



# Ecosystem Services in the Planning of Green Infrastructure

**Make cities ...**

- **healthier**
- **more resilient**
- **livable**

## The IMECOGIP Toolbox

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The IMECOIP Toolbox



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# Green Infrastructure Planning & Ecosystem Services

## What nature does for us ...

Provisioning services



Regulating services



Cultural services



Good planning considers what nature can do for us.

**Against the Knowledge & Communication Gap!**

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Ecosystem services  
– too complicated ?



– for experts only ?

How can we better inform **planners**  
**decision makers** ?

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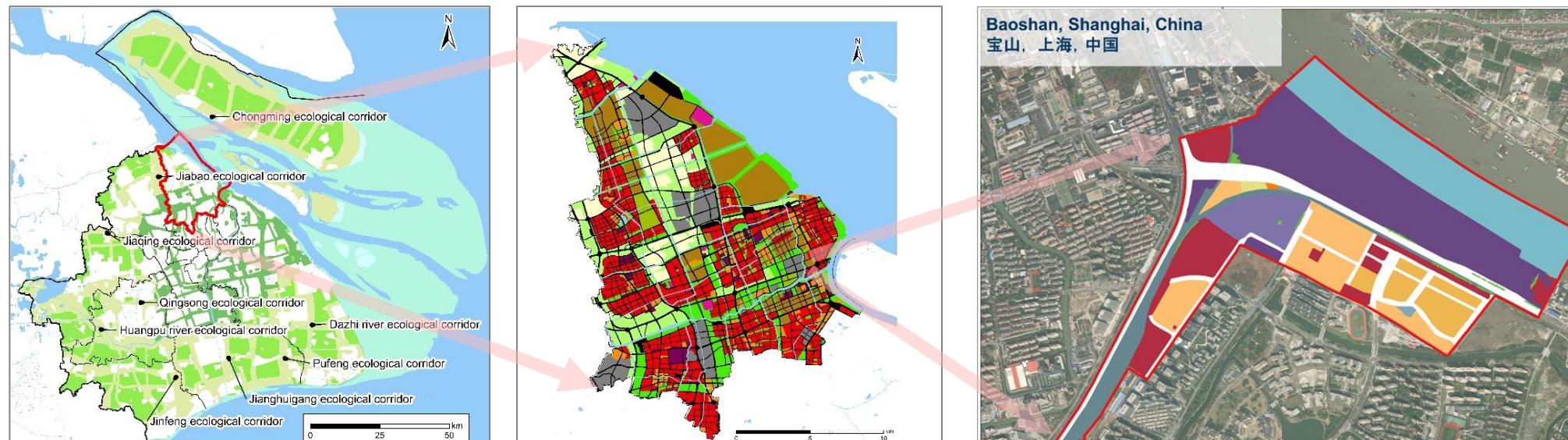
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The project developed a toolbox that planners and experts can use

- to systematically assess the ecosystem services of any area,
- be it a building block, a neighborhood, district, or region.



