



Multiple Resilience Dividends:

An operational framework for effective decisionmaking in the context of Transformative Adaptation

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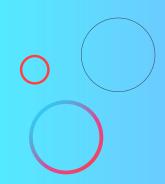
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Background



Context



EU Adaptation Mission

"[...] aims to create resilient regions [...] through smarter, swifter, and more systemic adaptation" (European Commission, 2021)

P2R will empower the most vulnerable European regions and communities to design locally-led pathways towards a climate-resilient future.





Current Issues on Climate Adaptation

There is a need to reshape adaptation planning and decision-making (Helgeson and O'Fallon, 2021; Rözer et al., 2023).

- Climate Change Adaptation is "fragmented, small in scale, incremental, sector-specific, designed to respond to current impacts or near-term risks, and focused more on planning rather than implementation" (IPCC, 2022, p. 50).
- The overall funding allocated for building climate resilience, particularly the financing flow towards adaptation, has been slowing down lately (United Nations Environment Programme, 2023).
- Traditional methods of evaluating adaptation projects fail to encompass the full range of benefits (Tanner and Rentschler, 2015; Mechler and Hochrainer-Stigler, 2019; Doeffinger and Rubinyi, 2023).
- Misconception that investing in climate resilience is unnecessary unless there is an imminent disaster event (Keefe, 2018; Helgeson and O'Fallon, 2021).
- Therefore, adaptation fails to find a place in community priorities (Keefe, 2018).

Emerging Questions



How can we help regions build climate resilience through smarter, swifter, and more systemic adaptation?



How can we make adaptation more compelling for decision-makers and appealing for investment?

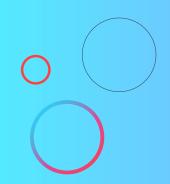


How do we design for such an adaptation while supporting multiple societal objectives in practice?





Methodology

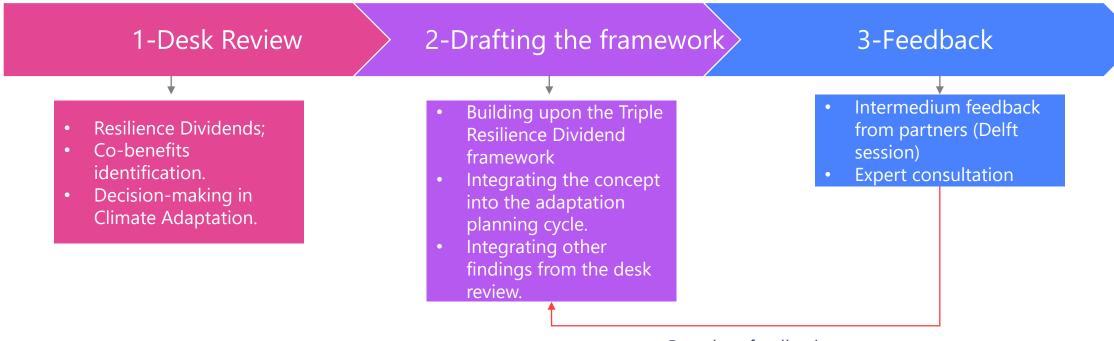




Our Approach



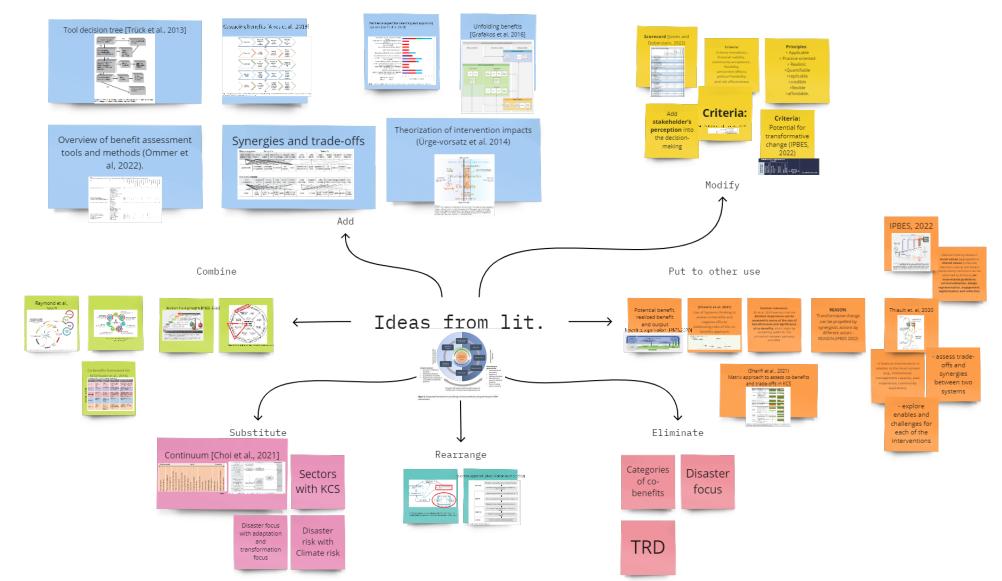
Objective: To provide a decision-making framework that helps European regions identify, evaluate, and select adaptation options capable of delivering multiple resilience dividends across sectors.



