

BlueHealth scenarios - local values, ambitions and decision making

The perspectives of local stakeholders and policy makers help to shape the direction of policy planning at a city level. These are informed by local values and ambitions, which play an important role in determining how cities prioritise healthy living environments.

Cities rate top global trends

In scenario workshops, we asked participants to rate global trends related to healthy blue spaces in their city. Here is what they told us:

Amsterdam

1. Changing institutional and governance structures
2. Income inequality
3. Decision-making moving from government to multi-stakeholder governance
4. Higher risks of water scarcity
5. Increasing individualisation

Barcelona

1. Income inequality
2. Climate change
3. Water availability and fluctuations
4. Increasing life expectancy
5. Increased investments in smart urban water management

Plymouth

1. Increasing life expectancy
2. Further loss of biodiversity and other ecological impacts
3. Income inequality
4. More recreational use of blue spaces
5. More waterfront development for urban regeneration

Tallinn

1. Further loss of biodiversity and other ecological impacts
2. Climate change
3. More waterfront development for urban regeneration
4. Changing population composition
5. Digitalisation of society

Thessaloniki

1. Climate change
2. Migration
3. Technology towards more healthy urban living
4. More recreational use of blue spaces
5. More healthy urban living in EU policies and strategies

Cities rate top two local values and ambitions

In scenario workshops, we asked local stakeholders to tell us the top two local values and ambitions that impact decision-making in their city. This highlighted differences and similarities between cities as listed below:

Amsterdam

1. Climate resilience
2. Promoting social equity

Barcelona

1. Climate resilience
2. Promoting social equity

Plymouth

1. Access to blue spaces
2. Improving cultural identity and pride

Tallinn

1. Access for all to blue spaces
2. Preserving biodiversity

Thessaloniki

1. Sustainable urban design
2. Health for all

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