



Planning for sustainable infrastructure: Institutional barriers to cross-sectoral collaboration

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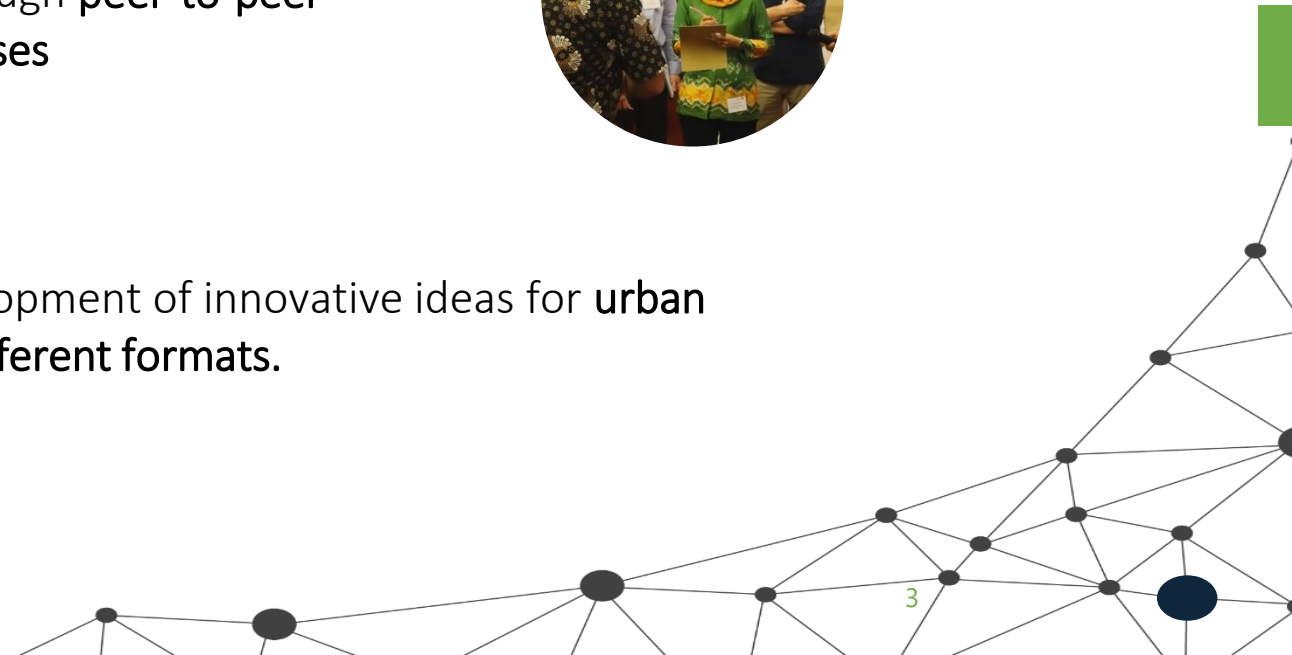


To facilitate worldwide **networking** between urban actors from politics, administration, business, science and civil society

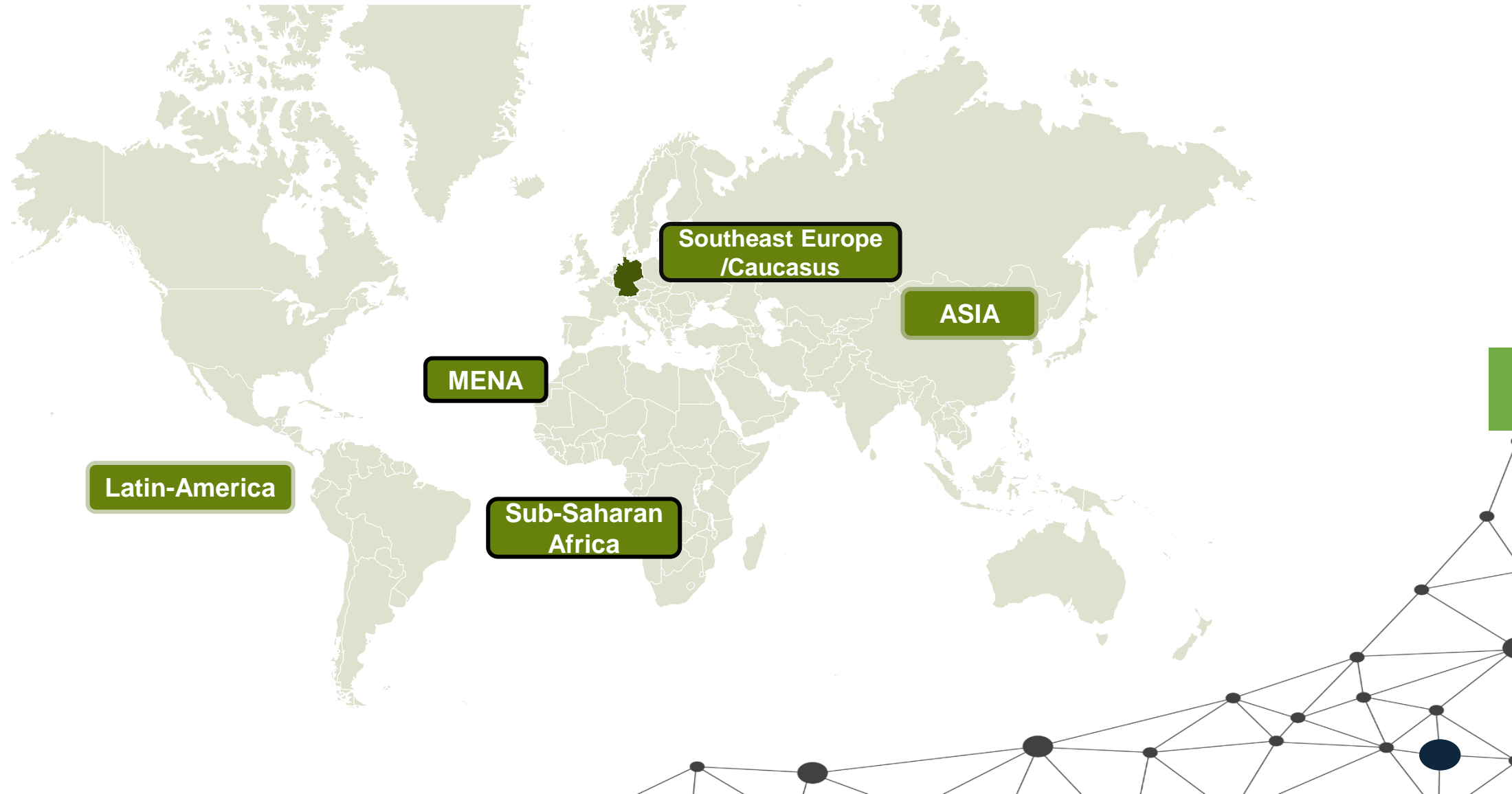
To support a systematic and application-oriented **exchange** of experience on **good practices** and through **peer-to-peer-consultations and joint learning processes**



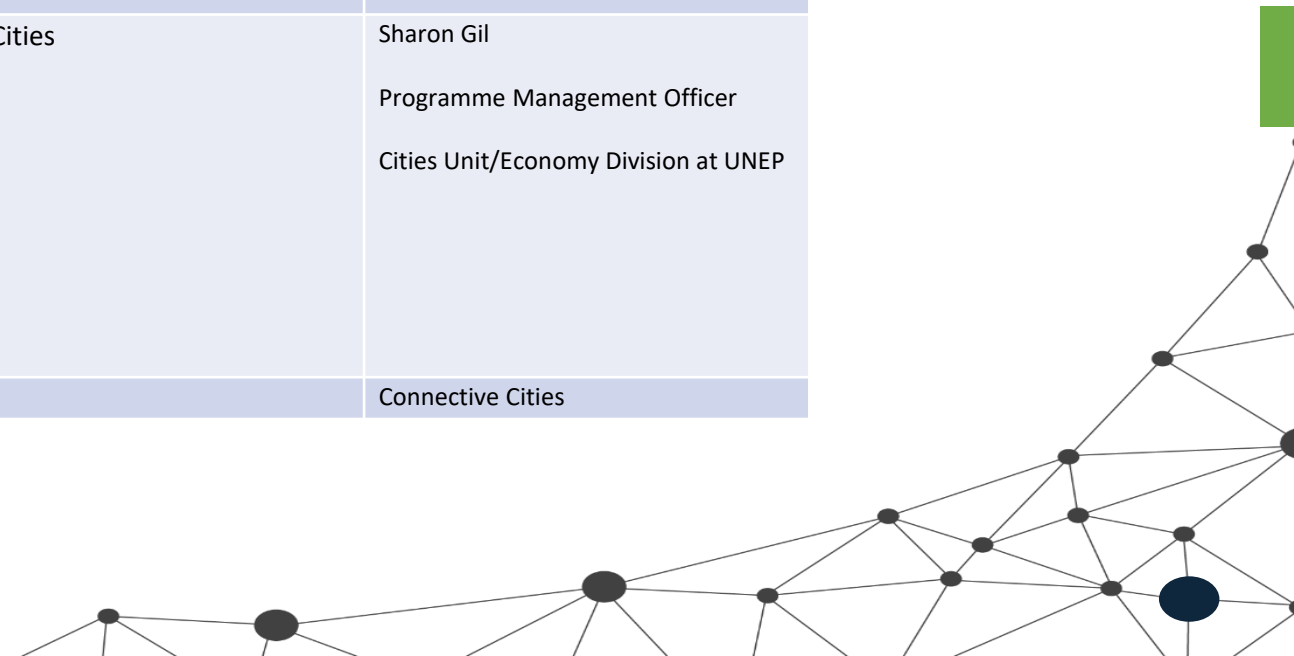
To support the development of innovative ideas for **urban change projects in different formats.**



Regions and Networks



Time (CEST)	topic	speaker
10:00-10:10	Opening remarks	Connective Cities Team
10:10-10:30	The Solutions Lab “Scalable Solutions for Sustainable Infrastructure” (followed by Q&A)	Vanessa Bauer, Sustainable Infrastructure program at GIZ
10:30-11:00	Innovative and collaborative decision-making framework for integrated sustainable urban policy design: A case study of the Rhine-Ruhr area (followed by Q&A)	Dr. Ani Melkonyan-Gottschalk, the Centre for logistics and traffic-Duisburg, Germany
11:00-11:20	Investing in Nature-based Solutions in Cities (followed by Q&A)	Sharon Gil Programme Management Officer Cities Unit/Economy Division at UNEP
11:20-11:30	Closing Remarks	Connective Cities



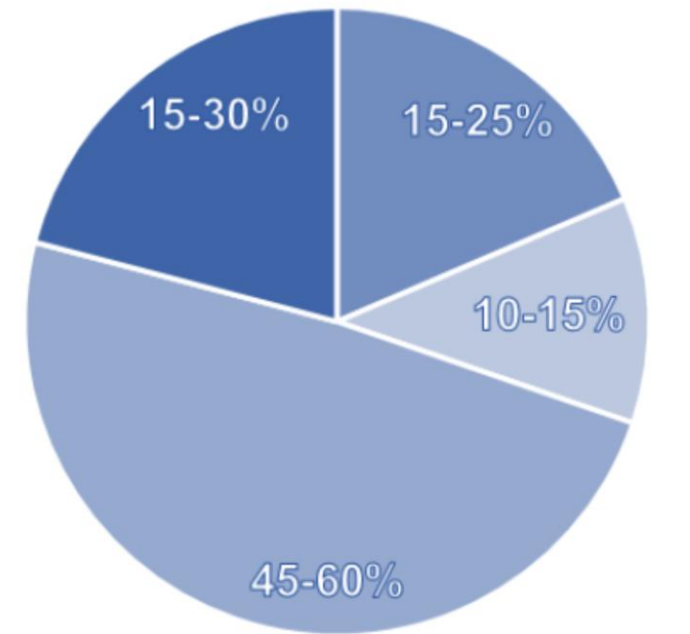
Infrastructure: Impacts on sustainable development

- Infrastructure underpins human and economic development and is linked to all 17 SDGs
- influencing the attainment more than 90% of the 169 individual SDG targets.
- The construction and operation of grey infrastructure → 70% GHG emissions.
- poorly planned infrastructure → exclusion
- Financial sustainability



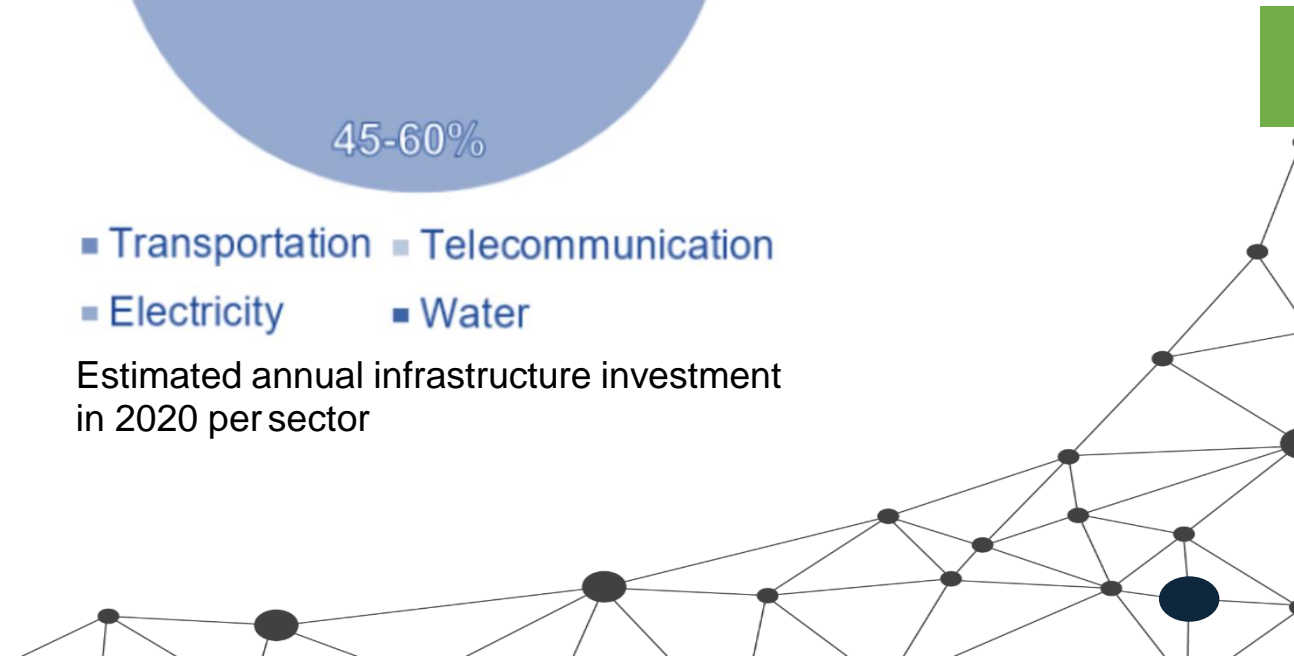
Integrating Sustainability into infrastructure

- Additional cost of SI → the net effect of these investments is very positive from social, economic and environmental perspectives e.g. the rise of economic growth
- The lifespan of infrastructure assets is often measured in decades, while infrastructure footprint is measured in centuries.



