

Economic aspects of nature based flood protection measures in landscape

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Strima II



4 Work packages

- WP 1: Reduction of flood damage on residential buildings
- WP 2: Reduction of flood damage on environmental goods and land use
- WP 3: Reduction of flood damage on technical infrastructure
- WP 4: Communication of flood risk



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Nature-based solutions

- Alternative (complementary) solution to technical measures
- Provide many co-benefits
- Numerous challenges associated with implementation of measures
 - Low number of implemented measures in the Czech Republic
- Means of support:
 - Subsidies
 - Legislation
 - **Raising awareness about measures (and the significance of such measures)**
 - **Provision of economic argument**
 - (the importance of measure can be translated from hydrological/biological aspects into monetary value, which is understandable for all stakeholders)

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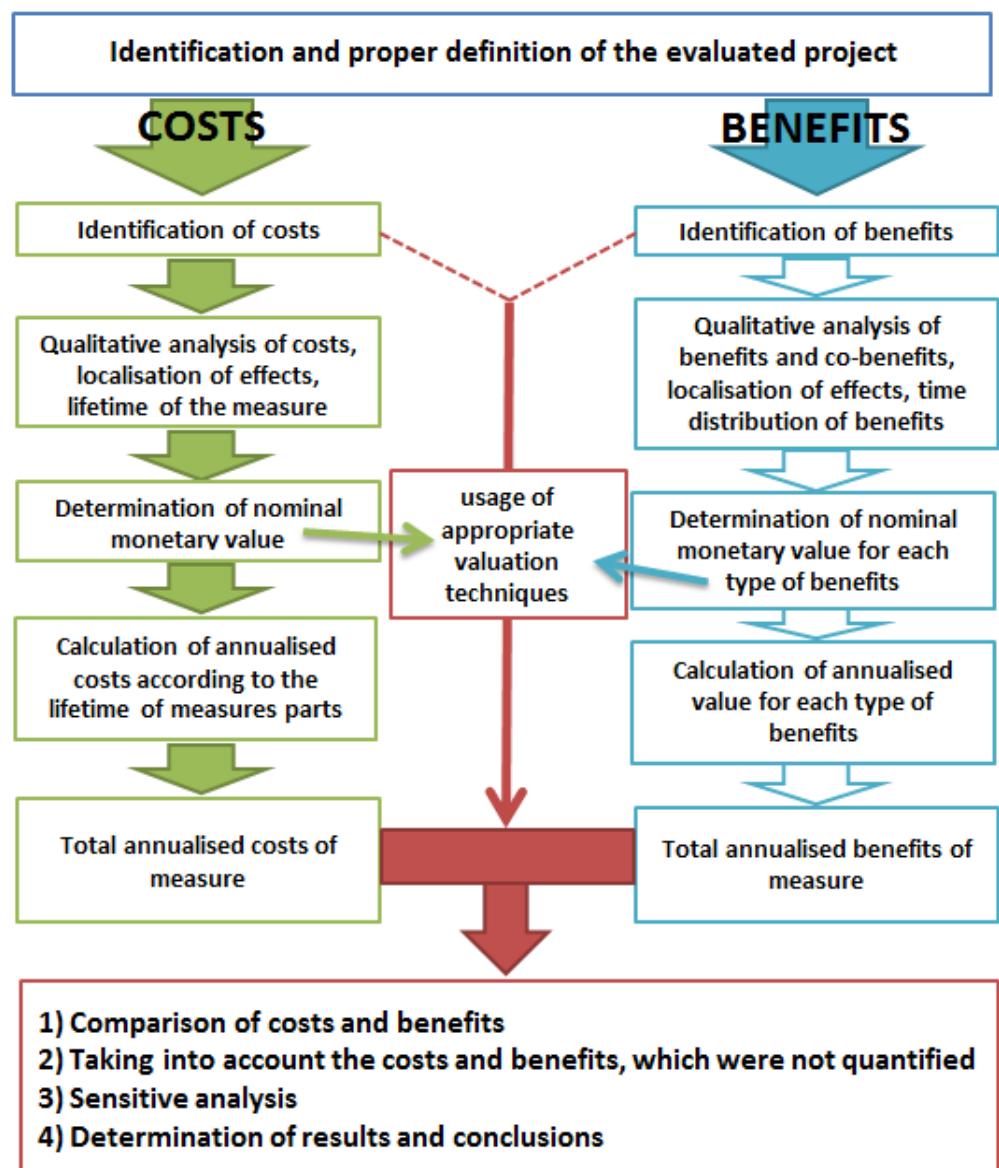


