integration of NBS in urban and spatial planning
-  new and active community network around NBS
-  high quality knowledge and assessment tools
-  new governance, business and financial models for NBS implementation

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# Nature4Cities Platform

technical solutions, methods and tools to empower urban planning decision making and address the contemporary environmental, social and economic challenges that European Cities are facing

Designed for



**Policy makers  
& public urban planners**



**Urban professionals**  
*(advisory services, landscape companies and architects, suppliers etc)*



**Civil Society**  
*(inhabitants and local organizations)*

at all stages of a NBS project



**CREATE A NBS  
PROJECT**



**ASSESS A NBS  
PROJECT**

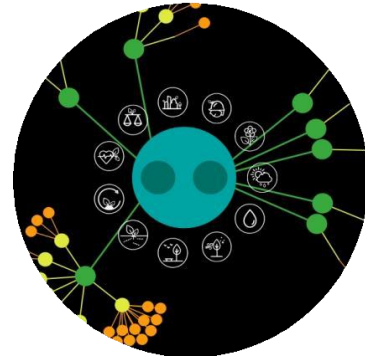


**IMPLEMENT A NBS  
PROJECT**





Get knowledge and inspiration to choose the right NBS to match your needs.



and the challenges they help addressing with our interactive NBS explorer with extensive factsheets on each NBS



with our Geocluster4NBS and pre-selection tool



Rate your city performance and identify the best place to implement your NBS project



## ASSESS A NBS PROJECT

Assess the impact of your NBS for urban resilience, for the environment and on socio-economic features.

Assessing your NBS project allows you increase your chances of meeting your goals



### Diagnose your assessment needs

Find the best methods and tools to evaluate and solve your city's urban challenges

### Assess your project

#### Environmental assessment

Assess the impact of the NBS during all its lifecycle

#### Urban benefits assessment

Foresee the best place for your NBS by evaluating how it will affect its surroundings

#### Socio-economic assessment

Estimate the socio-economic benefits, co-benefits and costs of a NBS project

Create your scenarios

Select your performance indicators

Enter your data and launch calculation

Analyze and export your results

# SUA tool: simplified Urban Performance Assessment Module

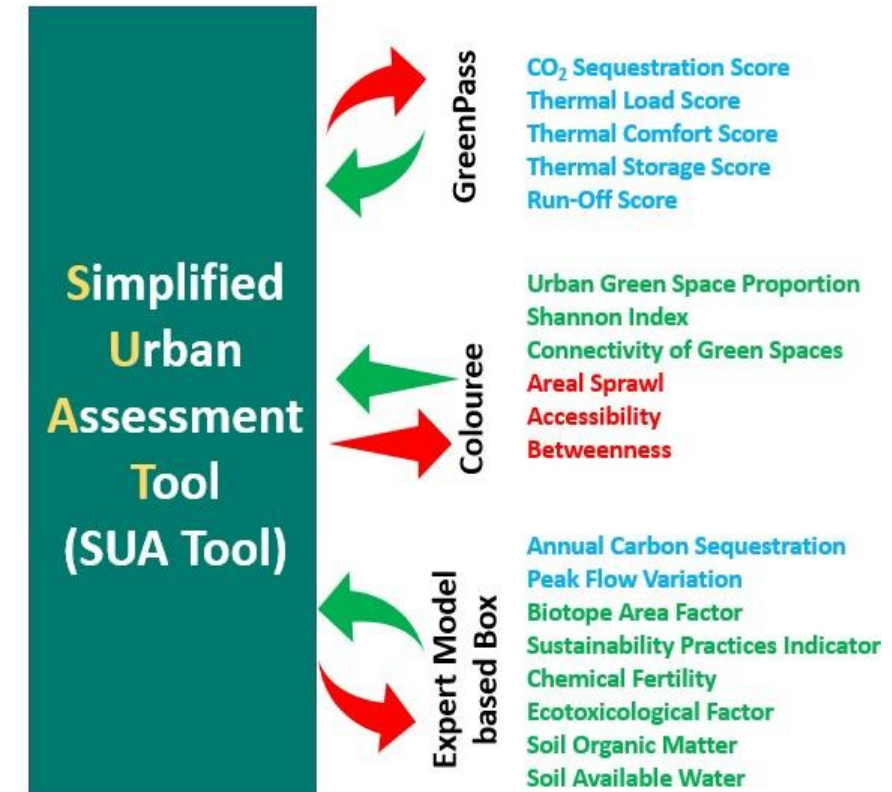


## Three components

- ✓ GREENPASS : microclimate and thermal comfort
- ✓ Colouree NBS : environmental analysis of district
- ✓ EMBBox (Expert Model Based Box) : simplified version based on various expert models

## →What for?

- ✓ To assess the benefits of an NBS scenario in urban environment
- ✓ To compare several NBS options
- ✓ To improve the design of an NBS and sustainable practices



# Socio-economic assessment module



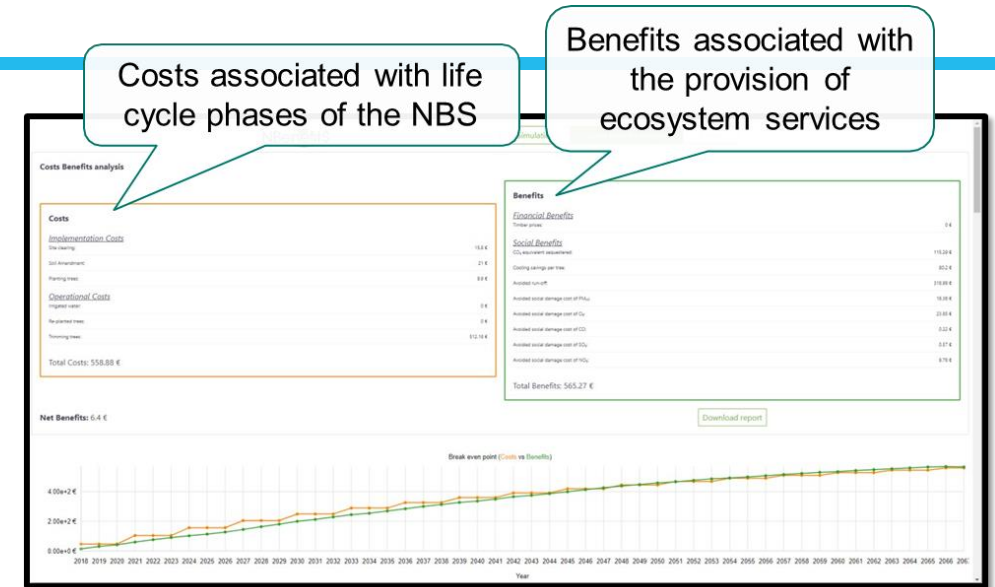
- Urban Performance assessment  
Evaluate how your NBS will benefit its surroundings -insitu
- Socio-economic assessment**  
Estimate the socio-economic benefits, co-benefits and costs of a NBS project
- Environmental assessment  
Assess the impact of the NBS during all its life cycle -exsitu

## NBenefit\$

- ✓ NBenefit\$ functions and steps have been fully integrated into the N4C Platform to allow practitioners using both tools

### → What for?

- ✓ To quantify and assess multiple ecosystem services provided by NBS over their entire life cycle
- ✓ To compute and visualize impacts such as costs and benefits in terms of physical and monetary ecosystem service values at different spatial and temporal settings



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# Environmental assessment module



- Urban Performance assessment  
Evaluate how your NBS will benefit its surroundings -insitu
- Socio-economic assessment  
Estimate the socio-economic benefits, co-benefits and costs of a NBS project
- Environmental assessment  
Assessthe impact of the NBS duringall its life cycle -exsitu

## Two components

- ✓ Material Flow Analysis (MFA) tool
- ✓ Simplified Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) tool

## →What for?

- ✓ To calculate Material Flow Based KPIs
- ✓ To compare several NBS options or NBS with grey solutions
- ✓ To improve the design of an NBS

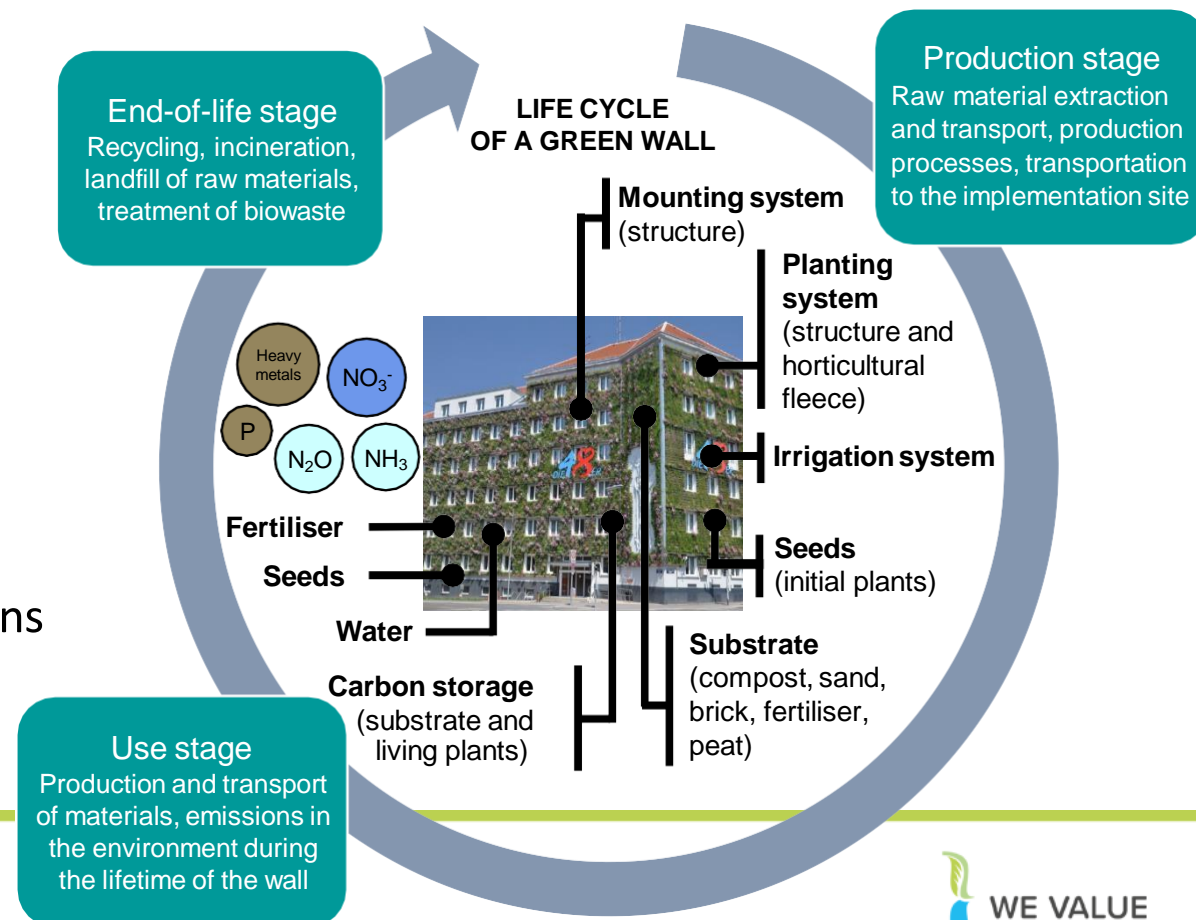


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Once your project ready to be launched, you still need to build a governance and economic model and to follow your project day by day



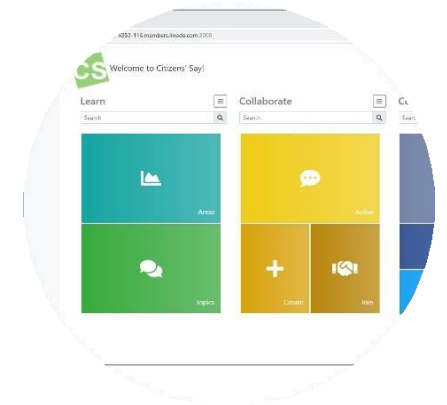
### Gain skills to build inclusive projects

with our implementation models handbook



### Find the most suitable Business, governance and financing model

with our Implementation models pre-selector



### Involve citizens in your project

With our NBS participation tool

# Preparation to the live-test

## Registration on N4Cplatform

1. Click the link



2. Register and Log In



3. Click Assess a NBS Project

4. Select NBS project assessment



## Interact with M U R A L

1 Provide your feedbacks  
In a general way for the Assessment Tool

QUESTIONS

WORK WELL  
APPRECIABLE  
PLEASANT

Example 1  
Find the  
interface  
easy to use

PAIN POINTS  
DOES NOT WORK

SUGGESTIONS  
IMPROVMENTS

OPPORTUNITY  
LINK WITH OTHER PROJECT  
INTEREST TO USE IT



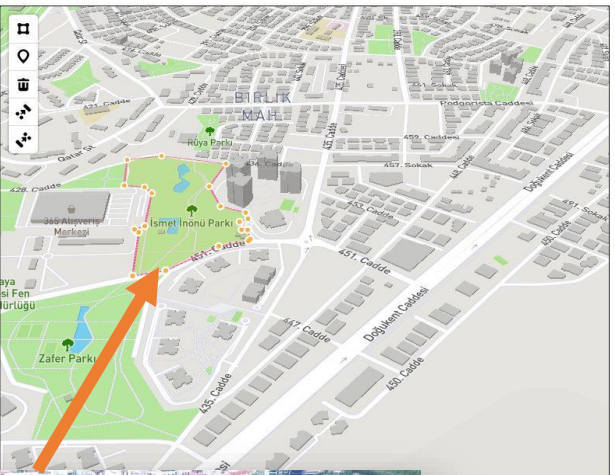
# Cities Feedback : Çankaya Ankara, Turkey

NBS Pre-selected

- Urban forest
- Public urban green space (places, squares, etc.)
- Planter Green Wall

Functional Unit

54703.10 m<sup>2</sup>



**A**



**A İsmet İnönü Park**

**B Healthy City Healthy Streets**

# Cities Feedback : Çankaya Ankara, Turkey

## A-İsmet İnönü Park (Public Urban Green Space/Water and Sustainable Management)

Inactive area in the past

Commercial/Public/Residential Buildings in the vicinity

Planning 2016  
Implementation 2017

**Local plants** are preferred  
**Existing trees:** poplars  
and pines

İsmet İnönü park is a **large green area** in which a **biological slough** is located on a valley bottom and under **risk of flood**. The project is about managing storm water filling into the pond by using NBS.

