



The UPSURGE Project Final Conference

Guiding Cities to Deliver Regenerative Urban Transformation

UPSURGE innovations in support of NBS & communities engagement

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What works ecologically?

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What works socially –
and for whom?



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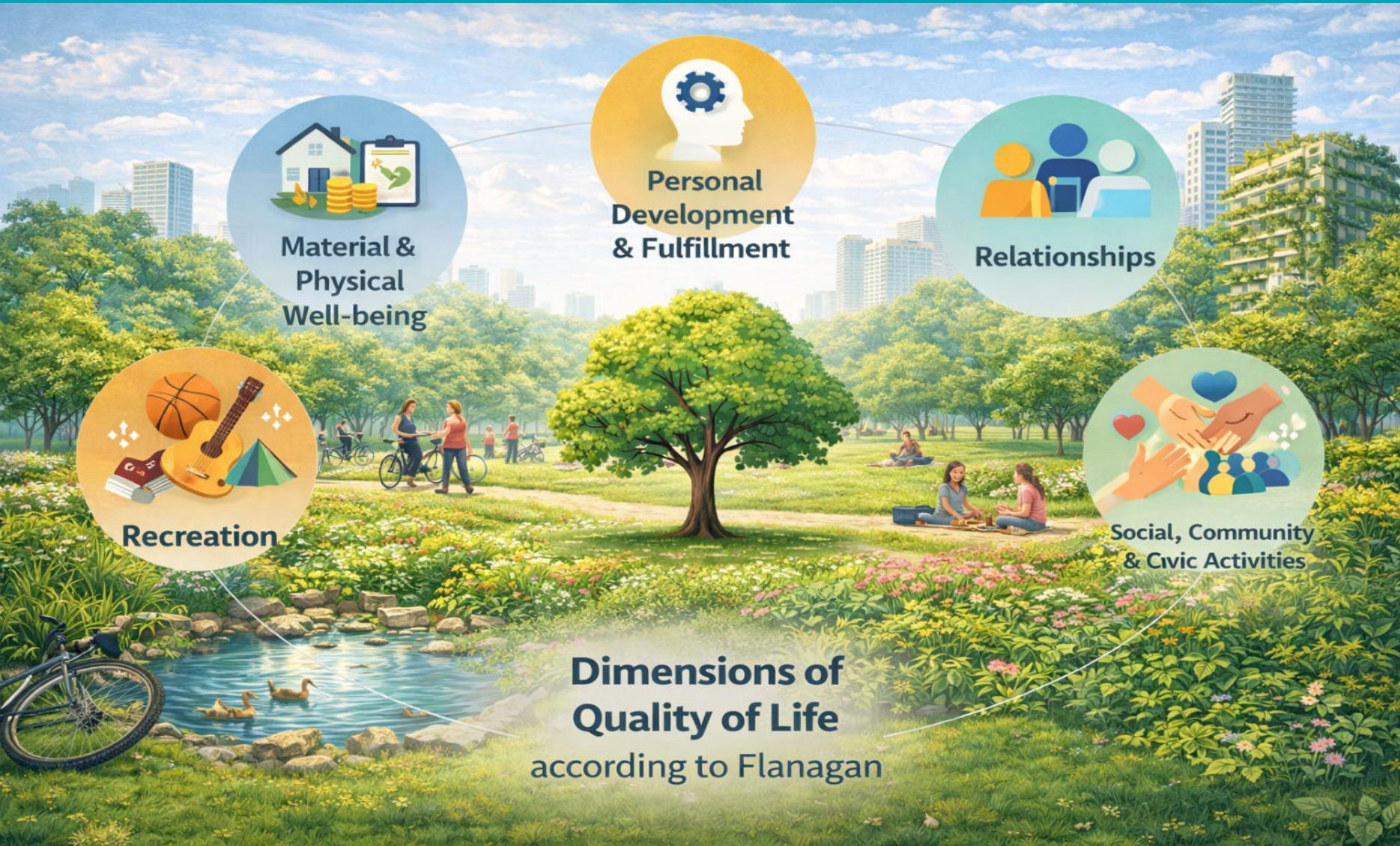


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Rethinking Monitoring: Beyond Environmental Metrics



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Dimensions of Social Impact in UPSURGE



