

Nature Based Solutions For Water

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Webinar agenda

- Introduction about risks connected to water in cities and overview of the related NBS
- ► Eindhoven: detailed informations & replication conditions for the NBS: daylight water course
- ► Genoa: detailed informations & replication conditions for the <u>NBS</u>: retention basins, draining areas
- ► Tampere: detailed informations & replication conditions for the NBS: waterstorm management
- Success stories from already implemented projects in FR cities/examples of NBS that inspired FR cities actions in the management of urban water challenges
- ▶ Q&A sessions for interaction between FR and FL cities



Introduction about risks connected to water in cities and overview of the related NBS



The Water Related Risks In Cities

The population growth and the climate changes are the main reasons connected with the water issues that increasingly involve cities worldwide

Water related risks that can't be ignored:

- Disasters related to flooding and droughts
- Water pollution and deteriorating water quality
- Variation in water availability/lack of water



The Water Related Risks In Cities Water Quality Issues

The problem of water pollution and deteriorating water quality causes risks to human and ecosystem health

Main sources of water pollution



AGRICULTURE

(over-application of agrochemicals/ removal of vegetation/intensified ploughing)

INDUSTRY (untreated wastewater)

Impacts on ecosystem

- Degradation of the soil/vegetation layer ecosystem
- Reduction of the ability of water related ecosystems to provide services like natural water purification



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The Water Related Risks In Cities Water Disasters - Floods and Droughts

Around 30% of the global population is estimated to reside in areas and regions routinely impacted by either flood or drought events

Major cause of increasing water disasters



ECOSYSTEM DEGRADATION

Socio - economic & environmental Impacts

- Immense growing human and economic losses globally
- Contamination of water supplies and diffusion of diseases especially in poorly serviced settlements
- Soil erosion and loss of biodiversity





The Water Related Risks In Cities Water Availability

Today around 1,9 billion of people live in potentially severely waterscarce areas and water use is expected to continue increasing at the global level

Factors that influence water availability



WATER DEMAND AND SUPPLY

WATER QUALITY

DISASTROUS FLOODS & DROUGHTS

Socio - economic & environmental Impacts

- Lack of soil-vegetation: difficulty of water infiltration, groundwater recharge, soil moisture retention
- Poor agriculture production and extremely hard life conditions





The Water Related Risks In Cities Nature Based Solutions For Water

Nature plays a fundamental role in regulating different features of the water cycle, acting as a regulator, a cleaner, and/or a supplier of water

Green Infrastructures For Water

Natural or seminatural systems that provide water resources management options equivalent or similar to conventional grey water infrastructures. Green Infrastructures

Water Management Benefits

Grey Infrastructures





The Water Related Risks In Cities **NBS For Managing Water Quality**

NBS that have a very high water purification function both in water filtering and in water bioremediation

Constructed Wetlands

Basins filled with sand or gravel substrate. The stormwater runoff can flow through the substrate layer while it is naturally filtered and cleaned



Intensive Roofs

Layer of vegetation planted over a waterproofing system installed on top of roof. It temporary stores filters and binds rain/wastewater, impurities



Biofilter

System developed to collect and purify storm and wastewater. Bacteria and microorganisms are located on a filter medium (biofilm)



Biofilter system, Hydro Internation





The Water Related Risks In Cities NBS For Managing Water Quality

NBS Analyzed	Benefits	Limitations	Economic Impact	Related Grey Infrastructures	
Constructed Wetlands	WaterPurificationStormwater	Large Areas	Amortization 10-20 years	Dams and Leeves	
Intensive Roofs	Regulation Nastewater Quality	Limited space for rooting Limited spread of flora&fauna	Amortization 0-10 years	Urban Stormwater Infrastructures	
► Habitat					
Biofilter	Wildlife ▶ Quality of Life	No particular limitations	Amortization 0-10 years	Urban Stormwater Infrastructures	



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The Water Related Risks In Cities NBS For Managing Water Disasters

NBS with a very useful function in the surface water regulation, considering water conveyance, infiltration, retention/detention, storage, reuse

Bioswales

water conveyance/retention/detention

Vegetated, linear and low pit that absorb, store and convey surface water runoff (mainly draining from roadways)



Clareview Edmonton Alberta

Detention Ponds Dry/Wet

Water retention/detention/storage

Surface storage basins that retain stormwater. The wet ponds retain water continuously. The dry ponds fill up during heavy rains and after that the water flow away in the sewer system



