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The Future of Urban Agriculture

WHY?

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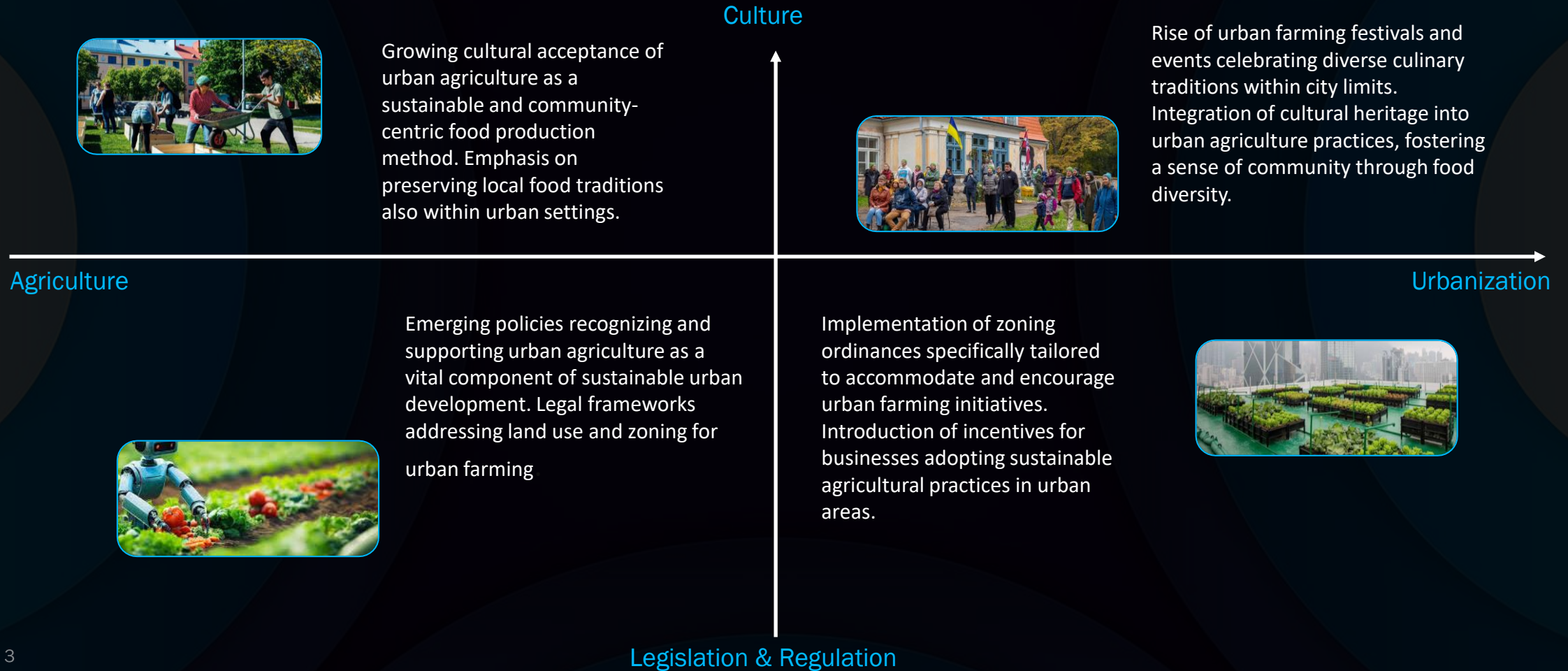
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Why does Urban Agriculture matter?

- The **challenge of feeding a growing population worldwide**, the large supply food chains and unsustainable agricultural practices that our food systems rely on, emphasises the urgent need for transformation
 - Most of the Nordic and Baltic countries are dependent on exports to feed their population
 - The agricultural sector makes use:
 - of 70% of freshwater
 - accounts for 1/3 of the greenhouse emissions
 - is responsible for biodiversity loss and soil degradation
- Urban agriculture has **multiple impact areas**:
 - reinforcing food security
 - improved health outcomes
 - enhanced wellbeing and social inclusion
 - including culture
 - relating to SDGs
- Urban agriculture is also considered as an important tool for **urban regeneration** and as promoting **social innovation** at city level

Why the Future of Urban Agriculture?



Why this project?

- The project serves as a **platform for stakeholders** to exchange experiences to engage in urban agriculture and food systems, discuss their potentials and barriers, and draw lessons from their practices
- The project unites expertise of multiple Nordic institutions, with a core team of Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia, Nordregio and NordForsk
 - (but also NordGen and Nordic Energy Research have been involved in the process)
- The analysis of **eight cases** across four Nordic-Baltic countries will provide a factual basis to identify challenges and opportunities different UA governance constellations face to engage in local food systems
- [3 webinars](#) + the final conference (happening now):
 - Innovation and Legislation
 - Education and Science
 - Culture
- Developing a research consortium for urban agriculture in the future & working with the ideas for future in terms of the urban agriculture

Future Urban Agriculture



Thank you & let us keep in touch!

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