



# Mid-Term Conference

## *Moving forward in Ecosystems of Social Innovation*

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# Programme – Day 1

Time		Session
09.00		Arrival & Registration
09.30		Welcome
09.45	1	Keynote 1: Social Innovation in Spain
10.15	2	The European Commission's Vision on Social Innovation
10.30	3	Sofa Talk 1 – Situating SI as public policy.
11.00		Coffee break
11.30	4	Working sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Upscaling (WP3)</li><li>- Tools for supporting SI ecosystems (WP4)</li></ul>
13.00	5	Keynote 2 - Social innovation, democratization, and civic capabilities
13.20		Lunch
15.00	6	Playful ways to facilitate social innovation
15.15	7	Sofa talk 2 Mapping eco-systems (WP2)
16.00	8	Keynote 3 – Evaluating Social innovation
16.30	9	Sofa talk 3 - Financing Social Innovation
17.15		Closure

## Programme – Day 2

Time		Session
8.30		Get together
9.00	10	Presentation of the day's programme
9.10	11	Sofa talk 4 - Social Innovation in the ESF+ Ops
10.15	12	Keynote 4: Trajectory of SI Portugal
11.00	13	Keynote 5: The future European Competence Centre for Social Innovation – mission and workplan
10.30		Coffee break
12.00	14	Institutional Configurations of CCSI: Design options
13.00	15	Feedback to plenary Discussion
13.15	16	Closing
13.30		Departure



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## Keynote 1: Social Innovation in Spain

**Raúl Oliván, Director General of Open Government  
and Social Innovation in Aragon, Spain**

# La innovación social en España

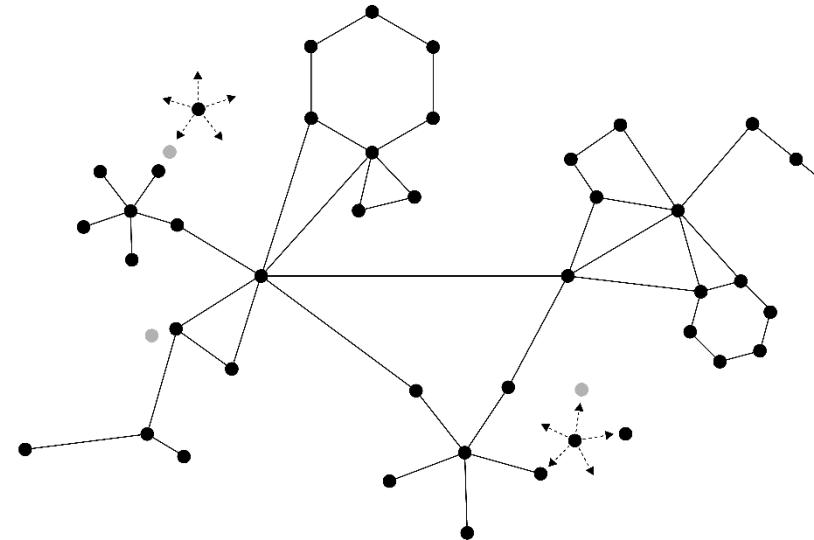


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DE DERECHOS SOCIALES  
Y AGENDA 2030



*El acto más pequeño en las circunstancias más limitadas lleva la semilla de la misma ilimitación e imprevisibilidad; un acto, un gesto, una palabra bastan para cambiar cualquier constelación*

*Hannah Arendt*



Todos nos hemos enfrentado a un problema  
sin saber por dónde empezar...



(Tradicionalmente la creatividad o la innovación se nos ha presentado  
como un acto genial, individual, íntimo y aislado)