8 km to the city center

Rainwater Collection  
System

Hidden Greenroof on the Security Building

Connection to an existing park

## B-Healthy City Healthy Streets (Urban Planning Strategy - Ensure Continuity with Ecological Network)

Aiming to increase the quality of life in the city of citizens of all ages and reach all facilities of the city with equal opportunities.

Clean, **S**afe, and **H**ealthy areas

Freedom of movement

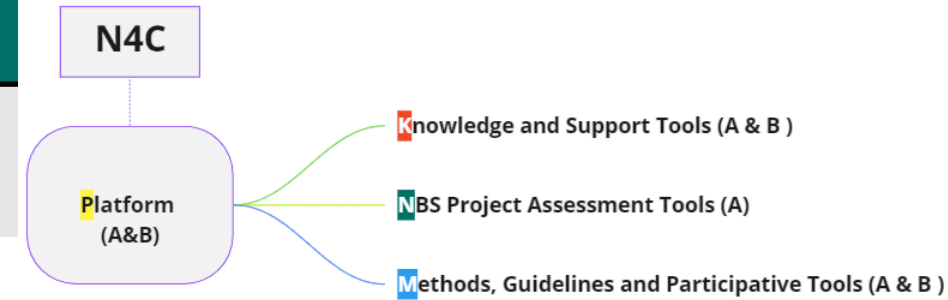
Create  
**G**reen areas

Encourage  
**C**ycling

Public transport  
**A**ccessibility

# Main expectations with N4C tools

Which Module	Initial Expectations (Summary)
<b>P</b>	<p><b>Easy, understandable, stable, secure, accessible</b> for all kind of users and <b>user-friendly</b> environment to reach different functionalities/tools developed in N4C Project</p>
<b>K</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-NBS diverse classifications/identification/replicabilities + Georeference</li> <li>-Factsheets including <b>NBS types, urban challenges, country, scale, governance model, business model, financing model, etc.</b></li> <li>-Business Model Establishment</li> <li>-Urban Analytics (Smart City Concept)✓</li> </ul>
<b>N</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<b>Evaluation of performance metrics (urban, environmental, socio-economical)</b> to understand the value captured by the NBS</li> <li>-<b>Scenario/Project creation</b> opportunity to <b>understand the deviation</b> along indicator-based assessments.</li> </ul>
<b>M</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Concise and explanatory <b>guide</b> useful in the course of <b>co-production and co-creation of NBS</b></li> <li>-<b>Collaborative tool</b> for <b>knowledge sharing</b> acting as an <b>awareness platform open for discussion.</b></li> <li>-<b>Survey option</b> is feasible for <b>participatory governance</b> of an NBS project with other stakeholders</li> </ul>



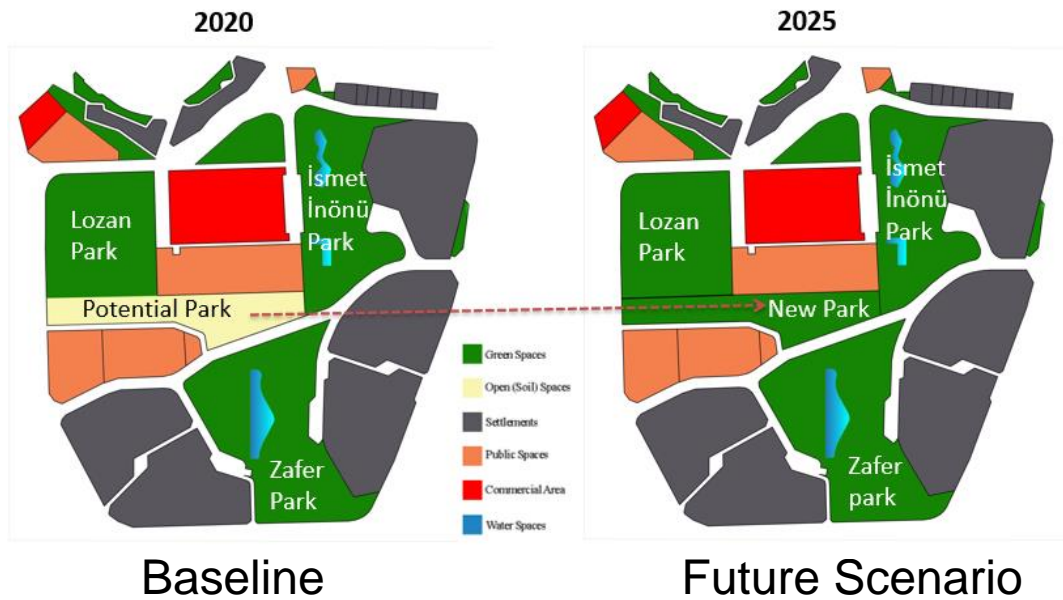
- ✓ N4C Platform
- ✓ NBS Explorer
- ✓ Geocluster4NBS
- ✓ Diagnostic of your assessment needs
- ✓ IM Pre-selection tool
- ✓ GreenCity
- ✓ Colouree Analytic
- ✓ Expert Model Based Box (EMBB)
- ✓ Colouree
- ✓ Socio-economic Assessment
- ✓ Social acceptance assessment method
- ✓ Step-by-step guidelines
- ✓ Citizens' Say tool

# Field-test activities in pilot site

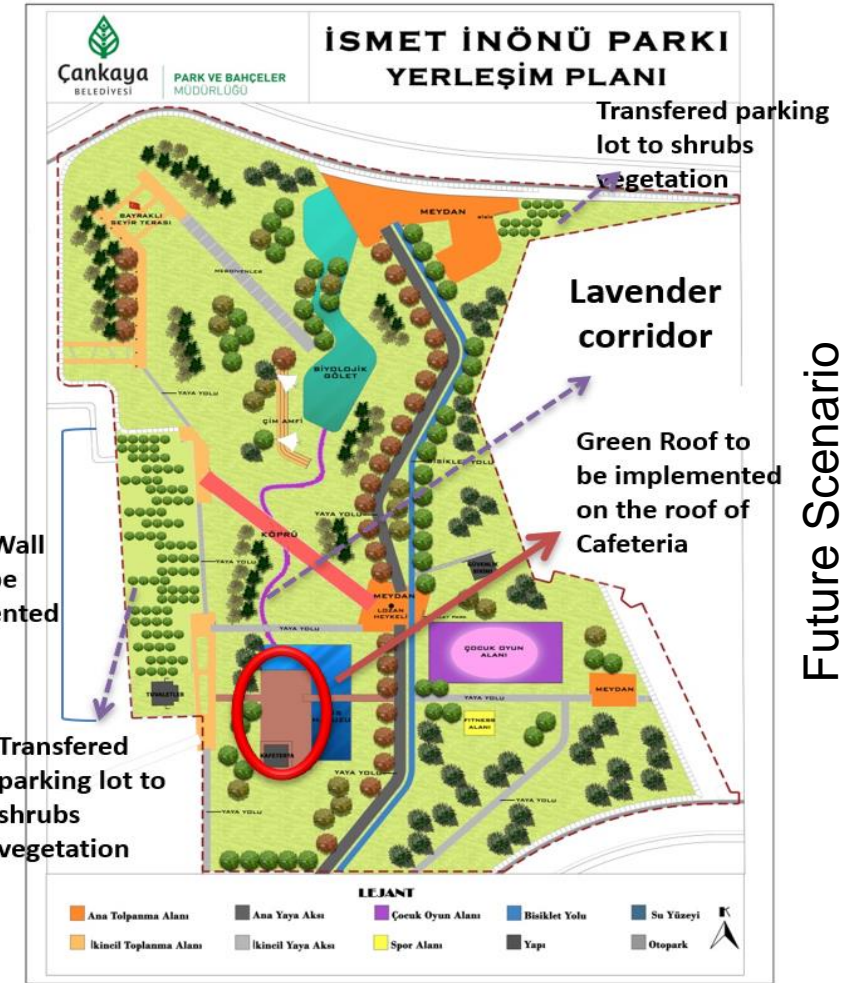
## Assessment Tools

1. EMBB
2. Colouree
3. Socio-economic Assessment

- Annual Carbon Sequestration
- Biotope Area Factor
- Soil Organic Matter/Soil Available Water
- Sustainable Practices Indicator
- Urban Green Space Proportion
- Shannon diversity index of habitats
- Connectivity of green spaces
- Socio-Economic Assessment



**Scenario Creation**



# Field-test activities in pilot site

## Expert Model Based Box (EMBB)

### KPI: Annual Carbon Sequestration (ACS)

Tree Species	Tree Age	Diameter (cm)	Condition	Count	Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Year of Assessment
Aesculus hippocastanum	4	26	Excellent	15	-	2020
Fraxinus americana	4	26	Excellent	42	-	2020
Platanusxacerifolia	4	26	Excellent	101	-	2020
Tillia Crodata	4	26	Excellent	43	-	2020
Pinus nigra	4	16	Excellent	59	-	2020
Aesculus hippocas	9	32	Excellent	15	-	2025
Fraxinus americana	9	32	Excellent	42	-	2025
Platanusxacerifolia	9	32	Excellent	101	-	2025
Tillia Crodata	9	32	Excellent	43	-	2025
Pinus nigra	9	20	Excellent	59	-	2025

Vegetation Type	Tree Age	Diameter (cm)	Condition	Count	Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Year of Assessment
Perennial grass	-	-	-	-	32,155	2020
Mediterranean shrubs	-	-	-	-	9,545	2020
Perennial grass	-	-	-	-	30,748	2025
Mediterranean shrubs	-	-	-	-	12,269	2025

-Number of days in a year without frost: 305 days

-Climatological background of vegetation's location is selected as "dry".

## Test results

The results of the year 2020 and 2025 are 29,659 kgC/yr and 27,902 kgC/yr respectively. (Reason: Decrease in perennial grass area)

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The annual carbon sequestration (ACS), in kilogram of Carbon per year (kgC/yr): 29659.1110816913

**2020**

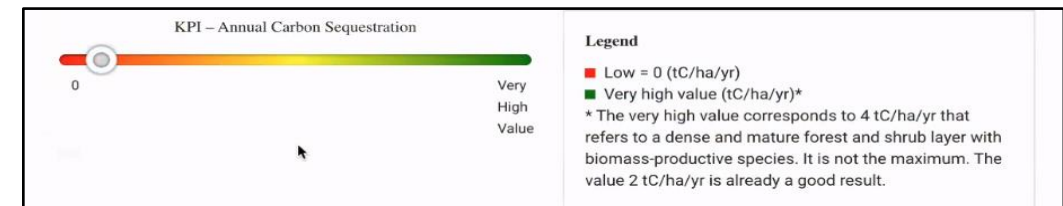
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**2025**

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The annual carbon sequestration (ACS), in kilogram of Carbon per year (kgC/yr): 27901.97720703411

OK



# Field-test activities in pilot site

## Expert Model Based Box (EMBB)

### KPI: Biotope Area Factor (BAF)

Title	NBS	Functional Unit	Constrains	
<input type="radio"/>	Scenario - 256	Public urban green space (places, squares, etc.)	47578.61 m <sup>2</sup>	no nbs-constrains
<input type="radio"/>	Scenario - 273	Public urban green space (places, squares, etc.)	54870.14 m <sup>2</sup>	no nbs-constrains
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Scenario - 279	Public urban green space (places, squares, etc.)	53739.91 m <sup>2</sup>	no nbs-constrains

Annual Carbon Sequestration

Biotope Area Factor

Total Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>)  The total area to be covered by the NBS, squared meters (m2). Sum of the areas requested below should be equal to the total surface area.

