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# The latest biodiversity initiatives

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I) Guidance on **integrating ecosystems and their services into decision-making** (Q4 2018)

II) Guidance on a strategic framework for further supporting the deployment of **EU-level green and blue infrastructure** (Q4 2018)

III) **EU Pollinators initiative**



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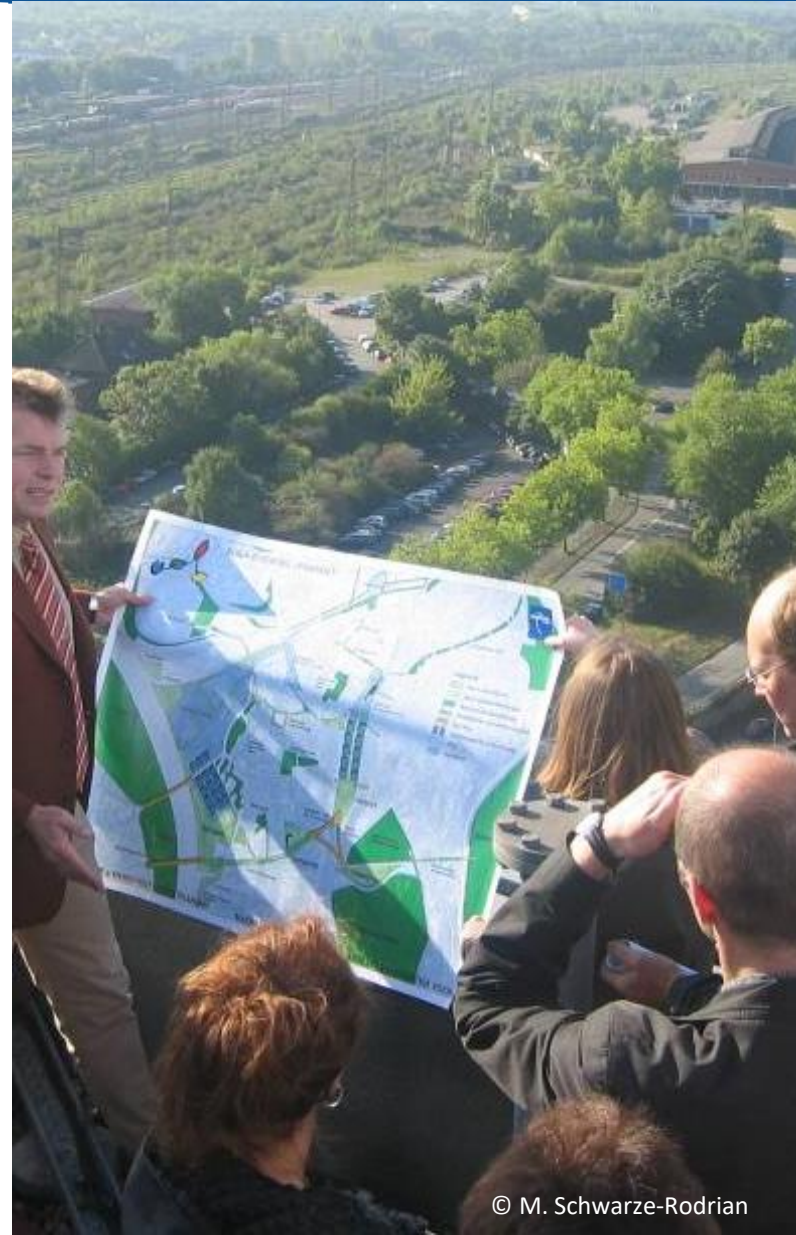
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How SDGs interlink: Stockholm Resilience Centre



## I) Guidance on ecosystems and their services

- **Increase awareness**  
of the benefits from working with nature
- **Prioritise working with nature:**  
enhancing ecosystems and their services and synergies with socio-economic objectives
- **Enable working with nature:**  
highlight available tools, policy instruments, experience
- **Encourage learning by doing**