1665. Lincolnshire. Inglaterra.  
Isaac Newton y La Teoría de la Gravedad

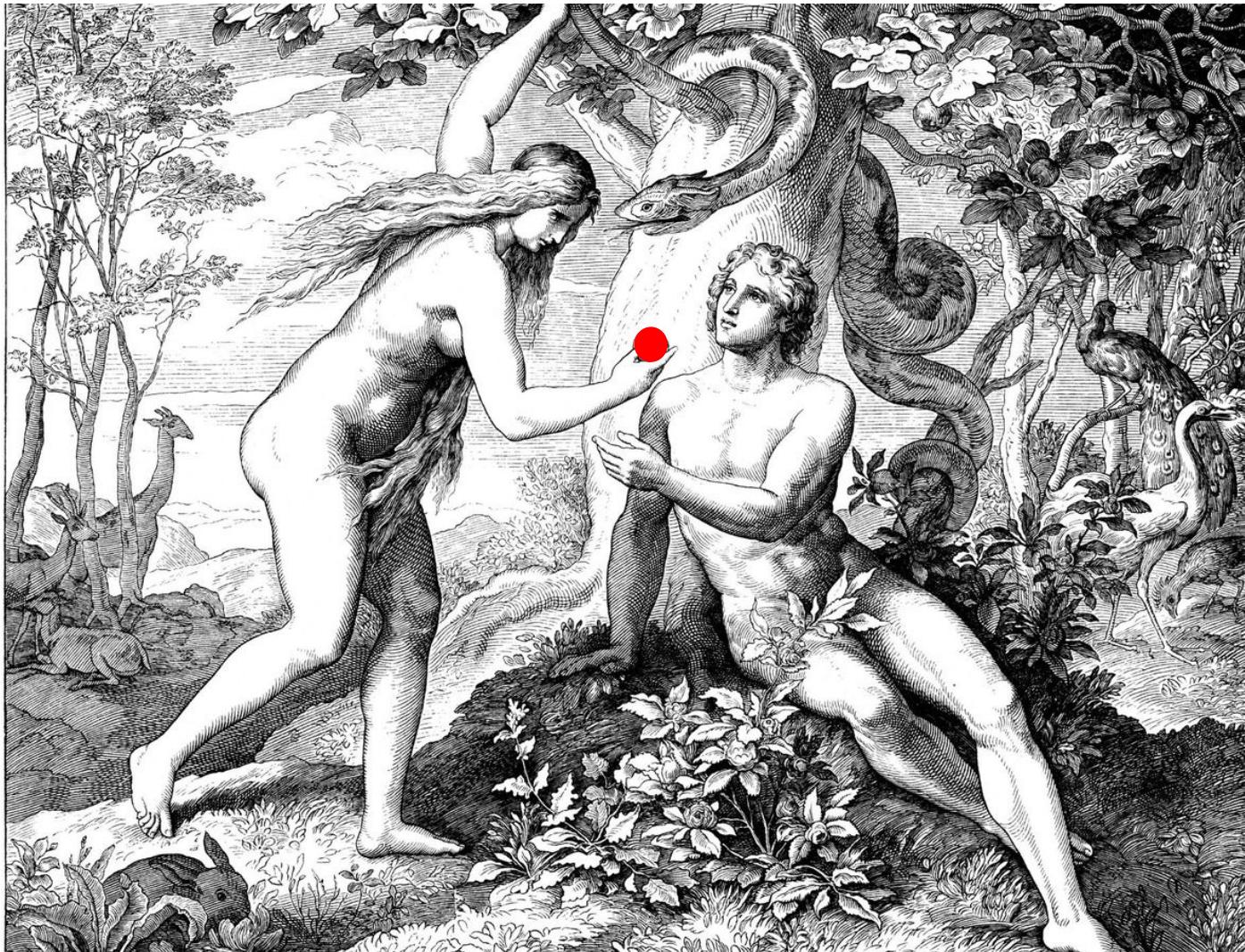


2007. Silicon Valley  
Steve Jobs

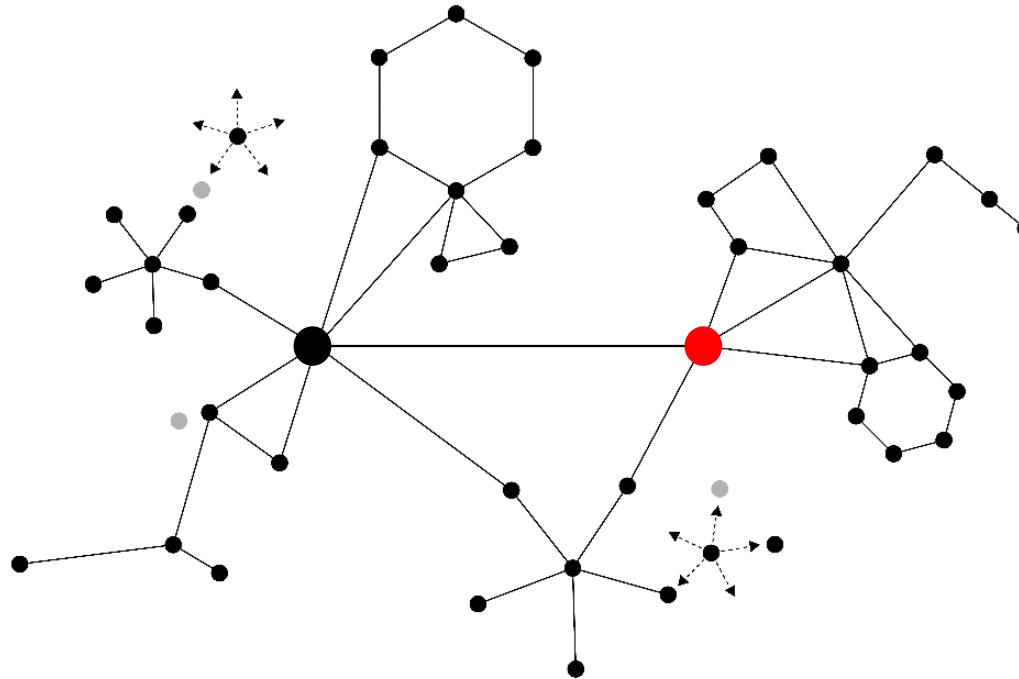


Once upon a time.

Eva y Adán

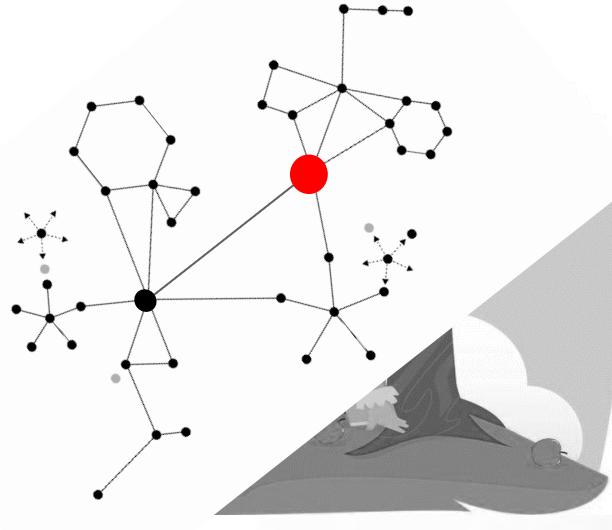


Pero si miramos bien ninguna innovación se produce de forma aislada



(Toda innovación es social. Más aún en el contexto de las organizaciones públicas o sociales)

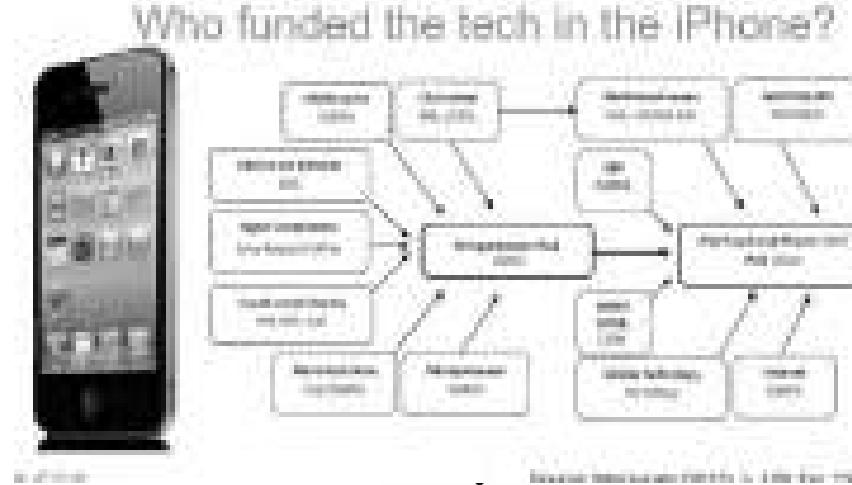
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Siracusa. Esta  
la importancia  
columna venida  
el pulso como  
diagnóstico