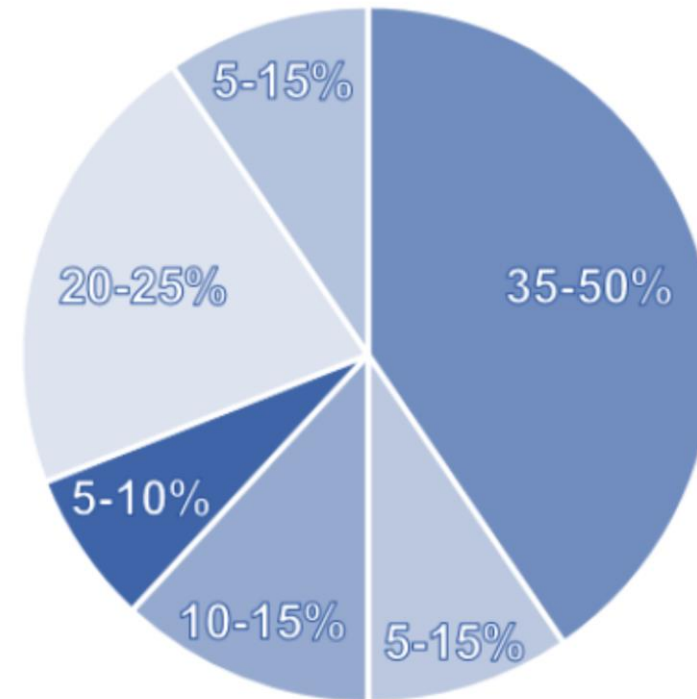
■ Transportation ■ Telecommunication
■ Electricity ■ Water

Estimated annual infrastructure investment
in 2020 per sector



An opportunity for a transition

The majority of infrastructure that will exist in 2050 has not yet been built. It will take trillions of dollars of investment per year to build it, and this infrastructure will mainly be built in developing countries.

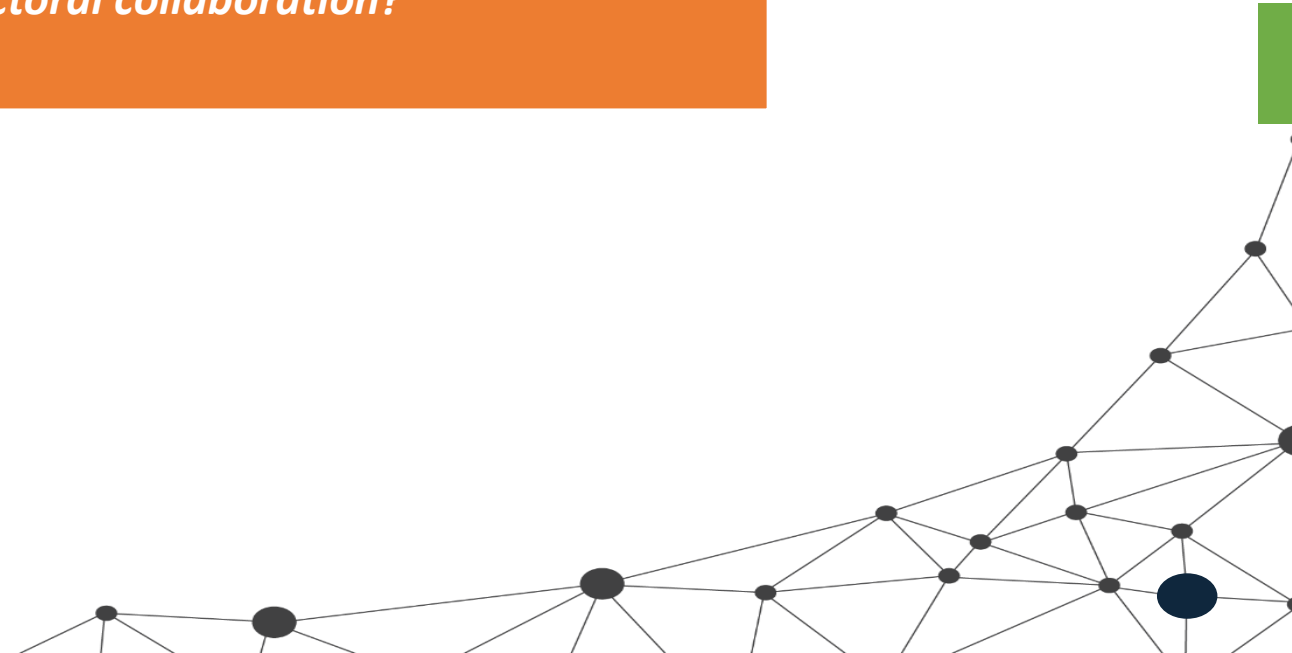


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Connective Cities dialogue: 'Participatory, Innovative and Sustainable Urban Infrastructure Decision Making'

How to overcome barriers to planning for integrated sustainable infrastructure and promoting cross-sectoral collaboration?



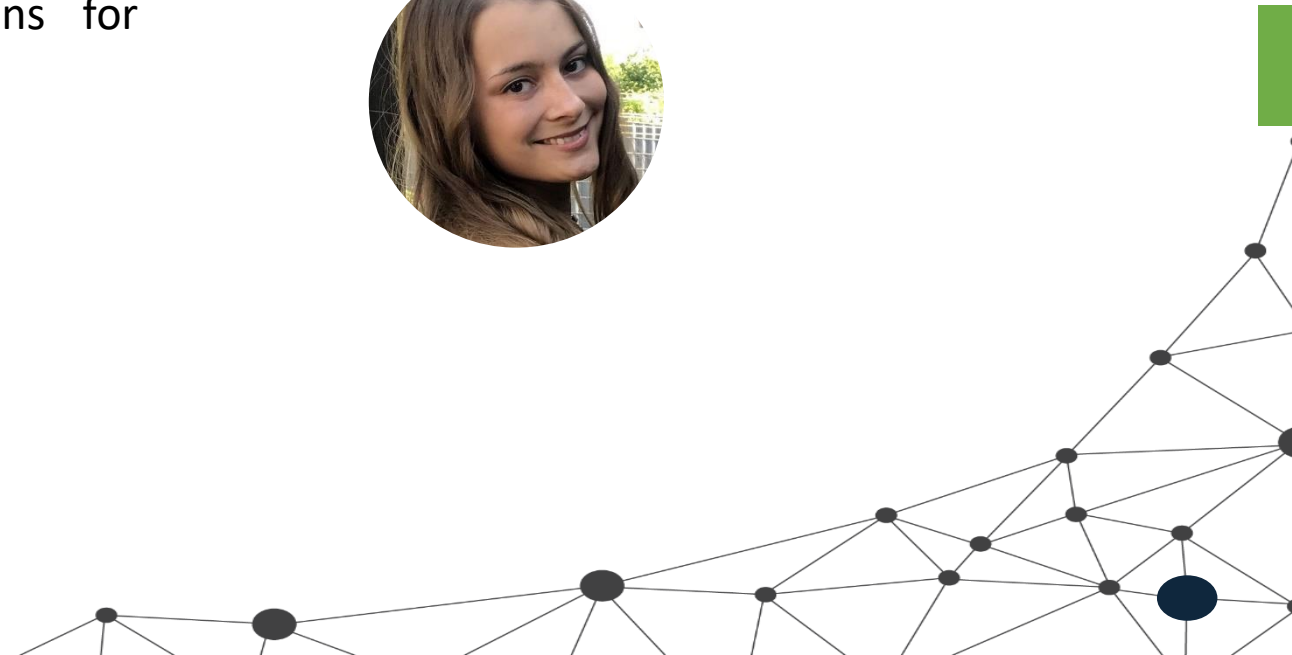
- *What to expect:*
- Insights and experience on tools for ***integrating sustainability across the lifecycle*** of infrastructure projects, to help guide DM towards the selection of more sustainable infrastructure projects.
- *Innovative and collaborative decision-making framework to break down silos, and improve coordination between and within institutions — to facilitate and incentivize more interdisciplinary collaboration.*

“doing infrastructure right” to “doing the right infrastructure” that best meets service needs in a sustainable way.



Vanessa Bauer, Sustainable Infrastructure program at GIZ

The Solutions Lab “Scalable Solutions for Sustainable Infrastructure”



Agenda

- Why Sustainable Infrastructure?
- The GIZ-GSI Solutions Lab
 - Integrated Upstream Planning Workstream
- The Sustainable Infrastructure Tool Navigator

Why Sustainable Infrastructure?

- **Global Goals** ● ● ● Infrastructure provides us with the services that enable societies to function and economies to thrive. Sustainable infrastructure contributes to all 17 SDGs of the 2030 Agenda (72 % of sub-targets) and is key for achieving the Paris Agreement.
- **State of play** ● ● ● Inadequate transportation and energy networks, lack of basic sanitation facilities and insufficient communication infrastructure still affect billions of people.
- **Global infrastructure investment gap** ● ● ● \$15 trillion until 2040 (G20 Infrastructure Hub)
- **Challenge** ● ● ● Simply “more infrastructure” may have negative impacts on people and planet.
- **Imperative** ● ● ● Invest in “more sustainable infrastructure” (environmental, social, economic, institutional)



The Solutions Lab

Scaling for Sustainable Infrastructure

A joint initiative of GIZ and the Global Solutions Initiative

The GIZ-GSI Solutions Lab

Scaling for
Sustainable
Infrastructure



Launched
in October
2019

25
Change
Agents

10-Months
Process

What hinders broad
uptake of Sustainable
Infrastructure
Solutions?

Policymaking,
Business, Finance,
Academia and
Civil Society

Multi-Stakeholder Journey
in Partnership With
**Global Solutions
Initiative**

Workstreams



1. Sustainability considerations at the pre-project level through integrated, upstream planning



2. Integration of meaningful sustainability considerations at project pipeline level



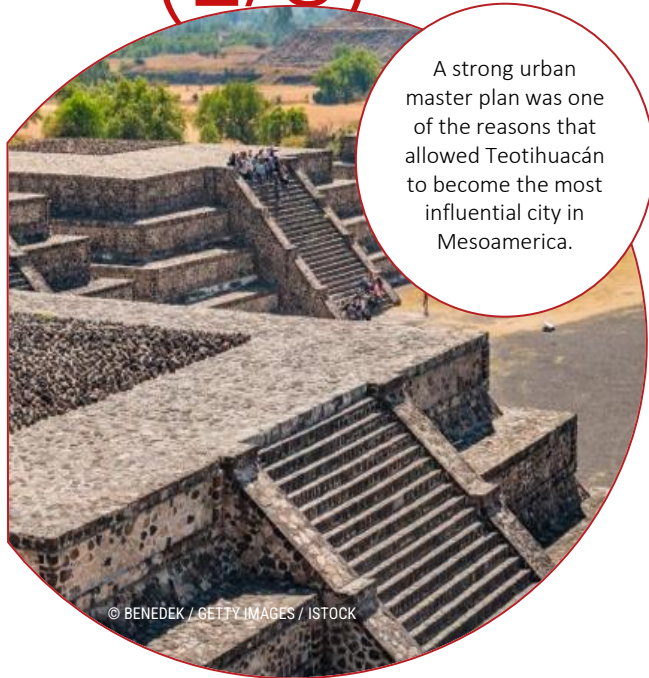
3. Gender-smart infrastructure development

**WORK CENTERED
AROUND
3 WORKSTREAMS**

Aim: Collecting and
Sharing Expertise and
Developing Scalable
Solutions

Integrated Upstream Planning

(1/3)



The problem we identified...

- 2030 Agenda calls for integrated development approaches that consider interdependencies of sectors and regions
- Integrated upstream infrastructure planning offers potential savings of 40 %
- Yet, sustainability is often only addressed one infrastructure project at a time
- Result: Sustainable infrastructure development is limited to single infrastructure assets and fails to reap efficiency gains and positive spill-over effects from integrated planning approaches

The implementation challenges we identified...

- Limited awareness and monitoring of possible efficiency gains
- Restricted funding in sector-siloed and project-driven budgets
- Lack of capacity to integrate planning of different sectors and complex technical models
- Insufficient data availability at necessary scale

Integrated Upstream Planning (2/3)

The solutions we identified...

- Situation of infrastructure investment decisions within broader context of long-term development strategies
- Policy reforms and adoption of integrated planning frameworks
- Employment of systems modelling tools that facilitate data-based decision making to ensure that infrastructure investments best balance sustainability considerations
- Strengthening of stakeholder engagement



Integrated Upstream Planning (3/3)

Outputs and helpful resources



Guidance for public authorities to employ integrated upstream planning approaches (i.e. [Guidance Note](#) on Integrated Upstream Planning & [T20 Policy Brief](#)).



Events and experience exchange formats (i.e. [Solutions Lab Event](#) on Integrated Upstream Planning).