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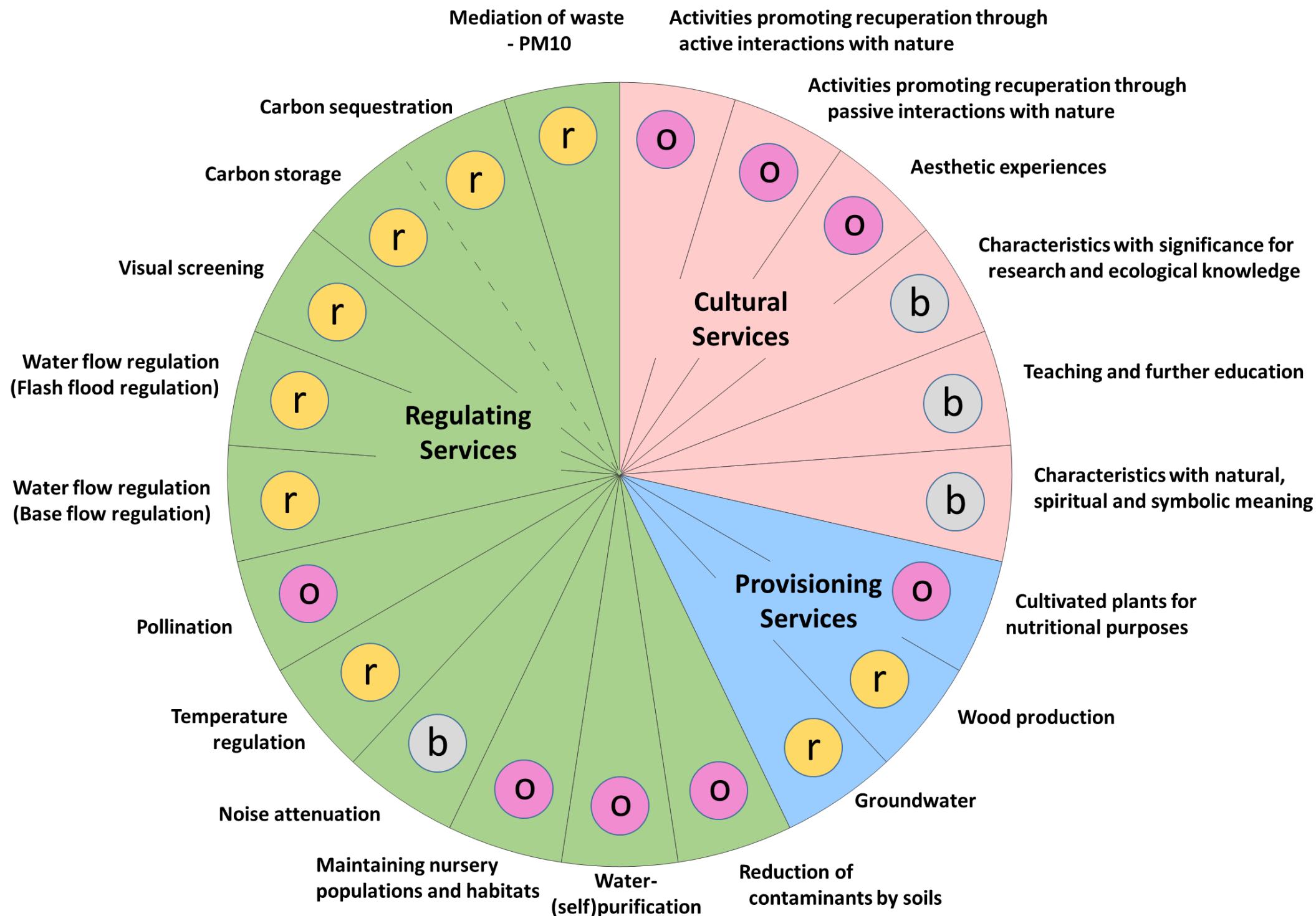
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## Assessing ecosystem services with the EnhancES Toolbox