Based on feedback

Finding Inspiration

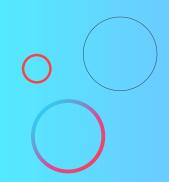








The Framework





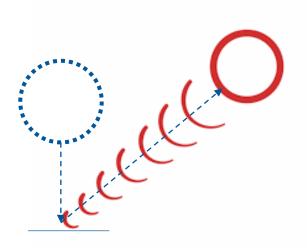
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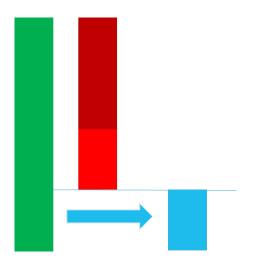


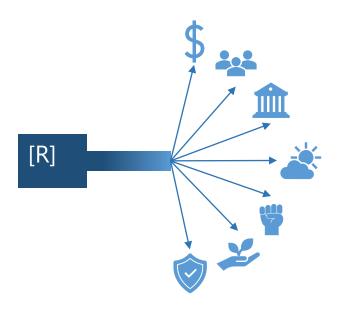
Resilience as "bouncing forward"

Resilience Dividend *Net benefit of interventions*

Resilience yields substantial benefits







Resilience benefits as a continuum



- Building resilience can have broad and far-reaching positive impacts across various sectors and domains
- An opportunity to inform decision-making and adaptation planning better.
- Build the case for investing in climate adaptation, going beyond risk reduction outcomes.

	Environment			Society					Economy		
ŧ	Benefit 1	Benefit 2	Benefit 3	Benefit 4	Benefit 5	Benefit 6	Benefit 7	Benefit 8	Benefit 9	Benefit n	:









Interconnectedness

1. Identify problems and objectives

Focuses on interconnections

Focuses on interconnections, synergies, and trade-offs across KCS to better understand the system while turning climate risks into opportunities.



8. Monitor and evaluate

Informs adaptive management through indicators to measure success beyond DRR/CCA outcomes.

2. Assess climate risks

Analyses climate risks multidimensionally and identifies risk propagation mechanisms and channels across KCS.

7. Implement intervention

Steers implementation towards more impactful outcomes by maximising resilience dividends, preventing adverse effects and balancing trade-offs.

Multiple Resilience **Dividends Framework**

3. Identify adaptation options

Broadens the range of options and identifies systemic, interconnected, and multifunctional responses addressing direct, indirect, cascading, and future risks.

6. Plan Implementation

Helps the sequencing of adaptation pathways, integrates a long-term view of resilience, and promotes crosssectoral alignment, interagency, and multisectoral collaboration.

5. Make decision

Prioritises "low-regret" options and "low-hanging fruits" of systemic resilience based on their ability to address the problem, meet stakeholder needs, and

4. Appraise adaptation options

Prioritises systemic adaptation by providing a comprehensive assessment of options and facilitating their comparison based on what", "how much", "where", and "when" the benefits will be delivered.

Source: (Higuera, Bachman & Sakic, 2024)

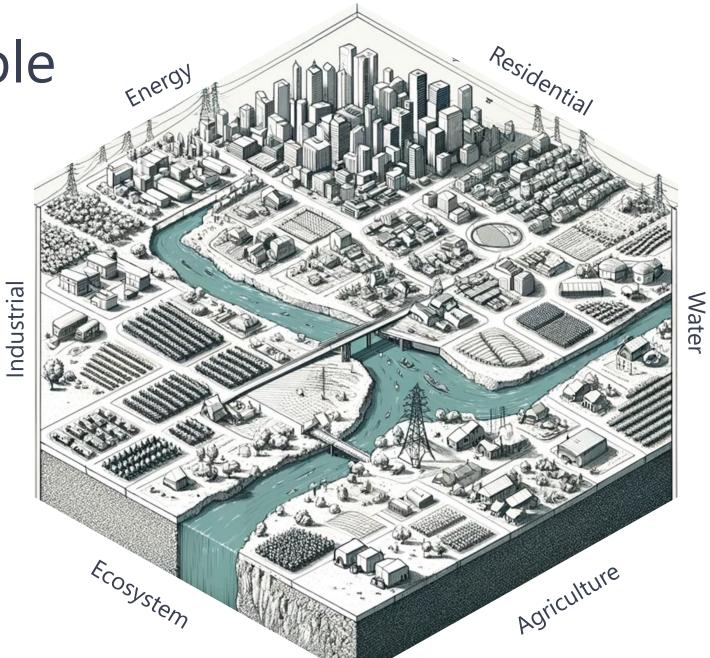


implications in the system.

