

# Infraestructura verde y azul como herramienta para la promoción de la salud

## Green and blue infrastructure as a tool for health promotion

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**Resumen:** La aportación de beneficios de las infraestructuras verdes y azules desde los servicios ecosistémicos es una de las grandes contribuciones que, desde la Unión Europea, ha permeado ya en la legislación española con la Estrategia Nacional de Infraestructura Verde y de la Conectividad y Restauración Ecológicas. Esta investigación aborda un nuevo enfoque, centrado en el bienestar y la calidad de vida de las personas, respondiendo a la pregunta: ¿puede la red interconectada de espacios verdes y azules, mitigar o adaptarse al cambio climático y promover la salud? Para ello se sigue la metodología que propone la Guía para planificar ciudades saludables <sup>1</sup> y se cruzan sus tres líneas estratégicas (ciudades para caminar, incremento de zonas verdes y SbN y espacios de convivencia intergeneracional), con los componentes de la infraestructura verde: nodos, corredores y áreas de amortiguación. Los resultados aportan indicadores que cumplen estas dos premisas y que servirán para diagnosticar los territorios y proponer Planes de Acción en Salud desde el concepto de infraestructura verde de la Estrategia Nacional y la Emergencia Climática. Los indicadores ayudarán a concretar los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS) 3, Salud y Bienestar, 11 Comunidades más sostenibles, 13 Acciones preventivas para el cambio climático y 15 Biodiversidad.

**Palabras clave:** servicios ecosistémicos; soluciones basadas en la naturaleza; adaptación-mitigación; cambio climático; salud urbana.

**Abstract:** The contribution of the benefits of green and blue infrastructures from ecosystem services is one of the great contributions from the European Union that have already permeated into Spanish legislation with the National Strategy on Green Infrastructure and Ecological Connectivity and Restoration. This research addresses a new approach, focused on the well-being and quality of life of people, answering the question: can the interconnected network of green and blue spaces mitigate or adapt to climate change and promote health?

To do this, the methodology proposed by the “Guía para planificar ciudades saludables [Guide to Planning Healthy Cities]”<sup>1</sup> is followed and its three strategic lines - cities for walking, increase of green areas, Nature-based solutions (NbS) and spaces for intergenerational coexistence are combined with the components of the green infrastructure: nodes, corridors and buffer areas. The results provide indicators that meet these two premises and that will serve to diagnose the territories and propose Health Action Plans from the concept of green infrastructure of the Spanish National Strategy and Climate Emergency. The indicators will help to consolidate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3, Health and Welfare, 11 More Sustainable Communities, 13 Preventive Actions for Climate Change and 15 Biodiversity.

**Keywords:** ecosystem services; nature-based solutions; adaptation-mitigation; climate change; urban health.

## INTRODUCCIÓN

El concepto de infraestructura verde ha evolucionado en los últimos años adoptando nuevos enfoques desde los que contribuir a un desarrollo y planificación urbana-territorial sostenible del territorio.<sup>2</sup> La conservación de la biodiversidad, los beneficios ambientales, los servicios ecosistémicos o su papel en la acción climática urbana son ya parte de su constructo conceptual. Sin embargo, su aportación a la promoción de la salud urbana aún no forma parte de él.

La literatura internacional vinculada con la infraestructura verde toma como constante de partida que este instrumento, además de aportar a la conservación de biodiversidad,<sup>3</sup> aporta beneficios para la calidad de vida de las personas.<sup>4</sup> Los estudios son diversos y se enfocan en el análisis de las tendencias de uso culturales,<sup>5</sup> en los cambios y características diferenciales según el espacio y el tiempo<sup>6</sup> o en la evaluación de su calidad.<sup>7</sup> Un gran bloque de literatura se centra en el proceso y mecanismos de planificación e implementación. En él, se incluyen los estudios que analizan la potencial multifuncionalidad y escala de aplicación,<sup>8</sup> los mecanismos de participación para su identificación e implementación<sup>9</sup> o los criterios y concepciones aplicables en la planificación urbana,<sup>10</sup> que incluye la contención del crecimiento urbano,<sup>11</sup> la prevención del riesgo<sup>12</sup> y la acción climática urbana.<sup>13</sup> Sin embargo, hasta ahora, los estudios que vinculan específicamente la infraestructura verde y azul con

## INTRODUCTION

The concept of green infrastructure has evolved in recent years integrating new approaches that contribute to sustainable urban and regional planning and territorial development.<sup>2</sup> Biodiversity conservation, environmental benefits, ecosystem services and their role in urban climate action are already framed within its conceptual construct. However, its contribution to urban health promotion has not yet been adequately addressed.

International literature on green infrastructure takes as a starting point that this framework not only contributes to the conservation of biodiversity<sup>3</sup> but also improves people's quality of life.<sup>4</sup> The studies are diverse and focus on the analysis of cultural use trends,<sup>5</sup> on changes and differential characteristics according to space and time<sup>6</sup> or on evaluating their quality.<sup>7</sup> A considerable amount of literature focuses on the process and mechanisms of planning and implementation. This includes studies that analyse the potential multi-functionality and scale of application,<sup>8</sup> participatory approaches for identifying and implementing the green infrastructure<sup>9</sup> and the criteria and conceptions applied in urban contexts,<sup>10</sup> which includes the containment of urban growth,<sup>11</sup> risk prevention<sup>12</sup> and urban and climate action.<sup>13</sup> However, to date, studies that specifically link green and blue infrastructure

la salud de la población son escasos,<sup>14</sup> por lo que se plantea como novedad del artículo explorar y esbozar las potenciales relaciones entre ambos conceptos.

Los objetivos internacionales, como los acordados en París y los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS), carecen de sentido sin medidas concretas que aseguren su cumplimiento.<sup>15</sup> La Estrategia Nacional de Infraestructura Verde es un marco de gran oportunidad y relevancia para materializar estos objetivos generales en propuestas concretas. En este contexto, se plantea la pregunta de investigación de si pueden los componentes de la infraestructura verde (nodos, corredores y espacios de amortiguación) servir como factores determinantes para mejorar los servicios ecosistémicos, aportar a la mitigación-adaptación al cambio climático y mejorar la calidad de vida y salud de las personas. Se propone como objetivo materializar una metodología de diagnóstico de la infraestructura verde que recopile una serie de indicadores por cada una de las tres dimensiones propuestas y que permita articular los componentes de una infraestructura verde a diversas escalas desde la perspectiva de la promoción de la salud de las personas que habitan las ciudades y los territorios.

Los resultados del artículo aportan un conjunto de indicadores que permiten analizar y diagnosticar un territorio concreto desde el enfoque de la salud. El artículo se estructura de la siguiente manera. En primer lugar, se revisan en el marco teórico la literatura y los puntos clave que relacionan la salud con las tres dimensiones vinculadas con la infraestructura verde -servicios ecosistémicos, cambio climático y barrios saludables. Después, se describe la metodología que permite revisar y seleccionar los indicadores para cada dimensión. En los resultados se desarrollan los indicadores, poniendo énfasis en su medición y en su aportación a la salud. Además, se clasifican según su potencial aplicación a los componentes de la infraestructura verde y azul, así como su potencial escala de aplicación. Las discusiones apuntan a plantear la importancia de la aplicación transescalar, la adaptación a los distintos paisajes y tipos de ciudades y poblaciones

with population health are scarce.<sup>14</sup> Therefore this article aims to explore and outline the potential relationships between both concepts.

International goals, such as those agreed in Paris and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are meaningless without specific measures to ensure their implementation.<sup>15</sup> The Spanish National Green Infrastructure Strategy is a of great opportunity and relevance for translating these general goals into specific proposals. In this context, the research question i framework s raised as to whether the components of green infrastructure (nodes, corridors and buffer spaces) can serve as determinants to improve ecosystem services, and do they contribute to the mitigation-adaptation of climate change and improve the quality of life and health of people? The proposed goal is to develop a diagnostic methodology for green infrastructure that integrates indicators for each of the three proposed components. This will enable the development of these aspects of the green infrastructure at various scales from the perspective of the promotion of the health of the people who inhabit cities and territories.

The results of the study presented in this article provide a set of indicators that analyse and diagnose a specific territory from the health perspective. The structure is as follows: firstly, the literature and key points that relate health to the three components linked to green infrastructure are reviewed in a theoretical framework - ecosystem services, climate change and healthy neighbourhoods. Secondly, a methodology is described to review and select the indicators for each component. In the results, the indicators are developed emphasising their measurement and their contribution to health. Furthermore, they are classified according to their potential application to green and blue infrastructure components, in addition to their potential scale for application. The discussions aim to raise the importance of cross-scale application, adaptation to different landscapes and types of cities and populations and the contribution to health

y a la aportación a la salud de la metodología. Las conclusiones resaltan el principal hallazgo, los limitantes y la aplicabilidad de la metodología.

## LA INFRAESTRUCTURA VERDE Y AZUL Y SU VINCULACIÓN CON LA SALUD

La Estrategia Nacional de Infraestructura Verde, alineada en enfoque con la de escala europea, concibe la Infraestructura Verde como “una red ecológicamente coherente y estratégicamente planificada de zonas naturales y seminaturales y de otros elementos ambientales, diseñada y gestionada para la conservación de los ecosistemas y el mantenimiento de los servicios que nos proveen.”<sup>16</sup> Estos servicios se complementan con los de abastecimiento, los de regulación y los culturales dinámicamente equilibrados en cada territorio. Esta Estrategia define dos temas clave para el desarrollo de esta metodología: sus componentes y la escala de aplicación.

En relación con sus componentes, destacan (1) las áreas núcleos o nodos, como áreas de biodiversidad prioritaria protegidas o no; (2) los corredores, que mantienen la conectividad ecológica y ambiental mediante nexos físicos entre los nodos; y (3) las áreas de amortiguación, que protegen la red ecológica de influencias dañinas externas y permiten la consolidación de nodos y corredores a largo plazo.<sup>17</sup> Por otra parte, en términos de escala se plantea la identificación de los componentes a diversas escalas: local, regional y nacional, para asegurar una coherencia en las diversas escalas geográficas.<sup>18</sup>

La infraestructura verde y azul tiene un impacto significativo en la salud de las personas a través de varios mecanismos evidenciados por la literatura científica. Desde los servicios ecosistémicos la aportación de la infraestructura verde a la salud está relacionada con sus tres tipos, ya que son áreas de abastecimiento de materias primas y son sumideros de gases y contaminantes desde los servicios de abastecimiento. Los árboles y las plantas en la infraestructura verde absorben contaminantes y producen oxígeno, reduciendo

of the methodology. The conclusions summarise the main findings, limitations and the applicability of the methodology.