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Físico, astrónomo y  
matemático italiano,  
describió el mundo  
físico utilizando  
mediciones y  
desarrollando fórmulas  
matemáticas para  
establecer leyes,  
especialmente en el  
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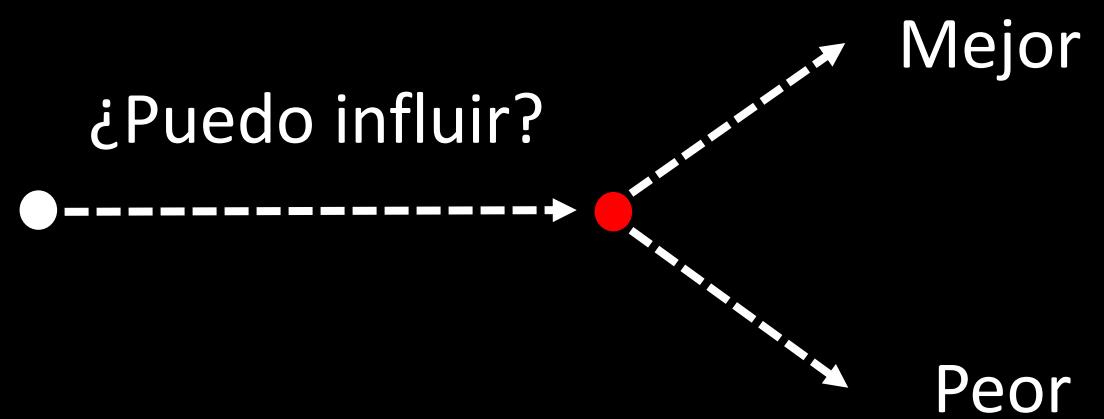




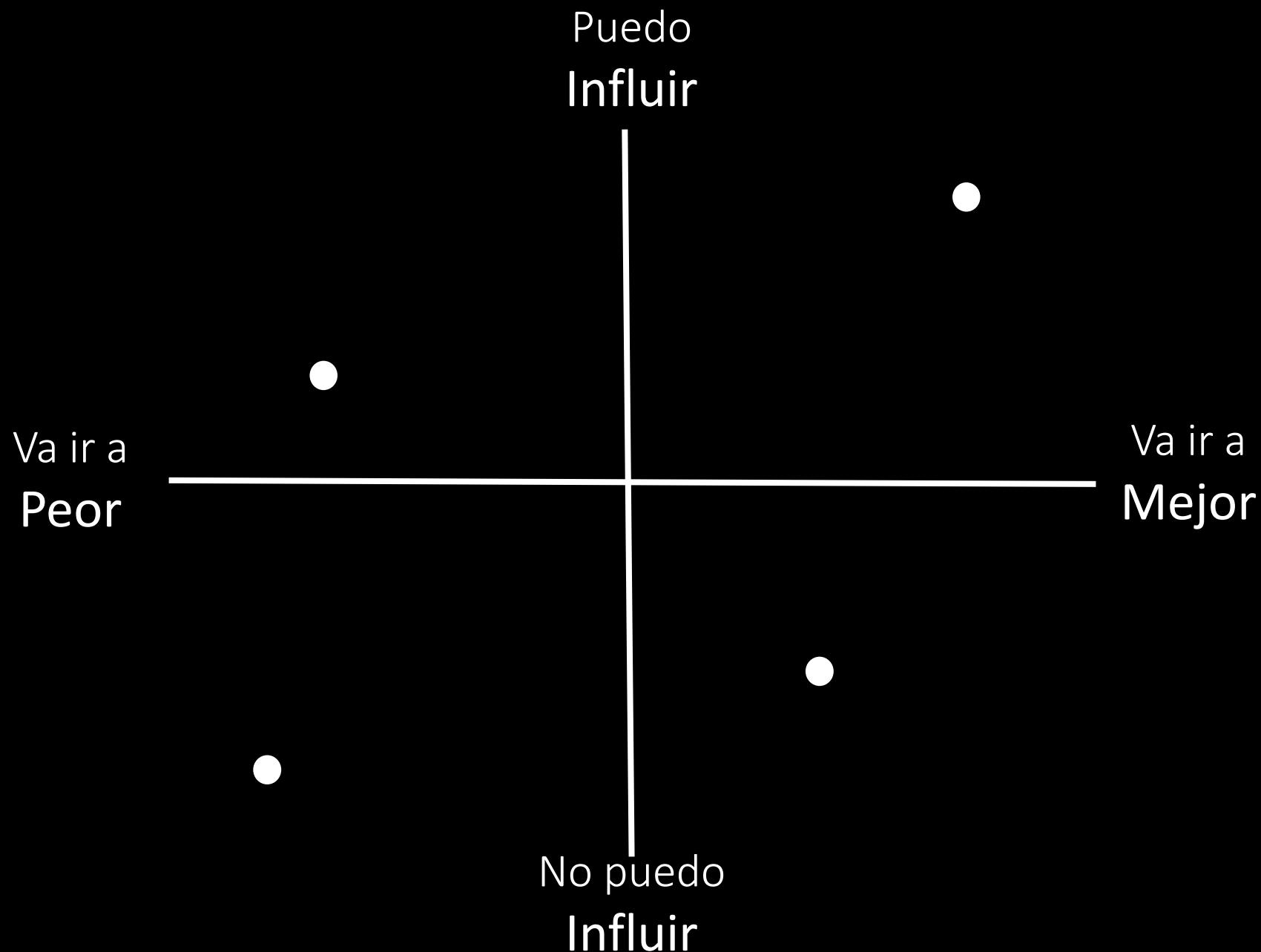
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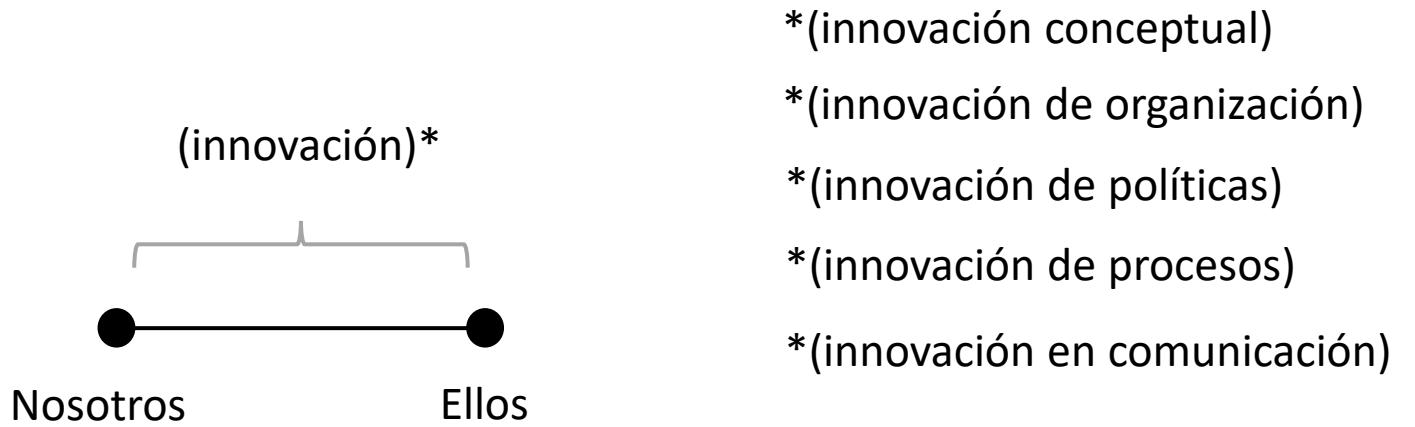
Ahora  
imagina que  
este otro  
punto rojo es  
el futuro



# FUTURO DE NUESTRA CIUDAD O REGIÓN



# Los puntos siempre estuvieron allí....



(Muchas veces la innovación social no es otra cosa que unir los puntos de otro modo)

¿Cuál es la innovación más disruptiva de los últimos siglos?