Choices based on Robustness, Relevance, Resources

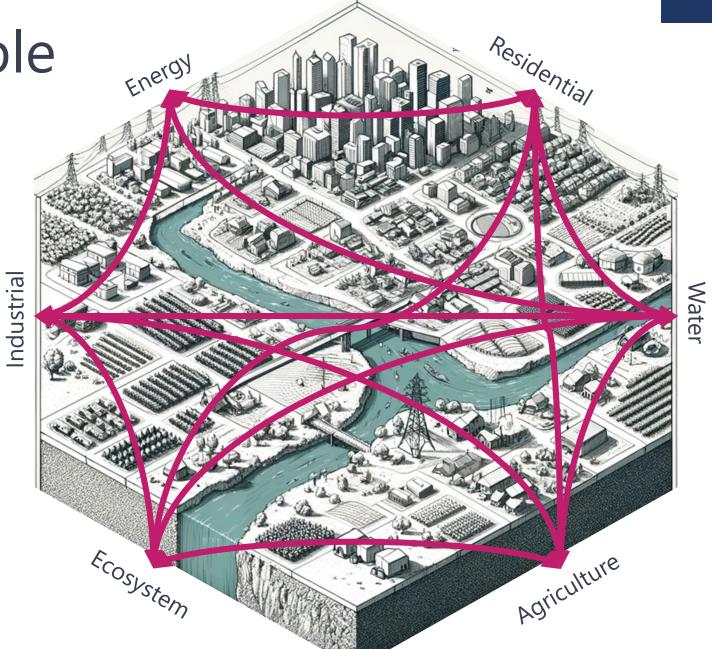


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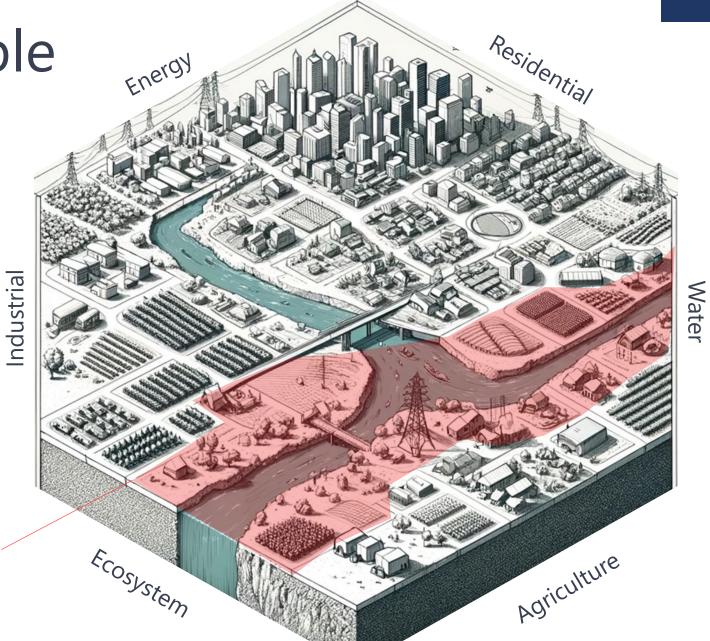


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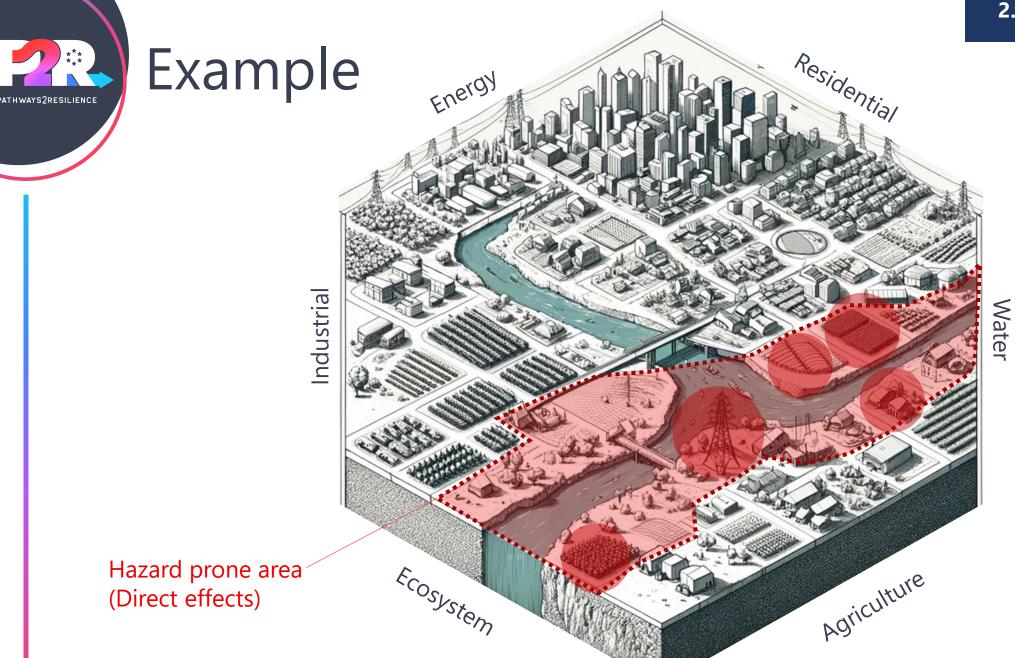


Example



Hazard prone area?

