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Call for Proposals: Enabling City Transformation

Impact Framework and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)

Tuesday 24 September, 2024

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Welcome!

Call launched:

- Call Guidelines published
- Submission platform open
- Supporting documents published (Call Guidelines, Financial Guidelines; Application templates and pro formas)

Scheduled webinars:

- Wednesday 12 June (14:00 CEST): Ambition, Approach, and Impact
- Wednesday 19 June (11:30 CEST): Eligibility and Assessment Criteria
- Tuesday 17 September (10:30 CEST) – Refresher: Ambition, Approach & Eligibility, Assessment, & Selection criteria
- **Tuesday 24 September (10:30 CEST) – Impact Framework and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)**

Register for all at the NZC website: www.netzerocities.eu

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This webinar…

Is for Mission Cities who wish to undertake an eighteen-month grant-supported programme of interventions **focussed on innovation in enabling city transformation, in the context of the European Union (EU) Cities Mission**.

We will cover:

- Impact Section of your online ECT application
- ECT Impact Framework (Word template to be submitted with application)
- ECT Indicator Set (excel spreadsheet for reference)

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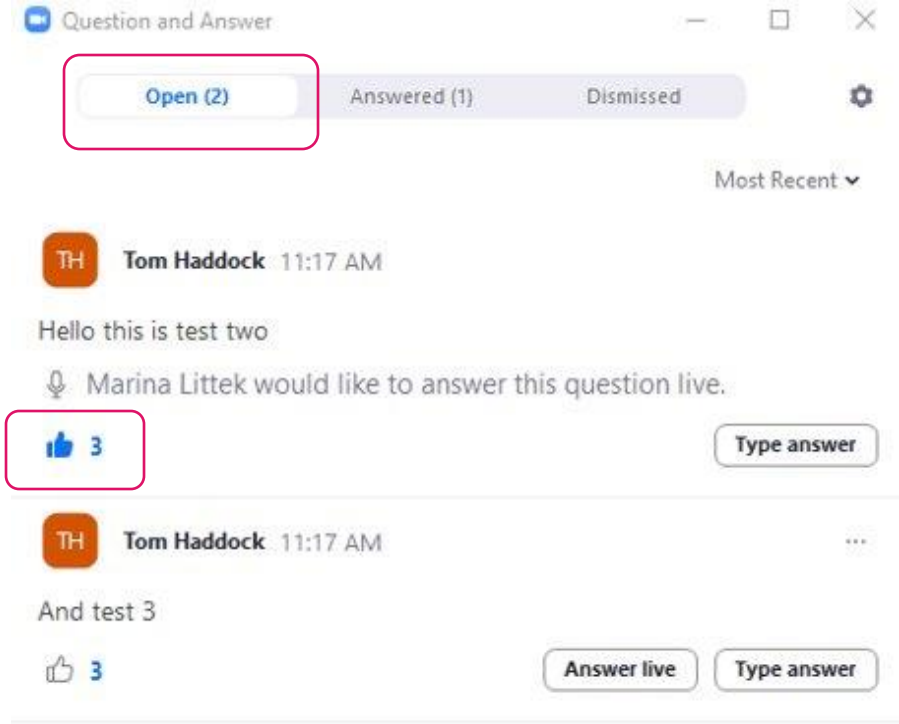

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- Make sure you read the most up-to-date Call Guidelines available on our website including all associated documents before starting your application.

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Key speakers for today

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Today’s agenda

- Introduction & Housekeeping: 5 mins
- **NZC Impact Framework** to create your proposal’s impact logic and pathways: 20 mins
- **ECT Indicator Set** to measure and report direct impacts:20 mins
- **Guided Tour** of the Impact Framework **template (Sections 1-4):** 15 mins
- **Integrated MEL** to enable reflexive governance: 15 mins
- **Closing & next steps:** 5 mins

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Creating an ‘Impact Framework’ to enable Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) for ECT

Nikhil Chaudhary, EIT Climate KIC

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Recap: ECT Call application – ‘Impact’ section

- Linking back to the articulation of the **implementation challenge** and **enabling innovation opportunity/ies:** what do **successful outcomes look like,** and how do they enable **whole-city transformation**? Given the European scale, innovation unique to or untested in the EU context..
- **Learnings from interventions** are continuously captured, **but also making time and provision for observing unforeseen/unanticipated outcomes.**
- **Enabling innovation is intended to pave the way for long-term impacts, learning**, promoting and **systemising learning outputs** to make them scalable and transferable
- The ECT Portfolio is aiming at **strategically complementary and synergistic interventions –** what other interventions are cities **proposing to this call** that connect with and can be **leveraged for enhancing/combined impact?**
- The **nature of the ETC programme** and portfolio means interventions that can be (if successful) **replicated across the EU rapidly (speed)** but also how **widely transferable (scale) the interventions are** – both in support of Mission Goals and in terms fo EU-wide and timeline targets for climate neutrality.

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Recap: Selection Criteria – 'Impact' section

Criterion	Description
Innovativeness: Enabling whole-city innovation (15 points)	• **Enabling innovation (expected outcomes):** The proposal clearly articulates expected outcomes to overcome the identified implementation challenge(s), and how this will enable system change / whole-city city transformation towards climate-neutrality. (5 points) • **Openness to unforeseen outcomes (learning enquiries):** The proposal details how the consortium will plan and make space for observing and capturing unforeseen direct or secondary effects, as they emerge. To this end, relevant learning enquiries are framed in the proposal to guide the observation process, and provision is made for how these may evolve. (5 points) • **Innovativeness:** The proposal describes how proposed interventions are cutting edge innovation, relevant to both the applicant city/cities and beyond them (i.e. EU dimension), and have not been successfully implemented or tested on the ground in the European Union. (5 points)
Impact (20 points)	• **Direct Outcomes of interventions:** The proposal comprehensively describes **foreseen early and later changes** in/through the interventions, and how these are expected to lead to longer-term impacts in enabling innovation and implementation at the city-level. (5 points) • **Approach to integrated monitoring, learning and evaluation (MEL): Relevant quantitative or qualitative indicators and a coherent process** to **monitor and continuously assess** both the direct outcomes of interventions (targeted changes) and long-term impacts on GHG emissions and Co-benefits, have been included, and a description of how the MEL approach will be implemented. (5 points) • **Long-term targeted Impacts:** The proposal articulates how the enabling innovation and expected impacts will lead to reduction in GHG emissions and **identifies quantified impacts on GHG emissions** that would be unlocked by the successful outcome(s) deployed at city-scale. **Co-benefits** of the interventions are identified (from a provided catalogue and/or, where applicable, bespoke 'non-standard' co-benefits) and the link demonstrated, with relevant indicators to measure outcomes and impact beyond the scope of direct implementation. (5 points) • **Complementarity for enhanced impact:** The proposal has identified practical complementarities and synergies with one or more other proposal(s) submitted to this Call for Proposals, and articulates how collaboration could **enhance the combined impact** of their respective interventions and proposed outcomes. (5 points)
Enabling innovation interventions' replication and transferability (10 points)	• **Replication (speed):** The proposal describes how the interventions, if/where successful, may be replicated and deployed rapidly across the EU, in support of Mission goals and the target for 2030 climate neutrality. (5 points) • **Transferability (scale):** The proposal presents detailed assumptions of the interventions' potential for transferability to other cities and/or contexts (e.g. national) across the EU. (5 points)

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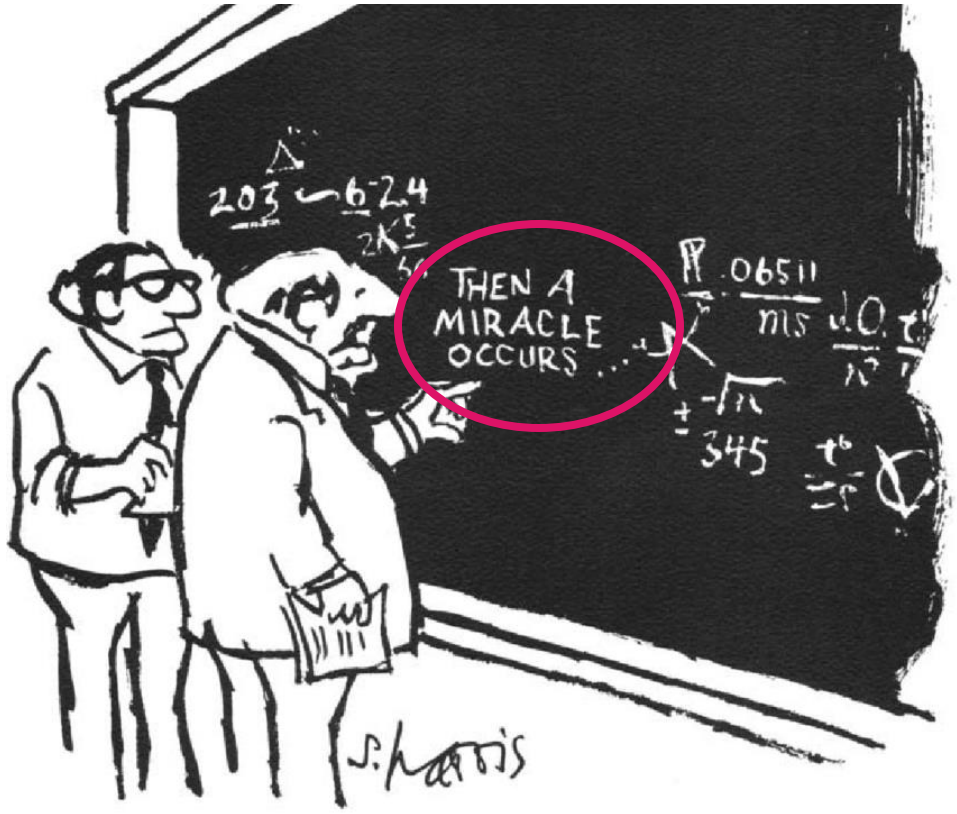
Impact Framework (aka Impact Logic): why needed?

- Enabling conditions are **complex, multi-dimensional, uncertain, non-linear** and may take a longer time to occur
- Many co-benefits are **subjective** (governance, behaviour change, social impact etc.) and difficult to define
- Steps to achieve some critical impacts may be outside the city's **control or mandate**
- Need to agree on a shared understanding of what 'good' looks like and **build consensus with all actors**
- Need for the right evidence and data for realising and **communicating** impacts to all stakeholders
- **Continuously** measure change as it happens, not after!



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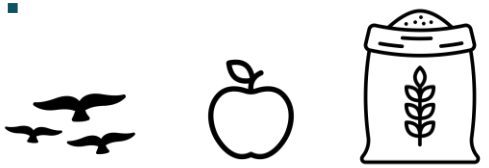
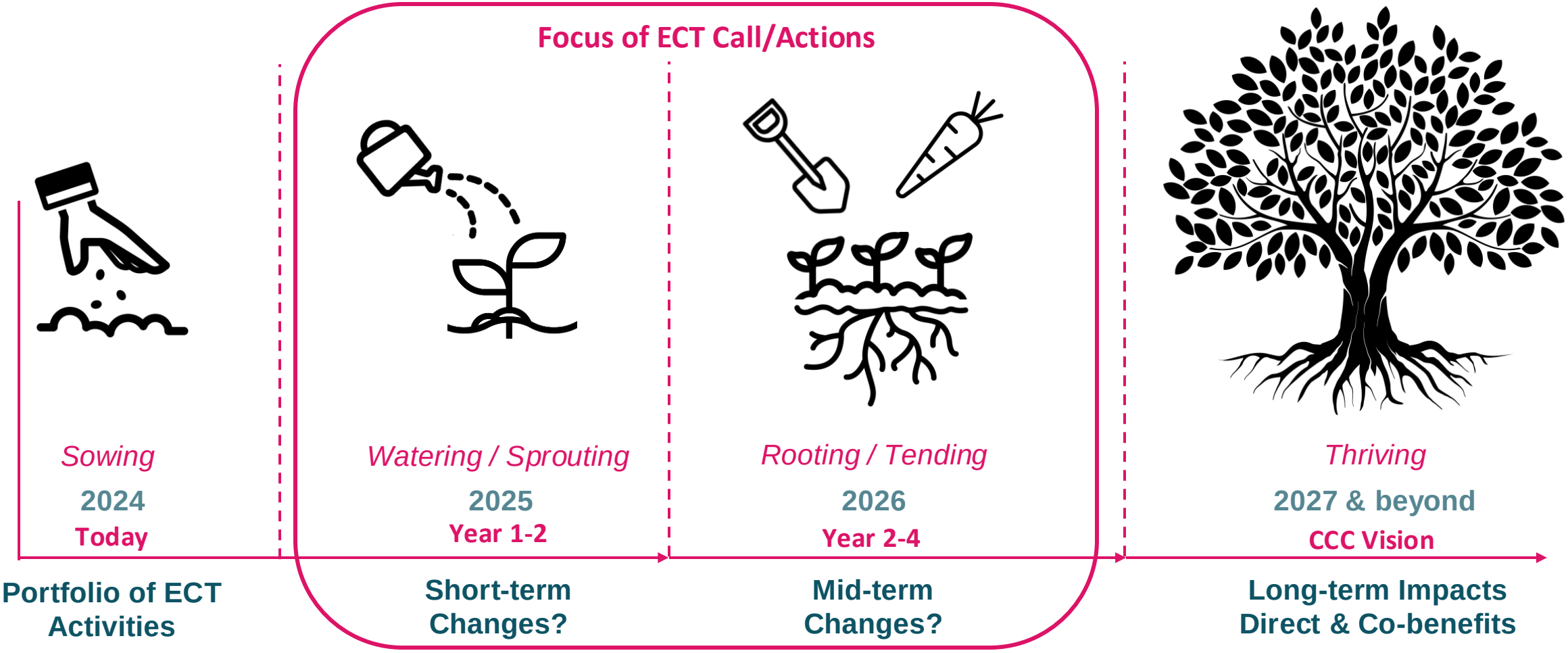
Enabling cities to ‘garden’ for systemic transformation:

Think of the Impact Framework as your proposal’s timeline & contribution





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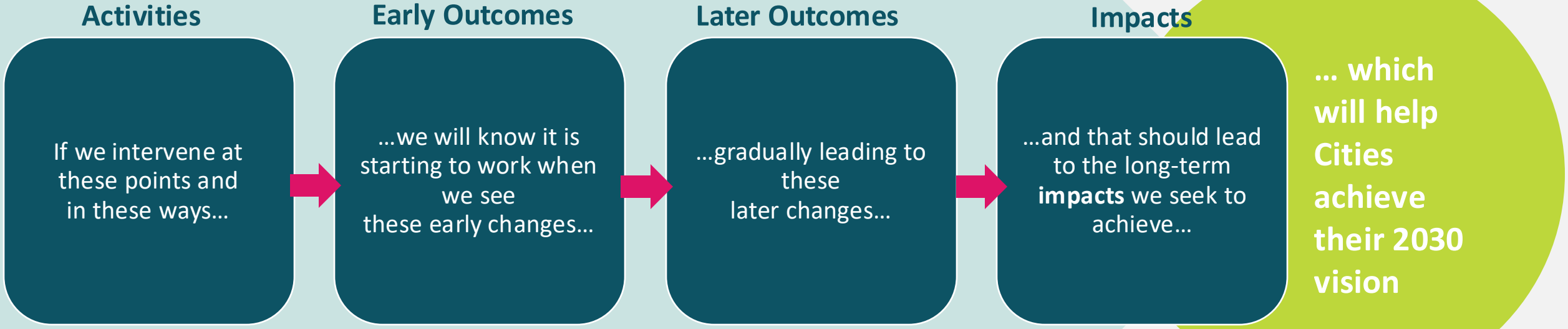
‘Impact Pathways’ tell a story about how systemic transformation is expected to unfold…

Fundamental and connected mechanisms through which complex long-term systems transition is envisioned and managed



… while considering the most important assumptions and risks

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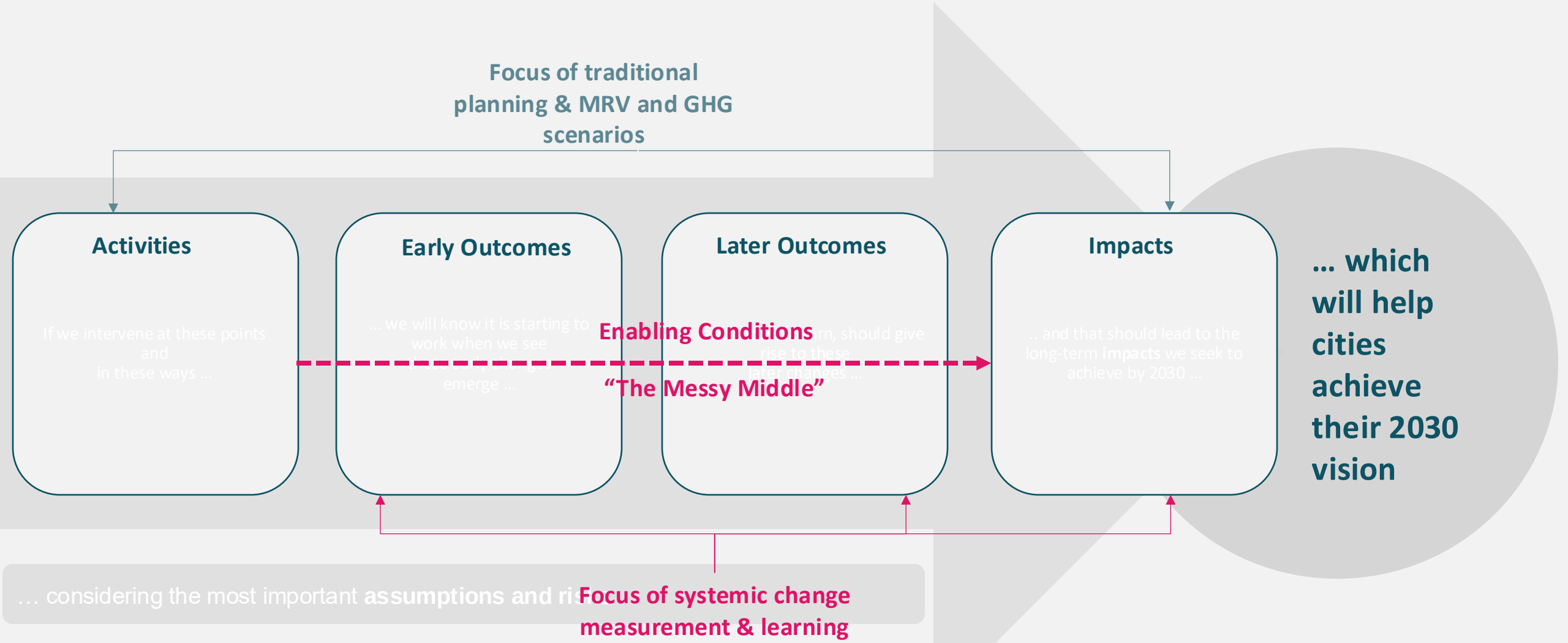
…to allow us to evaluate outcomes as they happen, not only whether the final target was (or wasn't) achieved