Systems modelling tools and data collection across sectors and regions (see [Sustainable Infrastructure Tool Navigator](#))



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Lifecycle Phases

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Themes

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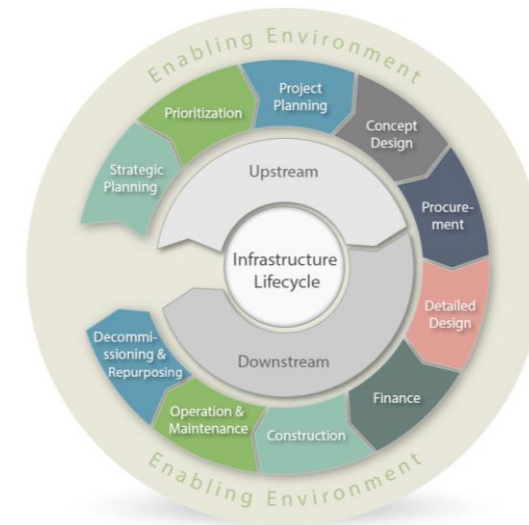
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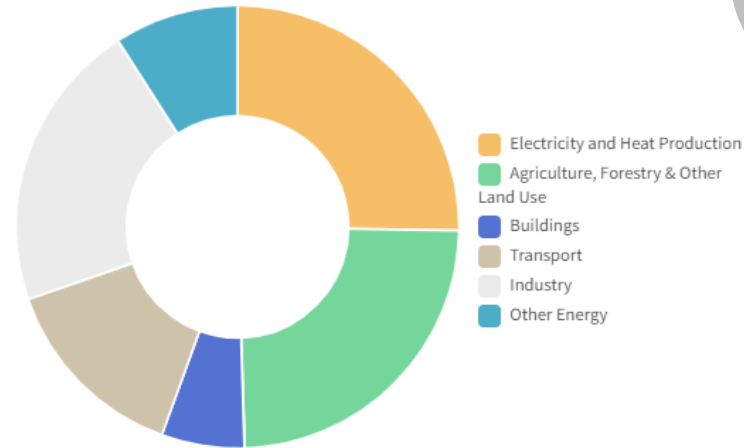


Global decarbonization, the pathway to survival

Infrastructure worldwide and throughout history has directly contributed to the climate crisis—accounting for 60-70% of global greenhouse gas emissions through transportation, buildings, electricity production and industrial processes, such as cement production and waste treatment. The carbon-intensive sectors that account for most of the world's energy infrastructure—coal, oil, and natural gas—are both ecologically destructive and economically inefficient in today's economic landscape—especially considering unpriced negative externalities associated with extraction, greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and human health effects.

Contribution of infrastructure to global greenhouse gas emissions

60-70 %



Direct GHG emission shares (in % of total anthropogenic GHG emissions) per sector in 2010. Source: [IPCC, 2018](#)

Example:
Climate
Change

Roadmaps for mitigation

Sustainable infrastructure can play an enormous role in mitigating climate change and setting the world on a safe climate trajectory. Renewable energy, smart electricity grids, high-speed railway systems, electric vehicles, and inclusive

Countless examples exist of infrastructure that decarbonizes the economy:



Offshore wind farms



The State of Cities Climate Finance

By: CCFLA

This report examines the current state of urban climate investment, the barriers to reaching the needed investment levels, and the steps to overcoming these challenges.

 [READ FULL ARTICLE](#)

Climate change adaptation of major infrastructure projects

By: European Commission

This study maps existing resources for climate change adaptation in the 28 Member States of the EU that could facilitate the assessment of climate change aspects at project level.

 [READ FULL ARTICLE](#)

Relevant sustainability tools

Mitigation Tools



Urban Adaptation Support Tool (UAST)

 The Urban Adaptation Support Tool (UAST) assist cities, towns and other local authorities in developing, implementing and monitoring climate change adaptation plans. 

Thank you!

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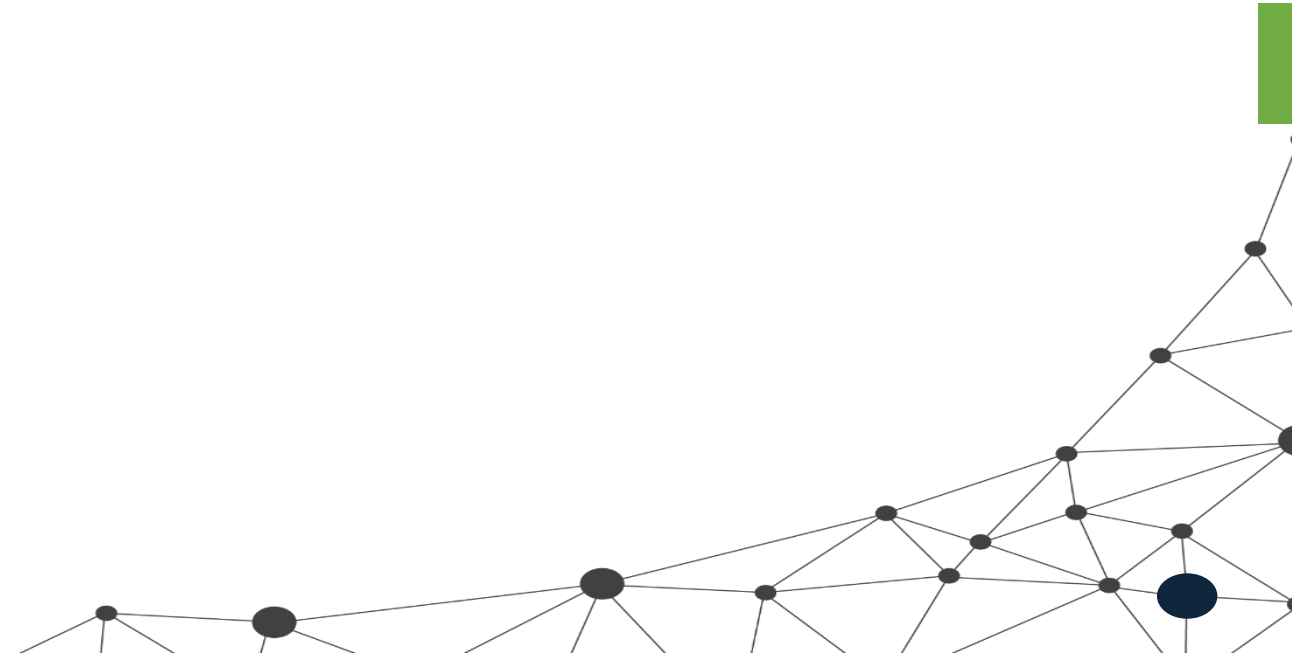


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Discussion





Sustainable and Smart Cities

Transformation challenges and chances

Connective Cities

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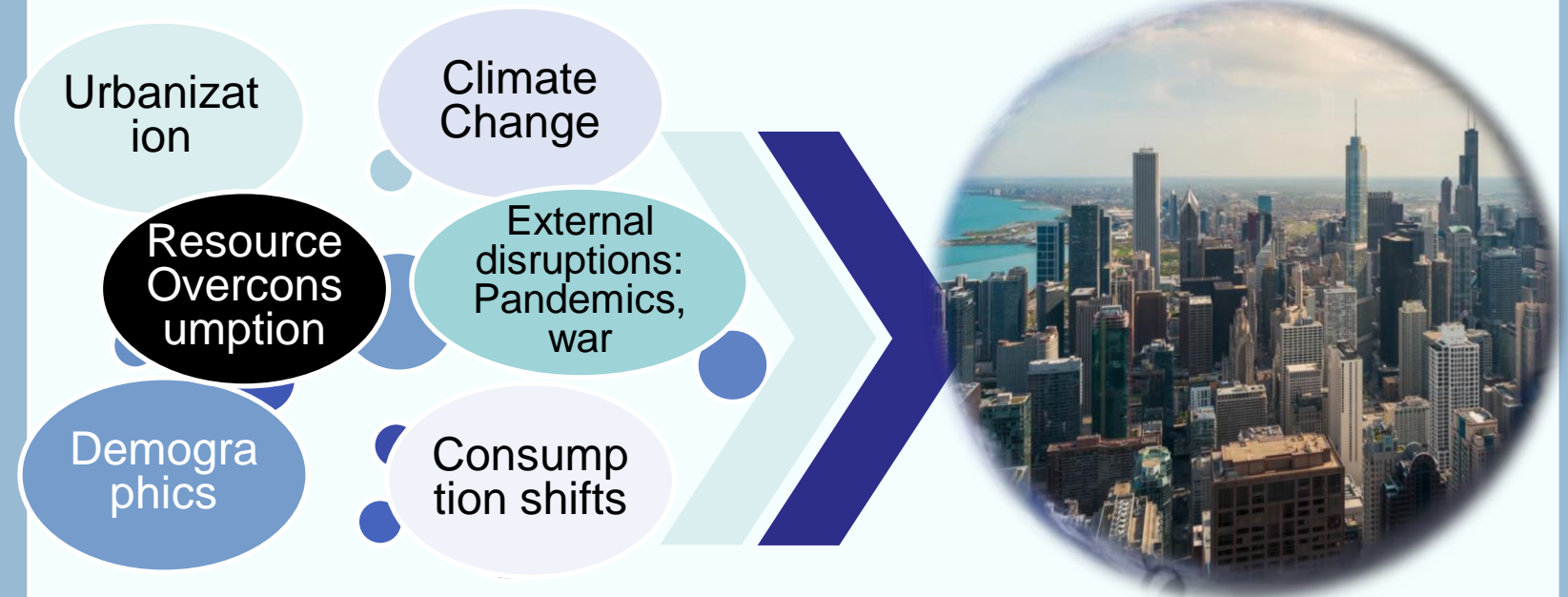
Visiting Professor at the University of Oklahoma

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2. Definitions of sustainable cities
3. Transformation to Sustainable/Smart Cities: Best Practices
4. Results of the project NEMO

Background

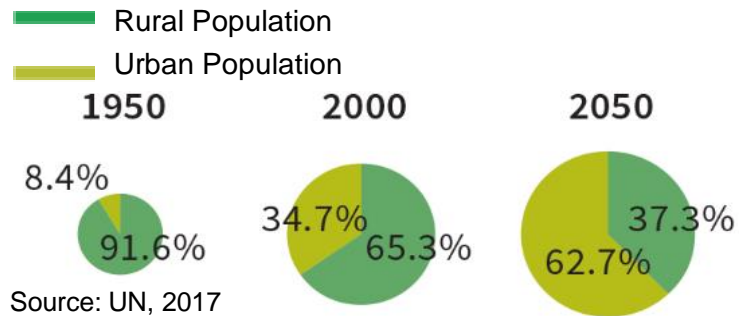
Humans as dominant force in the bio-physical living conditions



The urban setting represents a challenge and an opportunity for transformation towards net zero-carbon.

Why do Cities matter in Global Climate?

Over **62 %** of the world pop. will live in cities by 2050, increasing energy use



Urban infrastructure accounts for **70 %** of global energy use



Cities account for **37- 49 %** GHG emissions

Urban Group	Projected base case emissions growth from 2012-2030 megatonnes of CO ₂	Projected population in 2030 bns	Per Capita emissions in 2030 tonnes of CO ₂
Emerging Cities	3230	~1.3	~7
Small Urban Areas	1220	~2.2	~4.6
Established Cities	390	~0.4	~12.1
Global Megacities	1050	~0.6	~7.1

Source: Oxford Economics Global 750 Cities database, 2018

Cities play and will continue to play a significant role in the future carbon emissions out to 2030, while being vulnerable towards climate change.

The main issues associated with cities

1. Urban Heat Island
2. Urban Sprawl

Urban Heat Island (I)

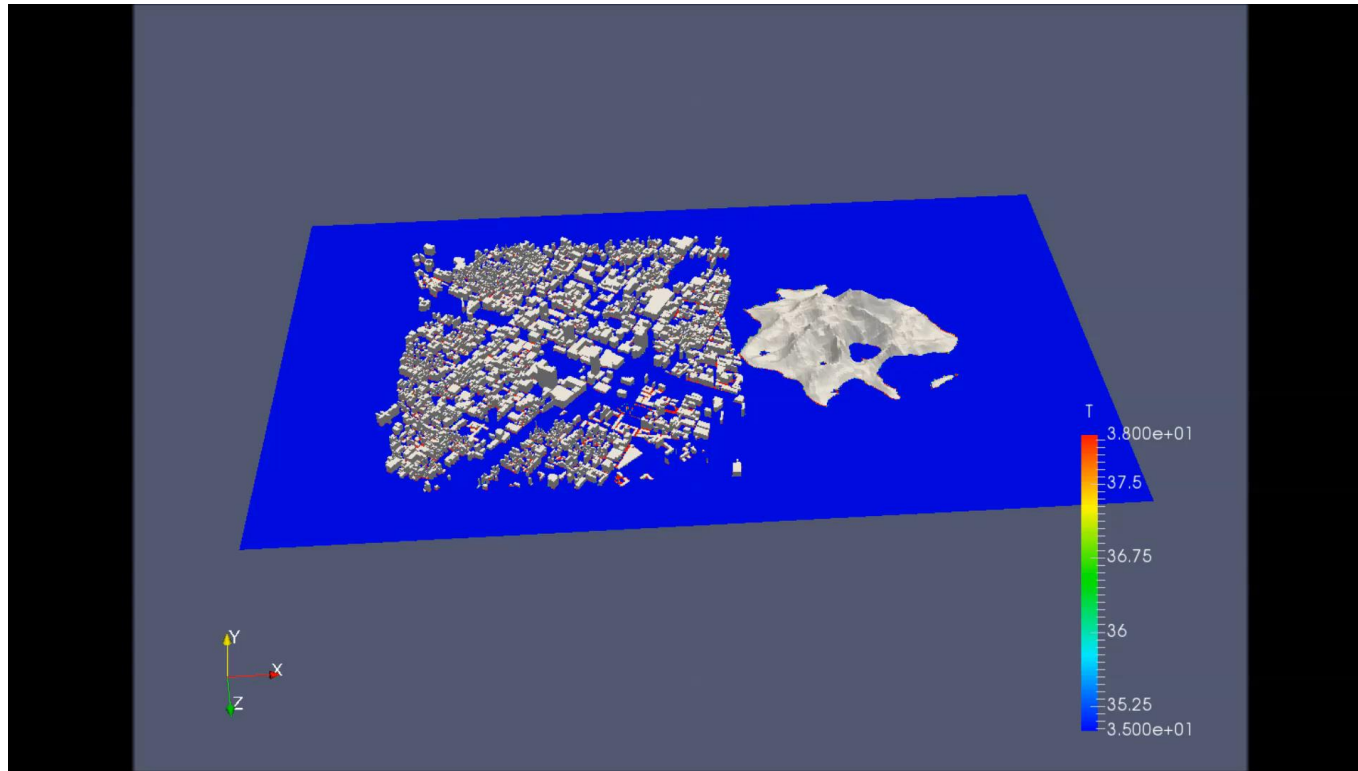
The most important features of “Urban Climate” are:

1. Changes in the radiation balance of the urban air and surfaces
2. **Higher air temperatures**
3. Lower atmospheric exchange and
4. Higher degree of atmospheric turbidity

Urban Heat Island (UHI)

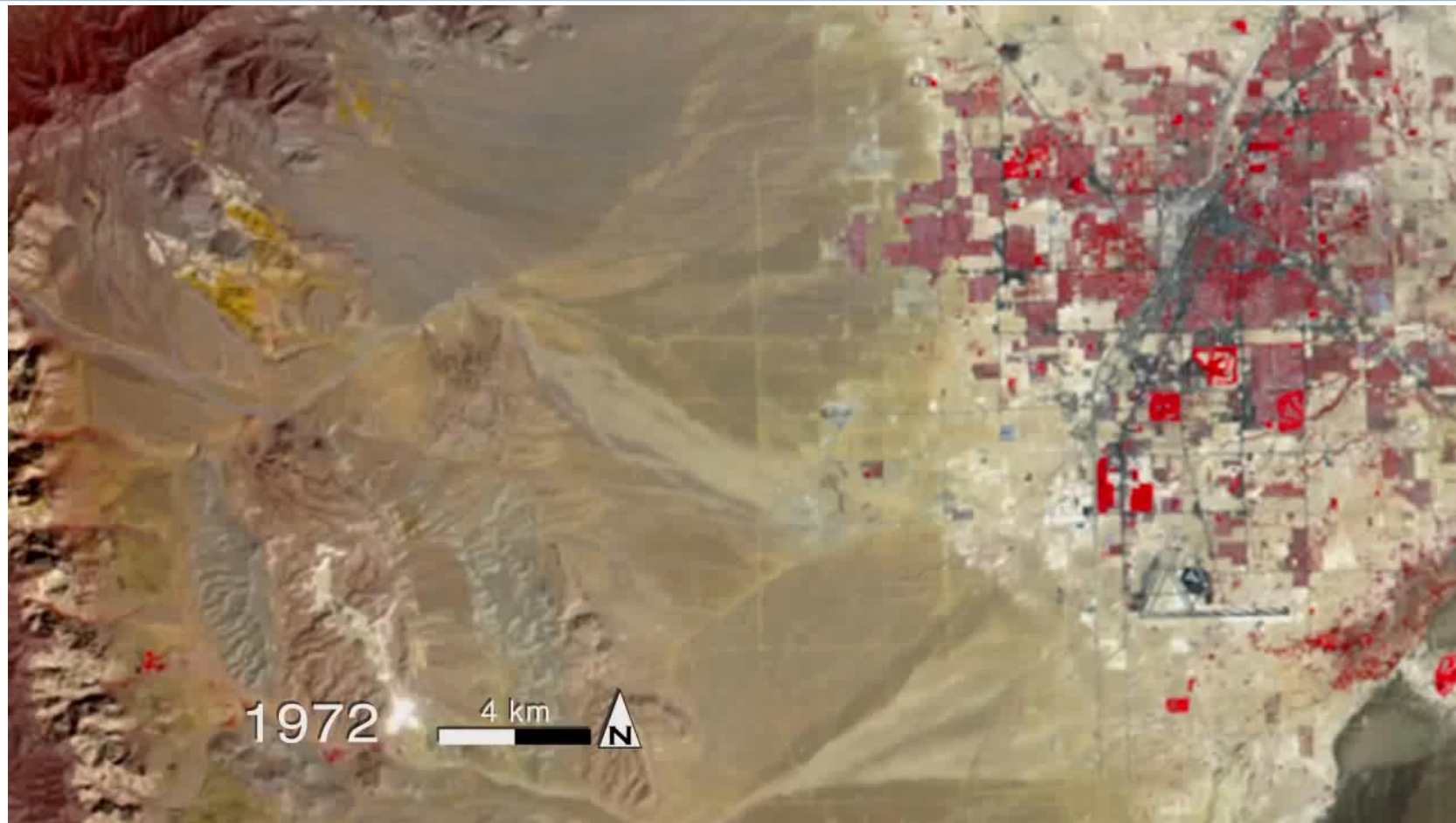
Urban Heat Island refers to urban air and surface temperatures that are higher than nearby rural areas. This temperature difference could be varied from *1-5 K or sometimes even more*.

Urban Heat Island (UHI) in Montreal



UHI is modeled for downtown of Montreal with more than 4000 buildings and a mountain. The simulation has been done with CityFFD which is a semi-Lagrangian model equipped with turbulence model. The domain has more than 10 million grids and the running time is around 5 hours on a personal computer with 12 GB RAM.

Urban Sprawl (II): Las Vegas



Source: LANDSAT Images of NASA, 2019

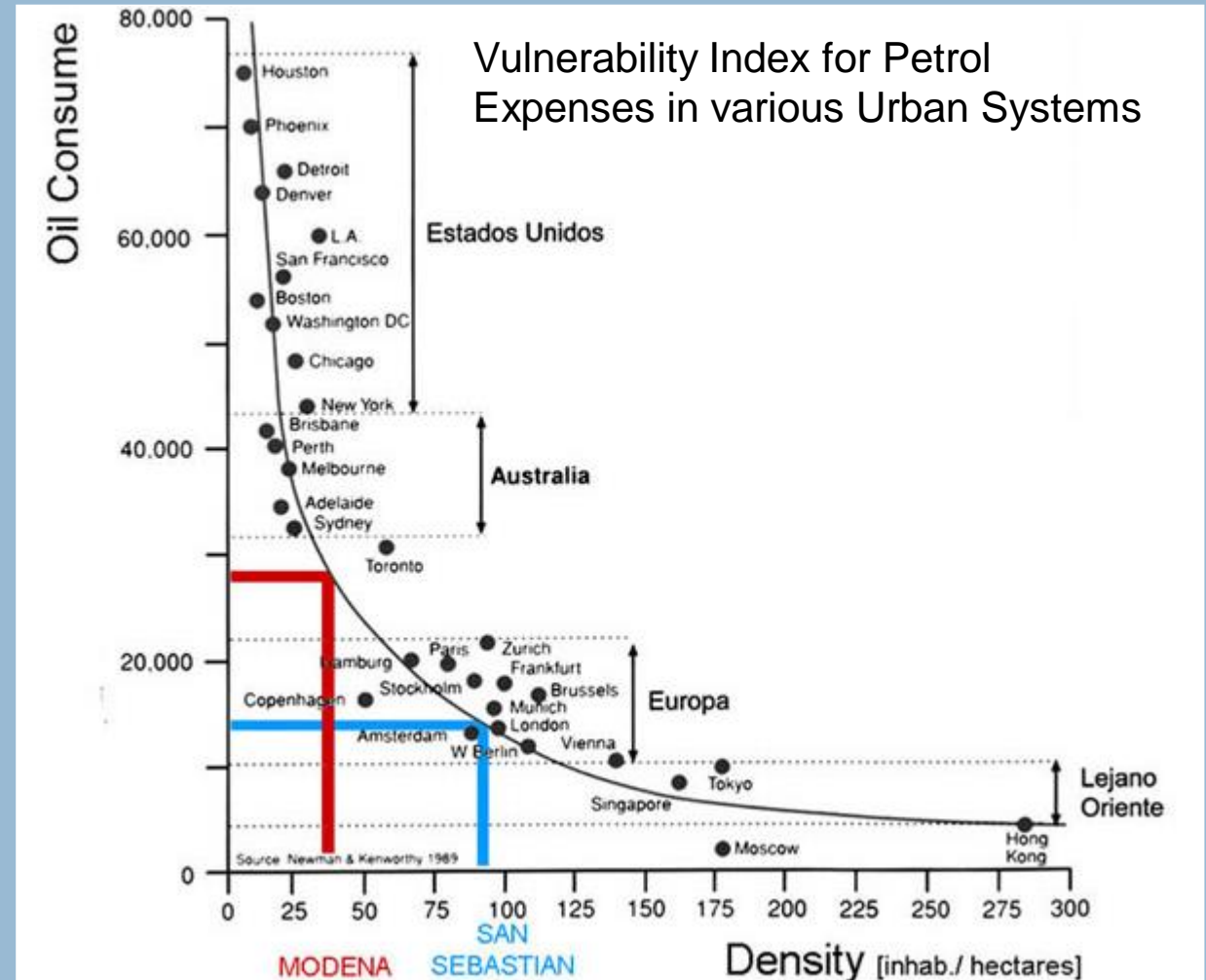
Urban Sprawl

as "the uncontrolled spreading of urban developments (such as houses and shopping centers) on undeveloped land near a city".

Why is ECO-COMPACT CITY more efficient than SPRAWL CITY?

1. it consumes less territory
2. it allows a correct density
3. it allows small retail to be on street and on square
4. it maximizes investment
5. it allows the creation of an efficient network of public utilities
6. it allows the creation of an efficient public transit system

<http://www.ecocompactcity.org/home.html>



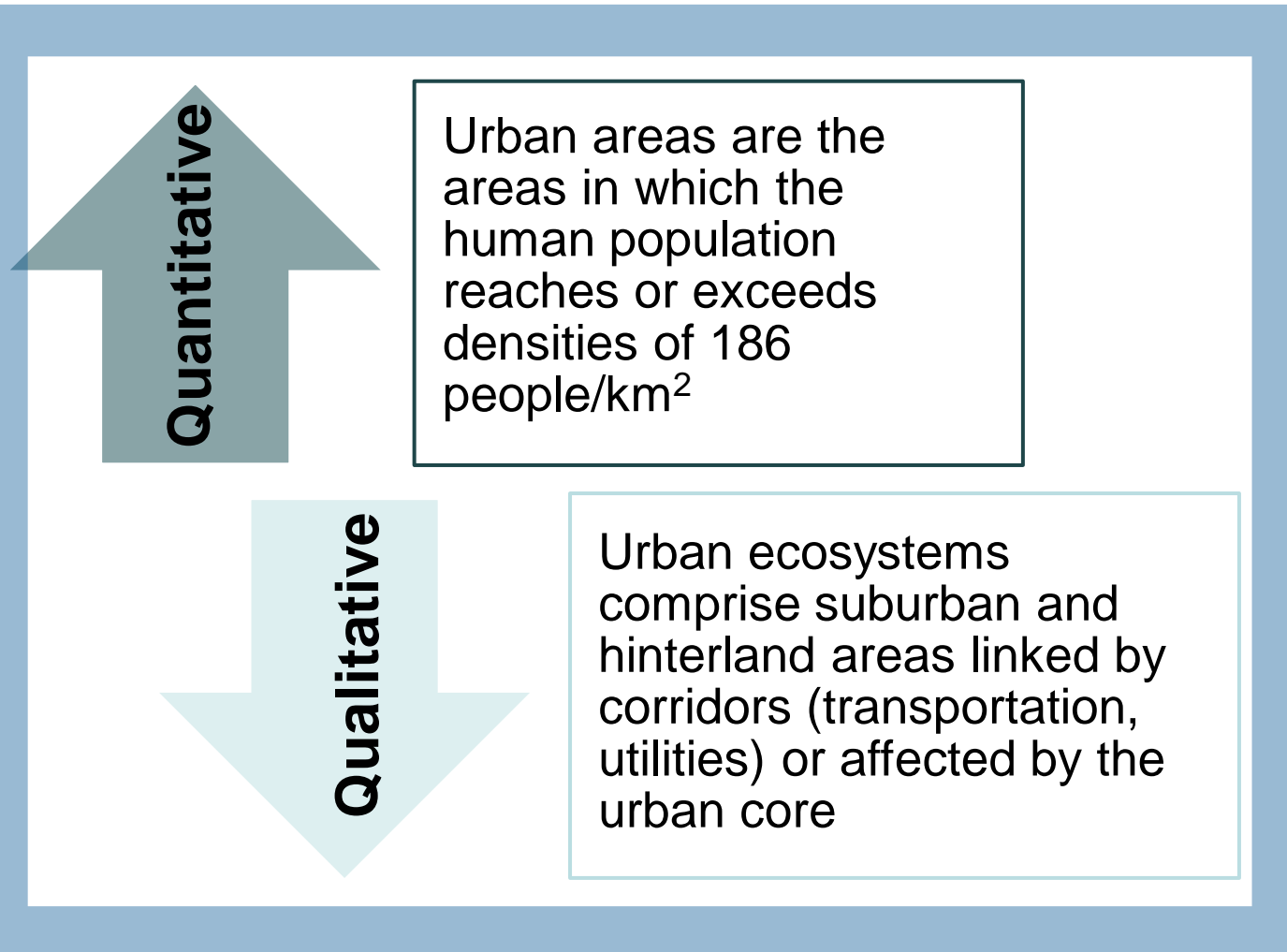
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Cities/Urban Areas are Ecosystems

So instead, Cities, we speak about Urban Systems



A **sustainable city** makes use of opportunities from current trends (e.g., digitalization, clean energy, sustainable finance), as well as innovative transport and mobility patterns, thus providing options for inhabitants to make more environmentally friendly choices, boosts sustainable economic growth, enabling cities to improve their service delivery.

