

Urban Green Infrastructure, Ecosystem Services, and JPI Water RDI Gaps



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WssTP WG Ecosystem Services

- WssTP is the European Technology Platform for Water
- Initiated by the European Commission in 2004 for RTD in the water industry
- Members cover the whole value chain of the water sector
- Working Groups within various areas of the water sector, including Ecosystem Services

RDI Gaps for the Future

- WssTP WG Ecosystem Services members were asked which areas within the Ecosystem Services Area that should be highlighted in the JPI Water SRIA:

RDI Gaps for the Future

- Urban Ecosystem Services (e.g., those achieved from constructed Urban Green/Blue Infrastructure)



RDI Gaps for the Future

- Economic and ecologic evaluation of ESS from Urban Green/Blue Infrastructure, e.g.,
 - Flood protection,
 - Water treatment,
 - Recreation,
 - Biodiversity
 - CO₂ retention in stormwater pond sediments

RDI Gaps for the Future

- Tradeoffs/conflicts between ESS and Urban Green/Blue Infrastructure, e.g.,:
 - Stormwater ponds are serving as biotope for different species, while at the same time being a treatment facility;
 - How species in stormwater ponds get affected by heavy metals;
 - How to perform maintenance without affecting biotope

RDI Gaps for the Future

- Tradeoffs/conflicts between ESS and Urban Green/Blue Infrastructure, contd.:
 - Aesthetics vs. functionality (stormwater retention):



RDI Gaps for the Future

- The identification of key factors needed in order to increase the use of urban green/blue infrastructure, e.g.,
 - How to achieve a planning process that involves all relevant water actors

Link to SRIA Themes

- Subtheme 1.1

Developing approaches for assessing and optimising the value of ecosystem services

- Subtopics do not cover identified RDI Gaps

Link to SRIA Themes

- Subtheme 1.2

Integrated approaches: developing and applying ecological engineering and ecohydrology

- Subtopics include NBS and GI, but do not cover identified RDI Gaps

Link to SRIA Themes

- Subtheme 1.3

Managing the effects of hydro-climatic extreme events

- Subtopics do not cover identified RDI Gaps

Link to Water JPI

- Water JPI offers a great platform to study the suggested RDI Gaps:
 - Many countries participating,
 - Different climatic conditions,
 - Different cultural conditions
- combine RDI resources to develop innovative, adapted solutions

Thank you!

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