## GREEN AND BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO HEALTH

The Spanish National Green Infrastructure Strategy, aligned in its focus with the European scale, sees green infrastructure as “an ecologically coherent and strategically planned network of natural and semi-natural areas and other environmental elements, designed and managed for the conservation of ecosystems and the maintenance of the services they provide.”<sup>16</sup> These services are complemented by supply, regulatory and cultural services that are dynamically balanced in each territory. This strategy defines two key themes for the development of this methodology: its components and the scale of application.

In relation to their components, the main areas are (1) the core areas or nodes, as protected or not priority biodiversity areas; (2) the corridors, which maintain ecological and environmental connectivity through physical links between the nodes; and (3) the buffer areas, which protect the ecological network from external harmful influences and allow the consolidation of nodes and corridors in the long term.<sup>17</sup> On the other hand, in terms of scale, the identification of components at various levels is proposed: local, regional and national, to ensure coherence in the various study areas.<sup>18</sup>

Through various mechanisms evidenced by the scientific literature green and blue infrastructure has a significant impact on people’s health. From an ecosystem services perspective the contributions of green infrastructure to health are related to its three types, since these supply areas provide raw materials and are sinks for gases and pollutants. Trees and plants in green infrastructure absorb pollutants and produce oxygen, reducing air pollution and improving the

la contaminación del aire y mejorando la salud respiratoria de la población.<sup>19</sup> En cuanto a los servicios de regulación, la infraestructura verde y azul fomenta la biodiversidad, lo que a su vez mejorará los servicios ecosistémicos como la polinización, la estabilización del suelo, la reducción de plagas y la mejora del suelo.<sup>20</sup> Finalmente, desde los servicios culturales el aporte "del verde" desde el bienestar físico perceptivo personal, la identidad de las comunidades, el paisaje cultural y la relación emocional-trascendental es clave para la salud mental de las personas y las poblaciones.<sup>21</sup>

Desde el enfoque del cambio climático la aportación de la infraestructura verde a la salud se estructura en tres bloques. El primero, está vinculado con los beneficios para el bienestar humano y la biodiversidad de las soluciones basadas en la naturaleza.<sup>22</sup> Investigaciones apuntan a que estas mejoran la salud mental y física reduciendo la incidencia de la depresión y el número de muertes derivadas del calor.<sup>23</sup> Un segundo enfoque apunta a los beneficios de la reducción de la isla de calor urbana, proporcionando áreas más frescas durante el verano, lo cual reduce el riesgo de enfermedades relacionadas con el calor<sup>24</sup> y la mejora del microclima urbano.<sup>25</sup> Estudios recientes identifican los patios escolares como los espacios clave para actuar como refugios climáticos de los barrios.<sup>26</sup> El tercer bloque se vincula con la adaptación de las ciudades frente al cambio climático mediante el fortalecimiento del papel de la agricultura urbana y periurbana.<sup>27</sup> Algunos de estos estudios llegan a vincular el cambio climático, agricultura local y seguridad alimentaria<sup>28</sup> o incluso con la potencial autosuficiencia alimentaria.<sup>29</sup>

Desde el enfoque de la ciudad y barrios saludables se proponen tres líneas de trabajo complementarias que serían la caminabilidad, las zonas verdes de proximidad y los espacios de convivencia.<sup>30</sup> En el primero, los parques, senderos y espacios verdes se identifican como espacios accesibles para caminar, correr o andar en bicicleta y que así promuevan la actividad física, lo que contribuye a prevenir enfermedades cardiovasculares, la obesidad y la diabetes.<sup>31</sup> El segundo componente identifica que el contacto con la naturaleza desde la proximidad con las viviendas tiene un impacto positivo en la salud

respiratoria de la población.<sup>19</sup> In terms of regulatory services, green and blue infrastructure fosters biodiversity, which in turn will improve ecosystem services such as pollination, soil stabilisation, pest reduction and soil improvement.<sup>20</sup> Finally, from cultural services the contribution of 'green' from the personal perceptible of physical well-being, the identity of communities, the cultural landscape and the emotional-transcendental relationship is key to the mental health of individuals and populations.<sup>21</sup>

From the approach of climate change the contribution of green infrastructure to health is structured in three blocks. The first is linked to the benefits for human well-being and the biodiversity of nature-based solutions.<sup>22</sup> Research suggests that these improve mental and physical health by reducing the incidence of depression and the number of heat-related deaths.<sup>23</sup> The second block points to the benefits of reducing the urban heat island by providing cooler areas during the summer, which reduces the risk of heat-related diseases<sup>24</sup> and improving the urban microclimate.<sup>25</sup> Recent studies identify school yards as the key spaces to act as climate refuges in neighbourhoods.<sup>26</sup> The third block is linked to the adaptation of cities to climate change by strengthening the role of urban and peri-urban agriculture.<sup>27</sup> Some of these studies go so far as to link climate change, local agriculture and food security<sup>28</sup> to potential food self-sufficiency.<sup>29</sup>

Regarding the city and healthy neighbourhoods, three complementary lines of work are proposed; walkability, nearby green areas and the spaces of coexistence.<sup>30</sup> In the first, parks, trails and green spaces are identified as accessible spaces for walking, running or cycling and thus promote physical activity, contributing to the prevention of cardiovascular disease, obesity and diabetes.<sup>31</sup> The second component identifies that contact with nature close to dwellings has a positive impact on mental health, reduces stress, anxiety

mental, reduciendo el estrés, la ansiedad y la depresión al proporcionar espacios para la relajación y el ocio.<sup>32</sup> El tercero apunta a que es necesario diseñar lugares que actúen como puntos de encuentro y socialización, fortaleciendo la cohesión comunitaria y mejorando el bienestar psicológico general de la comunidad que evite la soledad, la depresión o el estrés urbano.<sup>33</sup>

## METODOLOGÍA

Para alcanzar el objetivo propuesto, se diseñó una metodología innovadora que identificó e integró indicadores para el diagnóstico de la infraestructura verde desde el enfoque de su aportación a la salud de las personas (física y mental).

### Búsqueda documental especializada de indicadores. (Fase 1)

La búsqueda se enfocó en trabajos científicos relacionados con la infraestructura verde y azul que vincularan o tuvieran el potencial de vincular su papel como proveedor de servicios ecosistémicos, herramienta para la lucha climática o elemento clave en la generación de barrios y ciudades saludables. Para ello, se realizó una revisión de la literatura científica y gris en Google Scholar y WOS en el periodo 2015-2025, utilizando como ámbito geográfico de referencia los países mediterráneos. Los ámbitos de análisis en los que se buscaron los indicadores fueron los siguientes:

- Servicios ecosistémicos: (i) evaluación de la potencialidad de los servicios ecosistémicos; (ii) valoración y reconocimiento de la red hídrica superficial; y (iii) evaluación de zonas de alta erosión potencial y pérdidas de suelo.
- Adaptación-mitigación al cambio climático: (i) caracterización de las diferentes tipologías de soluciones basadas en la naturaleza; (ii) identificación de la potencialidad de escuelas y mercados de escala local; y (iii) evaluación del potencial agroalimentario.

and depression by providing spaces for relaxation and leisure.<sup>32</sup> The third points out that it is necessary to design places that act as meeting points and for socialisation, strengthening community cohesion and improving the overall psychological well-being of the community to avoid loneliness, depression or urban stress.<sup>33</sup>

## METHODOLOGY

To achieve the proposed goal, an innovative methodology is outlined that identifies and integrates indicators for the diagnosis of green infrastructure from the approach of its contribution to the health of people (physical and mental).

### Specialised documentary search for indicators. (Phase 1)

The search focused on scientific works related to green and blue infrastructure that linked or had the potential to link its role as a provider of ecosystem services, to a tool for climate control or To a key element in generating healthy neighbourhoods and cities. To do this, a review of the scientific and grey literature in Google Scholar and WOS was carried out in the period 2015-2025, using Mediterranean countries as a geographical reference area. The areas of analysis in which the indicators were searched were as follows:

- Ecosystem services: (i) assessment of the potential of ecosystem services; (ii) valuation and recognition of the surface water network; and (iii) assessment of areas of potential high erosion and soil losses.
- Adaptation-Mitigation to climate change: (i) characterisation of the different types of nature-based solutions; (ii) identification of the potential of schools and markets of local scale; and (iii) assessment of the agri-food potential.

- Ciudad saludable: (i) evaluación de la caminabilidad de las personas; (ii) análisis de la accesibilidad de zonas verdes de proximidad; y (iii) diagnóstico de los espacios de convivencia intergeneracional.

Se partió con la búsqueda de las palabras clave “infraestructura verde” o “infraestructura azul” “salud” y cada uno de los ámbitos de análisis “servicios ecosistémicos”, “cambio climático” y “ciudad saludable”. Sin embargo, puesto que el objetivo era el de encontrar indicadores de interés aplicables, se recurrió posteriormente a literatura vinculada con temáticas que pudieran emerger de un primer filtrado.

#### **Selección de indicadores para la evaluación de la infraestructura verde desde la perspectiva de la salud. (Fase 2)**

Se seleccionaron entre 1 y 3 indicadores por cada sub-ámbito que, de forma integrada, permitieran generar un diagnóstico de cada uno de los ámbitos. Los criterios de selección de los indicadores fueron los siguientes:

- Ajustados a los objetivos, y diversos dentro de cada temática para entender de forma integral cada temática.
- Sencillos de calcular y con variables que dependían de fuentes primarias de fácil obtención y en abierto en cualquier territorio.
- Potencialmente analizados desde los tres componentes de la infraestructura verde: nodos, corredores y espacios de amortiguación.
- No solo físico-espaciales, sino en su papel relacional con las personas.