Sources: Savic et al., 2005, Böschén, 2013; UN HABITAT III, 2017

Sources: Irwin et al., 2011; Zhou et al., 2014; Pan et al., 2018 9

Sustainable Urban Area provides various functions/services

Lara et al., 2019;
Zhao and Hu,
2019

Ecological sustainable climate

Seo and Joo,
2019; Zhuang et
al., 2019

Participative governance and sustainable
leadership

Hase et al., 2017

Social interaction

Camboim et al.,
2018; Rodrigues
and Franco, 2019

Technological advances

Blank et al., 2019

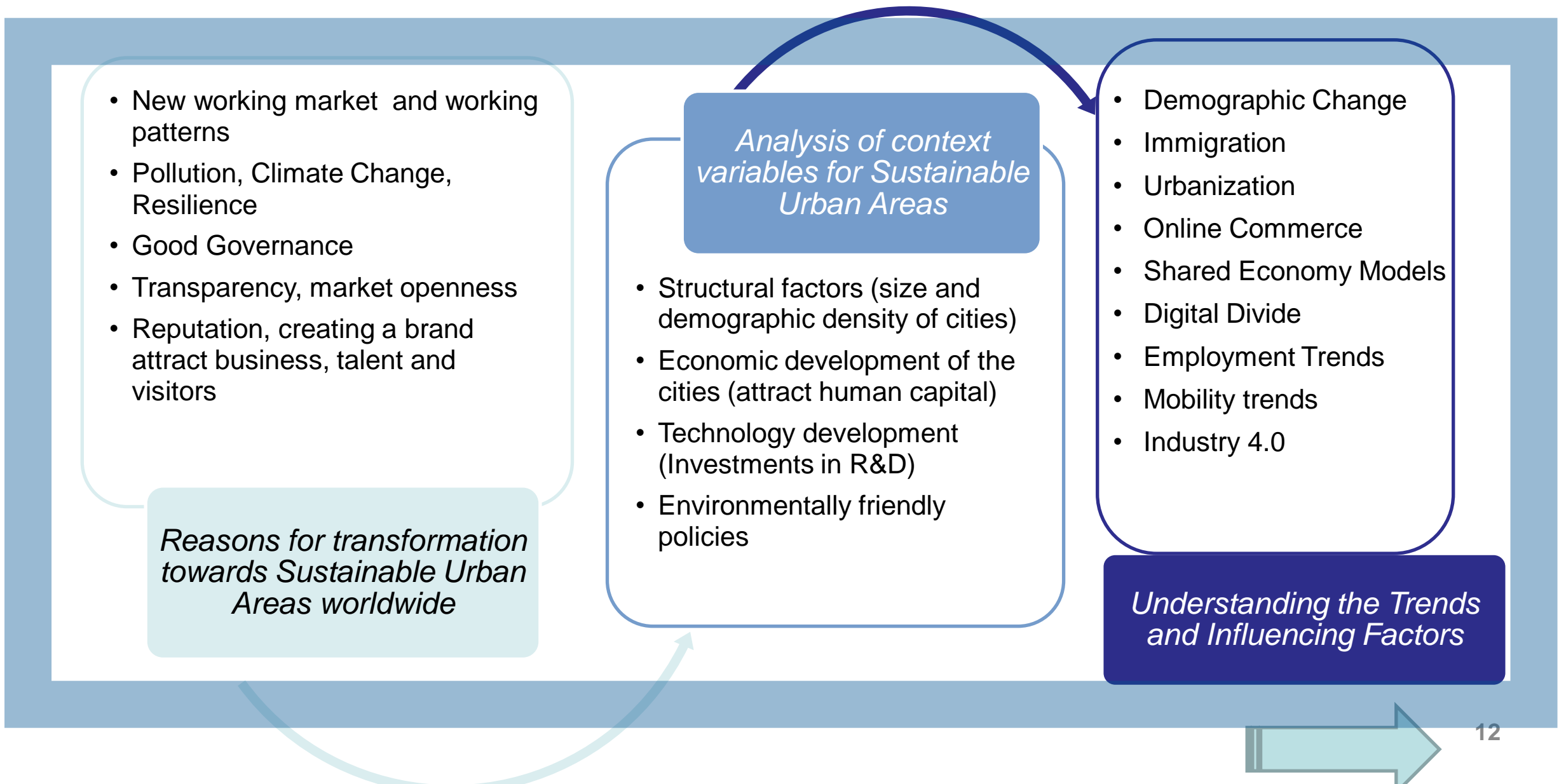
Business incubation (Innovative businesses)

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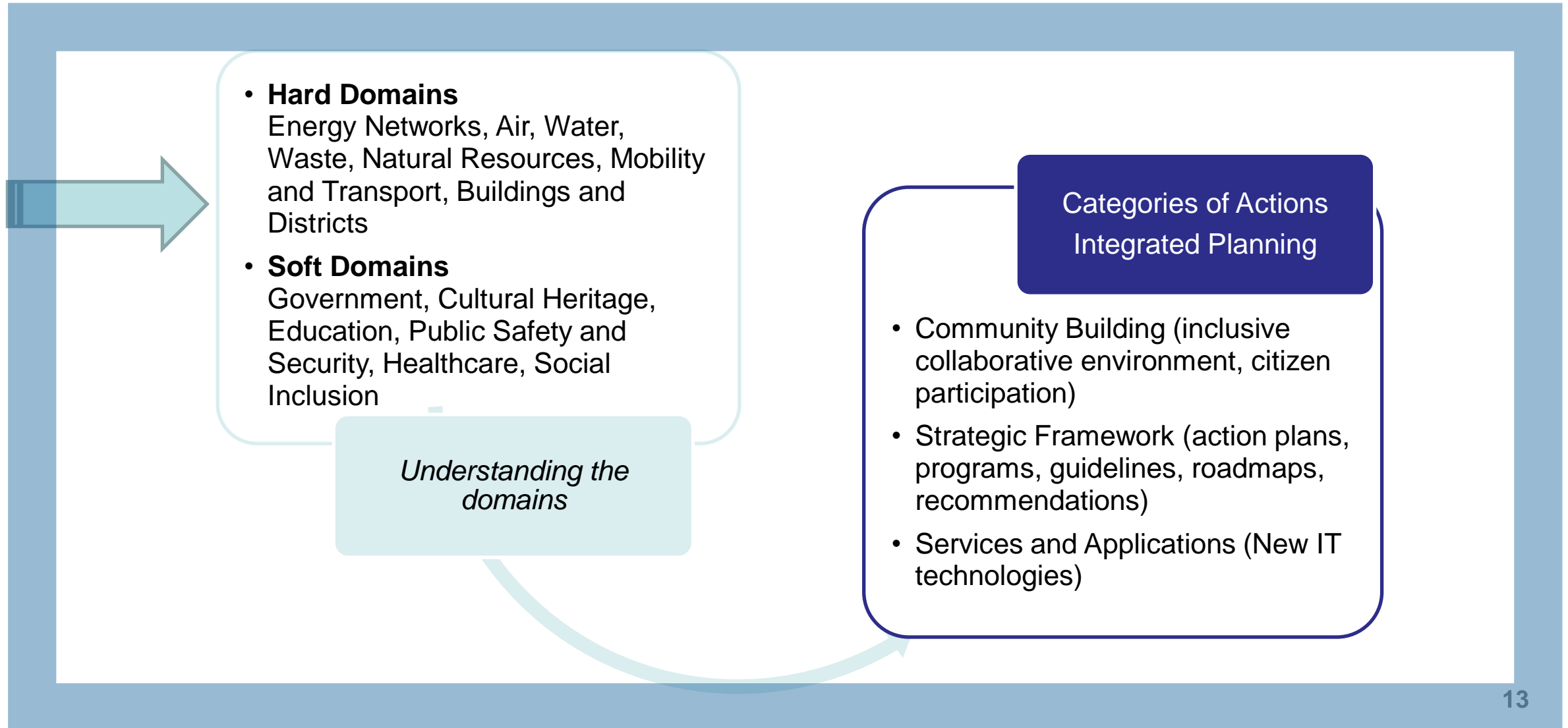
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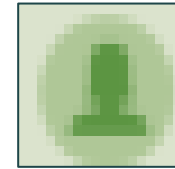
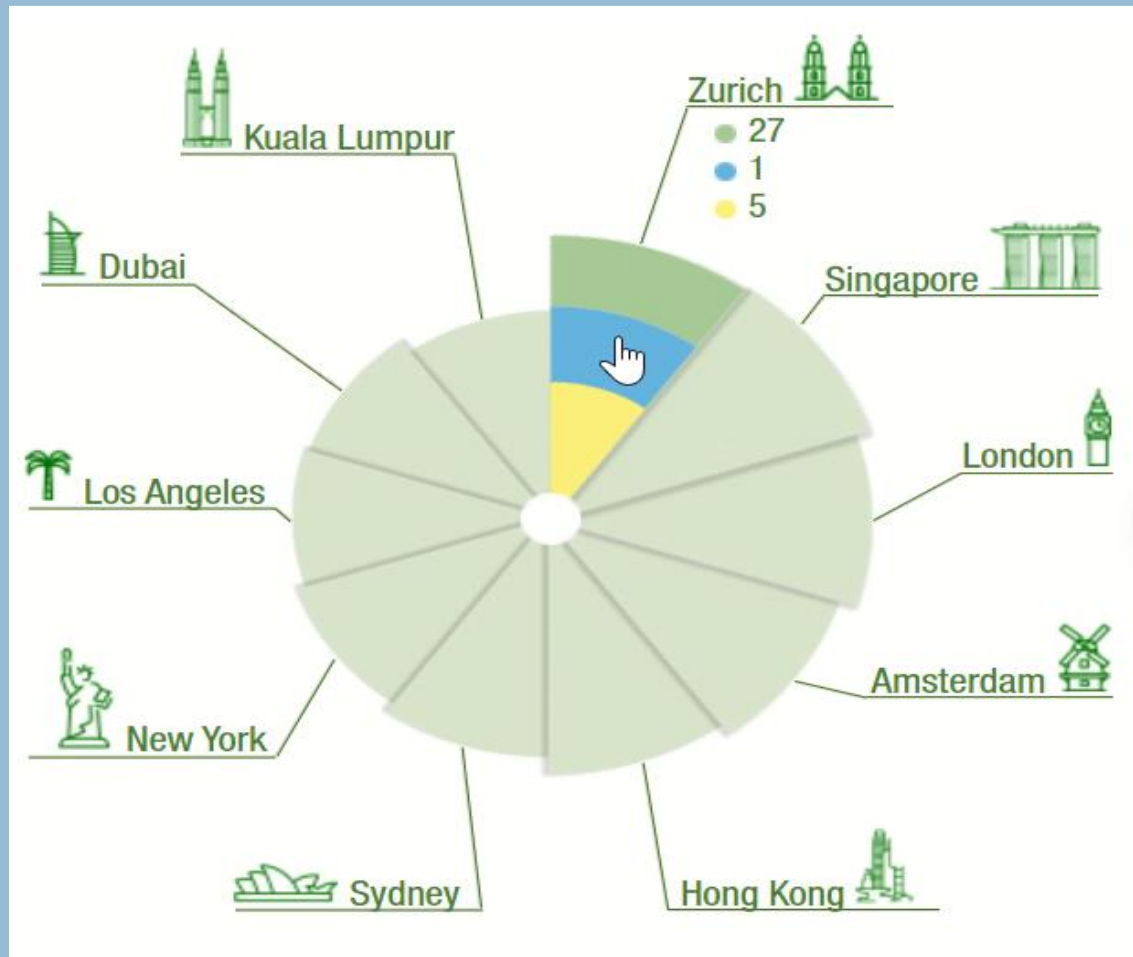
Transformation Process towards Sustainable/Smart Cities (I)



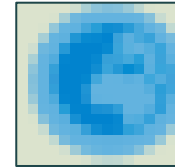
Transformation Process towards Sustainable Urban Areas (II)



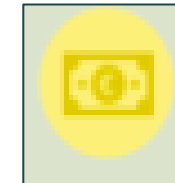
Best practices of Sustainable Urban Areas



The social factors related to the quality of life of a city's inhabitants — health, work, and education.



The environmental factors related to the conditions which give a city its '**green label**' such as its level of pollution, its initiatives to promote recycling, the extension of green zones.



The economic prerequisite: The economic health enjoyed by the inhabitants of a city.

Best practices of Sustainable Urban Areas

Cross-Country Comparison

- Asian Cities (China, India, Taiwan, Sing, Korea) focus on hard domains because of (a) high level of pollution and (b) considerable economic development
- EU Cities on soft domains – human capital investments
- American cities are not driving the changes because of still low environmental regulation
- Small cities are good ecosystems to launch new experiments (Living Labs)
- Large cities usually face more critical needs and problems that entail digitization endeavors and they can attract technology vendors easily

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Sustainable Urban Systems

Project New Mobility in Metropolitan areas (NEMO)

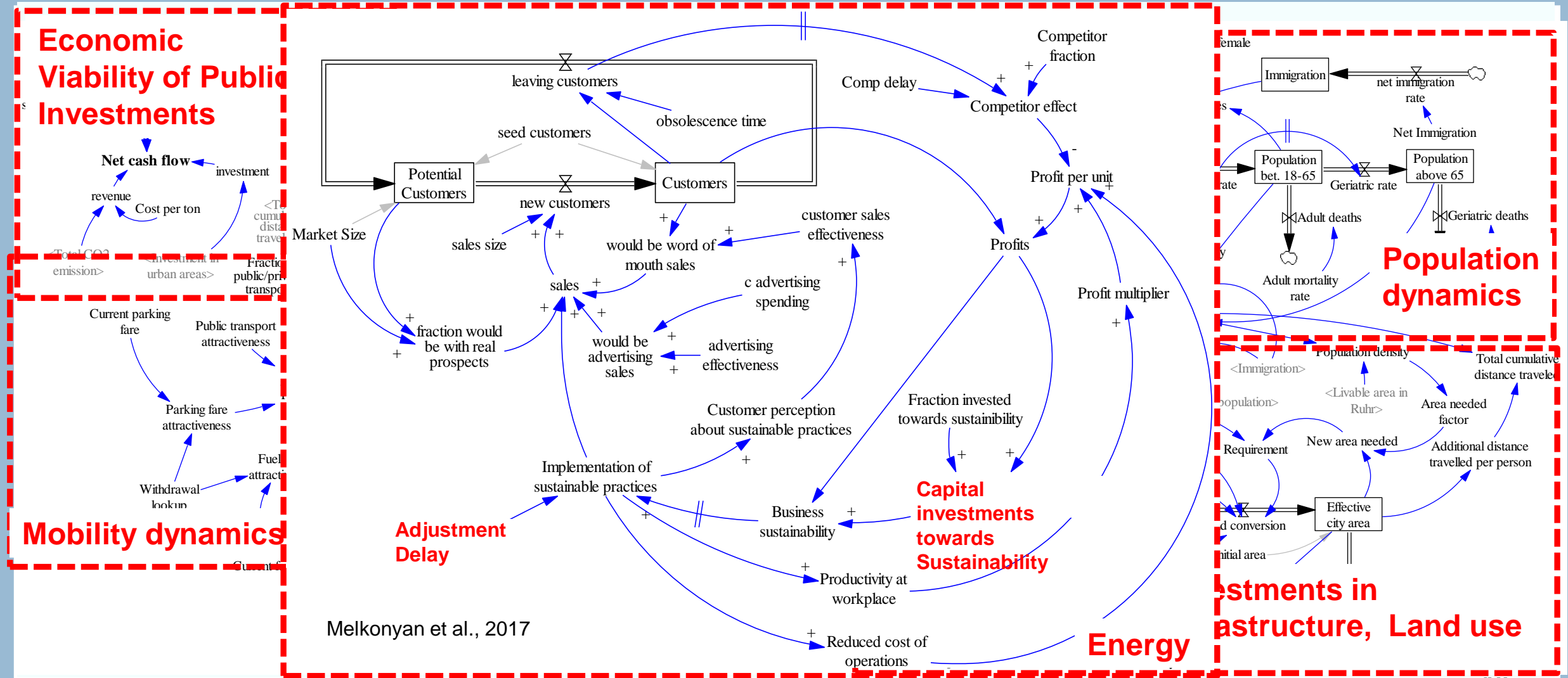


‘Urban Nexus’ perspective

- Links (a) critical urban infrastructures and (b) all relevant stakeholders into **participative governance** structure through
- Horizontal and vertical Integration within **multi-layer, multi-criteria decision making systems**
- Societal issues are characterised by complex time evolutionary behaviour on multiple dimensions