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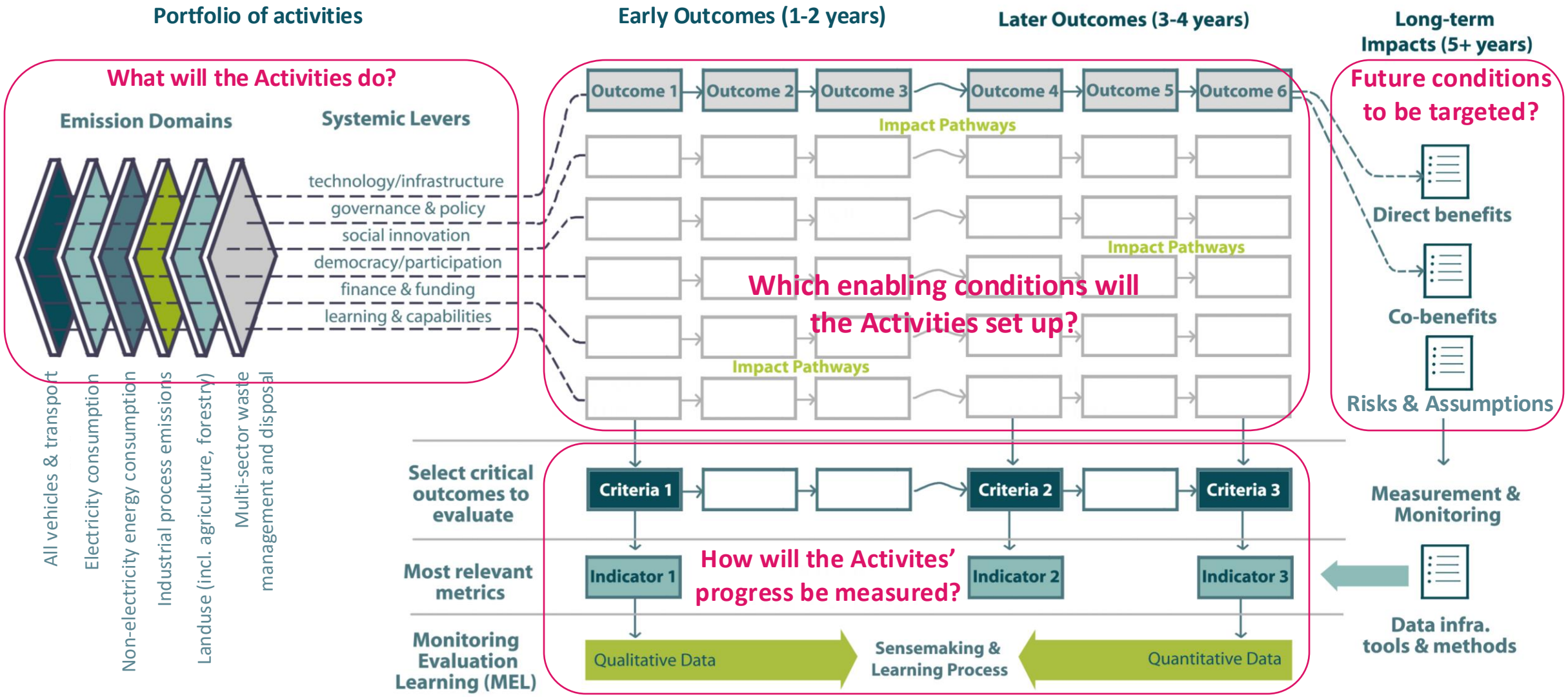
NZC Impact Framework



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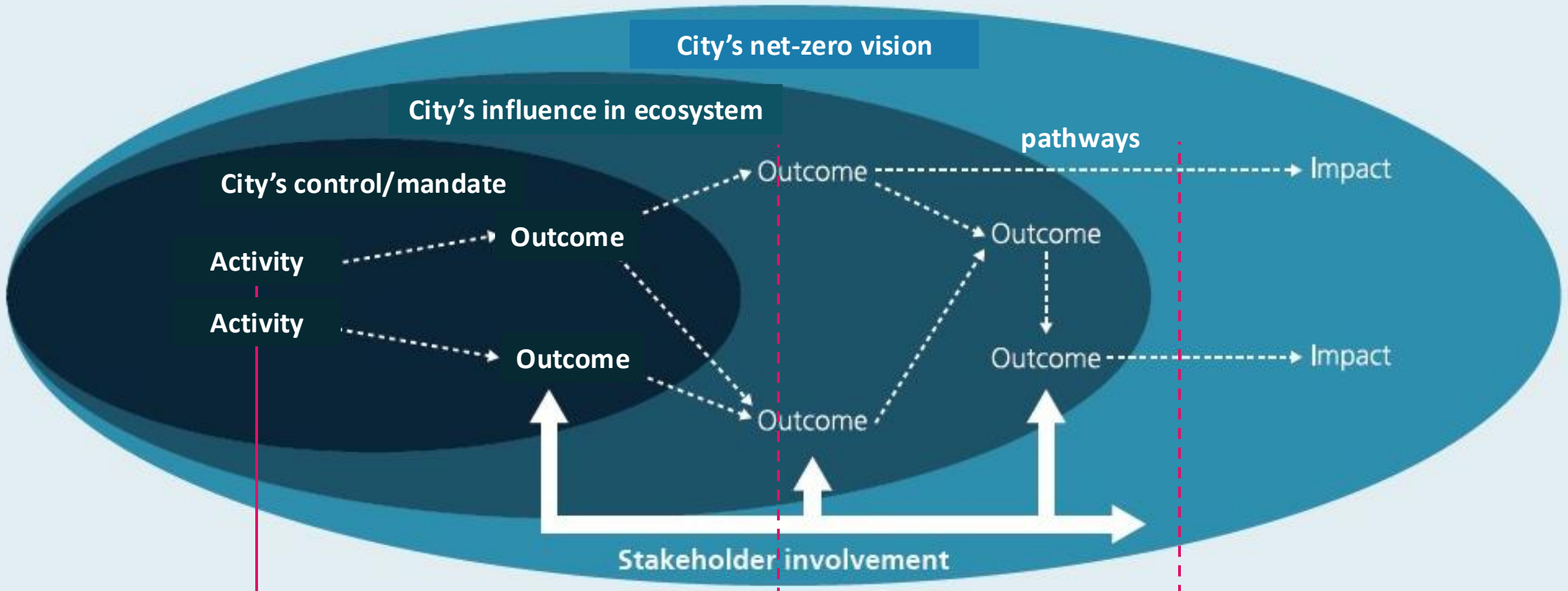
Think of the Impact Framework along the 2-year ECT timeline



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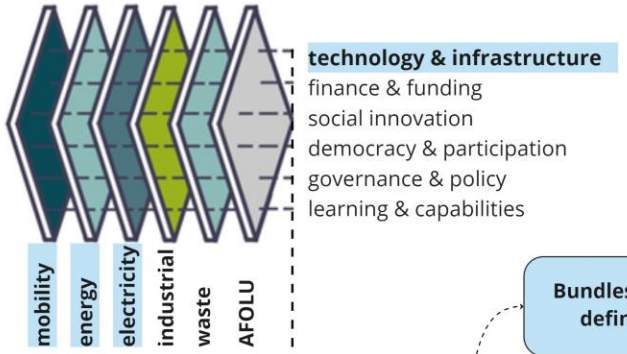
Impact Pathways example 01 – Technological innovation & infra.

Portfolio



Activities

- Emission gap analysis to identify emission domains
- Identify & define systems & connections to intervene in

Early Outcomes (1-2 years)

- Bundles of solutions help define city's actions
- Understanding of barriers & enablers for solutions
- Co-framing of challenges and interconnected problems
- Critical actors identified to build & orient ecosystem
- Selection of test-beds/sites for technologies deployment
- Potential beneficiaries/users of solutions are engaged
- Business models & investment cases created
- New forms of multi-stakeholder collaborations
- Prototyping of a Minimum Viable Product (MVP)

Later Outcomes (3-4 years)

- Improved integration of customised solutions
- Valorisation of new/existing solutions thro' implementation
- Finance mechanisms result in higher investments & capital
- Technologies are successfully adopted by communities
- Monitoring data & new insights from tests & experimentation
- New value-chains & higher demand for integrated solutions
- Enhanced capabilities and skills for city & solution-providers
- New knowledge actively used to inform policies & regulation
- City shapes new markets thro' new regulatory mechanisms
- New procurement models established for cross-sectoral collaboration/governance
- Wider ecosystem and tech-transfer accelerate scaling & replication across city

Impacts & Co-benefits

- GHG reduction are on track with city's 2030 targets
- Co-benefits are realised, measured & communicated

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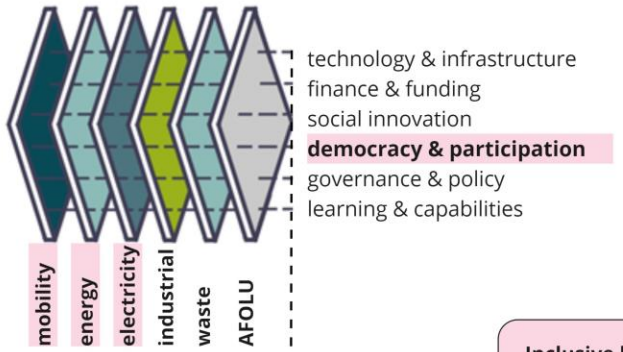
Impact Pathways example 02 – Citizen participation

Portfolio



Activities

- Understand needs of citizens & communities to contribute to city's climate action
- Rapidly grow number of engaged actors to enable the city's entire ecosystem
- Set up infrastructure (funding, expertise, networks) for bottom-up climate action
- Inclusive knowledge helps shape & co-design actions
- Coalitions of actors have well-defined roles to co-design & co-implement climate action
- Capacity building creates a balance of both technical and participation expertise
- Funding with both clear goals and exploration possibilities for cross-sectoral projects

Early Outcomes (1-2 years)

- Democratic innovation establishes processes to deliberate & build consensus
- Citizens' understanding of democratic systems improved
- City develops governance capacity to coordinate & orchestrate networks
- Civic imagination results in co-creation & dissemination of shared narratives
- Democratic vision & action is established as basis for long-term thinking in communities

Later Outcomes (3-4 years)

- Deliberative democracy & distributed agency tested and legitimised thro' city's portfolio
- Dialogue & consensus-building helps citizens' frame their inputs to climate policy/actions
- Citizens see effects of democratic empowerment through their role in influencing solutions
- Citizens experience democratic agency by seeing decisionmakers' responsiveness to their inputs
- Distributed agency & implementation of tangible actions results in co-benefits
- Decision-makers accept & trust citizens' capacities to tackle and support complex issues
- Citizens' engagement/input enables decision-makers to adopt a long-term approach
- Mainstreaming of democratic practice & culture across decision-makers & authorities
- Community partnerships & citizens' role helps establish distributed governance
- Civil society orgs become a trusted voice in marginalized communities
- Scaling up of demonstrated solutions begins across grassroots communities

Impacts & Co-benefits

- Increased competencies, capacities, and capabilities for democratic climate action
- Democratic actions are well-resourced as a long-term priority
- Enhanced participatory culture & processes ensure consent & inclusion in decision-making
- More socially-inclusive climate action with enhanced legitimacy for citizens/communities

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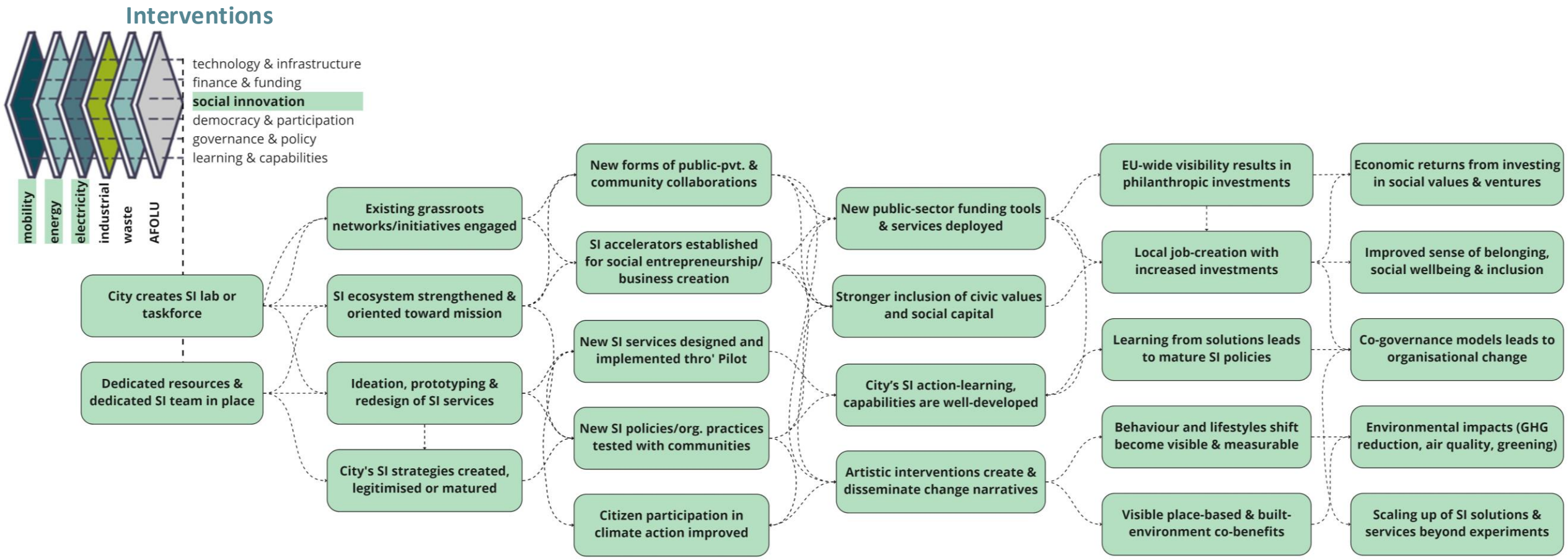
Impact Pathways example 03 – Social Innovation



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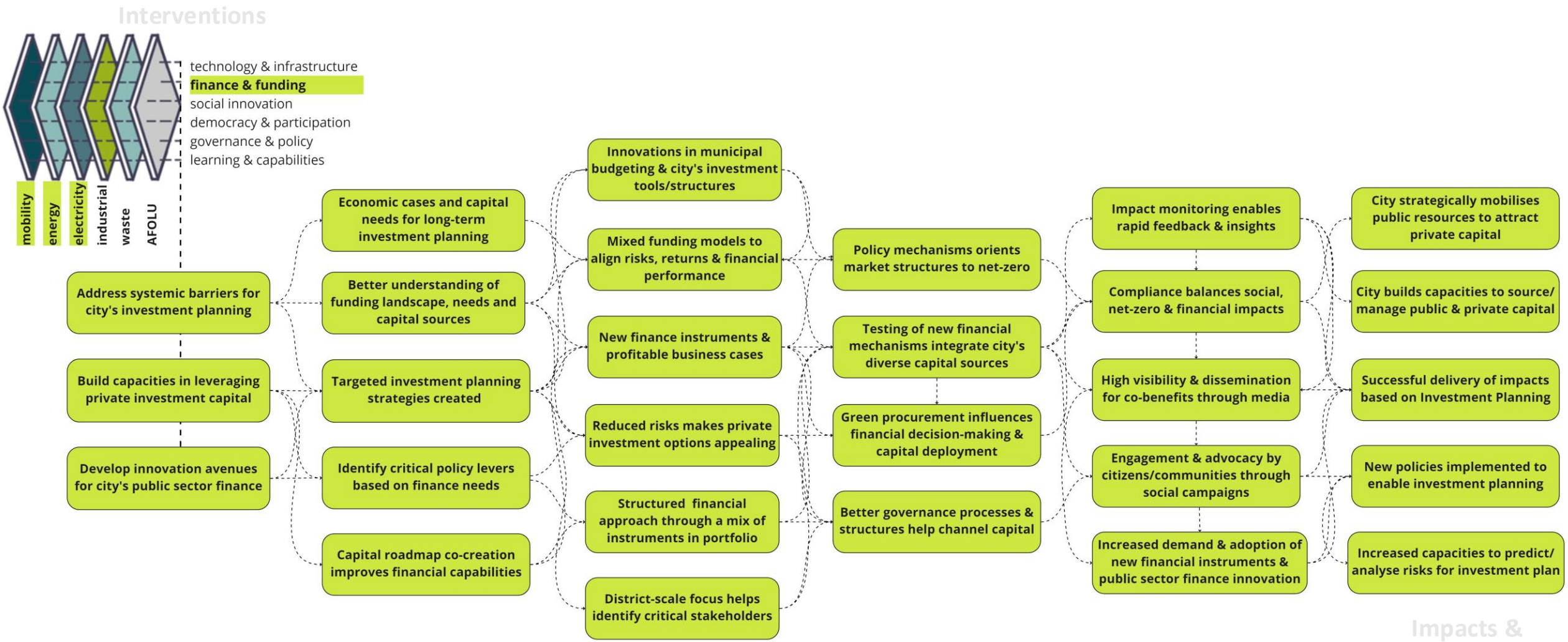
Impact Pathways example 04 – Finance innovation & funding



