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# CITIES TALK NATURE - Municipal strategies for long-term implementation of NbS

## First insights from the Urban Governance Atlas

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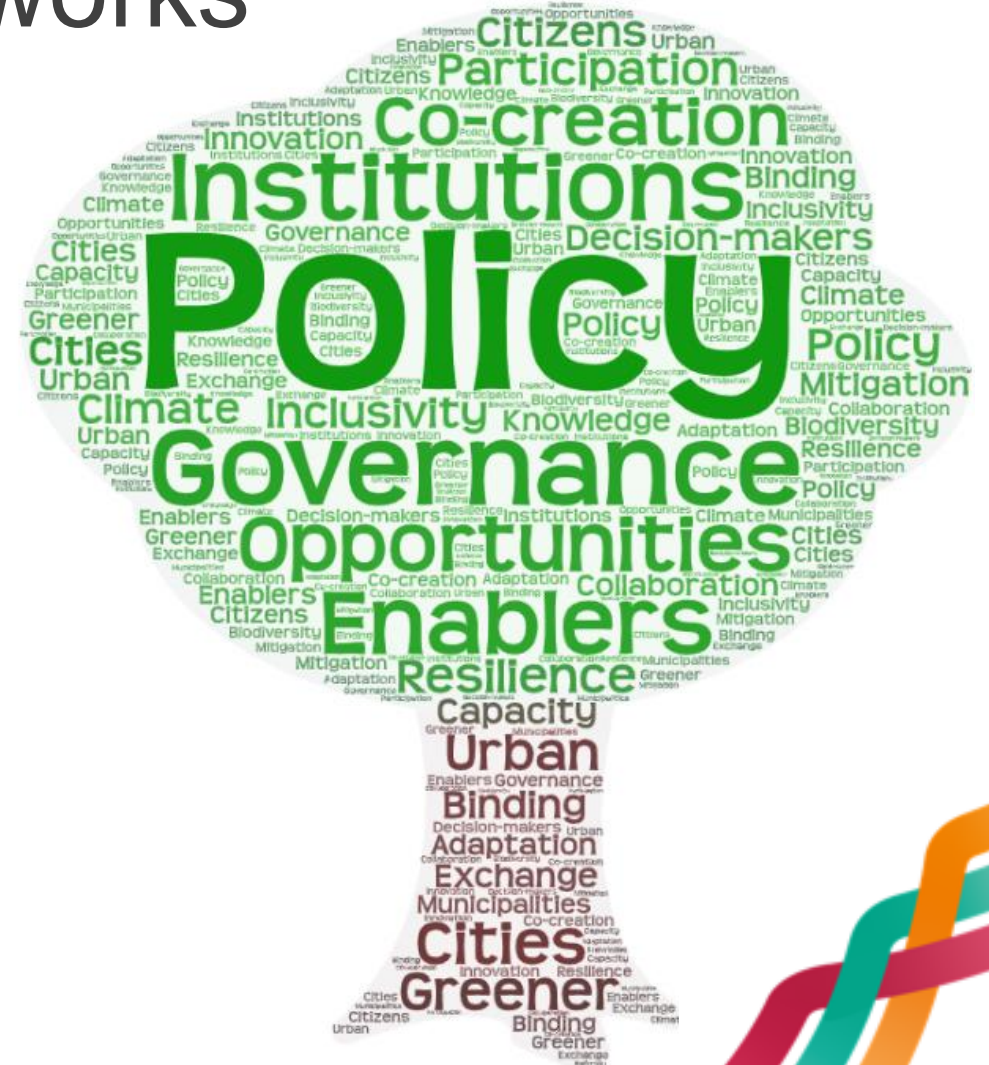