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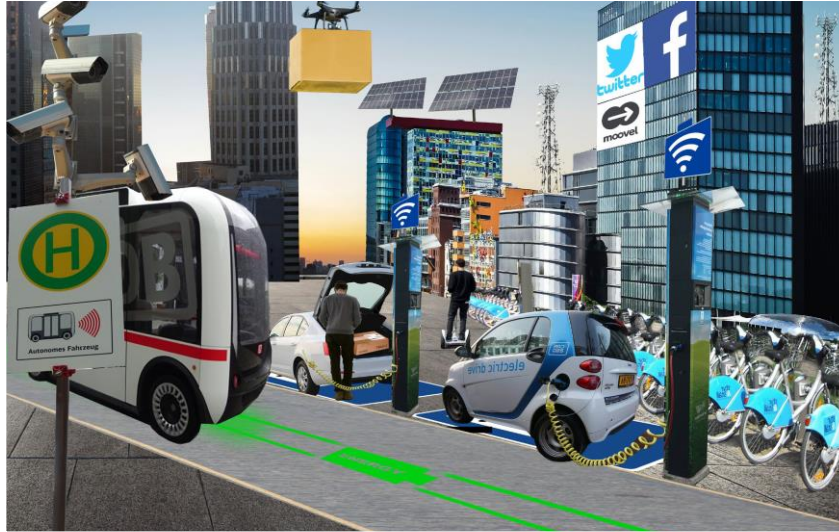
Project New Mobility in Metropolitan areas (NEMO)



Melkonyan et al., 2017

Source: Melkonyan et al., 2019

Sustainable Urban Systems: *NEMO* Scenarios (I)



Smart City

- Interactive digital networks strengthen integrated multi-modal transport system: ***Cyber Infrastructure***
- Autonomous driving leads to a better public transportation: ***Public Transport Attractiveness***
- Intelligent parking reduces searching time causing reduced traffic: ***Parking Fare Attractiveness***
- Multi-purpose areas enhance social interaction: ***Social attractiveness of mixed-land use***
- Increased renewable energy production and its use in the mobility sector: ***Renewable Energy produced***



Sustainable/Healthy City

- Environmentally aware citizens reduce consumption of energy-intensive products/services: ***Energy requirement/Capita***
- Sustainable lifestyles and high level of social interaction public participation in creating new urban planning concepts for more public room in the cities: ***mixed-used public spaces***
- Fossil fuels and parking in urban cores are expensive or banned, internalization of externalities as fiscal policy: ***CO₂ price***
- Soft mobility is dominant: ***Investment in public transport or bike infrastructure***
- Shared mobility business models are efficiently developed and accepted: ***Effect of car sharing***



Peri-Urbanization

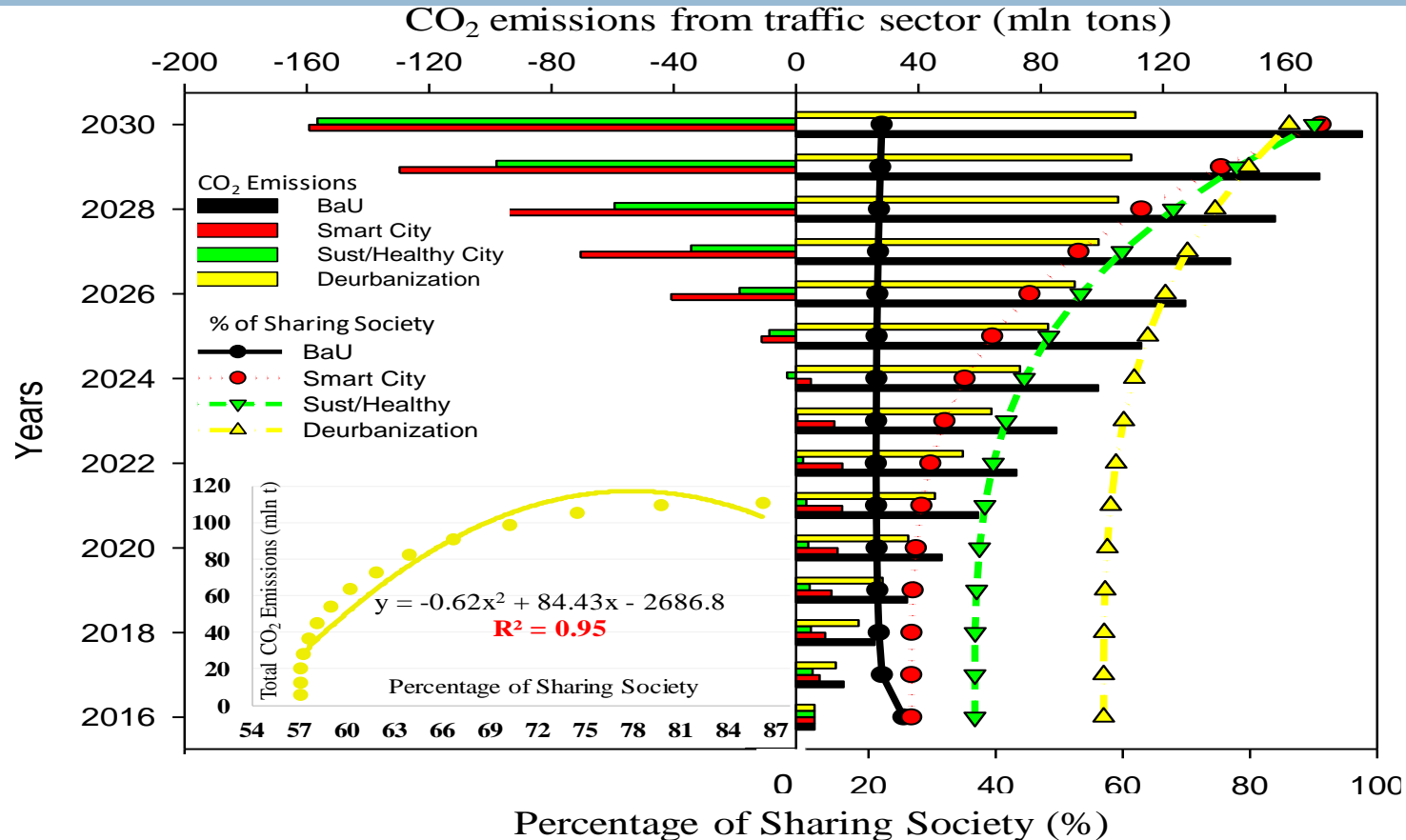
- Lack of investment in urban cores: *Fraction of investments in urban infrastructure*
- Less economic growth accompanied with high living prices in urban cores: *Development index*
- New digital technologies lead to more remote working job models and less commuting distances: *Total cumulative distance travelled*
- Local actors are better off: *Daily distance by car*



Business as Usual

- Focus on private transport: *Cars per person*
- No shared mobility concepts and less investments in public transport: *high level of Air Pollution*
- High share of unemployment: *Unemployment Rate*
- Inefficient spaces: *Conversion to City area*
- Social disturbance: *Unrest due to people problems*

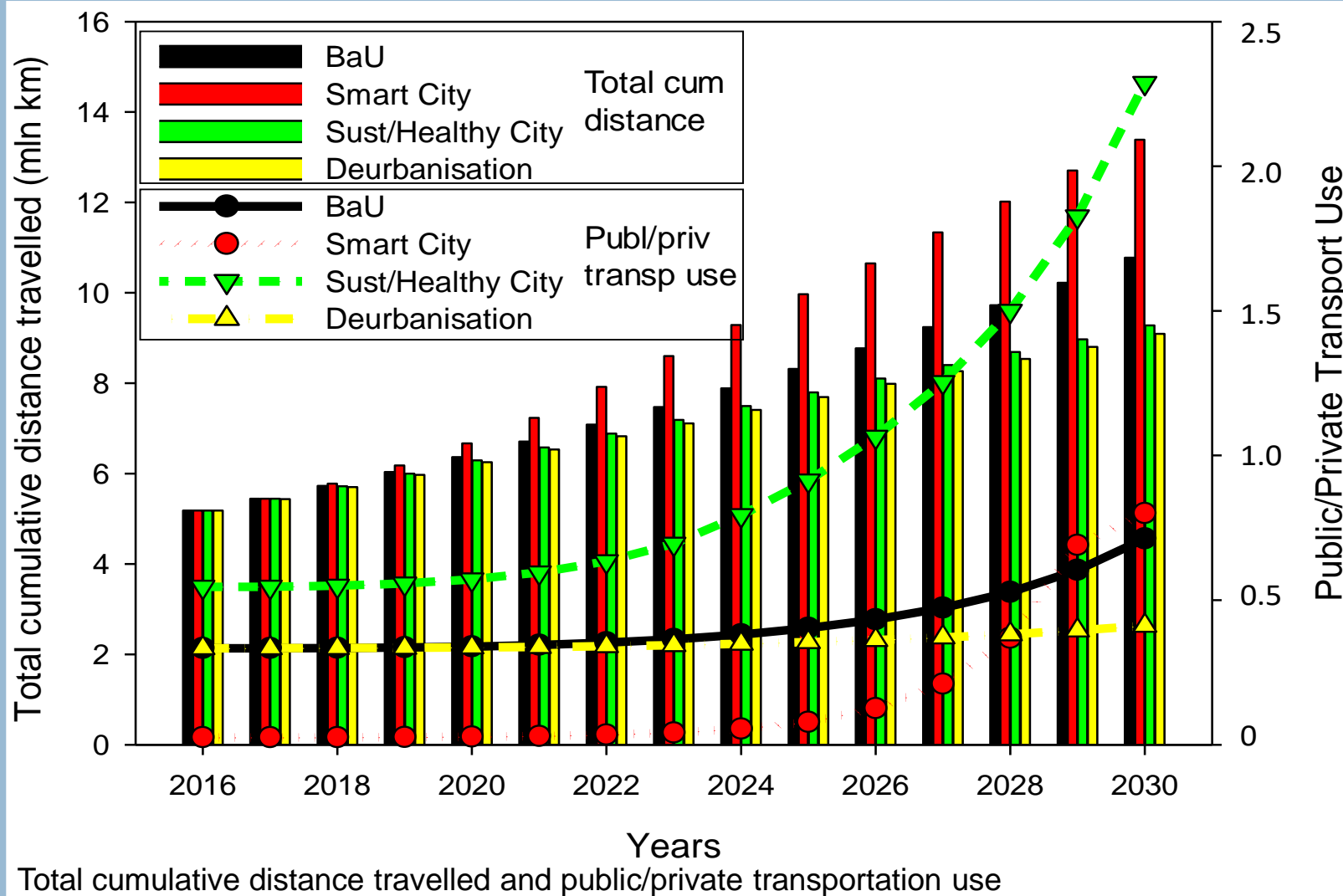
NEMO Simulation Runs; Carbon Emissions



Percentage of sharing society and its impact on CO₂ emissions for scenarios BaU, Smart City, Sustainable/Healthy City, and Deurbanisation. Development of sharing society is presented as a scatter and line plot on the right-hand side. The inset graph displays the correlation between total CO₂ Emissions and the percentage of sharing society as simulated for the Deurbanization scenario.

1. The percentage of sharing society is the highest in the deurbanization scenario, but the increase of the percentage in the sharing population is the highest in the smart city scenario.
2. CO₂ emissions decrease sharply in Smart and Sustainable City scenarios.
3. CO₂ emissions increase in the scenario deurbanization, showing a positive correlation

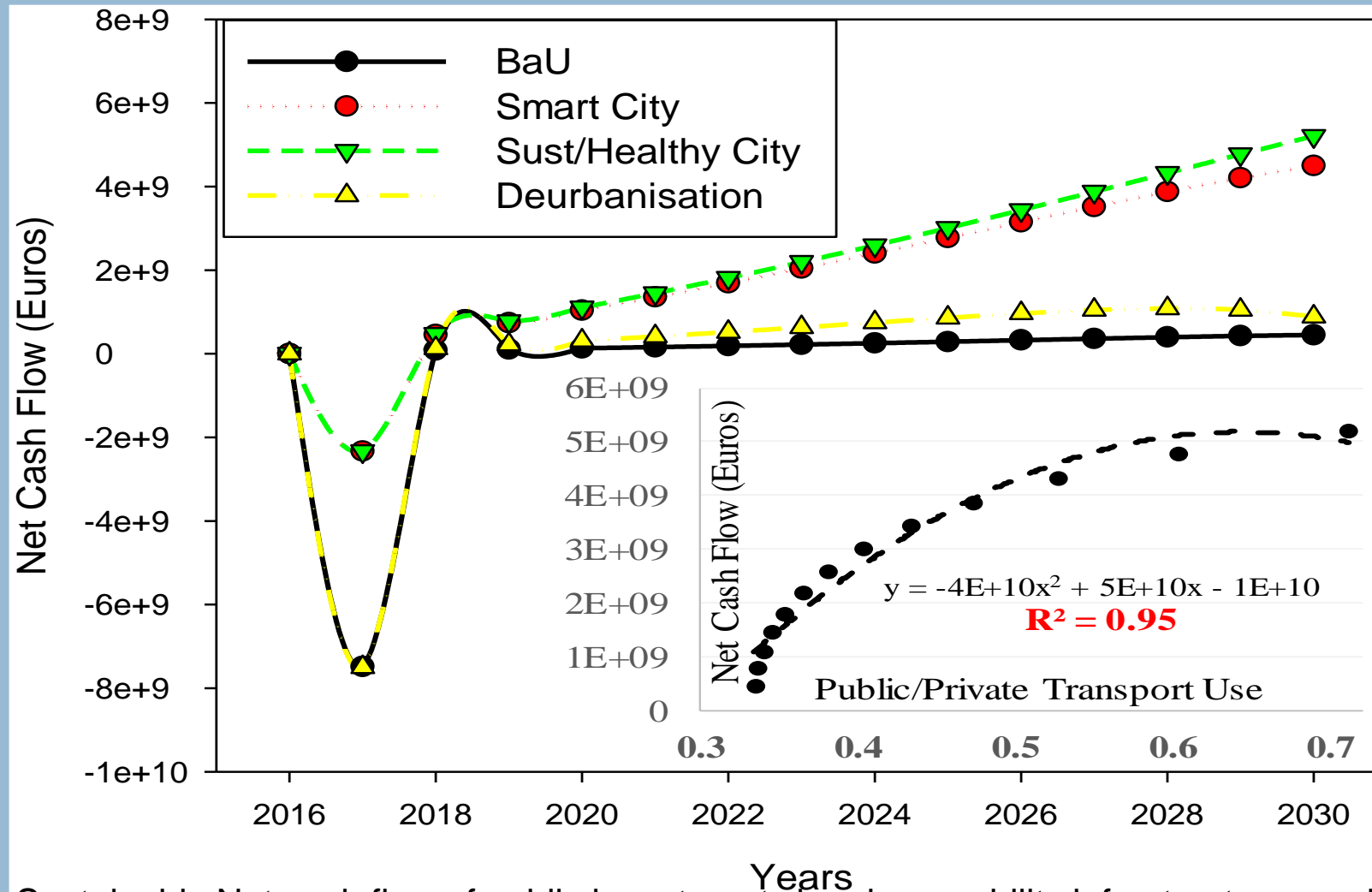
NEMO Simulation Runs; Total cumulative distance travelled