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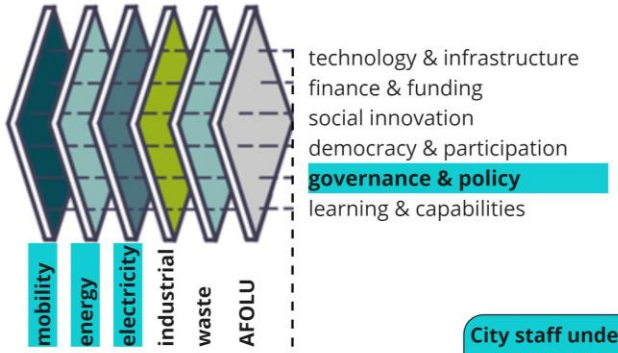
Impact Pathways example 05 – Governance & policy innovation

Interventions



Portfolio

- City begins to integrate/align commitments, Action Plan & testing (Pilots) towards mission
- City identifies systemic barriers for transforming & reimagining the role of city authorities
- City identifies capacities and capabilities needed for institutional transformation

Early Outcomes (1-2 years)

- City staff understand & begin to adopt relevant governance models into their practices
- Trans-dept. collaborations set up for climate mission/targets to be a cross-cutting issue
- New ways of organising multi-actor, multi-level collaborations are successfully tested
- Mission support helps city raise ambition, codify commitments, iterate actions through learning
- City's leadership starts becoming distributed, collaborative and enabling
- City's participatory mechanisms influence admin, budgeting & operational procedures
- City tests and iterates with innovative & long-term policies and/or regulatory mechanisms
- Local, regional and multi-level governance networks support & enhance the city & actors' agency

Later Outcomes (3-4 years)

- Enhanced public sector capabilities deliver innovative, agile policies that responds to systemic risks
- Decision-making processes are transparent, deliberative, and implemented with diverse actors
- Citizens & communities actively participate in policy/regulatory design and implementation
- Continuous learning & reflection enables rapid feedback of insights into decision-making processes
- City maintains continuity of climate actions across multiple admin, election, political cycles
- Multi-level governing structures are networked, cross-sectoral and organised around the mission
- Budgeting & procurement become transparent & adaptive, to allow for inclusion of feedback/learning
- City's steering role as intermediary and orchestrator of networks is established and practiced
- Co-design and co-delivery of public services maximizes of public value and social impacts

Impacts & Co-benefits

- Visionary, long-term and distributed leadership constantly aligned to the mission goals
- Collaborative governance mechanisms with an enhanced culture of participation
- Adaptive or reflexive governance based on real-time insights, evidence and knowledge
- Multi-level governance through national, regional and local actors' networks yields climate impacts

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Impact: New direction & changed terms

PCP

1. Direct net-zero impact (GHG indicator)
2. Indirect Impacts (co-benefits) indicators
3. Pathways to climate-neutrality by outlining Early & Later Outcomes (**short-term** & **medium-term** – within the pilot's duration & beyond)

ECT

1. Direct Outcomes – Early or Later Outcome (**short-term** & **medium-term** – within the project duration & beyond)
2. Long-term *targeted* Direct Impacts (GHG + co-benefits indicators)
3. Integrated MEL process/system
4. Combined/Synergistic Impacts

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Direct Outcomes
(during or after ECT)

Direct Impacts Targeted
(during or after ECT)

Shared idea of ‘success’	⟷	Objective targets of success
How is change happening?	⟷	Measure change ex-post
Short-term / medium-term	⟷	Long-term
Process: How / Who / Where / Why?	⟷	Indicators: What?
Manage risks / uncertainty	⟷	Accountability / Compliance
Backstories	⟷	Success stories
Improve and adapt	⟷	Build evidence / report results
Qualitative insights	⟷	Quantitative data

Continuous Reflection, Stocktaking Learning & Sensemaking

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Summary: Guiding questions for your Impact Logic

- What **fundamental changes** (Direct Outcomes) is your proposal seeking?
- Which **co-benefits/impacts** is your ECT proposal aiming to achieve?
- When does your proposal expect to achieve these changes (**earlier and later**)? Within 18 months or beyond?
- Where and under what **enabling conditions** are these changes going to happen?
- How do you think it will work in practice and how will one change **lead to** another?
- Which **direct impacts and co-benefits** occur when the changes begin to happen?
- What will your city and stakeholders and other partners do to make the changes happen (**ECT actions**)?
- Which are the **learning opportunities** that emerge from testing solutions or implementing activities in the real world?

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Guiding Questions to finalise your Direct Outcomes

- Does this set of outcomes sufficiently capture the ***intent or goal*** of the proposal? If not, what's missing?
- Are the Direct Outcomes clearly and ***specifically*** defined? (i.e., one outcome statement)
- Are there any ***gaps*** in the impact pathways? (e.g., is there an interim outcome that needs to be included?)
- Are the causal ***mechanisms*** for change clear? Can they be explained as **a story**?
- What's the ***evidence*** that supports the links between the various Impact Framework elements? Any existing evidence or data sources? If not, what are the ***evidence gaps***?
- How do the planned ***activities*** connect and contribute to the Direct Outcomes?
- Which are the **common outcomes *across multiple levers***? How could similar outcomes be clustered or combined as a single bold Outcome statement?

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Q&A

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NZC Integrated Monitoring system & ECT Indicators

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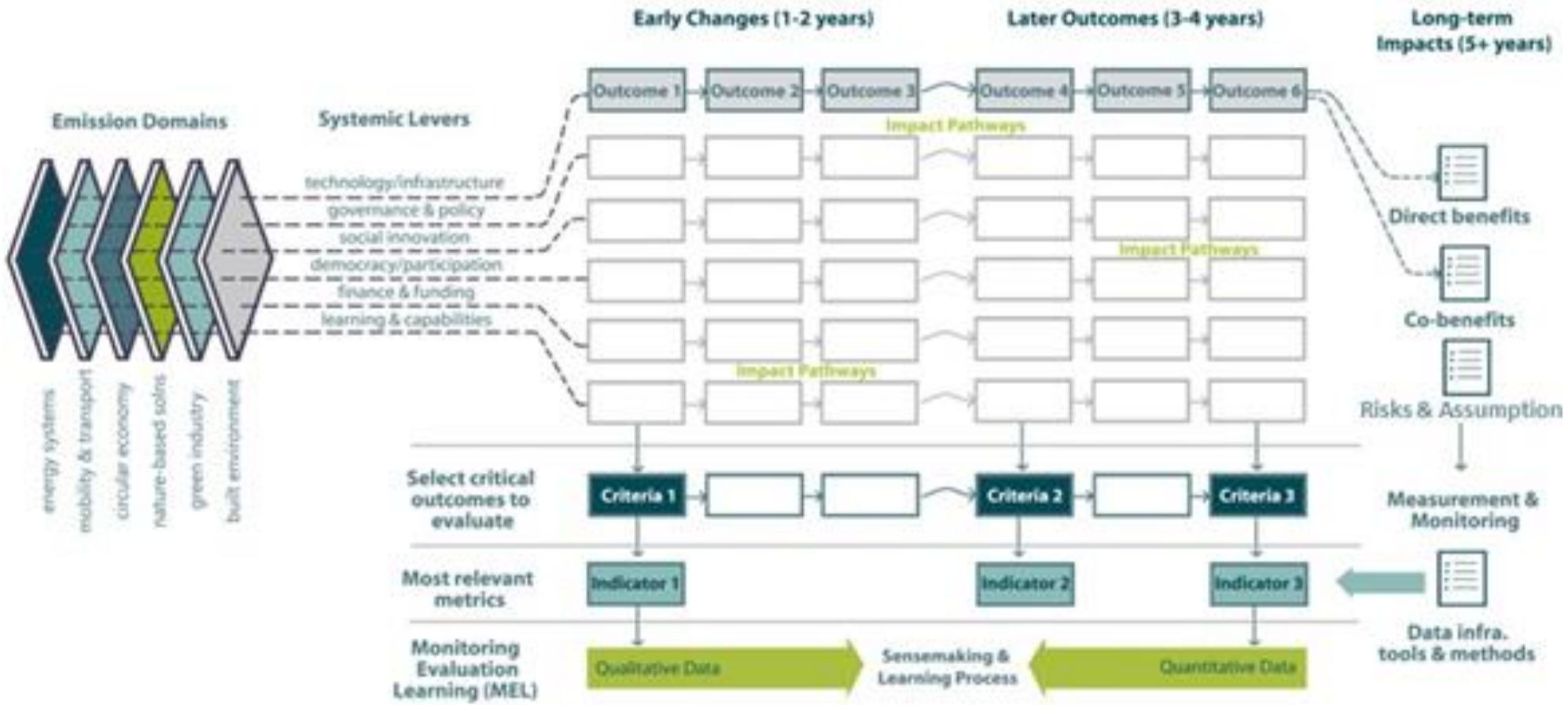
Our Starting Points: The Impact Pathways and the Integrated Monitoring System



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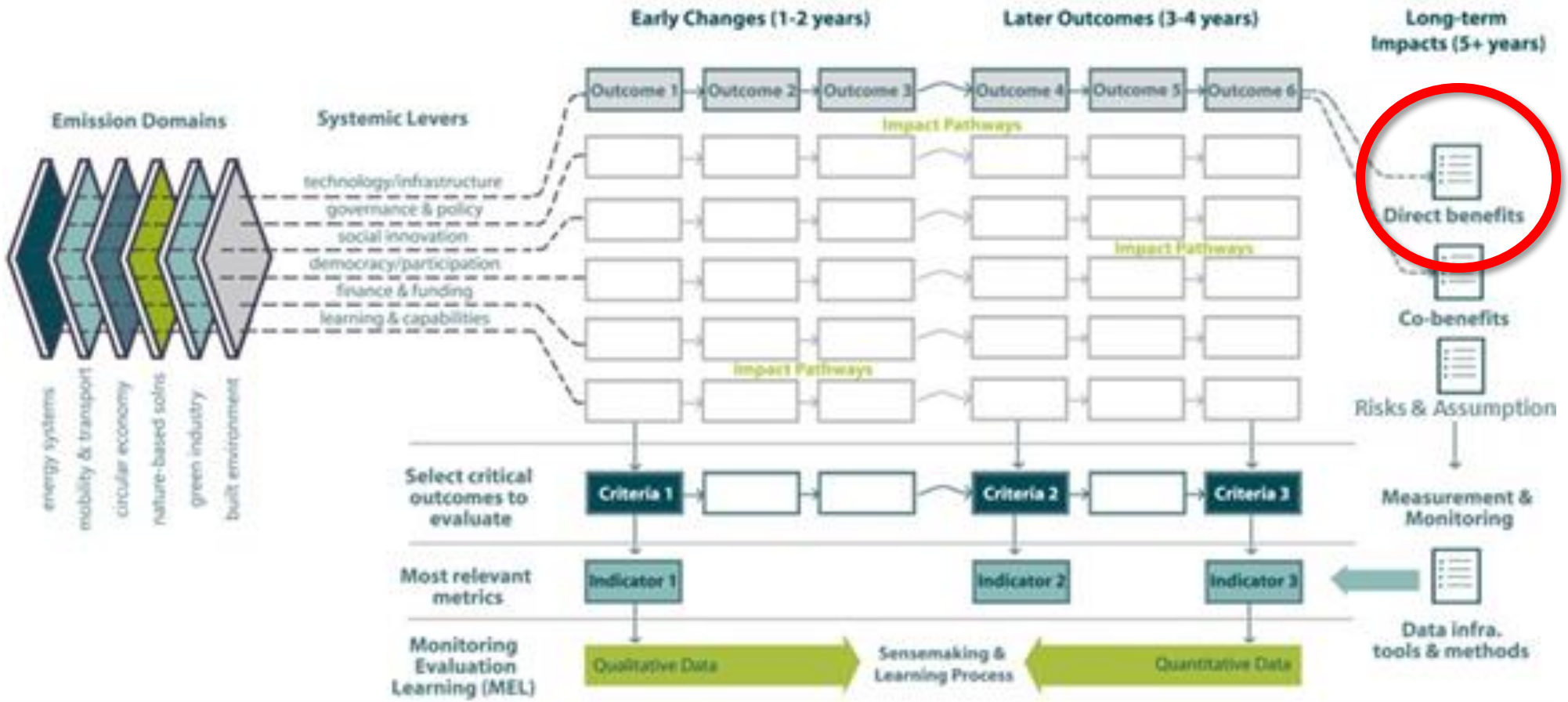
DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR NAME	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	Stationary Energy	GHG emission from stationary energy	t CO2 equivalent
		Energy use by fuel/energy type within city boundary	MWh/year
	Transport and Mobility	GHG emission from transport	t CO2 equivalent
		Fuel consumption for in-boundary transportation per fuel type	MJ/kg/kWh
	Waste and Water	GHG emission from waste	t CO2 equivalent
		Mass of waste processed per end-of-life treatement type within city boundary	t CO2 equivalent
		Mass of waste processed per end-of-life treatement type outside city boundary	t CO2 equivalent
	Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)	GHG emission from IPPU	t CO2 equivalent
		Emission generation potential per unit of input/output for industrial processes within the city boundary	CO2 equivalent per kg of production
		Emissions from non-energy product use	T CO2 equivalent
	Agriculture, Foresty and other Land Use (AFOLU)	GHG emission from AFOLU	t CO2 equivalent
		Net annual rate of change in carbon stocks per hectare of land	t CO2/ha
	Energy Generation	Local RES energy production	MWh
		Energy Autonomy	%
Public Health & Environment	Air quality	PM2.5 concentration levels	µg/ m3
		PM10 concentration levels	# of days
		NO2 concentration levels	µg/ m3
	Noise pollution	% of population exposed to night-time noise (Lnight) >= 50 dB	%
		% of population exposed to avg. LDEN >= 55dB	%
	Road safety road safety	Road Deaths	# of deaths / 100,000 inhabitants
		Traffic safety active modes	# of deaths / 1000,000,000 trips
	Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect Temperature Increase and Heatwave Incidence	Urban Heat Island (UHI) Effect	°C UHImax
		Mean value of daily maximum temperature (TXX)	°C TXX
		Mean value of daily minimum temperature (TNN)	°C TNN
		Heatwave (HW) incidence	# of HW in summer
	Physical and mental well being	Wellbeing of citizens (questionnaire)	Likert scale
	Liveability, attractiveness & aesthetics of the built environment	Green Spaces	hectares / 100,000
		Quality of public spaces	# (rating from 0 to 10 of overall satisfaction with green and non-green public spaces)
	Equitable & affordable access to housing	Affordabilty of Housing	% of households
		Fuel poverty	% of households
Social Inclusion, Innovation, Democracy and Cultural Impact Co Benefits	Citizen & communities' participation	Openness of public participation processes	% of processes
	City capacities for participation / engagement	Policy support for promoting climate neutrality	# Number
		Citizen involvement in co-creation/co-design of climate neutrality actions	# Number
	Improved social justice	GINI coefficient	#
	Social cohesion, gender, equality & equity Functioning of democratic institutions	Inclusion of different social groups	Likert (number)
		Voter participation	% of people
	Social Innovation	Skills and Capacity Building – Social Innovation Experts	# Number
		Skills and Capacity Building - Social Innovation skills development activities	# Number
		Empowerment and Inclusion – Inclusion and Collaboration	# Number
		Funding for Social Innovation initiatives for climatFunding for Social Innovation initiatives for climate neutrality	# Number (euros)
	Behavior change towards low carbon lifestyle and practice	Energy consumption per household	KWh
		Modal share of green transport modes and public transport)	%
Economy	Investment in R&I	Research intensity	%
	Number of skilled jobs & rate of employment	Green jobs	% of jobs
		Youth umemployment rate	% of people
	Economic thriving	GDP	Gross Domestic Product	€/cap
	Technological readiness & rate of adoption	Adoption rate of key climate neutral technologies	%
	Local entrepreurship & local businesses / ventures	Climate-Neutral City Start-ups	#/100.000
		New businesses registered	#/100.000
		Surviving number of new companies registered after year 3	#/100.000
Resource Efficiency	Waste management and efficiency	Recycling rate of municipal waste	%
	Deployment of material cycles & circular economy	Recycling rate for specific material streams	%
		Circular Material Use Rate (CMU)	%
		Resource Productivity	Euro/Weight
	Water management	Household water consumption	litres/capita/day
		% of urban wastewater meeting the UWWTD requirements	%
	Sustainable and resilient food production	Local food production	%
		Food waste volume	t/cap
	Land use management practice	Growth rate of urbanized land	m²/capita/year
		Brownfield use	% of km2
	Urban Forestry, Plantation & Improved Plant Health	Percentage of tree canopy within the city	% of the municipal area
	Ecological awareness	Citizen's awareness regarding sustainabilty and the environment	Likert scale
		Pro-environmental identity	Likert scale
Digitalisation and Smart Urban Technology	Green ICT and Smart Metering	% of households and buildings with reduced energy consumption as a consequence of installing smart energy metres	% of households
		% of households and buildings with reduced water consumption as a consequence of installing smart water meters	% of households
		% of municipal buildings equipped with building energy management systems	% of public buildings
	EGovernment	% of city services available online	% of total services
		Improvement in online government services	Likert Scale
	Access to information	Business-to-government (B2G) data sharing	# of Private Datasets Shared with the City / Local Authority
	Urban Data Platforms	Usage of Urban Data Platforms	# Users /Day
		User Satisfaction with Urban Data Platforms	User Satisfaction Score (Likert Scale)
Finance and Investment	Public Spending	Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects	EUR million
		Budget Assigned to Climate Action Projects	% of City Budget
		Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects per Capita	EUR thousand
	External Spending	Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects	EUR million
		Coverage of Climate Finance Gap	% of Capital Deficit Covered
	Capital Efficiency	Emission Return on Invested Capital	EUR million
	Fiscal Responsibility	Cost Coverage	% of Costs Covered

Mandatory/ recommended indicators (see indicator name)

Required

Recommended

Direct Benefits….