Sealed Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>)  Mineral surface, impermeable and has no plant growth, squared meters (m2)

Partially Sealed Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>)  Mineral surface, permeable to water and air; as a rule, no plant growth, squared meters (m2)

Semi Open Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>)  Mineral surface, permeable to water and air; infiltration; plant growth, squared meters (m2)

Impermeable Water Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>)  Water area, water cannot run through the soil below, squared meters (m2)

Permeable Water Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>)  Water area, water can run through the soil below, squared meters (m2)

## Test results

Input Parameters (in m2)	2020	2025	BAF 2020	BAF 2025
Total Surface Area	53,739.91	53,739.91	1.44	1.52
Sealed Surface Area	3,408	684		
Partially Sealed Surface Area	4,062	4,062		
Impermeable Water Surface Area	2,235	2,235		
Extensive Green Roof Surface Area	50	131		
Green Wall Surface Area	0	200		
Vegetation Connected Soil Surface Area	43,984.91	46,627.91		

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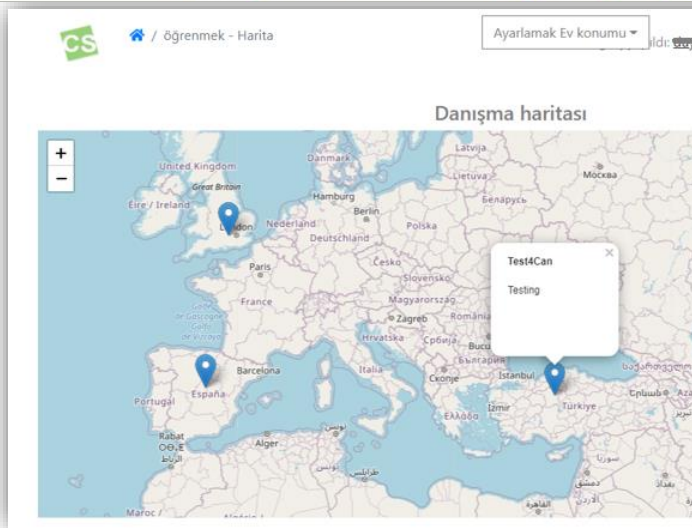
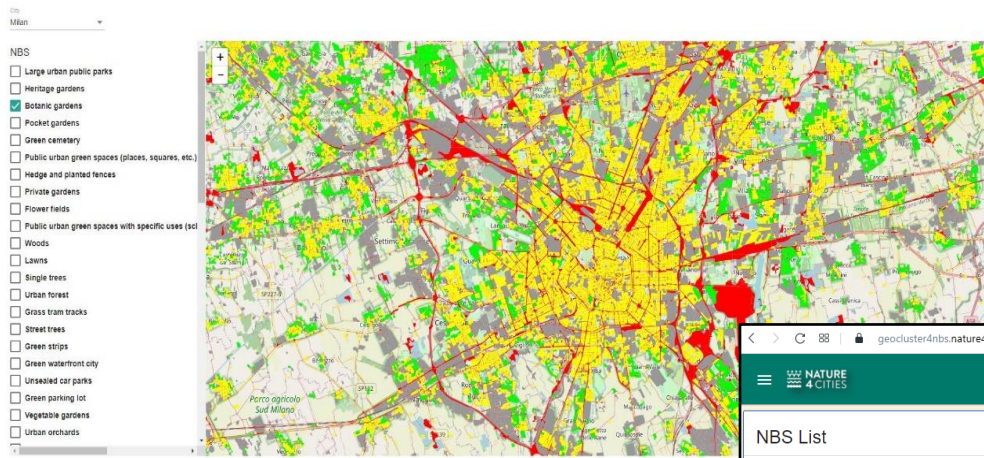
The Biotope Area Factor value for a NBS: 1.44

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The Biotope Area Factor value for a NBS: 1.52

OK

# Field-test activities in pilot site



**NBS List**

- Objects, shapes and physical projects
- Strategies & Actions
  - Urban (green) spaces management
    - Direct human interventions
      - Sustainable use of fertilizers
      - Integrated and ecological management: spatial aspects
      - Integrated and ecological management: temporal aspects
      - Create and preserve habitats and shelters for biodiversity
      - Integrated Weed Management
      - Integrated Pest Management
    - Use of fauna
      - Use of grazing animals
      - Insect hotel
      - Beehive
  - Waste management
    - Composting
      - Composting (as a treatment of green debris)
  - Protection and conservation strategies

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**NBS Info**

Name: Ensure continuity with ecological network

Code: NBS-02-04-01

Scale: Entity, District, City

**Urban Challenges**

- Climate mitigation
- Climate adaptation
- Urban water management and quality
- Flood management
- Air quality at district/city scale
- Air quality locally
- Biodiversity
- Urban space development and regeneration
- Urban space management
- Soil management
- Quality of life

**PROJECT'S DEFINITION**

Please, define the following parameters for your NBS project, one by one: If you need help, click on information boxes. Once the parameters are selected please, check the selection before continue.

**WHAT?**

- NBS typology: C4- Urban planning strate...
- Ownership: Private with agreement
- Implementation scale: District or neighbourhood

**WHO?**

- Initiating actor: Government + Private

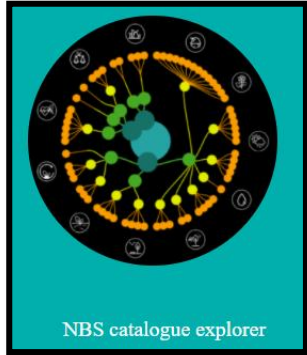
**HOW?**

- Desired participation: High
- Government support: High
- Budget: Medium
- Economic context: Bad
- Environmental awareness: Medium
- Participation culture: Low

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# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

All tools are found beneficial and the followings are mostly preferred.



NBS Catalogue Explorer



GreenCity



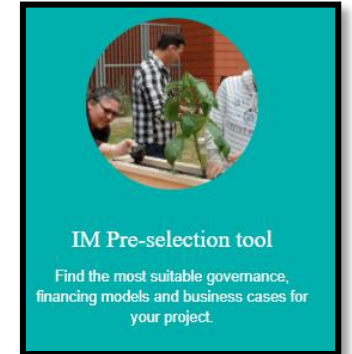
EMBB



Socio-economic Assessment



Citizens' Say Tool



IM Pre-selection Tool

**Create a NBS Project**

**Assess a NBS Project**

**Implement a NBS Project**



# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

Tool	Feedback/Testimonials	Recommendations
<b>N4C Platform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Easy to register and sign in, simple interface to use</li> <li>-Well structured modules describing the life cycle of an NBS Project.</li> <li>-User friendly, excellent readability in line with project color pallete</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A «tutorial videos» section will facilitate the utilisation of different modules</li> <li>-GDPR disclaimer</li> </ul>
<b>NBS Explorer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Concise and holistic catalogue for NBS including factsheets</li> <li>-User interface is fascinating and well-designed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-«add a new NBS» is a good option</li> </ul>
<b>Geocluster4NBS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Supportive tools to reach replicable NBS examples together with their factsheets that could be filtered in terms of addressed challenges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A map legend to clarify the colours</li> <li>-Linking NBS Explorer with this tool</li> </ul>
<b>Diagnostic of your assessment needs</b>	<p>Easy to use covering six simple questions to help the municipality to find out a methodology or an evaluation software in respect of their answers (related with the urban challenges they are facing and the NBS in concern)</p>	<p>The font size used in this tool could be increased to improve readability</p>
<b>IM Pre-selection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Same parameters, that Cankaya confronted during the planning phase of İsmet İnönü Park, are selected to establish a business model.</li> <li>-Support user to understand the whole structure of NBS business with its governance and financial perspectives as well as other relevant parameters.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-»What«, «Who» and «What» selection page has some minor selection issues that could be improved.</li> </ul>
<b>GreenCity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The tool interface and KPI scoring (speedometer) is effective</li> <li>-Urban vegetation based urban analytics are interesting metrics to deal with</li> </ul>	<p>Maybe smaller hexagonal grids (if applicable) to cover small areas.</p>
<b>Colouree Analytic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Easy to understand, tutorial is an important asset</li> <li>-Beneficial during the creation of annual park programme as well as decision making process</li> </ul>	<p>Save option for the pinpoints could be a good opportunity to use them for the next time.</p>

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

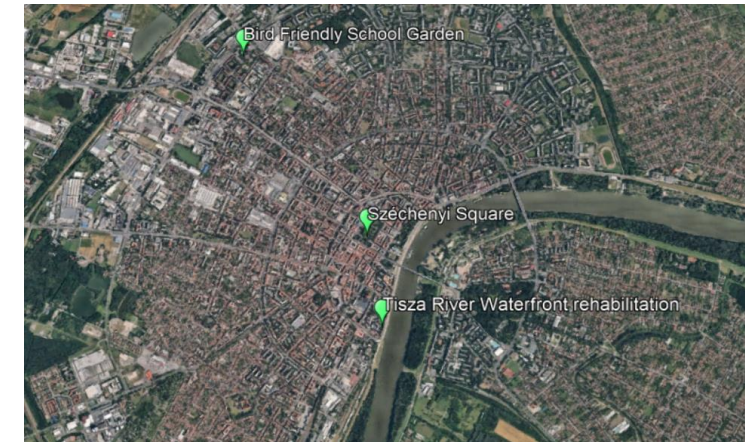
Tool	Feedback/Testimonials	Recommendations
<b>EMBB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Default values are provided in SOM and SAW calculations (Ease of use)</li> <li>-Simple interphase for value entry</li> <li>-Explanations for each inputs in ACS and BAF calculations are clear</li> <li>-The visualisation of the results are easy to understand supported by legends.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Input data saving option (Data storage)</li> <li>-List of the tree species can be extended</li> <li>-Good to have explanations for each output (score/index/number)</li> </ul>
<b>Colouree (Urban Assessment)</b>	The tool is compact and easy to adapt	A legend for the map and explanations for each KPIs and related inputs (a better user experience)
<b>Socio-economic Assessment (NBenefit\$)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Provide valuable info about different cost items (operational&amp;implementation)</li> <li>-It supports the decision-making process and evaluates the profit and loss trends on an annual basis over a 50-year interval.</li> <li>-The amount of carbon sequestered annually including the upper and lower boundaries (an extensive time based perspective)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-12 by 12 matrix can be extended for large public urban green spaces</li> <li>-The option for entering «assessment beginning» year will be beneficial</li> <li>-Additional tree species</li> </ul>
<b>Social acceptance assessment</b>	Help to draw conclusions and raise awareness for the past, current and future barriers (technical and non-technical) within the life cycle of NBS.	-
<b>Step-by-step guidelines</b>	A holistic guide covering all the major chapters linked with the different phases of an NBS Project. (Parallel with the existing methodology applied in the municipality)	-
<b>Citizens' Say</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Useful tool under the circumstances of pandemic</li> <li>-Handy to obtain the citizens' opinions about different projects or learn from their daily life experiences</li> </ul>	-

# Cities Feedback : Szeged, Hungary

## CASE STUDY AREAS

Szeged is the third largest city in Hungary and considered as the center of the region. As its climate is getting hotter there is a growing urge to make the city more climate resilient. There are three case study sites, each has its unique features and aims to improve them.

- **Széchenyi Square** is the main square of the city with the city hall and other public institutions. Therefore, it is daily visited by commuters, citizens and non-local visitors in great number, which makes this public place a prestigious place of the city. It is planned to be reconstructed to a more pedestrian-friendly public space.
- **Tisza River Waterfront** is also a frequently visited area, due to the several public institutions. However, flood control function has priority, which should be loosened in the future.
- **The Bird Friendly Garden** is a privately initiated project to improve a school yard to a more natural area by enthusiastic parents and children.



# Cities Feedback : Szeged, Hungary

- **Széchenyi Square** is planned to be reconstructed with the following specifications:
  - Traffic restrictions, underground garage
  - Pedastrian-friendly public park
  - Increase green and blue infrastructure volume
- **Tisza River Waterfront** is only planned to be improve with small-scale interventions: increasing green volume by planting trees and green walls, change impermeable surfaces to semi permeable
- **The Bird Friendly Garden** is gradually improving in small steps. Plants which can feed birds or annuals and perennial herbs which can feed pollinators are planted. Awareness rising and environmental education has high priority.