De forma conjunta, los indicadores de los tres ámbitos permitieron tener una metodología de diagnóstico integral de la infraestructura verde desde la salud. Esta selección se recopila en la Tabla 1 y es el núcleo principal de los resultados de este artículo.

- Healthy City: (i) evaluation of the walkability for people; (ii) analysis of the accessibility of green areas in proximity; and (iii) diagnosis of spaces of intergenerational coexistence.

We started by searching for keywords such as ‘green infrastructure’, ‘blue infrastructure’ or ‘health’ and each of the areas of analysis: ‘ecosystem services’, ‘climate change’ and ‘healthy city’. Since the objective was to find applicable indicators of interest, then we expanded the scope to include literature on related topics that emerged from the initial selection.

#### **Selection of indicators for the assessment of green infrastructure from a health perspective. (Phase 2)**

Between one and three indicators were selected for each sub-scope that, systematically, enabled the development of a diagnosis for each area. The criteria for selecting the indicators were as follows:

- Adjusted to the goals, diverse within each topic to understand each topic comprehensively.
- Simple to calculate and with variables that depend on primary sources that are easy to obtain and open in any territory.
- Potential analysis from the three components of the green infrastructure: nodes, corridors and buffer spaces.
- Not only physical-spatial, but also their relationship with people.

Together, the indicators for the three areas allowed for a methodology of integral diagnosis of green infrastructure from the perspective of health. This selection is compiled in Table 1 which represents the main core of the results of the study.

### Clasificación de los indicadores en función a su papel en relación a los componentes de la infraestructura verde. (Fase 3)

Los indicadores se clasificaron según si su análisis permite evaluar y diagnosticar los nodos, los corredores y/o las áreas de amortiguación. Se recurrió a su clasificación en un gradiente de 0 a 3 en el que 0 es que no aporta, 1 aporta poco, 2 aporta y 3 para clasificarlo como indicador clave. Esto permitió identificar su potencial papel transformador en el ámbito de la salud y calidad de vida de la población. Esta clasificación se incluye en la Tabla 1.

### RESULTADOS

Tras el análisis de sistematización y selección de indicadores en torno a las tres grandes áreas (servicios ecosistémicos, adaptación-mitigación al cambio climático y salud) estos se recopilan en la Tabla 1 y se justifican los indicadores y su aportación a la evaluación de cada uno de los ámbitos seleccionados por áreas.

A la vista de la tabla, se seleccionan los indicadores determinantes del objetivo de la investigación que son 12, y se describen a continuación.

#### Indicadores propuestos de evaluación de servicios ecosistémicos

##### *Indicadores A1: Evaluación de la potencialidad de los servicios ecosistémicos de un territorio*

En el primer caso, en el ámbito del abastecimiento del territorio, la superficie de suelo fértil por habitante (ha/hab)<sup>34</sup> permite vincular capacidad ecológica y presión demográfica, y tiene un impacto indirecto en la salud humana al influir en la seguridad alimentaria.

En lo que respecta a la regulación, se ha considerado la superficie permeable (%) como indicador de medida que evalúa la regulación hídrica y climática permitiendo identificar zonas con mayor capacidad de infiltrar

### Classification of indicators according to their role in relation to green infrastructure components. (Phase 3)

The indicators were classified according to whether their analysis allowed the evaluation and diagnosis of nodes, corridors and/or buffer areas. Classification was used in a gradient of 0 to 3 in which 0 did not contribute, 1 contributed little, 2 medium contribution and 3 was used to classify as a key indicator. This allowed the identification of a potential transformative role in the area of health and quality of life of the population. This classification is included in Table 1.

### RESULTS

After the analysis of the systematisation and the selection of indicators related to three main areas (ecosystem services, adaptation-mitigation to climate change and health): These results? are compiled in Table 1 and include a justification of their contribution to each areas are.

With respect to the table above, twelve indicators determining the goals of the research were selected and are described below.

#### Proposed indicators for the evaluation of ecosystem services

##### *A1 indicators: assessment of the potential of ecosystem services of a territory*

In the first case, the land supply, the farmland per inhabitant (ha/inhab)<sup>34</sup> links ecological capacity and population pressure, and impacts indirectly on human health by influencing food security.

Regarding regulation, permeable surface (%) has been considered as a measurable indicator that evaluates water and climate regulation. It identifies areas with greater capacity to water infiltration, regulate runoffs and mitigation of

## ESQUEMA METODOLÓGICO

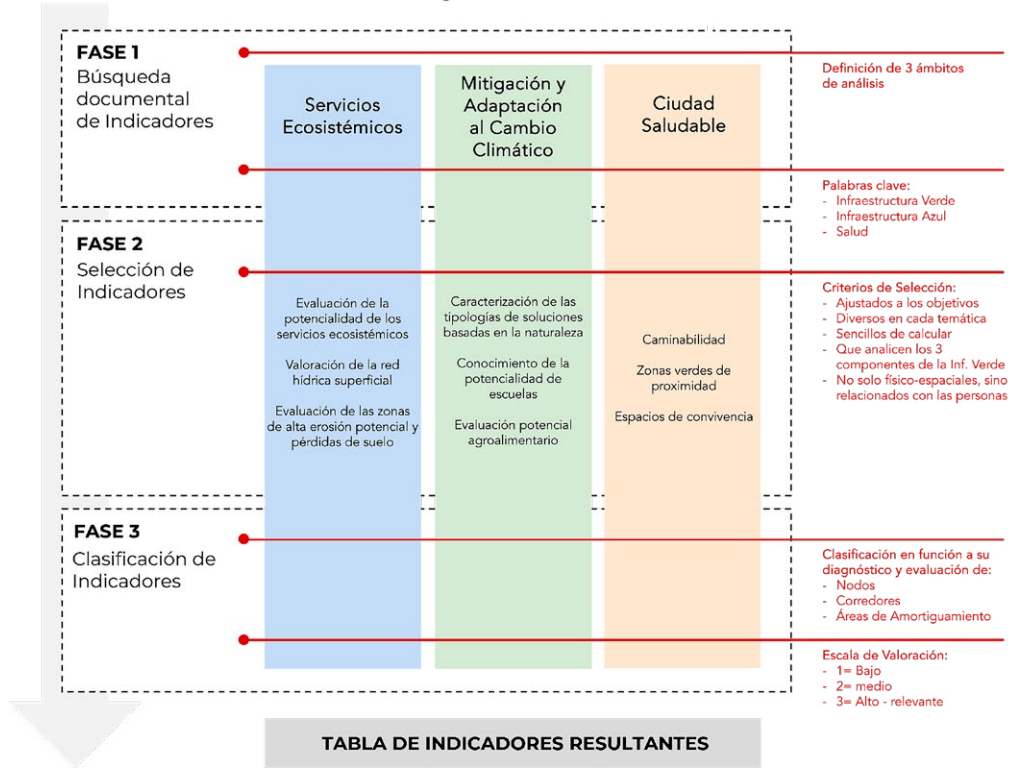


Figura 1. Diagrama metodológico. Elaboración propia 2025.

## METHODOLOGICAL DIAGRAM

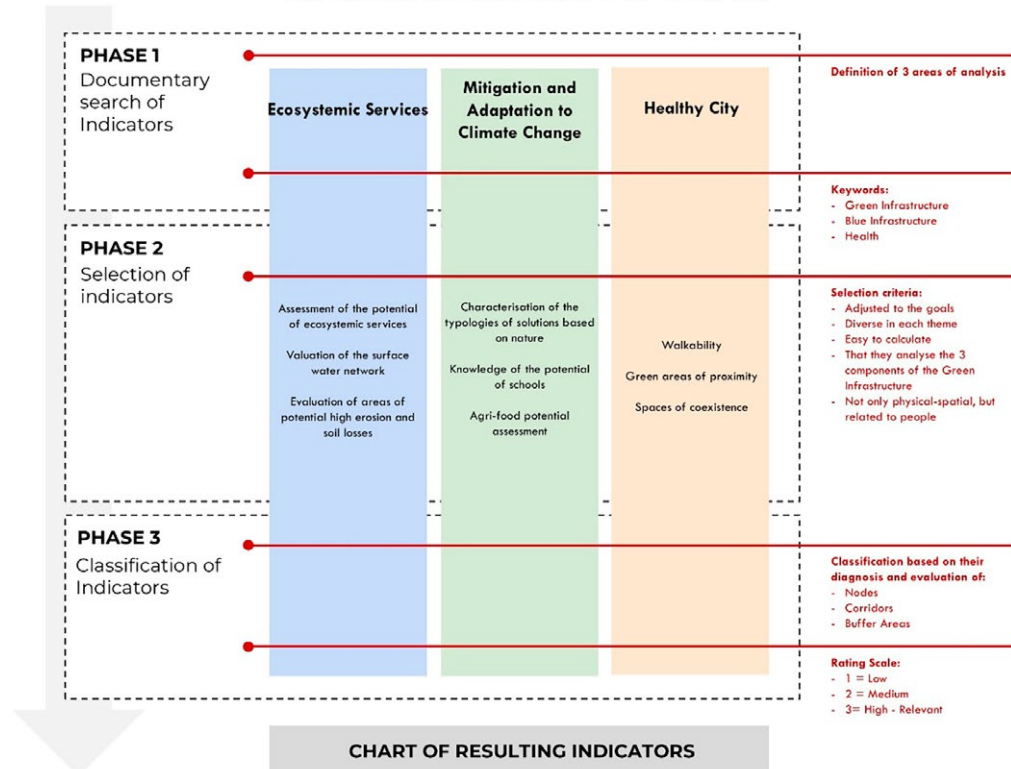


Figure 1. Methodological diagram. The Authors' own work 2025.

Tabla 1. Resumen de indicadores. Elaboración propia 2025.

