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An introduction to URBAN-NEXUS and preliminary results



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UN: Cities contribute 70 percent of global greenhouse-gas emissions

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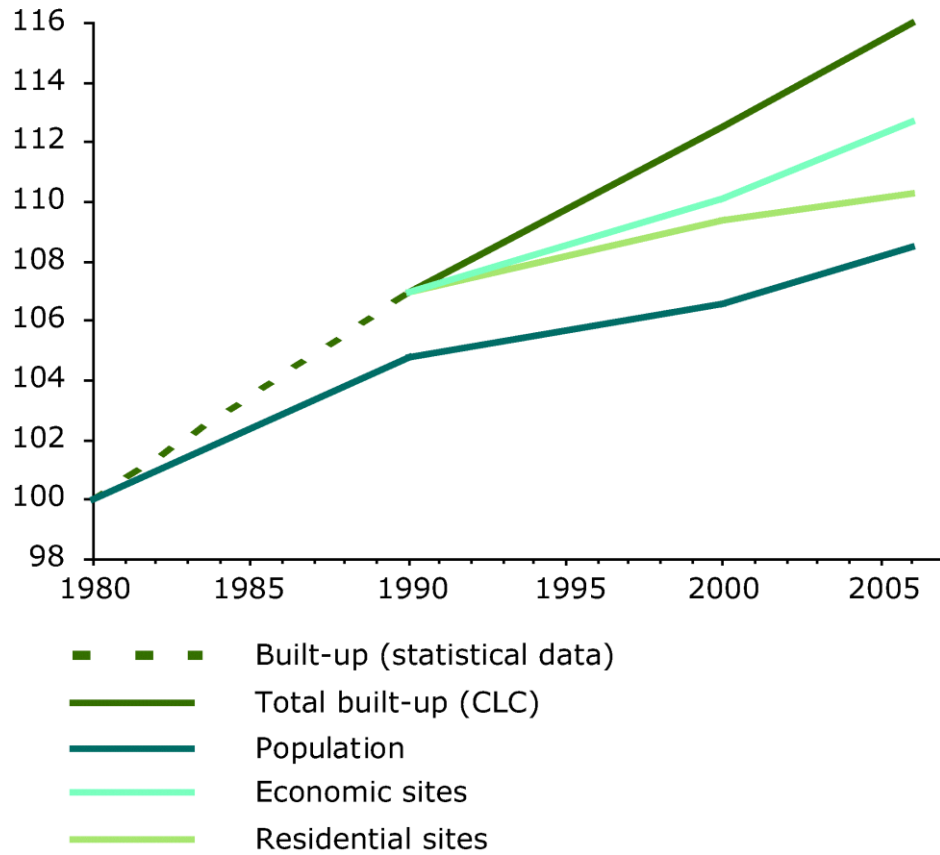


“The world’s cities only cover 2 percent of global land area, but they account for 70 percent of GHG emissions...”