Detention pond Friendswood Texas

Infiltration
Basins
water reuse/
infiltration

Flat areas planted with grass and normally dry. After a heavy rain the water fills up the basin and it soaks later into the ground





The Water Related Risks In Cities NBS For Managing Water Disasters

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Bioswales	► Stormwater Management and Control	Trees and habitat are limited	Amortization 0-10 years	Urban Stormwater Infrastructures
Detention Ponds Dry/Wet	ReducedFlood RiskWaterQuality	Medium/Large Areas Included in parks	Amortization up to 15 years	Urban Stormwater Infrastructures
Infiltration Basins	AmenityValueQuality ofLife	Large Spaces	Amortization 0-10 years	Urban Stormwater Infrastructures



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The Water Related Risks In Cities Water NBS Applications

Fornebu, Oslo Stormwater Management



Reduced stormwater pollution

- Management of flood events
- Developed costeffective drainage system
- Implementation of detention/ retention ponds and bioswales

Hammarby Sjostad, Stockholm Wastewater Management Water NBS applied:

- Urban Water Channel
- ▶ Bioswales
- Ground Infiltration
- ► Roof gardens
- ► Temporary Rain Water Buffers







The Water Related Risks In Cities **Water NBS Applications**

Park Jacob Kaplan, Lyon Stormwater Management



- Construction of an elevated water basin
- System to harvest rooftops and runoff water
- Underground drainage system



Burghplan, Eindhoven Stormwater control & water quality improvement

- Reconstruction of water system
- ► Filtering construction introduced to clean the runoff water from roads
- ► Construction of a connecting stream to contain water when it's raining









The Water Related Risks In Cities Useful links & informations



www.naturvation.eu/atlas



The Water Related Risks In Cities Useful links & informations

Risks connected to water in cities and overview of related NBS:

Report on NBS for Water - World Water Forum International Event (8th edition)

http://www.unwater.org/publications/world-water
development-report-2018/

- ► WWF Flood Green Guide Publicationhttps://www.worldwildlife.org/publications/natural-andnature-based-flood-management-a-green-guide
- <u>www.urbangreenup.eu/</u> New Strategy for Re-Naturing Cities through Nature Based Solutions
- <u>www.naturvation.eu/atlas</u> Urban NBS Projects from across 100 European Cities





The Water Related Risks In Cities Useful links & informations

Water NBS application study cases:

- ► http://nwrm.eu/case-study/sustainable-stormwater-management-and-green-infrastructure-fornebu-norway
- ► http://www.urbangreenbluegrids.com/projects/hammarby-sjostad-stockholm-sweden/
- ► http://www.aqua-add.eu/?page=handbooks



The Water Related Risks In Cities Front Runner Cities Experiences

The condivision of examples, previous challenges and successful stories related to the application of NBS, is fundamental to better understand how these solutions could be implemented and improved









BUDDY SYSTEM

EINDHOVEN



Daylight Watercourse

GENOA



Retention Basins/Draining Areas

TAMPERE



Waterstorm Management



Agenda of Cities' presentations

- Introduction: description of the studied area and of the water related challenges that had to be faced
- Description of the different water related NBS adopted
- Successful stories that inspired the water related NBS implemented
- Conclusions: suggestions related to the previous reported experiences that could be helpful to the other cities



Eindhoven: detailed information & replication conditions for the NBS: daylight water course







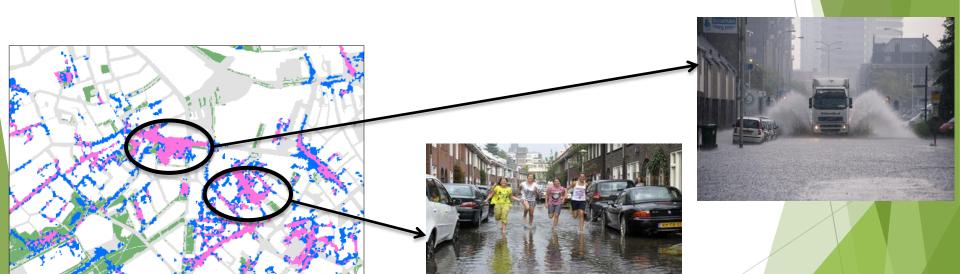
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- Conclusions: suggestions related to the previous reported experiences that could be helpful to the other cities