(Manual básico de nuestra vida en común)



# LA DEMOCRACIA EL CONTRATO SOCIAL

# ¿Pero qué es el contrato social?

Nosotros (ECO)



El planeta

La humanidad

Mi continente

Mi país

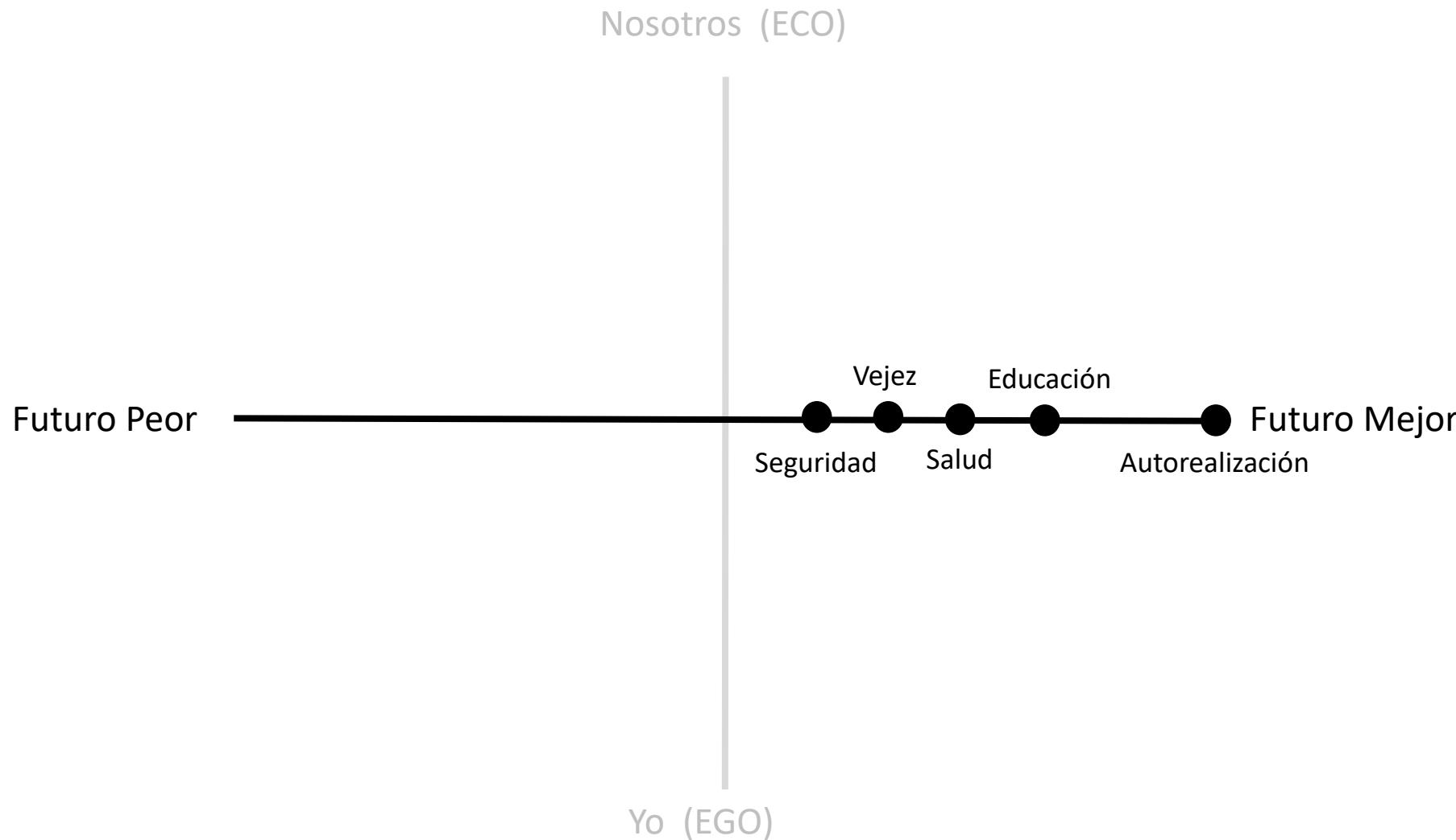
Mi tribu

Mi familia

Yo (EGO)

