The main objective of CLEARING HOUSE is to analyse and develop – across China and Europe – the potential of UFNBS (Urban Forest Nature Based Solutions) for enhancing the resilience of cities facing major ecological, socio-economic, and human wellbeing challenges.

Urban Forest Nature Based Solutions (UFNBS) are a subset of nature-based solutions that build on tree-based urban ecosystems to address societal challenges, simultaneously providing ecosystem services for human well-being and biodiversity benefits. UFNBS include peri-urban and urban forests, forested parks, small woods in urban areas, and trees in public and private spaces.

Specifically, CLEARING HOUSE:

1. compiles, reviews and connects the existing knowledge on developing, managing and monitoring UFNBS, and specifically analyses governance, institutional and economic frameworks, as well as public perceptions and demands, towards UFBS in China and Europe.
2. analyses case studies of UFNBS in China and Europe in view of their impacts on urban societies (including aspects of socio-environmental justice and gender), their cost-effectiveness and their replicability in diverse contexts

3. facilitates a collaborative learning process on UFNBS connecting practitioners, businesses, policymakers and scientists from China and Europe to generate and apply new knowledge on UFBS and their implementation, including co-design of research questions

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