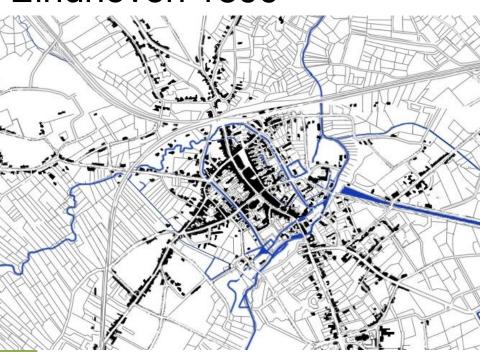




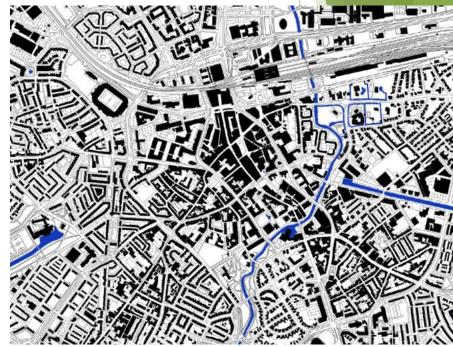
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Eindhoven 1899



Eindhoven 2012





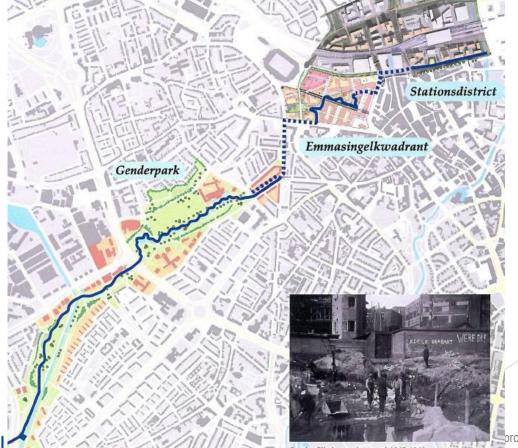


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Eindhoven NBS: Daylight Watercourse

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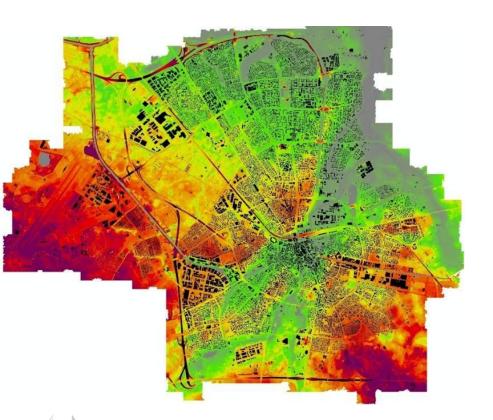


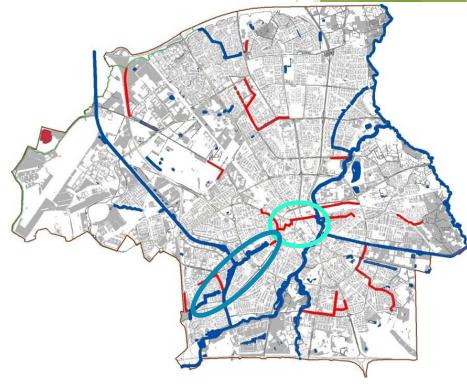




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NBS 1: daylighting water course				
Objectives	Making the water system visible			
Description	Because the city has grown it's hard to find places to create a water course			
Relation with grey infrastructures	Mostly water courses will be situated next to a road. The wider a road is the easier it is to create a water course			
Actors involved	Citizens, the Waterboard, politicians, civil engineers			
Role of the community	They will be given the opportunity to produce input and discuss the designs			



NBS 1: daylighting water course

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

Sometimes available space is not enough to create the ideal solution

The waterboard demands special solution

Cost & financing

Who's going to pay:

- Municipality (water department)
- Waterboard

Barriers

Ownership of the area

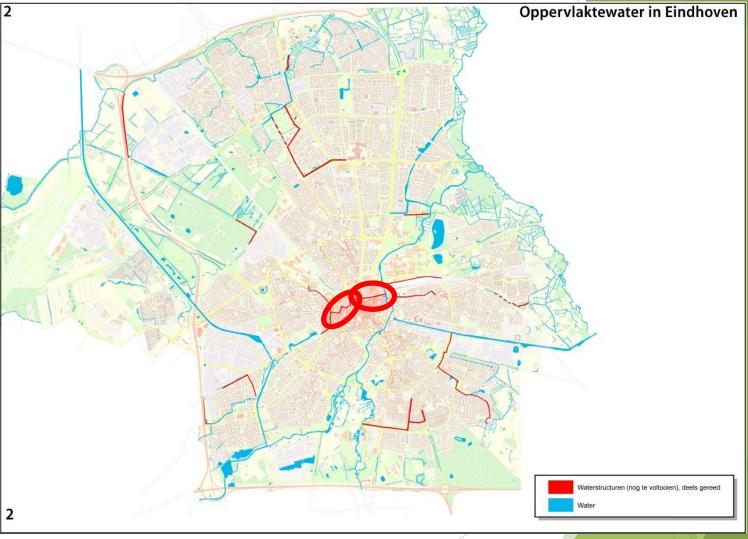
Value of a water course is underestimated Space can only be used once