Place Labs as living testbeds



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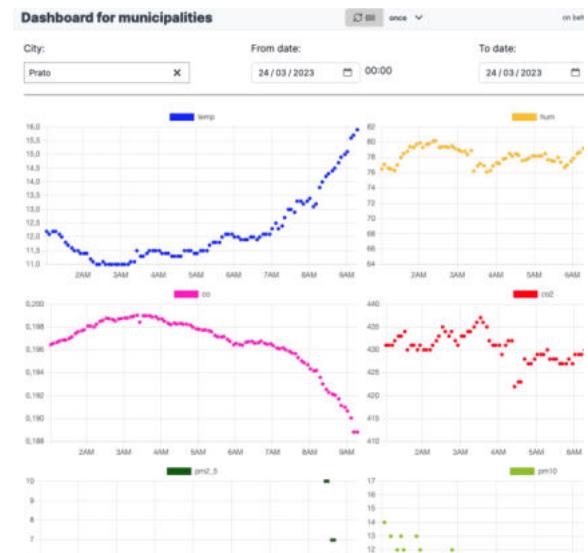
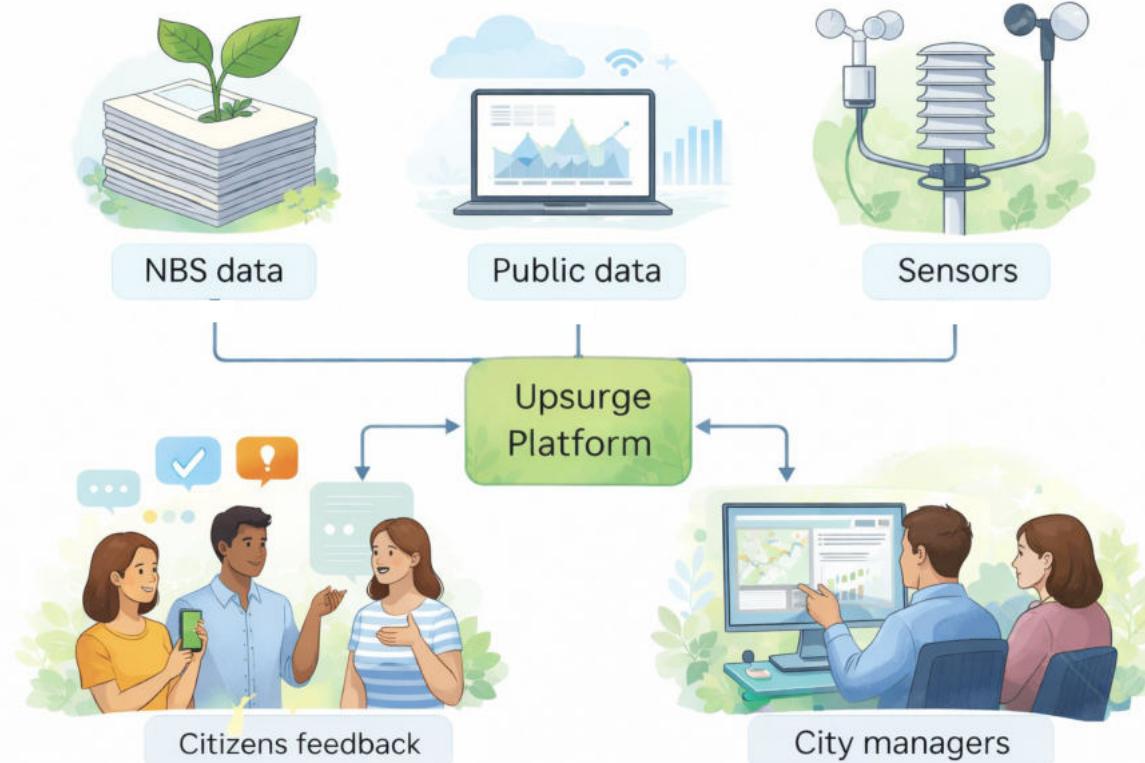
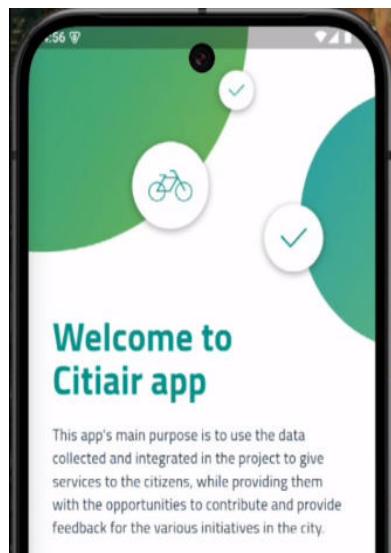