Joan Clos Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, March 2011



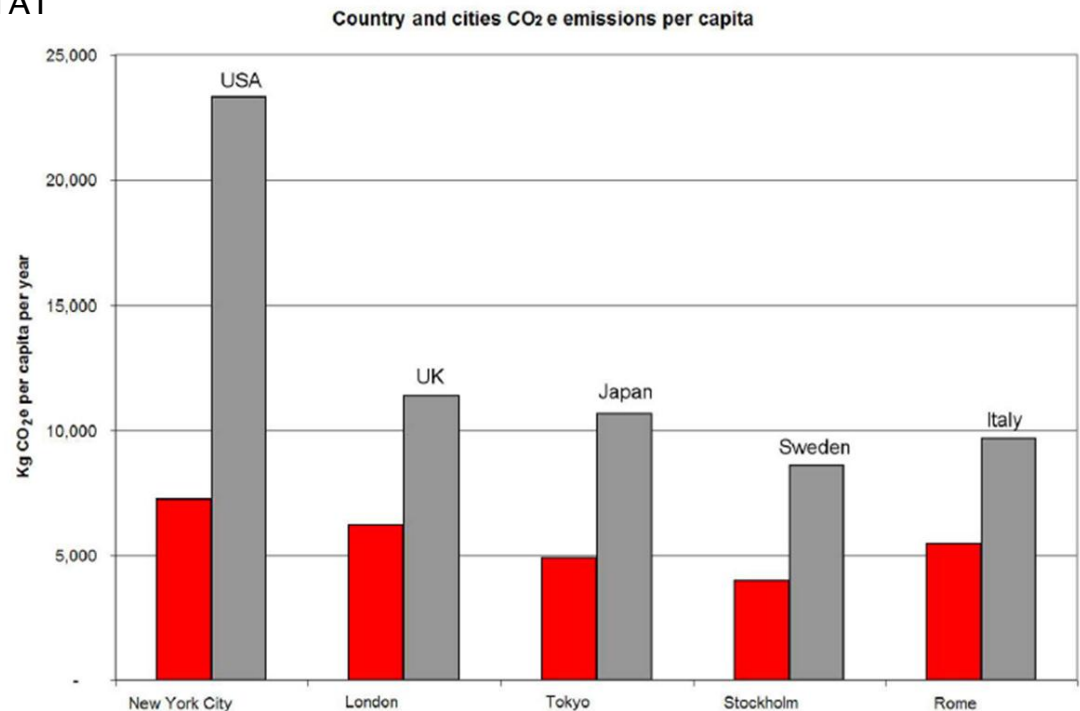
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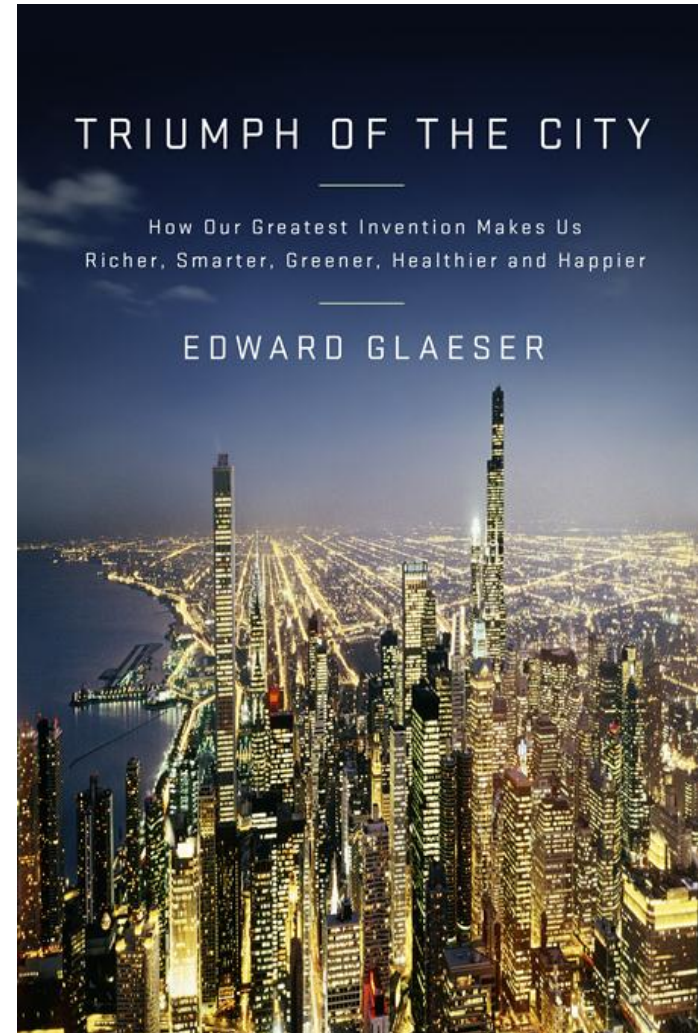


“...yet they are also places where the greatest efficiencies can be made. This makes it imperative that we understand the form and content of urbanization so that we can reduce our footprint”

Joan Clos Executive Director of UN-HABITAT



Source: McKinsey & Co (2008) and World Resources Institute (2009)





Despite scepticism...



... there is an urgent need for sustainable cities!