EnhancES uses different scale levels for the ecosystem services

- r ratio scale
- o ordinal scale
- b binary



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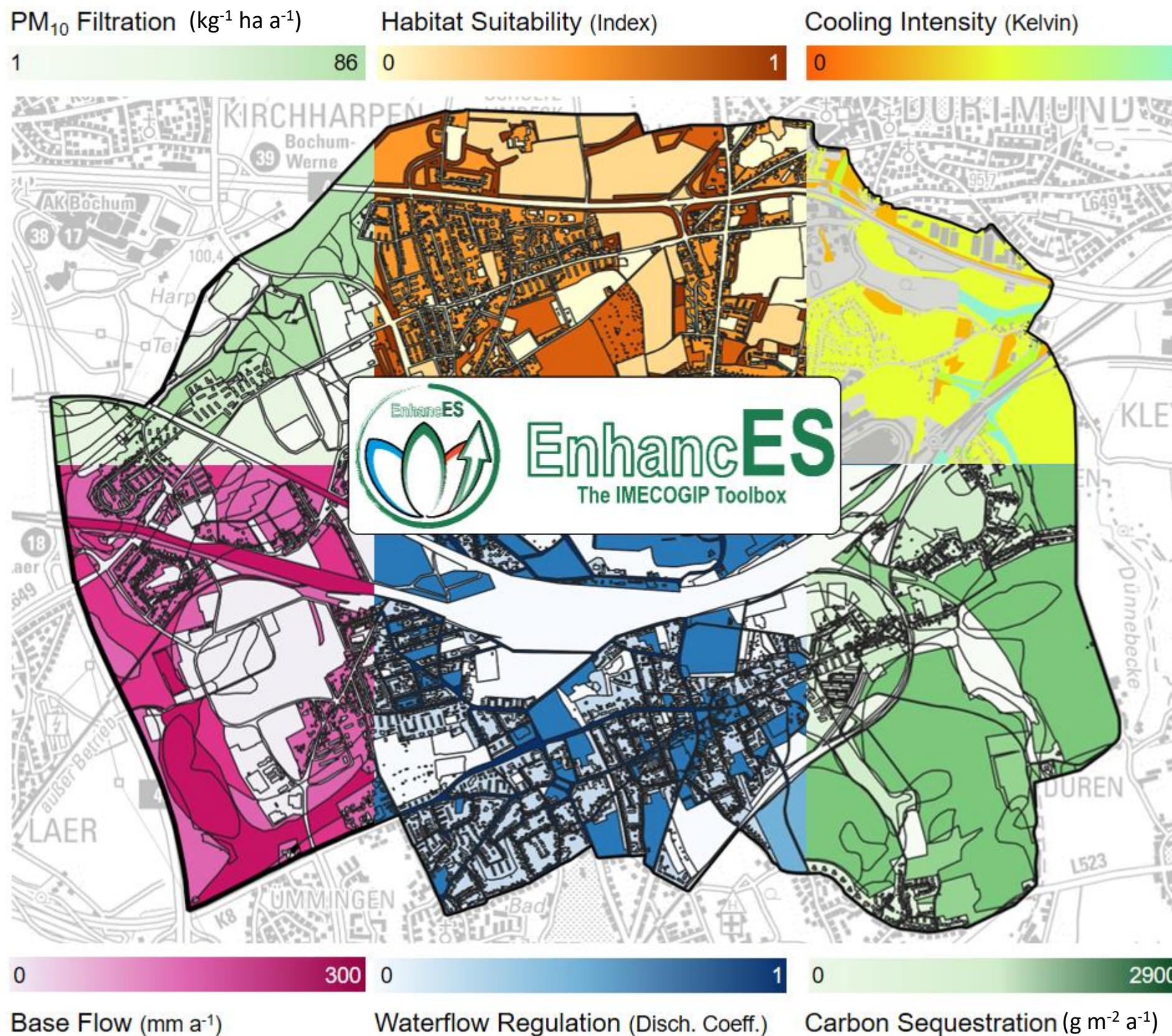
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EnhancES' outputs come in maps