# Main expectations with N4C tools

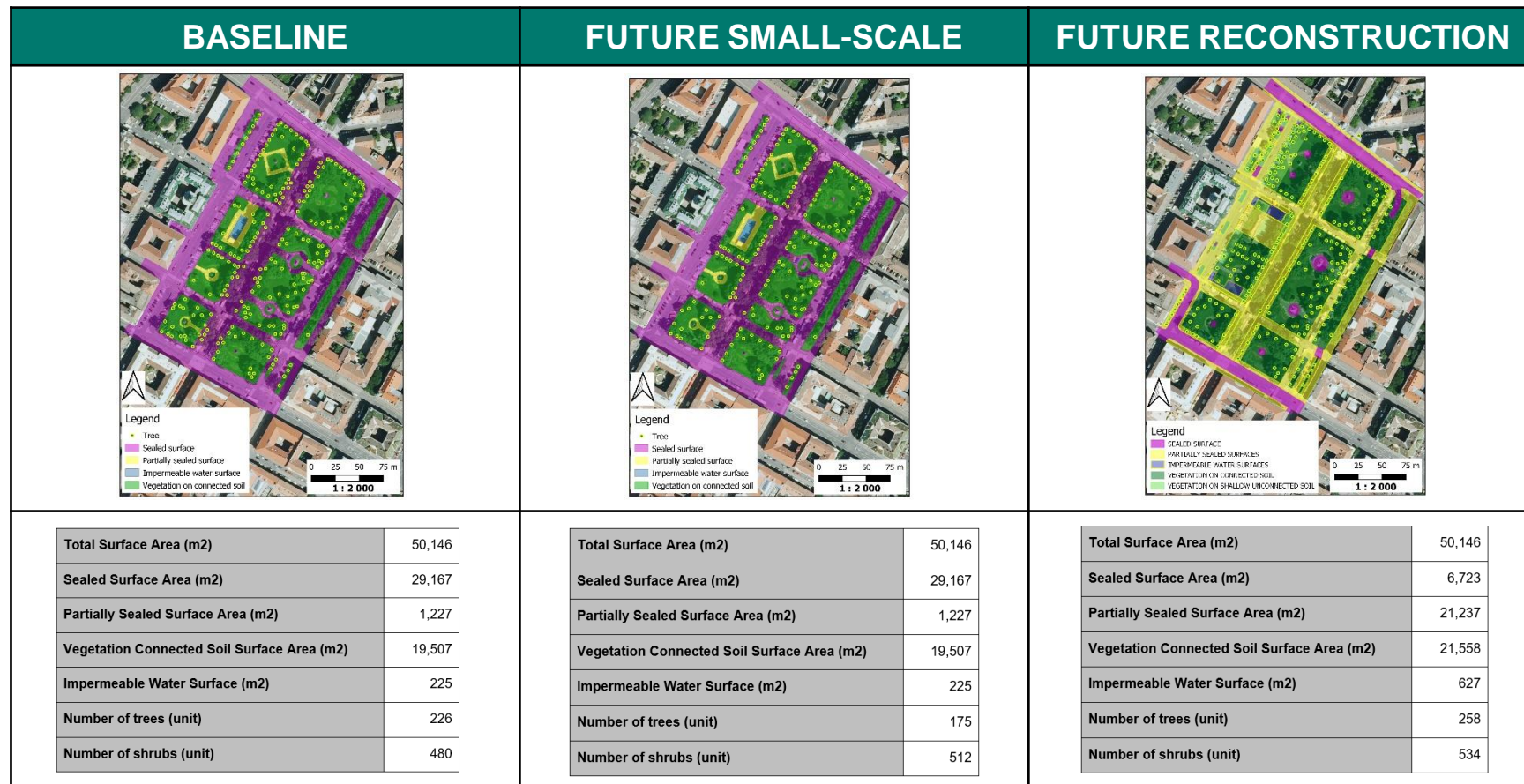
Assess the future scenarios of the study sites, focusing on the indicators related to the Urban Challenges identified for the sites: CLIMATE ISSUES, BIODIVERSITY AND URBAN SPACES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELL-BEING and ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL COHESION.

The tools have been selected considering the indicators that can calculate and the availability of data for the study sites, therefore not all the tools were applied on each site.

TOOL	INITIAL EXPECTATIONS
<b>N4C PLATFORM</b>	Web-platform and repository of tools that can help in decision-making working on NBS projects.
<b>GEOCLUSTER 4 NBS</b>	A tool to obtain contextual data and practical examples for the implementation of NBS projects
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<b>EXPERT MB BOX</b>	A tool to evaluate different scenarios considering the performance of an NBS in urban environment.
<b>SIMPLIFIED LCA and MFA</b>	A tool to evaluate the environmental impacts of implementing different NBS.
<b>NBENEFIT\$</b>	A tool to calculate the costs and benefits of an NBS linked to its ecosystem services.
<b>IM PRE-SELECTOR</b>	A decision-support tool to help the identification of suitable governance, financing and business models.
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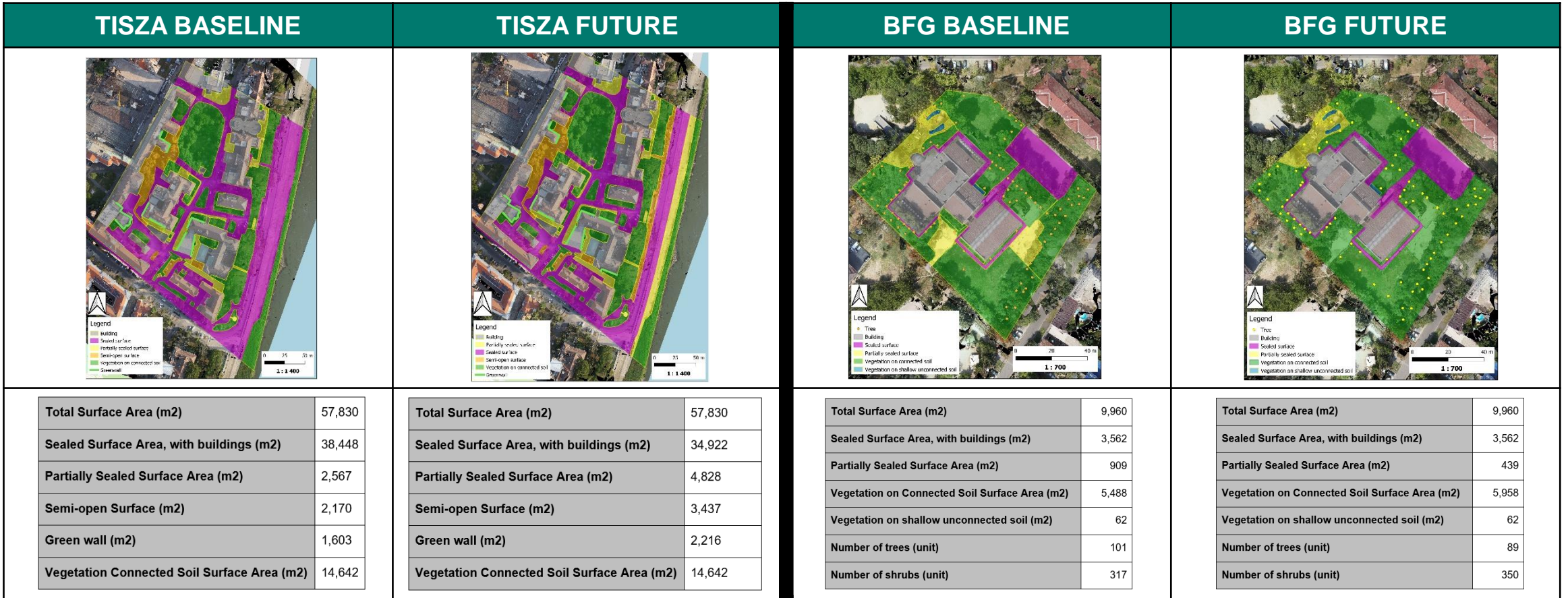
# Field-test activities in pilot site

Different scenarios have been assessed and compared on Széchenyi Square:



# Field-test activities in pilot site

Future scenarios have been set on Tisza Waterfront and Bird Friendly Garden (BFG) sites:



# Field-test activities in pilot site

## COLOUREE NBS

OBJETCTIVE: To evaluate the current state of the case study sites connections to their neighbourhood.

## Test results

As the area and the main features of the sites will not change, only the actual state can be analyzed with this tool. Colouree is analyzing neighbourhood or city scale relations, however in the simplified version, it is restricted to neighbourhood scale.

Széchenyi Square

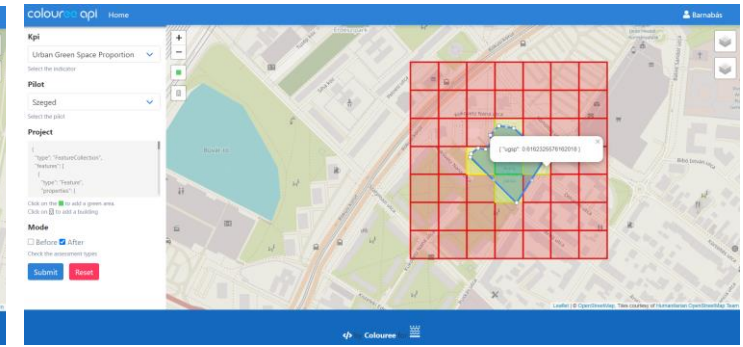
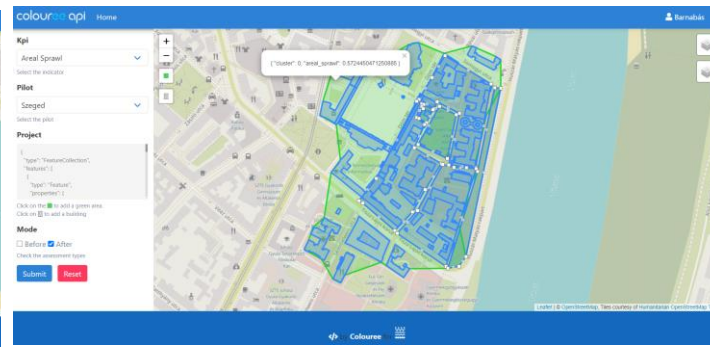
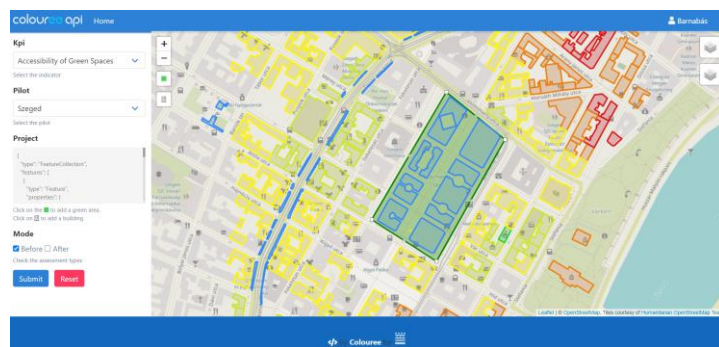
**ACC: Accessibility of Green Spaces**

Tisza Waterfront

**AS: Areal Sprawl**

Bird Friendly Garden

**UGSP: Urban Green Space Proportion**



It was difficult to interpret the results due to the lack of legends that can provide information to better understand the results of the indicators. User can click on the coloured areas where the exact results can be seen.



# Field-test activities in pilot site

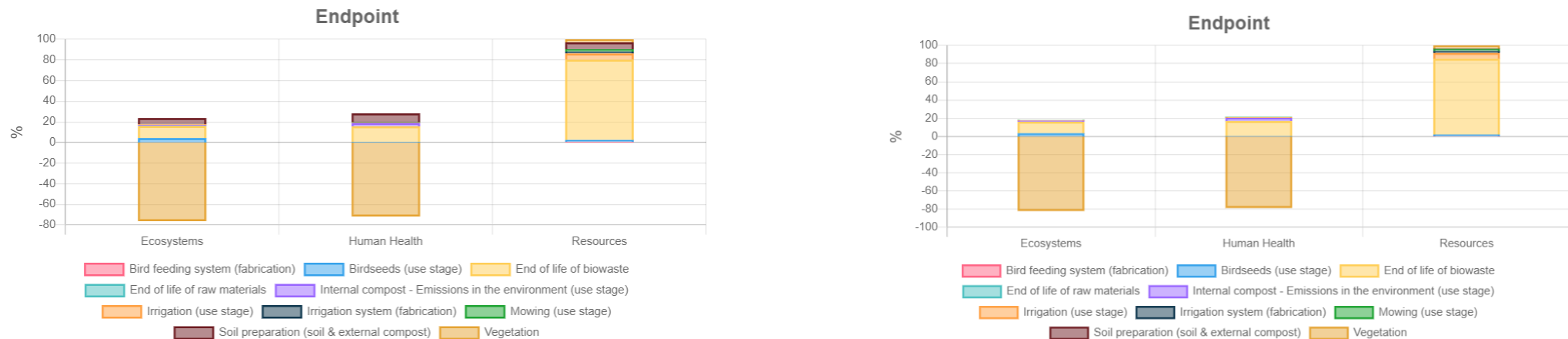
## SIMPLIFIED LCA AND MFA

**OBJECTIVE:** To assess the Life Cycle of the Bird Friendly Garden on the basis of data gathered from initial steps (2016) until 2019. The main point for the school staff was to know For the School Staff. To analyze the usability of the tool.