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					NODOS	CORREDORES	ZONA AMORT	SUPRA MUNIC	MUNIC	LOCAL	
SERVICIOS ECOSISTÉMICOS	A1	Evaluación de la potencialidad servicios ecosistémicos	Abastecimiento	Superficie de suelo fértil per cápita (ha/ habitante).	(Ferreria et al., 2022); (MITECO, 2021)	2		3	SÍ	SÍ	
			Regulación	Superficie permeable (%)	(Ramos y Hurtado, 2021)	3	2	3	SÍ	SÍ	
				Temperatura media reducida por cobertura verde (°C)	(Mao et al., 2020)	3		2		SÍ	SÍ
		Cultural	Superficie de espacio verde por habitante (m²/hab)	(Santiago-Ramos et al., 2022); (Pouya et al., 2022)	3		3			SÍ	
			Bienes de Interés Cultural per cápita (número de sitios patrimoniales por habitante).	(de Maya-Matallana et al., 2025)	3		3			SÍ	
			Valor psicológico, estético y social del paisaje	(Krsnik et al., 2024)	3		2	SÍ	SÍ	SÍ	
	A2	Valoración de la red hídrica superficial	Estrés hídrico	Índice de Explotación del Agua (WEI+)	(Casadei et al., 2020)			3	SÍ	SÍ	
				Meses de estrés hídrico	(Farizo et al., 2024)			3	SÍ	SÍ	
			Inundaciones	Superficie inundable (%)	(Cánovas-García et al., 2024); (Faccini et al., 2021)	3		3	SÍ	SÍ	
				Exposición poblacional a inundaciones (%)	(Olcina et al., 2025); (Papagiannaki et al., 2025)			3			SÍ
		Permeabilidad	Superficie impermeabilizada (%)	(Ranta et al., 2021)	3	3	3			SÍ	
			Índice de permeabilidad del suelo (%)	(Nickayin et al., 2021)	2	3	3		SÍ	SÍ	
	Alteración Antrópica	Metros lineales de cauce entubado por habitante	(Zerega et al., 2021); (Faccini et al., 2021)			3	2		SÍ	SÍ	
		Densidad de presas o azudes (nº/km río)	(Jumani et al., 2022)			3		SÍ			
	A3	Evaluación zonas alta erosión potencial y pérdidas de suelo	Erosión potencial del suelo	Tasa de pérdida de suelo (t/ha/año)	(Nieto et al (2024)	2		3	SÍ	SÍ	
				Tierras en riesgo alto de desertificación (porcentaje del territorio).	(Ferreira et al., 2022)	3	3	3	SÍ	SÍ	
			Pérdida de suelo productivo y fértil	Pérdida de superficie agrícola (ha/año)	(Milazzo et al., 2022)	2		3	SÍ	SÍ	
		Pérdida de superficie ganadera (ha/año)		(Panagopoulos et al., 2019)	2		3	SÍ	SÍ		
Pérdida de superficie forestal (ha/año)		(Corbelle-Rico et al., 2024); (Wang et al., 2023); (Stefanidis et al., 2022)		2		3	SÍ	SÍ			
<b>TOTALES (max 60)</b>					<b>36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	

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MITIGACIÓN-ADAPTACIÓN CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO	B1	Caracterizar soluciones basadas naturaleza	Cuenca hidrográfica	(World Bank, 2021)	2	3	3	SÍ	SÍ		
			Escala espacial	Ciudad	(World Bank, 2021)	3	3	2		SÍ	SÍ
				Barrio	(World Bank, 2021)	3	2	1			SÍ
	B2	Conocer la potencialidad escuelas	Patio Escolar	(García-Serrano, et al., 2016)	3	2	3			SÍ	
			Número de alumnos	(García-Serrano, et al., 2016)	1	3	1			SÍ	
	B3	Construir una red social agroalimentaria	Agrosistema	Radio de influencia (200m) para determinar espacios de proximidad relacionados con el SPUF	(García-Serrano, et al., 2016)	3	3	3		SÍ	SÍ
				Agricultura urbana existente y potencial	(Lucertini y di Giustino (2021)		2	3		SÍ	SÍ
				Suelo agrario protegido (%)	(Callau et al., 2022); (Simón, 2023)		2	3		SÍ	SÍ
			Tendencia de pérdida de suelo agrícola	(Callau et al., 2022)		2	3		SÍ	SÍ	
			Dotación alimentaria o el suelo necesario para abastecer a una persona durante un año	(Schreiber, 2021); (Callau et al., 2022)	3	2	3	SÍ	SÍ	SÍ	
			Autosuficiencia alimentaria o % de población que puede abastecerse con el suelo agrario disponible y una dieta determinada	(Godenau et al., 2020); (Li et al., 2021); (Callau et al., 2022)	3	2	3		SÍ	SÍ	
	Producción	Empresas agrícolas	(Callau et al., 2022)	3	2	3		SÍ	SÍ		
Producción ecológica		(Callau et al., 2022)	3	2	3	SÍ	SÍ	SÍ			
<b>TOTALES (max 39)</b>					<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	

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AREAS	GOAL	REQUIREMENT	INDICATOR (UNIT OF MEASUREMENT)	REFERENCES	GBI COMPONENTS			SCALE			
					NODES	CORRIDORS	BUFFER AREA	SUPRA MUNIC	MUNIC	LOCAL	
ECOSYSTEMIC SERVICES	A1	Assessment of the potential of ecosystemic services	Supply	Farmland per capita (ha/ inhabitant).	(Ferreira et al., 2022); (MITECO, 2021)	2		3	YES	YES	
			Regulations	Permeable surface (%)	(Ramos y Hurtado, 2021)	3	2	3	YES	YES	
				Average temperature reduced by green cover (°C)	(Mao et al., 2020)	3		2		YES	YES
			Cultural	Green space area per inhabitant (m2 / inhab)	(Santiago-Ramos et al., 2022); (Pouya et al., 2022)	3		3			YES
				Goods of cultural Interest per capita (number of heritage sites per inhabitant).	(de Maya-Matallana et al., 2025)	3		3			YES
				Psychological, aesthetic and social value of the landscape	(Krsnik et al., 2024)	3		2	YES	YES	YES
	A2	Valuation of the surface water network	Water stress	Water exploitation index (WEI*)	(Casadei et al., 2020)			3	YES	YES	
				Months of water stress	(Farizo et al., 2024)			3	YES	YES	
			Floods	Flooding surface (%)	(Cánovas-García et al., 2024); (Faccini et al., 2021)	3		3	YES	YES	
				Population exposure to floods (%)	(Olcina et al., 2025); (Papagiannaki et al., 2025)			3			YES
			Permeability	Waterproof surface (%)	(Ranta et al., 2021)	3	3	3			YES
				Soil Permeability Index (%)	(Nickayin et al., 2021)	2	3	3		YES	YES
			Anthropogenic alteration	Linear metres of river piping per inhabitant	(Zerega et al., 2021); (Faccini et al., 2021)		3	2		YES	YES
				Density of dams or diversion dams (no./river km)	(Jumani et al., 2022)		3		YES		
	A3	Evaluation of areas of potential high erosion and soil losses	Potential soil erosion	Soil loss rate (t/ha/year)	(Niето et al (2024)	2		3	YES	YES	
				Land at high risk of desertification (percentage of territory).	(Ferreira et al., 2022)	3	3	3	YES	YES	
			Loss of productive and fertile soil	Loss of agricultural area (ha/year)	(Milazzo et al., 2022)	2		3	YES	YES	
				Loss of livestock area (ha/year)	(Panagopoulos et al., 2019)	2		3	YES	YES	
Loss of forest area (ha/year)				(Corbelle-Rico et al., 2024); (Wang et al., 2023); (Stefanidis et al., 2022)	2		3	YES	YES		
<b>TOTAL (max 60)</b>					<b>36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	

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MITIGATION-ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE	B1	Characterising solutions based on nature	Water basin	(World Bank, 2021)	2	3	3	YES	YES		
			Spatial scale	City	(World Bank, 2021)	3	3	2		YES	YES
				Neighbourhood	(World Bank, 2021)	3	2	1			YES
	B2	Knowledge of the potential of schools	School Playground	Total school playground area (m²)	(García-Serrano, et al., 2016)	3	2	3			YES
			Number of pupils	(García-Serrano, et al., 2016)	1	3	1			YES	
	B3	Building an agro-food social network	Agrosystem	Influence radius (200m) to determine proximity spaces related to SPUF	(García-Serrano, et al., 2016)	3	3	3		YES	YES
				Existing and potential urban agriculture	(Lucertini y di Giustino, 2021)		2	3		YES	YES
				Protected farmland (%)	(Callau et al., 2022); (Simón, 2023)		2	3		YES	YES
				Trend of loss of farmland	(Callau et al., 2022)		2	3		YES	YES
			Production	Food supply or farmland needed to supply a person for one year	(Schreiber, 2021); (Callau et al., 2022)	3	2	3	YES	YES	YES
Food self-sufficiency or % of the population that can be supplied with the available farmland and a given diet				(Godenau et al., 2020); (Li et al., 2021) (Callau et al., 2022)	3	2	3		YES	YES	
<b>TOTAL (max 39)</b>					<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	