2. Assess climate risks



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Residential Example Energy Industrial Agriculture Ecosystem

Hazard prone area

(Direct effects)

Interdependencies, interaction and relationships between system elements (Indirect effects)

3. Identify adaptation options

Example

Structural



Residential Energy Industrial Agriculture Ecosystem

Regulations

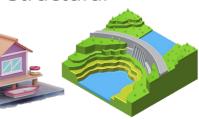


Water

3. Identify adaptation options

Example

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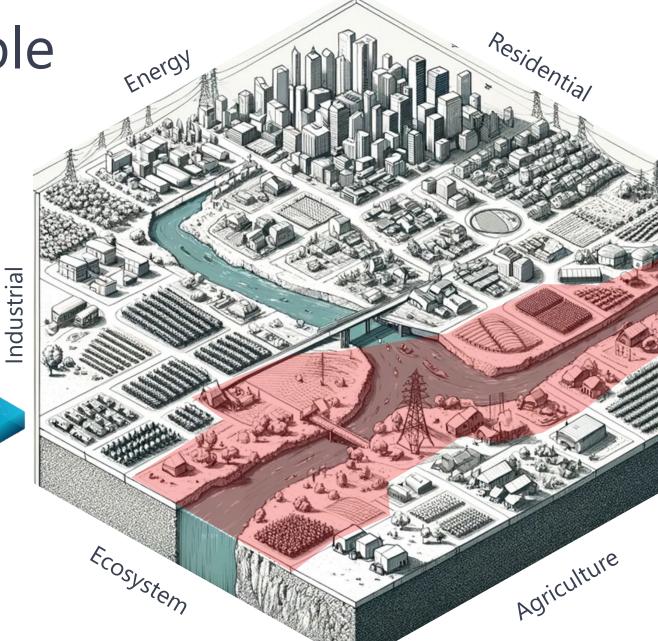