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		Emissions from non-energy product use	T CO2 equivalent
	Agriculture, Foresty and other Land Use (AFOLU)	GHG emission from AFOLU	t CO2 equivalent
		Net annual rate of change in carbon stocks per hectare of land	t CO2/ha
	Energy Generation	Local RES energy production	MWh
		Energy Autonomy	
Public Health & Environment	Air quality		µg/ m3
		PM10 concentration levels	# of days
		NO2 concentration levels	µg/ m3
	Noise pollution	% of population exposed to night-time noise (Lnight) >= 50 dB	%
		% of population exposed to avg. LDEN >= 55dB	%
	Road safety road safety	Road Deaths	# of deaths / 100,000 inhabitants
		Traffic safety active modes	# of deaths / 1000,000,000 trips
	Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect Temperature Increase and Heatwave Incidence	Urban Heat Island (UHI) Effect	°C UHImax
		Mean value of daily maximum temperature (TXX)	°C TXX
		Mean value of daily minimum temperature (TNN)	°C TNN
		Heatwave (HW) incidence	# of HW in summer
	Physical and mental well being	Wellbeing of citizens (questionnaire)	Likert scale
	Liveability, attractiveness & aesthetics of the built environment	Green Spaces	hectares / 100,000
		Quality of public spaces	# (rating from 0 to 10 of overall satisfaction with green and non-green public spaces)
	Equitable & affordable access to housing	Affordabilty of Housing	% of households
		Fuel poverty	% of households
Social Inclusion, Innovation, Democracy and Cultural Impact Co Benefits	Citizen & communities' participation	Openness of public participation processes	% of processes
	City capacities for participation / engagement	Policy support for promoting climate neutrality	# Number
		Citizen involvement in co-creation/co-design of climate neutrality actions	# Number
	Improved social justice	GINI coefficient	#
	Social cohesion, gender, equality & equity Functioning of democratic institutions	Inclusion of different social groups	Likert (number)
		Voter participation	% of people
	Social Innovation	Skills and Capacity Building – Social Innovation Experts	# Number
		Skills and Capacity Building - Social Innovation skills development activities	# Number
		Empowerment and Inclusion – Inclusion and Collaboration	# Number
		Funding for Social Innovation initiatives for climatFunding for Social Innovation initiatives for climate neutrality	# Number (euros)
	Behavior change towards low carbon lifestyle and practice	Energy consumption per household	KWh
		Modal share of green transport modes and public transport)	%
Economy	Investment in R&I	Research intensity	%
	Number of skilled jobs & rate of employment	Green jobs	% of jobs
		Youth umemployment rate	% of people
	Economic thriving	GDP Gross Domestic Product	€/cap
	Technological readiness & rate of adoption	Adoption rate of key climate neutral technologies	%
	Local entrepreurship & local businesses / ventures	Climate-Neutral City Start-ups	#/100.000
		New businesses registered	#/100.000
		Surviving number of new companies registered after year 3	#/100.000
Resource Efficiency	Waste management and efficiency	Recycling rate of municipal waste	%
	Deployment of material cycles & circular economy	Recycling rate for specific material streams	%
		Circular Material Use Rate (CMU)	%
		Resource Productivity	Euro/Weight
	Water management	Household water consumption	litres/capita/day
		% of urban wastewater meeting the UWWTD requirements	%
	Sustainable and resilient food production	Local food production	%
		Food waste volume	t/cap
	Land use management practice	Growth rate of urbanized land	m²/capita/year
		Brownfield use	% of km2
	Urban Forestry, Plantation & Improved Plant Health	Percentage of tree canopy within the city	% of the municipal area
	Ecological awareness	Citizen's awareness regarding sustainabilty and the environment	Likert scale
		Pro-environmental identity	Likert scale
Digitalisation and Smart Urban Technology	Green ICT and Smart Metering	% of households and buildings with reduced energy consumption as a consequence of installing smart energy metres	% of households
		% of households and buildings with reduced water consumption as a consequence of installing smart water meters	% of households
		% of municipal buildings equipped with building energy management systems	% of public buildings
	EGovernment	% of city services available online	% of total services
		Improvement in online government services	Likert Scale
	Access to information	Business-to-government (B2G) data sharing	# of Private Datasets Shared with the City / Local Authority
	Urban Data Platforms	Usage of Urban Data Platforms	# Users /Day
		User Satisfaction with Urban Data Platforms	User Satisfaction Score (Likert Scale)
Finance and Investment	Public Spending	Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects	EUR million
		Budget Assigned to Climate Action Projects	% of City Budget
		Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects per Capita	EUR thousand
	External Spending	Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects	EUR million
		Coverage of Climate Finance Gap	% of Capital Deficit Covered
	Capital Efficiency	Emission Return on Invested Capital	EUR million
	Fiscal Responsibility	Cost Coverage	% of Costs Covered

Mandatory/ recommended indicators (see indicator name)

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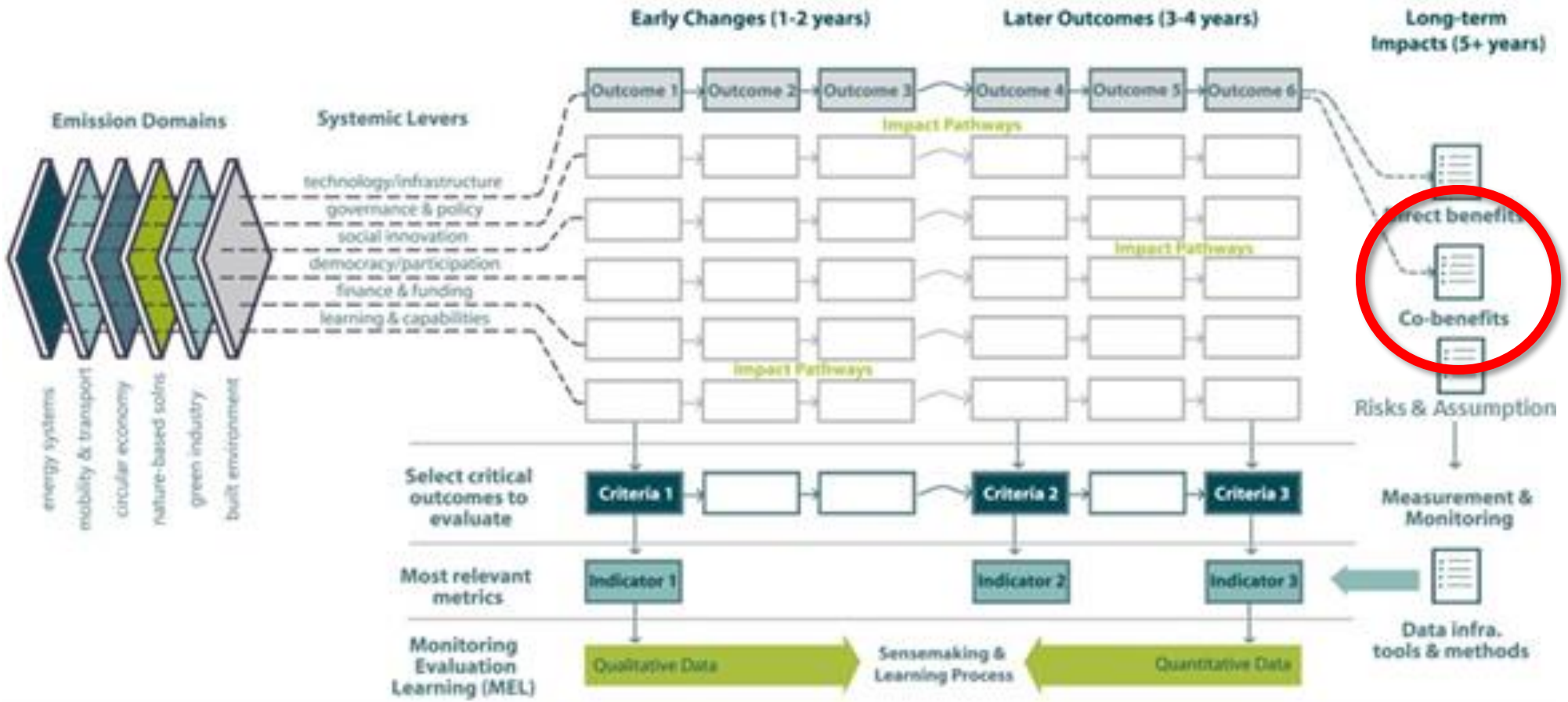
Recommended

…and Co-Benefits



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DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR NAME	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	Stationary Energy	GHG emission from stationary energy	t CO2 equivalent
		Energy use by fuel/energy type within city boundary	MWh/year
	Transport and Mobility	GHG emission from transport	t CO2 equivalent
		Fuel consumption for in-boundary transportation per fuel type	MJ/kg/kWh
	Waste and Water	GHG emission from waste	t CO2 equivalent
		Mass of waste processed per end-of-life treatement type within city boundary	t CO2 equivalent
		Mass of waste processed per end-of-life treatement type outside city boundary	t CO2 equivalent
	Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)	GHG emission from IPPU	t CO2 equivalent
		Emission generation potential per unit of input/output for industrial processes within the city boundary	CO2 equivalent per kg of production
		Emissions from non-energy product use	T CO2 equivalent
	Agriculture, Foresty and other Land Use (AFOLU)	GHG emission from AFOLU	t CO2 equivalent
		Net annual rate of change in carbon stocks per hectare of land	t CO2/ha
	Energy Generation	Local RES energy production	MWh
		Energy Autonomy	%
Public Health & Environment	Air quality	PM2.5 concentration levels	µg/ m3
		PM10 concentration levels	# of days
		NO2 concentration levels	µg/ m3
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Economy	Investment in R&I	Research intensity	%
	Number of skilled jobs & rate of employment	Green jobs	% of jobs
		Youth unemployment rate	people
	Economic thriving GDP	Gross Domestic Product	€/cap
	Technological readiness & rate of adoption	Adoption rate of key climate neutral technologies	%
	Local entrepreurship & local businesses / ventures	Climate-Neutral City Start-ups	#/100.000
		New businesses registered	#/100.000
		Surviving number of new companies registered after year 3	#/100.000
Resource Efficiency	Waste management and efficiency	Recycling rate of municipal waste	%
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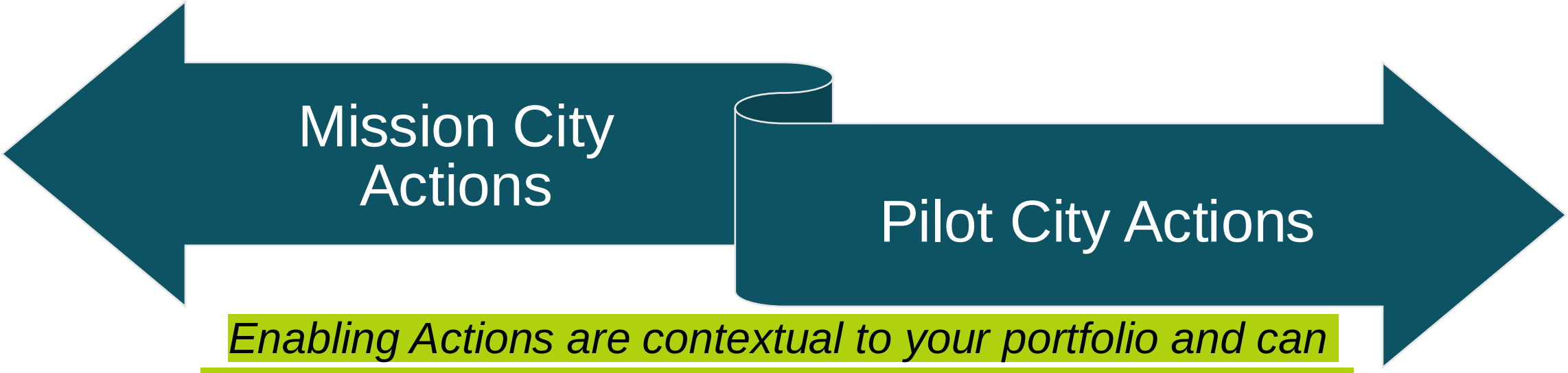
- **Required**
- Recommended

Difference between monitoring Mission City actions and Pilot activities



Enabling Actions are contextual to your portfolio and can be within or between both categories (Timeline: 18 months)

- Aligned with City/EU Mission
- Described in CCC Action Plan
- Strategic / Commitments
- Timeline: 2030

- Responding to local needs
- VERY specific
- Implementation-oriented
- Timeline: 2 years' project duration

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Modification of the Indicator System needed!

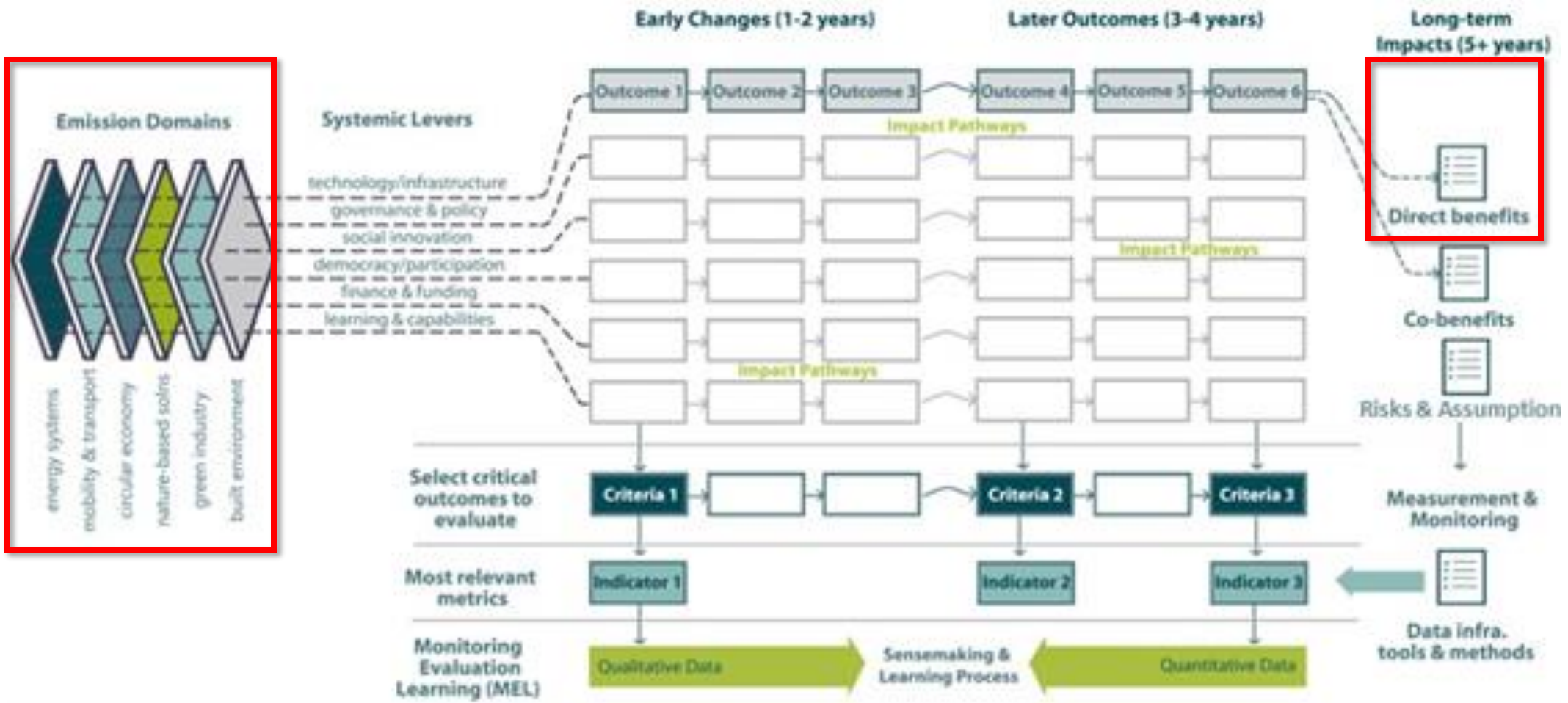
Indicators for CNAP 02019

- Mandatory
- Optional

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR NAME	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	Stationary Energy	GHG emission from stationary energy	t CO2 equivalent
		Fuel combustion within city boundary	MJ
	Transport	GHG emission from transport	t CO2 equivalent
		Fuel consumption for in-boundary transportation per	MJ
	Waste	GHG emission from waste	t CO2 equivalent
		Mass of waste processed per end-of-life treatement type	t
		Mass of waste processed per end-of-life treatement type	t
	Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)	GHG emission from IPPU	t CO2 equivalent
		Emission generation potential per unit of input/output for	CO2 equivalent per kg of production
	Agriculture, Foresty and other Land Use (AFOLU)	GHG emission from AFOLU	t CO2 equivalent
		Net annual rate of change in carbon stocks per hectare of	t CO2/ha
	Grid-supplied energy (electricity, heat, steam or cooling)	GHG emission from grid supplied energy	t CO2 equivalent
		Grid specific emission factor	g CO2/
		Grid loss factor	
Public Health & Environment	Improved air quality	PM2.5 concentration levels	µg/ m3
		PM10 concentration levels	# of days
		NO2 concentration levels	µg/ m3
	Reduced noise pollution	% of adult population with High Sleep Disturbance	%
		[illegible]	[illegible]
	Increased road safety	Road Deaths	# of deaths / 100,000
		Traffic safety active modes	# of deaths / 1000.000.000of trips
	Reduced heat island effect	Urban Heat Island	°C UHImax
	Enhanced physical & mental well being	Wellbeing of citizens (questionnaire)	Likert scale
	Enhanced liveability, attractiveness & aesthetics of the built environment	Green Spaces	hectares / 100,000
		Quality of public spaces	#
	Equitable & affordable access to housing	Affordabilty of Housing	% of households
		Fuel poverty	% of households
		Diversity of Housing	#
Social inclusion, democracy & cultural impact	Enhanced citizen & communities' participation	Openness of public participation processes	% of projects
	Improved city capacities for participation / engagement	Trainings on SI for climate neutrality	# of civil servants trained
		Cross-departmental task forces or design thinking teams	# of participants
	Improved social justice	GINI coefficient	#
	Improved social cohesion, gender, equality & equity	Inclusion and collaborations	#
	Improved functioning of democratic institutions	Voter participation	% of people
	Improved access to information	Open data sets	# of OGD data sets on climate neutrality shared
		Increase in online government services	Likert scale
	Behavior change towards low carbon lifestyle and practice	Energy consumption per household	kWh
		Modal share of green transport modes (walking, biking and public	%
		Household expenditure portfolios	€

