



Old Tbilisi – Lev Lagorio – 1886



Small, Large Ararat and Yerevan – Martiros Sarian – 1930

# UbN Hub in Caucasus Ecoregion

## Experience with applying Connecting Nature innovations

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# From NBS to Nature-Based Economy



## ISSUES

- Limited funding sources and resources

## ENABLERS

- Integration potential for NBS concept into **EBRD GREEN CITIES**
- Experience with application of Connecting Nature guidebooks
- Successful NBS pilot demos (ARM) and planning initiatives (GEO)
- Such as Kindergarten Green Wall NBS in Yerevan, Armenia



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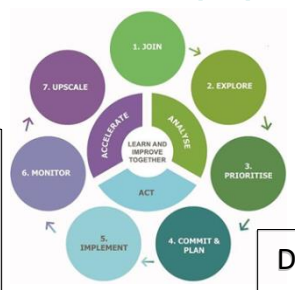
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## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Tapping into NBS potential by providing small-scale funding program
- Accomplish this by providing medium-sized grants for communities
- Making it mandatory to include NBS in public land use plans via SEA
- Such as 1. Kutaisi Masterplan Concept 2. Grigoleti Coastal Plan



Potential for NBS funding in LUP SEA (local, national, international, private)

Provide for NBS funding per LUP SEA (local, national, international, private)

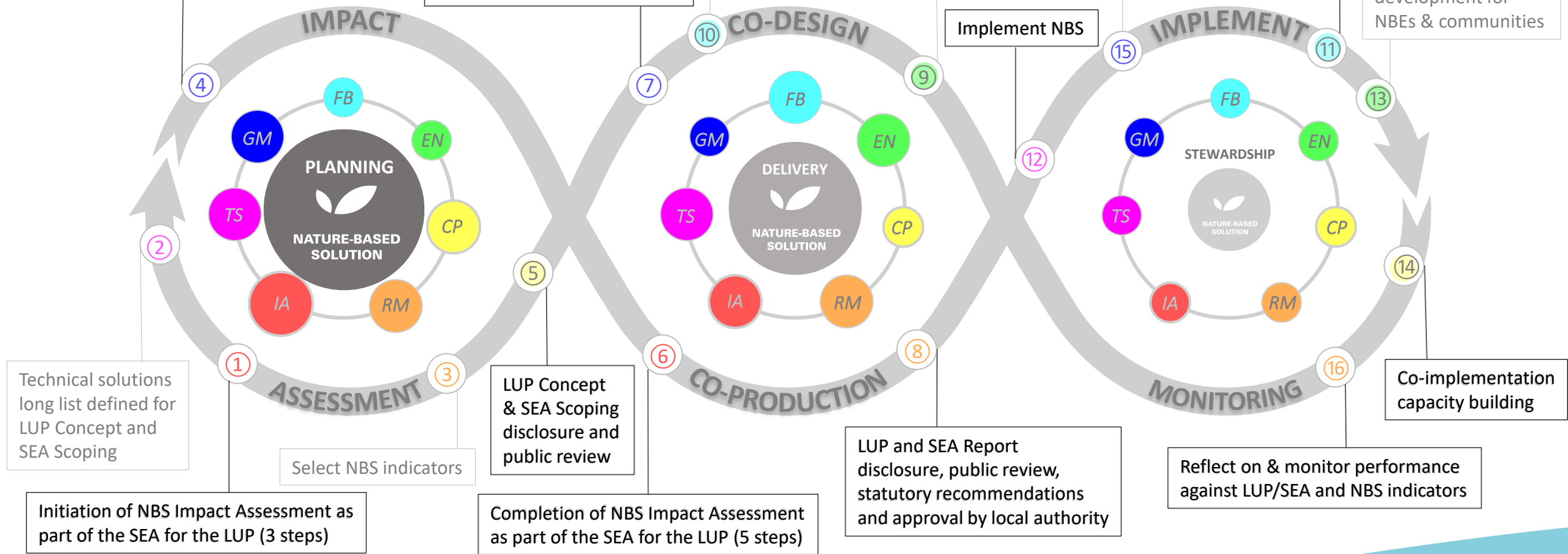
Develop LUP Concept and elaborate its SEA Scoping Report with NBS IA Section

Develop LUP and SEA Report with complete NBS IA Section

NBS Catalog offerings for businesses, private actors and local communities

Institutional leadership

NBS capacity development for NBEs & communities



Technical solutions long list defined for LUP Concept and SEA Scoping

Select NBS indicators

Initiation of NBS Impact Assessment as part of the SEA for the LUP (3 steps)

LUP Concept & SEA Scoping disclosure and public review

Completion of NBS Impact Assessment as part of the SEA for the LUP (5 steps)

LUP and SEA Report disclosure, public review, statutory recommendations and approval by local authority

Implement NBS

Reflect on & monitor performance against LUP/SEA and NBS indicators

Co-implementation capacity building



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



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Tbilisi, view from [Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace](#)



Mount Ararat and the Yerevan skyline in spring ([S. Qurishian](#))

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