



URBAN-NEXUS

“Fostering Strategic Urban Research”

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URBAN-NEXUS: facts & figures

- ▶ Coordination and Support Action (CSA)
- ▶ 1.1M € for 3 years (1/9/2011 – 31/8/2014)
- ▶ 6 Work Packages
- ▶ 13 partners from 9 countries

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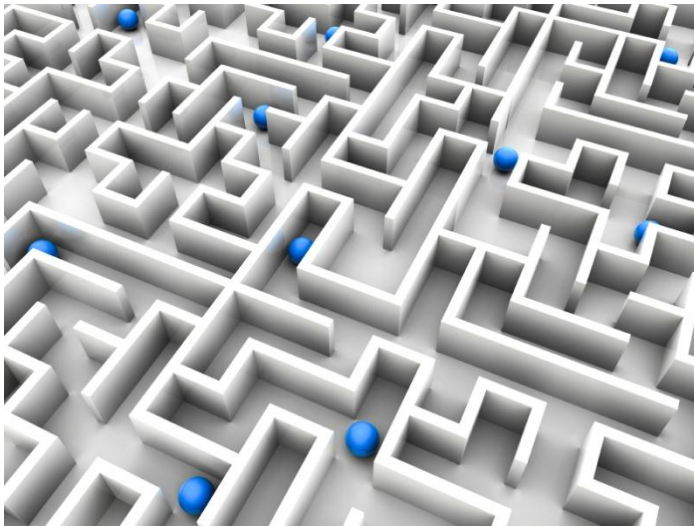


URBAN-NEXUS's Main Goals

- Enabling knowledge transfer and identifying relevant research topics
- Combining *existing* thematic knowledge into useful integrated perspectives on sustainable urban management
- Organising a structured dialogue among various stakeholders to reduce the urban ecological footprint
- Creating partnerships and consortia for future activities