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR NAME	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Economy	Increased investment in R&I	Research intensity	%
	Increased number of skilled jobs & rate of employment	Green jobs	% of jobs
		[illegible]	[illegible]
	Increased economic thriving	GDP: Gross Domestic Product	€/cap
	Increased technological readiness & rate of adoption	Adoption rate of key climate neutral technologies	%
	Local economic activity & global connectivity	European and international partnerships on climate-neutral	#
		International events held	#/100.000
	Increased local entrepreurship & local businesses / ventures	Climate-Neutral City Start-ups	#/100.000
		New businesses registered	#/100.000
	Mainstreaming of new economic models like proximity & sharing economy	Innovation hubs	# of innovation hubs / 100,000
Resource efficiency	Improved waste management and efficiency	Municipal waste generated per capita	t/cap
		% of municipal waste landfilled	%
	Increased deployment of material cycles & circular economy	Domestic material consumption	t
		Recycling rate of municipal waste	%
		Recycling rate for specific material streams	%
		Circular Material Use Rate (CMU)	%
		Resource Productivity	Euro/Weight
	Enhanced water management	[illegible] consumption	[illegible]
		[illegible]	[illegible]
	Sustainable food production	Local food production	%
		Food waste volume	t/cap
		[illegible]	[illegible]
	Improved land use management practice	Growth rate of urban [illegible]	[illegible]/year
		Brownfield use	% of km2
	Energy	Energy independence	%
		Increase in local renewable energy production	% in kWh
Biodiversity	Increased Urban Forestry, Plantation & Improved Plant Health	Percentage of tree canopy within the city	% of the municipal area
	Increased non-invasive species & polinators	Change in the number of species of birds in built-up	% of change in species
	Increased ecological awareness	Citizen's awareness regarding sustainabilty and the	Likert scale
		Ecological habitat connection	Likert scale
	Enhanced ecological habitat connection	Structural connectivity of green spaces	ha
	Improved nature restauration	Percentage of protected natural areas, restored and naturalized, on public land	%

Pilot City Indicators for Direct Benefits



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GHG Emissions (12 indicators)

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	Total GHG emissions	Total greenhouse gas emissions per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Stationary energy	GHG emission per year from stationary energy per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Transport	GHG emission from transport per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Waste	GHG emission from waste per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Industrial processes and product use	GHG emission from industrial processes and product use per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Agriculture, forestry and land use (AFOLU)	GHG emission from agriculture, forestry and land use per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Grid supplied energy	GHG emission from grid supplied energy per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Energy Consumption	Change in the total energy consumption per year	kWh/year
	Energy Efficiency	Change in energy efficiency over the lifetime of the project	%
	Share of Renewable Energies	Change in the energy mix over the lifetime of the project	%
	Carbon capture and residual emissions	Amount of permanent sequestration of GHG within city boundary	t CO2 equivalents / year
	GHG emissions	Change of the greenhouse gas emissions per sector during the lifetime of the project	t CO2 equivalents / year

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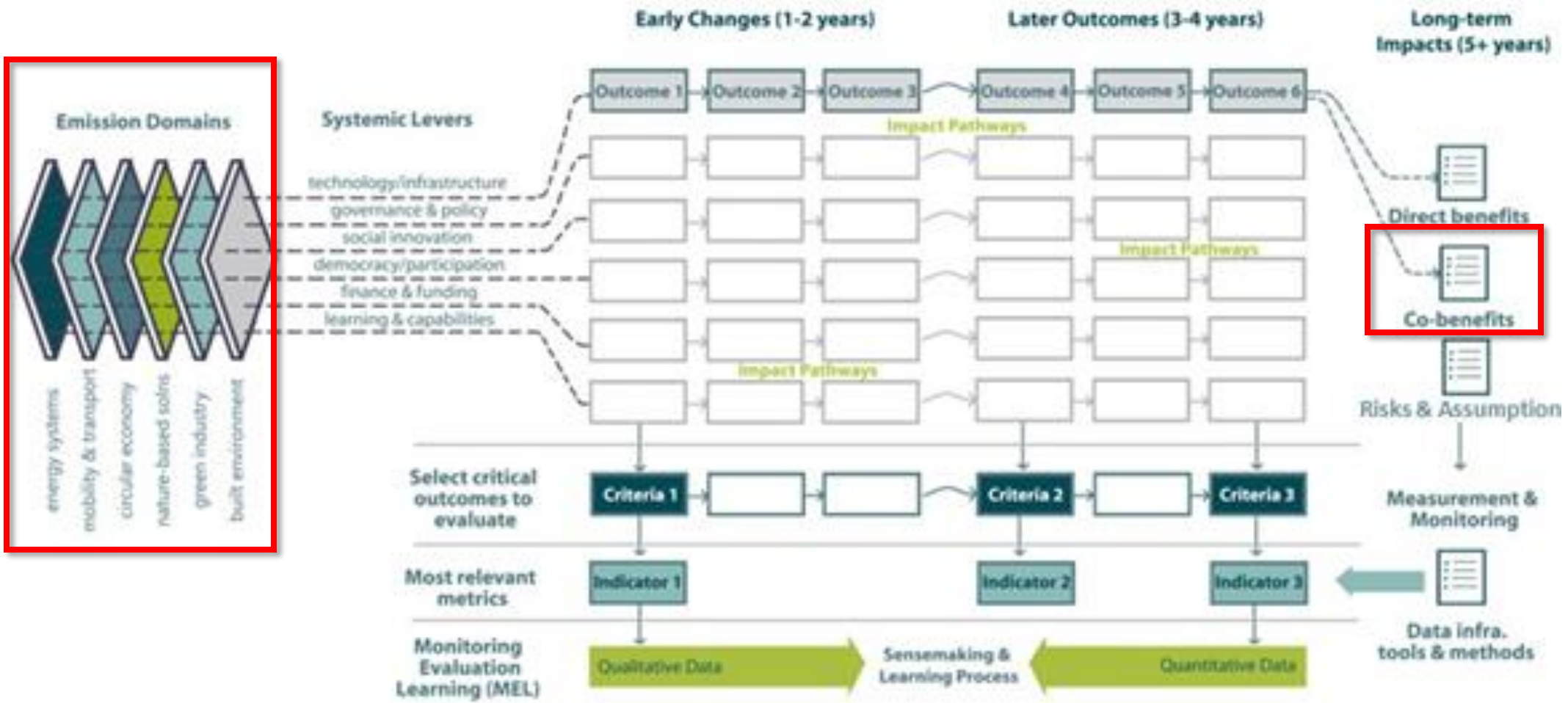
Pilot City Indicators for Co-Benefits



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Public Health & Environment

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Public Health & Environment	Air quality	Improved air quality	Highest annual mean of PM2.5 concentration recorded [µg PM2.5/ m³]
	Noise	Reduction of noise pollution	% of population exposed to avg. LDEN > 55dB (annual average)
	Health	Improved physical and mental wellbeing	Likert scale; 5 scales to be determined in local survey
	Quality of Life	Perceived change in the quality of life	Likert scale; 5 scales to be determined in local survey

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Social Inclusion, Innovation, Democracy and Cultural Impact

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Social Inclusion, Innovation, Democracy and Cultural Impact	Citizen & Communities Participation	Improved citizen participation	# of citizens engaged through the Pilot activities
	Capacity of the public administration	Improvement in skills and awareness	# of public officers trained through the Pilot activities
	Social cohesion	Affordability of housing and energy	% of disposable household income spent on housing and energy
	Digitalisation	Improved acceptance of digital solutions	total # of users per digital solution
	Social Innovation	Number of participative activities implemented per stakeholder group	total # of counseled activities
	Scientific or Communication Outreach of the project	Scientific publications, social campaigns etc	total # of scientific publications
	Upscaling & Replication	Number of follow-up projects or districts	total # of follow-up projects

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Economy

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN		INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Economy	Investment in R&I		Improved investments in climate change action	€ invested over the lifetime of the pilot project
	Skilled Jobs & Employment		Newly created sustainable jobs	total # of newly created jobs
	Technological readiness		Number of solutions suggested for implementation in local strategies	total # of impemented solutions over the lifetime of the project
	Local Entrepreneurship & Local Businesses		Creation of Start-ups, accelerators or tech innovation	total # of start ups created during the lifetime of the project
	Increase in Efficiency		Savings in working time achieved	Working hours / per year saved
	Revenues generated		Revenues generated by the project	total € during the lifetime of the project excluding funding

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Resource Efficiency

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Resource Efficiency	Waste management and efficiency	Urban waste reduction; Biowaste recovery	% of recycled domestic waste of the total domestic waste generation
	Circular Economy	Re-use of material during construction or renovation	% of recycled construction material of the total construction material used in the process
	Water Management	Improved water management	Household water consumption [l /capita/day]
	Land use management	Improved land use management practices (e.g. urban greening)	m² of public green space / inhabitant

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Biodiversity

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Biodiversity	Urban Forestry Plantation and Improved Plant Health	Percentage of tree canopy within the city	% of the municipal area
	Non-Invasive Species and Pollinators	Change in the number of species of birds in built-up areas	% of change in species
	Ecological Habitat Connection	Structural connectivity of green spaces	Degree of physical ("structural") connectivity between natural environments within a defined urban area

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Digitalisation and Smart Urban Technology

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Digitalisation and Smart Urban Technology	Green ICT and Smart Metering	% of households and buildings with reduced energy consumption as a consequence of installing smart energy meters	% of households
		% of households and buildings with reduced water consumption as a consequence of installing smart water meters	% of households
		% of municipal buildings equipped with building energy management systems	% of public buildings
	EGovernment	% of city services available online	% of total services
	Access to information	Business-to-government (B2G) data sharing	# of Private Datasets Shared with the City / Local Authority
	Urban Data Platforms	Usage of Urban Data Platforms	# Users / Day

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Finance and Investment

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Finance and Investment	Public Spending	Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects per Capita	EUR thousand
	External Financing	Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects from External Finance	EUR million
	Capital Efficiency	Emission Return on Invested Capital	EUR million

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Indicators for ECT application

DOMAIN	SUBDOMAIN	INDICATOR	SUGGESTED UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	Total GHG emissions	Total greenhouse gas emissions per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Stationary energy	GHG emission per year from stationary energy per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Transport	GHG emission from transport per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Waste	GHG emission from waste per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Industrial processes and product use	GHG emission from industrial processes and product use per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Agriculture, forestry and land use (AFOLU)	GHG emission from agriculture, forestry and land use per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Grid supplied energy	GHG emission from grid supplied energy per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
	Energy Consumption	Change in the total energy consumption per year	kWh/year
	Energy Efficiency	Change in energy efficiency over the lifetime of the project	%
	Share of Renewable Energies	Change in the energy mix over the lifetime of the project	%
	Carbon capture and residual emissions	Amount of permanent sequestration of GHG within city boundary	t CO2 equivalents / year
	GHG emissions	Change of the greenhouse gas emissions per sector during the lifetime of the project	t CO2 equivalents / year
Public Health & Environment	Air quality	Improved air quality	Highest annual mean of PM2.5 concentration recorded [µg PM2.5 / m³]
	Noise	Reduction of noise pollution	% of population exposed to avg. LDEN > 55dB (annual average)
	Health	Improved physical and mental wellbeing	Likert scale; 5 scales to be determined in local survey
	Quality of Life	Perceived change in the quality of life	Likert scale; 5 scales to be determined in local survey
Social Inclusion, Innovation, Democracy and Cultural Impact	Citizen & Communities Participation	Improved citizen participation	# of citizens engaged through the Pilot activities
	Capacity of the public administration	Improvement in skills and awareness	# of public officers trained through the Pilot activities
	Social cohesion	Affordability of housing and energy	% of disposable household income spent on housing and energy
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	Urban Data Platforms	Usage of Urban Data Platforms	# Users /Day

Economy	Investment in R&I	Improved investments in climate change action	€ invested over the lifetime of the pilot project
	Skilled Jobs & Employment	Newly created sustainable jobs	total # of newly created jobs
	Technological readiness	Number of solutions suggested for implementation in local strategies	total # of implemented solutions over the lifetime of the project
	Local Entrepreneurship & Local Businesses	Creation of Start-ups, accelerators or tech innovation	total # of start ups created during the lifetime of the project
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	Revenues generated	Revenues generated by the project	total € during the lifetime of the project excluding funding
Finance and Investment	Public Spending	Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects per Capita	EUR thousand
	External Spending	Capital Invested in Climate Action Projects from External Finance	EUR million
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	Capital Efficiency	Emission Return on Invested Capital	EUR million
	Fiscal Responsibility	Cost Coverage	% of Costs Covered
Resource Efficiency	Waste management and efficiency	Urban waste reduction; Biowaste recovery	% of recycled domestic waste of the total domestic waste generation
	Circular Economy	Re-use of material during construction or renovation	% of recycled construction material of the total construction material used in the process
	Water Management	Improved water management	Household water consumption [l /capita/day]
	Land use management	Improved land use management practices (e.g. urban greening)	m² of public green space / inhabitant
Biodiversity	Urban Forestry Plantation and Improved Plant Health	Percentage of tree canopy within the city	% of the municipal area
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Standardised Indicators (GHG + Co-benefits)

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ECT-specific Customised Indicators

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7 Steps towards successful ECT MEL

1. Check the list of indicators in the **ECT Indicator Set (45 indicators)** and select those that are most relevant for your activities and informed by your impact pathways.
2. **Please do not forget to include standardised indicators for GHG and co-benefits, this is mandatory (at least one per section)!**
3. Define additional indicators that you consider relevant to assess tangible impacts of your project in the customised sections.
4. Strike a good balance of both qualitative and quantitative indicators based on your Direct Outcomes.
5. Check the future availability of the data sets necessary to select the relevant indicators.
6. Consider responsibilities in your local team and governance needed to organise the streams of data (collection/analysis/synthesis) for future reporting (if selected).
7. Kick-off data collection after successful selection and initiate impact assessment!

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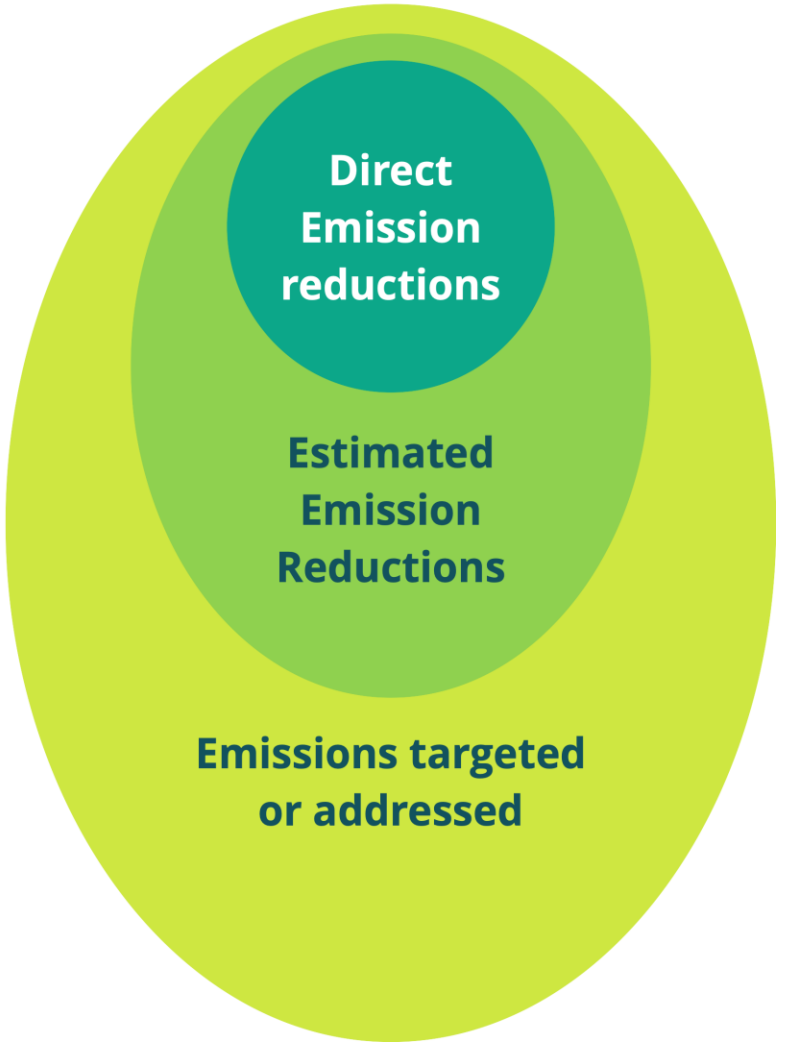
How could GHG/Co-benefit impacts be described for ECT indicators?

