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*Enhanced Urban Nature Plans for  
Biodiversity Mainstreaming in Society*

Horizon Europe Project, 2024-2026





# About ICLEI

- ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 2,500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.
- Active in 100+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.
- Our Members and team of experts work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create systemic change for urban sustainability.

**2500+ LOCAL  
AND REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENTS**

**22 OFFICES  
WORLDWIDE**

**ACTIVE IN  
100+ COUNTRIES**

**IMPACTING MORE THAN  
25% OF THE  
GLOBAL URBAN POPULATION**

**AND MORE THAN  
20% OF THE  
GLOBAL POPULATION**

**5 INTERCONNECTED  
DEVELOPMENT  
PATHWAYS**





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# ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability





# THE FIVE ICLEI PATHWAYS



LOW EMISSION  
DEVELOPMENT



NATURE-BASED  
DEVELOPMENT



EQUITABLE AND  
PEOPLE CENTERED  
DEVELOPMENT



RESILIENT  
DEVELOPMENT



CIRCULAR  
DEVELOPMENT

The FIVE ICLEI PATHWAYS reflect ICLEI's approach to achieving a sustainable city as well as local contributions to implementing the goals laid out in international frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals. We also look at how the pathways connect to bring about change in an INTEGRATED way.

**In UNP+, ICLEI is actively working with cities to support their work in the nature-based development pathway, supported by topical and communication experts.**



# Impact through projects



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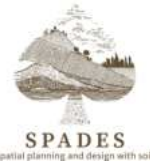


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NBS4Drought

SoilTribes



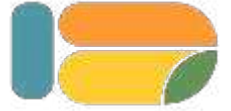




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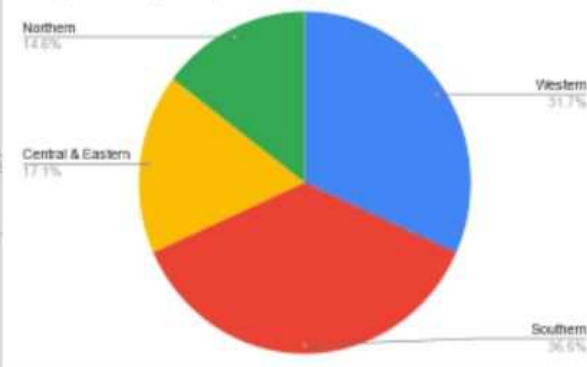
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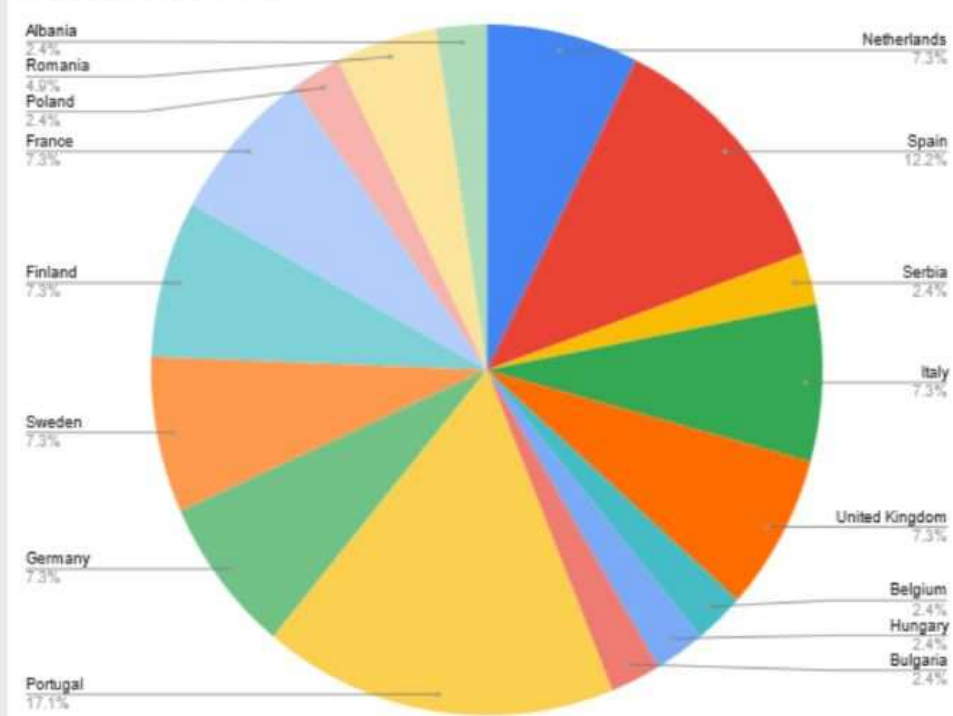
Response Rate