Eindhoven Successful Study Case: Gender

Daylighting of the river «Gender»

For stormwater management and making watersystem visible



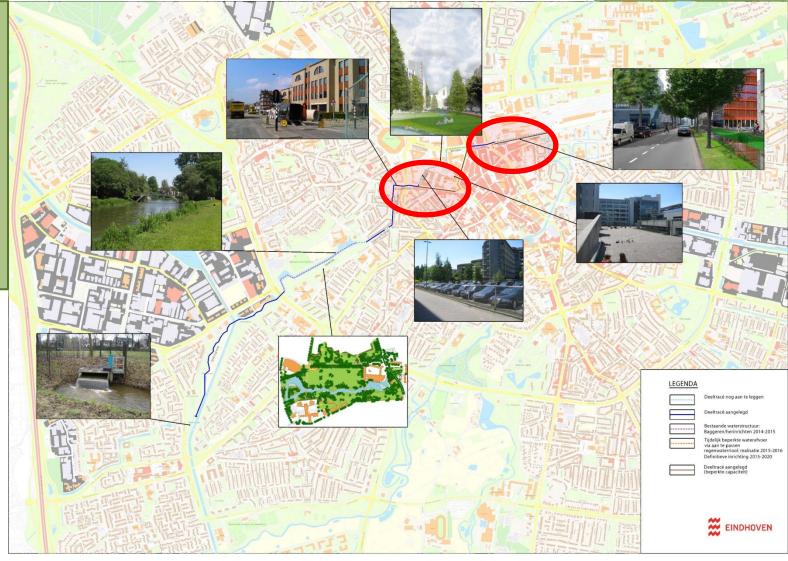




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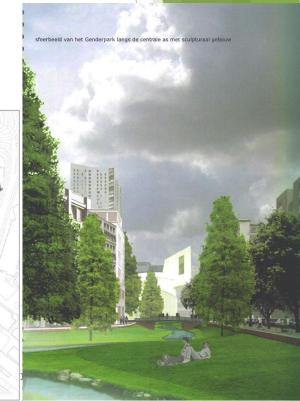


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NBS: Daylight Watercourse



NBS 1: creating water storage





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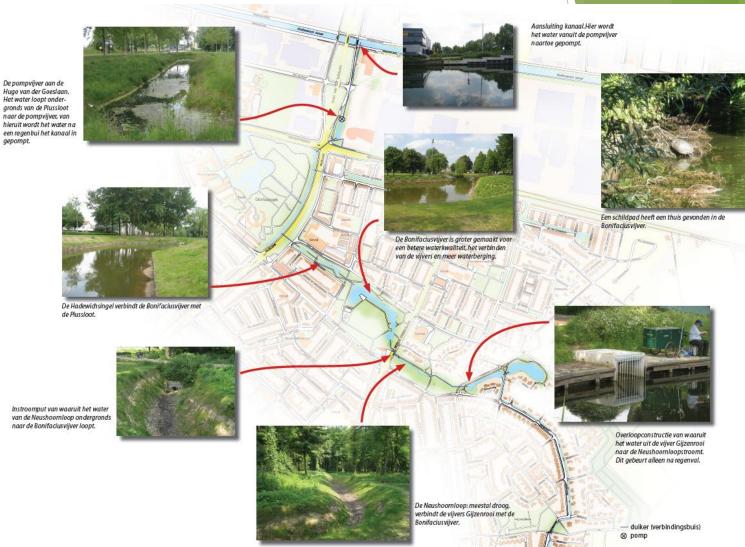
This project has

Topic: SCC-2-2 Tijdelijke waterberging



Eindhoven Successful Study Case

Water system
«De Burgh»
Connecting
water bodies
and
disconnecting
from sewage
plant