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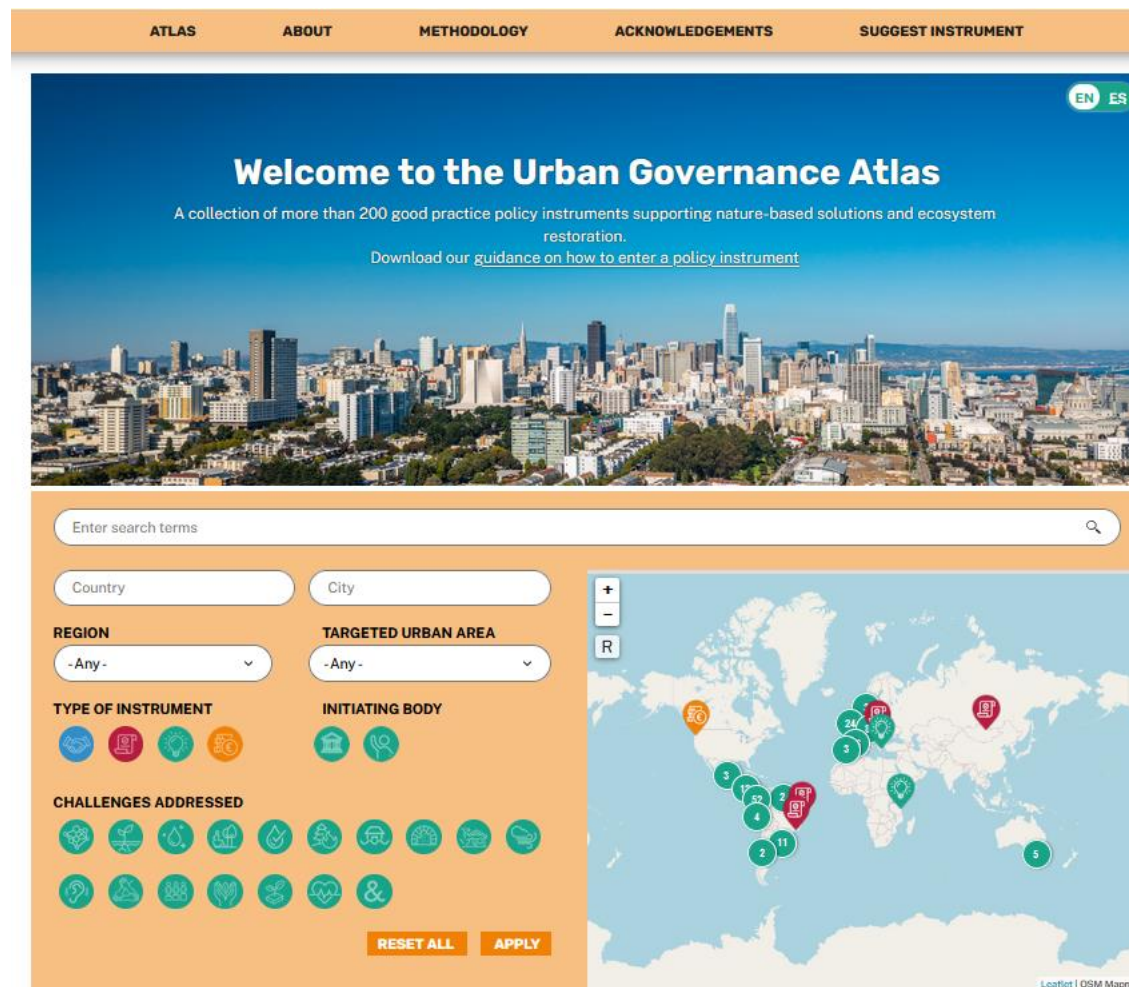
# Creating enabling conditions: Unpacking NBS policy frameworks

- Ambition to mainstream NBS into urban planning and policies
- Policy instruments /governance as critical enablers or barriers to adoption
- Shift from ,government‘ to ,governance‘
- Lack of specific and proven local policy instrument examples ... *until now!*



# Urban Governance Atlas

- **Interactive** online database of ~250 policy instruments - *currently in Beta format*
- **Co-created** with local/regional governments, scientific community, financial experts, ...
- In **English and Spanish**... with more to come!
- Aims to:
  - **Inspire global action** through good practice instruments with detailed lessons learned
  - Represent **diverse contexts** (institutional/geographic) – bottom up & top down
  - Foster **ecologically coherent, inclusive planning** for urban ecosystem restoration and green space planning



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# 4 types of policy instruments featured

## Legislative, regulatory, and strategic



### Cinturón Verde Metropolitano - Medellín

El Cinturón Verde es un mecanismo de planeación urbana a través del cual se crea un área circunvalar de parques y reservas naturales...