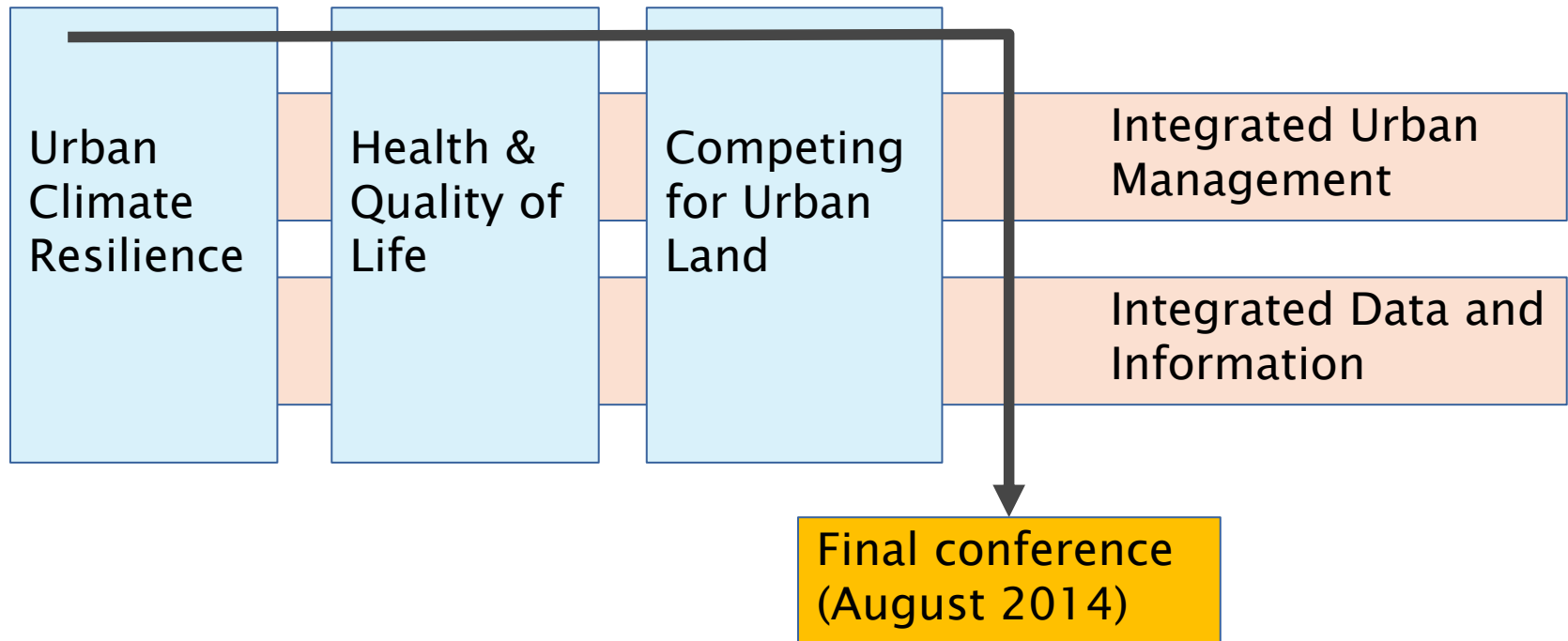
Strategic importance



- Networking, establishing partnerships, involving stakeholders
- Agenda setting: research, policy and practice
- Organise input for Horizon2020 and JPI Urban Europe

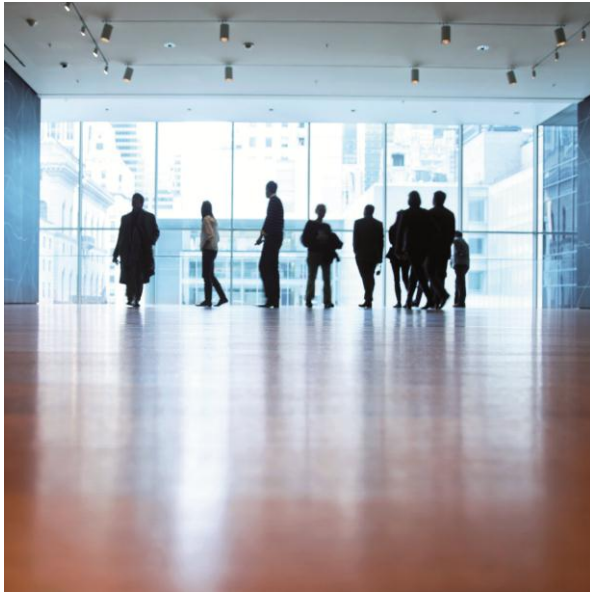


URBAN-NEXUS themes and trajectory





URBAN-NEXUS: collaborative approach



- Co-production between stakeholders from research, policy, civil society and private sector
- Synthesis Reports on selected research & policy themes
- Direct contact, participation and innovation through a series of papers and Dialogue Cafés
- Follow-up Reports for further action

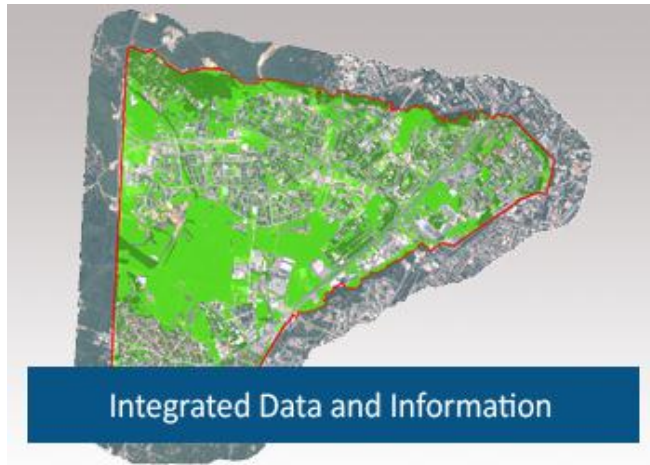


Half way: three thematic Dialogue Cafés





Next: two cross-cutting Dialogue Cafés



Sofia: 18–19/9/2013



Bristol, first week in April 2014



First key messages

1. There is a need to invest more in green–blue infrastructures.
2. Promote dense and mixed use in both cities and in urban agglomerations in combination with polycentric urban structures.
3. Make the most of existing buildings and infrastructures.
4. Multifaceted problems require multifaceted solutions. Both should be focused on regional infrastructures and social investments at local level.
5. Problems should be seen as both challenges and opportunities for management at global, regional or local scale.

More information

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