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Digital Tools: Scaling Local Insights

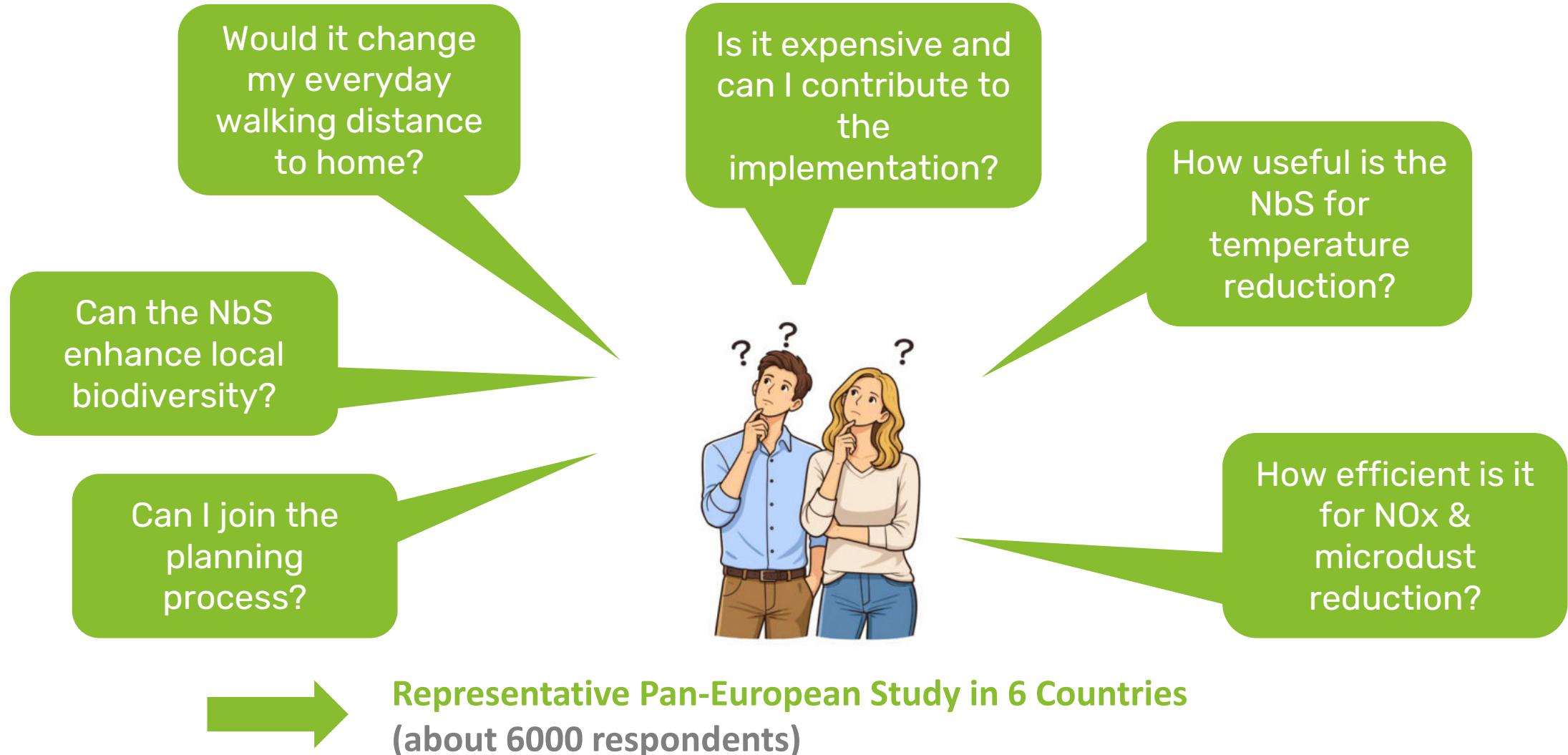


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Factors influencing preferences for NbS