## Economic & fiscal



### Tax for stormwater and meltwater - Rumia

In response to the growing problem of local floods and an overloaded sewerage system, the municipality of Rumia in Poland introduced a tax...

## Agreement-based or cooperative



### Mesa para la Conservación del Sur del Valle de Aburrá (Southern Aburrá Valley Conservation Roundtable)

The Mesa para la Conservación del Sur del Valle de Aburrá is a cooperation instrument based on an inter-institutional articulation effort...

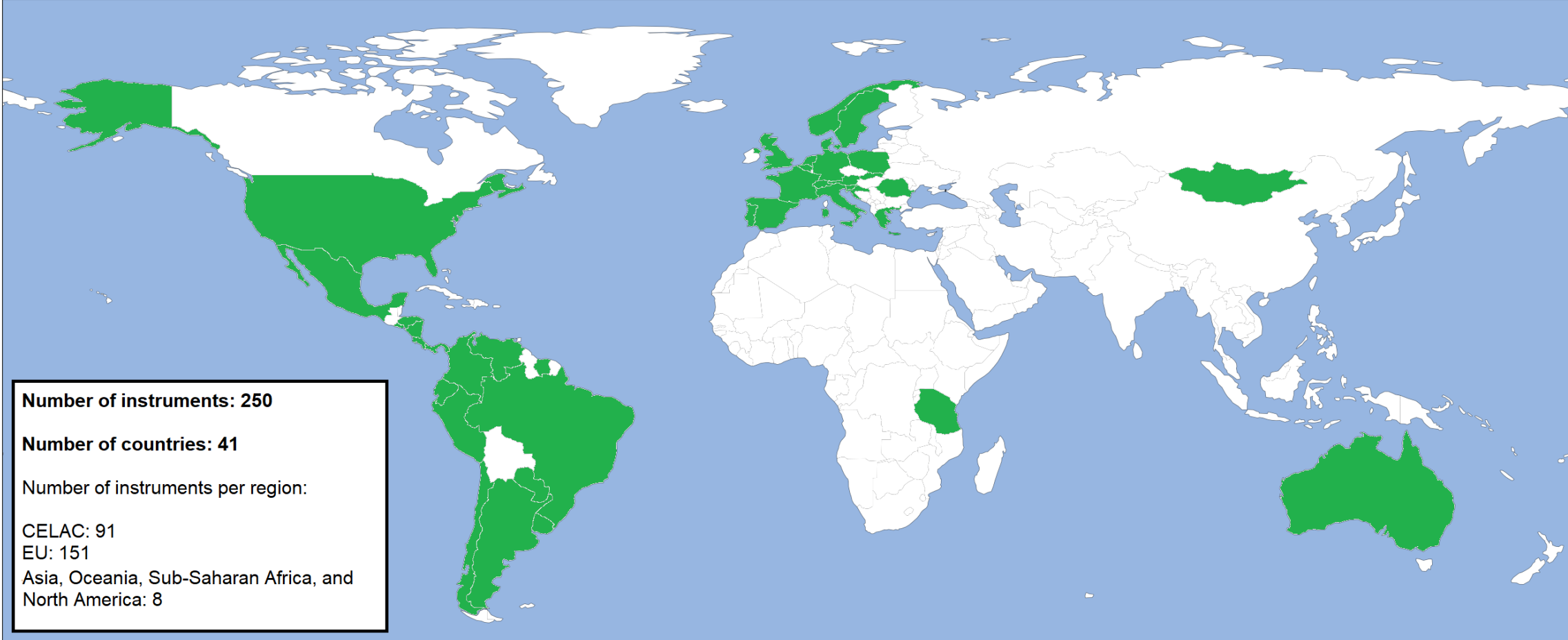
## Knowledge, communication & innovation