Eindhoven Helpful Suggestions

More examples (designs and constructed) of water systems are available







A new created water system: Meerhoven





pump

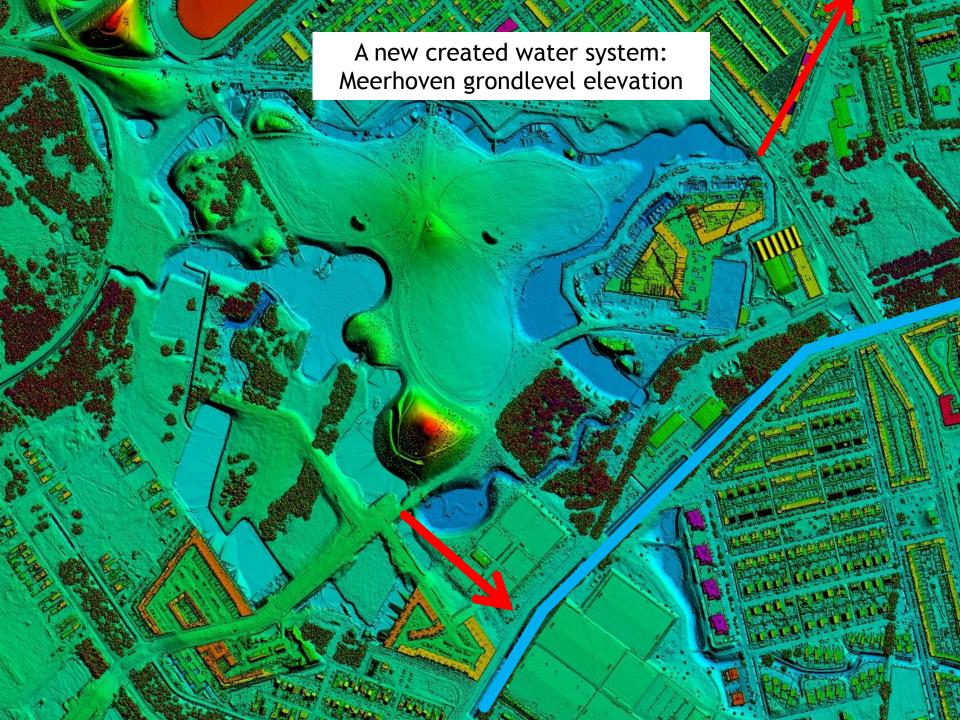


Water system artificial flow



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program *Topic:* SCC-2-2016-2017: Smart Cities and Communities Nature based solutions





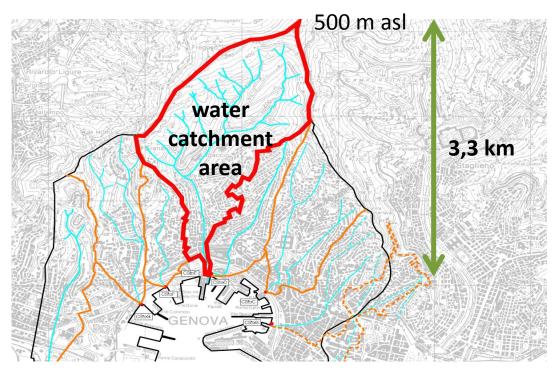


Genoa detailed information & replication conditions for the NBS: retention basins, draining areas





Genoa: the Lagaccio river



The Lagaccio river basin

- High slopes gradient
- Short distance between the sources and the sea
- Bedrocks
- High percentage of sealed
 soil in the urbanised area
- Channeled rivers and built up
- Flooding and damage



Genoa: the Gavoglio Urban Park





Genoa NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Infiltration areas	
Objectives	Management of runoff water from the slopes and pathways relative to the Rio Cinque Santi, their infiltration into the soil
Description Description	
Relation with grey of mixed water pipes that could be overloaded in the event of heavy rains	
Actors involved Municipality	
Role of the community	Citizens understood the importance of adopting a natural solution to manage rainwater



NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Infiltration areas

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

permeable subsoil, not rocky; regulations that allow land movements

Cost & financing

€15-25 /m2 Annual maintenance costs must include necessary pruning; mowing of the vegetation existing in the park; periodical cleaning tasks of the park; inlet and outlet control structures of water flow of the detention basin.

Barriers

lack of experience of the PA in this type of rainwater management





NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Draining Pavements

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

Compliance with regulations regarding spaces open to the public.

