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A photograph of a cityscape with several tall buildings situated on a hill covered in lush green trees. In the foreground, there is a body of water with reeds and some trees on the left side.

Policy instruments to promote urban nature-based solutions in Europe

Findings from the ClimateNBS Polska project

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ClimateNBS Polska

- ▶ European Climate Initiative (EUKI): 2018 - 2020
- ▶ Aim: increase knowledge on and uptake of NBS for urban climate mitigation and adaptation
- ▶ Key products:
 - Catalogue of urban NBS
 - Guidance on policy instruments to promote urban NBS and support their mainstreaming



Categories of policy approaches

Integrated
development
concepts

Dedicated
planning
instruments

Sectoral
policy
integration

Planning
instruments

Financial
instruments

Integrated urban development concepts

- ▶ Tackles social, economic, cultural and spatial developments and dynamics with forward-looking planning
- ▶ Joint development of city vision by (non)governmental actors from different sectors and departments
 - Raises awareness about city goals
 - Strengthens collaboration
 - Increases efficiency of budget spending
 - Utilise multifunctionality of NBS to achieve diverse objectives
- ▶ E.g. Urban Development Concept Berlin 2030

Dedicated urban green planning instruments

- ▶ City-wide instrument for planning green infrastructure
 - Provide a framework for increased NBS consideration
 - Often not legally binding
 - e.g. GI strategy/plan, open space strategy, urban green area management plan, urban landscape strategy, vision for urban green
- ▶ E.g. Berlin's Urban Landscape Strategy



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Integration of NBS into sectoral policies

- ▶ Climate adaptation plans
- ▶ Integrated stormwater management
- ▶ Urban regeneration
- ▶ ...and more!
- ▶ E.g. Leipzig's Climate Adaptation Strategy



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Land use and spatial planning instruments

- ▶ Regulatory requirements for rainwater infiltration (Dresden)
- ▶ Green space factors and points systems (Berlin)
- ▶ Targets and standards for green space availability and accessibility (Barcelona)
- ▶ Neighborhood development plans (Berlin)



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Financial instruments

- ▶ Tax and fees relief
 - Reduction in municipal tax rates or municipal fees for waste and stormwater drainage
 - Imperviousness fee
- ▶ Subsidies
 - Green roof subsidy
 - Sustainable urban drainage system (SUDS) subsidy
- ▶ Participatory budgets



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