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Goals:

- Enabling knowledge transfer and dialogue with a variety of stakeholders
- Combining existing thematic knowledge into useful integrated perspectives on sustainable cities
- Formation of long-term partnerships

See also: www.urban-nexus.eu



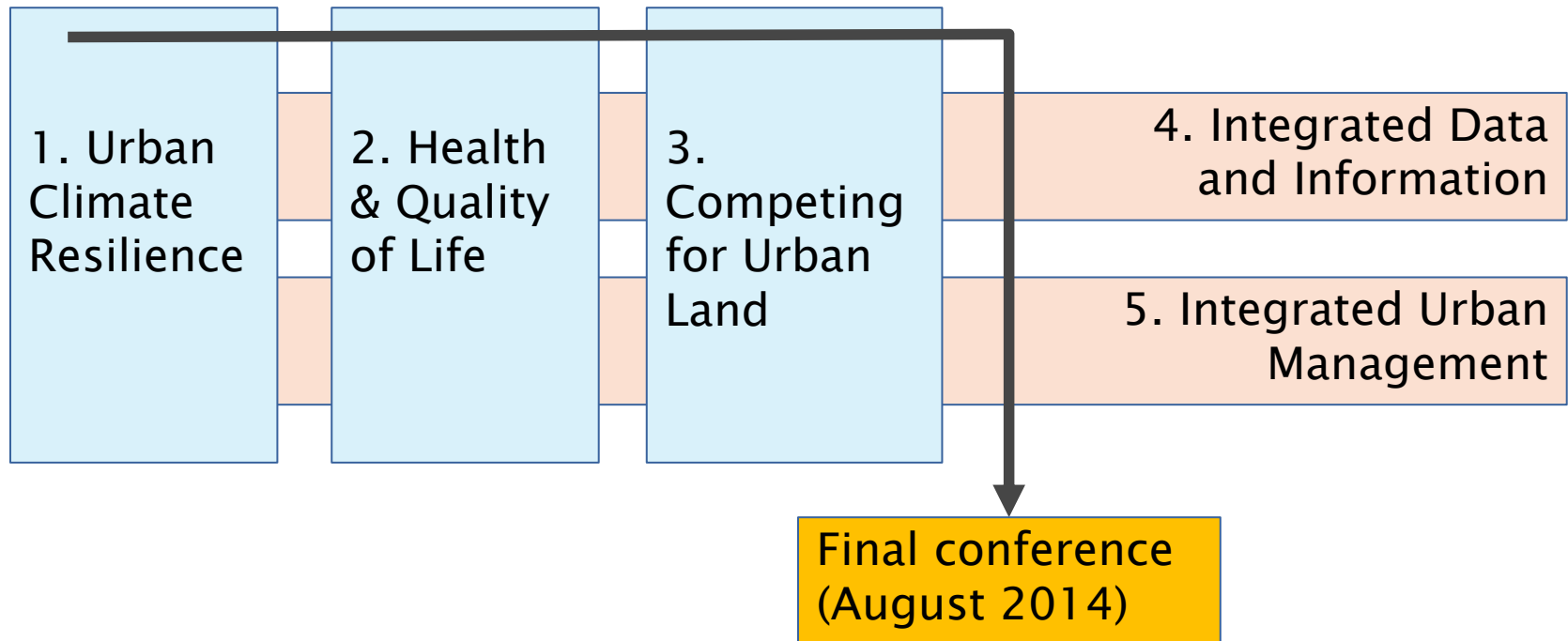
URBAN-NEXUS as a collaborative approach



- Co-production between stakeholders from research, policy, civil society and business
- Backgrounds on a variety of themes
- Direct contact, participation and innovation through a series of papers and Dialogue Cafés



URBAN-NEXUS themes and trajectory





Preliminary Results





- Promote climate resilience as an opportunity for social and community cohesion, as opposed to the technical debate on mitigation (CO2 reduction)
- Investments and smart designs of green infrastructure improves opportunities for resilience, health and QoL
- Improved data (harmonisation), monitoring and scenarios needed to explore preferred development pathway
- Integrated development at the regional scale increases opportunities to connect cities to cities and cities to the countryside



URBAN–NEXUS partnership development

- Dissemination plans, use of social media
- Inventory of knowledge gaps
- Event calendar
- Connect with related FP 7 projects
- Pursue next stage funding



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Next Dialogue Cafe: April 10 & 11, Gothenburg

Thematic area: Competing for Urban Land