Quite often, **enabling actions do not have directly measurable or allocable impacts in short duration** on emissions or immediate co-benefits. To tackle this barrier, we have broadened the view on types of impact through a tiered system:

- **Direct emission reductions:** these are exact and actual emission reduction achieved through specific ECT activities within the project duration of 18 months – such as retrofit, change in energy systems, change in transport modal share etc.
- **Estimated GHG emission reduction:** these are estimated approx. reduction in emissions expected from ECT activities which may not happen within the project duration (e.g. setting up a new construction process, creating a new waste-to-energy plant etc.)
- **GHG Emissions targeted/addressed**: for actions that focus on creating enabling conditions (such as governance structures, capacity building, ecosystem development, citizen engagement, policy/regulation etc), you can estimate the approx. figure of emissions that the action might be targeting. These is the long-term ambition/potential the of proposal beyond the project duration.



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Guided Tour:
Filling the Impact Framework template

Section 1 (Direct Outcomes), Section 2 (GHG Impacts), Section 3 (Co-benefits), Section 4 (Integrated MEL)

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Before we take a tour of the Impact Framework template…

- See it as your canvas for detailing your **impact pathway to achieve the vision**…
- Then fill in the template with the details of what you intend to measure, and how?
- …and, in order to drive this, what you will target in **the timeline of the interventions (18 months)** – to test your impact hypothesis/assumptions and learn from this journey…

*But please bear in mind **the Assessment Criteria** in the Call Guidelines!*

Ultimately, it is against these points that your Impact Framework will be assessed in the application stage.

Following selection, we will work with you to refine your impact framework, and what/how you will measure progress, impact, outcomes (to learn)

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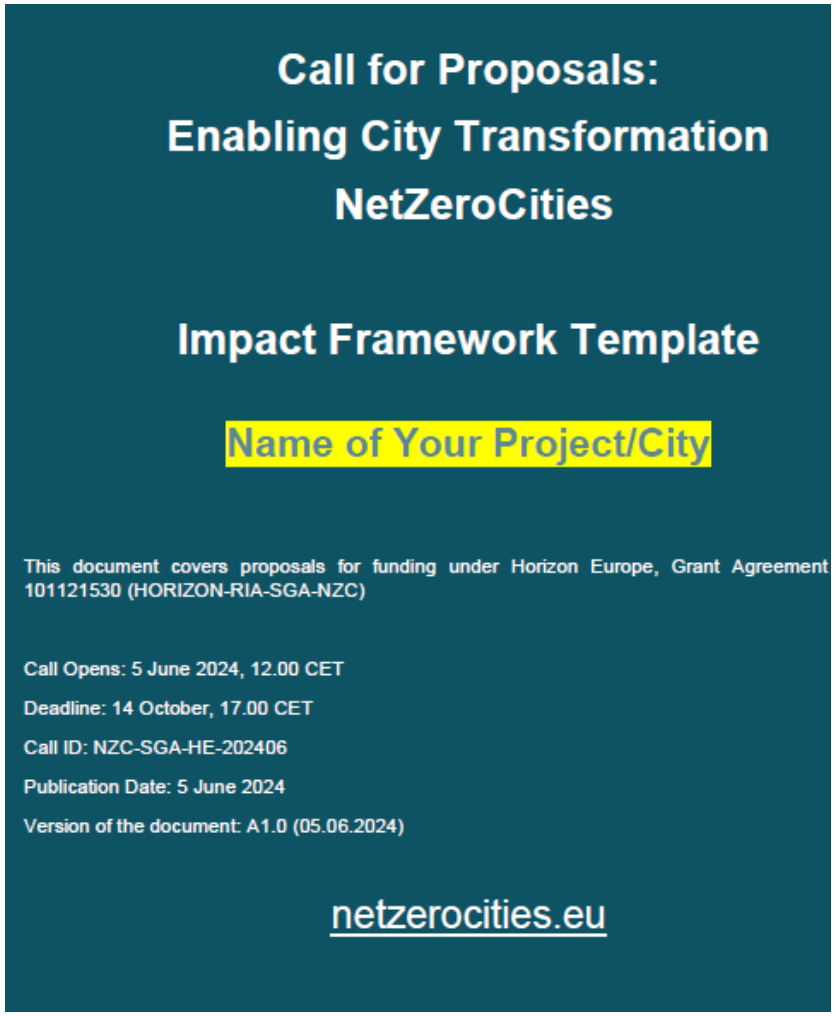
What does ECT Impact Framework template cover?



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Impact Framework Template

Name of Your Project/City

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1 Outcomes to unlock pathways to climate-neutrality (descriptive text)

Questions: How will the proposed activities enable positive change in your city within and beyond their direct scope, along pathways towards climate-neutrality? Which are the combined effects expected due to enhanced synergies between multiple projects/activities? (Up to 500 words)

Note: Later Outcomes also include the combined effects or synergies of your project with one or more other proposal(s) submitted to this Call for Proposals

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1 Outcomes to unlock pathways to climate-neutrality (descriptive text)

1.1 Direct Outcomes (Early and Later)

Activity or Intervention name	Select relevant Lever(s) of Change	Describe an Early Outcome related to this activity or intervention.	Describe a Later Outcome related to this activity or intervention or synergies, beyond the direct scope of the activity.
Please add as applicable	**Select one or more as applicable –** ▪ Technology and infrastructure ▪ Governance and policy ▪ Financing and funding ▪ Social innovation ▪ Democracy and participation ▪ Capacities and capabilities ▪ Data and digitalisation ▪ Procurement	Please describe as applicable	Please describe as applicable
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A Useful Resource

- Selecting key outcomes based on systemic levers **(over 150 outcomes mapped by NZC)**
- Guidance on how to operationalise your impact pathways for MEL & Sensemaking
- Framing your impact narrative for consensus-building & communication on systemic climate-neutrality

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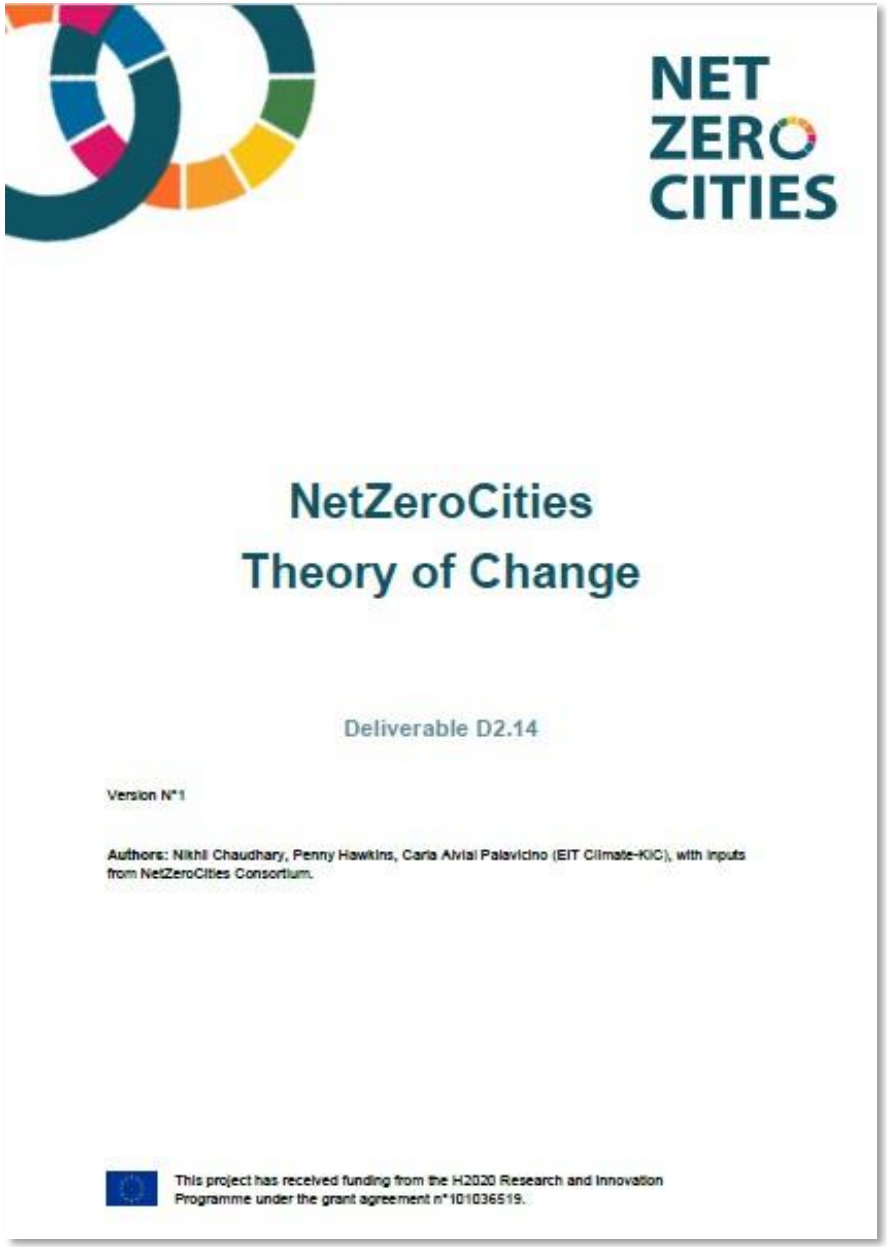

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Theory of Change

Deliverable D2.14

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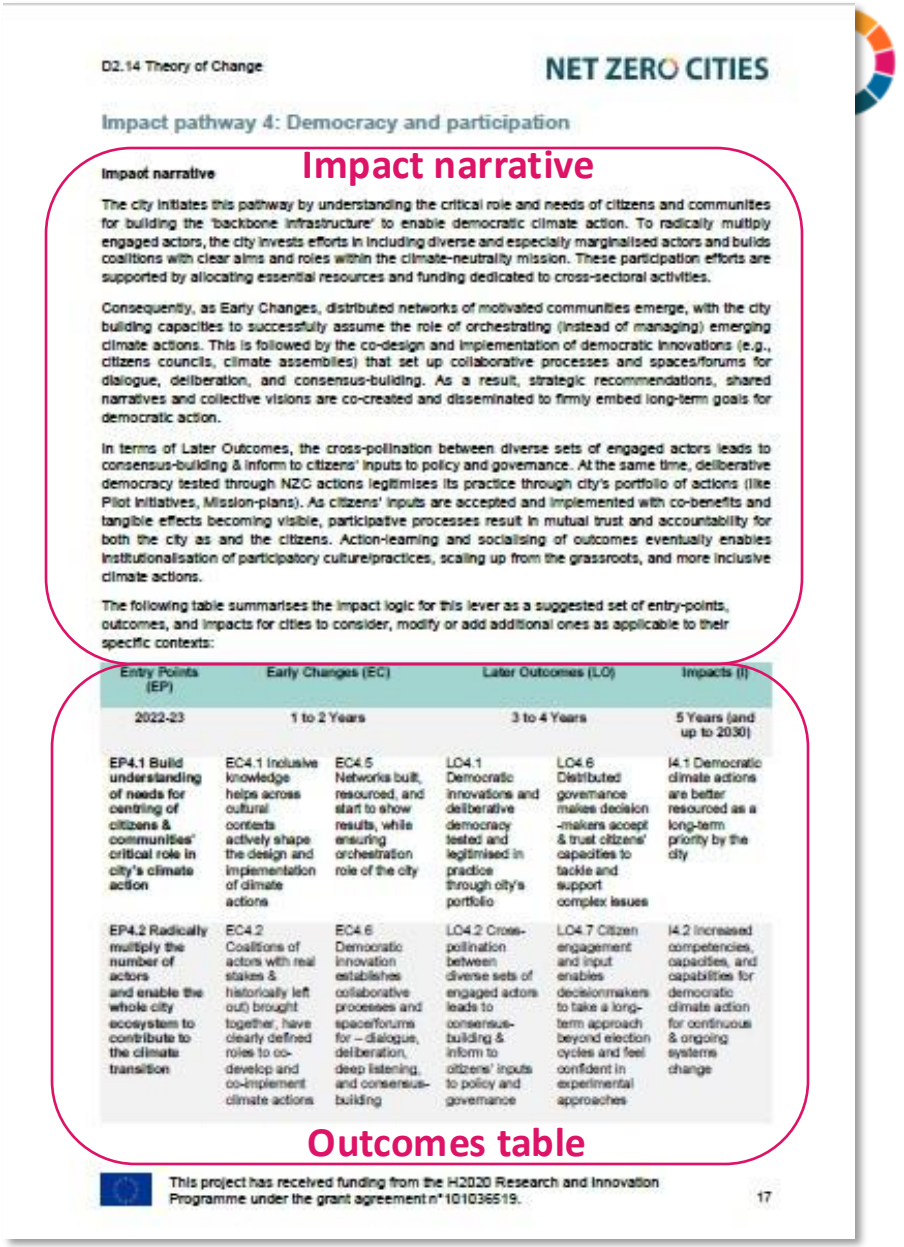

Impact pathway 4: Democracy and participation

Impact narrative

Impact narrative

The city initiates this pathway by understanding the critical role and needs of citizens and communities for building the 'backbone infrastructure' to enable democratic climate action. To radically multiply engaged actors, the city invests efforts in including diverse and especially marginalised actors and builds coalitions with clear aims and roles within the climate-neutrality mission. These participation efforts are supported by allocating essential resources and funding dedicated to cross-sectoral activities.

Consequently, as Early Changes, distributed networks of motivated communities emerge, with the city building capacities to successfully assume the role of orchestrating (instead of managing) emerging climate actions. This is followed by the co-design and implementation of democratic innovations (e.g., citizens councils, climate assemblies) that set up collaborative processes and spaces/forums for dialogue, deliberation, and consensus-building. As a result, strategic recommendations, shared narratives and collective visions are co-created and disseminated to firmly embed long-term goals for democratic action.

In terms of Later Outcomes, the cross-pollination between diverse sets of engaged actors leads to consensus-building & inform to citizens' inputs to policy and governance. At the same time, deliberative democracy tested through NZC actions legitimises its practice through city's portfolio of actions (like Pilot initiatives, Mission-plans). As citizens' inputs are accepted and implemented with co-benefits and tangible effects becoming visible, participative processes result in mutual trust and accountability for both the city as and the citizens. Action-learning and socialising of outcomes eventually enables institutionalisation of participatory culture/practices, scaling up from the grassroots, and more inclusive climate actions.

The following table summarises the impact logic for this lever as a suggested set of entry-points, outcomes, and impacts for cities to consider, modify or add additional ones as applicable to their specific contexts:

Entry Points (EP)	Early Changes (EC)		Later Outcomes (LO)		Impacts (I)
2022-23	1 to 2 Years		3 to 4 Years		5 Years (and up to 2030)
EP4.1 Build understanding of needs for centring of citizens & communities' critical role in city's climate action	EC4.1 Inclusive knowledge helps across cultural contexts actively shape the design and implementation of climate actions	EC4.5 Networks built, resourced, and start to show results, while ensuring orchestration role of the city	LO4.1 Democratic innovations and deliberative democracy tested and legitimised in practice through city's portfolio	LO4.6 Distributed governance makes decision -makers accept & trust citizens' capacities to tackle and support complex issues	I4.1 Democratic climate actions are better resourced as a long-term priority by the city
EP4.2 Radically multiply the number of actors and enable the whole city ecosystem to contribute to the climate transition	EC4.2 Coalitions of actors with real stakes & historically left out) brought together, have clearly defined roles to co-develop and co-implement climate actions	EC4.6 Democratic innovation establishes collaborative processes and spaces/forums for – dialogue, deliberation, deep listening, and consensus-building	LO4.2 Cross-pollination between diverse sets of engaged actors leads to consensus-building & inform to citizens' inputs to policy and governance	LO4.7 Citizen engagement and input enables decisionmakers to take a long-term approach beyond election cycles and feel confident in experimental approaches	I4.2 Increased competencies, capacities, and capabilities for democratic climate action for continuous & ongoing systems change

Outcomes table

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2 Long-term Direct Impacts Section (text summary + table)

2.1 GHG Impacts (Standardised)

Please use this section to capture the GHG impacts of your proposed activities or interventions and refer to NZC ECT Indicator Set (a separate excel sheet available in the Application Templates section of the Call website) for further details.