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CIUDAD SALUDABLE	C1	Diseño urbano	Limitación de las barreras arquitectónicas	(D'Onofrio y Trusiani, 2022)	3	3	3			SÍ	
			Existencia de espacios peatonales	(D'Onofrio y Trusiani, 2022)		2				SÍ	
			Existencia de zonas ciclistas de proximidad	(D'Onofrio y Trusiani, 2022)		2				SÍ	
		Proximidad a servicios	Existencia de actividades comerciales y servicios	(D'Onofrio y Trusiani, 2022)	3	3	1			SÍ	
			Utilización de vehículos motorizados	(D'Onofrio y Trusiani, 2022)	3	3	1			SÍ	
		Accesibilidad	Anchos de aceras que generen espacios de comodidad	(Baobeid et al., 2021)	2	3	1			SÍ	
			Velocidades de los vehículos motorizados	(Baobeid et al., 2021)	3	3	2			SÍ	
		Seguridad	Existencia de temporizadores de señales de cuenta atrás en cruces	(Imam et al., 2019)		2				SÍ	
			Número de árboles por kilómetro lineal	(Imam et al., 2019)		3	2		SÍ	SÍ	
		Calidad	Cobertura de sombra en acera (árboles caducos, pérgolas...)	(Imam et al., 2019)	3	3	3			SÍ	
			Condiciones de mantenimiento de limpieza del espacio público	(Baobeid et al., 2021)	3	3	3			SÍ	
			Comfort térmico exterior	(Baobeid et al., 2021)	2	2	2		SÍ	SÍ	
			Proporción de espacio verde por habitante (m2/hab)	(Psara et al., 2023); (Andersson et al., 2019)	3		3		SÍ	SÍ	
		C2	Zonas verdes de proximidad	Cantidad / proporción de espacio verde	Superficie de verde urbano	(González et al., 2024); (Polo-Martín et al., 2025)	3	2		SÍ	SÍ
	Número de árboles o dosel vegetal				(González et al., 2024)		2		SÍ	SÍ	SÍ
	Porcentaje de cobertura verde dentro de un radio determinado (ej., 500 m, 1 km).				(Dennis et al., 2020)			2		SÍ	SÍ
	Presencia y cantidad de parques, plazas, jardines o áreas naturales urbanas.				(Dennis et al., 2020)	3	2	1		SÍ	SÍ
	Espacios verdes (mínimo 2 ha.) disponibles en relación al % de población a una distancia caminable de max 300m.				(Psara et al., 2023); (Andersson et al., 2019); (González et al., 2024); (Dennis et al., 2020)	3	3				SÍ
	Accesibilidad		Existencia de pasos peatonales	(Beltrán et al., 2025)		2				SÍ	
			Existencia de rampas	(Beltrán et al., 2025)		2				SÍ	
			Percepción de accesibilidad	(Dennis et al., 2020)	3	2	2		SÍ	SÍ	
			Diferencias en el acceso a espacios verdes entre barrios de distinto nivel socioeconómico.	(Polo-Martín et al., 2025)	3	2	2		SÍ	SÍ	
			Frecuencia de visitas a espacios verdes	(Polo-Martín et al., 2025); (Andersson et al., 2019)	2	2	2		SÍ	SÍ	
	Seguridad		Existencia de alumbrado público	(Beltrán et al., 2025)		3				SÍ	
			Seguridad percibida	(Dennis et al., 2020)	3	3			SÍ	SÍ	
			Índices de criminalidad	(Andersson et al., 2019)	2	2				SÍ	
			Tiempo promedio de permanencia	(Andersson et al., 2019)	3	2				SÍ	
	Calidad	Niveles de calidad del aire	(Andersson et al., 2019); (González et al., 2024); (Polo-Martín et al., 2025)	3	3	3		SÍ	SÍ		
Calidad de vida relacionada con la salud (HRQOL), medida mediante cuestionarios estandarizados.		(Dennis et al., 2020)	3	3	1		SÍ	SÍ			
Niveles de actividad física vinculados al uso de espacios verdes.		(Dennis et al., 2020); (Andersson et al., 2019)	3	3	2		SÍ	SÍ			
Mediciones de temperatura superficial y ambiental en áreas verdes vs. áreas construidas.		(Andersson et al., 2019)	3	2	2		SÍ	SÍ			
Mobiliario urbano	Presencia de infraestructura (bancos, juegos, iluminación, baños).	(Menna et al., 2019); (Andersson et al., 2019)	3	2	1		SÍ	SÍ			
Mantenimiento	Valoración de la limpieza y mantenimiento de los espacios	(Dennis et al., 2020); (Andersson et al., 2019)	3	3	1			SÍ			
	Número de voluntarios o programas de co-gestión.	(Andersson et al., 2019)	3	2	2	SÍ	SÍ	SÍ			
Biodiversidad de especies	Número de especies vegetales y animales registradas en los espacios verdes	(Andersson et al., 2019)	3	3	3	SÍ	SÍ	SÍ			

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HEALTHY CITY	C1	Urban design	Limitation of architectural barriers	(D'Onofrio and Trusiani, 2022)	3	3	3			YES	
			Existence of pedestrian spaces	(D'Onofrio and Trusiani, 2022)		2				YES	
			Existence of cycling areas of proximity	(D'Onofrio and Trusiani, 2022)		2				YES	
		Proximity to services	Existence of commercial activities and services	(D'Onofrio and Trusiani, 2022)	3	3	1			YES	
			Use of motor vehicles	(D'Onofrio and Trusiani, 2022)	3	3	1			YES	
		Accessibility	Widths of sidewalks that generate spaces of comfort	(Baobeid et al., 2021)	2	3	1			YES	
			Security	Speeds of motor vehicles	(Baobeid et al., 2021)	3	3	2			YES
				Existence of countdown signal timers at intersections	(Imam et al., 2019)		2				YES
		Quality	Number of trees per linear kilometre	(Imam et al., 2019)		3	2		YES	YES	
			Shade cover on the sidewalk (deciduous trees, pergolas...)	(Imam et al., 2019)	3	3	3			YES	
			Conditions of cleaning maintenance of public space	(Baobeid et al., 2021)	3	3	3			YES	
			Thermal comfort exterior	(Baobeid et al., 2021)	2	2	2		YES	YES	
		C2	Quantity / proportion of green space	Proportion of green space per inhabitant (m2/ inhab)	(Psara et al., 2023); (Andersson et al., 2019)	3		3		YES	YES
				Surface of urban green	(González et al., 2024); (Polo-Martín et al., 2025)	3	2		YES	YES	YES
	Number of trees or vegetable canopy			(González et al., 2024)		2		YES	YES	YES	
	Percentage of green coverage within a given radius (e.g., 500 m, 1 km).			(Dennis et al., 2020)			2		YES	YES	
	Presence and quantity of parks, squares, gardens or urban natural areas.			(Dennis et al., 2020)	3	2	1		YES	YES	
	Accessibility		Green spaces (minimum 2 ha.) available in relation to the % of population at a walking distance of maximum of 300m.	(Psara et al., 2023); (Andersson et al., 2019); (González et al., 2024); (Dennis et al., 2020)	3	3				YES	
			Existence of pedestrian crossings	(Beltrán et al., 2025)		2				YES	
			Existence of ramps	(Beltrán et al., 2025)		2				YES	
			Perception of accessibility	(Dennis et al., 2020)	3	2	2		YES	YES	
			Differences in access to green spaces between neighbourhoods of different socioeconomic level.	(Polo-Martín et al., 2025)	3	2	2		YES	YES	
			Frequency of visits to green spaces	(Polo-Martín et al., 2025); (Andersson et al., 2019)	2	2	2		YES	YES	
	Security		Existence of public lighting	(Beltrán et al., 2025)		3				YES	
			Perceived security	(Dennis et al., 2020)	3	3			YES	YES	
			Crime rates	(Andersson et al., 2019)	2	2				YES	
		Average length of stay	(Andersson et al., 2019)	3	2				YES		
	Quality	Air quality levels	(Andersson et al., 2019); (González et al., 2024); (Polo-Martín et al., 2025)	3	3	3		YES	YES		
Health-related quality of life (HRQOL), measured by standardised questionnaires.		(Dennis et al., 2020)	3	3	1		YES	YES			
Levels of physical activity linked to the use of green spaces.		(Dennis et al., 2020); (Andersson et al., 2019)	3	3	2		YES	YES			
Surface and environmental temperature measurements in green areas vs. built areas.		(Andersson et al., 2019)	3	2	2		YES	YES			
Urban furniture	Presence of infrastructure (benches, games, lighting, bathrooms).	(Menna et al., 2019); (Andersson et al., 2019)	3	2	1		YES	YES			
Maintenance	Evaluation of the cleanliness and maintenance of the spaces	(Dennis et al., 2020); (Andersson et al., 2019)	3	3	1			YES			
	Number of volunteers or co-management programs.	(Andersson et al., 2019)	3	2	2	YES	YES	YES			
Biodiversity of species	Number of plant and animal species recorded in green spaces	(Andersson et al., 2019)	3	3	3	YES	YES	YES			

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CIUDAD SALUDABLE	C3	Espacios convivencia	Mobiliario urbano	Existencia de juegos infantiles	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022)	2						SÍ		
				Existencia de Bancas, zonas de descanso	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022)	3	2					SÍ		
				Existencia de baños públicos	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022)	3						SÍ		
				Existencia de zonas de ejercicios para mayores	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022)	2						SÍ		
			Proximidad y conectividad	Distancia caminable a la vivienda (100m, 300, 500 o 1000m)	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Pozo Menéndez, 2022); (Georgiou, et al., 2021); (Nelischer y Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023); (Ghel Institute, nd)	3						SÍ	SÍ	
				Accesibilidad universal / diseño para todos	Pendientes adecuadas (menor a 10%)	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022) (Pozo Menéndez, 2022)	3	3					SÍ	SÍ
			Rampas		(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	3						SÍ	
			Sin barreras arquitectónicas		(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	3	3					SÍ	
			Diversidad de usos	Complejidad, densidad de usos	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022) (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	3	1				SÍ	SÍ	
					Densidad suficiente y complejidad sociodemográfica	Densidad de personas por edad, nivel socioeconómico, género, etc	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022); (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	2	2	1				SÍ
			Participación de la comunidad	Existencia de redes sociales comunitarias	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3						SÍ	SÍ	SÍ
				Existencia de procesos de participación ciudadana	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3						SÍ	SÍ	SÍ
				Existencia de apoyo y activos comunitarios	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3						SÍ	SÍ	SÍ
			Seguridad	Seguridad autopercibida	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022); (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	2	2						SÍ
				Seguridad objetiva	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022); (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3								SÍ
				Iluminación	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	2	1						SÍ
			Calidad y mantenimiento	Nivel de mantenimiento	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	3	1						SÍ
			Políticas	Existencia de políticas y planificación como Ciudades Amigables con los mayores y/o con la infancia	(Nelischer y Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023)	3	2	2					SÍ	SÍ
			Calidad de vida	Percepción de bienestar	(Nelischer y Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023)	3	3	2						SÍ
				Percepción de satisfacción	(Nelischer y Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023)	3	3	2						SÍ
				Salud auto percibida	(Nelischer y Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023)	3	3	3					SÍ	SÍ
			<b>TOTALES (max 168)</b>						<b>134</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>

agua, regular escorrentías y mitigar el efecto isla de calor, todos ellos factores estrechamente vinculados al bienestar físico y mental de la población.<sup>35</sup>

Por último, medir los Bienes de Interés Cultural per cápita (BIC/hab), ha demostrado estar relacionado con mayores niveles de satisfacción vital, bienestar mental y cohesión social,<sup>36</sup> refleja la disponibilidad patrimonial individual en el territorio.

the heat island effect, all of which are closely linked to the physical and mental well-being of the population.<sup>35</sup>

Finally, measuring the assets of cultural interest per capita (BIC/inhab), has shown to be related to higher levels of life satisfaction, mental well-being and social cohesion,<sup>36</sup> and reflects the availability of individual assets in the territory.