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Economic assessment

- Based on monetary cost benefit analysis and concept of ecosystem services



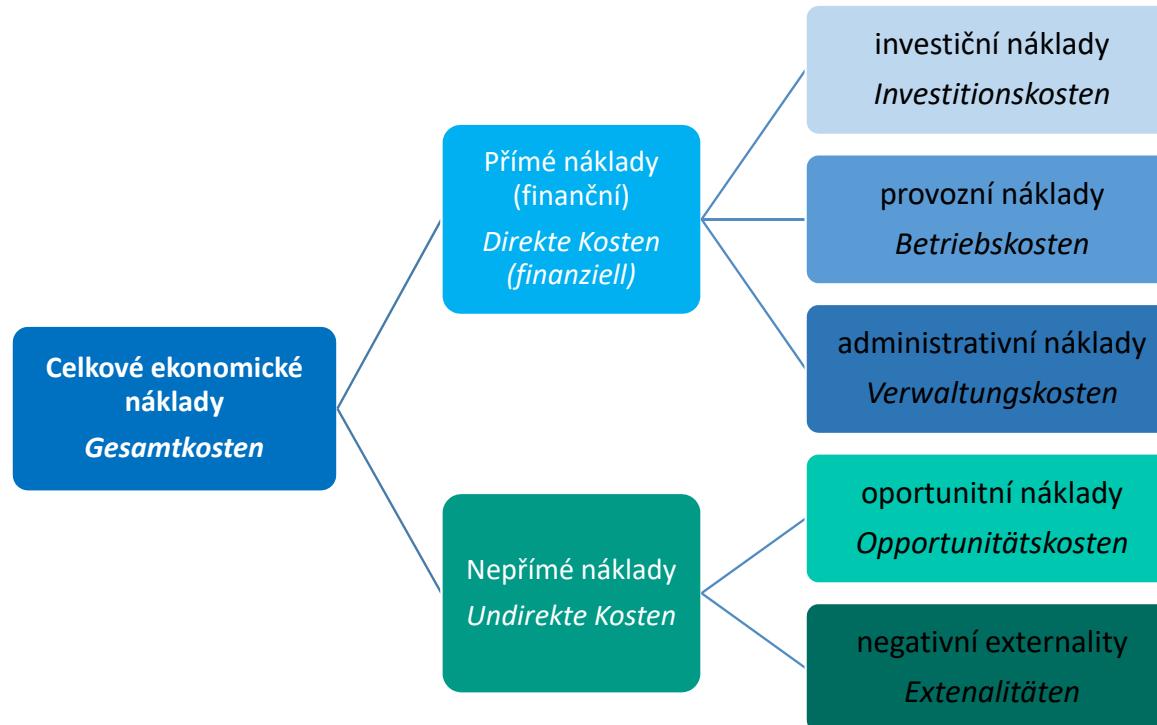
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Economic assessment - Costs