Source: Melkonyan et al., 2019

1. Due to the expansion of urban areas in the Smart City scenario, the distance driven increases significantly.
2. However, CO₂ emissions are saved in Smart City and Sustainable City scenarios. This is explained by
3. (a) modal - split: increasing, high share of public transport relative to private transport.
b) efficient and targeted investments in urban systems

NEMO Simulation Runs; Sustainable Net Cash Flow



Sustainable Net cash flow of public investments in urban mobility infrastructures and the correlation with the modal split for the Business-as-Usual scenario

1. SNCF depends on tax agreements of the state and CO₂ emissions saved.
2. Once the investment is made, it initially only leads to capital expenditures, then the SNCF increases significantly. This is particularly evident in the Smart City and Sustainable/Healthy City scenarios, where the most CO₂ emissions are saved.

Sustainable Urban Systems: Project NEMO: Recommendations

1. The fraction of **renewable energy use in motorized** vehicles should be 80 %.
2. An increase from currently 1,000 Euros/person in public infrastructures investment to 3,500 Euros/person could lead to a decrease in total cumulative CO₂ emissions from 60 million tonnes to 20 million tonnes. A public infrastructure investment of **4,000 Euros/person** could lead to the mobility sector becoming CO₂-neutral.
3. Increasing the **attractiveness of public transportation** by improving quality, coverage, price, and timing of services could lead to direct savings of all the CO₂ emissions, making the transportation sector CO₂ neutral by the mid-2030s.
4. Transportation and Mobility sector along with Building and Energy sector is the key lever for transformation

There are many good Best case examples for Sustainable/Smart Cities reflecting on Urban Logistics, Mobility, Energy, Construction, Education, Policy Making.

BUT.....

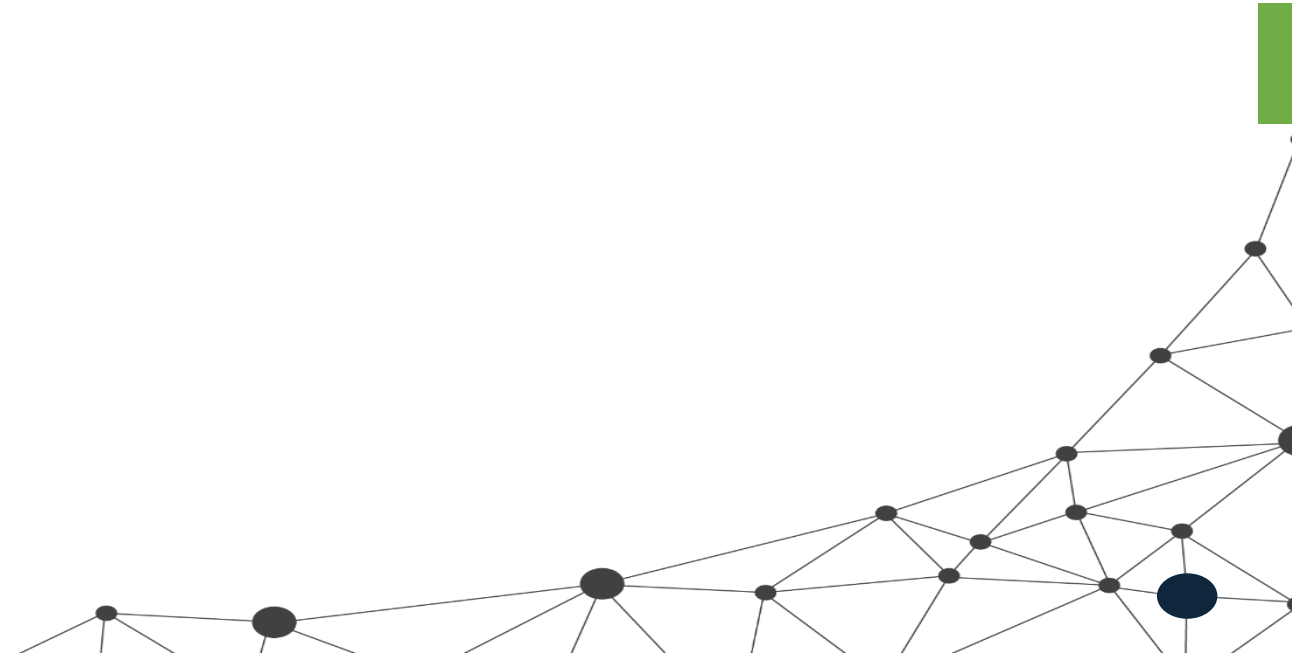
**There are only a few circular activities in several Cities
and no Circular Cities**



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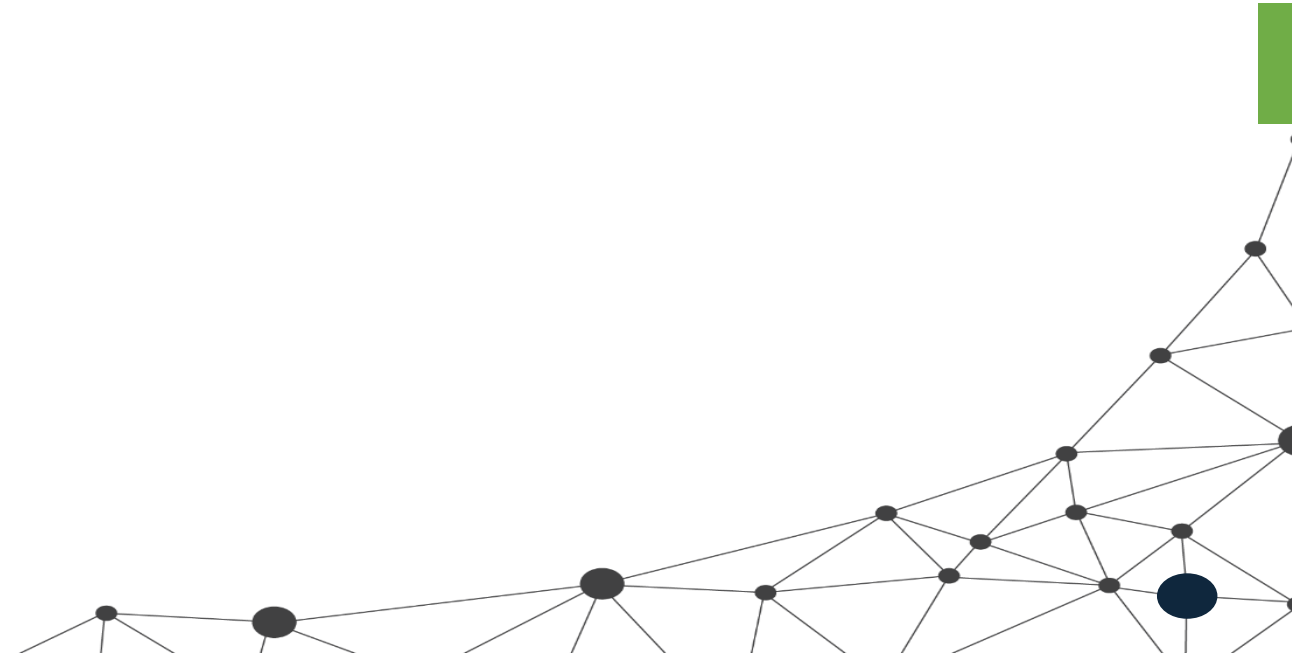
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Nature-based solutions are key to ensure sustainable infrastructure development and green urban futures

City life is becoming the default human experience. Cities are engines for development, connect people and stand for innovation and opportunity.

But cities, and their expected growth, can also exacerbate some of the world's most serious environmental and socioeconomic challenges.

If we make our cities work with nature,
we can address the triple crisis:

- biodiversity loss
- climate change
- Pollution

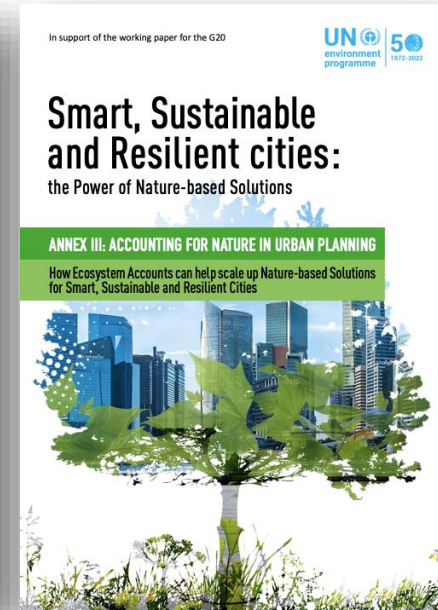
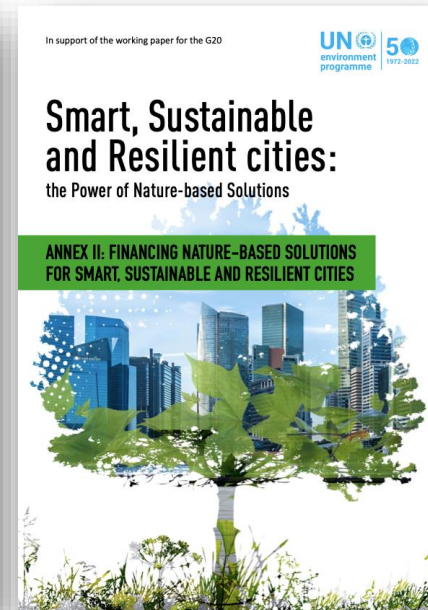
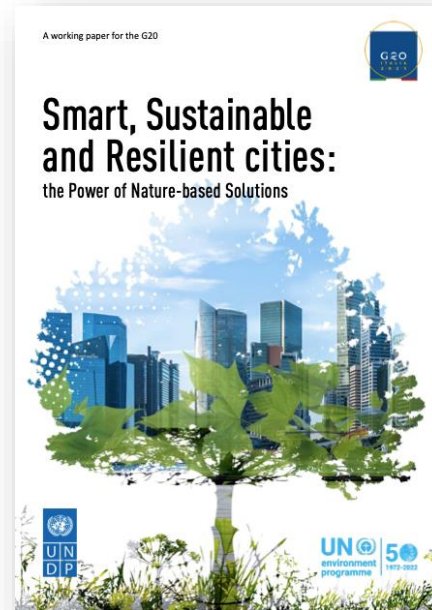
For healthy planet and healthy people.



Building smart, sustainable and resilient cities means harnessing the power of nature.

Key theme promoted by Italy while holding G20 presidency.

Opportunity for Germany to promote NbS as part of G7 priorities.



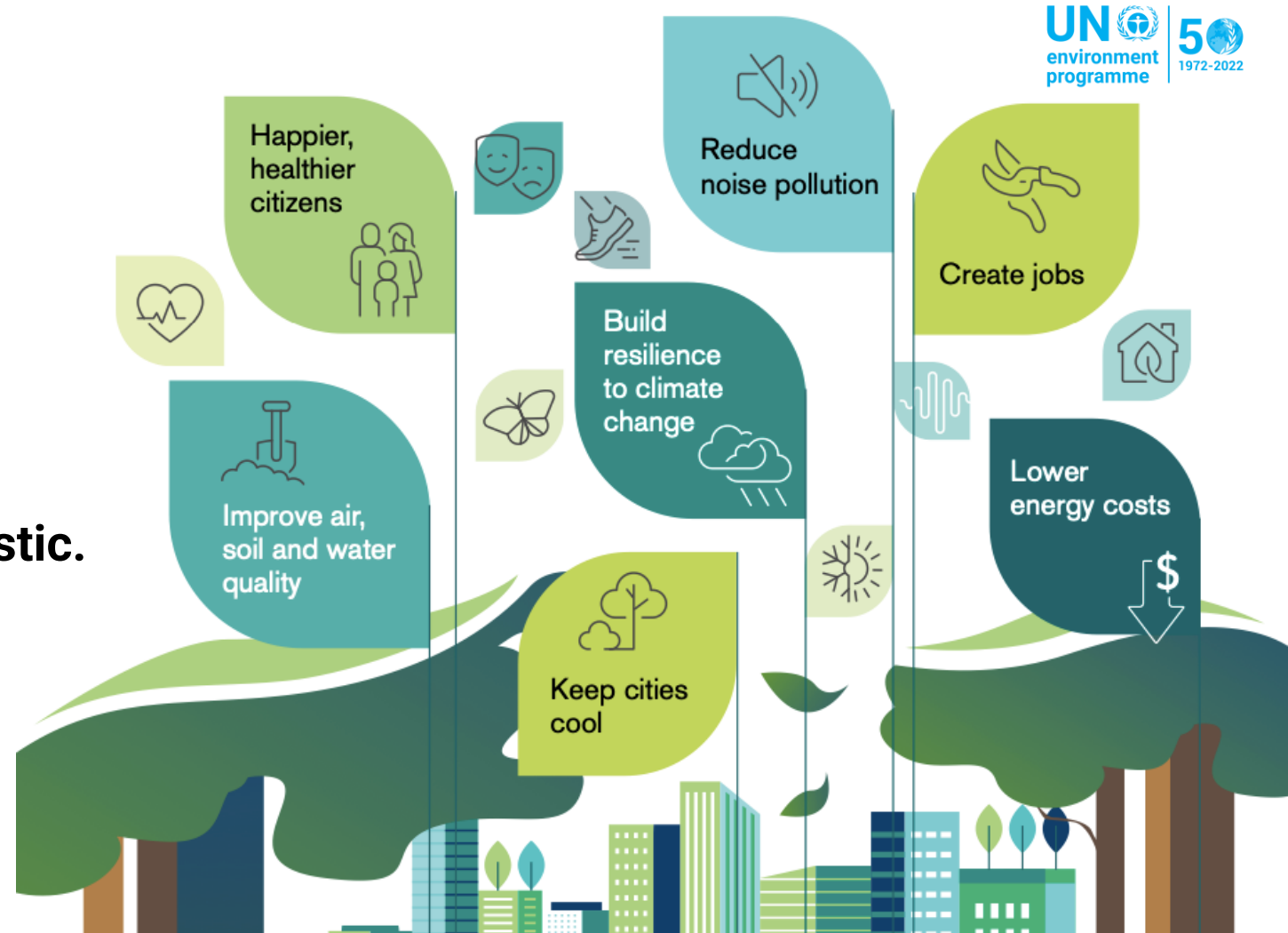
<https://www.unep.org/resources/report/smart-sustainable-and-resilient-cities-power-nature-based-solutions>

Examples of the use of nature-based solutions to build more sustainable, resilient and just cities abound.