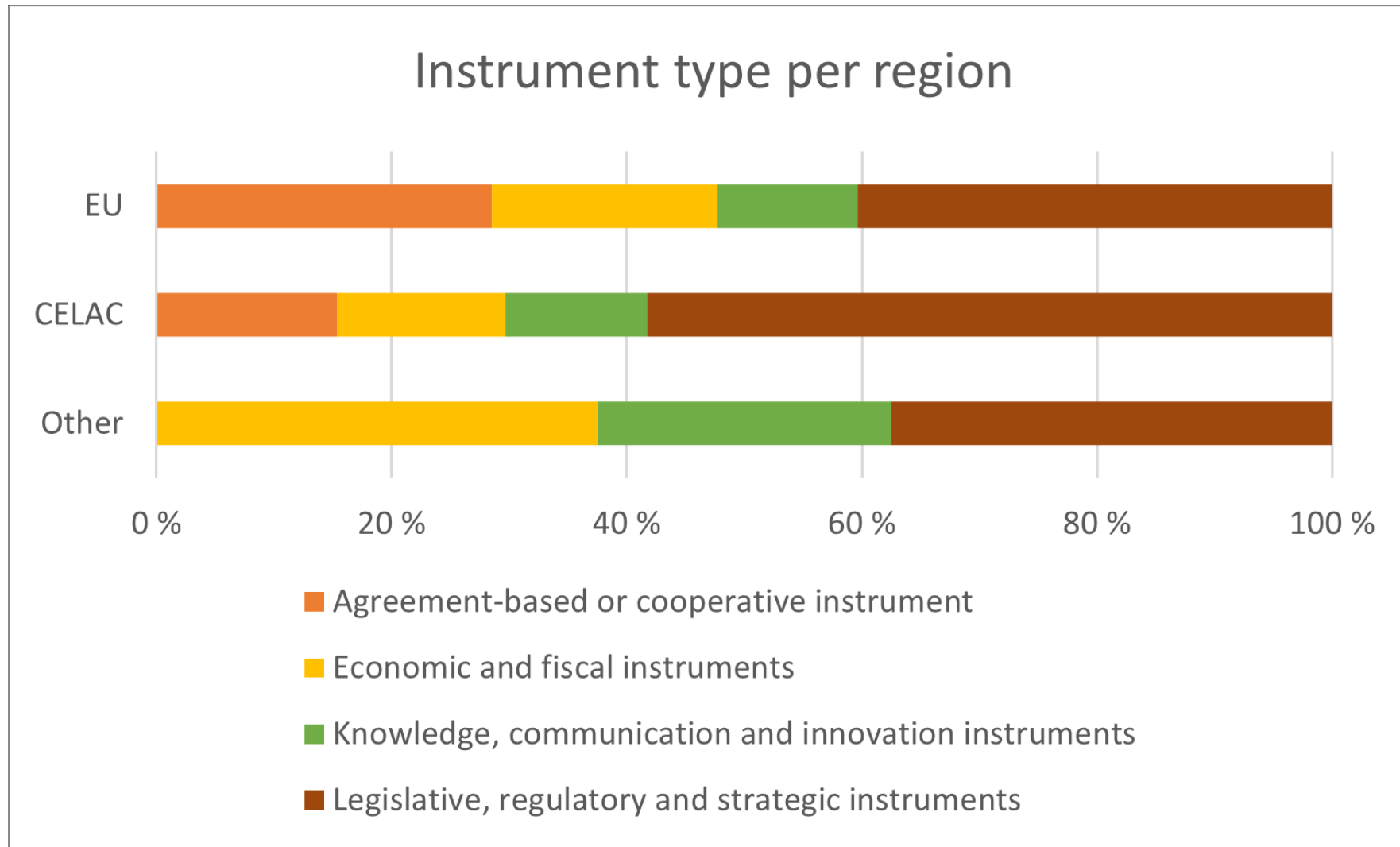
### National Park City campaign - London

London National Park city is a grassroots campaign and movement launched in 2014 in the UK by a group of citizens. Inspired by the concept...