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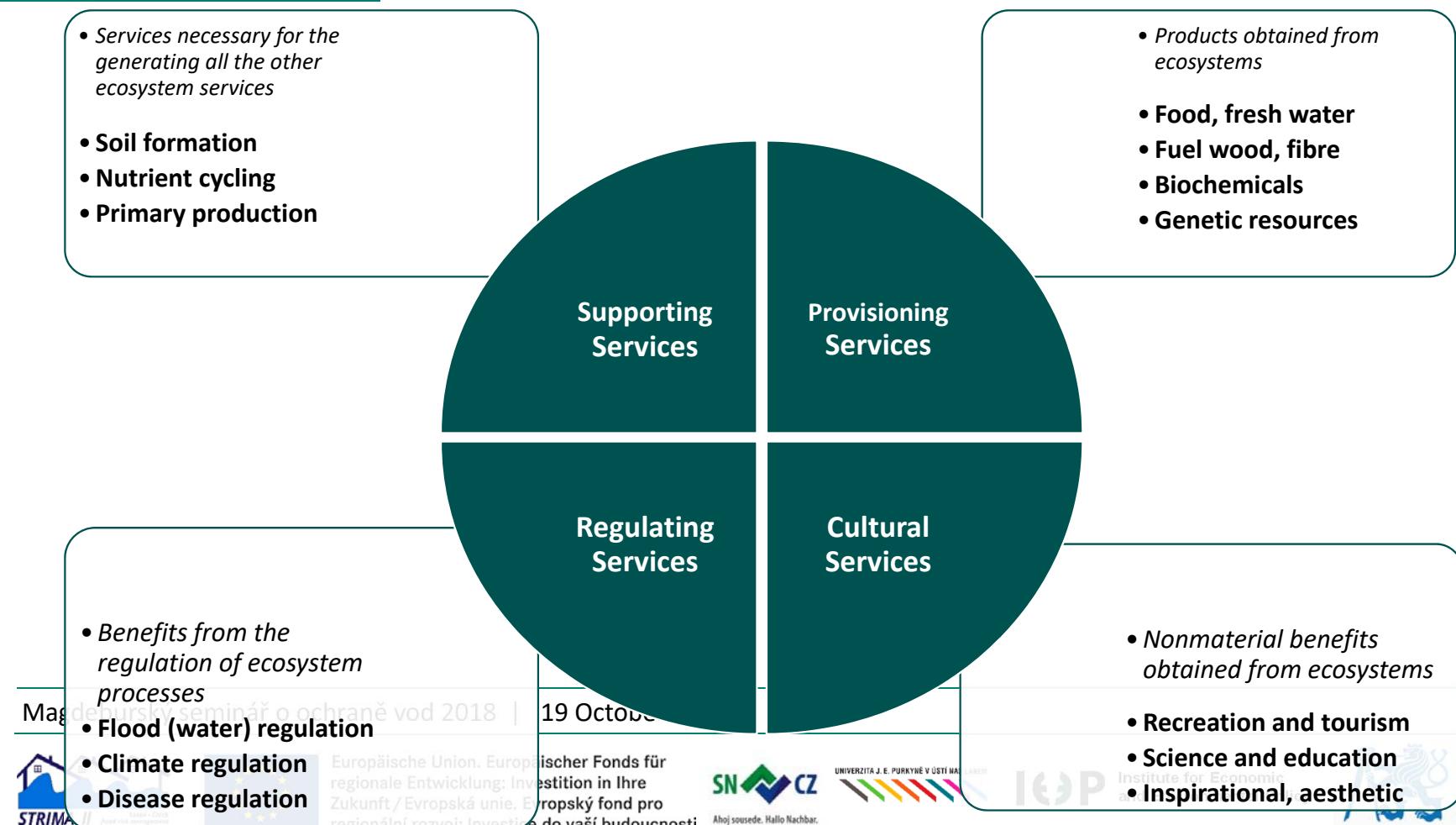
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Economic assessment - Costs

Measure	Investment costs	Operating costs (OC)		Opportunity costs	EP
Grassing	all investment costs (especially earthworks and planting grass) excluding the purchase of land and administrative costs.	Slope of the terrain from 0° to 3°: 7,600 CZK/ha	Grass mowing (2-3 times per year)	Slope of the terrain from 0° to 3°: 2,170 CZK/ha	Loss of agricultural land - loss of profits from cultivation. 3,162 CZK/ha
		Slope of the terrain from 3° to 7°: 8,350 CZK/ha		Slope of the terrain from 3° to 7°: 2,400 CZK/ha	
		Slope of the terrain above 7°: 9,870 CZK/ha		Slope of the terrain above 7°: 2,825 CZK/ha	
Agricultural measures – cultivation of crops in strips and its rotation	Either no investment costs or low investment costs associated with the necessity of buying new	x	Higher operating costs associated with planting crops	265 CZK/ha	Loss of profits caused by cultivating crops in strips (the

