

Stakeholder engagement and governance

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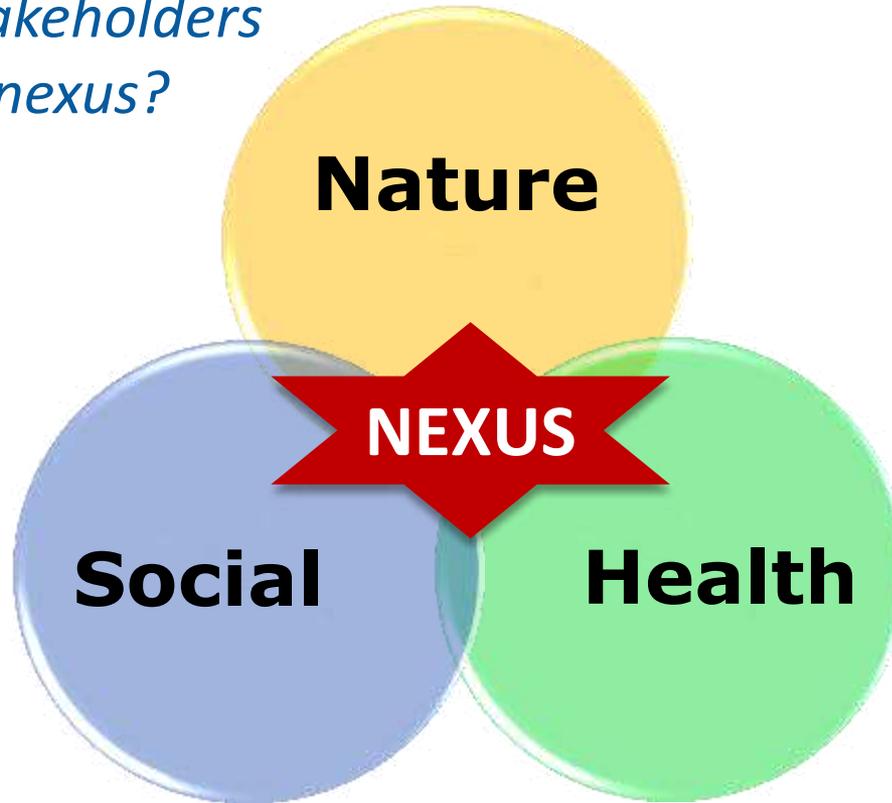
Introduction



Who are the stakeholders working at the nexus?

What are the benefits?

What are the triggers?



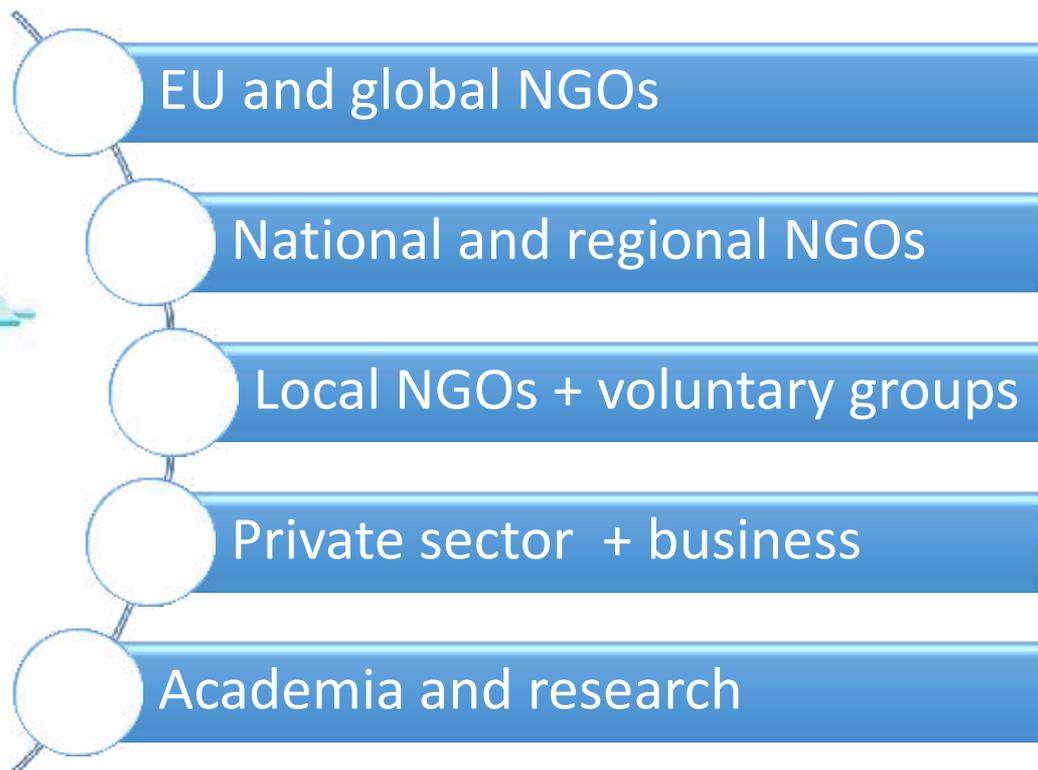
How can they be supported?