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# Types of policy instruments, by region

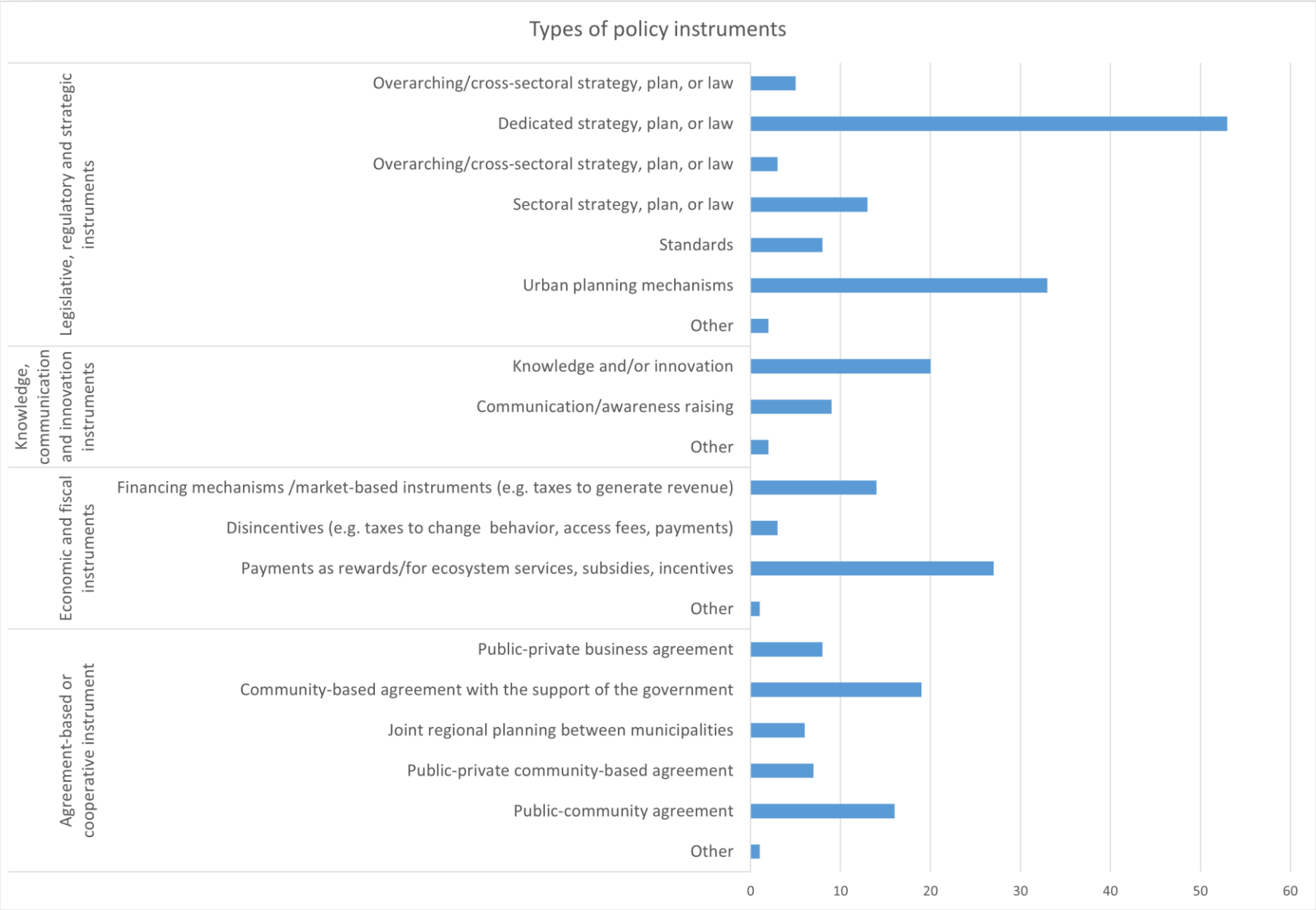


*In EU the two more represented types of instruments are:*

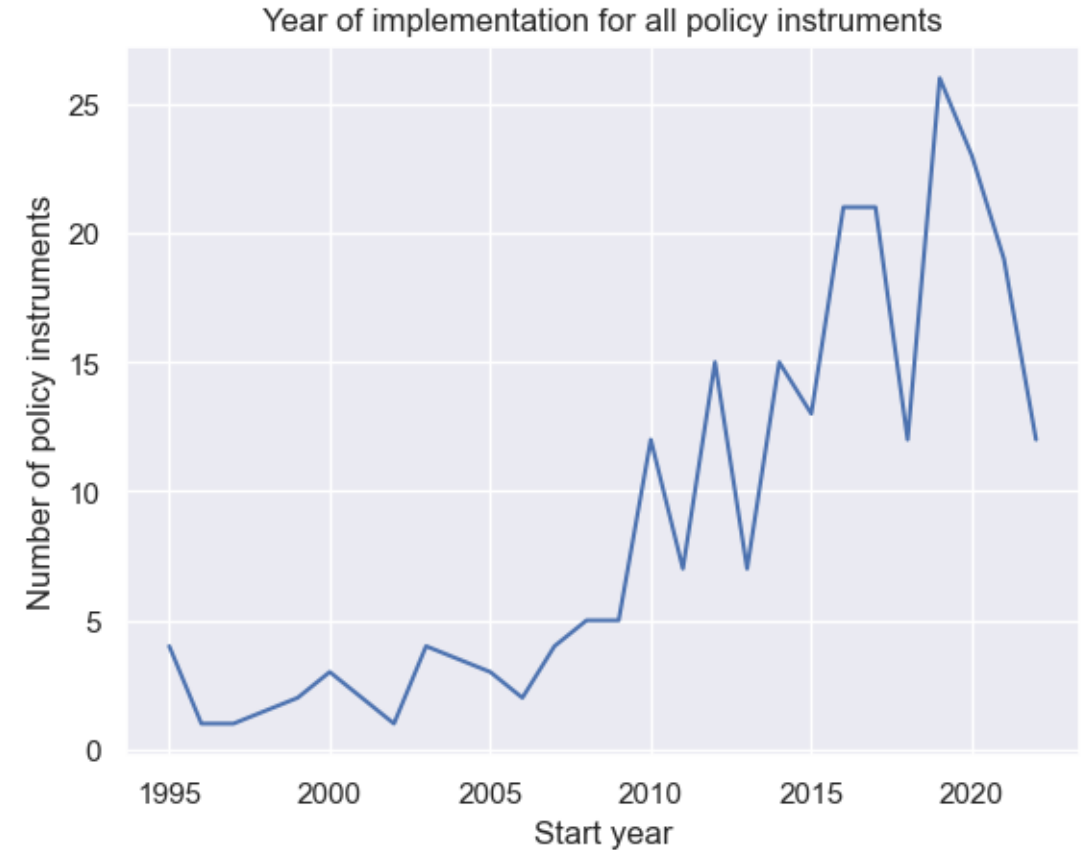
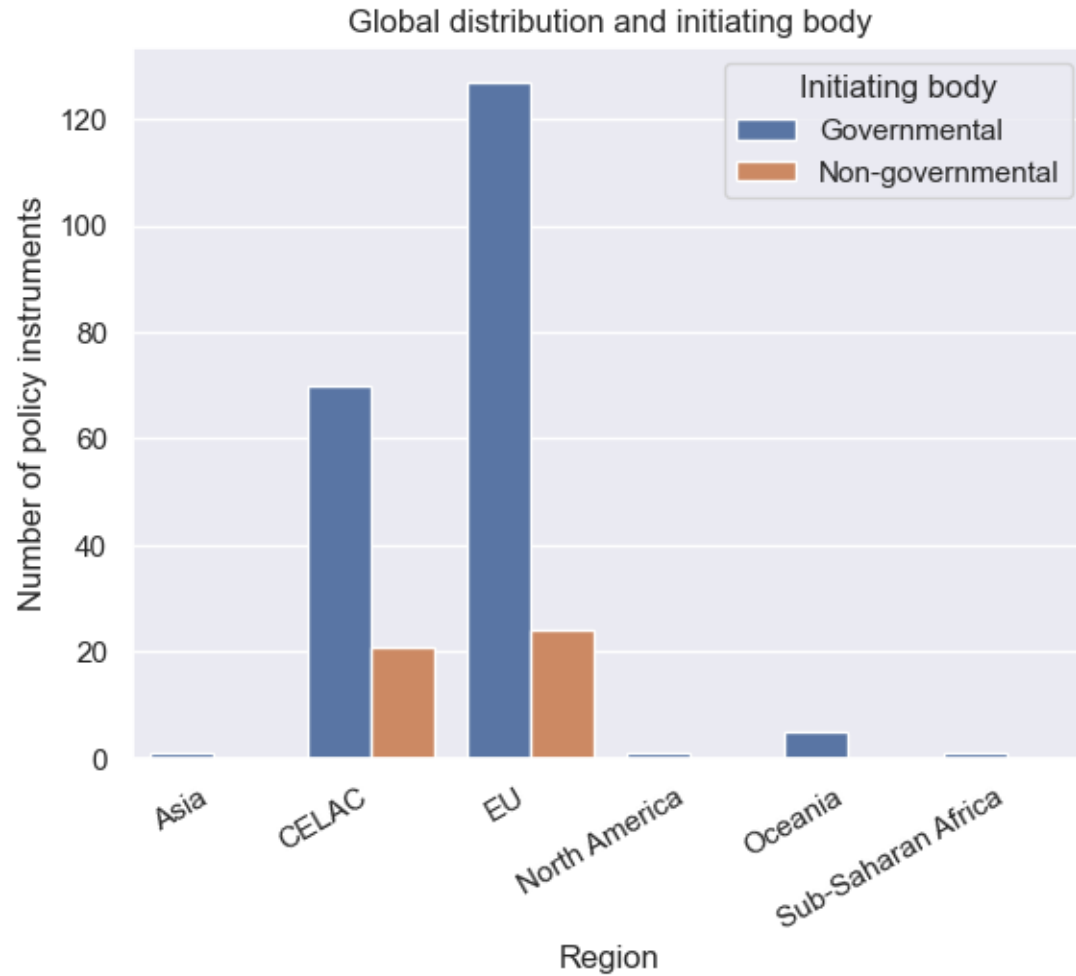
- *legislative (~40%)*
- *Agreement based (~30%)*

*In CELAC the legislative instruments are the most common type: (~60%)*

# Policy instruments, by subcategory



# Some characteristics of the policy instruments...





# A few first observations...

**1** NBS are often not labelled as such in CELAC region, but are frequently used to support climate change adaptation, water management and disaster risk reduction policies

**2** Most instruments are designed & implemented **top-down** (especially legislative, regulatory and strategic instruments) → high potential for more **bottom-up** approaches



**3** Largely untapped potential to **utilise multiple policy instruments to complement each other**, especially knowledge/communication/innovation and cooperative/agreement-based instruments



**4** **Collaborative governance approaches** at the *regional scale* are common in the CELAC context, but are more common at the *local scale* in the EU



**5** Revenues from environmental damage charges and municipal taxes are often used to finance NBS implementation – but **payments/subsidies and incentives are more common than disincentives**



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