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Inter-sectoral collaboration and partnerships for NBS

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Learning Outcomes for this Learning Unit

- Introduce and understand intersectoral collaboration and partnerships
- Identify challenges to forming partnerships and collaborative NBS projects
- Highlight how the challenges impact the implementation of NBS
- Review insights from lessons learnt from case studies
- Reflect on opportunities to use intersectoral partnerships for NBS delivery

Reference materials used : Naumann et al. 2023. Harnessing the power of collaboration for nature-based solutions: New ideas and insights for local decision-makers., <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2777/954370>

What is Intersectoral Collaboration?

- Provide three words that describes intersectoral collaboration from your perspective

Answer in the menti code: 1234 5678

<https://www.menti.com/>

Definition of Intersectoral Collaboration/Partnerships

- Fosters cooperation between different sectors of society such as the public sector, civil society and the private sector.
- Provides for the coming together of different people, skills, and experiences from organizations and sectors to work together to understand and solve complex issues.

<https://www.aicbr.ca/capacity-building>

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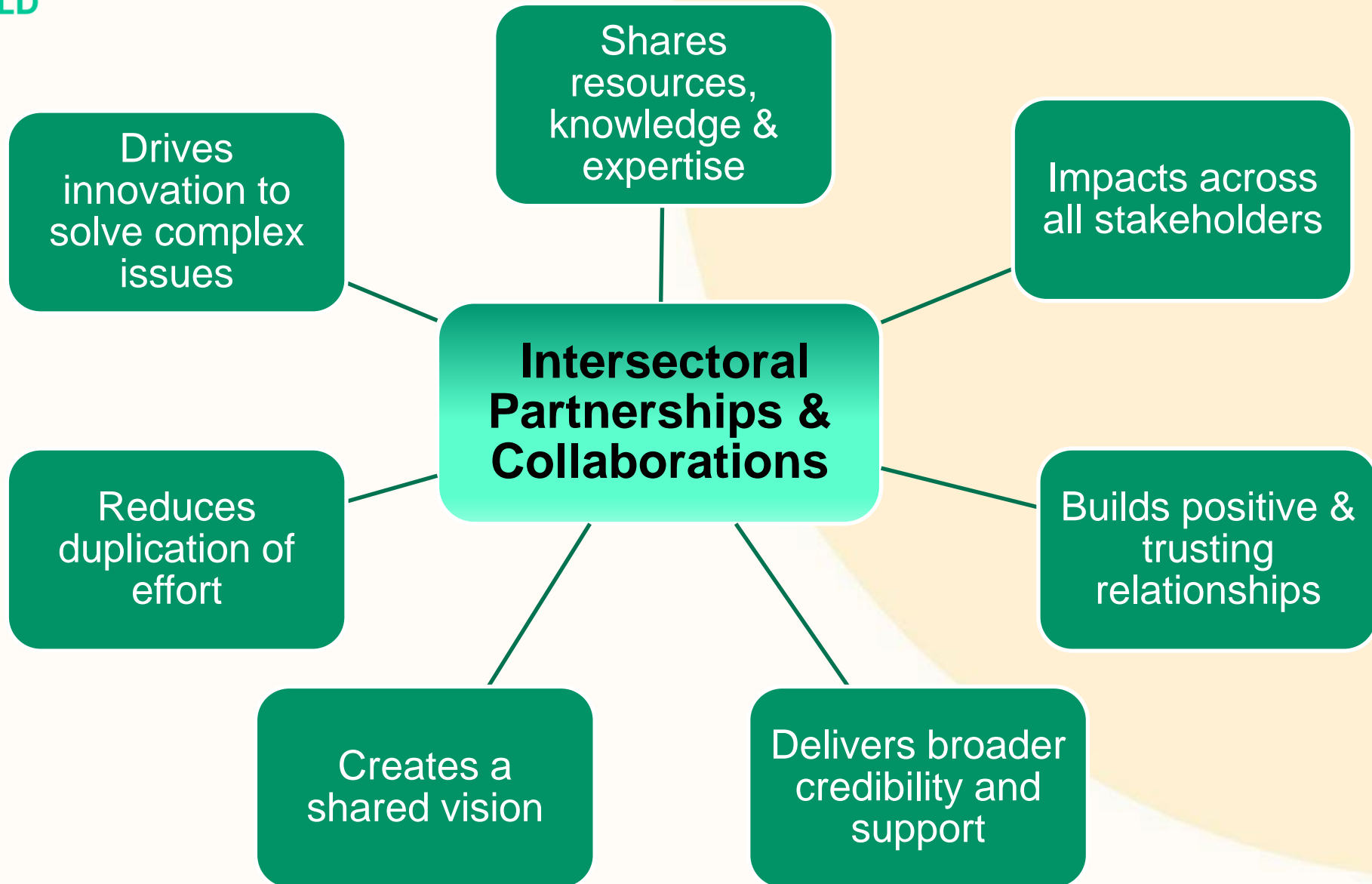