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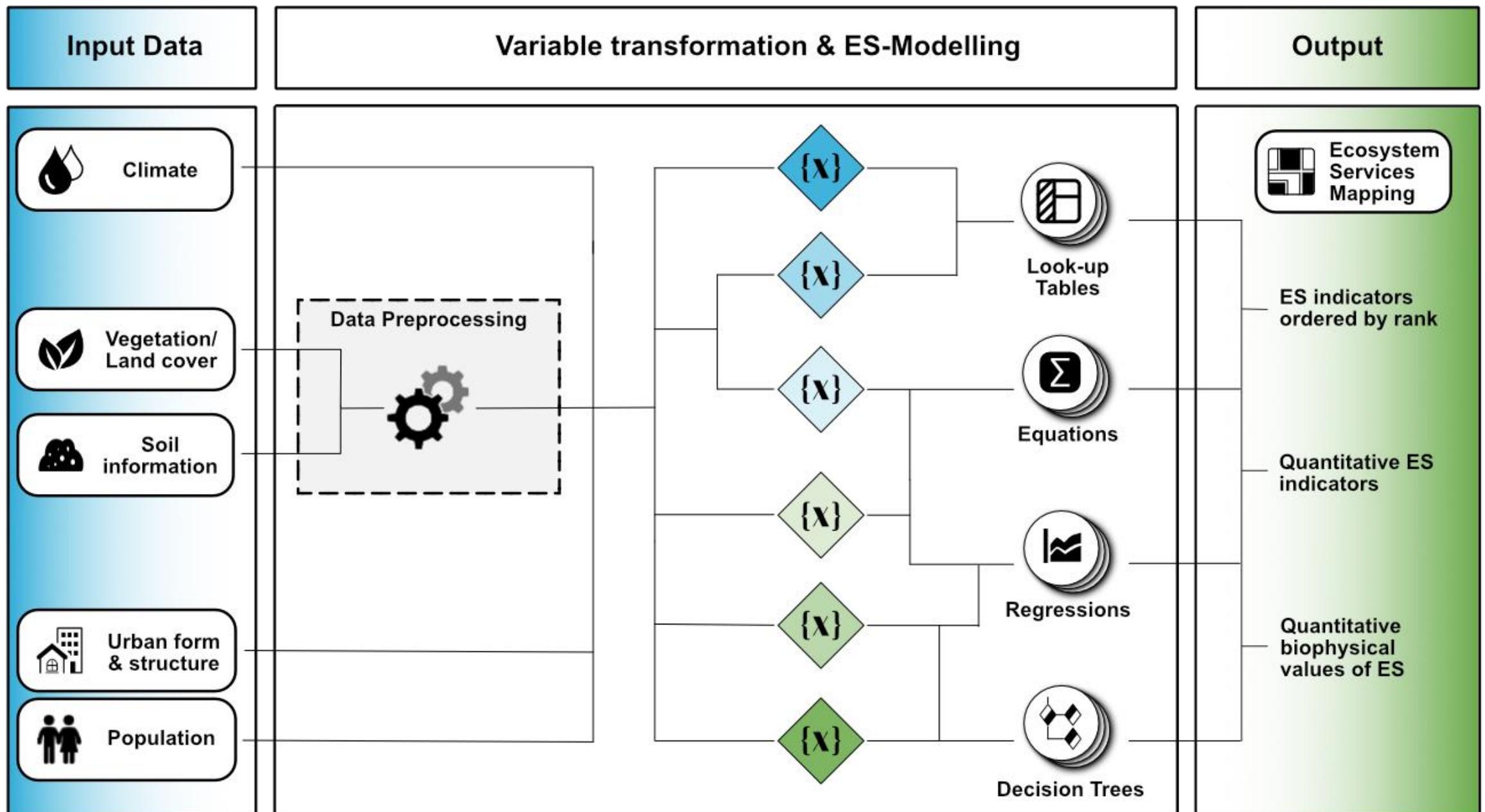
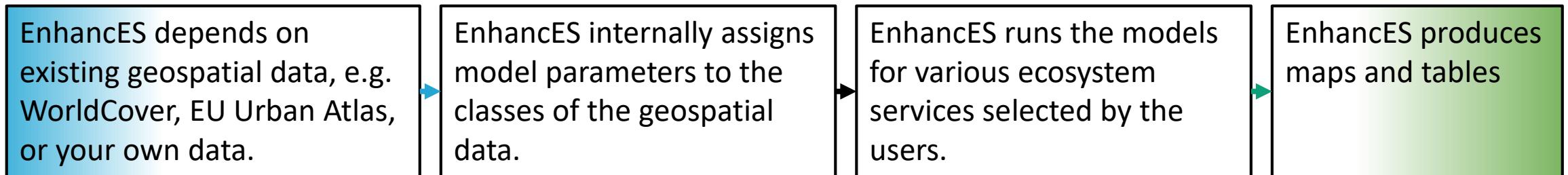
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## How does EnhancES work?