Responses by European Region



Responses by Country









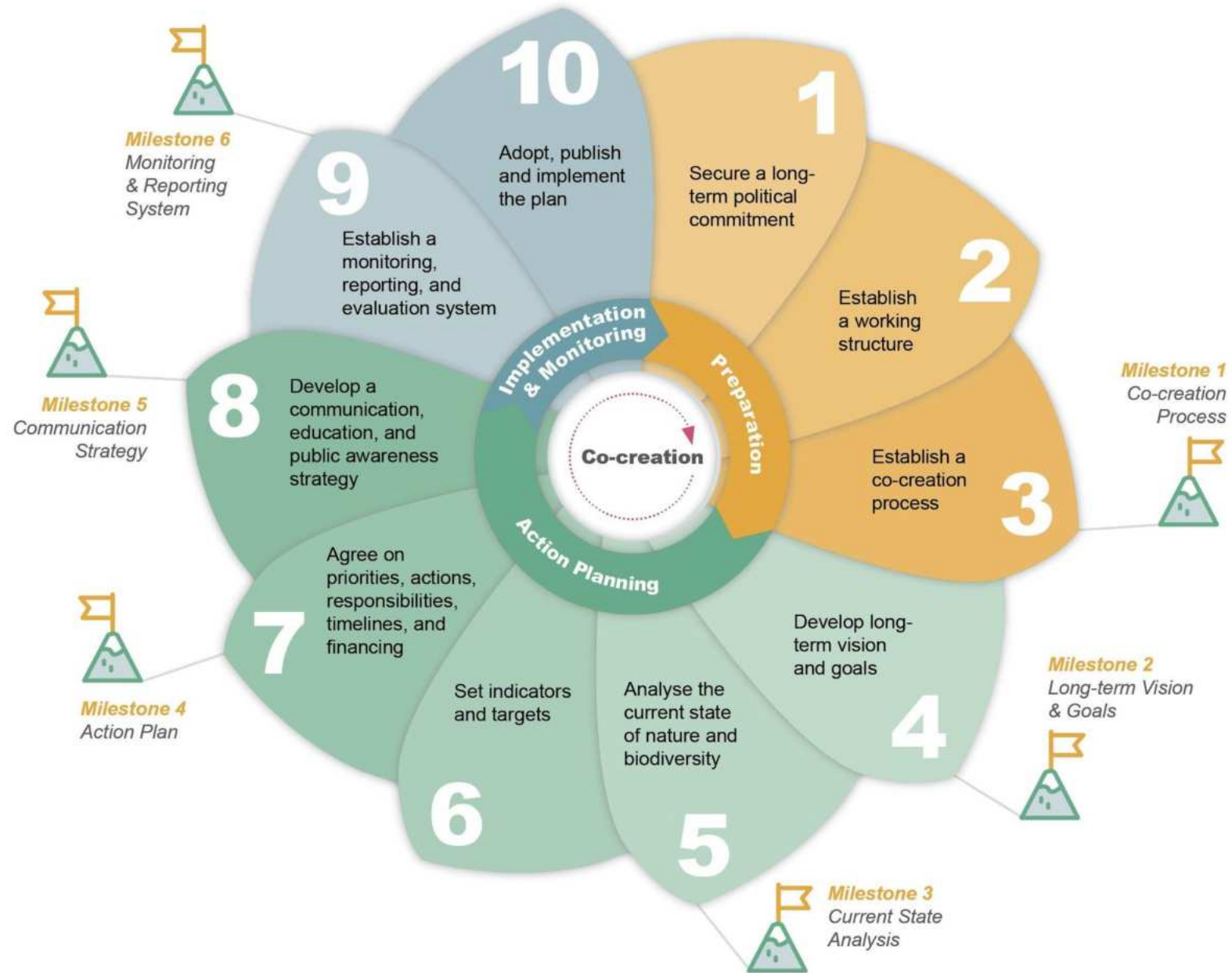


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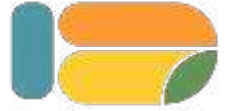
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## URBAN GREENING PLANS

