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Policy instruments to promote implementation of nature-based solutions

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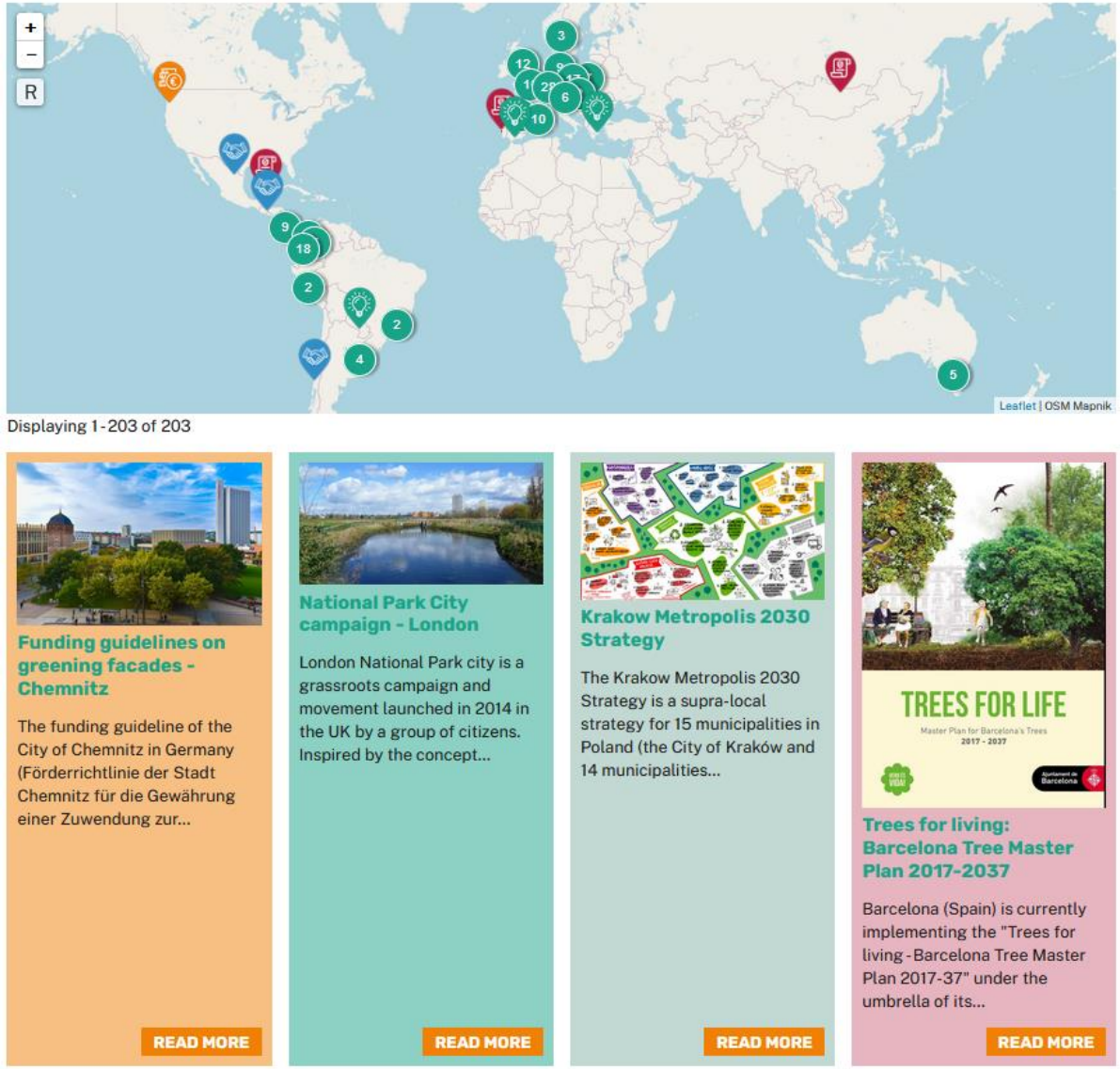
Policy instruments and their governance act
as critical enablers or barriers to adoption
of nature-based solutions.