## Test results

The utilization of the tool is really handy and guides the user through each steps, however gathering the necessary information for a proper assessment is a difficult task. That is why this tool was only applicable in the case of BFG. Also, if the user is not familiar with the LCA, the results are less user-friendly.

LCA results for the Bird Friendly Garden baseline and future scenario



There is a negative impact on Ecosystems and Human health due to the irrigation, however rainwater and tapwater cannot be differentiated. The utilization of internally created compost instead of external is a positive impact.

# Field-test activities in pilot site

## Expert Model-based Box (EMBB)

**OBJECTIVE:** To assess the performance of NBS in urban environment. In this case the Biotop Area Factor will be tested for all sites.

### Test results

The results of the BAF are the followings:

The BAF is calculated by dividing the amount of surface area available for nature and vegetation by the total surface area considered. The final result is a normalized value between 0 and 1, but bonus can be gain through specific vegetation elements, therefore the maximum value can be 1,70.

The reconstruction of Széchenyi Square can lead to a significant increase, while in the case of Tisza Waterfront small-scale interventions can hardly increase the value.

As the BFG is situated on a relatively small area, even small-scale interventions can considerably increase the BAF value.



Input parameters	Baseline	Reconstruction	Small-scale
Total Surface Area (m2)	50,146	50,146	50,146
Sealed Surface Area (m2)	29,167	6,723	29,167
Partially Sealed Surface Area (m2)	1,227	21,237	1,227
Vegetation Connected Soil Surface Area (m2)	19,507	21,558	19,507
Impermeable Water Surface (m2)	225	627	225
Number of trees (unit)	226	258	175
Number of shrubs (unit)	480	534	512

Input parameters	Baseline	Future
Total Surface Area (m2)	57,830	57,830
Sealed Surface Area, with buildings (m2)	38,448	34,922
Partially Sealed Surface Area (m2)	2,567	4,828
Semi-open Surface (m2)	2,170	3,437
Green wall (m2)	1,603	2,216
Vegetation Connected Soil Surface Area (m2)	14,642	14,642

Input parameters	Baseline	Future
Total Surface Area (m2)	9,960	9,960
Sealed Surface Area, with buildings (m2)	3,562	3,562
Partially Sealed Surface Area (m2)	909	439
Vegetation on Connected Soil Surface Area (m2)	5,488	5,958
Vegetation on shallow unconnected soil (m2)	62	62
Number of trees (unit)	101	89
Number of shrubs (unit)	317	350

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

TOOL	EVALUATION	IMPROVEMENT
<b>N4C PLATFORM</b>	User-friendly and give a guidance through all the tools and findings of the N4C project.	-
<b>GEOCLUSTER 4 NBS</b>	The tool is very helpful during an NBS project planning phase, with it pioneer cases and good practices can be found.	Minor improvements are necessary in all the sections (factsheets, legend in the map, etc.) NBS preselection is not possible in order to visualize only specific projects.
<b>COLOUREE ANALYTIC</b>	The tool is very user-friendly, and it provides very valuable information in an easy-to-understand way. The possibility of comparing two different sites is very useful. The reporting function allows to summarize the results and to create pdf files so the user can share.	Legend Include information about accessibility and core services. Include an option to compare two locations that are in the same city but far from each other.
<b>EXPERT MB BOX</b>	It is a collection of Expert models and methods with which certain Key Performance Indicators can be calculated. These requires relatively few parameters not to overload the user with data request.	Some of the models still have problems with the calculation of KPI. Results should be explained or extra info should be added to help users in the understanding.
<b>SIMPLIFIED LCA and MFA</b>	The life cycle assessment of specific NBS types is a great achievement, however data gathering can be difficult, although default values are set.	The assessments working only in the case of some NBS types, add more if possible. Add explanation to the graphs to help non-expert users in the interpretation of the results.
<b>CITIZEN'S SAY TOOL</b>	<b>Not yet tested</b>	-

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

TOOL	EVALUATION	IMPROVEMENT
<b>NBENEFIT\$</b>	The tool is very useful to underpin NBS implementation projects from economic aspect. For decision makers it is important to see how investments can be returned or become profitable with time.	Include more NBS types.
<b>IM PRE-SELECTOR</b>	The tool is user friendly and easy to follow due to the explanations and guidance. The Business Canvas is a bit complex, but worth the time.	Include more examples.
<b>GREENPASS</b>	The simplified version of the tool is easy to use, but requires a detailed database. It works optimally on object scale to calculate micro climatic features of an urban area.	Explanation should be added to the scores for non-technical users.

- The platform is versatile and provides an easy-to-follow guidance through the steps of an NBS project planning and assessment from different aspects.
- Most of the tools are user-friendly, but the interpretation of the result may require specific knowledge.
- We are planning to use the platform and the tools in our future projects.

# Cities Feedback : Alcalá de Henares, Spain

## EDIBLE FOREST CASE STUDY

The project aims to increase the biodiversity of a peri-urban area by re-naturalizing it through the creation of an edible forest with the following specifications :

- Unused area between the orchards, the park and the river Henares.
- Created thanks to public-private collaboration.
- Recreation of a natural space designed to increase biodiversity and recover the environmental benefits of these natural systems.
- Plants selected produce their own seeds promoting the natural development of the forest.
- Refuge, source of food and wildlife protection space that also helps seed dispersal and pollination.
- Buffer functions for the riverbank vegetation.
- Natural management of the forest: seed production, pollinators, etc.



# Main expectations with N4C tools

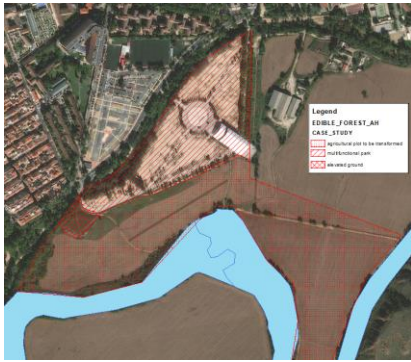
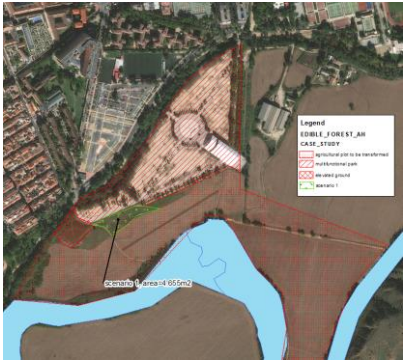
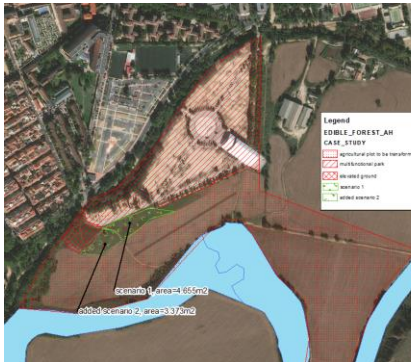
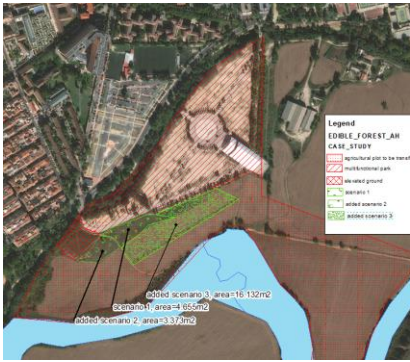
Assess the evolution of the project focusing on the indicators related to the Urban Challenges identified for the site: BIODIVERSITY AND URBAN SPACES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELL-BEING and ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL COHESION.

The tools have been selected considering the indicators that can calculate and the availability of data for the case study.

TOOL	INITIAL EXPECTATIONS
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# Field-test activities in pilot site

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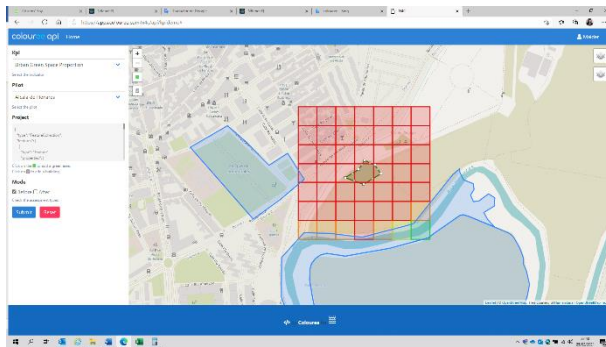
## COLOUREE (EMBB)

**OBJECTIVE:** To become familiar with the indicators calculated by the tool, to evaluate if they can be interesting to assess the city's future NBS projects and to test the usability of the tool.

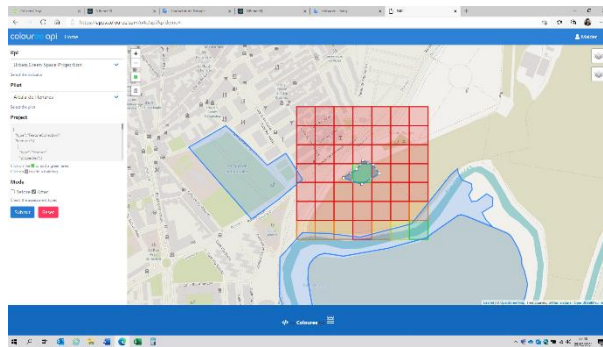
### Test results

As the Edible Forest is located in a peri-urban area surrounded by nature, the evolution in the indicators is not that evident although little changes can be observed mainly in the Urban Green Space Proportion indicator (more green and yellow cells after implementation), which is related to the forest extension.

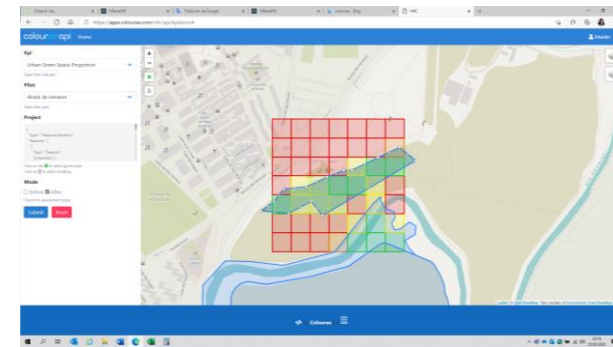
**UGSP: Urban Green Space Proportion**  
BASELINE



Edible forest, 2020



Future Scenario B



It is difficult to interpret the results due to the lack of legends that can provide the missing information to better understand the impact of each indicator.



# Field-test activities in pilot site

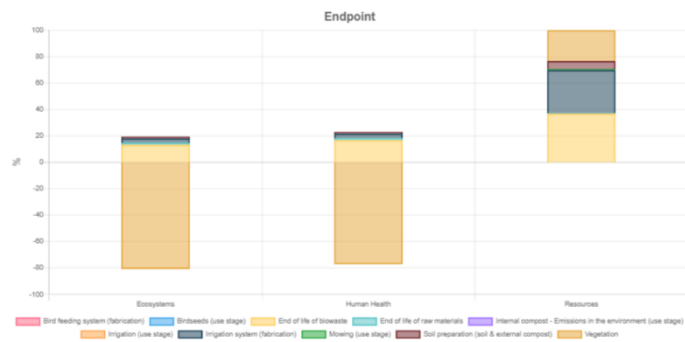
## SIMPLIFIED LCA AND MFA

**OBJECTIVE:** To evaluate the evolution of the forest focusing on the three indicators related to air quality (Urban Flow Analysis) and Midpoint and Endpoint indicators where Air Quality Indicators: short term health effects is the indicator that interests the municipality of Alcalá de Henares. To analyze the usability of the tool.

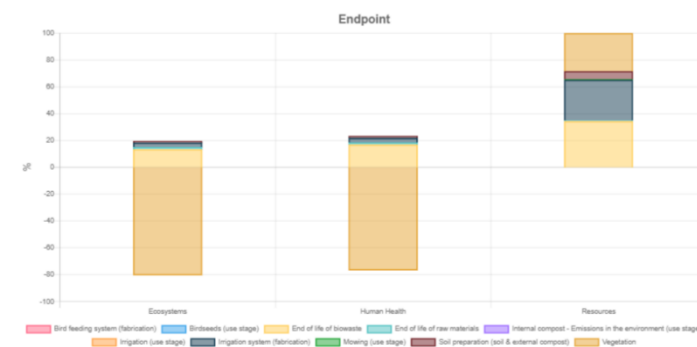
## Test results

The tool is very intuitive and guides you smoothly through the whole process, identifying the NBS model and NBS type, including general info about the NBS, selecting the KPIs to be analyzed, introducing the inputs and finally showing the results. If the user is not familiarized with the Urban Flow analysis or LCA analysis the results section can be less user-friendly as the information provided is too technical.