Economic assessment - Benefits

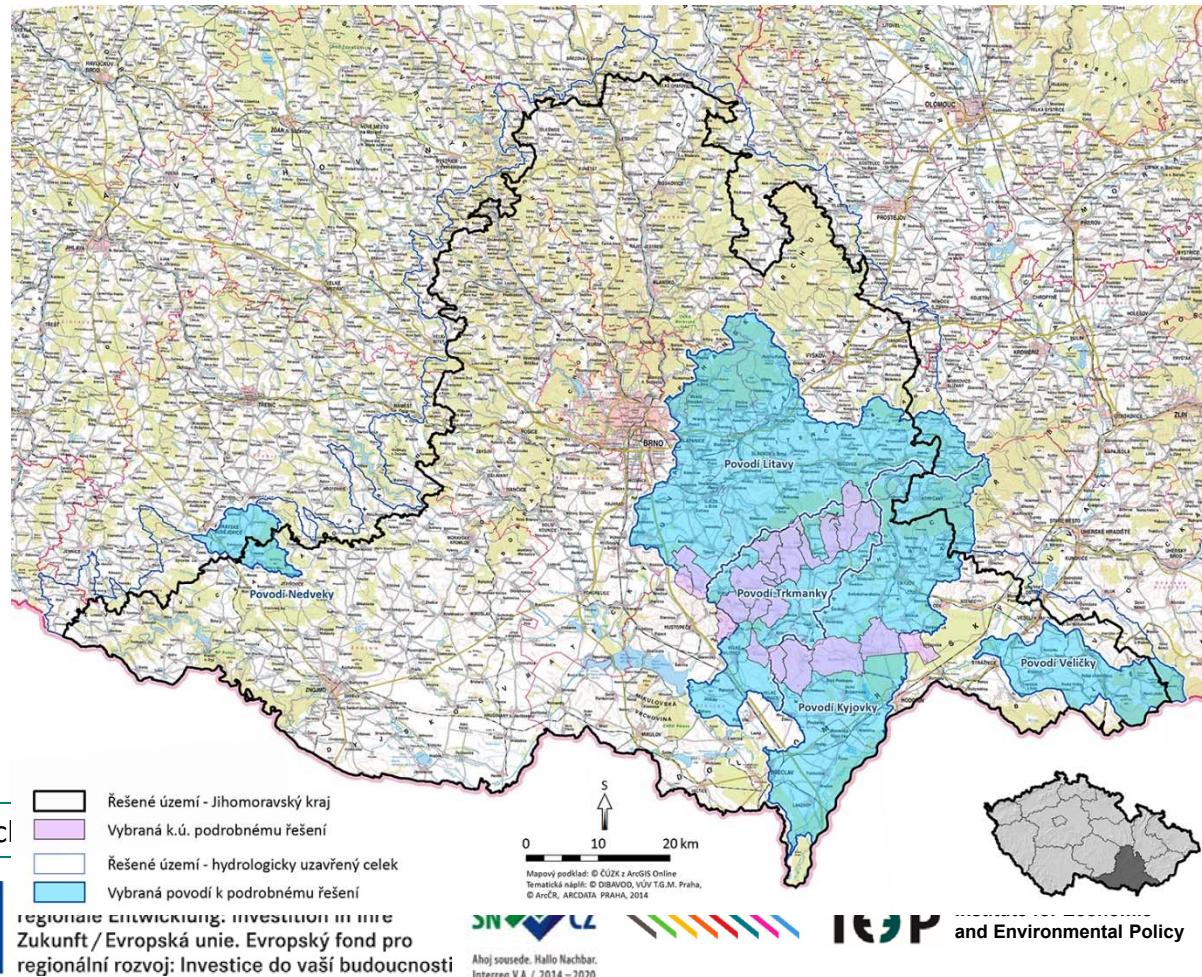


Economic assessment - Benefits

Ecosystem services	Wetland	Infiltration -retention ditch	Grassing	Crop cultivati on in strips
Increase in water retention	3	3	3	1
Flood protection function	2	2	1	1
Improving water quality + health impact	2	2	2	1
Soil protection against erosion	0	3	2	2
Regulation of air quality	0	1	2	1
Carbon sequestration	0	1	2	1
Production of biomass	0	2	3	2

Case study: South Moravian Region in the next 20 years

- 36 cadastral territories
- 25,500 ha of arable land
- Modeling impacts in scenarios based on the current situation



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Monetized benefits

- Water regulation – cost savings in irrigation
- Regulation of erosion – lower costs of replacement and sediment removal
- Regulation of nutrient cycling – cost savings in nutrient replacement