Local Insights, European Evidence



NbS Preferences



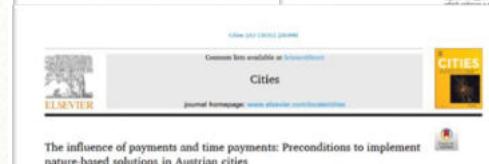
Limits & Tradeoffs



Why NbS Matter



Participation



Summary



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Quality of Life through NbS





Key Messages



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City-centered approach to catalyze nature-based solutions through
the EU Regenerative Urban Lighthouse for pollution alleviation and regenerative development



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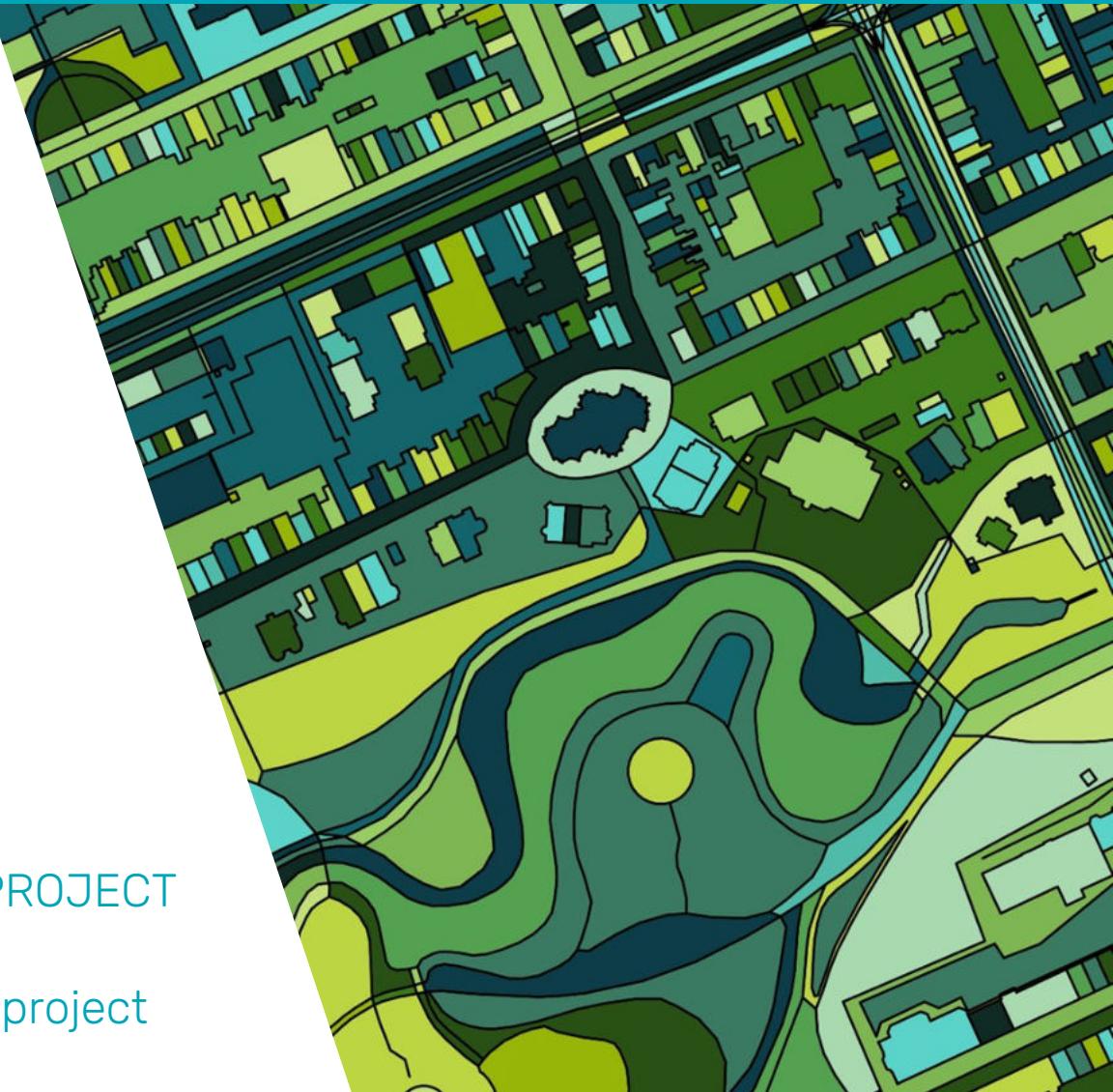
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