Baseline



Future Scenario B, 2025



There is a positive evolution in the impacts on ecosystem and human health due to bigger number of trees planted while impacts on resources is increasingly negative.

# Field-test activities in pilot site

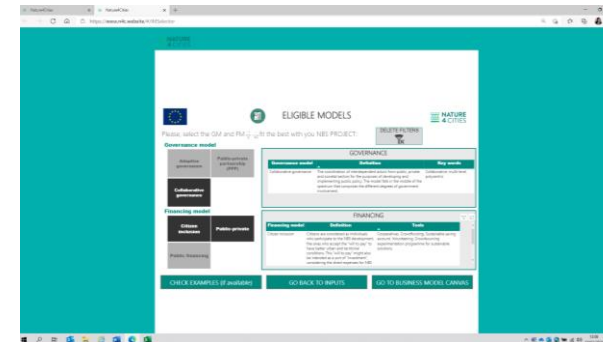
## IM PRE-SELECTION

**OBJECTIVE:** To identify suitable governance and financing models for future Scenario B, where a bigger participations and citizens involvement and private companies is expected.

## Test results

The parameters included in the tool have been the followings:

	EDIBLE FOREST + FUTURE SCENARIO A	FUTURE SCENARIO B
<b>NBS TYPE:</b>	Urban forest	Urban forest
<b>OWNERSHIP:</b>	Public	Public
<b>IMPLEMENTATION SCALE:</b>	District	District
<b>INITIATING ACTOR:</b>	Government	Government + Citizens + private
<b>DESIRED PARTICIPATION:</b>	High	High
<b>GOVERNMENT SUPPORT:</b>	Medium	Medium
<b>BUDGET:</b>	Tiny: up to 50.000 Euro	Small: 50.001 – 500.000
<b>ECONOMIC CONTEXT:</b>	Medium	Medium
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS:</b>	High	High
<b>PARTICIPATION CULTURE:</b>	Medium	High
<b>GOVERNANCE MODEL:</b>	Co-management	¿?
<b>FINANCING MECHANISM:</b>	Public-private	¿?



Considering the eligible governance models provided it has decided to select the **collaborative governance** model, where coordination of different actors is necessary. Regarding the financing, private actors will continue working within the volunteering program, but citizen engagement will increase, so it is expected that the financing model will continue being **public-private**, complemented by the model of **citizen inclusion** through crowdfunding, volunteering and other funding tools.

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

TOOL	EVALUATION	IMPROVEMENT
<b>N4C PLATFORM</b>	Very intuitive and easy to understand.	-
<b>GEOCLUSTER 4 NBS</b>	The tool can be very helpful to find pioneer cases that can serve as support in the planning process of a new NBS project.	Minor improvements are necessary in all the sections (factsheets, legend in the map, etc.) Pre-selection of NBS not possible to visualize specific projects.
<b>COLOUREE ANALYTIC</b>	The tool is very user-friendly, and it provides very valuable information in an easy-to-understand way. The possibility of comparing two different sites is very useful. The reporting function allows to summarize the results and to create pdf files so the user can share.	Include information about accessibility and core services. Include an option to compare two locations that are in the same city but far from each other.
<b>EXPERT MB BOX</b>	Not tested yet	-
<b>SIMPLIFIED LCA and MFA</b>	Possibility to assess the urban flows and the life cycle assessment of NBS projects in the same tool in an easy and intuitive way.	Include more NBS types and a guide to help non-expert users in the interpretation of the results.

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

TOOL	EVALUATION	IMPROVEMENT
<b>NBENEFIT\$</b>	Very interesting. It provides information (monetized), of the costs and benefits associated with NBS projects that incorporate trees. Useful to promote urban greening projects, helping to show how the investment made in NBS can return in the form of savings.	<p>Include more NBS types and tree species.</p> <p>It would be great to have the possibility to draw the intervention area.</p> <p>It would be great if the prices could be updated in some way to better fit the place and country under review.</p>
<b>IM PRE-SELECTOR</b>	The tool is user friendly and helps in the decision-making process of financing governance and financing models. The design of the BM is complex and requires time, but templates provided are helpful.	<p>Include more examples.</p> <p>Include the possibility of selecting more than one financing model per Project.</p>
<b>CITIZEN'S SAY TOOL</b>	The interface is very friendly and at a glance, you can see all the functionalities it offers. You can create workflows for collaborative decision making that includes many functionalities. Although it seems very intuitive, it is more complex than expected, once you start working with it.	<p>More instructions are needed to better understand how certain functionalities work.</p>

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

- The platform provides very useful tools to plan, design, evaluate and monitor NBS projects.
- The tools give valuable information about the benefits of NBS Projects for the city and its citizens.
- Implementing new NBS projects will be easier thanks to the information provided that can help demonstrating their effectiveness to overcome different urban challenges.
- We will use the platform and the tools in our future projects.



# Cities Feedback : Metropolitan city of Milan

## Quarry restoration

Metropolitan city of Milan decides to test the tools on the environmental recovery of the quarry site Ateg30: the area size is of 28,40 hectares connected to the nearby City of Milan, the environmental recovery stage is at the beginning. **The challenge of this recovery project is the integration of a industrial and excavated site in a highly urbanized context.**



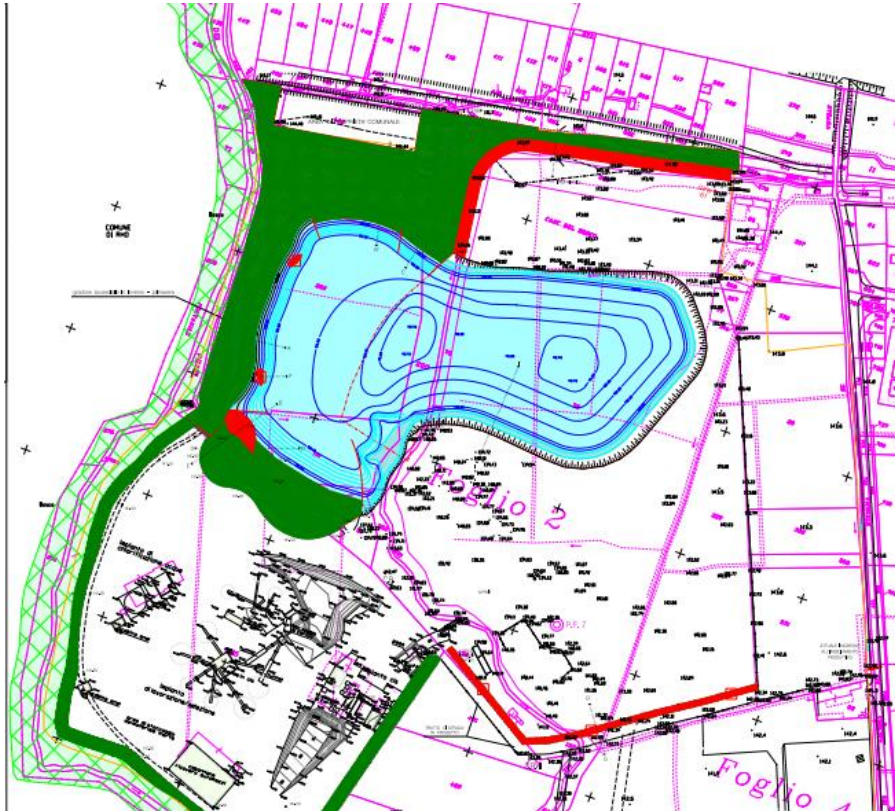
# Main expectations with N4C tools

- Improve our knowledge on the topic of nature-based solutions to fight climate change in urban and peri-urban areas
- Bring the knowledge back to decision makers, municipal technicians, citizens and students to start using NBS in territorial project to let the whole metropolitan area be more resilience and livable
- Define a strategy for the CMM area, improving the framework of adaptation measures at all local levels and coordinating all operational and planning tools with the Municipalities's one

TOOLS	INITIAL EXPECTATIONS
<b>N4C PLATFORM</b>	Support municipalities in projecting and realizing nature-based solutions
<b>NBS EXPLORER</b>	To be simple, easy to understand, and to have a first overall knowledge on what NBS are
<b>GEOCLUSTER 4 NBS</b>	To be a catalogue of existing NBS project that could be useful to see what, where, how, when, why, others cities realized NBS pioneers projects
<b>COLOUREE ANALYTIC</b>	To use this tool in support to identify, under the socio-economic point of view, data that could drive the decision making process
<b>DIAGNOSTIC OF YOUR ASSESSMENT NEEDS</b>	Provide the user with a list of tools that could be used to solve user urban challenges, advising the user on which tool best fits his need
<b>IMPLEMENTATION MODEL</b>	Support the user to implement an NBS project
<b>DATABASE AND PRE-SELECTOR</b>	
<b>STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE</b>	Useful document for who is new in the matter, and need a workflow to follow, to organize activities and stakeholders to engage.

# Field test activities

## Quarry restoration: URBAN ASSESSMENT RESULTS



Input data:

Chemical properties: Organic Carbon % first meter of soil - 0.8000/0.5765, Ph first meter of soil - 6.30/6.60

Soil textural class: Luvisols e Cambisols

Lawn: 87,00%, Trees: 4,00%, Shrubs: 9,00%.

Tree species or genus: Populus nigra; Salix alba; Populus alba;

Alnus glutinosa; Ulmus minor; Carpinus betulus;

Acer campestre; Prunus avium; Tilia cordata

Total area:

284.000 mq

NBS: 88.000 mq

Quarry active site: 95.400mq

Lake: 50.000 mq

Others area: 50.600 mq



# Field-test activities in pilot site

## URBAN ASSESSMENT RESULTS

OBJECTIVE: We decided to test the Urban Assessment results to check this KPI:

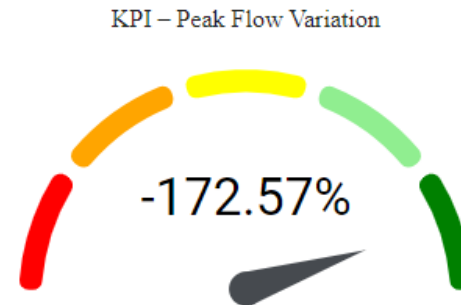
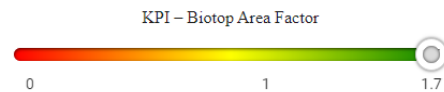
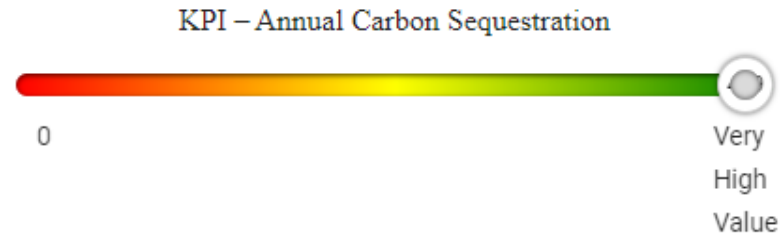
KPI – Annual Carbon Sequestration

KPI – Biotop Area Factor

KPI – Peak Flow Variation

## Test results

### URBAN ASSESSMENT RESULTS



#### Legend

- More or less 5% of impact
- Positive impact around -20%
- Positive impact around -50% and more
- Negative impact around 20%
- Negative impact around 50% and more

# Field-test activities in pilot site

## Environmental assessment

**OBJECTIVE:** We decided to test the Environmental assessment tool with one of our case study, Ateg30.

At the beginning of the project we have chosen the KPI for this project, and know we are going to check CO<sub>2</sub> - Annual carbon sequestration with this module:

## Test results

The parameters included in the tool have been the followings: ATEg30 carbon sequestration in tree

COD2	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	N. of tree	H <sub>m</sub> (ft)	CO <sub>2</sub> (lbs)	CO <sub>2</sub> (kg)	CO <sub>2</sub> tot (kg)
31000	135.845,91	1.731	32,81	2.616,21	1.177,29	2.037.331,59
32300	55,85	2	16,40	348,83	156,97	309,76
32400	1.149,80	15	26,25	2.092,97	941,83	13.795,19
<b>ATEg30 carbon sequestration in tree</b>						<b>2.051.436,54</b>



We did the test comparing the result obtained thanks to the drone data.