What are the success factors?

What are the challenges?



Who are the stakeholders?



Level of involvement

Type of stakeholder group

	EU and global NGOs	National - regional NGOs	Local NGOs - voluntary groups	Academia and research	Private sector	Total	
Sector	Nature	2	38	41	26	10	45,2%
	Health	3	13	12	6	1	13,5%
	Social	2	15	43	4	7	27,4%
	Other	-	-	1	8	27	13,9%
	Total	2,7%	25,5%	37,6%	17,0%	17,4%	100%

What are the benefits?



Nature

- Help strengthen actions to protect, maintain, and create green areas
- Effective, long-term protection and management of natural areas

Health

- Treatment of lifestyle diseases: nature is key determinant
- Support prevention and rehabilitation

Social

- Improve social networks
- Actively improve social inclusion and cohesion

Local

- Support longer-term development and implementation of initiatives (increase budget and resources)
- Involvement of citizens: engagement + sustainability



What are the triggers?



Specific events

- e.g. Heatwave of 2003 / Flooding



Evidence on benefits

- e.g. research and good practice examples



Leadership/initiative by specific stakeholder group (champion)



(Lack of) Funding and resources

Support: Governance



National level

- Authorities from different departments, units or ministries
- As part of policy drafting can result in long-term cooperation
- BE: Biodiversity Platform

Local level

- Municipal working groups or advisory committees
- Participatory approach with user groups, planners, and citizens
- DE: Tempelhof Airport

Natura 2000 sites

- Framework for protected area governance can provide a good basis for collaborative initiatives
- Proactive role for protected area managers



Support: Policy, tools, funding



Policy context:

- International and European cross-sectoral networks and events
 - *WHO European Healthy Cities Network*
 - *EU Green week*
- National, regional, local cross-sectoral programmes and strategies
 - *Barcelona green infrastructure and biodiversity plan 2020*

Tools:

- Mapping tools (e.g. green spaces, heat, air quality)
 - *NL: Atlas living environment / StadtKlima Atlas Stuttgart*
- Impact assessments

Funding

- Government funding
- Private source of financing (e.g. donations, private foundations)
- Public-private partnerships



Success factors



- **Define clear/common objectives (27%)**
 - Benefits – expectations – trade offs - resources
- **Empower stakeholders (16%)**
 - Ownership
- **Common language and communications strategy (12%)**
 - ‘nature-based solutions’; ‘Health in All Policies’, ‘ecosystem services’, ‘sustainable living’
- **Persistence & long-term focus (9%)**
 - Immediate results not always visible
- **Funding (7%)**
 - To stimulate cross-sectoral cooperation
- **Governance support (4%)**
- **Early involvement (3%)**
- **Other (10%):** champion, evidence, replication



Challenges



- **Different interests (23%), Communication difficulties (10%)**
- **Funding problems (15%), Lack of time (8%), Lack of manpower (6%)**
- **Lack of knowledge on biodiversity benefits (12%)**
 - Not always convincing and sound
- **Lack of policy support (7%)**
 - Slow and subject to change
- **Lack of continuity (5%)**
 - Sustainability of projects
- **Unclear who is responsible (3%)**
- **Other (7%): Resistance to new ways of working; lack of infrastructure**



Conclusions

Collaboration is rather limited & isolated, but there are significant opportunities!



Key to capture the knowledge of ongoing work and to disseminate widely!

Discussion points



Benefits and successes

Challenges and barriers

Support mechanisms and structures

- Governance
- Policy
- Funding
- Tools
- Knowledge and evidence

The way forward

- Role of the EU



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