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# Taking NBS governance and policy to the Next Level

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# Where are we at? What do we know?

## Urban NBS governance...

- ▶ Complex management and decision-making processes
- ▶ Rampant trade-offs, multiple stakeholders and interests
- ▶ Need for cross-sectoral collaboration and policy mixes

**Diverse policy instruments available, with varying opportunities for public participation and power sharing**



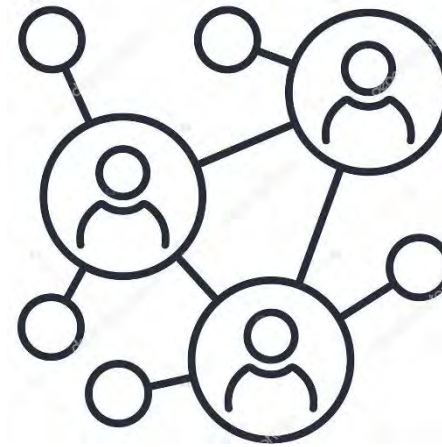
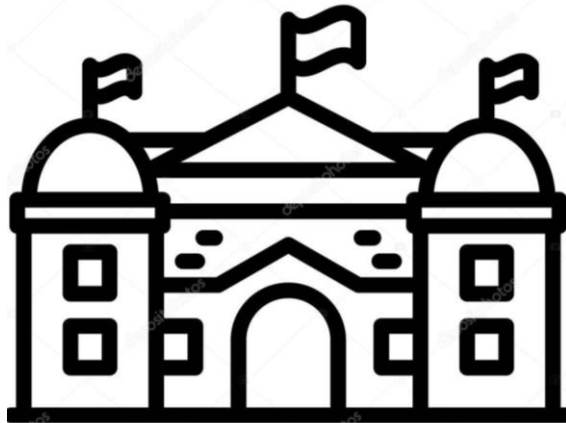
# No 'one sized fits all' approach to NBS governance...

## BUT the involvement of different stakeholders is vital!



**Partnerships  
& collaboration**

**Governments  
& their agencies**



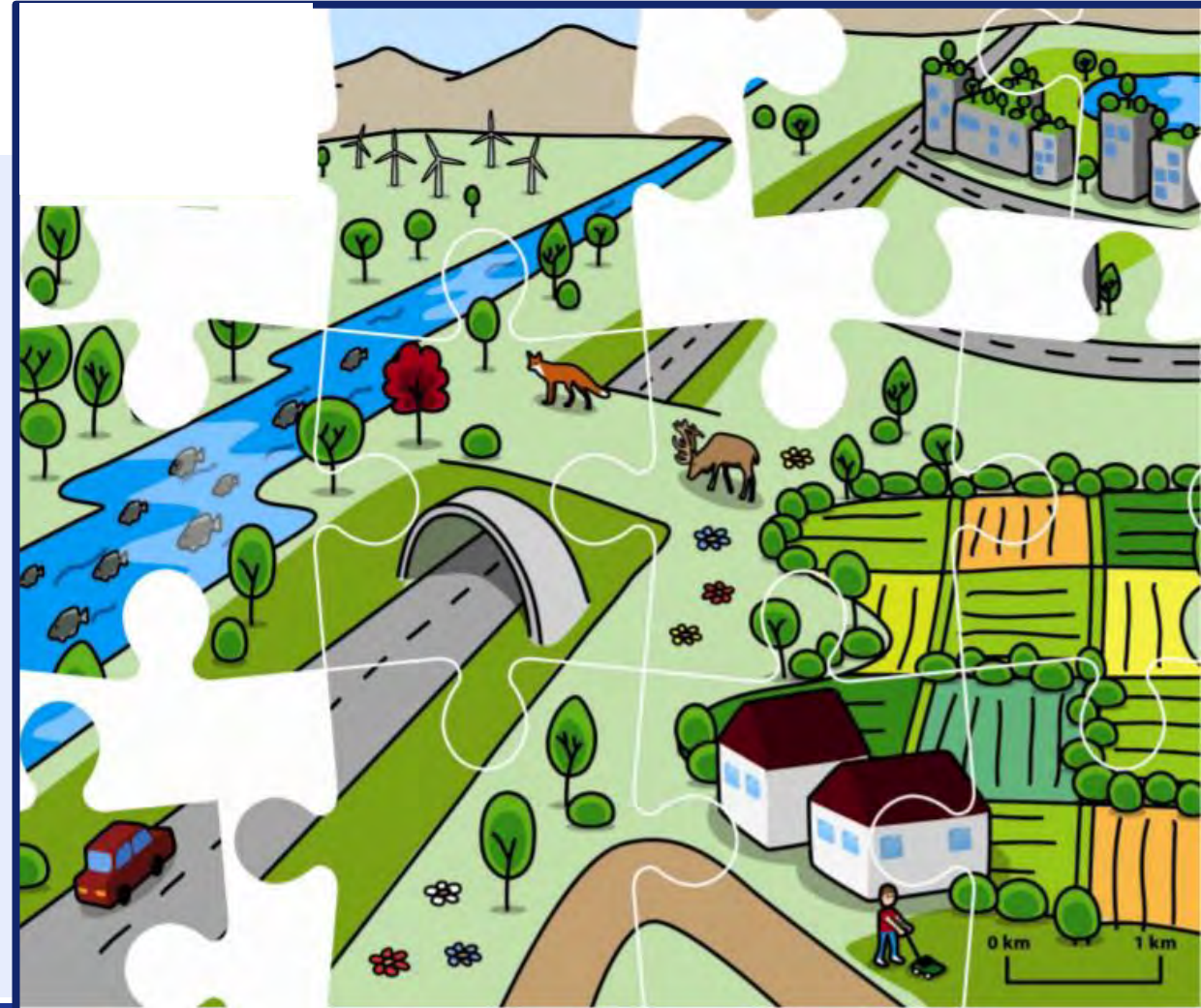
**Citizens,  
civil society groups,  
businesses**

**(Political)  
champions**



# Key challenges and gaps

- Land use competition and related conflicts of interest/power imbalance
- Lacking approaches to consider trade-offs, including justice aspects
- Inadequate public governance structures and policy frameworks; path dependency



# Accelerating action through governance innovation

Where to go from here?

Inclusive

- Empower local stakeholders to participate in decision-making processes and formalize citizen roles
- Include vulnerable and disadvantaged communities

Reflexive

- Ongoing learning, reflection and adaptation
- Foster transformational societal and institutional change

Polycentric

- Involve governing bodies at multiple institutional scales
- Foster informal networks and collaboration between departments and sectors

# Selection of resources

- **Urban Nature Atlas (NATURVATION)** – <https://una.city/>
- **Forthcoming Urban Governance Atlas (INTERLACE)** - <https://interlace-project.eu/>
- **Policy instruments for urban NBS (ClimateNBSPolska)** – <https://www.ecologic.eu/17604>
- **Guide on co-creating NBS (CLEVER Cities)** - <https://clevercitiesguidance.wordpress.com/>
- **Implementation model pre-selector tool (Nature4Cities)** - <https://www.nature4cities-platform.eu/#/IMSelector>
- **UNaLAB Municipal Governance Guidelines for NBS** - <https://unalab.eu/system/files/2020-02/d62-municipal-governance-guidelines-2020-02-17.pdf>
- **Governance, business and finance models (CLEVER Cities)** - <https://networknature.eu/sites/default/files/uploads/d53governance-business-and-finance-models.pdf>



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# Thank you!

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