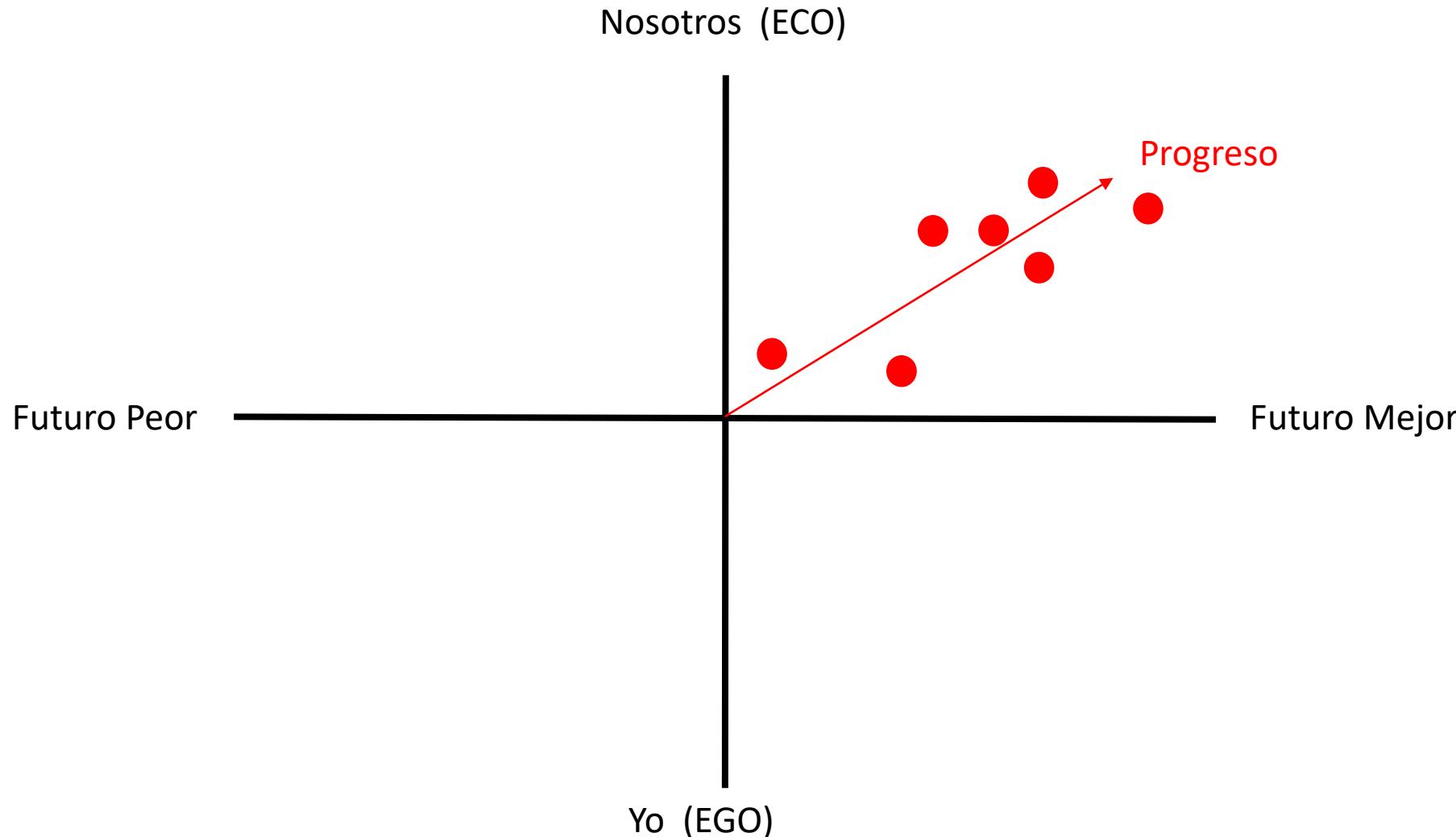
**Una ampliación del “nosotros”**

# ¿Pero qué es el contrato social?



**Expectativas de un futuro mejor**

# ¿Pero qué es el contrato social?



**(más) Nosotros x (mejor) Futuro**

# Hacia una innovación productora de “contractualidad social”

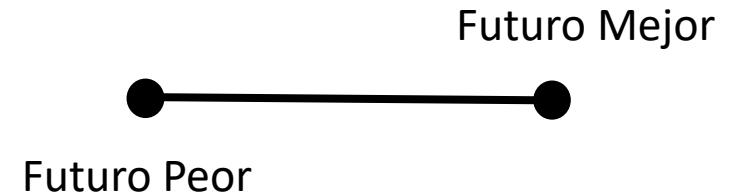
- Innovación:
- Conceptual
  - Organización
  - Políticas
  - Procesos
  - Comunicación



Nosotros (ECO)



Yo (EGO)