Policy instruments to promote implementation of nature-based solutions

Legislative, regulatory, strategic	• Strategies and plans • Urban planning mechanism • Standards
Economic and fiscal	• Payments, subsidies, incentives • Disincentives and taxes • Financing mechanisms and market-based instruments
Agreement-based or cooperative	• Multistakeholder collaboration • Joint regional plans and actions
Knowledge, communication and innovation	• Communication and awareness raising • Knowledge and innovation

Urban Governance Atlas

- Interactive online database (currently in Beta format)
- 250 policy instruments from the Europe, Latin America and beyond
- Inspire action through the exploration of good practice policy instruments
- Includes: factors making instruments successful, financing, lessons learned in design, implementation and governance
- Foster ecologically coherent, inclusive planning for **urban ecosystem restoration** and green space planning
- For local governments and any actors with stake in policy frameworks that support implementation of multifunctional, high-quality NBS



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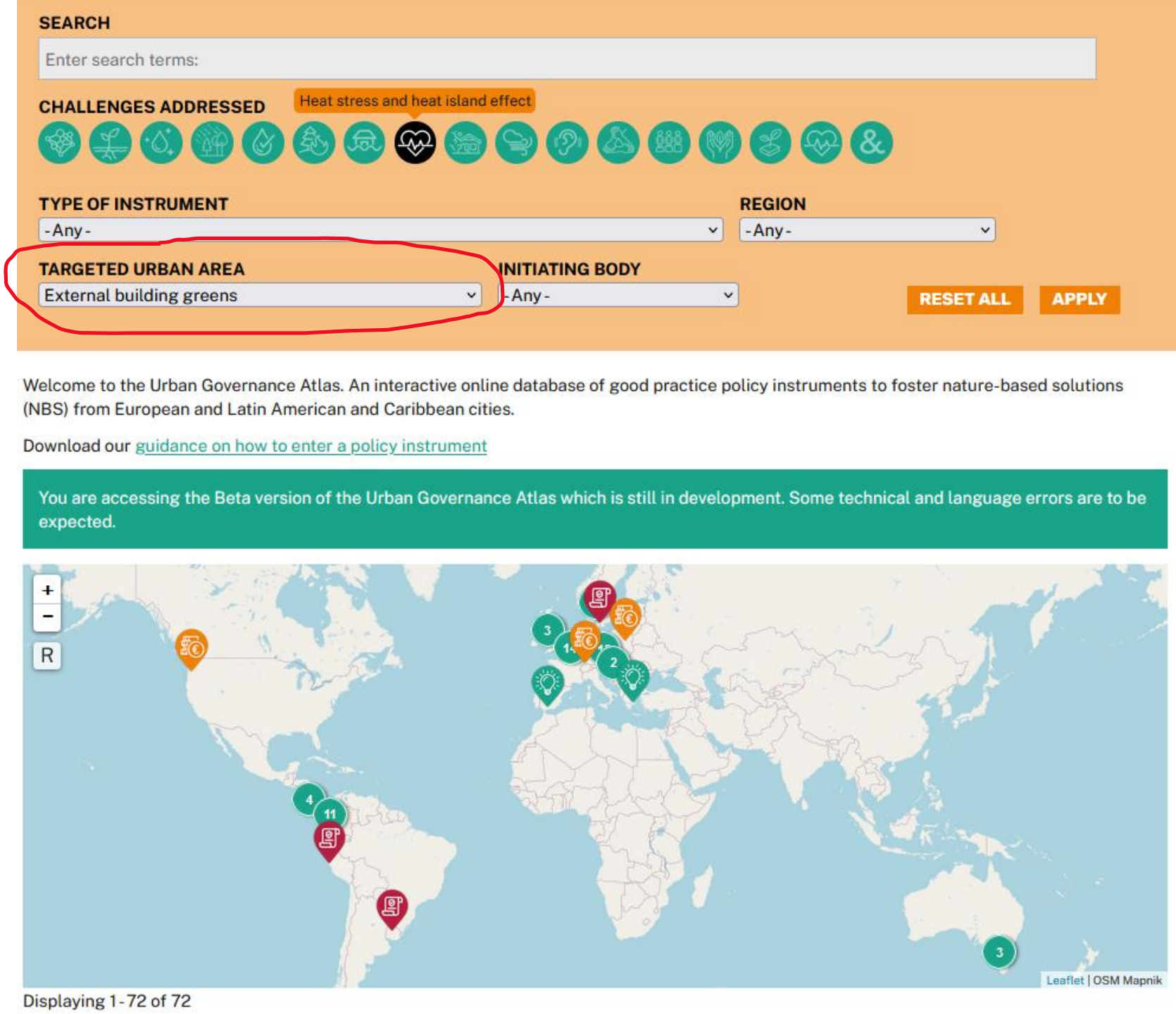
72 instruments targetting nature-based solutions at building level

