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NBS Valorisation Guide Testing Feedback Report

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Introduction

Within the EU-funded CONEXUS project (<https://www.conexusnbs.com/>), the FAO-team developed a draft Valorisation Guide for Nature-based Solutions (NBS). This guide should provide an easy-to-use, step-by-step guide for making the valorisation case for specific NBS.

In the period December 2023-March 2024, the Guide has been tested in the different CONEXUS Life Labs (and possibly also in other cases), with the help of local project partners and consultants. The aim was to see whether the guide meets its purpose and it usable in different contexts, for different types of NBS, and for use by different stakeholders. Moreover, the testing aimed at identifying possible gaps and weaknesses of the NBS Valorisation Guide, and provide specific inputs for its finalisation.

The testing will result in two major outputs:

1. An NBS valorisation report, following the different steps and components of the Guide.
2. A testing feedback report following the template provided here.

The responsible partner or consultant should prepare a detailed testing feedback report that includes elaborate answers to all of the following questions:

1. Information about the testing context

### Test leader’s information

Who did the testing? Elaborate on the test leader’s previous experience with NBS and the local context.

### Testing location

Where was the testing done?

### NBS selection

Which NBS (one or more) were chosen for testing and why?

### Testing process details

How was the testing done? Provide details about the structure of the testing, the different activities, the timeline.

### Stakeholders’ involvement

Which partners and stakeholders were involved in each of the steps? How did you involve them? What role did they have? Which desired partners and stakeholders could not be involved? Why? Please elaborate.

1. Overall feedback on the Guide

### General suitability of the Guide

In general terms, does the Guide serve its purpose?

### Logical structure of the Guide

Is the guide structured in a logical way? Do the steps follow each other naturally? Please provide a detailed motivation for your answer.

### Recommendations

If the steps are not in a logical order, or if steps are missing, provide recommendations for changes.

### Users diversity suitability

Can the Guide be used by different actors / stakeholder groups, e.g., municipal governments, not-for-profits and community groups, local businesses? Please explain. What could be done to better serve the needs of the different groups?

1. Feedback for each of the 7 steps in the Guide

Step 1

Information compilation

What was your experience with compiling the information under this step? Was it easy or difficult? How much time did it take you to gather all required information? What were the main challenges?

Step effectiveness

Is this step a valuable part of the Guide? Can it be omitted or adjusted? If so, provide key recommendations in a clear, practical and actionable manner

Tools and resources usefulness

Were the specific tools and sources provided for the step useful for compiling your information? Which tools or sources were particularly useful or not useful?

Revision and recommendations

Do you have recommendations for revisions of the description of this step in the Guide? Are there additional tools or sources that could be included? If so, please provide information about these tools and sources and explain how they can be beneficial for the Guide.

Visual aids

Were the visuals, figures, and tables provided in the description of the step useful? Are there visuals that could be excluded? Do you have recommendations for new visuals?

Step 2

Information compilation

What was your experience with compiling the information under this step? Was it easy or difficult? How much time did it take you to gather all required information? What were the main challenges?

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Visual aids

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Step 4

Information compilation

What was your experience with compiling the information under this step? Was it easy or difficult? How much time did it take you to gather all required information? What were the main challenges?

Step effectiveness

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Tools and resources usefulness

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Revision and recommendations

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Visual aids

Were the visuals, figures, and tables provided in the description of the step useful? Are there visuals that could be excluded? Do you have recommendations for new visuals?

Step 5

Information compilation

What was your experience with compiling the information under this step? Was it easy or difficult? How much time did it take you to gather all required information? What were the main challenges?

Step effectiveness

Is this step a valuable part of the Guide? Can it be omitted or adjusted? If so, provide key recommendations in a clear, practical and actionable manner

Tools and resources usefulness

Were the specific tools and sources provided for the step useful for compiling your information? Which tools or sources were particularly useful or not useful?

Revision and recommendations

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Visual aids

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Step 6

Information compilation

What was your experience with compiling the information under this step? Was it easy or difficult? How much time did it take you to gather all required information? What were the main challenges?

Step effectiveness

Is this step a valuable part of the Guide? Can it be omitted or adjusted? If so, provide key recommendations in a clear, practical and actionable manner

Tools and resources usefulness

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Visual aids

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Step 7

Information compilation

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Step effectiveness

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Tools and resources usefulness

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Visual aids

Were the visuals, figures, and tables provided in the description of the step useful? Are there visuals that could be excluded? Do you have recommendations for new visuals?

1. Other comments

### Stakeholders feedback

Did you receive specific feedback from different stakeholder groups that we should consider?

### Impact of the Guide

In your opinion, will the Guide really help with making a stronger valorisation case for NBS in comparison with other methodologies or tools?

### Scalability and adaptability

Do you think the Guide is adaptable to various scales and types of NBS projects? Please elaborate.

### Additional remarks

Are there other things you would like to mention?

