

Closing Remarks I



- 💧 NBS can, to some extent, effectively address urban stormwater, water quality, and biodiversity challenges.
- 💧 No one solution fits all — it's important that grey meets green and that solutions are adjusted to local settings.
- 💧 Communicate the positive mental health benefits when promoting NBS.
- 💧 Stop the degradation of the few natural spots we have in urban settings — we need to map them out! Protection is the most cost-effective measure.
- 💧 It's important to include considerations of climate resilience when designing NBS (e.g., tree types), and to identify habitats that stay cool despite global warming.
- 💧 There is more space in cities than we think, where NBS can be implemented — for example, harbor and river areas, former industrial sites, cemeteries, and allotment gardens.

Closing Remarks II



- ◆ **Successful NBS implementation** requires stakeholder co-design, ensuring local relevance and community acceptance. Coordination needed: Bringing together dispersed actor groups.
- ◆ **Mainstreaming NBS** requires not only changing institutions but also experimenting with new processes and inclusive stakeholder engagement.
- ◆ **Targeted outreach is key** — tailor communication to specific topics (e.g., heat, flood) or audiences (e.g., income levels). Meet people where they are. Focus less on dissemination, more on engagement, emphasizing shared interests and benefits.
- ◆ **Data matters** — spatially explicit data, analysis, and community preferences are essential. SETS vulnerabilities and risk assessments should form the baseline for evaluating NBS performance. Data integration must be improved.
- ◆ **Good governance is crucial** — clear policies and long-term, future-oriented planning are essential. But don't try to do everything at once; implement integrated approaches progressively. → No retrofit.
- ◆ **Use smart tools** — integrated models and decision-support tools can guide strategic planning and scalable NBS implementation.
- ◆ **Break down barriers** — overcoming governance fragmentation and competition for space is vital for transitioning to sustainable urban water management. → View NRR as an opportunity!



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