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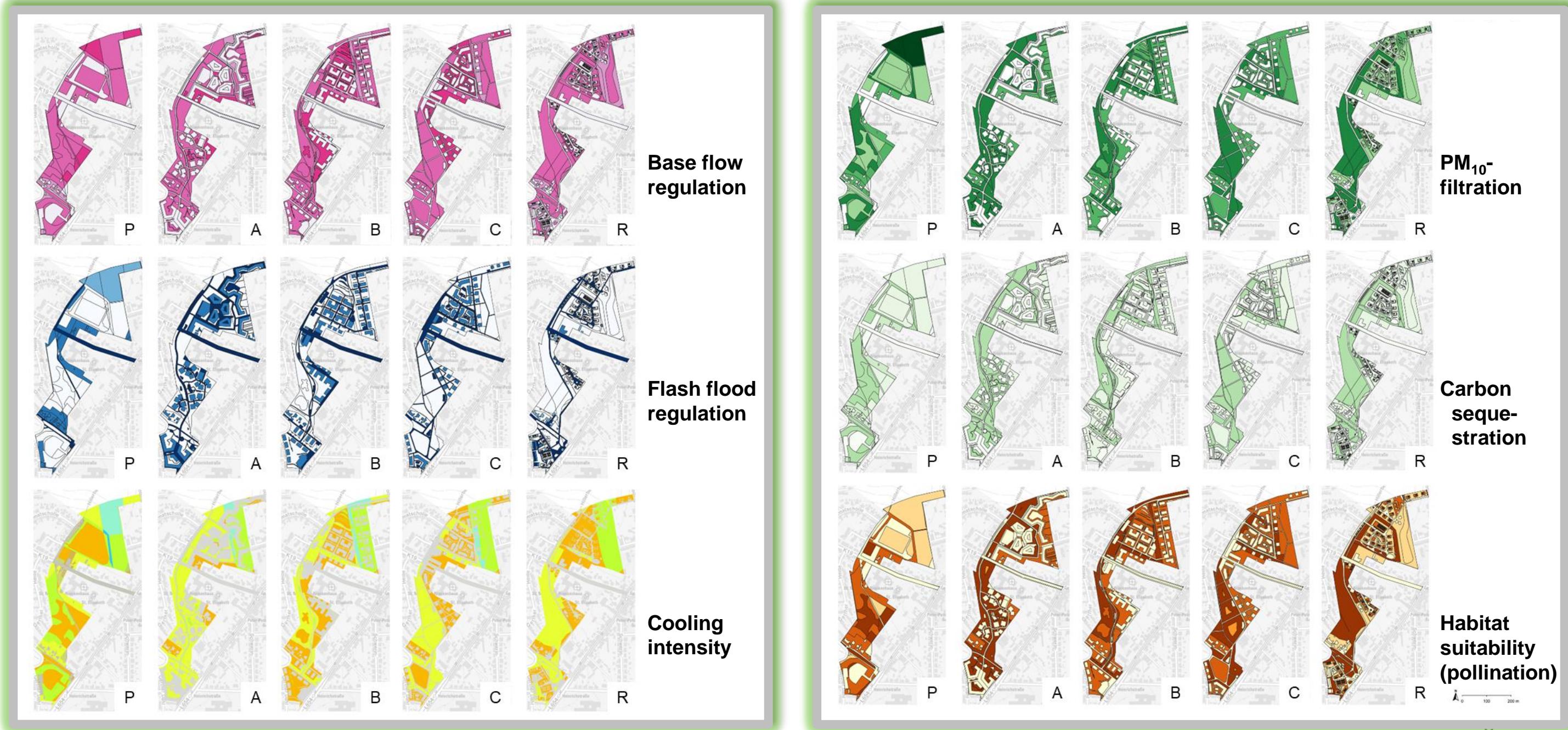
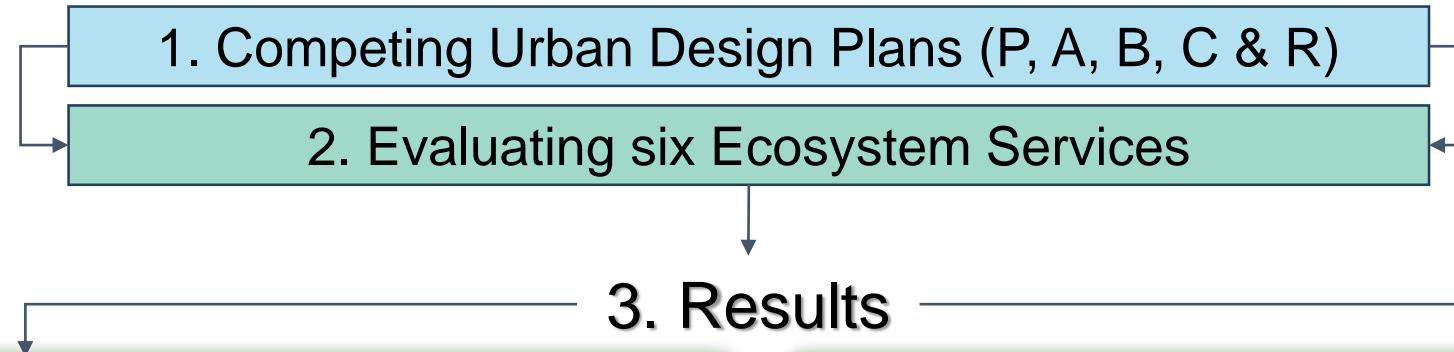
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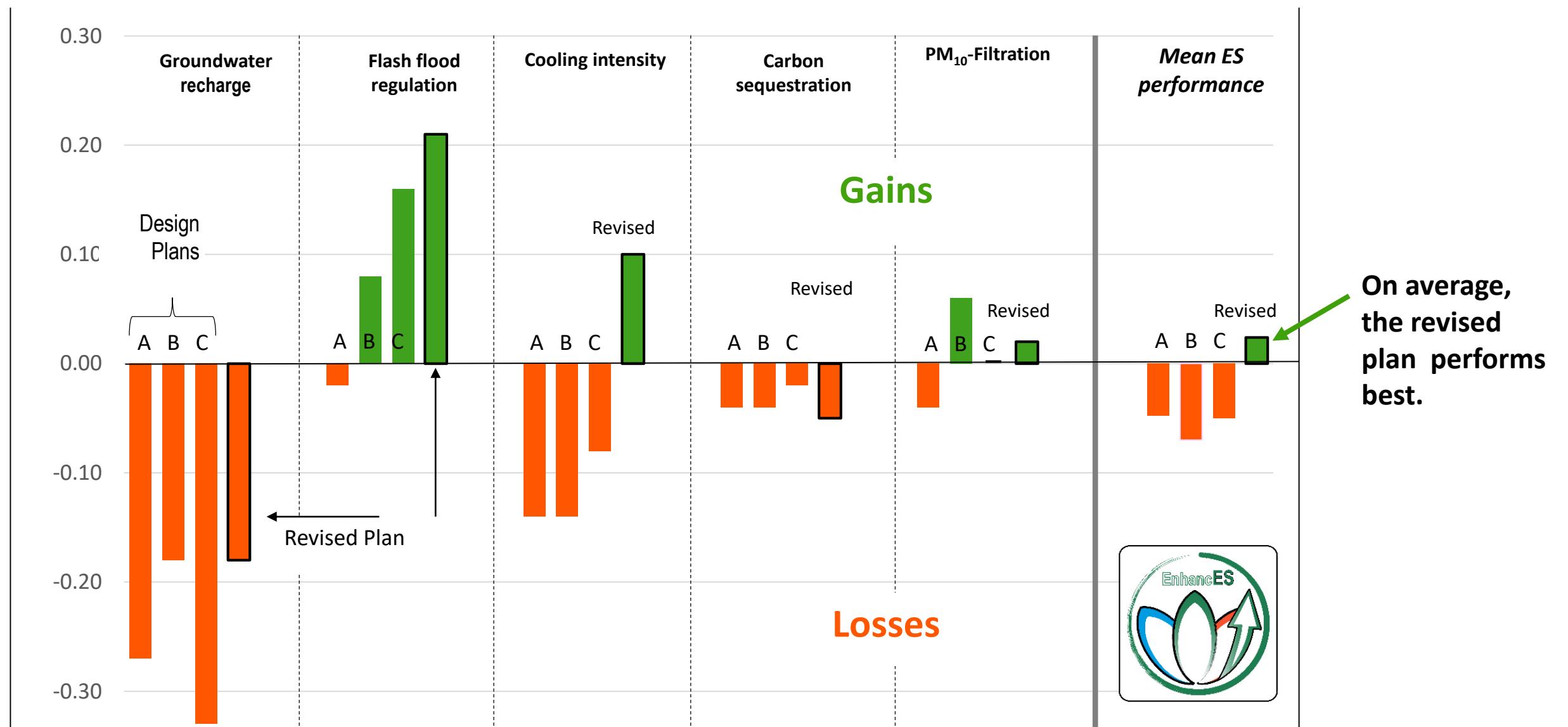
Planning a residential area  
Example 1/2



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Planning a residential area  
Example 2/2

**Gains** and **losses** of ecosystem service performances of design plans in relation to the present situation.



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**By systematically checking planning variants with EnhancES you can optimize ecosystem services to enhance the wellbeing of people.**

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Plan nature-based solutions based on ecosystem services

## EnhancES empowers actors

- Show ecosystem services on city maps
- Measure ecosystem services in your city



## EnhancES' application fields

- Assess spatial inequalities and inequities.
- Justify action plans.
- Develop your own ecosystem services standards, specific for your city or region.

- Monitor temporal changes.
- Compare planning variants.
- Decide on measures to enhance ecosystem services in your plan.

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*Enhance participatory processes by making ecosystem services transparent to the informed citizens.*