A key example is in Milan, Italy.



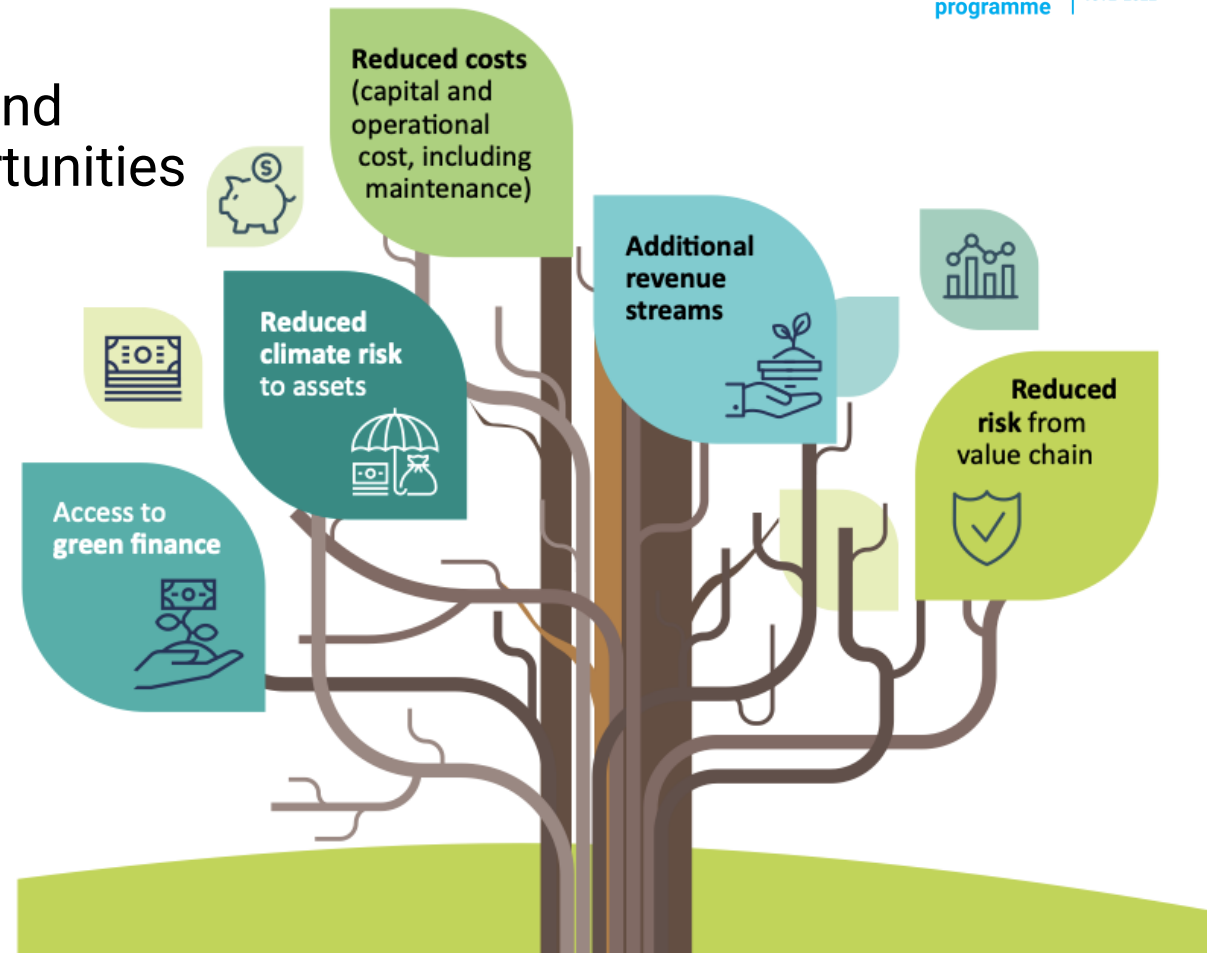
The benefits of nature-based solutions are multiple, cross-cutting and holistic.



Nature means business:
it creates jobs and offers and
offers key economic opportunities

Did you know?

Spending \$583 billion on NbS for infrastructure could create more than 59 million jobs by 2030



While important lessons have been learned about what works, several barriers need to be overcome for nature-based solutions to deliver transformative change.



Cities face institutional and financing barriers to implement and scale-up NbS

- Limited understanding of **benefits**, key to make the case for action and attract investments.
- Lack of **strong business models** and participation of the private sector.
- Lack of **data**, especially at the city level
- Lack of **coordination** and effective **multi-level governance**.



How do we get from inspiring stories to NbS mainstreaming at scale?

- **Quantify benefits** to better value nature & ecosystem services.
- Ensure **stakeholder engagement** and **integrated planning**.
- Put in place **effective policy frameworks** to support development and maintenance
- **Ensure active participation of citizens** in planning and decision making



What's measured gets managed. Monitoring the impact of NbS will help to improve their implementation and make the case for expanding their use.

Local and national governments should work together to craft the right mix of incentives and regulation to create a supportive environment for the widespread application of NbS.

THANK YOU

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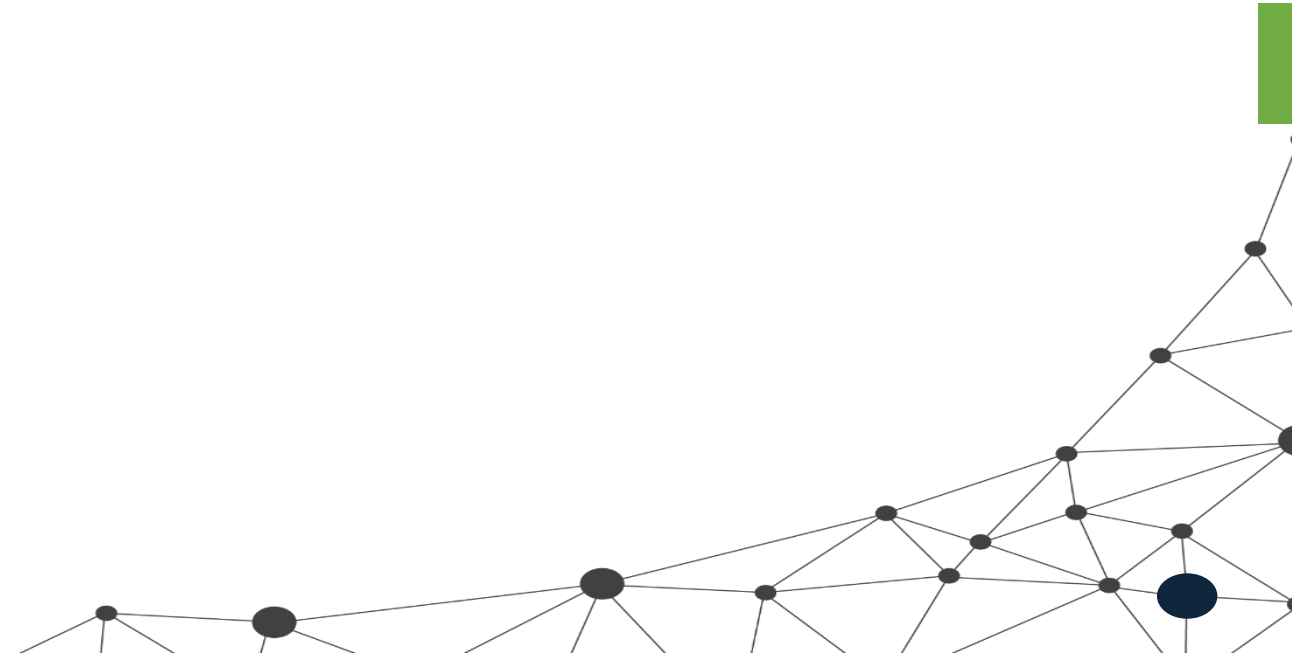
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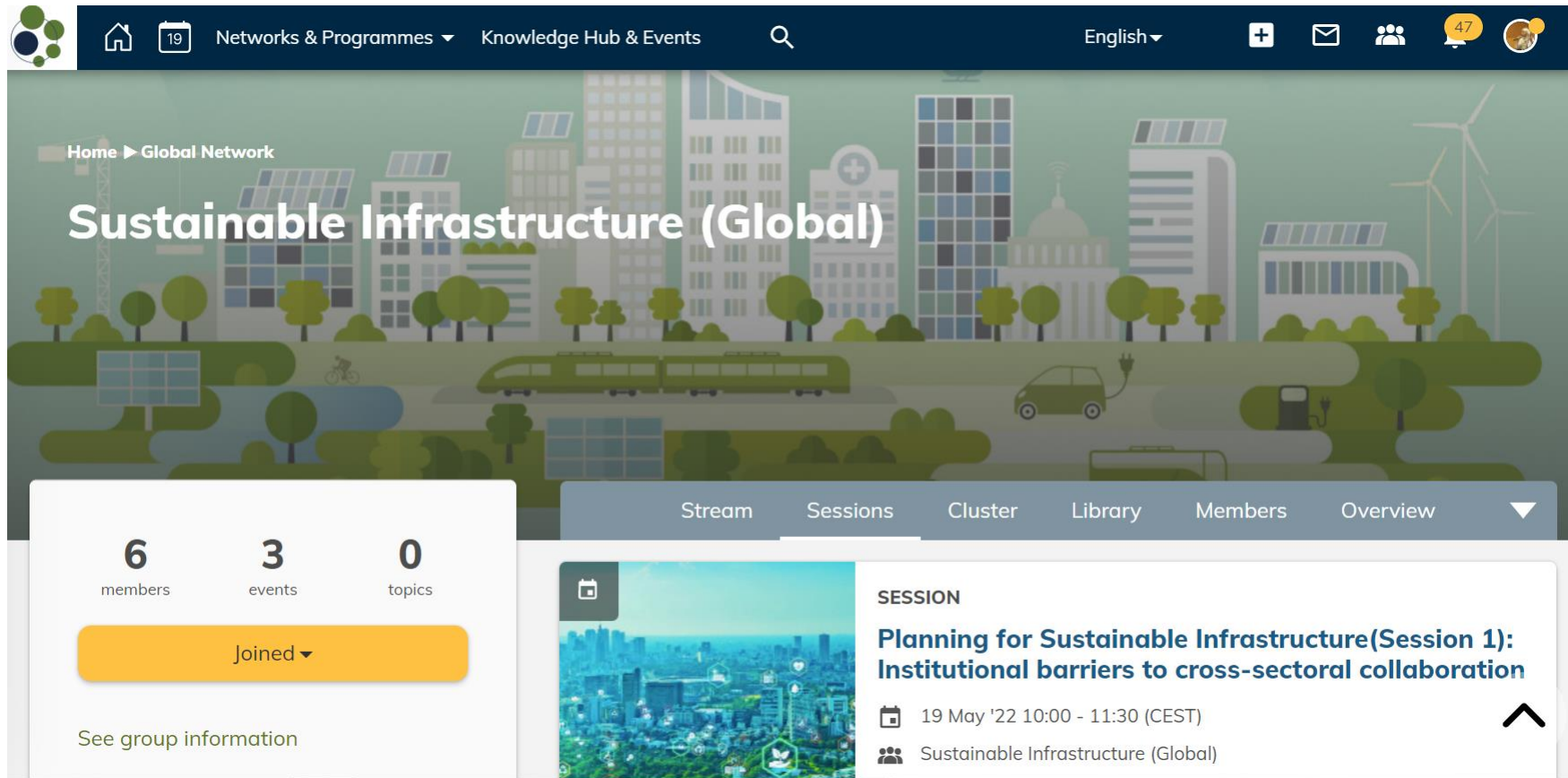
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Connective Cities Platform

A screenshot of the Connective Cities Platform web interface. The top navigation bar is dark blue with icons for home, calendar, networks, knowledge hub, search, language, and user profile. The main header area features a cityscape illustration and the text 'Sustainable Infrastructure (Global)'. Below this, a sidebar shows statistics: 6 members, 3 events, and 0 topics, with a 'Joined' button and a link to 'See group information'. The main content area has tabs for Stream, Sessions, Cluster, Library, Members, and Overview. The 'Sessions' tab is active, displaying a session titled 'Planning for Sustainable Infrastructure(Session 1): Institutional barriers to cross-sectoral collaboration' scheduled for 19 May '22 from 10:00 to 11:30 CEST, under the group 'Sustainable Infrastructure (Global)'.

<https://community.connective-cities.net/en/group/199/events>

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