The results are similar. The functionality of the tool is demonstrated

**Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration of the Park kg CO<sub>2</sub>/year/NBS m<sup>2</sup>/total plants: 1973817.27**

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

TOOLS	INITIAL EXPECTATIONS	IMPROVEMENT
<b>N4C PLATFORM</b>	Support municipalities in projecting and realizing nature-based solutions	Share and disseminate the platform
<b>NBS EXPLORER</b>	To be simple, easy to understand, and to have a first overall knowledge on what NBS are	It would be perfect to use it during environmental education activities, training courses, practice exercises
<b>GEOCLUSTER 4 NBS</b>	To be a catalogue of existing NBS project that could be useful to see what, where, how, when, why, others cities realized NBS pioneers projects	It is important to keep update pioneer projects database
<b>COLOUREE ANALYTIC</b>	To use this tool in support to identify, under the socio-economic point of view, data that could drive the decision making process of realizing a NBS solution.	It could be interesting for the user to have a handbook that shortly describes how this 3 urban performance are calculated (Living, Business, Leisure). You see the final score, but for expert user it could be interesting to understand the mathematical calculation that have determined it
<b>DIAGNOSTIC OF YOUR ASSESSMENT NEEDS</b>	Provide the user with a list of tools that could be used to solve user urban challenges, advising the user on which tool best fits his need	Maybe you could add a sentence to explain that the user won't find these tools in N4C platform, but, for instance, they have been developed in sisters projects.

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

TOOLS	INITIAL EXPECTATIONS	IMPROVEMENT
<b>IMPLEMENTATION MODEL DATABASE AND PRE-SELECTOR</b>	Support the user to implement an NBS project	It would be interesting to add financial model details about the new European financing Programme 2021-2027
<b>STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE</b>	Useful document for who is new in the matter, and need a workflow to follow, to organize activities and stakeholders to engage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This guide could be turned into an interactive tool</li></ul>

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

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- **Practical support** in our projects to renature cities
- Make the NBS theme known not only by professionals, but also by **public administrators** and **citizens**
- Raise awareness of **sustainable development theme** among all citizens
- **Train new NBS professional experts**, both in the public and private sector
- Provide **new services** useful to guide the user through NBS theme

# Testimonials, feedback and recommendations

- The graphic of the platform is really good, innovative and user friendly. It clearly gives the idea of what the user may find inside the tool
- The platform provides knowledge about Nature-based solutions to decision makers, municipal technicians, citizens and students
- The tools provides solutions to design your first NBS project (environmental, social, economic sides)
- In each tool you have the chance to contact the person in charge for any problem or further information

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## Modalità realizzative

In questa pagina potete consultare i documenti che illustrano le modalità di realizzazione di azioni naturalistiche:

<a href="#">Linee guida per lo sviluppo di soluzioni naturalistiche (Nature Based Solutions NBS) nelle aree urbane</a>		Finanziato dal programma europeo Life+, adattamento al cambiamento climatico LIFE17 CCA/IT/000080
<a href="#">Casi studio di soluzioni naturalistiche (testo in inglese)</a>		Finanziato dal programma europeo di ricerca e innovazione Horizon 2020 European Union's research and innovation program under Grant Agreement N°730468
<a href="#">Guida passo per passo nella progettazione e realizzazione di una soluzione naturalistica (testo in inglese).</a>		Finanziato dal programma europeo di ricerca e innovazione Horizon 2020 European Union's research and innovation program under Grant Agreement N°730468

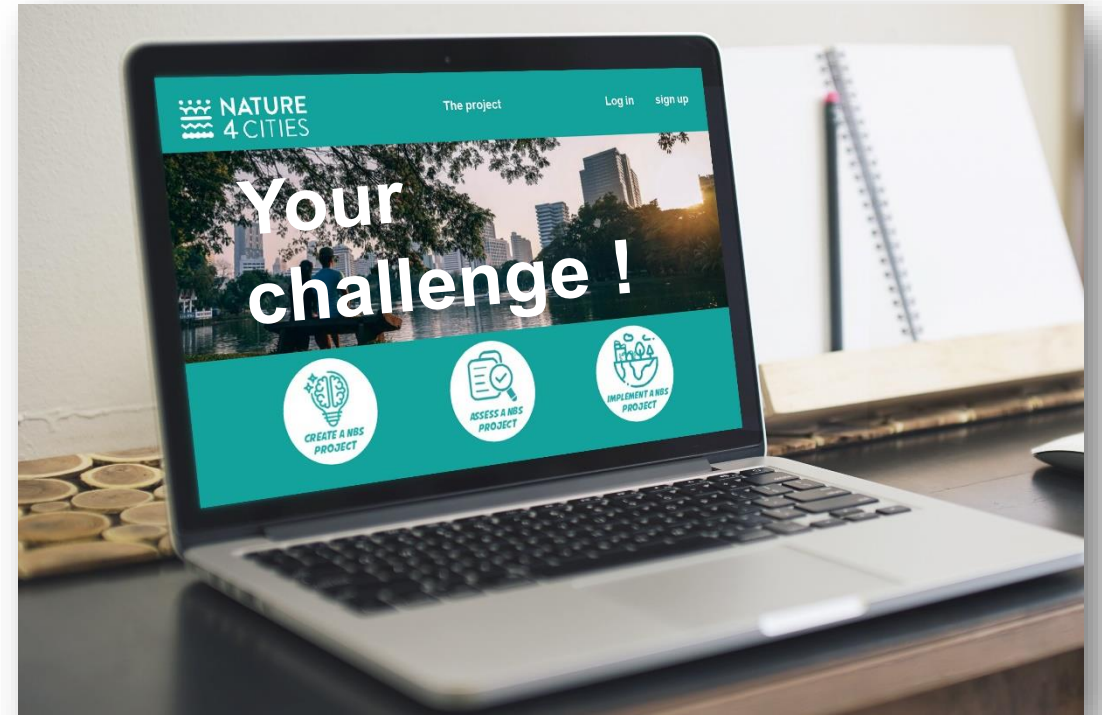
- We have also **posted the tools on our institutional website** so our municipalities can use them

# Workshop : live-test the platform



It is recommended to have two screens for this workshop !

1. Start with a simple example following Susana (20 minutes)
2. “live test” with our live support
3. Provide your feedbacks : **MURAL**



# Nature4Cities Platform business model and after-life

26 Partners involved

21 Exploitable results identified

> 10 Tools owners

>10 Tools developed





# Nature4Cities Platform business model and after-life

The methodology utilized to define a common Business Model for the N4C Platform is the one of the Business Model Canvas (BMC) which defines a business model as follows:

“A business model describes the rationale of how an organization creates, delivers and captures value.”

 NATURE  
4 CITIES  
Platform

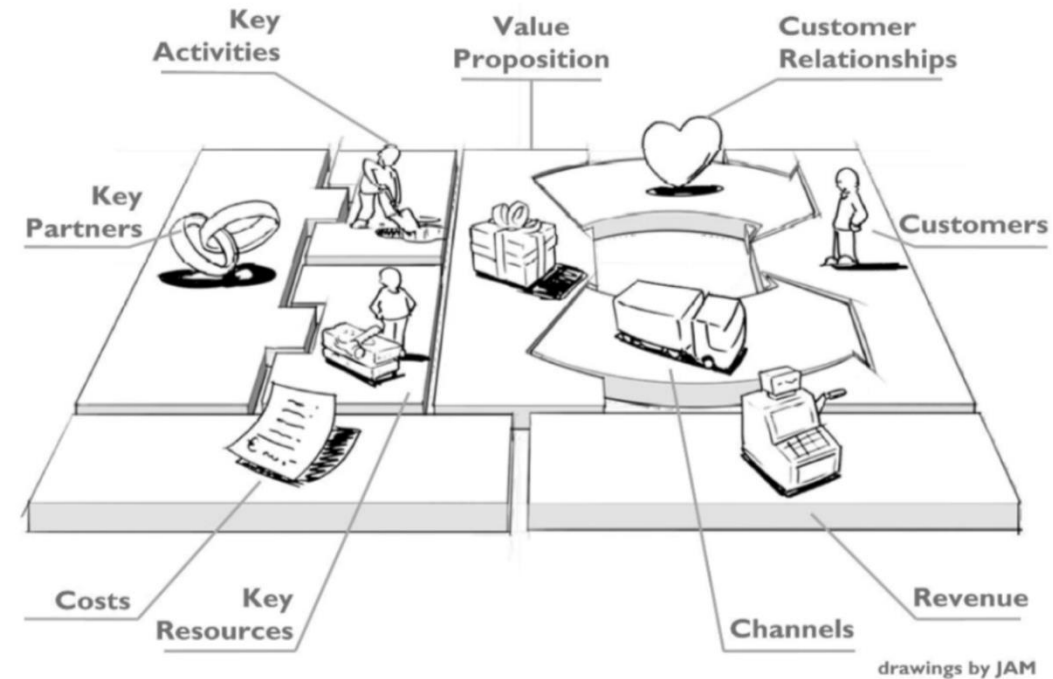


Figure 2: Business model canvas<sup>2</sup>

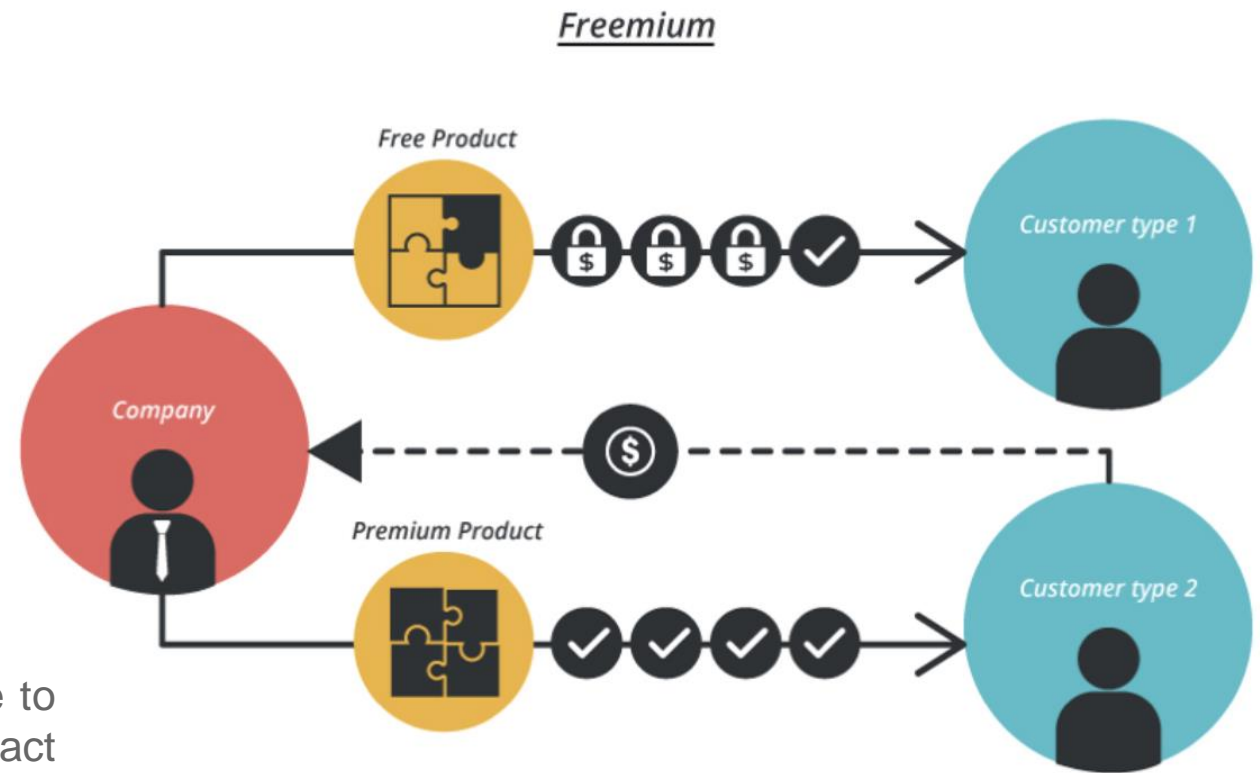
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## Business Model Selected for the N4C Platform: FREEMIUM BUSINESS MODEL

*A freemium business model offers a basic service for free, additional premium functions or services are only available for a fee.*

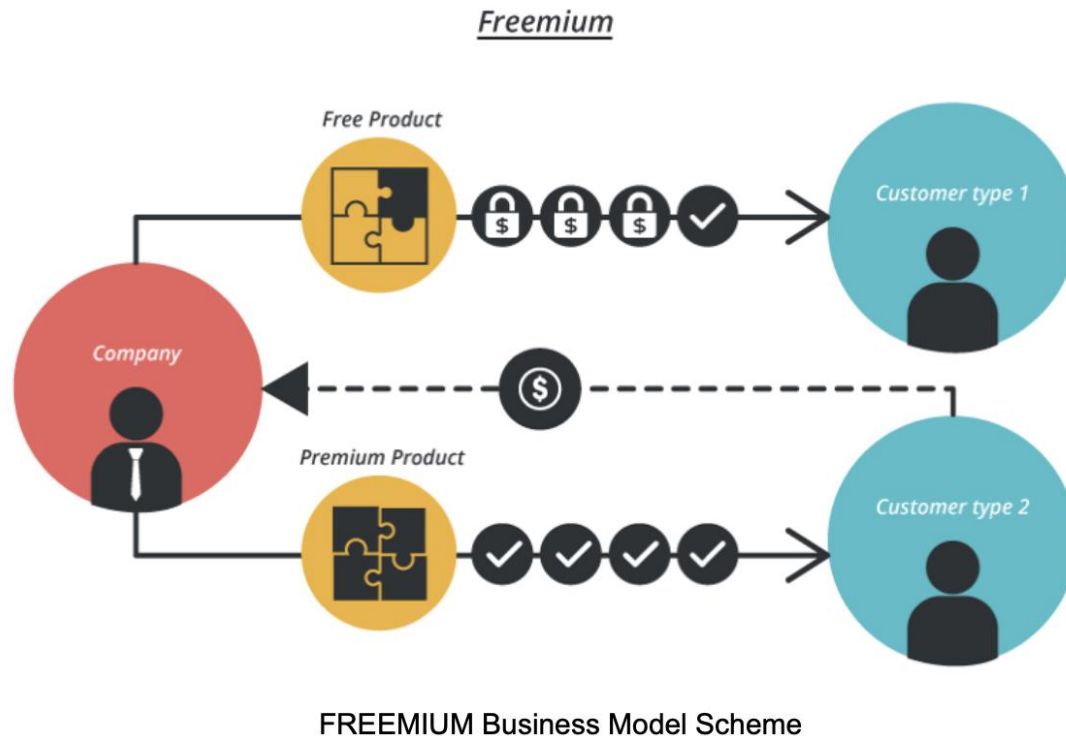
### LinkedIn

Platform that connects people, companies and recruiters; free to publish profile and connect to people, paid services to contact and write messages to new people or to use profile pages as a company in a more professional way; combines freemium and multi-sided platform patterns.