Possibility of easy access for people with disabilities

Cost & financing

€15 - 20 /m2 Public financing

Barriers

need skilled workers for the realization





NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Rain garden	
Objectives A rain garden is a bioretention shallow basin designed collect, store, filter and treat water runoff.	
Description It must include a porous soil mixture, native vegetation and some hyperaccumulator plants, capable of phytoremediation.	
Relation with grey infrastructures Rain gardens represent an important technique of sustainable drainage, harmonizing the serious impacts of urbanization and soil sealing.	
Actors involved Municipality	
Role of the community	Rain garden can be implemented including participatory planning.





NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Raingarden

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

Sub soil structure

Cost & financing

€40 /m2

Barriers

NA





Genoa DC: Detention Desire (D.

NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Underground detention systems

Objectives

Reduction of surface runoff of rainwater through collection and detention of rainwater, creation of water supplies for irrigation

Description

Underground rooms in modular elements of self-supporting semi-recycled polypropylene with detention / retention capacity of rainwater

Relation with grey infrastructures

Stored water will be reused for irrigation through pumping stations Exceeding water will be directed into the sewage network with delayed time from the rain event

Actors involved

Municipality

Role of the community

Citizens have understood the importance of saving rainwater for further uses and to provide spaces to mitigate natural hazards



NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Underground detention systems

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

Watershed plan legislation, accurate insulation on borders to contain water without using concrete walls, maintain acceptable water quality standards to reuse for irrigation, provide outlet into proper infrastructure when full capacity is reached

Cost & financing

€ 78.000 Public investment or experimental sponsorship

Barriers

Unusual installation in local context, maintenance of underground rooms





NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Afforestation on slopes		
Objectives Arboreal areas can alleviate the impacts of flooding in urban areas and climate change effects Afforestation with young plants (local species) on specific pattern along the slopes		
Relation with grey infrastructures	Increase of shading surfaces, CO2 absorption, reduction of heat island effect, partial rainwater absorption, increase of biodiversity. Afforestation is combined with containing walls along the slopes	
Actors involved	Municipality	
Role of the community Extensive stakeholder engagement in planning for implement and for interdisciplinary input.		ior



NBS: Retention Basins/Draining Areas

Afforestation on slopes

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

Permeable soil with acceptable pedological conditions

Cost & financing

€ 36.000 Public investment

Barriers

Soil preparation and mainteance on steep not-easily-accessible surfaces, identifying participation actions







GenoaSuccessful Study Cases

Gazzo's area,
Genoa
Hill's slope
consolidation



- Reduction surface runoff rainwater with infiltration direct in the ground
- ► In operation since 2016
- ► Public financing
- Reusability of local materials: wooden poles and stones
- Lower disposal costs of landslide material
- Constant maintenance over time

Gazzo's area,
Genoa
Meteoric
water
management



- rainwater regulation
- preservation of the hillsides



Successful Study Cases

Genova Vegetated stone gabions

type of elements:

- containment walls steps with integrated seats
- ▶ Renovated



Gabionate system in wire mesh

filled with crushed debris coming from the demolitions arranged to form three

Lura river area, Como IT Meteoric Water Management

- river flooding areas, afforestation areas, natural engineering on riverbanks
- ► In operation since 2017
- basins temporarily flooded during intense rainy, whilst the pond will recharge constantly the ditch to maintain wetland vegetation all over the year to guarantee its phytodepuration functions..





Successful Study Cases

(courtesy of LAND Italia Srl)

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Varesine Garden, Milan IT Meteoric Water Management

- ▶ Public roof garden
- ► In operation since 2014

- ► The intervention aimed to create a high quality green open space with sustainable feature in accordance with the objectives of the whole project (LEED certification)

Krupp Park, Essen DE Meteoric water management

- Public park with rainwater disposal facilities
- ► In operation since 2012
- On former industrial area
- Bioswales, retention pond, draining paths, afforestated slopes
- Rainwater is collected and directed through bio-swales to a retention pond at the northern end of the park, a 9,000m2 lake





GenoaHelpful Suggestions

- ► The interventions carried out in extra-urban territory have given good results in terms of functionality and environmental performance
- Good maintenance planning must be done to ensure durability over time
- Useful links & informations direzioneurbanlab@comune.genova.it



Storm water management in Tampere



City of Tampere Maarit Särkilahti



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UNaLab Case area Hiedanranta

- ► A planning phase brownfield area
- ► Aim 25 000 residents to the area
- ▶ Dense area with only a little space for NBS
- ► Contaminated soils





UnaLab demos in Hiedanranta





NBS 1: Biofilter for leakage from contaminated soil

Objectives	Preventing pollutant and nutrient load to Lake Näsijärvi, preventing odors, increasing
Objectives	biodiversity, measurement of water quantity and quality and other relevant parameters,
	replicable in many sites