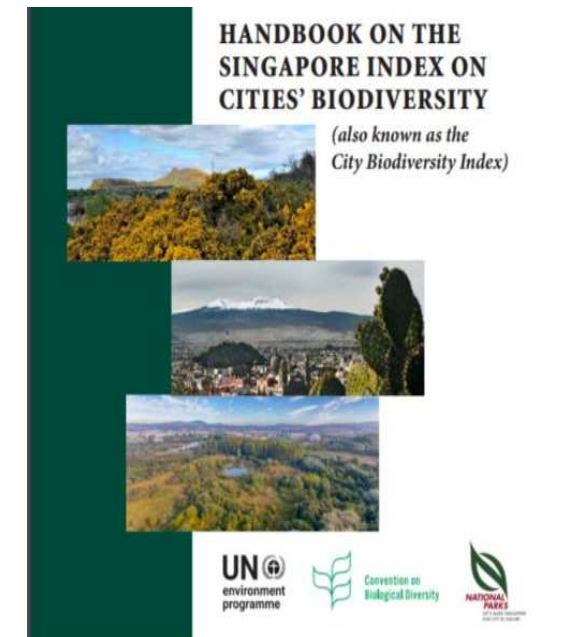




# Urban Greening Plan Toolkit

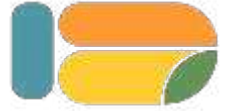


- Support cities in the implementation of the Urban Greening Plans
- Structured around the phases and steps
- Tools ranging from EU level data to citizen-led initiatives
- Each tool includes an overview, 'how to use' and 'alternatives'





# The UNP+ Project



UNP+ proposes a **next generation Urban Nature Plan framework for European Cities.**

This is a **forward-looking, systemic, integrated, and inclusive planning instrument** capable of realising meaningful and lasting impacts in **bending the curve of biodiversity loss.**







# Intended Outcomes



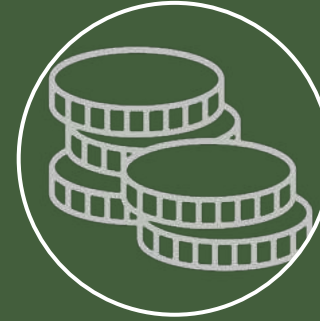
Leverage the power of co-creation to **test, assess, and ultimately improve the UNP framework**, supporting partner cities in achieving ambitious EU environmental targets.



Facilitate **peer to peer and reflexive learning** opportunities for participating cities.



Support participating cities in **integrating justice and equity into spatial planning processes**.



Foster **public private partnerships, inspire collaborative business models, and encourage innovative financing** within the field of nature-based solutions.



Create and test **planning and evaluation tools** that link social, environmental, and more-than-human justice and resilience perspectives.



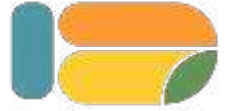
Transform urban ecosystems by embracing and enhancing biodiversity protection and sustainability