Why are intersectoral partnerships and collaboration important for NBS?

- There is a perceived need to address two key issues:
 - lack of public support likely caused by insufficient understanding about the multiple benefits which can be delivered through NBS
 - a high level of risk aversiveness to challenge the status quo, which comes in part from gaps in data and a lack of prior experience about long-term cost effectiveness of NBS.

How can intersectoral partnerships and collaboration assist the delivery of NBS Projects?

- Provides for greater cross-sectorial involvement and linkages to:
 - Allow participation of key stakeholder groups, broader expertise and communities in the design, implementation and maintenance of NBS
 - Overcome institutional silos and generate societal benefits beyond the impact of the physical NBS interventions
 - Strengthen and empower citizen engagement in civic decision-making.



Key elements- Identifying stakeholders

- Stakeholders' means everyone who has a stake in any aspect of the proposed activities - think broadly about who will be affected or have an interest
- Well-planned and inclusive engagement leads to better outcomes
- Start by identifying relevant stakeholders and then analyse their needs, interests, goals and preferences

Key elements- Identifying stakeholders

- You should map and prioritise stakeholders to inform the development of your engagement plan
- Engagement should be participatory, inclusive and tailored to each stakeholder group
- Make sure to regularly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of your stakeholder engagement and gain feedback from those involved

Co-creating partnerships and collaborations for NBS

Key Success Factors

- Select appropriate & committed partners
- Effective Communication
- Be inclusive & engaging
- Give partners a sense of ownership & accountability

Key Success Factors

- Ensure adequate resources
- Define clear objectives
- Create common goals, vision, and values.
- Flexibility and time given to the process

Key Success Factors

- Co-create agreed measures of success for the project
- Create a clear leadership & operational structure
- Promote and inform affected stakeholders inside and outside the project

Challenges to successful partnerships for NBS

Challenges

- Difficulty integrating different skill sets
- Poor communication to a wider audience
- Limited or dysfunctional leadership & operational structure
- Integrating the different goals and objects for each stakeholder

Challenges

- Inadequate available and assigned resources
- Poorly constructed objectives
- A lack of a shared vision, and values.
- Ill-defined or no agreed measures of success for the project

Challenges

- Expertise turnover of key personal
- Funding and capacity restrictions
- Timely delivery to avoid cost overruns
- Shifts in the political & economic environment
- Loss of key stakeholders

Benefits & Challenges: Quick Quiz- 10 mins.

Reflection on the benefits & challenges of creating intersectoral
partnerships and collaborations for NBS

(Multiple Choice Q&A)

Examples of urban co-creation partnerships case studies

H2020 REGREEN project aimed to promote urban liveability using ecoservices and NBS based projects (e.g. constructed wetlands).

NbS, projects underpinned by evidence-based tools, improved urban governance, and nature-based education and learning can enable urban planners and policy makers to meet contemporary and future challenges, such as climate change resilience, public health and well-being and social inclusion.



Gonesse constructed wetland, Paris region, France © SIAH

Examples of co-creation partnerships case studies

Co-creation and engaging citizens in NBS deployment in Wroclaw, Poland

The city of Wroclaw set up a municipal co-creation team to:

- Develop urban climate change adaptation plans
- Blue-green infrastructure strategies, and
- steer the implementation of urban investments.