Community-based



Nature-based Solutions





Regulations



Zoning

Water

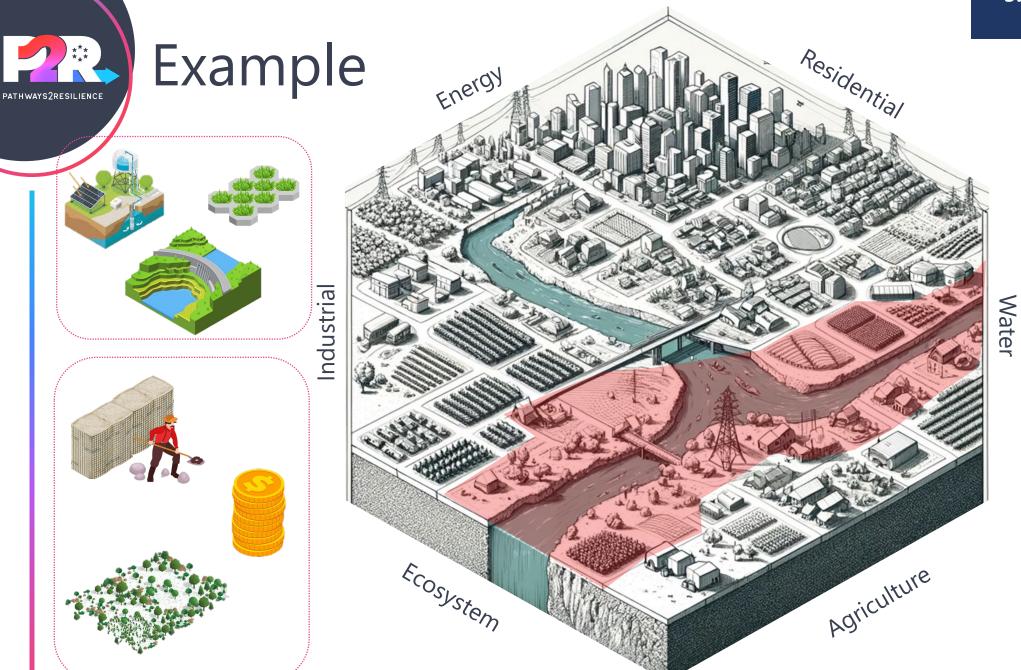


Technological





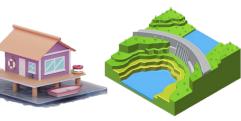
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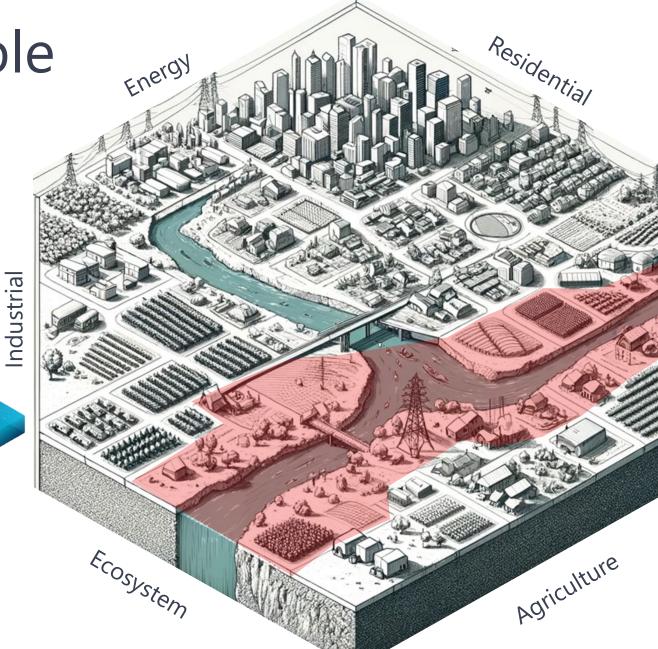


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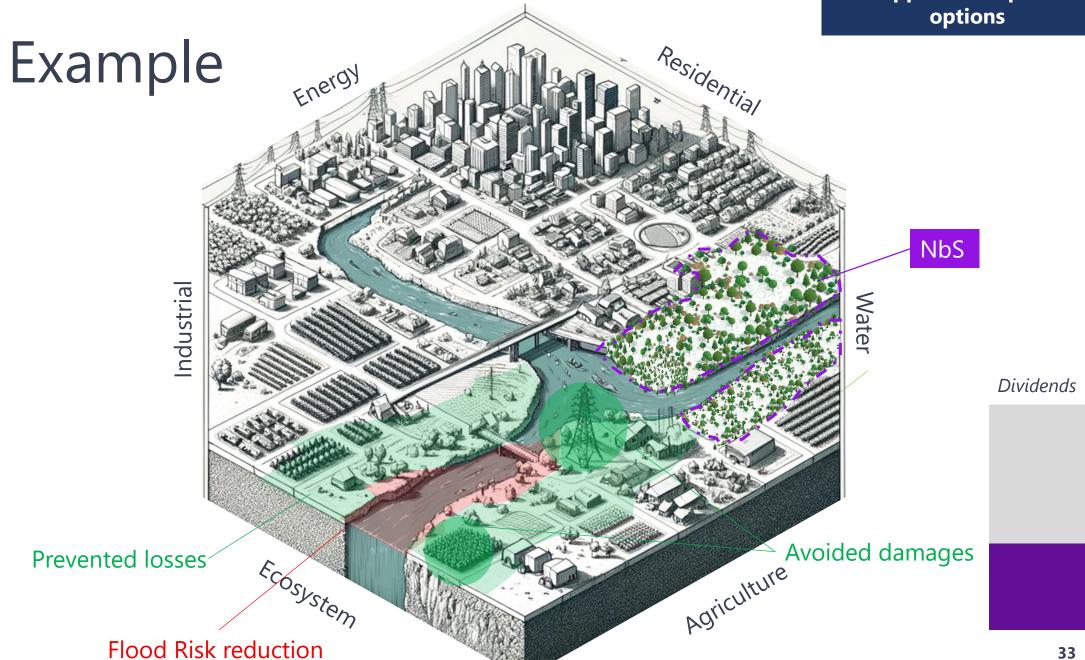
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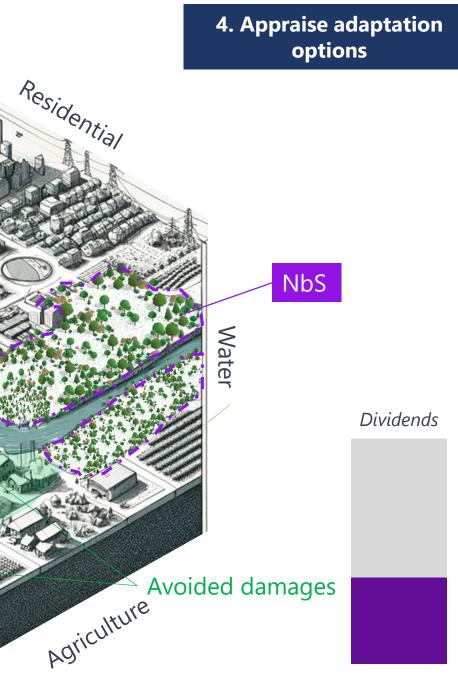