FREEMIUM Business Model Scheme

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## Chances

### Customer acquisition:

It is easy to attract users when giving away a basic service for free.

### Marketing effect:

people are likely to spread the word about free services (word of mouth)

### Networking effect:

the more people use the service, the likelier it is that they attract other users

## Risks

**Large number of free users but not of paying customers:** there are investments and costs involved in providing the free service, but you do not earn any money to finance it.

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## *N4C Platform after the N4C Project*



### **Free / Open Access Beta version released:**

- The Platform need improvements and testing phase before becoming fully commercial application

### **Much more improved:**

- A partnership agreement is going to be validated among the partners

### **FREEMIUM BM:**

- The freemium Business Model will be applied to reach the market



# Nature4Cities Platform business model and after-life

## Workshop Objectives

1. To get participants feedback on the N4C Platform value
2. Get participants suggestions on how to approach the market
3. Further local funding opportunities

*15 min.*

*Open discussion after each question  
SLIDO application*


<https://www.sli.do>

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## Workshop Questions

 Word cloud poll  
Votes: 0


Describe in one single KEY word the VALUE of the N4C Platform

 Word cloud poll  
Votes: 0


Which kind of stakeholders do you think would preferentially use and be interested in the platform?

 Open text poll  
Votes: 0

Which elements of the Nature4Cities platform could be useful for your work and/or what would you need we improved to make it useful ?

 Open text poll  
Votes: 0

Will you be willing to buy a license of the tool or to ask for consulting services?

 Multiple choice (Multiple answers)  
Votes: 0

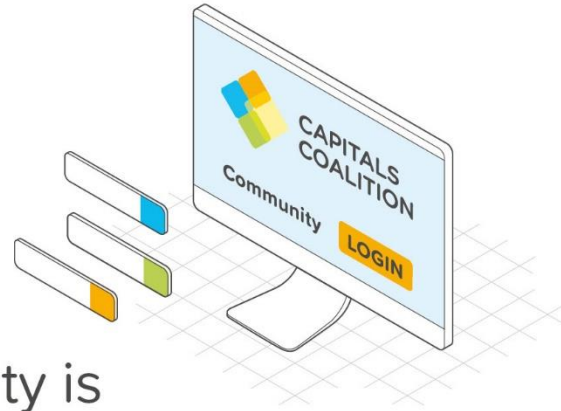
Would you be interested in partnering with N4C Consortium to (choose 1 of the 4 following options):

<https://www.sli.do>



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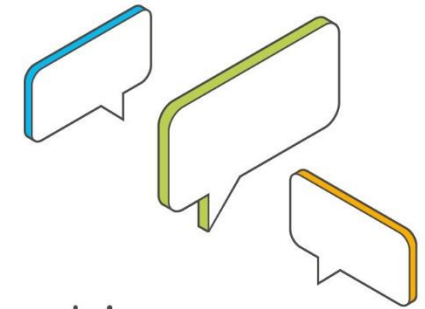




The Capitals Community is the networking space for the We Value Nature 10-Day Challenge.

Sign up and join the We Value Nature group to take part in the conversations:

<https://community.capitalscoalition.org>



We want your feedback!

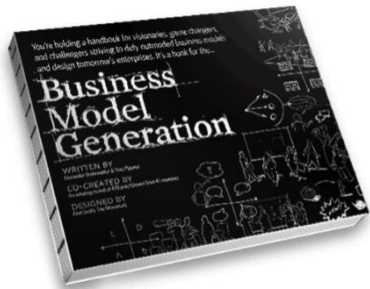
Please share your thoughts on this session and the overall 10-Day Challenge event at:

<https://wevaluenature.eu/Feedback>

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9 Section to describe in one single place all the main aspects of the business model:

Read these two great books



Or visit the Strategyzer website: [www.strategyzer.com](http://www.strategyzer.com)

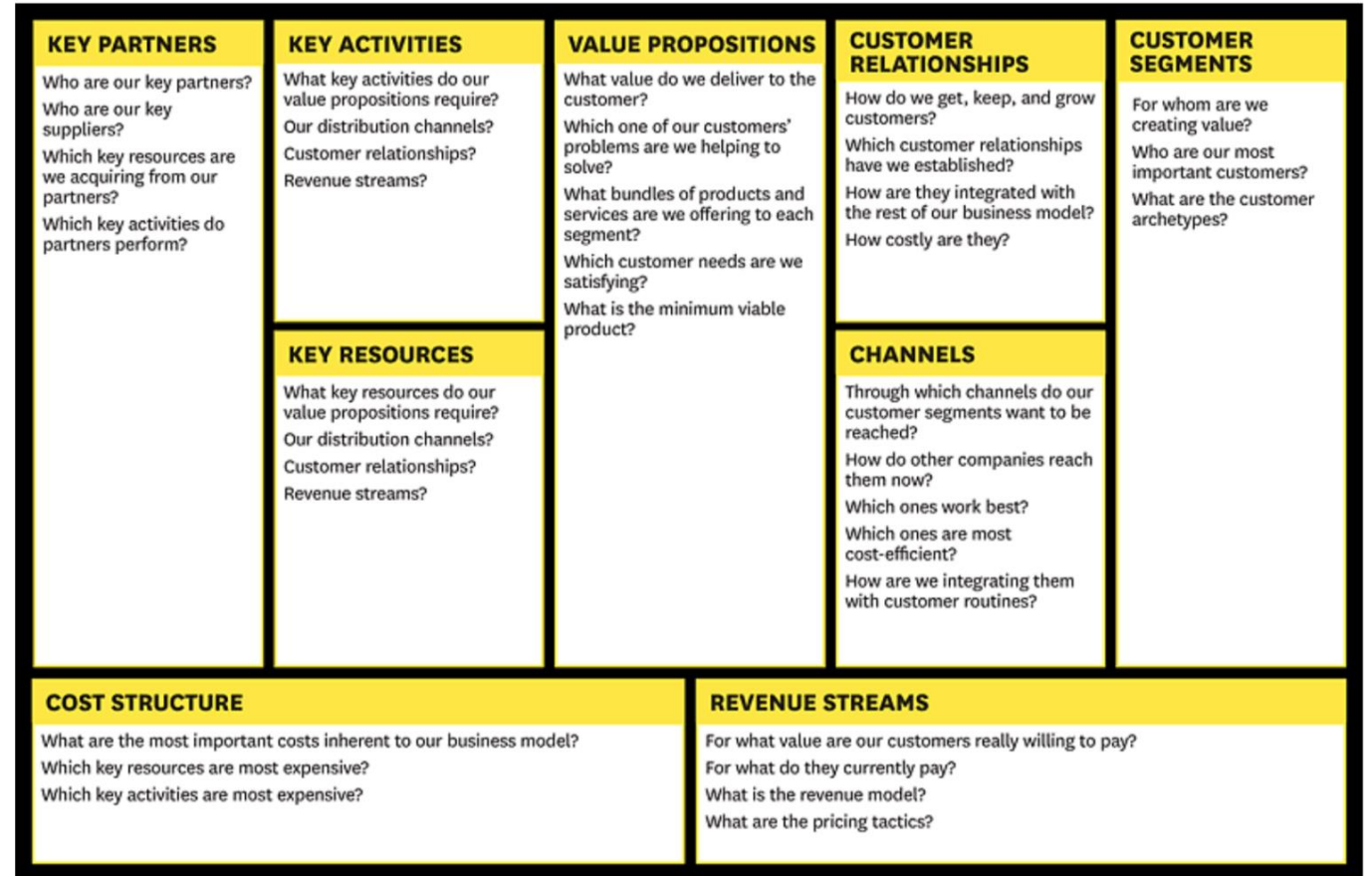
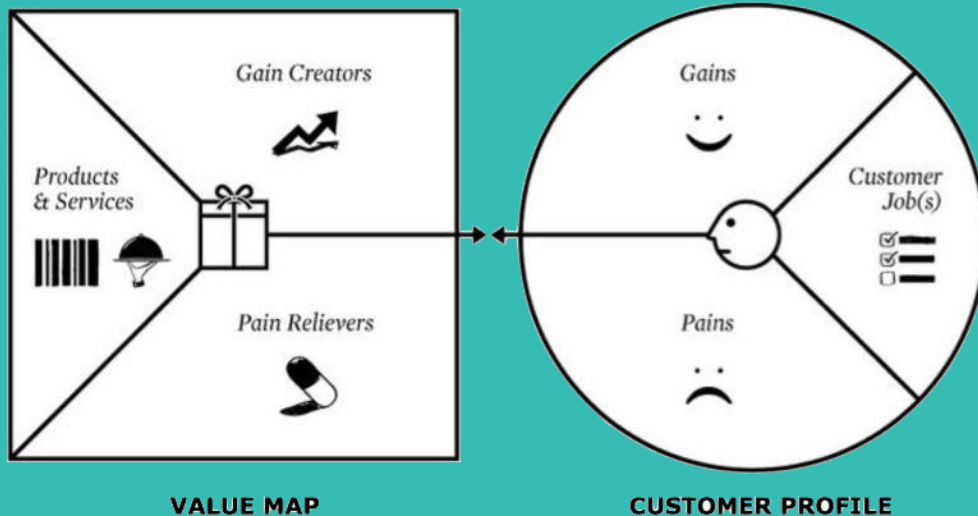
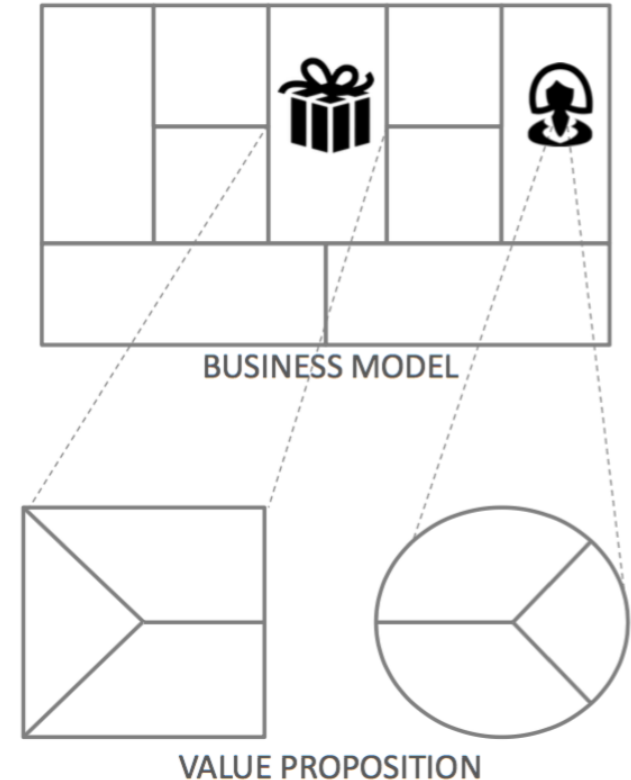


Figure 3: Business Model Canvas and Questions for each aspect



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Make the switch from product point of view to customers point of view:  
**VALUE PROPOSITION**



Describes the benefits customers can expect from your products and services

Source: Strategyzer