Filtration area 100 m2. Bacteria and microorganisms are located on a filter medium (biofilm), which	ch
consists of peat, sand, biochar and Leca gravel. The biofilm degrades nutrients and pollutants (hea	avy
metals, PAHs) in the leakage that is piped through the filter material.	\

Relation with	Completes grey infrastructure, qualitative treatment
grey	
infrastructures	

Acto	re involved	Storm water planners, landscape architects, Ramboll, constructio	n department,	, builders,
ACTO	rs involved	environmental authorities, NGOs, citizen society, SMEs		

Role of the	Active participation in co-creation workshops that have been part of a planning process.
community	Stakeholdes opinions have been taken into account in planning e.g. in choosing plants.
	Initiative for treatment has risen from citizen feedback of odors.

Description



NBS 1: Biofilter for treating leakage from contaminated soil

Technical & legislative pre-conditions	The existing structures of old landfill and underdrain levels had to be taken into account in planning, nutrient load and odors/gases were the main issues to prevent.
	Construction and materials estimated cost 39 000 €,

Cost & financing

Construction and materials estimated cost 39 000 €, financing from UNaLab-project. Planning from Ramboll (UnaLab partner).

Barriers

Limited space because of avoiding the disturbation of contaminated soil. Performance during cold months.



	NBS 2: Green roof
Objectives	Increase rainfall interception, enhance C storage (climate regulatio stress, increase biodiversity, looking for optimal solution (feasible), changing Nordic winter conditions, recreational and social space.
	ca. 800 m2 green roofs in Hiedanranta to manage water flows, with performance during cold seasons, suitable growth media, plants (bio
Relation with grey infrastructures	Retention capacity, resource recycling?
Actors involved	Storm water planners, landscape architects, research institutions, ci companies, green infra builders, SME's, NGO's, citizen society
Role of the community	Active participation in co-creation workshops. Stakeholders opinions planning. Co-creation will continue (SOME, on site "additional value



NBS 2: Green roof

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

Strict legislative orders regarding building and fireproofing that must be considered. Choosing suitable vegetation in order to resist in the sub-arctic climate with changing freezing-melting cycle and snow load as well as to support native species and enhance biodiversity. Retention capacity vs. building requirements.

Cost & financing

Construction and materials estimated cost 100 000 €, financed from UNaLab-project. Planning from Ramboll (UnaLab partner).

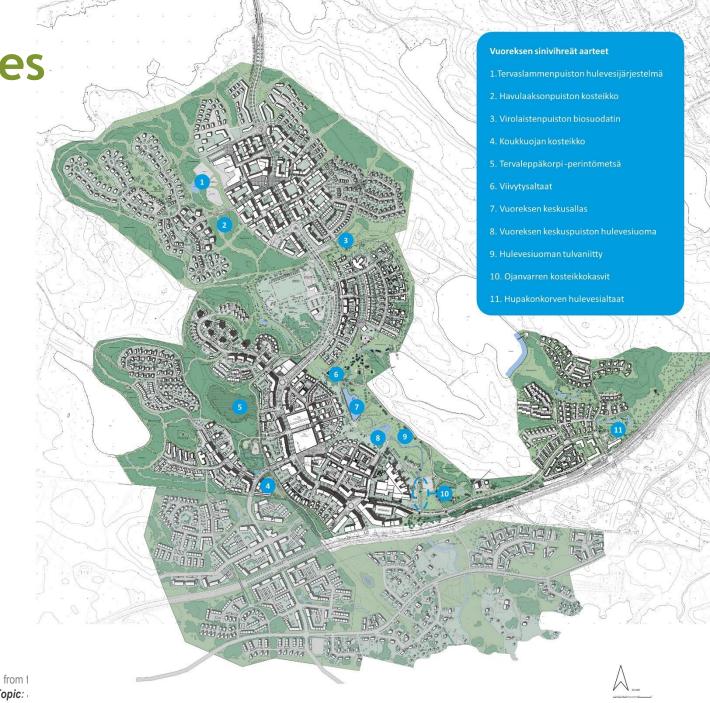
Barriers

Suspicions about possible effects on roof structures and health. Performance concerns during cold seasons and in changing climate, unclear maintenance needs during summer. Avoiding nutrient leakage, which has been identified as a challenge in earlier research.