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HEALTHY CITY		C3		Spaces of coexistence							
Urban furniture	Existence of children's games	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022)	2							YES	
	Existence of benches, rest areas	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022)	3	2						YES	
	Existence of public bathrooms	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022)	3							YES	
	Existence of exercise areas for older adults	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022)	2							YES	
Proximity and connectivity	Walking distance to housing (100, 300, 500 or 1000 metres)	Higuera et al., 2020); (Pozo Menéndez, 2022); (Georgiou, et al., 2021); (Nelischer and Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023); (Ghel Institute, nd)	3						YES	YES	
Universal accessibility / design for everyone	Adequate slopes (less than 10%)	Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022) (Ghel Institute, 2022)	3	3					YES	YES	
	Ramps	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	3						YES	
	No architectural barriers	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	3	3					YES	
Diversity of uses	Complexity, density of uses	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022) (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	3	1				YES	YES	
Sufficient density and complexity sociodemographic	Density of people by age, socioeconomic level, gender, etc.	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022); (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	2	2	1				YES	YES	
Community participation	Existence of community social networks	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3					YES	YES	YES	
	Existence of citizen participation processes	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3					YES	YES	YES	
	Existence of community support and assets	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3					YES	YES	YES	
Security	Self-perceived security	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022) (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	2	2					YES	
	Objective safety	(Higuera et al., 2020); (Orsetti, et al., 2022) (Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3							YES	
	Lighting	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	2	1					YES	
Quality and maintenance	Level of maintenance	(Ghel Institute, s.f.)	3	3	1					YES	
Policies	Existence of policies and planning as cities that are friendly to the elderly and/or children	Nelischer and Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023)	3	2	2				YES	YES	
Quality of life	Perception of well-being	Nelischer and Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023)	3	3	2					YES	
	Perception of satisfaction	Nelischer and Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023)	3	3	2					YES	
	Self-perceived health	Nelischer and Loukaitou-Sideris, 2023)	3	3	3				YES	YES	
<b>TOTAL (max 168)</b>			<b>134</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>			

**Indicadores A2: Valoración de la red hídrica superficial**

Por lo que respecta al estrés hídrico, se ha optado por la cuantificación de los meses de estrés hídrico en un año (nº meses/12), ya que tienen un impacto indirecto en la salud pública, al comprometer la producción agrícola, la calidad del aire, y el confort térmico urbano. Estos representan períodos en que la disponibilidad

**A2 indicators: valuation of the surface water network**

With regard to water stress, we have chosen to quantify the months of water stress in a year (no. months/12), since they have an indirect impact on public health, by compromising agricultural production, air quality and urban thermal comfort. These represent periods when

de agua es limitada para la vegetación y los usos humanos, afectando la provisión de agua dulce y la productividad primaria.<sup>37</sup>

En lo que respecta a la exposición a riesgos fluviales, la superficie inundable (%) permite evaluar la capacidad del territorio para integrar soluciones basadas en la naturaleza como parte de una infraestructura verde-azul regional más equilibrada.<sup>38</sup>

Por último, los metros lineales de cauce entubado por habitante (ml/hab), son un indicador que revela el grado de ruptura de la conectividad ecológica de la red hidrográfica, además, impide que estos corredores funcionen como elementos activos de la infraestructura verde-azul, y puede agravar inundaciones aguas abajo.<sup>39</sup>

#### ***Indicadores A3: Evaluación de las zonas de alta erosión potencial y pérdidas de suelo***

Se escogen los indicadores de pérdida de superficie agrícola anual (m<sup>2</sup>/año),<sup>40</sup> pérdida de superficie ganadera anual (m<sup>2</sup>/año)<sup>41</sup> y pérdida de superficie forestal anual (ha/año).<sup>42</sup>

En el primer caso, su pérdida constituye una amenaza directa a la seguridad alimentaria, la economía rural y el equilibrio ecosistémico, pero permite cuantificar la pérdida anual o acumulada (en m<sup>2</sup> o ha) permite identificar zonas críticas, priorizar su protección y orientar estrategias de planificación integradas.

En el segundo, su pérdida implica la desaparición de ecosistemas únicos y prácticas sostenibles ligadas al territorio. La medición en m<sup>2</sup> o ha perdidos por año permite diagnosticar tendencias de transformación o abandono y diseñar planes específicos de recuperación o manejo adaptativo.

En el último, su pérdida acelera procesos de degradación ambiental y altera los microclimas locales, afectando al acceso a espacios recreativos y restaurativos naturales esenciales para la salud mental.<sup>43</sup>

water availability is limited for vegetation and human usage, affecting freshwater supply and primary productivity.<sup>37</sup>

In terms of exposure to river risks, the flood hazard area (%) allows assessing the capacity of the territory to integrate nature-based solutions as part of a more balanced regional green-blue infrastructure.<sup>38</sup>

Finally, the linear metres of river piping per inhabitant (ml/inhab), are an indicator that reveals the degree of breakdown of the ecological connectivity of the hydrographic network. In addition, to preventing these corridors from functioning as active elements of the green-blue infrastructure, and possibly aggravating downstream flooding.<sup>39</sup>

#### ***A3 indicators: evaluation of areas of potential high erosion and soil losses***

The indicators chosen were the annual loss of farmland m<sup>2</sup>/year,<sup>40</sup> livestock land (m<sup>2</sup>/year)<sup>41</sup> and forested land (ha/year).<sup>42</sup>

In the first case, the loss of farmland constitutes a direct threat to food security, the rural economy and the ecosystem balance, but it allows quantification of the annual or cumulative loss (in m<sup>2</sup> or ha) to identify critical areas, prioritise their protection and guide integrated planning strategies.

In the second case, the loss of farmland implies the disappearance of unique ecosystems and sustainable practices linked to the territory. Measurement in m<sup>2</sup> or ha lost per year allows diagnosis of the transformation or abandonment trends and to design specific recovery or adaptive management plans.

So finally, the loss of forested land accelerates processes of environmental degradation and alters local microclimates, affecting access to natural recreational and restorative spaces essential for mental health.<sup>43</sup>

## Indicadores propuestos de evaluación de adaptación y mitigación al cambio climático

### *Indicadores B1: Caracterización de tipologías de Soluciones Basadas en la Naturaleza (SbN)*

Para esta caracterización se toma como referencia el "Catálogo de soluciones basadas en la naturaleza para la resiliencia urbana" realizado por el World Bank.<sup>44</sup> Se recurre a una clasificación según escalas espaciales y geográficas: la macro escala y la meso escala. La macro escala incluye las SbN que actúan como primera barrera de protección frente a los efectos del cambio climático interceptando o disminuyendo su intensidad desde etapas tempranas lo que contribuye a reducir el riesgo y la presión en zonas urbanas (bosques, llanuras de inundación, lagos naturales y zonas agrícolas). La meso escala incluye las SbN implementadas dentro de las zonas urbanas que reciben un impacto ya atenuado o reducido del problema, presentan una amplia variedad y están influenciadas en su aplicación por diversos factores como el relieve, el clima, la hidrología, la ecología y los aspectos sociales (lagos artificiales, zonas verdes, corredores verdes, bosques urbanos, agricultura urbana, cubiertas vegetales, jardines de lluvia, ríos renaturalizados, entre las más destacadas).

### *Indicadores B2: Identificación de la potencialidad de las escuelas para ser refugios climáticos*

Los dos tipos de indicadores seleccionados toman como base el estudio de entornos escolares saludables<sup>45</sup> que analiza los Centros de Educación Infantil y Primaria e Institutos como equipamientos de proximidad con alto valor comunitario y alto potencial físico para transformarse en nuevos nodos eco-sociales para el bienestar social y desde un beneficio ambiental. Los primeros miden datos cuantitativos, específicamente en lo relacionado con los aspectos físico-espaciales que aportarán información clave que condicionarán y orientarán las futuras intervenciones: (1) Superficie total del patio escolar, (2) Número de alumnos. El segundo grupo de indicadores contenidos en la Superficie de Potencial Uso Familiar (SPUF)

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### *B1 indicators: characterisation of the typologies of Nature-based Solutions (NbS)*

For this characterisation, the 'Catalog of Nature-based Solutions for Urban Resilience' made by the World Bank<sup>44</sup> is taken as a reference. Classification is used according to spatial and geographical scales: the microscale and the mesoscale. Taking the mesoscale as a reference, this includes the NbS that act as the first line of defence against the effects of climate change intercepting or decreasing its intensity from early stages which contributes to reducing risk and pressure in urban areas (forests, floodplains, natural lakes and agricultural areas). The mesoscale includes the NbS implemented within urban areas that receive an already attenuated or reduced impact of the problem, have multiple approaches, and are influenced in their application by various factors such as relief, climate, hydrology, ecology and social aspects (artificial lakes, green areas, green corridors, urban forests, urban agriculture, vegetation covers, rain gardens, re-naturalised rivers, among the most prominent).

### *B2 indicators: identification of the potential of schools to be climate shelters*

The two types of indicators selected take as a basis the study of healthy school environments<sup>45</sup> that analyse early childhood, primary and secondary schools as nearby facilities with significant community value and considerable physical potential to transform into new eco-social nodes for social well-being and for an environmental benefit. The first measures quantitative data, specifically related to the physical and spatial aspects that will provide key information that condition and guide future interventions: (1) total area of the school yard, (2) number of students. The second group of indicators are related to Potential Family Use (SPUF, as per the acronym in Spanish) and are

están enfocados a medir el potencial de proximidad de las escuelas: (1) Radio de influencia de 200m para determinar los espacios con un potencial de uso infantil, potencial y escolar, (2) Cartografía para identificar espacios como: plazas duras, parques, zonas ajardinadas, bulevares y espacios peatonales.