# TSUNAMI DE COMPLEJIDAD

WICKED PROBLEMS



# TSUNAMI DE COMPLEJIDAD

WICKED PROBLEMS

NO HAY SOLUCIONES BUENAS O MALAS

Solutions are not right / wrong

ALGUNAS SOLUCIONES SON MEJORES QUE OTRAS

Solutions are better / worse

LOS PROBLEMAS SON ÚNICOS, NO HAY IGUALES

Problems are unique

DEFINICIÓN DIFUSA

No clear definition

CONSECUENCIAS DESCONOCIDAS

Unknown consequences

INTERDEPENDIENTES Y MULTICAUSALES

Interdependencies and multicausal



LOS PROBLEMAS DESBORDAN LOS LÍMITES DE LAS ORGANIZACIONES

Sit astride organizational boundaries



LAS SOLUCIONES SE RAMIFICAN

Solutions branch out



NECESITAN TIEMPO PARA PENSARLOS

Need time to think about them

ENTRAN EN CONFLICTO

The problems come into conflict

NUNCA SON COMPLETAMENTE RESUELTOS

Are never completely solved



INABORDABLE CON LAS POLÍTICAS TRADICIONALES

Seemingly intractable with chronic policy failure

LOS PROBLEMAS NO SON FINITOS

Problems have no end

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división del  
trabajo

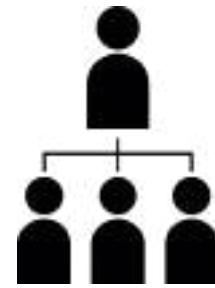


comunicaciones  
formales



previsibilidad  
y evaluación

jerarquías

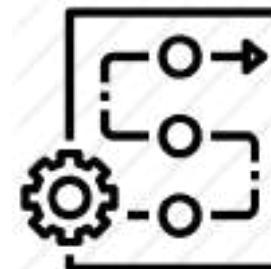


## burocracia



meritocracia  
proyecto vital

relaciones  
impersonales



procedimientos  
estándares

# Crisis de confianza en España

## Del 15-M a la pandemia



Emergencia de la  
ciudadanía digital



Ruptura del  
contrato Social

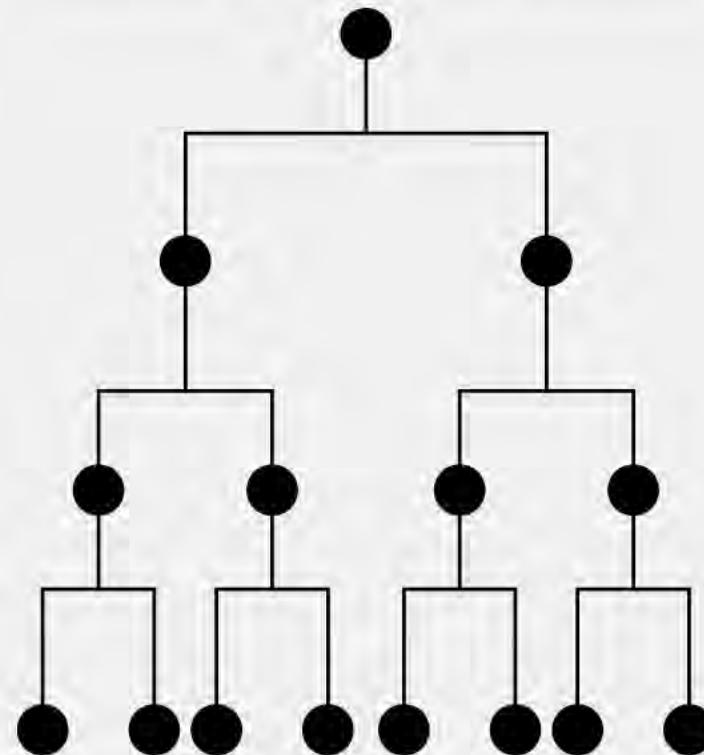


Sobredosis de  
individualismo

# TSUNAMI DE COMPLEJIDAD

**LAS INSTITUCIONES TRADICIONALES NO SON OPERATIVAS**

Traditional Institutions are not operational

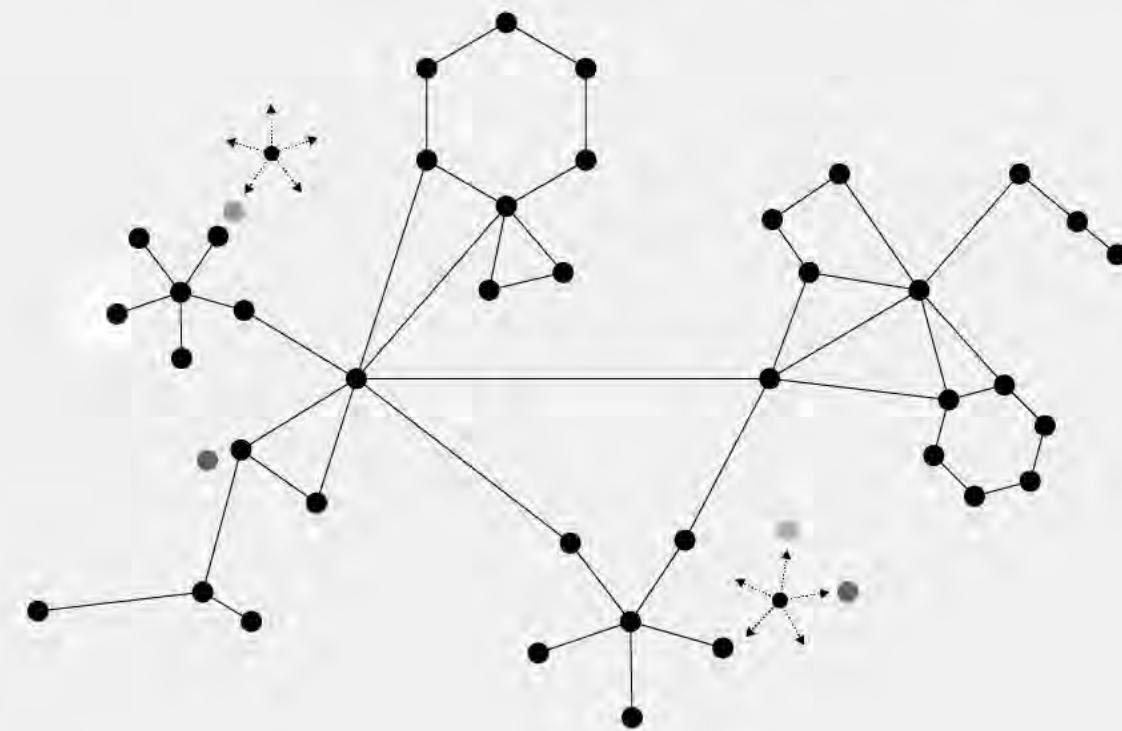


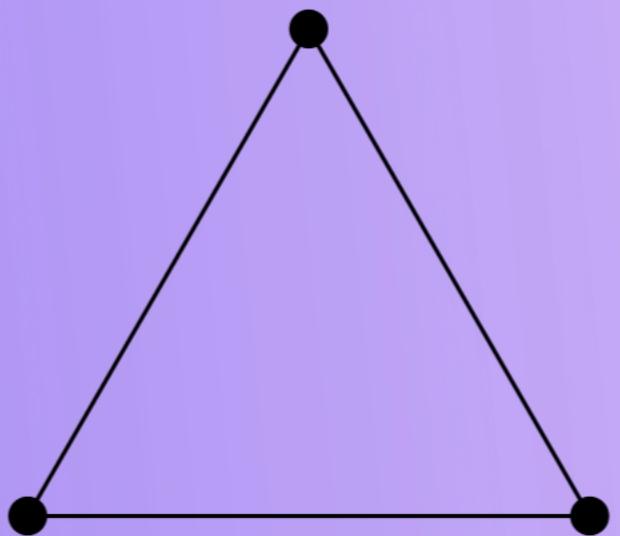
**URGE UNA TRANSICIÓN HACÍA**

A transition is urgently needed to

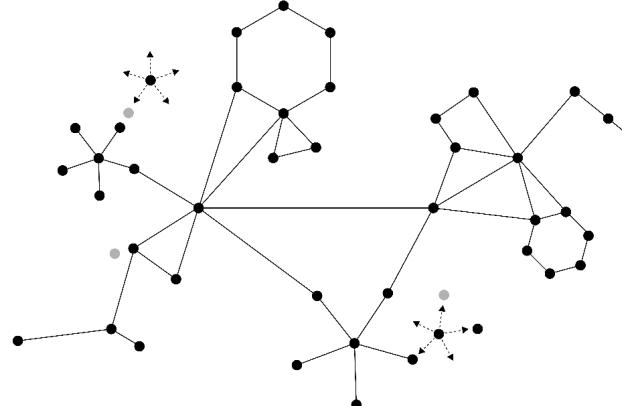
**UNA NUEVA GENERACIÓN DE ORGANIZACIONES EN RED MÁS ABIERTAS, ÁGILES Y DEMOCRÁTICAS**

A new generation of networked organisations that are more open, agile and democratic





¿cómo son los ecosistemas de innovación social?  
¿qué podemos aprender de ellos?  
¿cómo aplicar la innovación social a la  
complejidad?