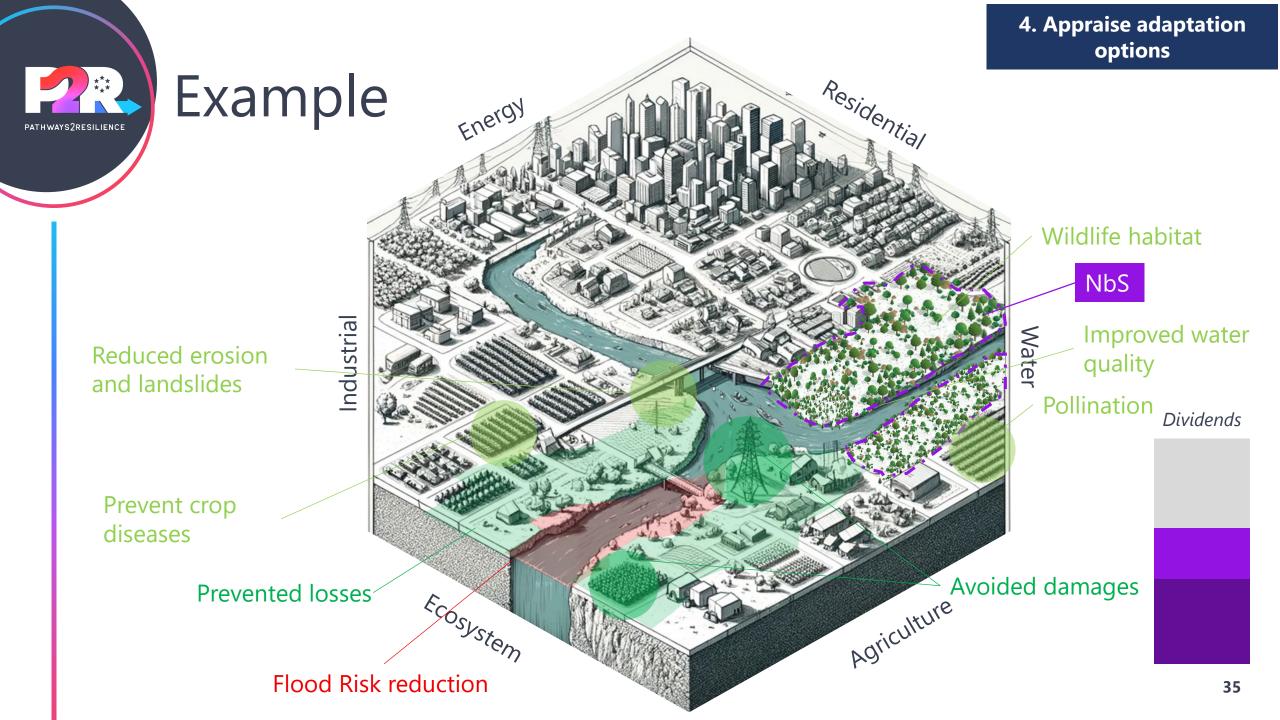


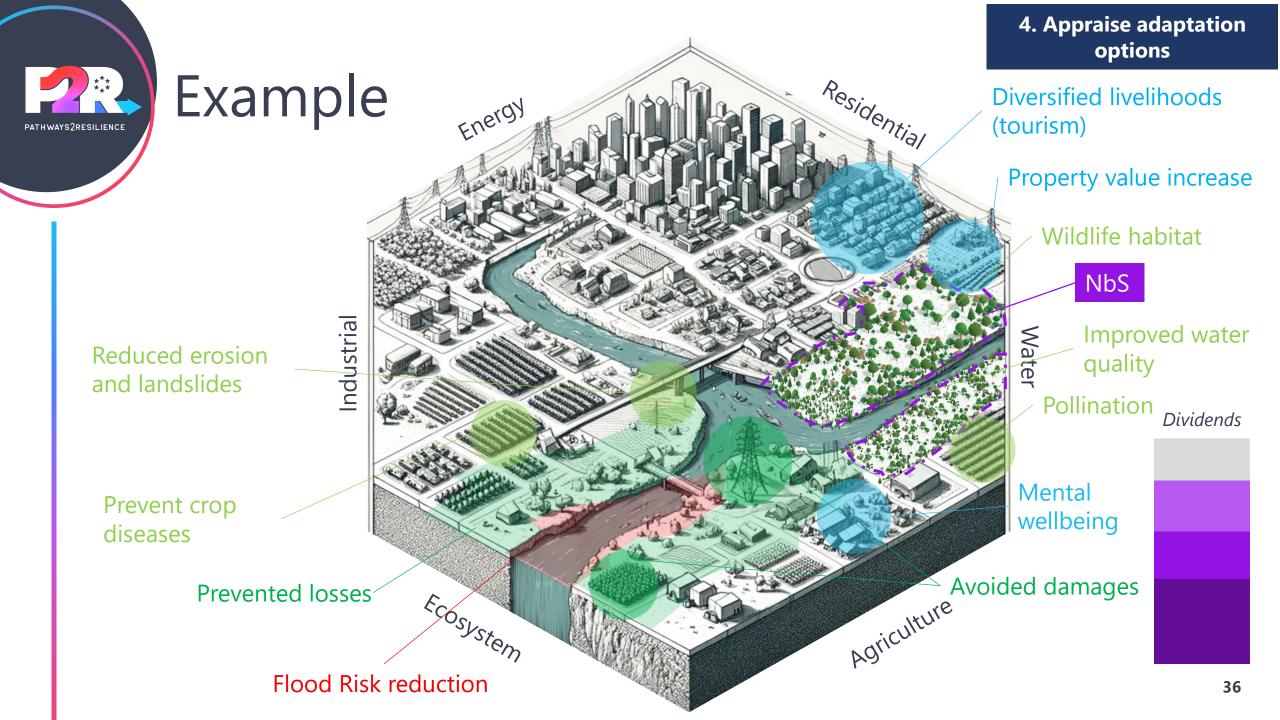
Prevented losses

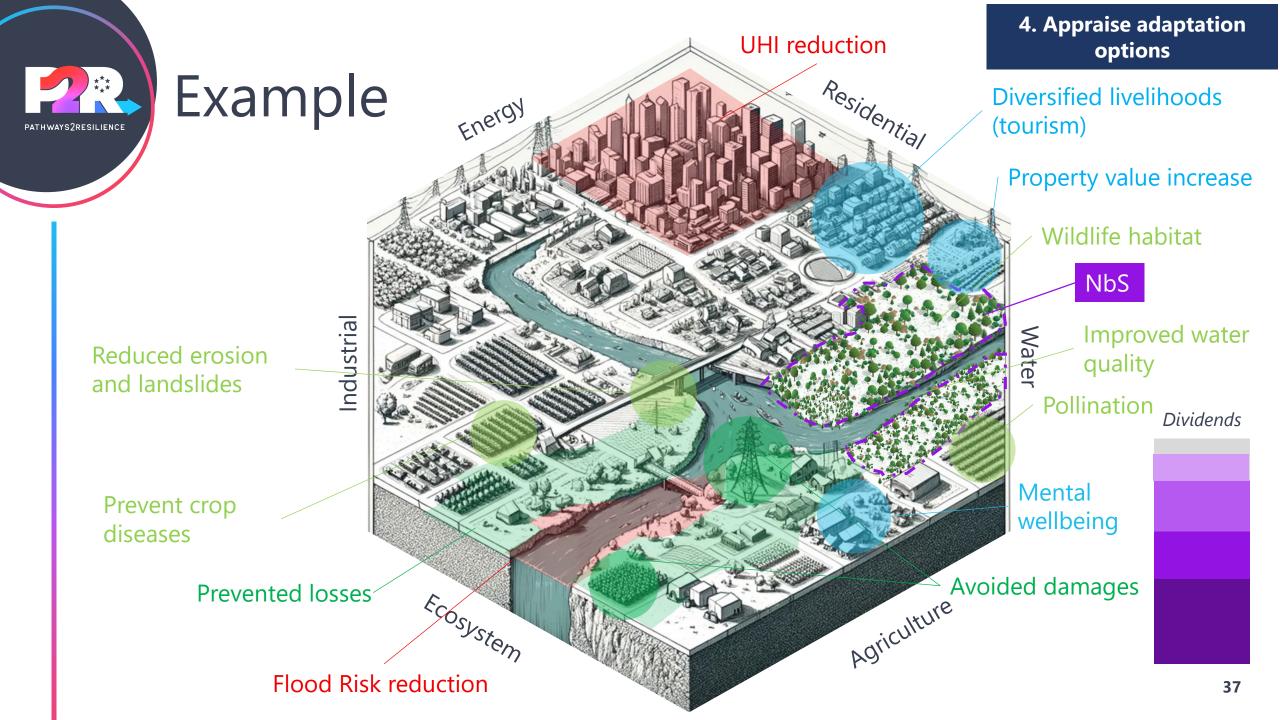