Activity or Intervention name	GHG Emission Domain	Emission Sub-domain	Quantitative indicator	Metric/unit of measurement *(How will this impact be measured?)*
Please add as applicable	**Select one or more from –** ▪ All vehicles and transport (mobile energy) ▪ Consumption of electricity generated for buildings, facilities, & infrastructure ▪ Consumption of non-electricity energy for thermal uses in buildings & facilities ▪ Land use (including agriculture, forestry, and other land uses) ▪ Multi-sector waste management and disposal ▪ Industrial process emissions	**Select from as applicable –** ▪ GHG emissions ▪ Total GHG emissions ▪ Stationary energy ▪ Transport ▪ Waste ▪ Industrial processes and product use ▪ Agriculture, forestry, and land use (AFOLU) ▪ Grid supplied energy ▪ Energy Consumption ▪ Energy Efficiency ▪ Share of Renewable Energies ▪ Carbon capture and residual emissions	Select from the suggested list of 12 indicators in NZC ECT Indicator Set as applicable	Select from suggested list of units in NZC ECT Indicator Set or add your own as applicable
Please add/remove rows as applicable				

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Only names of indicators and units.

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ECT Indicator Set (12 Standardised GHG Indicators to select from)

	GHG Emissions/Impact Domain	Subdomain	Indicator	Suggested Unit of Measurement
1	Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	Total GHG emissions	Total greenhouse gas emissions per year	t CO2 equivalents / year
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10	Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	Share of Renewable Energies	Change in the energy mix over the lifetime of the project	%
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28	Digitalisation and Smart Urban Technology	Access to information	Business-to-Government (B2G) data sharing	# of Private Datasets Shared with the Ci
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2 Long-term Direct Impacts Section

2.2 GHG Impacts (Customised according to city/project)

Please use this section to capture the quantitative GHG impacts of your proposed activities or interventions (those not included in NZC ECT Indicator Set).

Activity or Intervention name	**GHG Emission Domain**	**Emission Sub-domain**	**Quantitative indicator**	**Metric/unit of measurement** *(How will this impact be measured?)*
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3 Indirect Impacts or Co-benefits Section (text summary + table)

3.1 Co-benefits (Standardised)

Please use this section to capture the co-benefits of your proposed activities or interventions and refer to NZC ECT Indicator Set for further details.

Activity or Intervention Name	Domain	Sub-domain	Quantitative or qualitative indicator	Metric/unit of measurement *(How will this impact be measured?)*
Please add as applicable	**Select from as applicable –** ▪ Public Health and environment ▪ Social Inclusion, Innovation, Democracy and Cultural Impact ▪ Digitalisation and Smart Urban Technology ▪ Economy ▪ Finance and Investment ▪ Resource efficiency ▪ Biodiversity	Select from 31 recommended Co-benefit Sub-domains from the NZC ECT Indicator Set (please see excel spreadsheet in the Application Templates section of the Call website)	Select from the suggested list of 33 indicators in NZC ECT Indicator Set	Select from suggested list of units in NZC ECT Indicator Set or add your own as applicable
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3 Indirect Impacts or Co-benefits Section

3.2 Co-benefits (Customised according to city/project)

Please use the following section to describe the details of the Co-benefits of your proposed activities or interventions (not included in NZC ECT Indicator Set).

Activity or Intervention name	**Describe Co-benefit related to this activity or intervention**	**Emission Domain(s)**	**Lever(s)**	**Custom quantitative or qualitative indicator**	**Custom metric/unit of measurement *(How will this impact be measured?)***
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An integrated Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning (MEL) process for ECT

-- to put actionable insights into practice through Sensemaking

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4 Integrated MEL System for your city/project

Questions: How will your city/project build an integrated Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning (MEL) system to continuously and holistically measure progress/impacts through both qualitative and qualitative data? How will this system enable evidence-based, agile decision-making and sensemaking? (Up to 500 words)

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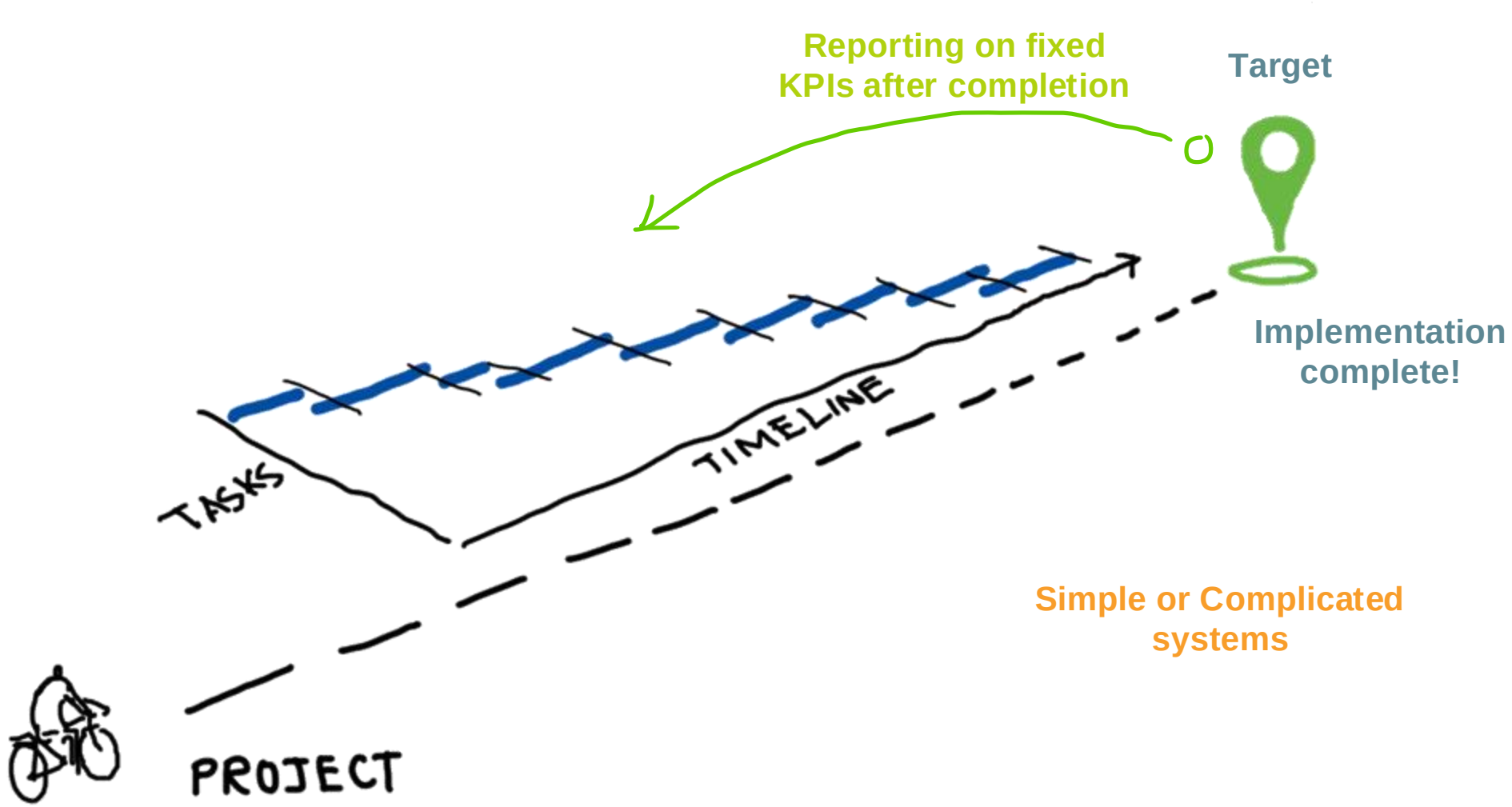
Traditional planning and reporting results…



Simple or Complicated systems

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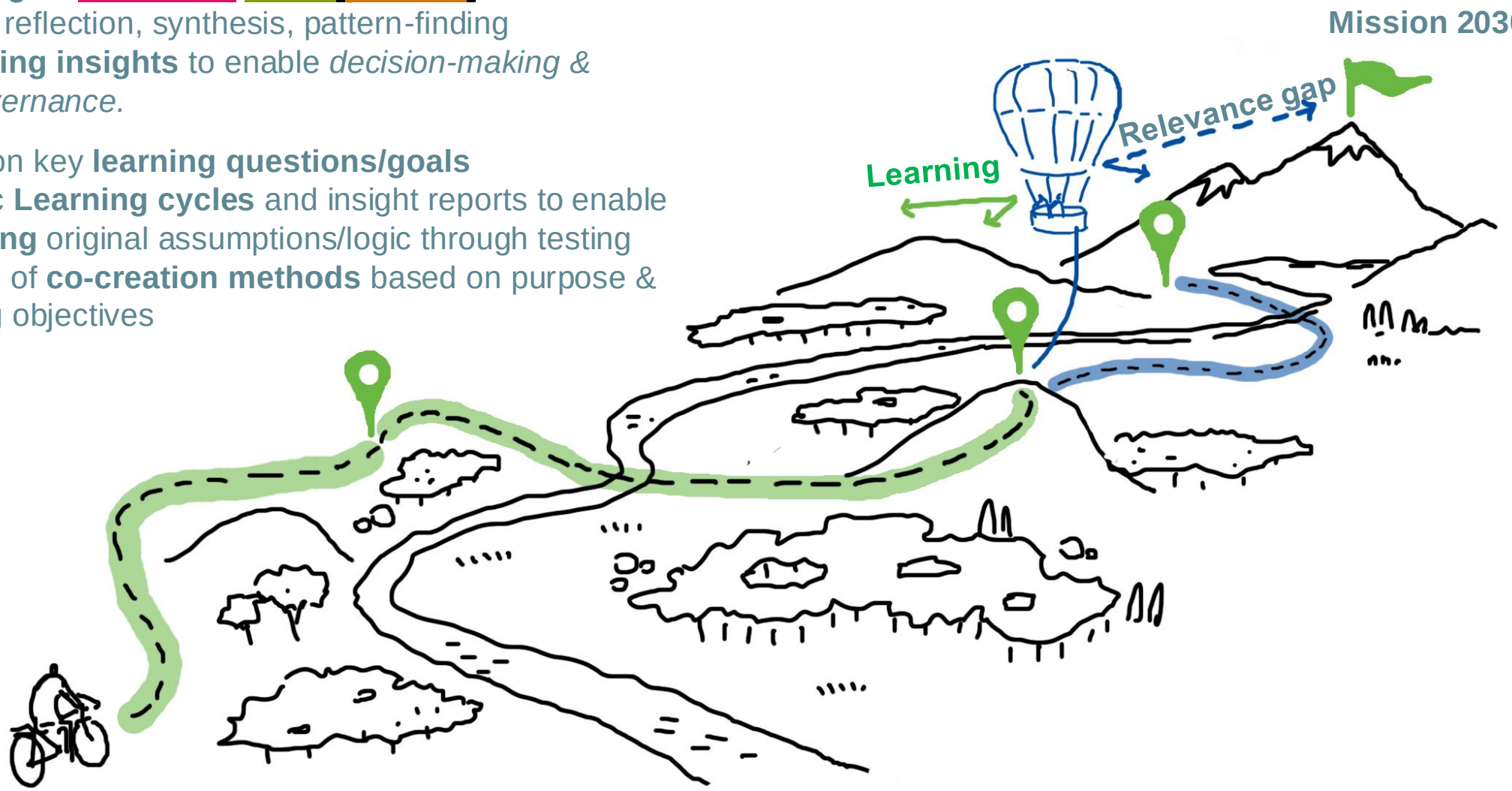
Sensemaking as a continuous learning process

Sensemaking: A **structured** **social** **process** of observation, reflection, synthesis, pattern-finding and **generating insights** to enable *decision-making & reflexive governance.*

- Based on key **learning questions/goals**
- Periodic **Learning cycles** and insight reports to enable **reframing** original assumptions/logic through testing
- A range of **co-creation methods** based on purpose & learning objectives



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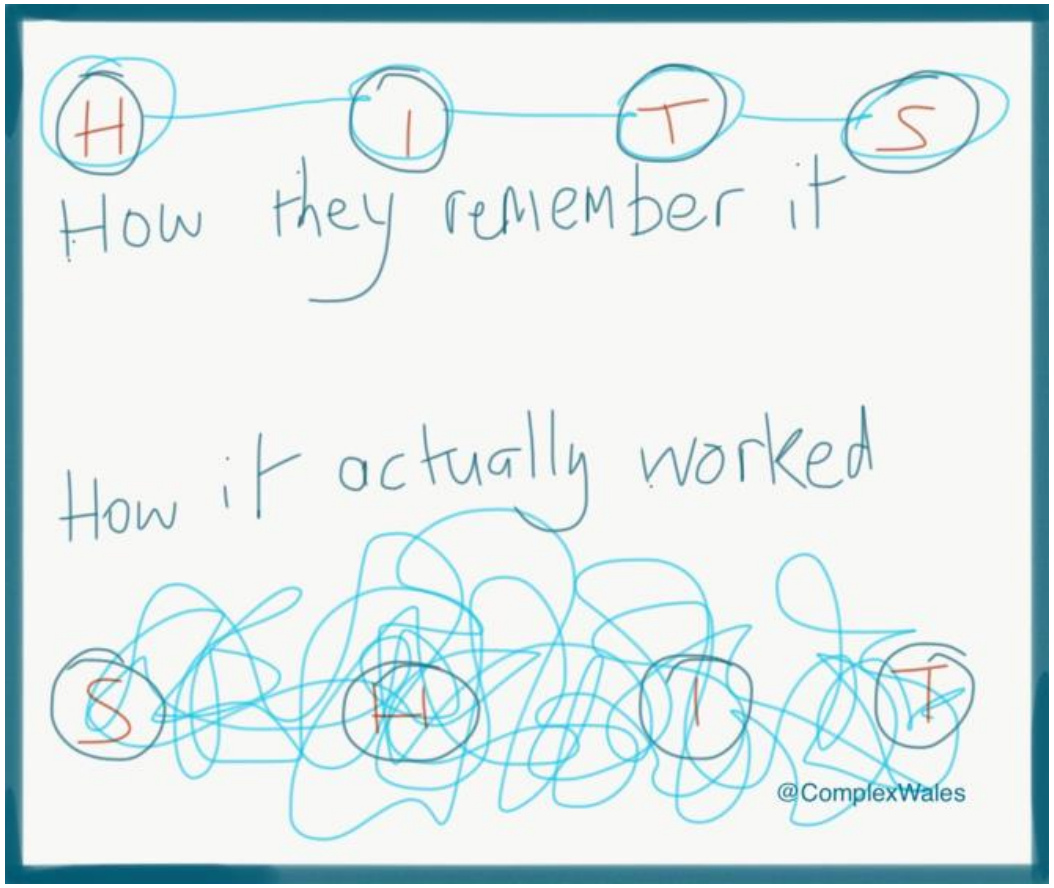
What do we mean by ‘Strategic Learning’ for NZC ECT?

- Understand **what works**, in what contexts, for whom and why?
- Support direct and rapid **course correction** of **decision-making** and testing
- Link to building of **capabilities/ capacities** of all stakeholders
- **Evaluate** and generate **evidence/knowledge** on the scalability and transferability of interventions across contexts
- Enable **knowledge sharing** with the network to learn collectively (also from failures and barriers)
- Reflect on ‘how’ stakeholders learn through **sensemaking cycles and ‘learning goals’**



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Mixed methods evidence for MEL

Mixed Method Diagnostic Evidence

Qualitative Evidence

- Medical history
- Current symptoms
- Scans
- Biopsies
- Other qualitative diagnostics

Quantitative Evidence

- Blood & urine tests
- Blood pressure
- Other quantitative diagnostics

Synthesis & Diagnostic Interpretation

Clinical judgement:

Synthesis & interpretation of the qualitative & quantitative evidence as a set for each health condition

Plan for treatment & progress tracking (relative to initial diagnostic baselines)

… to measure & learn from what matters the most

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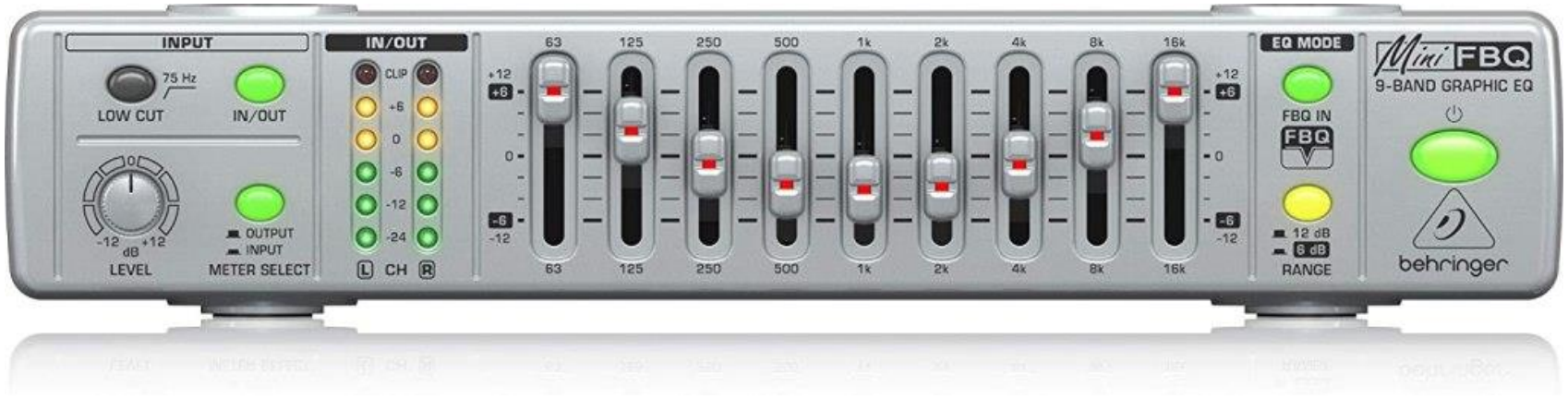
How will your ECT proposal balance quantitative & qualitative evidence for MEL?