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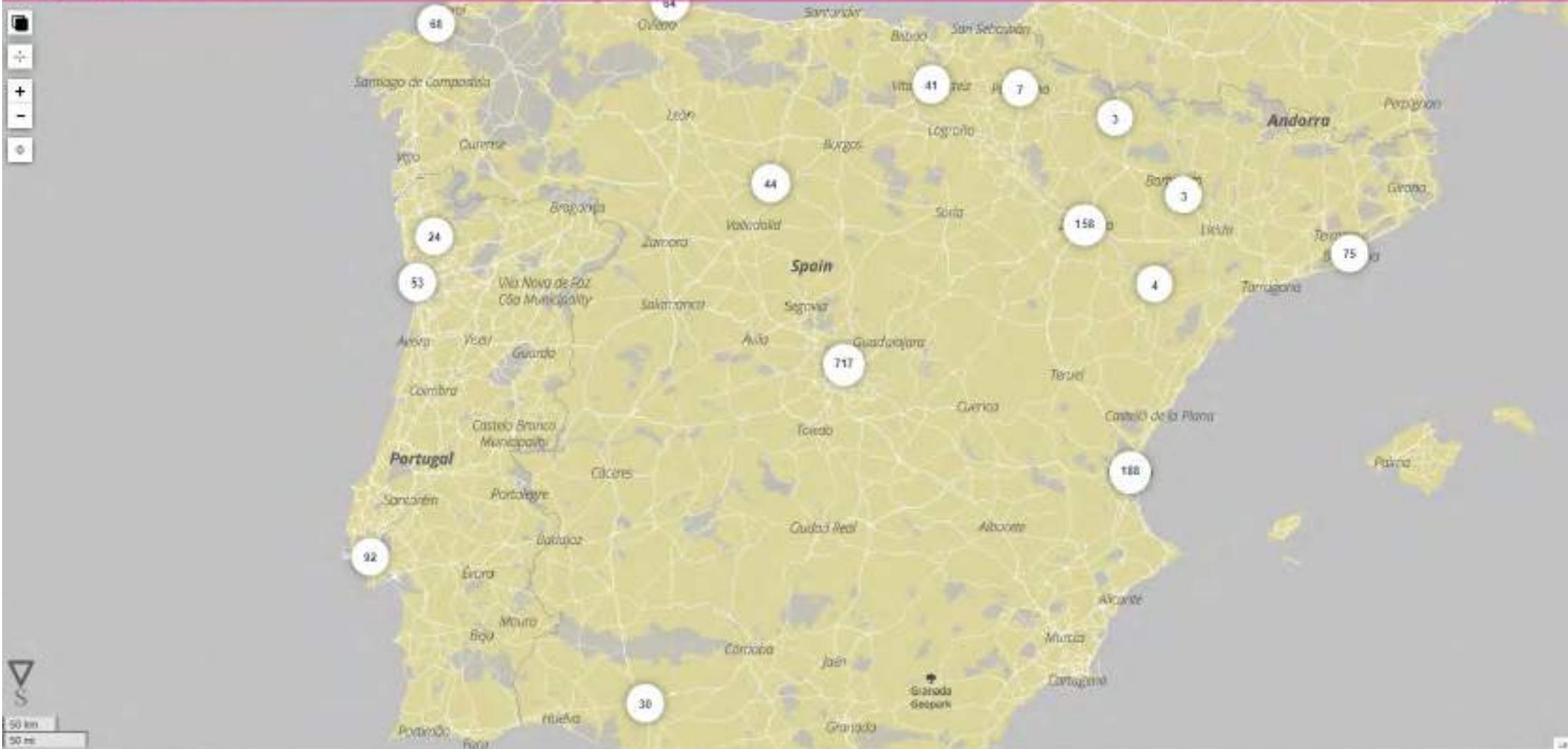
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▼ TEMÁTICA