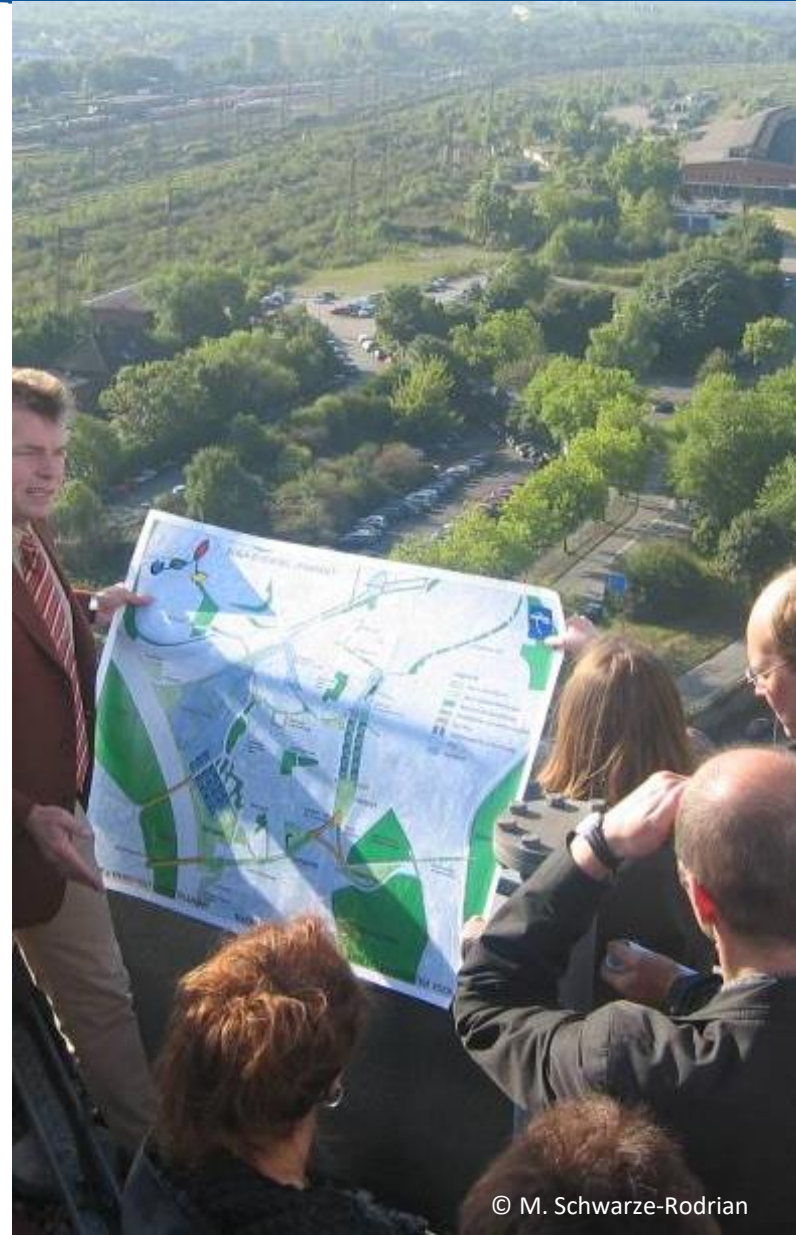
## TARGET AUDIENCES:

- Environment and sector policy-makers and **authorities at national, regional and local level**
- Planners at **regional and local level**
- Developers and corporate decision-makers



## STRUCTURE:

- Main **principles**
- Intervention logic: steps for integration into policy/planning **cycle**
  - Knowledge and information **tools**
  - Decision-making **frameworks**
  - Policy **incentives**
- **Governance and participation** aspects
- Entry points in concrete processes
  - Implementation of EU environmental and sector policies
  - Spatial planning
  - Business sustainability



