# How to make greenier and healthier cities in face of climate change? (and why should we care?)



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## Ongoing climate change – a fact!

Accelerating extinction risk from Climate change

# Fingerprints of global warming on wild animals and plants

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# Evidence of current impact of climate change walk from genes to the biosphere

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#### A globally coherent fingerprint of climate change impacts across natural systems

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------ Barmesan\* & Gary Yohe

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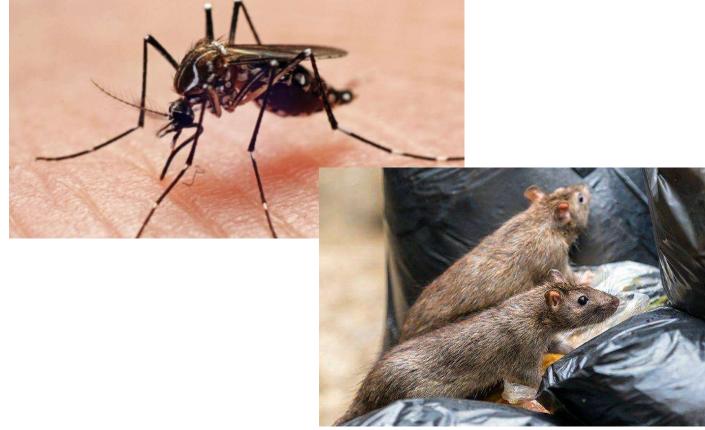


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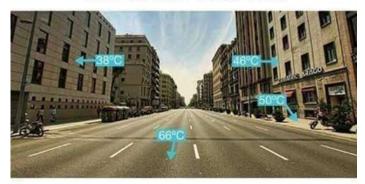


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  - + other threats to well-being in cities

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#### WHAT DO WE GET FROM ECOSYSTEMS?



#### Cities, climate change and biodiversity – the challenge

- Key message: Biodiversity increases well-being in cities and resilience to climate change
- Promotion of green cities involves multiple stakeholders
  - Planning
  - Communication and dissemination
  - Architecture and engineering
  - Politics and regulations
  - And many more dimensions of our society!

# What challenges are you willing to take?

Thank you for the interest!

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