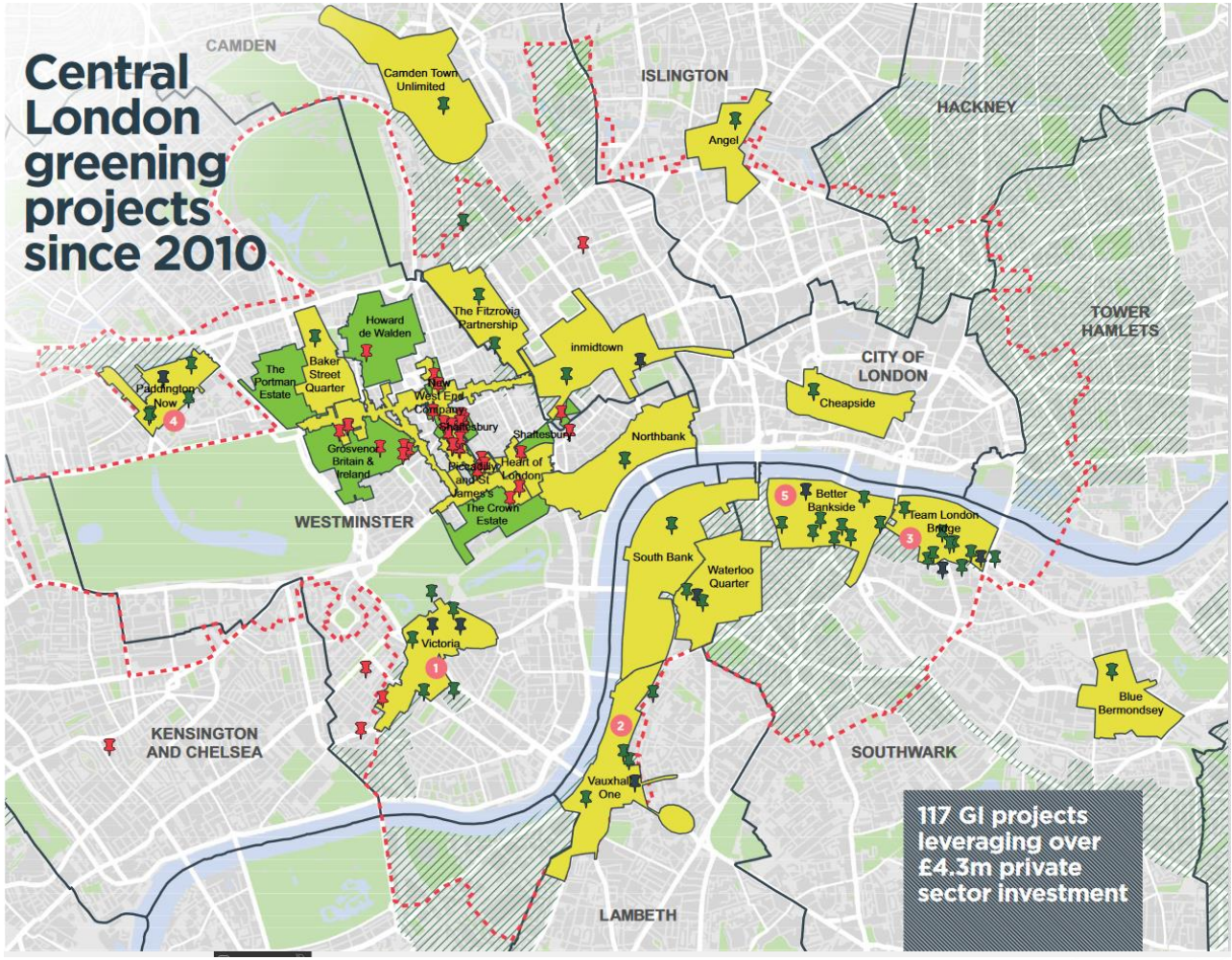


Eco-efficiency tool, Quito, Ecuador

- Allows 50-100% increase in floor numbers on lots near subway stations and bus rapid transit IF solutions to increase environmental performance are integrated (scoring system)
- High scores for green infrastructure solutions for rainwater management and thermal comfort
- Encourages generation of vegetation cover to reduce Urban Heat Island effect and increase permeable areas
- Instrument consulted with architects, engineers and actors in contruction sector