UNaLab Case area Vuores

- ► A construction phase green district in the middle of natural waterbodies.
- ► Aim 13 000 residents to the area.
- ▶ 3000-5000 jobs
- ► To be completed in 2030
- NBS located in parks and surrounded by blocks





UNaLab Demos in Vuores

Accessibility and education

Novel multi-funtional NBS (biofilters, floating wetlands) to complement existing NBS





UnaLab demos in Vuores NBS: Storm Water Management

NBS 1: Biofilter, retention basin and alluvial meadows

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	Objectives	Prevent solids and nutrient load to waterways, handle the first flush, prevent urban floods, retain and increase biodiversity, regulate flow rates to the pre-construction level by drainage area, recreational values of blue-green network
	Description	Biofilter in Virolaisten Park (area of biofilter ca. 650 m2) and retention/infiltration basin with alluvial meadows in Tervaslammen Park (area of retention basin and alluvial meadows ca. 700 m2).
	Relation with grey infrastructures	Complements and replaces grey infrastructure. Qualitative treatment to protect natural water bodies.
	Actors involved	Storm water planners, landscape architects, Ramboll,
	Role of the	construction department, builders, NGOs, citizen society, pupils Active participation in co-creation workshops. Online survey.

Different viewpoints are taken into account in planning.



community



UnaLab demos in Vuores NBS: Storm Water Management

NBS 1: Biofilter, retention basin and alluvial meadows

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

Nature protection laws have to be considered. In Virolaistenpuisto park the trees have to be saved for the bats. Public pressure to sustainable development.

Cost & financing

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Barriers

Environmental laws regarding endangered species.

Changing Nordic climate. Lack of knowledge regarding the

NBS among the residents. Maintenance challenges of multifunctional NBS.



Unalab demos in Vuores NBS: Storm Water Management

NBS 2: Plot scale NBS		
Objectives	Increase rainfall infiltration, prevent solids and nutrient load to waterways, prevent urban floods, combine recreation, food production and/or biodiversity preservation and social connectivity targets	
Description	Rain gardens, green roofs and/or similar plot-scale solutions	
Relation with grey Complements and replaces grey infrastructure, decentralized storm wat management should start from plots and support public NBS		
Actors involved	Landscape planners, housing companies, residents, green infrastructure builders, Vuores service company	
Role of the community	The NBS will be co-created and residents have a chance to participate the planning process. Responsibility to maintain the NBS.	



UnaLab demos in Vuores NBS: Storm Water Management

NBS 2: Plot scale NBS

Technical & legislative pre-conditions

Small space, plenty of functions, existing storm water system.

Cost & financing

Funded via innovation vouchers 30 000 € from UnaLab, 10 000 €/housing company.

Barriers

New yards, interest to renovate? Own funding, maintenance costs, storm water fee.



Advanced online

monitoring

- 6 online monitoring stations
- Monitoring
 NBS
 performance
 (water
 quality and
 flow)



Vuores Storm Water Management Successful Study Case

- Tampere's main NBS demonstration site is Largest in Nordic countries
- Central park storm water system is designed by a famed German design office Atelier Dreiseitl.
- Developed further in UnaLab via co-creation process
- Built on greenfield area and a lot of emphasis has been put on storm water management especially during massive excavation work.
- 4 bioswales, 10 retention ponds, 3 wetlands, willow treatment,
 2 alluvial meadows and a biofilter.
- Visually aestethic blue green areas for people to recreate
- NBS are surrounded by walking baths, areas to rest and picnic areas.
- Many endangered animals like flying squirrel, bats, and certain water insects.





Helpful suggestions

- ► A will to make the area environment friendly
- Co-operation with city's different units and other stakeholders from planning to building and maintenance
- Measurement of the quality of soil and bedrock in land use planning phase
- Treatment of the waters from the construction work areas (e.g. retention and filtration). Treatment in plots and in public areas. Detailed guidelines!
- Educating people of urbanization and climate change related challenges and also how the problems can be solved with NBS
- UnaLab co-creation process with different stakeholders helps in mapping different viewpoints for further development of existing NBS
- Detailed guidelines for maintenance
- Storm water fee (from 2018) 5,6 million €/year supports the implementation of NBS also in old areas







Questions&Answers Session

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NEXT «BUDDIES» ACTIVITES

- Update of Buddy Space with shown ppt presentations
- Feedback collection from cities on the webinar/buddy activities
- Launch the forum!
- Organization of the third webinar in January 2019
- Proposed Calendar:
 - ▶ January 2019: Management of rapid growth/densification
 - ► April 2019 Increase biodiversity
 - ▶ July 2019 Creating/Financing/Implementing NBS



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