***Indicadores B3: Evaluación del potencial agroalimentario (% población que puede ser abastecida con el suelo agrario en base a una dieta)***

Se recurren a dos tipos de indicadores. Los primeros miden datos vinculados con el suelo agrario urbano y rural, que aportarán la cuantificación del soporte de la actividad agraria productiva real y potencial: (1) porcentaje de suelo agrario que está protegido dentro del ámbito de estudio (municipio, comarca, región),<sup>46</sup> (2) cantidad de suelo de agricultura urbana existente en el municipio, así como el potencial en espacios de oportunidad del mismo.<sup>47</sup> El segundo conjunto de indicadores medirá la relación urbano-rural a través de la alimentación, aportando a la identificación de la capacidad de abastecimiento: (1) la dotación alimentaria, o el suelo agrario del que dispone cada persona en el ámbito municipal,<sup>48</sup> (2) la autosuficiencia alimentaria, medirá la capacidad del suelo disponible para satisfacer una dieta saludable mediterránea en un año a la población y se expresa en el porcentaje de la población que puede ser abastecida.<sup>49</sup> Ambos bloques de indicadores son complementarios. Los primeros dan cuenta de la estabilidad del soporte productivo agrícola y los segundos muestran su relación con la población y salud urbana.

**Indicadores propuestos de evaluación de ciudades y barrios saludables**

***Indicadores C1: Caminabilidad***

Se ha demostrado que juega un papel clave la proximidad a distintos servicios urbanos, comerciales y otras actividades que generen convivencia.<sup>50</sup> Asimismo, la calidad de los espacios públicos en términos de confort, limpieza<sup>51</sup> y accesibilidad, son los factores

focused on measuring the proximity of schools: (1) radius of influence of 200 m to determine spaces with scope for child and school use, (2) mapping to identify spaces such as: hard squares, parks, landscaped areas, boulevards and pedestrian spaces.

***B3 indicators: assessment of agri-food potential (% population that can be supplied with an agriculture-based diet)***

In this section? two types of indicators are used; the first measures data related to urban and rural farmland, providing the quantification of the support of real and potential productive agricultural activity: (1) percentage of farmland that is protected within the scope of study (municipality, county, region),<sup>46</sup> (2) quantity of urban farmland existing in the municipality, in addition to the potential in opportunity spaces.<sup>47</sup> The second set of indicators measures the urban-rural relationship through food, contributing to the identification of supply capacity: (1) the food supply, or farmland available to each person at the municipal level,<sup>48</sup> (2) food self-sufficiency, measures the capacity of the available farmland to satisfy a healthy Mediterranean diet in one year to the population and is expressed as the percentage of the population that can be supplied.<sup>49</sup> Both blocks of indicators are complementary. The first report on the stability of productive agricultural support and the second show their relationship with the population and urban health.

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***C1 indicators: walkability***

The proximity to different urban and commercial services, and to other activities that generate coexistence, has been shown to play a key role.<sup>50</sup> Likewise, the quality of public spaces in terms of comfort, cleanliness<sup>51</sup> and accessibility are

que incentivan y determinan la utilización del espacio público como espacio de tránsito peatonal. Los indicadores propuestos para evaluar la caminabilidad son:

- Existencia de actividades comerciales y servicios a pie de calle.
- Existencia de espacios peatonales con seguridad y confort térmico (invierno-verano).
- Buenas condiciones de mantenimiento con limpieza del espacio público.

#### **Indicadores C2: Zonas verdes de proximidad**

Los factores determinantes son la accesibilidad a estos espacios en términos de distancia y tiempo<sup>52</sup> y la cantidad de estos espacios y su distribución proporcional a la población.<sup>53</sup> Además, la calidad<sup>54</sup> de estos espacios también es decisiva para determinar su utilización y, en consecuencia, los efectos en la salud de las personas. Por ello, los indicadores propuestos son:

- Disponibilidad de espacios verdes en relación al porcentaje de población que vive a una distancia caminable de máximo 300 metros, y considerando espacios verdes de mínimo 2 ha.
- Diferencias en el acceso a espacios verdes entre barrios de distinto nivel socioeconómico (para buscar la equidad entre unos barrios y otros).
- Niveles de actividad física vinculados al uso de espacios verdes.

#### **Indicadores C3: Espacios de convivencia**

Los estudios revelan que la calidad, la proximidad, el mobiliario, la diversidad de usos y el acceso sin barreras a los espacios verdes y azules son cruciales para el bienestar físico y mental, especialmente en entornos mediterráneos. Algunos autores<sup>55</sup> destacan que la interacción intergeneracional en estos espacios mejora la calidad de vida, autoestima y crecimiento personal,

factors that encourage and determine the use of public space as a pedestrian transit space. The proposed indicators to evaluate walkability are:

- Existence of commercial activities and services at street level.
- Existence of pedestrian spaces with safety and thermal comfort (winter-summer).
- Good maintenance conditions with public space cleaning.

#### **C2 indicators: green areas of proximity**

The determining factors are the accessibility to these spaces in terms of distance and time<sup>52</sup> and the quantity of these spaces and their proportional distribution to the population.<sup>53</sup> In addition, the quality of these spaces<sup>54</sup> is also decisive in determining their use and, consequently, the effects on human health. Therefore, the proposed indicators are:

- Availability of green spaces in relation to the percentage of population living at a walking distance of a 300 m maximum and considering green spaces of minimum 2 ha.
- Differences in access to green spaces between neighbourhoods of different socioeconomic levels (to seek equity between some neighbourhoods and others).
- Levels of physical activity linked to the use of green spaces.

#### **C3 indicators: spaces of coexistence**

Studies reveal that the quality, proximity, street furniture, diversity of uses and barrier-free access to green and blue spaces are crucial for physical and mental well-being, especially in Mediterranean environments. Some authors<sup>55</sup> emphasise that intergenerational interaction in these spaces improves quality of life, self-esteem and personal growth,

especialmente en personas mayores, aliviando el calor y fomentando el disfrute. Además, factores socioeconómicos como densidad poblacional, desempleo e ingresos influyen en su uso.<sup>56</sup> Los indicadores propuestos para evaluar espacios de convivencia intergeneracional e intercultural son:

- Espacios sin barreras arquitectónicas: accesibilidad y con diseño universal (Mapeo geoespacial y cuantificación: km de aceras de ancho mínimo, porcentaje de pendientes menores de 10%, y porcentaje de intersecciones con rampas, semáforos con señales acústicas y táctiles).
- Complejidad de usos: diversidad de usos y actividades. (desde la existencia de juegos infantiles, ejercicios para mayores, zonas de descanso, y zonas deportivas).
- Diversidad de usuarios: Densidad de personas por edad, nivel socioeconómico, género, etc. (proporción de cada grupo / unidad espacial por ejemplo proporción de niños/ barrio).

#### Evaluación de los componentes de la infraestructura verde y su escala

La Figura 1 clasifica, por un lado, la potencial aplicación de los indicadores a los componentes de la infraestructura verde y azul para su análisis y diagnóstico y, por otro, según su potencial escala de aplicación.

En el ámbito de los servicios ecosistémicos los indicadores aportan principalmente a la evaluación de los espacios de amortiguación, en segundo lugar, a los nodos, siendo los corredores ecológicos en este grupo los menos representados. En términos de escala, los indicadores tienen un mayor potencial de ser aplicados a escala supra y municipal, sin embargo, los resultados muestran que también tienen un importante potencial de ser aplicados a escala local.

especially in the elderly, in addition to? relieving heat and encouraging enjoyment. Socioeconomic factors such as population density, unemployment and income also influence their use.<sup>56</sup> The proposed indicators to evaluate spaces of intergenerational and intercultural coexistence are:

- Spaces without architectural barriers: accessibility and universal design (geospatial mapping and quantification: km of minimum width sidewalks, percentage of slopes less than 10%, and percentage of intersections with ramps, traffic lights with acoustic and tactile signals).
- Complexity of uses: diversity of uses and activities (from the existence of children's games, exercise machines for the elderly, rest areas, and sports areas).
- Diversity of users: Population density by age, socioeconomic status, gender, etc. (proportion of each group / spatial unit e.g. proportion of children/neighbourhood).

#### Assessment of green infrastructure components and their scale

Figure 1 classifies, the indicators by their potential application to green and blue infrastructure components for analysis and diagnosis and by their potential scale of application.

In the area of ecosystem services, the indicators contribute mainly to the evaluation of buffer spaces, secondly to the nodes, with the ecological corridors in this group being the least represented. In terms of scale, the indicators have a greater potential to be applied at the supra and municipal scale, however, the results show that they also have significant potential to be applied at the local level.

En el ámbito de la mitigación al cambio climático, los indicadores se distribuyen de forma equilibrada entre los tres componentes de la infraestructura verde. Este bloque se caracteriza por su potencial aplicación transescalar de los indicadores, salvo en el caso de las soluciones basadas en la naturaleza que, desde el principio, se clasificaron desde una perspectiva escalar.

En el ámbito de la ciudad y el barrio saludable los indicadores se concentran en su potencial aplicación a los nodos y corredores. En cuanto a la escala, su aplicación es directamente proporcional a ésta, cuanto más pequeña, más posibilidad de aplicación. En ambos sentidos, este bloque actúa como ámbito complementario al de servicios ecosistémicos, equilibrando su aplicabilidad a componentes y escalas territoriales.

## DISCUSIÓN

La evaluación integral de la metodología propuesta ha sido construida con un conjunto de indicadores cuyo enfoque se centra en la promoción de la salud de la población que habita las ciudades y los territorios. El conjunto de indicadores seleccionados apunta a que la existencia de los tres ámbitos -servicios ecosistémicos, acción climática y barrios-ciudades saludables- compensan entre sí su potencial aplicación a los tres componentes de la infraestructura verde -nodos, corredores y espacios de amortiguación-, así como a las posibles escalas de trabajo, generando una aproximación equilibrada e integrada que articula componentes socio ecológicos.