- NBS implemented with private financing

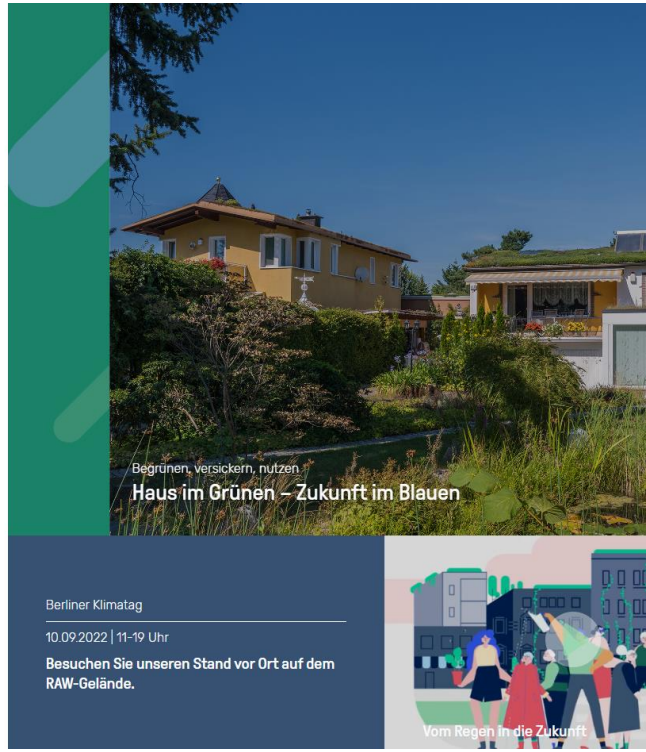
Greening the Business Improvement Districts, London, UK

- Cooperation between Greater London Authority and collectives of local businesses
- Green infrastructure audits identified potential for introducing NBS at building and street level, delivering the case for benefits to local businesses
- Working with a coalition of businesses = pooling of costs and efforts
- 117 NBS installations, leveraging 4.3M GBP in private funding

