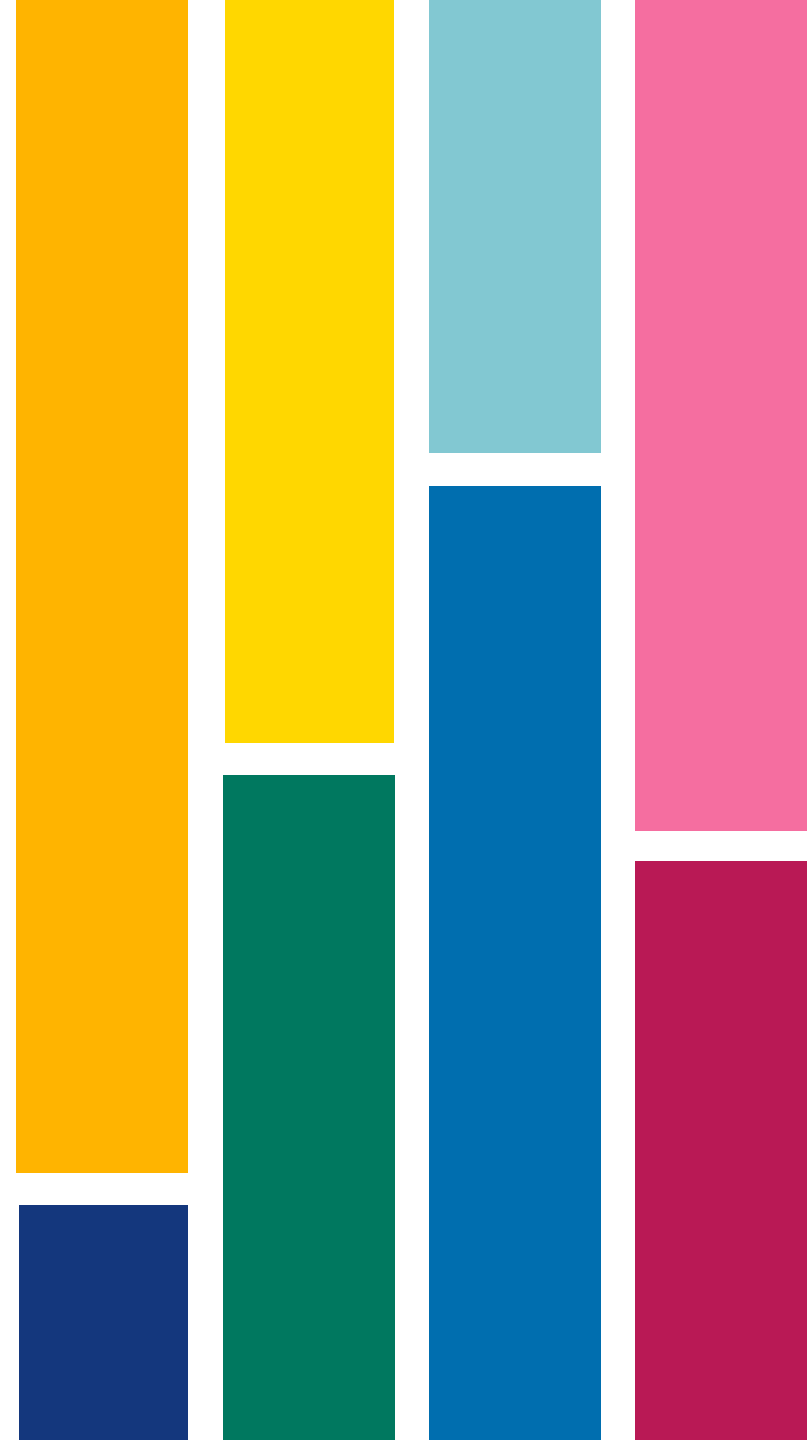


Urban Greening Plans



...to bring nature back into our cities...

Only 15 % of habitat assessments have a good conservation status



Today, 55% of worlds population live in cities



By 2050, 80% of worlds population will live in cities



Around 60% of the buildings that will exist in 2050 have yet to be built



How will our cities adapt to this expanding population?

What impact will this have on our nature / biodiversity? To what extent to we densify or expand? How will we decide this? How will we monitor our decisions?

...frameworks to monitor biodiversity...

EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030

At least 30% of the land and 30% of the sea should be protected in the EU

Calls upon cities with over 20,000 inhabitants to develop Urban Greening Plans (UGP)

Provide connectivity through greening roofs, walls, meadows, parks

Proposal for EU Nature Restoration Law

Restoration measures covering at least 20 % of land and seas by 2030

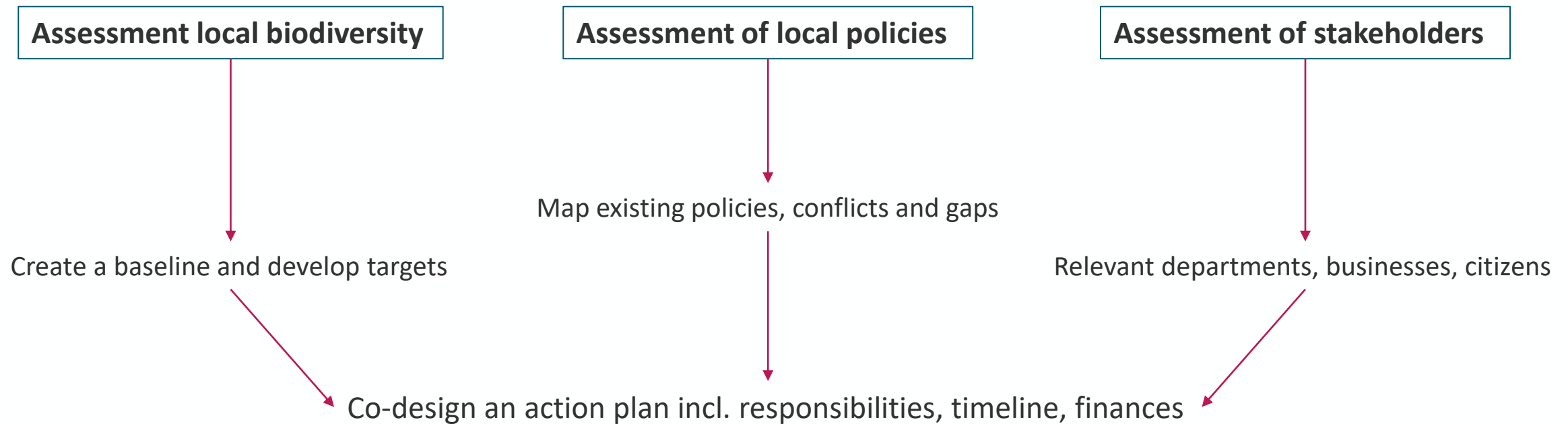
Urban ecosystem restoration article

No net loss of green space in cities, towns and suburbs by 2030
Minimum 10% tree canopy cover in cities, towns and suburbs by 2030
Net gain green space in all Member States by 2050



...what is an Urban Greening Plan?

Umbrella framework for greening the city



...what else do we know?

- European Commission has developed an UGP Guidance document and a Toolkit as 'living documents'
- Integration of a 'land take hierarchy' into the Urban Greening Plans, to be defined in the upcoming EU Soil Health Law
- Development of an EU Urban Greening Platform, a one-stop-shop for urban greening

Official launch of Urban Greening Plans 13 October
11.30 -13.00 CET (Week of Regions and Cities)