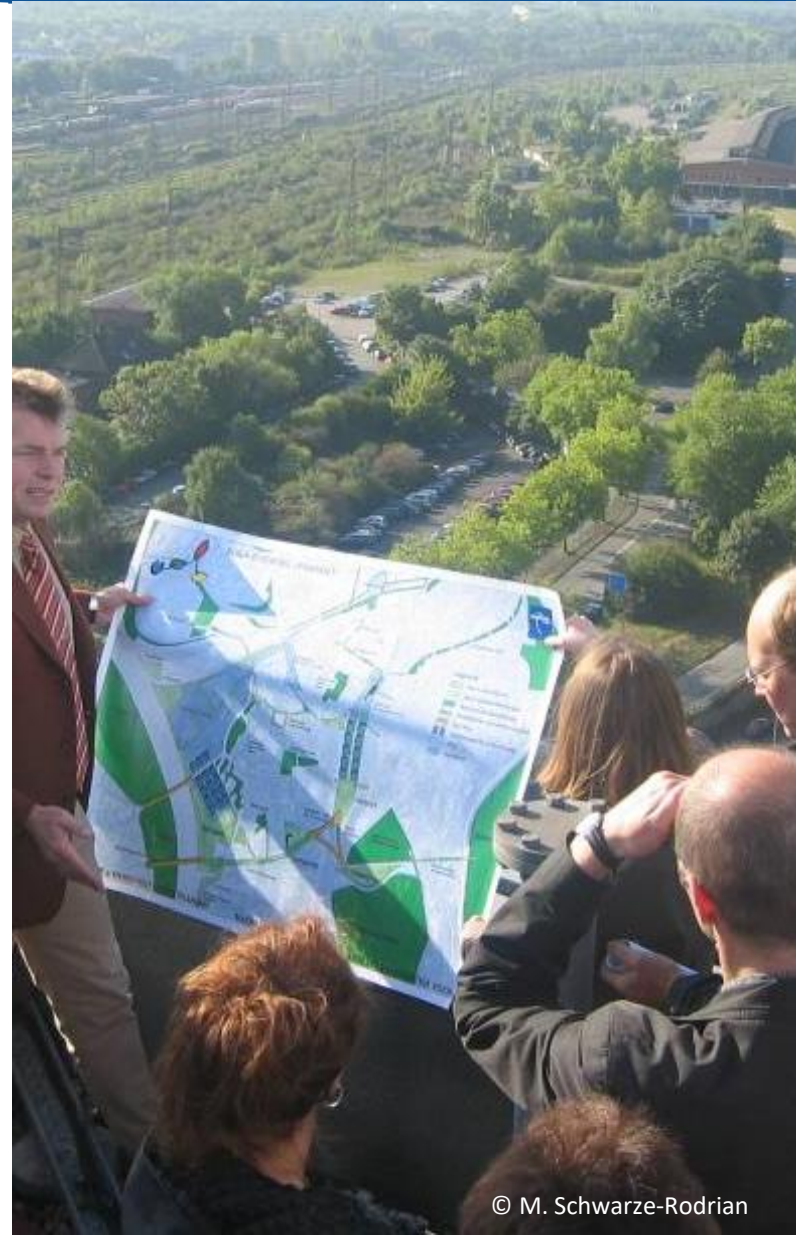


## The approach

- Voluntary guidance
- Overview of tools, examples and good practice
- Generic framework to launch work

## The main impact to be achieved through:

- Online interactive platform with tools and case studies
- Targeted guidance for specific sectors and groups
- Trainings and workshops
- Dissemination of materials in all EU languages



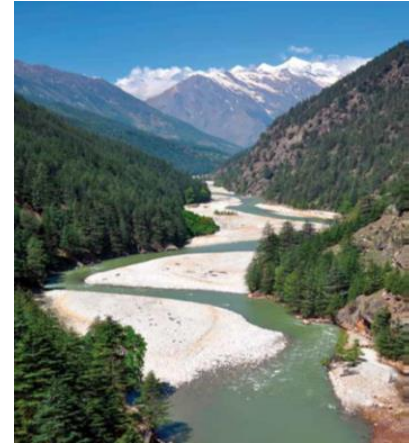
## II) Guidance on EU-level green and blue infrastructure projects

### STRUCTURE

1. Introduction
2. Key criteria to help identify and stimulate EU-level green infrastructure projects

#### Suggested:

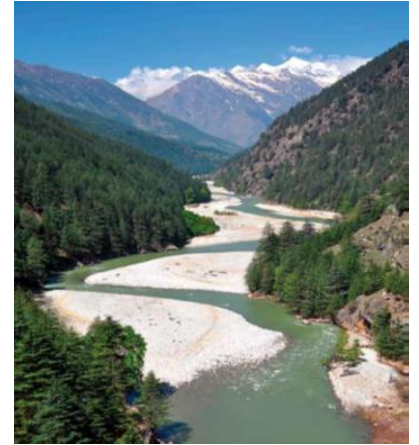
- Enhance the delivery of multiple ecosystem services
- Significantly contribute to the goals of EU Nature legislation
- Projects with a strategic approach & EU-level impact