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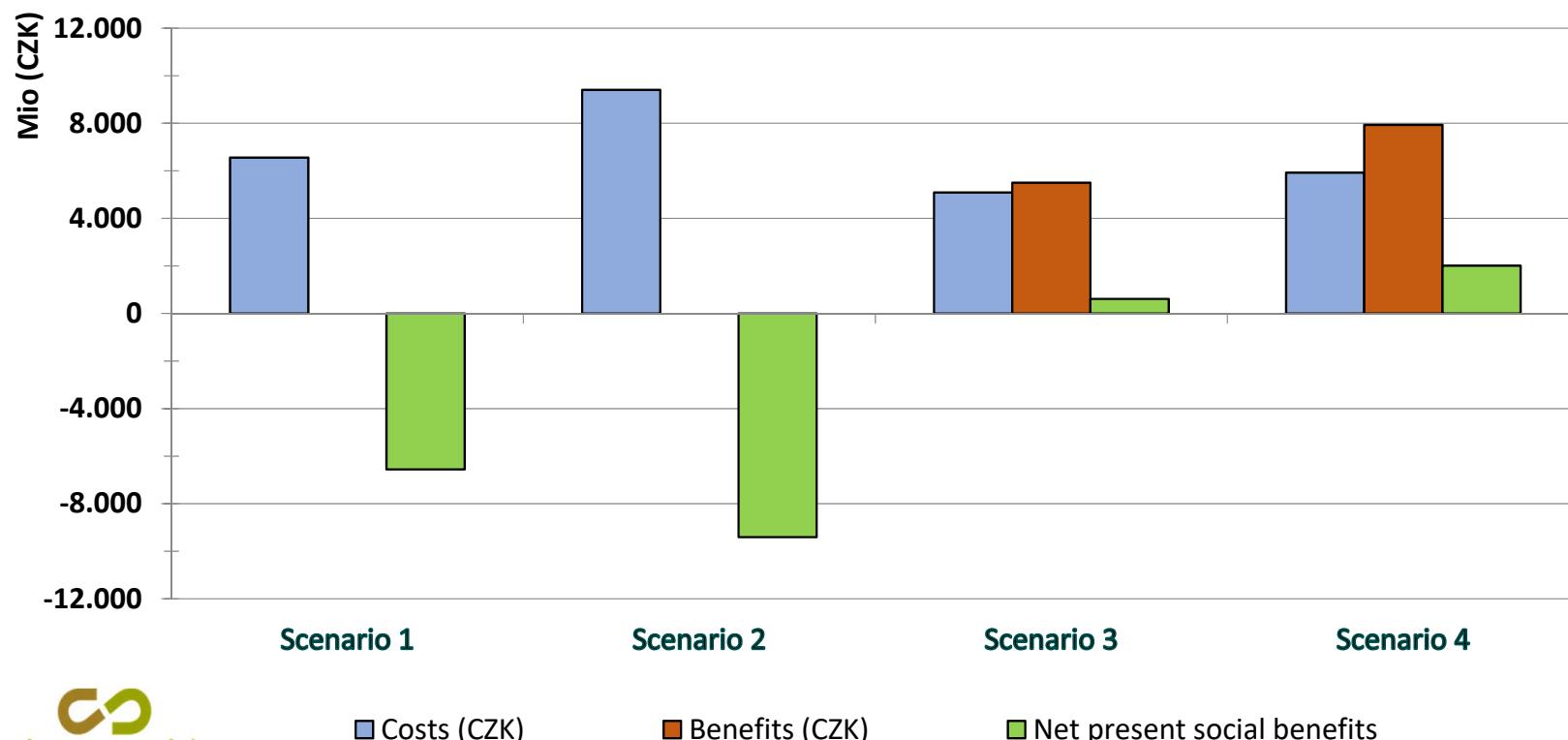
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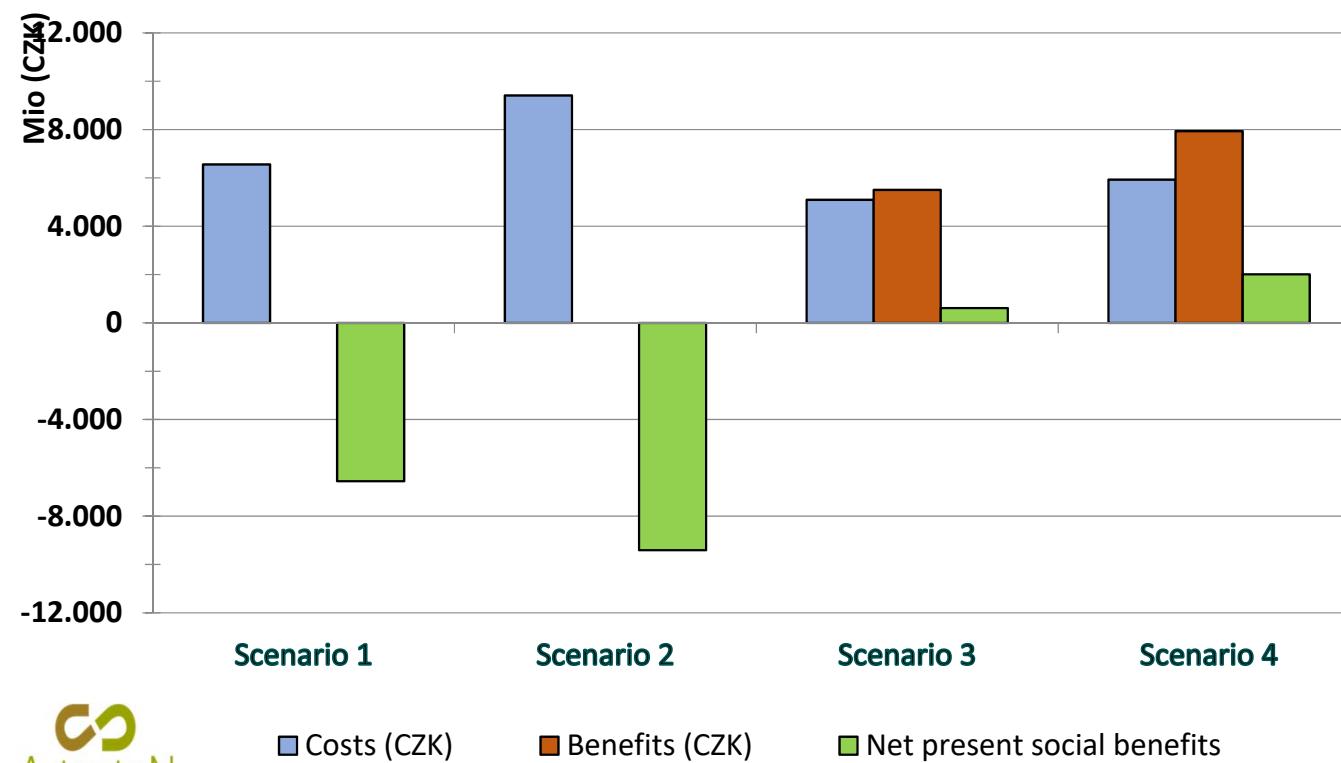
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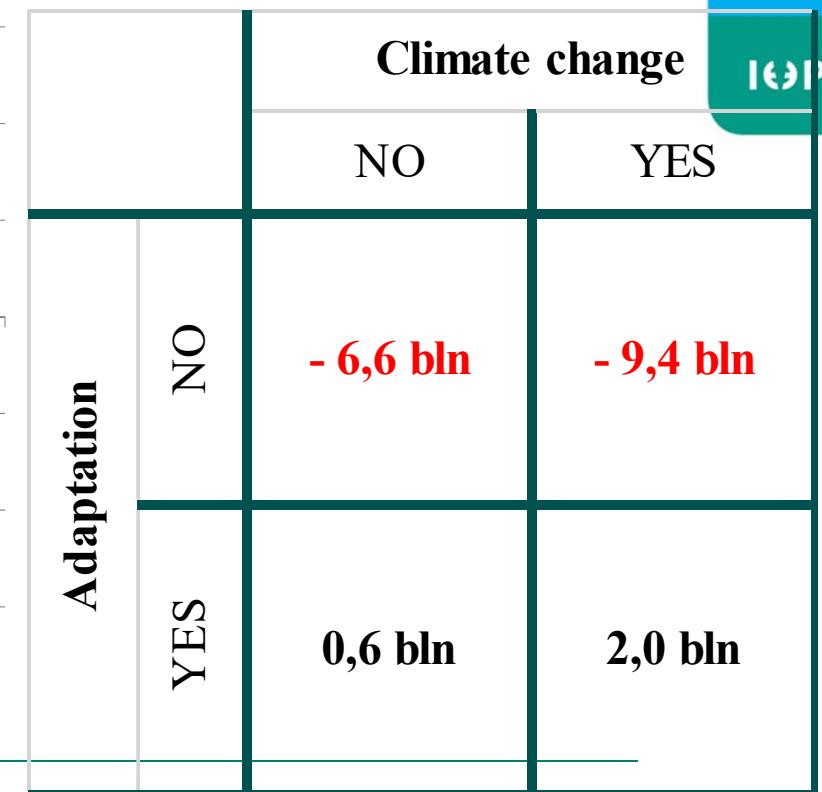
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Conclusions

- Shift from technical measures to nature-based solutions
- Cost-benefit analysis as an appropriate tool for raising awareness and providing economic argument
- Local conditions have to be taken into account within the valuation/assessment

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