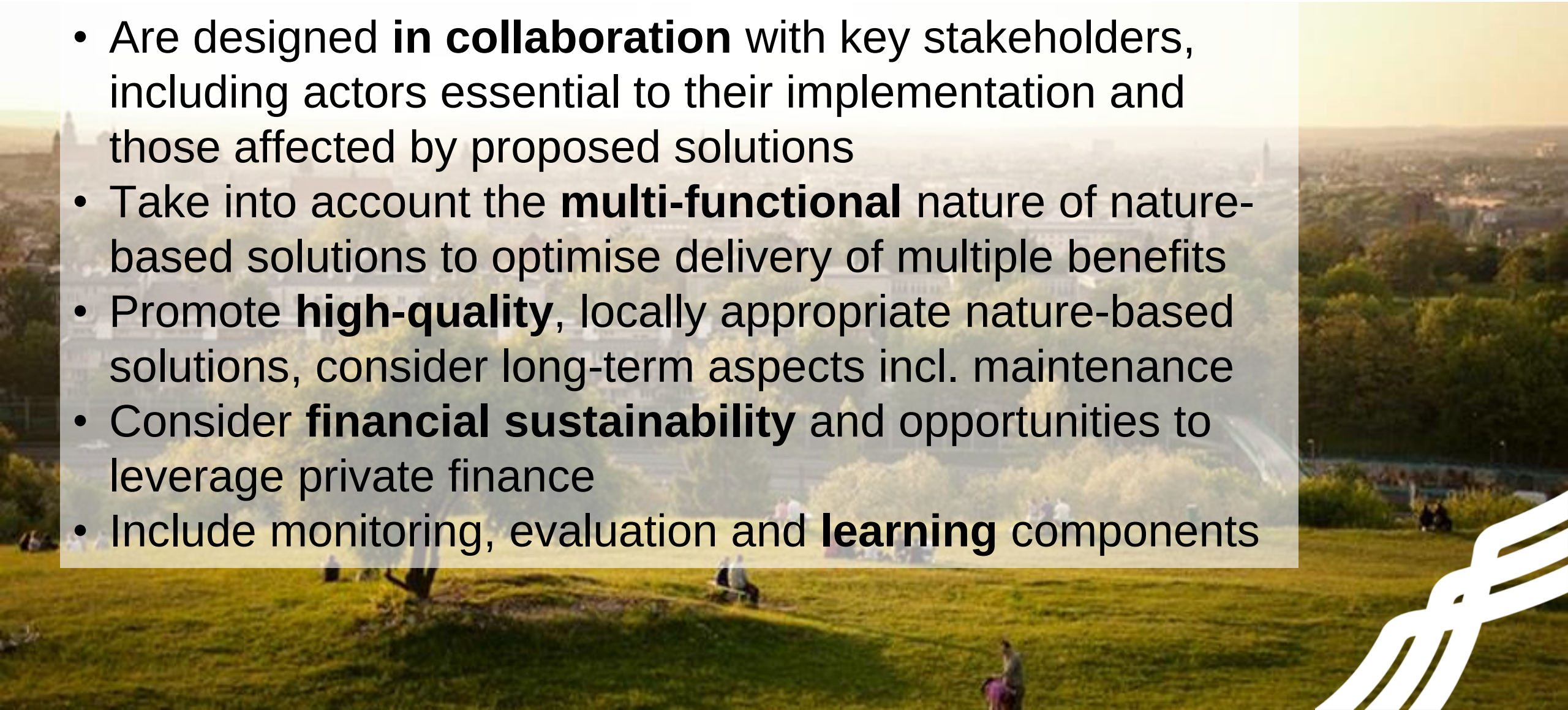


Rainwater Agency, Berlin, Germany

- A platform connecting a wide range of actors, engaging them in activites to make city rain proof with the use of wide range of multifunctional NBS
- Directly advises builders, homeowners, building owners on decentralised water management and sponge city approaches, including on appropriate measures, funding, legal matters, suitable contractors.
- Training and networking between relevant actors in the city
- Online knowledge database
- Thematic working groups to address issues that don't yet have established solutions.



Successful policy instruments…



- Are designed **in collaboration** with key stakeholders, including actors essential to their implementation and those affected by proposed solutions
- Take into account the **multi-functional** nature of nature-based solutions to optimise delivery of multiple benefits
- Promote **high-quality**, locally appropriate nature-based solutions, consider long-term aspects incl. maintenance
- Consider **financial sustainability** and opportunities to leverage private finance
- Include monitoring, evaluation and **learning** components

Resources:

Browse the Urban Governance Atlas (Beta Version)

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