

NAIAD: Insurance Value of **Ecosystems**:

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NAIAD Project : NAture Insurance value-Assessment and Demonstration

- Objective 1: Synthesis of knowledge; biophysical and socio-economic to deliver a robust informed decision support and planning tool for NBS implementation
- Objective 2 Operationalization of the framework to test the theoretical knowledge and upgrade it through testing in real environment, while at the same time co-develop novel financial and business models in support of their implementation and replicability
- Objective 3 Policy uptake, communication, dissemination and capacity building to contribute, through financially viable and technically sound NBS informed decision support and planning tools, to socio-economic prosperity and sustainability of natural environment.





Interface: focus on NBS for Water risks





NBS

Capturing rainwater with green roofs

Improving infiltration using urban run-off (ie. Permeable – pavements)

Growing crops across slopes to reduce erosion and – increase infiltration

Forest landscape restoration to reduce floods impacts, stabilise slopes and provide clean water



Connecting Rivers to floodplains and aquifers (MEDINA)

Providing riparian buffers to maintain water quality and reduce erosison

Water harvesting

Conserving and restoring wetlands: purifying wastewater and alleviating flooding

WHERE?

Importance of the NAIAD Project: Validation by demonstration



Denmark Green/blue infrastructures Floods, groundwater rising Urban area

Poland

Retention basin Low-water, heat waves, stormy floods Rural and urban area

Romania

Green infrastructures Floods, erosion and sedimentation, water pollution Rural and urban area

Slovenia Green infrastructures Floods, water pollution and overexploitation Rural and urban area

Multihazard + Multiscale

- 3 micro scale (city- Copenhagen, Rotterdam and Lodz)
- 3 meso scale (Gliscinka, Slovenia and Nice and Montpellier)
- 3 large scale (Lower Danube, lower Thames and Medina aquifer)



WHY? WATER RISKS

Around 90% of natural hazards are water related, and they are likely to become more frequent and more severe as a result of climatic change. The costs of floods in the EU alone have been \in 4.9 billion a year on average from 2000-2012 and are predicted to increase fivefold to \in 23.5 billion by 2050 (IIASA, 2014). The European Environment Agency has set out the risks related to water in Europe, which also includes water scarcity, already a problem for many regions of Europe with some 45% of European territory expected to be facing water scarcity problems by 2030. The World Economic Forum has assessed water challenges as the greatest risk in 2015 to the global economy: investments in water management will be critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Over the next 15 years, an estimated 22 trillion dollars will need to be invested in water infrastructure, which is more than half of the total expected infrastructure *infrastructure*, which is more than half of the total expected infrastructure investment demand (USD 41 trillion).

Example: Flood risk mitigation and the role of the insurance value of ecosystems

Is climate change already having an effect on extreme events?



nature climate change

Human influence on climate in the 2014 southern England winter floods and their impacts

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A succession of storms reaching s insured losses, in a large ensemble of the atmosphere can hold, anthropoj with westerly flow, both of which in 30-day-average Thames river flow catchment's sensitivity to longer-dur shows a small increase in properties of uncertainty, demonstrating the im risks whon quantifying present-day.

Climate Change

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New research published in the journal Nature Climate Change concludes that climate change has made winter flood events in the UK more likely.



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Example: Flood risk mitigation and the <u>role of</u> <u>the insurance</u> value of ecosystems



Lloyd's of London wants natural infrastructure in flood pricing

"If you are in a more resilient city... then those risk levels should be taken into account."

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LSE report will help insurance sector manage climate change risks



The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has released the findings of a five-year research project tracking the impact of climate change on the insurance sector.

The multi-million pound project, undertaken by the ESRC Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy, has involved more than 30 academics, government and industry bodies, all working together to analyse the financial risks and opportunities posed by climate change.

Links to more than 50 academic publications resulting from the research project are now publicly available in a summary document for the first time, titled "Evaluating the Economics of Climate Risks and Opportunities in the Insurance Sector".

Sponsored by Munich Re, one of the world's leading insurance reinsurers, the project has linked scientific findings of climate change with their economic impact on financial products, disaster loss insurance and forecasting

The Insurance Value of ecosystems



Case Study: Rivers, Streams, and Floodplains



Forest as GI





The floodplain restoration project, just upstream of Breda, know as WBieberg", incorporates re-meandering and secondary bypass channels. The project has worked with the river's natural processes by allowing it to expand onto the restored floodplain at times of high flow.

(photo: Tiny Arts/Ron Lambregts)





Problem hierarchy: operationalization of IVE

Translating risk - Assessing the ∼ Integrating マ Determining E mitigation E Risk Mitigation E Assessment in E drivers and $\frac{0}{0}$ mechanism for o ex-ante 🗜 valuation into provided from **DRR** measures o an Ecosystem and strategies o insurance Service/NBS **a** system **a** investment in risk mitigation Solvency Affordability • Market

Natural hazards in Europe-9 demo sites

DoA: Water related hazards:



D2.1. Figure 6 Relative potential for Ecosystem Service potential hazard for the Thames basin by pixel



Relative potential for ES relevant hazard

Regulatory frame- Insurance systems: public, private, bundled and unbundled

Private / bundled

Key Driver

for Risk Reduction: Solvency, but least incentivising to public sector and individual

Key Issue:

Insurance providers benefit from DRR but enough to invest themselves?

Public/bundled

Key Driver:

Mitigate risk exposure and improve capacity for coverage of flood risk

Key Issue:

Public sector only one with real incentive for investment in DRR/IVE, only main practical challenge is accuracy of assessment of IVE and options to exploit it.

Private/unbundled

Key Driver:

Solvency/competition (insurer); premium cost reduction/maintenence of premium costs (citizen)

Key Issue:

For insurer investment: Role in investment in DRR if premium holders change insurer; for Individual, Role of action if action taken benefits beyond individual.

Public /unbundled

Key Driver:

Mitigate risk exposure, lower (or maintain) premiums

Key Issue:

Determining mechanism for compensation or premium reduction for individual risk mitigating behaviour

NAiAD and An Action Agenda for GI

- Evidence: simulated + keep an eye out for NAIADs! E.g. FONAG
- Risk perceptions (stakeholder engagement protocol)
- Regulatory analysis
- Criteria, etc,...: analysis of KPIs (e.g. Eklipse) and LCC
- Capacity: MOOC as end result
- Financing and viable busines models
- Integrated Assessment Methodology
- Policy dialogues key audiences/targets: Insurance (IVE), policy



Medina del Campo

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