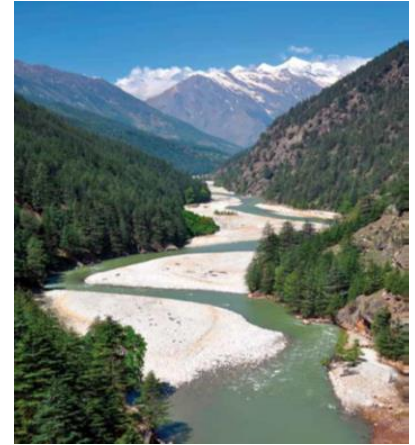
## STRUCTURE

1. Introduction
2. Key criteria to help identify and stimulate EU-level green infrastructure projects
3. EU support



## Financing instruments

- European Structural and Investment Funds (**ESIFs**)
- Programme for Environment and Climate Action (**LIFE**)
- **Horizon 2020**; Innovative financing: **NCFE**

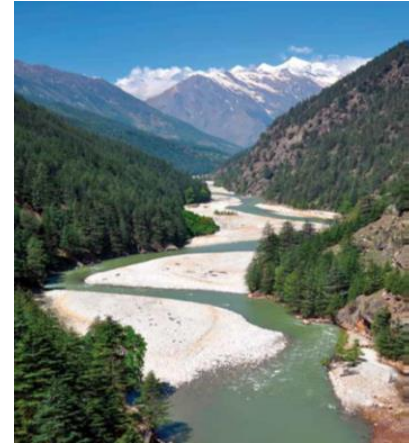


## Scientific & technical support

- **MAES**: EU initiative on Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services
- **KIP INCA**: accounts on ecosystem condition and on ecosystem services
- **GIS modelling tools**: upcoming EEA/JRC/ENV report

## STRUCTURE

1. **Introduction**
2. **Key criteria** to help identify and stimulate **EU-level** green infrastructure projects
3. **EU support:** through **EU financing** instruments; as well as through **scientific and technical tools** and instruments for the design of projects
4. **Next steps**





## What will happen next with the guidance documents?

- Adoption Q4 2018 → supporting implementation
- Broader **policy conference** early 2019 in Brussels
- MFF proposals negotiations
- Final evaluation of the current EU biodiversity strategy
- Post – 2020 EU Biodiversity Strategy and related policies



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## III) EU Pollinators Initiative

- Adopted on 1 June 2018:

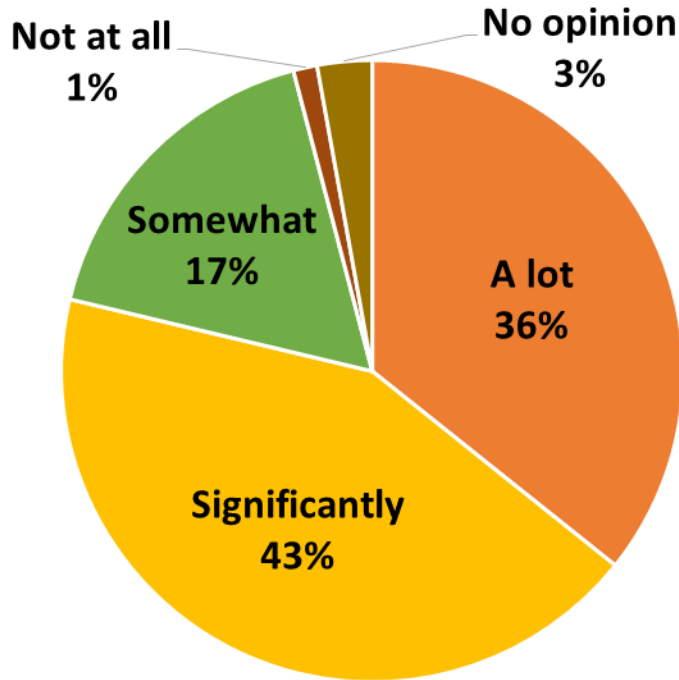
[COM\(2018\)395](#) + [SWD\(2018\)302](#)

