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ECOLOGICAL AND DIGITAL TRANSITION IN CITIES: MEASURING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES FOR URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN

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The session aims to discuss the potential of data-driven urban planning approaches in enhancing ecosystem services (ESs) for the design of sustainable urban transformations. In the frame of the ecological, digital, and inclusive transition of cities, the demand for protecting natural ecosystems and biodiversity is rising. Central for biodiversity, ecosystem services allow for improving the supply of goods and services for the well-being of society by incorporating the ability to adapt to risks and future climate changes while improving resilience, health and quality of life. The scope of the session is to operate a technological nexus between Territorial Intelligence (TI) and zoning rules for handling urban/territorial complexity through data-driven planning approaches able to identify, measure, understand, and manage the complexity of urban/territorial fragmentation through urban general plans and projects. In this context, urban regeneration emerges as a central focus for future development policies for the maintenance of ecosystems and the provision of their services. Through an interdisciplinary lens, the session seeks to experiment with the potential of data-driven urban planning approaches to support the innovations needed to embed ecosystem services as part of future urban development strategies. Two interrelated drivers guide the session: (i) unveiling context transition dynamics by exploiting the potential of urban informatics (big/open data) in understanding context complexity for planning urban ES (ii) constructing an urban governance and planning environment to identify key drivers for urban transformations focused on the enhancement of urban ESs.

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