El potencial que ofrece el análisis de la infraestructura verde a diferentes escalas debe ser reseñado.<sup>57</sup> En primer lugar, la escala supramunicipal es el marco de referencia adecuado para la ordenación de los territorios metropolitanos y otros sistemas urbanos complejos donde ciudad y territorio se entiendan como un proyecto único y donde la dimensión ambiental y la infraestructura verde sea la protagonista y el eje vertebrador territorial.<sup>58</sup> Sin embargo, la planificación a esta escala es la gran deuda de la planificación autonómica

With regards to climate change mitigation, indicators are distributed in a balanced manner among the three components of green infrastructure. This set of indicators is characterised by its potential cross-scale application of indicators, except in the case of nature-based solutions that were classified from a scalar perspective from the beginning.

Considering the city and the healthy neighbourhood, indicators are concentrated on their potential application to nodes and corridors. As for the scale, its application is directly proportional to it, the smaller the indicator, the easier it is to apply. In both ways, this set of indicators acts as a complementary area to that of ecosystem services, balancing its applicability to components and territorial scales.

## DISCUSSION

The comprehensive evaluation of the proposed methodology has been built with a set of indicators whose focus is on promoting the health of the population that inhabits cities and territories. These indicators indicate that the existence of the three areas - ecosystem services, climate action and healthy neighbourhoods-cities - compensate each other for their potential application to the three components of green infrastructure- nodes, corridors and buffer spaces, and for the possible work scales, generating a balanced and integrated approach that articulates socio-ecological components.

The potential offered by the analysis of green infrastructure at different scales should be reviewed.<sup>57</sup> First, the supra-municipal scale is the appropriate reference framework for the planning of metropolitan territories and other complex urban systems where city and territory are understood as a single project and where the environmental dimension and green infrastructure are the protagonist and the territorial backbone.<sup>58</sup> However, planning on this scale is the great deficiency of Spanish regional

española. Es por ello que la aplicación de esta metodología integradora a una escala supramunicipal puede sentar las bases de una futura planificación supra o municipal, sujeta a miradas integradoras bajo el foco de la infraestructura verde.

Para evitar las incoherencias entre escalas supramunicipales geográficas (comarcas, cuenca hidrográfica, unidades del paisaje) y administrativas (comunidades autónomas, provincias o municipios) es necesario trabajar de forma transescalar,<sup>59</sup> desde la escala del gran paisaje, hasta la escala local del emplazamiento pequeño,<sup>60</sup> incluyendo la escala social denominada "comunitaria".<sup>61</sup>

En las escalas supramunicipal y municipal es importante considerar la dualidad urbano-rural que desde la infraestructura verde se quiere estructurar y conectar, poniendo énfasis en la morfología de los paisajes tradicionales y su potencialidad para las relaciones a plantear,<sup>62</sup> así como en los potenciales espacios de oportunidad para la conexión con el periurbano que ofrece la estructura urbana.<sup>63</sup> En ese sentido, esta mirada desde la dimensión ambiental que ofrece el enfoque de la infraestructura verde en las relaciones urbano-rurales, inversa a la usual de la planificación, permite estructurar el territorio desde los nodos, corredores y espacios de amortiguación adaptándose, por un lado, a las características socio-ecológicas de los territorios y, por otro, a la realidad y escala de los espacios urbanos que formen parte del territorio.<sup>64</sup>

Por otra parte, en el marco español la Guía Metodológica para la identificación de los elementos de infraestructura verde de España<sup>65</sup> aporta una primera metodología para avanzar en el trabajo transescalar que deben acoger las Comunidades Autónomas. Sin embargo, esta guía se centra en la dimensión ecológica, de la biodiversidad y de los servicios de los ecosistemas,<sup>66</sup> no entrando en las dimensiones de acción climática o de promoción de la salud. Además, si bien la guía integra elementos presentes en ecosistemas terrestres, esta reconoce la necesidad de desarrollar metodologías específicas para abordar las características propias

planning. Hence, the application of this integrated methodology on a supra-municipal scale can lay the foundations for future supra or municipal planning, subject to integrated perspectives under the focus of green infrastructure.

To avoid inconsistencies between geographical supra-municipal scales (districts, watersheds, landscape units) and administrative scales (autonomous communities, provinces or municipalities) it is necessary to work with cross-scale approach,<sup>59</sup> from the large landscape scale, to the small site,<sup>60</sup> including the social scale called 'community'.<sup>61</sup>

On the supra-municipal and municipal scales it is important to consider the urban-rural duality that is required to structure and connect the green infrastructure, emphasising the morphology of traditional landscapes and their potential to raise relationships.<sup>62</sup> Additionally, there are opportunities to connect to the peri-urban that offers an urban structure.<sup>63</sup> In this sense, the green infrastructure approach offers an environmental view in urban-rural relations, in contrast to traditional ? planning. It allows territorial structuring through the nodes, corridors and buffer spaces adapting, on the one hand, to the socio-ecological characteristics of the territories and, on the other, to the reality and scale of the urban spaces that are part of the territory.<sup>64</sup>

The Spanish framework the *Guía Metodológica para la identificación de los elementos de infraestructura verde de España* [Methodological Guide for the Identification of the Elements of Green Infrastructure of Spain]<sup>65</sup> provides an initial methodology to advance in the cross-scale work that the Spanish Autonomous Communities must host. However, this guide focuses on the ecological dimension, biodiversity and ecosystem services,<sup>66</sup> not addressing the dimensions of climate action or health promotion. In addition, while the guide integrates elements present in terrestrial ecosystems, it recognises the need to develop specific methodologies to address the

de los ecosistemas agrarios y urbanos, su potencial como proveedores de servicios ecosistémicos,<sup>67</sup> así como su potencial como espacios de acción climática y promoción de la salud. En este sentido, la metodología propuesta en este artículo amplía y complementa la desarrollada por el Ministerio de Transición Ecológica Española.

## CONCLUSIONES

La metodología propuesta integra de forma equilibrada indicadores extraídos y seleccionados de la literatura científica de los ámbitos de los servicios ecosistémicos, acción climática y ciudades saludables para analizar y diagnosticar el territorio desde el enfoque de la infraestructura verde y desde la perspectiva de la promoción de la salud, en base a los componentes establecidos por la Estrategia Nacional de Infraestructura Verde y Conectividad y Restauración Ecológicas. Esta metodología concreta y define indicadores para los ámbitos urbanos y agrarios no descritos en las guías del ministerio que se centran en la dimensión ambiental, así como plantea su uso transescalar. Sin embargo, esta aproximación teórica requiere aún de aplicación empírica para ajustar, replantear y validar los indicadores de forma interdependiente, tanto por la adecuación a las realidades territoriales como por la adecuación conceptual.

La novedad e innovación de la propuesta se manifiesta en dos aspectos clave: (1) el enfoque integral que considera simultáneamente la infraestructura verde-azul, la mitigación y adaptación al cambio climático y la promoción de la salud, integrando estas dimensiones en una única metodología fundamentada en los componentes estratégicos de la Estrategia de Biodiversidad e Infraestructura española y, (2) la posibilidad de realizar un diagnóstico espacial integrado, que abarca lo urbano, lo rural agrícola y lo rural ganadero, permitiendo una visión transescalar que articula componentes socioeconómicos complejos y diversos.

characteristics of agricultural and urban ecosystems, their potential as providers of ecosystem services,<sup>67</sup> and their potential as spaces for climate action and health promotion. In this sense, the methodology proposed in this article extends and complements the approach developed by the Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transition.

## CONCLUSIONS

The proposed methodology integrates indicators selected from the scientific literature in the areas of ecosystem services, climate action and healthy cities in a balanced way. It enables the analysis and diagnosis of the territory through the green infrastructure approach and from the perspective of health promotion, based on the components established by the Spanish National Strategy of Green Infrastructure and Ecological Connectivity and Restoration. This methodology specifies and defines indicators for urban and agrarian areas not described in the ministry guidelines that focus on the environmental dimension, as well as its cross-scale use. However, this theoretical approach still requires empirical application to adjust, rethink and validate the indicators in an interdependent way, both for the adequacy to territorial realities and for the conceptual adequacy.

The novelty and innovation of the proposal is manifested in two key aspects: (1) the comprehensive approach that simultaneously considers green-blue infrastructure, mitigation and adaptation to climate change and health promotion, integrating these dimensions into a single methodology based on the strategic components of the Spanish Biodiversity and Infrastructure Strategy and, (2) the possibility of carrying out an integrated spatial diagnosis, covering the urban, rural agricultural and rural livestock, allowing for a cross-scale vision that articulates complex and diverse socioeconomic components.

Este marco teórico requiere una implementación práctica para modificar y autenticar los indicadores de forma interdependiente, asegurando su alineación con la realidad regional y la coherencia conceptual. La inclusión explícita de la salud como eje central representa un avance conceptual respecto a enfoques previos que se centraban en servicios ecosistémicos y acción climática. Se reconoce la necesidad de investigar el papel de las zonas protegidas como nodos o corredores, especialmente en territorios con alto valor territorial, como complemento para futuras investigaciones.

Finalmente, el foco de la salud que aporta esta metodología frente a otras previas genera un avance conceptual en el constructo del enfoque de la infraestructura verde, integrando de forma explícita la salud como eje central al que contribuyen otros conceptos ya reconocidos en la literatura internacional, como los servicios ecosistémicos y la acción climática.

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This theoretical framework requires practical implementation to modify and authenticate the indicators interdependently, ensuring their alignment with regional reality and conceptual consistency. Guaranteeing their adaptation to territorial realities and conceptual coherence. The explicit inclusion of health as a central axis represents a conceptual advance from previous approaches that focused on ecosystem services and climate action. The need to investigate the role of protected areas as nodes or corridors, especially in territories with high territorial value, is recognised as a complement to future research.

Finally, the focus on health provided by this methodology compared to previous ones generates a conceptual advance in the construct of the green infrastructure approach, explicitly incorporating health as a central axis to which other concepts that are already recognized in the international literature, such as ecosystem services and climate action, contribute.

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