- High public interest
- Public consultation: > 66 000 replies

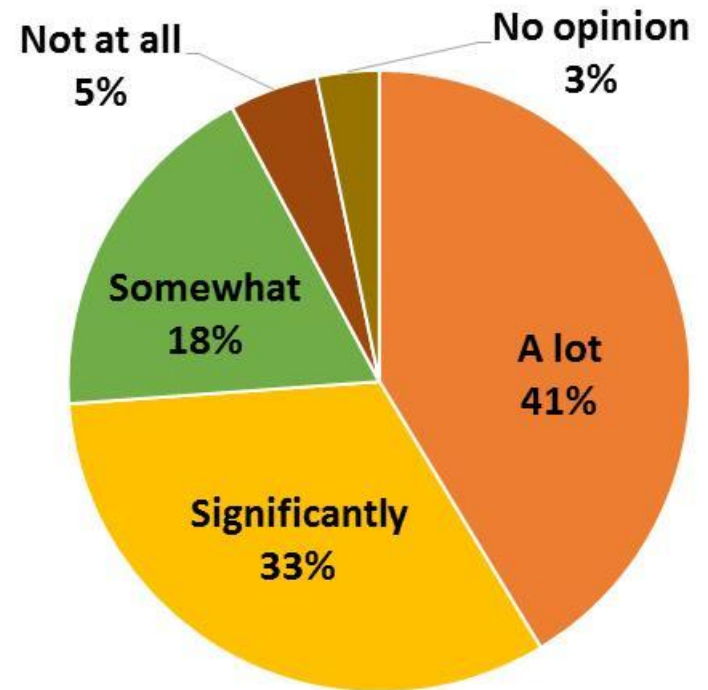


## Excerpt from the public consultation

*To which extent do you consider that the decline of pollinators affects you..*



*..in your private life?*



*..in your professional life?*





# EU Pollinators Initiative

## Priority I Improving knowledge

- Monitoring and assessment
  - ❖ EU pollinator monitoring scheme (indicator)
- Research and innovation
- Knowledge sharing and access to data
  - ❖ Pollinator knowledge hub: **including information from and for regional and local actors**



# EU Pollinators Initiative

## Priority II Tackling causes of decline

- Threatened pollinator species & habitats
  - ❖ Action plans
- Habitats in rural and urban areas
  - ❖ Green Infrastructure
  - ❖ Guidance for local authorities
  - ❖ Green Capital and Green Leaf awards
  - ❖ Cohesion policy funds
  - ❖ Synergies with the guidance package
- Pesticides
- Invasive alien species





# EU Pollinators Initiative

## Priority III Engagement & collaboration

- Businesses and citizens
- Member States
  - ❖ Local/regional pollinator strategies
- Collaboration platforms & networks
  - ❖ Broader groups & peer2peer
- Global action



## Timeline and next steps

- Long-term perspective (2030)
- Actions by 2020 (review)
- European Parliament and Council
- **Joint EU-MS implementation**



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## Pollinators & Regional policy

- Targeted conservation actions
- Integration into project criteria
- Interreg (e.g. Sapoll; Poll-Ole-GI)
- CLLD
- *Sustainable (urban) development*
- *Social cohesion – citizen engagement*





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### TELFORMULIER NATIONALE BIJENTELLING

Wat zoemt er in je achtertuin?

Je ziet hier de bijen, hommels en zweefvliegen die je in het voorjaar in je tuin kunt zien. Lukt het jou om verschillende soorten te identificeren? Geen nood! Ook als je alleen het aantal onbekende bijen, hommels en zweefvliegen doorgeeft, lever je al een belangrijke bijdrage aan de nationale bijentelling. Voer na afloop jouw resultaten in op: [nederlandzoemt.nl/bijentelling](http://nederlandzoemt.nl/bijentelling)

#### Bijen



Bij onbekend:



Vosje



Roodgatje



Viltvlekszandbij



Rosse metselbij

#### Hommels



Hommel onbekend:



Boomhommel



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