Appendix A: Final selection of city-specific indicators perceived as very relevant and feasible, following validation (n=48)

Indicator	Number of cities	Collaborative	Empowering	Responsive	Adaptive	Legitimate
Dissemination of workshops results to participants	5					1
Inclusion of direct day-to-day-management of green spaces in the (planning) process	5			1	1	
Participation: Degree of participation	4	1	1		1	
Strategic stakeholder cooperation	4	1				
Accessibility to workshop	4		1			
Advocate representation for vulnerable groups	4		1			
Fair treatment of people across time without bias and favouritism	4		1			1
Identification and involvement of diverse and vulnerable group of key actors representing different sectors	4	1	1	1		1
Bottom-up initiatives: volume	4	1				
Ensuring equitable access to NBS (barriers)	3			1		
Accountability	3			1		1
Objectives sharedness among stakeholders	3	1				
Empowering through co-creation process	3		1			
Integration of environmental and social agendas at all levels	3			1		
Knowledge brokers	3		1			
Linking environmental understanding with values of local actors	3			1		
Openness about uncertainties	3				1	
Evaluation of group dynamics and power imbalances	3		1			1
Governance ICT maturity: knowledge representation	3			1		
Participation volume	3			1		
Understandability: Complexity of rules of existing policies	2		1			1
Availability: Easiness of data accessibility	2		1			1
Different municipal departments are represented in workshops	2	1		1		
Collaborative arrangements	2	1	1	1		

Indicator	Number of cities	Collaborative	Empowering	Responsive	Adaptive	Legitimate
Sense of empowerment - voice	2		1			
Actors commitment for NbS implementation	2	1	1			
Acceptance and uptake	2				1	1
Knowledge sharing: environmental education	2		1			
Easy-to-reach intermediate actions	2		1			
Organisational structure	2	1				
Attention for local conditions	2			1		
Lifecycle participation gap	2			1		
User journey participation gap	2			1		
Representativeness of participants	2			1		
Knowledge dissemination reach	2	1				
Understandability: Coherence of existing policies	1		1			1
Evidence: scientific evidence for NBS policies	1			1		1
Credibility through transparency in evidence-based NBS policies	1	1		1	1	1
Existence of designated municipal program manager who supports a specific neighbourhood in different areas	1	1				
Valuing diversity and inclusion	1	1	1	1		
Broad consensus and understanding for shared vision	1			1		1
Capacity-building of local actors	1	1	1			
Process-oriented approach	1				1	
Co-governance transaction costs: data processing	1			1		
Governance ICT maturity: knowledge production	1	1				
Instruments of consent	1					1
Fidelity of representation	1					1
Different knowledge bases, levels of expertise and roles are recognised and used in knowledge creation	1		1	1	1	1
Total occurrence of principle		15	19	20	7	15