This brought together different city departments and organisations (water and energy, urban planning department, Wroclaw Agglomeration Development Agency)., other actors, including the University of Environmental and Life Sciences, landscape designers, local residents) and the Eco-Development Foundation.

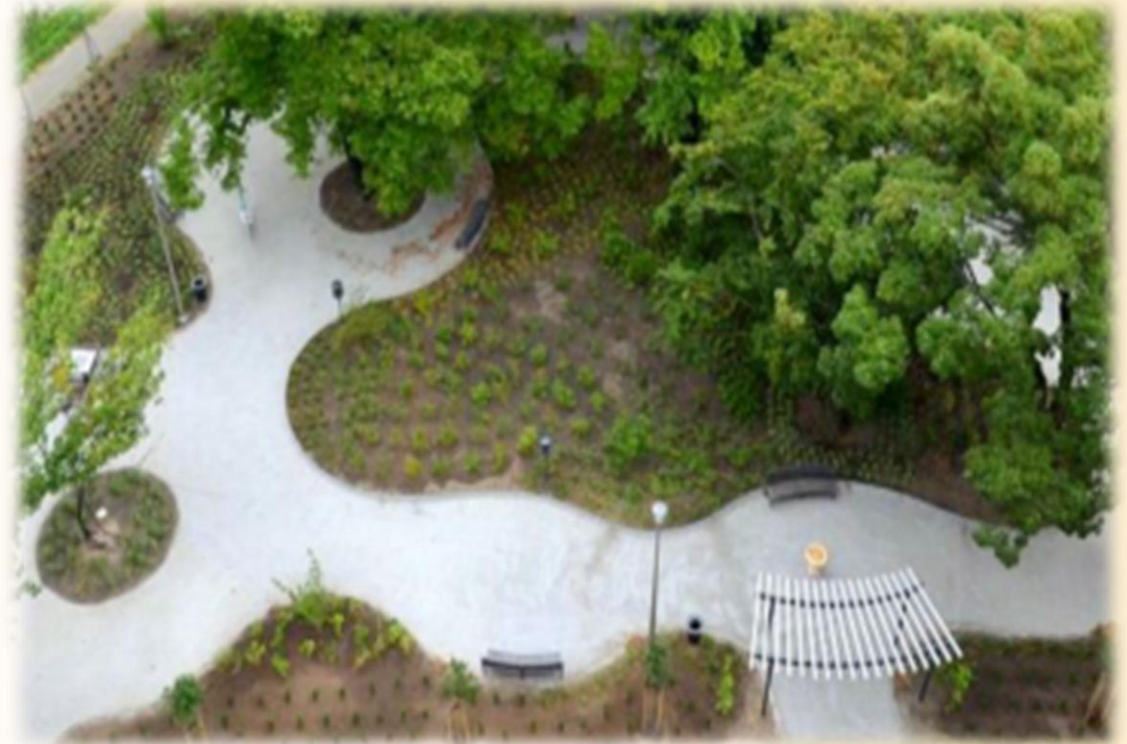


Photo: Pocket park 'Ptasi Zagajni' in Wroclaw
©City of Wroclaw, <https://www.wroclaw.pl/growgreen/mapa-obszaro>)
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Reflection on the benefits of intersectoral partnerships for NBS projects

- Adopt an inclusive approach to the development of NBS projects
- Consider a broad range of potential stakeholders- not just those involved in building, but those that may be impacted by, or benefit from an NBS project
- Promote cross-sectorial exchanges of skills, resources and knowledge
- Use pilot projects to build trust in the community and those that may be impacted to ensure even distribution of benefits.
- Encourage active co-creation and participatory process for intersectoral NBS.

Inter-sectoral collaboration and partnerships for NBS - Other examples

- Other case studies and information available at:
 - <https://www.conexusnbs.com/case-studies>
 - <https://www.regreen-project.eu/resources/>
 - <https://networknature.eu/ridb>
 - <https://clevercities.eu/>
 - <https://nbseduworld.eu/networks>
 - <https://oppla.eu/nbs/case-studies>



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