# Process and Tools



**Mission:** Develop thriving, biodiverse cities across Europe with green spaces accessible to all.

**Approach:** Integrate city-led initiatives into national sustainability strategies

**Goal:** Make urban nature the norm, not the exception.

- Learning by doing
- Learning by interacting
- Reflexive Learning

Knowledge  
Creation

Scaling  
Mechanisms

- Scaling up
- Scaling out
- Scaling Deep

- Paris
- Barcelona

Lighthouse  
Cities

Greening  
Cities

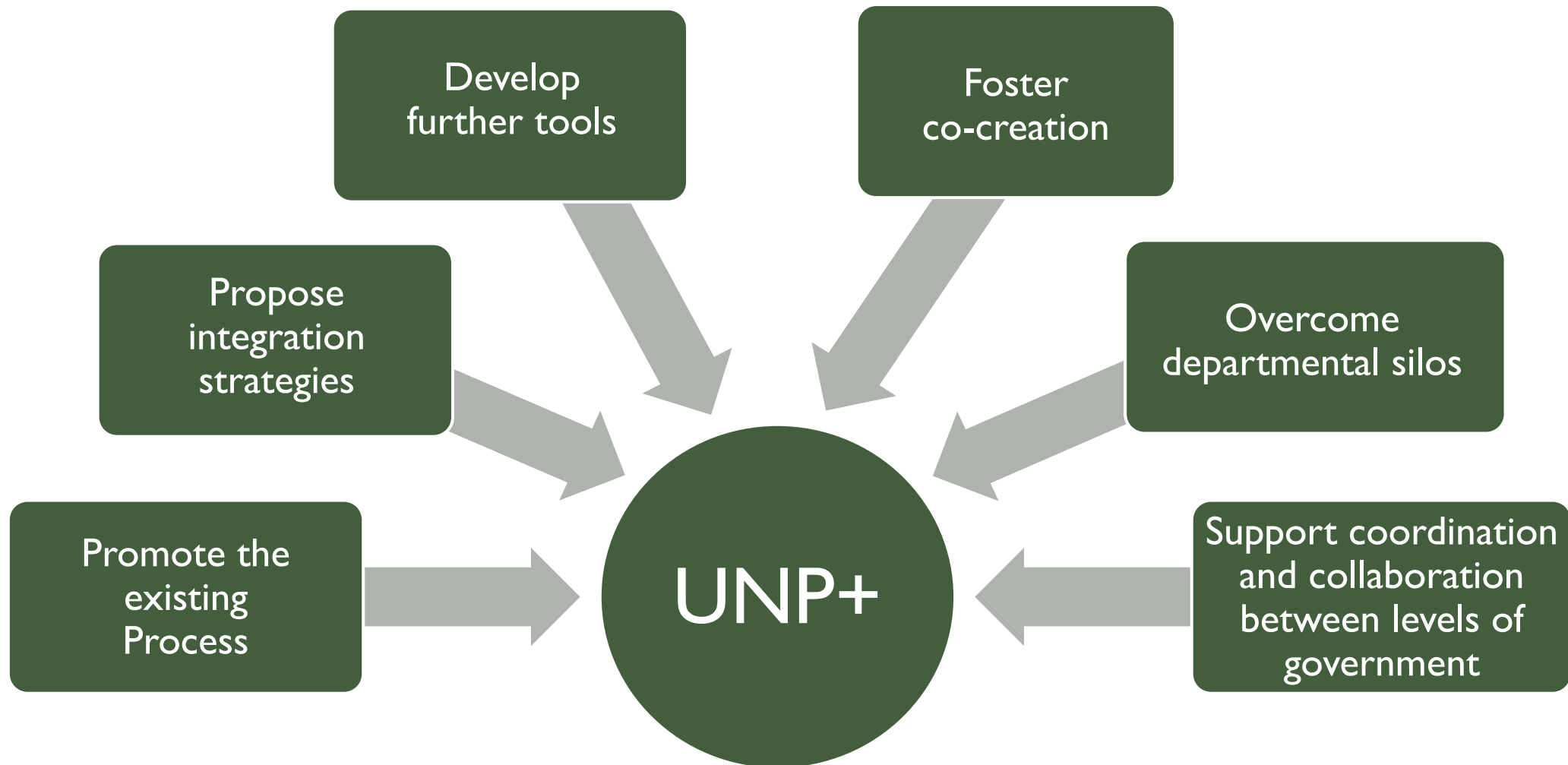
- Burgas
- Belgrade
- Mannheim







# What's the PLUS?







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# One-stop-shop for YOU



## Local and sub-national governments and public authorities

... expand their skills and knowledge along policy areas of the EGD through dedicated tools and best practices, a **peer-to-peer exchange and capacity-building programme**.

## NbS investors and entrepreneurs

...benefit from **guidance to help understand and enhance the attractiveness of NbS for investors**, access opportunities for collaborations with investors, extend and create peer- and cross-sector networks through the delivery of guidance and training

## Subnational, national and EU policy-makers

...benefit from better implementation of policies with the support of **NN+ NbS products & services packages**, and recommendations for policy integration

## Educators, education institutions and students

...benefit from NbS educational materials, and **innovative engagement methods to reach new audiences** (including artist co-production with scientists, gaming, festivals) - all to foster the integration and excitement of NbS in transdisciplinary education (at different levels).





# Thank You for Your Attention!



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