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# EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS: A HANDBOOK FOR PRACTITIONERS

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A new handbook that aims to provide practitioners with a comprehensive Nature-based Solutions (NBS) impact assessment framework, and a robust set of indicators and methodologies to assess impacts of NBS across 12 societal challenges.

- **Climate Resilience**
- **Water Management**
- **Natural and Climate Hazards**
- **Green Space Management**
- **Biodiversity**
- **Air Quality**
- **Place Regeneration**
- **Knowledge and Social Capacity Building for Sustainable Urban Transformation**
- **Participatory Planning and Governance**
- **Social Justice and Social Cohesion**
- **Health and Well-being**
- **New Economic Opportunities and Green Jobs**

The accompanying Appendix of Methods provides a brief description of each indicator and recommends appropriate methods to measure specific impacts, along with guidance for end-users about the appropriateness, advantages and drawbacks of each method in different local contexts.

The handbook has **the objectives of:**

- Serving as a **reference for relevant EU policies and activities**; Orienting urban practitioners in developing robust impact evaluation frameworks for NBS at different scales.
- Providing a **comprehensive set of indicators and methodologies** and build the European evidence base regarding NBS impacts.

The handbook is the result of a unique collaborative effort of 17 EU-funded Horizon 2020 NBS projects and collaborating institutions such as the **European Environment Agency (EEA)** and the **Joint Research Centre (JRC)**, as part of the **European Taskforce for NBS Impact Assessment**.

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