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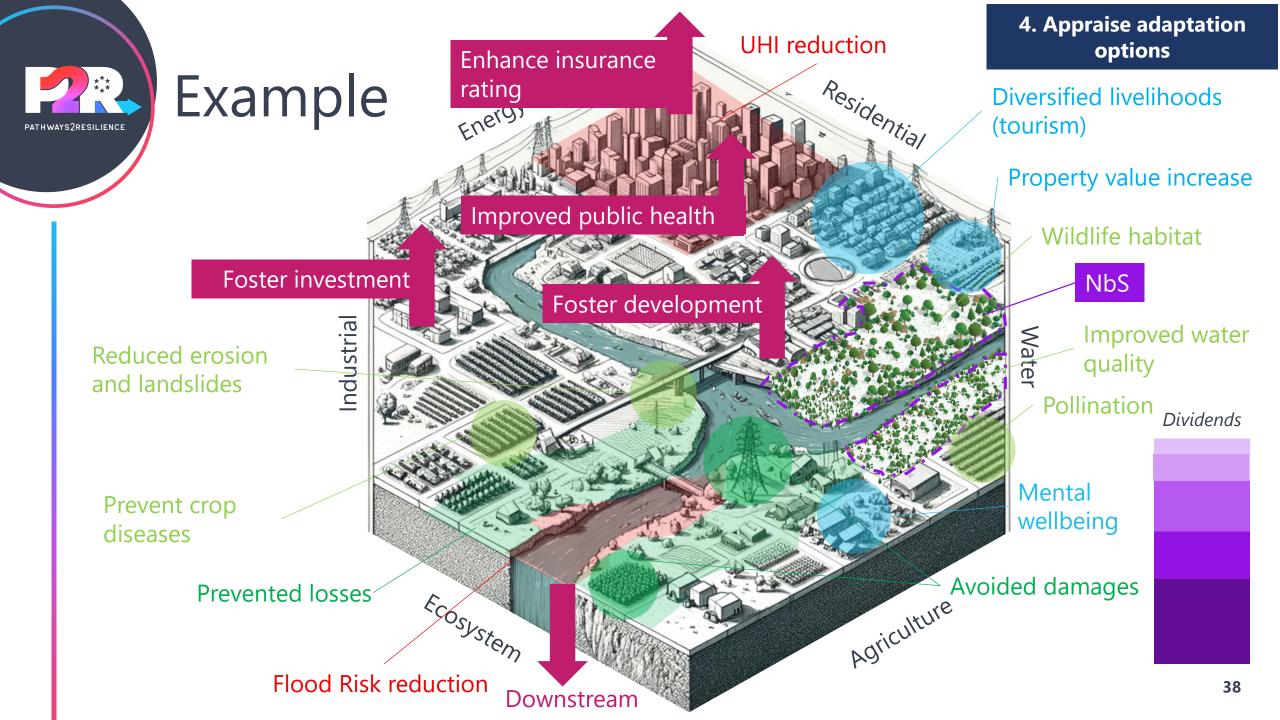
Flood Risk reduction





