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**Barriers and bottlenecks EbA approach:**

- **Financing** (no funds for investment in EbA; need of targeted funding);
- **Lack of interest of decision makers** (no integration of EbA into decision-making processes; lack of lobbying for problem-solving; “country selfishness”- there is no common/general management approach on regional level);
- **Human capital** (lack of qualified specialist; low human capital);
- **Information** (low level of public awareness; there is no a common vision of stakeholders);
- **Poor coordination** (weak inter-departmental and inter-sectoral coordination; no dissemination of results; poor coordination of international assistance);
- **Data and Methodology** (bad quality of data; gaps in methodologies for data generation);
- **Laws** (there is no regulation to implement the EbA; no legislation on climate adaptation).

**Potential of the EbA approach**

- **Scientific approach** (good monitoring foundation; climate observing network; high responsibility for use of nature);
- **Integrative approach** (EbA is complex approach, good potential);
- **Assessment of benefits** (ecological and economical accounting; comprehensive and integrated approach; contribution to conservation of resources);
- **Preservation of natural capital** (development and preservation of ecosystems; public health);
- **Coincides with international processes** (Rio Conventions).

**Brainstorming of entry points for EbA, currently ongoing processes, projects and strategies**

- **Green Economy** strategy in Kazakhstan
- World Bank **ECOSTAT** and **WAVES** (Wealth Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services)
- UN **SDGs** and **SEEA** (UN System of Environmental-Economic Accounting)
- **Green Accounting**
- **Corporate Social Responsibility**
- **Sustainable Development** Strategy (Kyrgyzstan) and related processes in other countries