- When technical solutions and actions in specific emission domains are important (energy communities, circular economy) for your proposal: Outline and highlight the relevant GHG and co-benefit indicators, quantified/aggregated impact, and data management in MEL process
- When levers-based actions are critical (governance, participation, finance etc.), focus on Direct Outcomes and how evidence will be gathered to highlight progress, impact and learning
- When both emission domains and levers are high-priority, focus on how diverse types of evidence, data, indicators can mutually support each other through a MEL governance process



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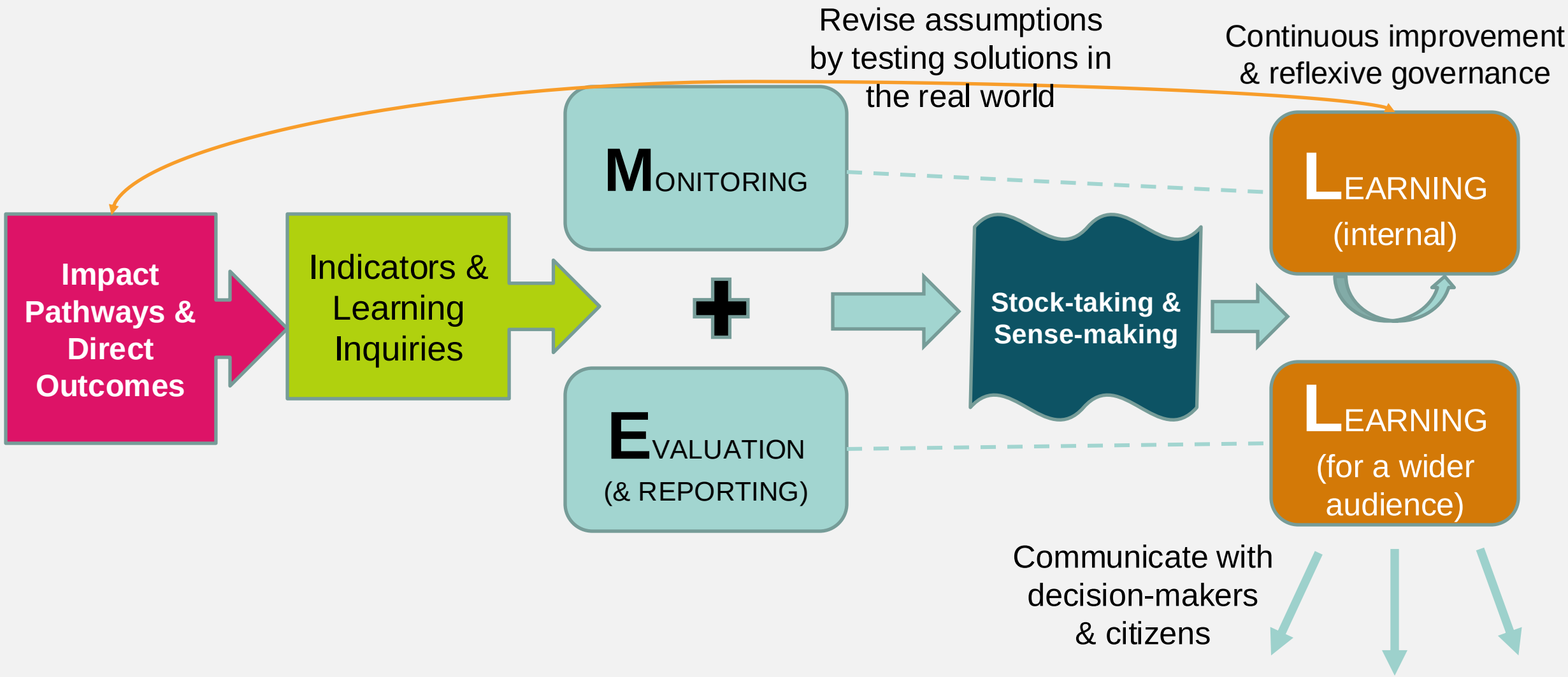

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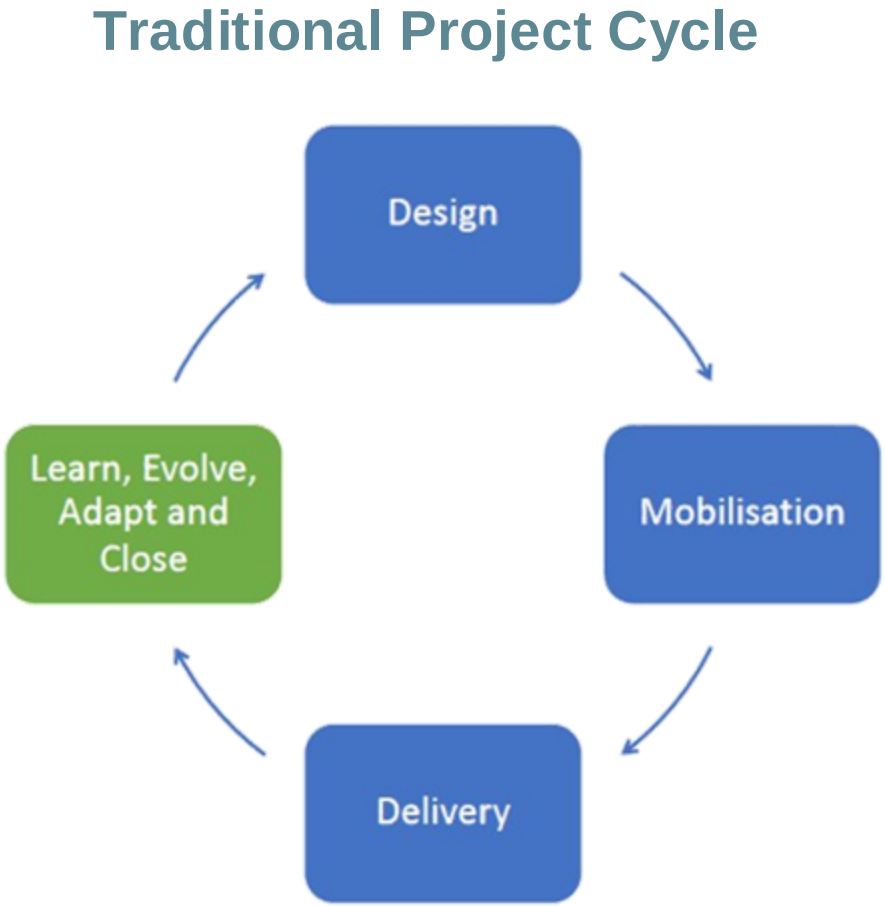

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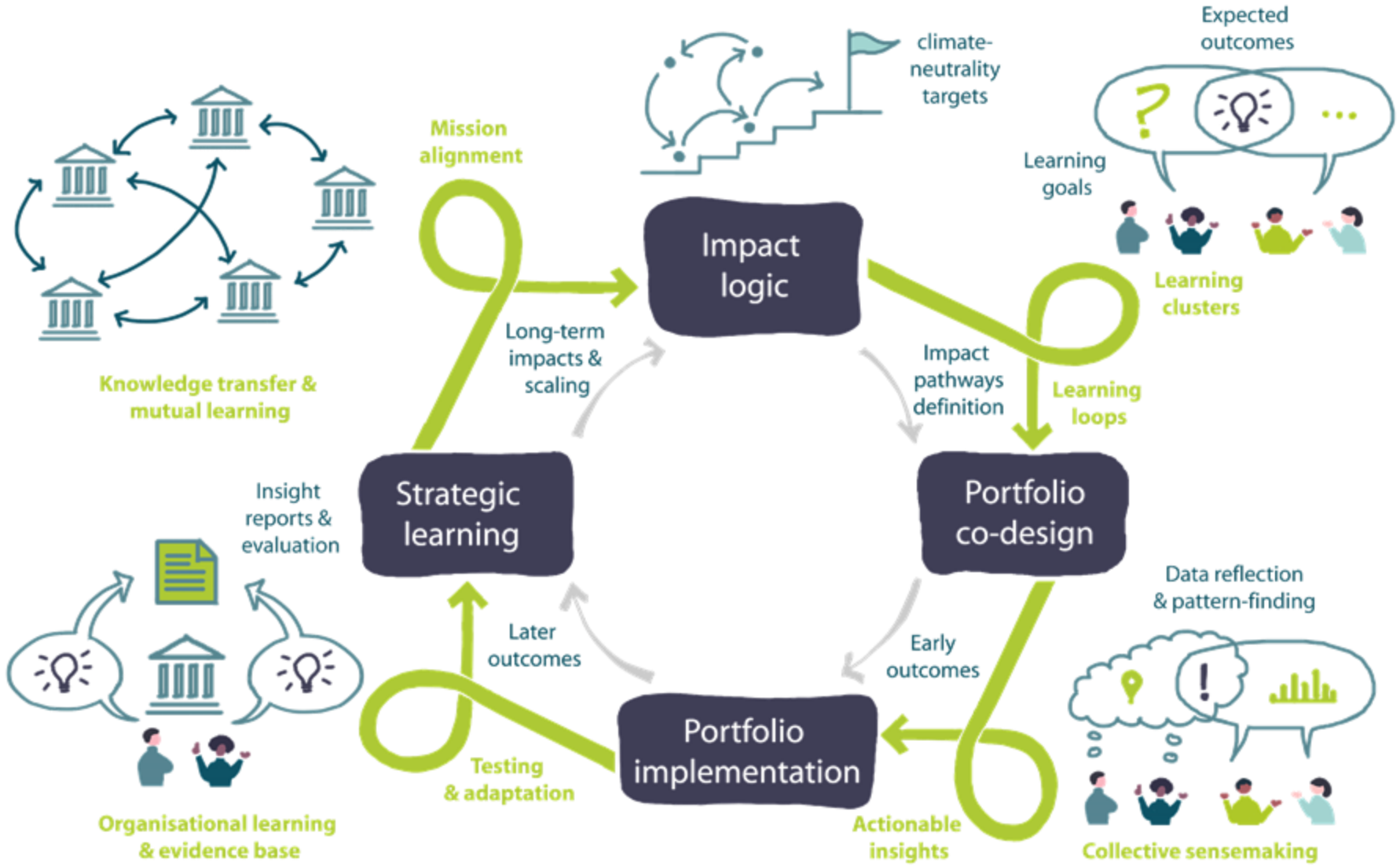

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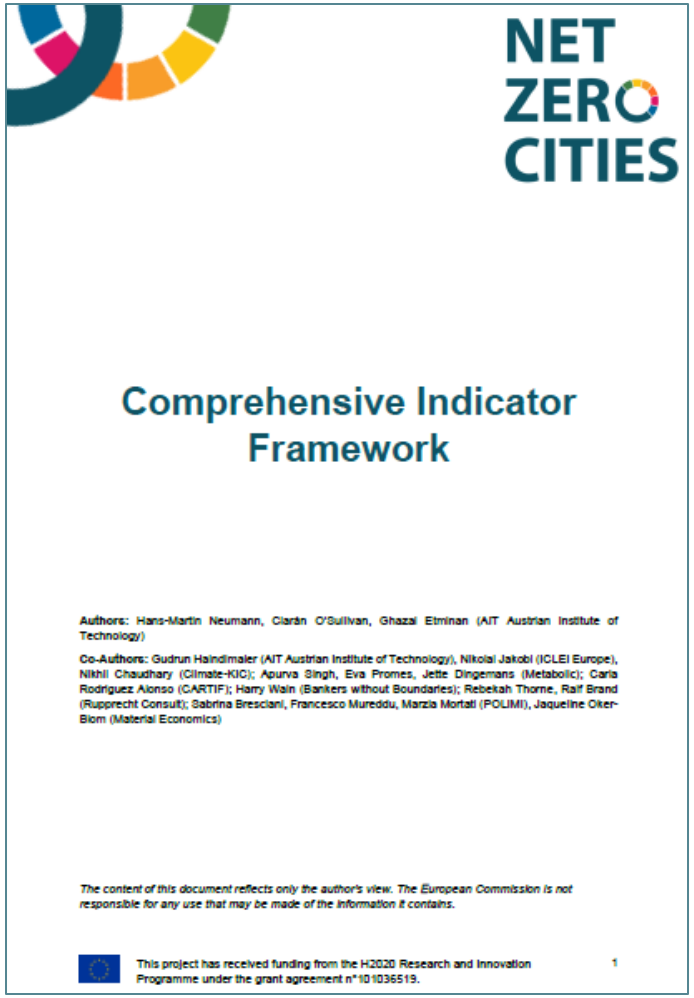
Integrated MEL: More resources on NZC Portal

- Portal page: https://netzerocities.app/resource-4249
- Detailed explanation of each Standardised NZC Indicator: https://netzerocities.app/resource-4120
- Examples and case-studies of indicator data measurement & calculations
- Co-creation steps for Impact Framework and pathways
- Open data and data governance practices



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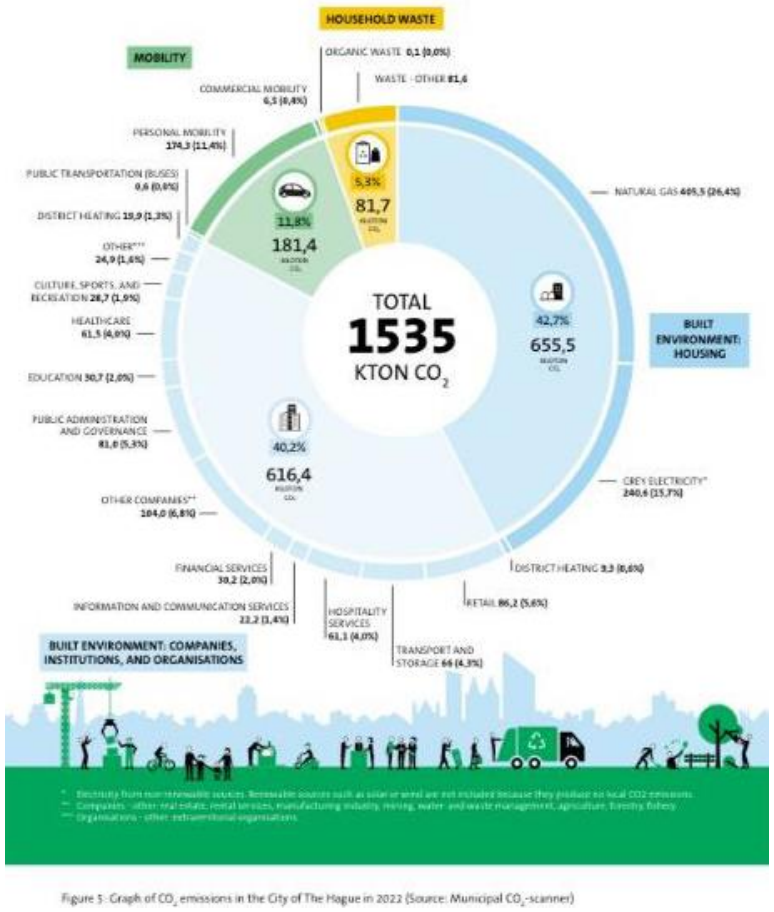

Figure 5: Graph of CO_2 emissions in the City of The Hague in 2022 (Source: Municipal CO_2-scanner)

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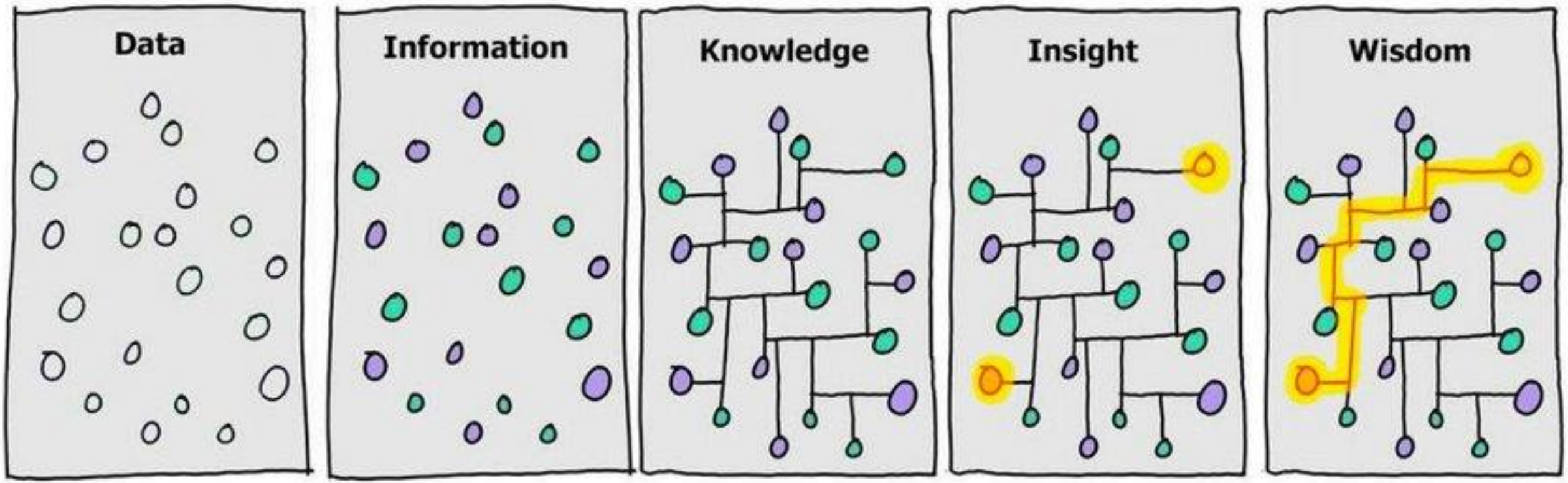

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- **Website** contains all Call documents as well as links to previous session recordings and presentations. https://netzerocities.eu/enabling-city-transformation/

- Enabling City Transformation Programme on **NetZeroCities Portal** - *https://netzerocities.app/group-enablingcitytransformationprogrammegroup*

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