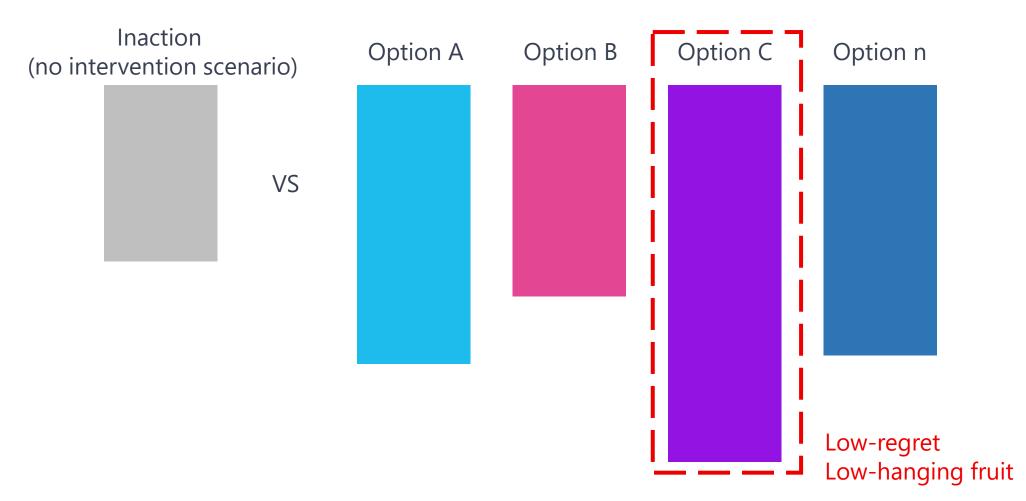






Multiple Resilience Dividends

(Intervention scenarios)







Outlook: Making it a flexible and resourceful approach



Various methods can characterize the MRD:

- Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Cost-Efficient Analysis
- Multi-Criteria Analysis
- Robust Decision Making
- Portfolio Analysis
- Real Option Analysis
- Computable General Equilibrium
- Analytical Economic Modelling (e.g., agentbased, micro- and macroeconomic models).
- Participatory Assessments (e.g., Delphi method, Focus Group Discussions)

Integrate the MRD framework as part of the formulation of Adaptation Pathways

Test, validate and improve it together with the P2R regions.



Closing Remarks

Recognising the full potential of building climate resilience re-frames adaptation as a lever for broader development, a catalyst for growth and shared prosperity.

Under this analytical approach, building climate resilience and societal development is only a matter of perspective.





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