■ ESPACIO

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Mostrando 5866 iniciativas



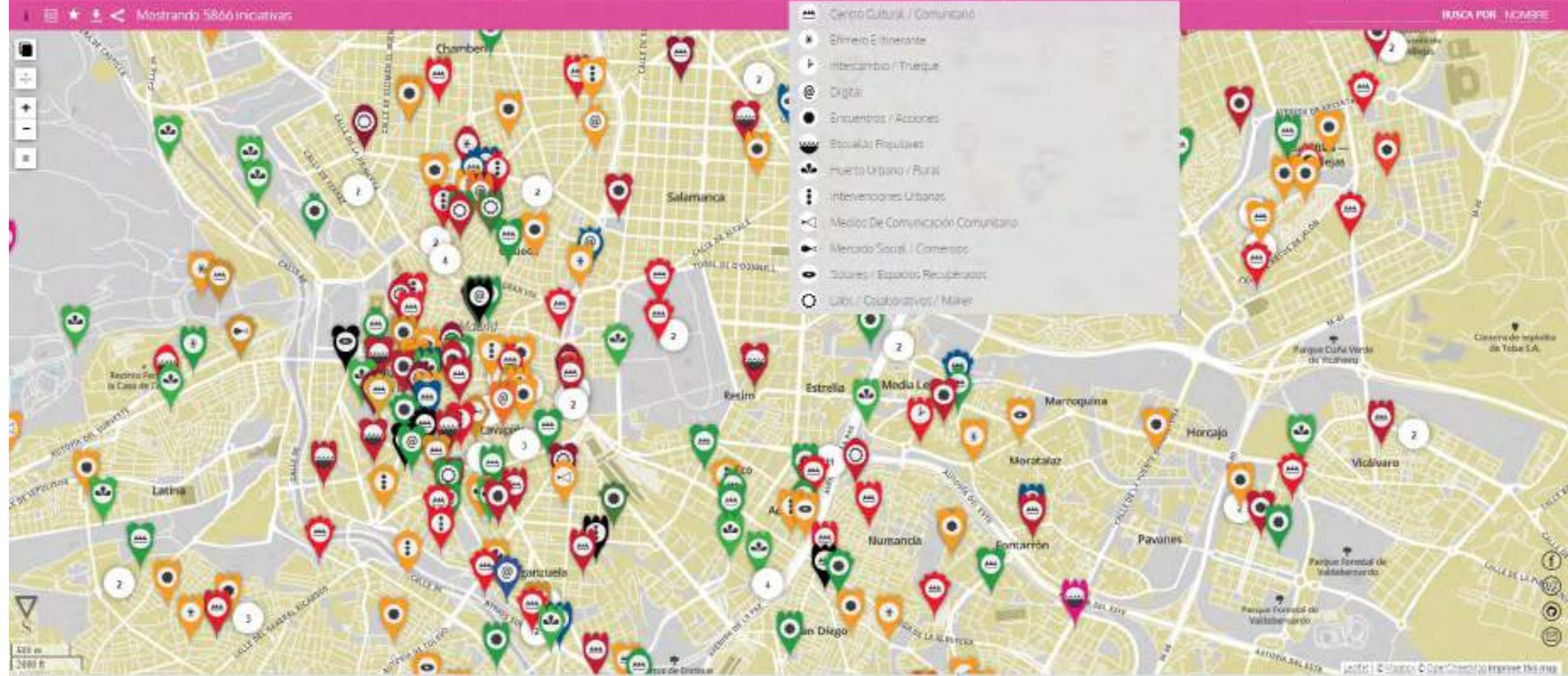
## CIUDAD

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## TEMÁTICA

## ESPAZO

## AGENTE





ZAC La Azucarera



ZAC Las Armas



La Colaboradora



LAAAB

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Euskadi



Las Naves Valencia



Medialab Prado



Nesi Forum Málaga



Citylab Cornellá



Mares Madrid



Hibridalab Vitoria

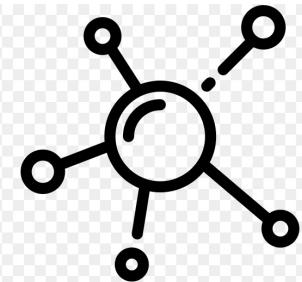


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libertad



redes  
incluyentes



creatividad y  
curiosidad



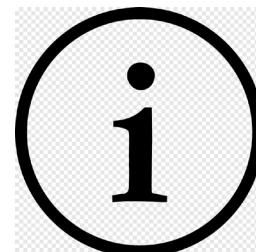
pasión



comunidad



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social

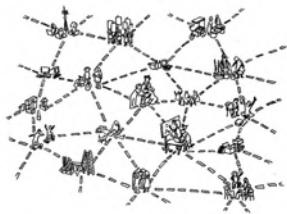


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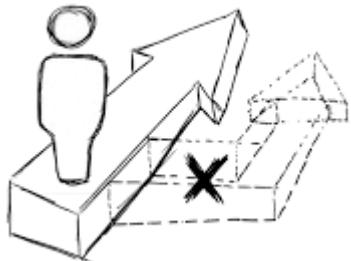
usuarios >>  
productores



ventanillas >>  
redes



burocracia >>  
experiencia



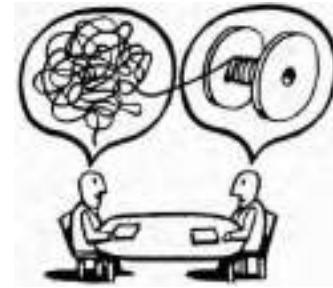
expertos >>  
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individuo >>  
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funcionarios >>  
mediadores



masa >>  
multitudes



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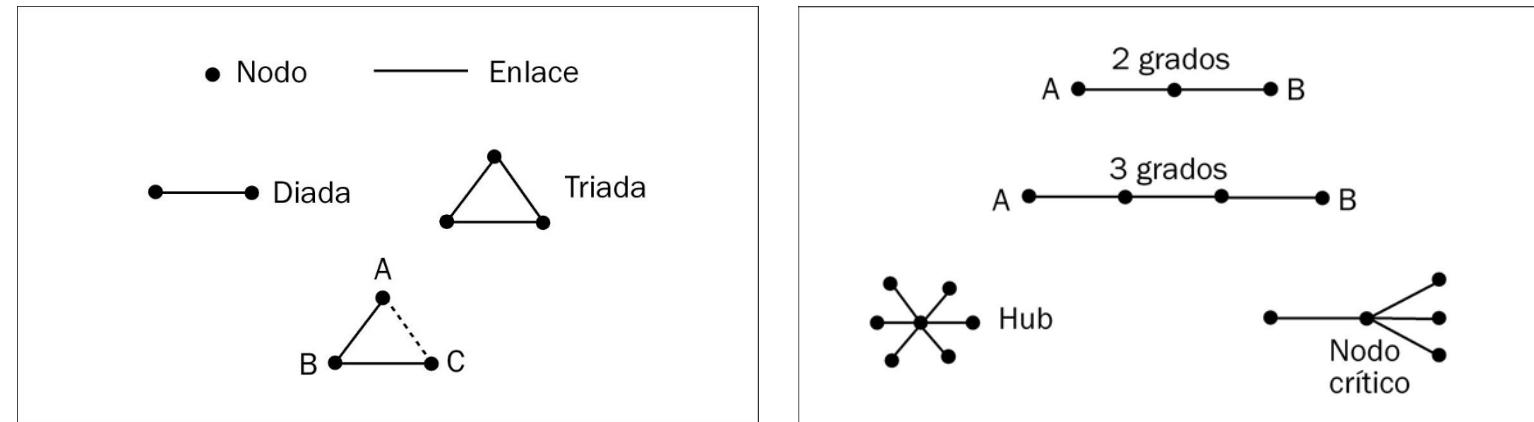
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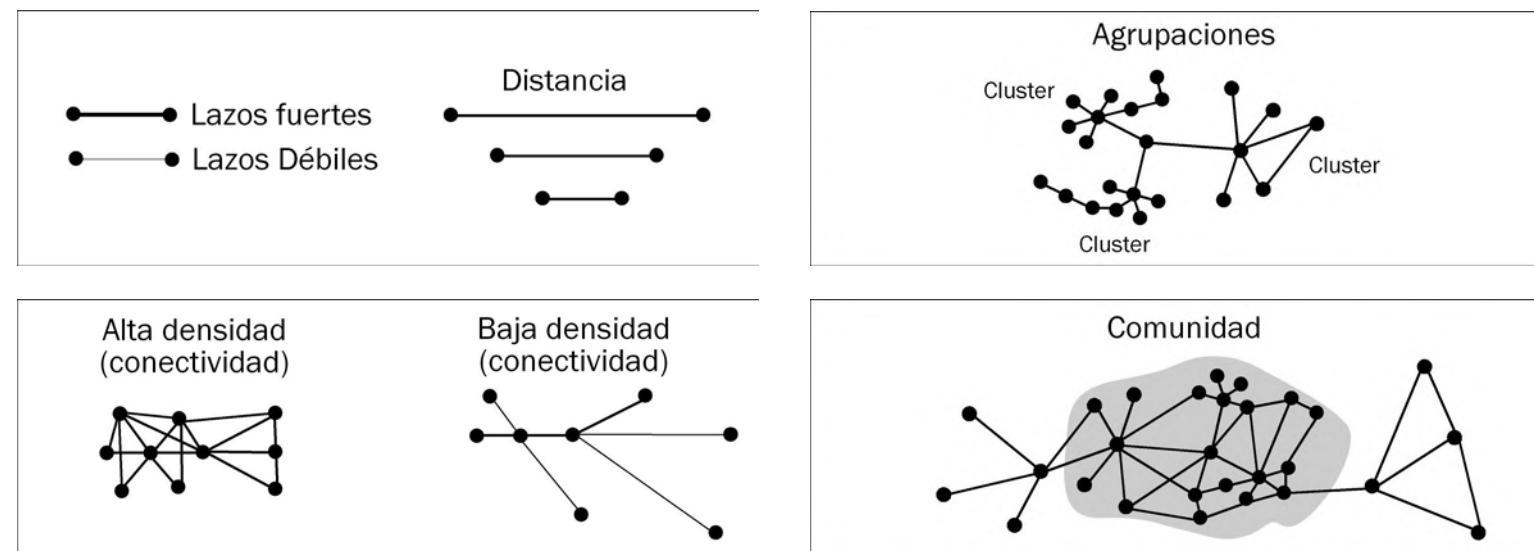
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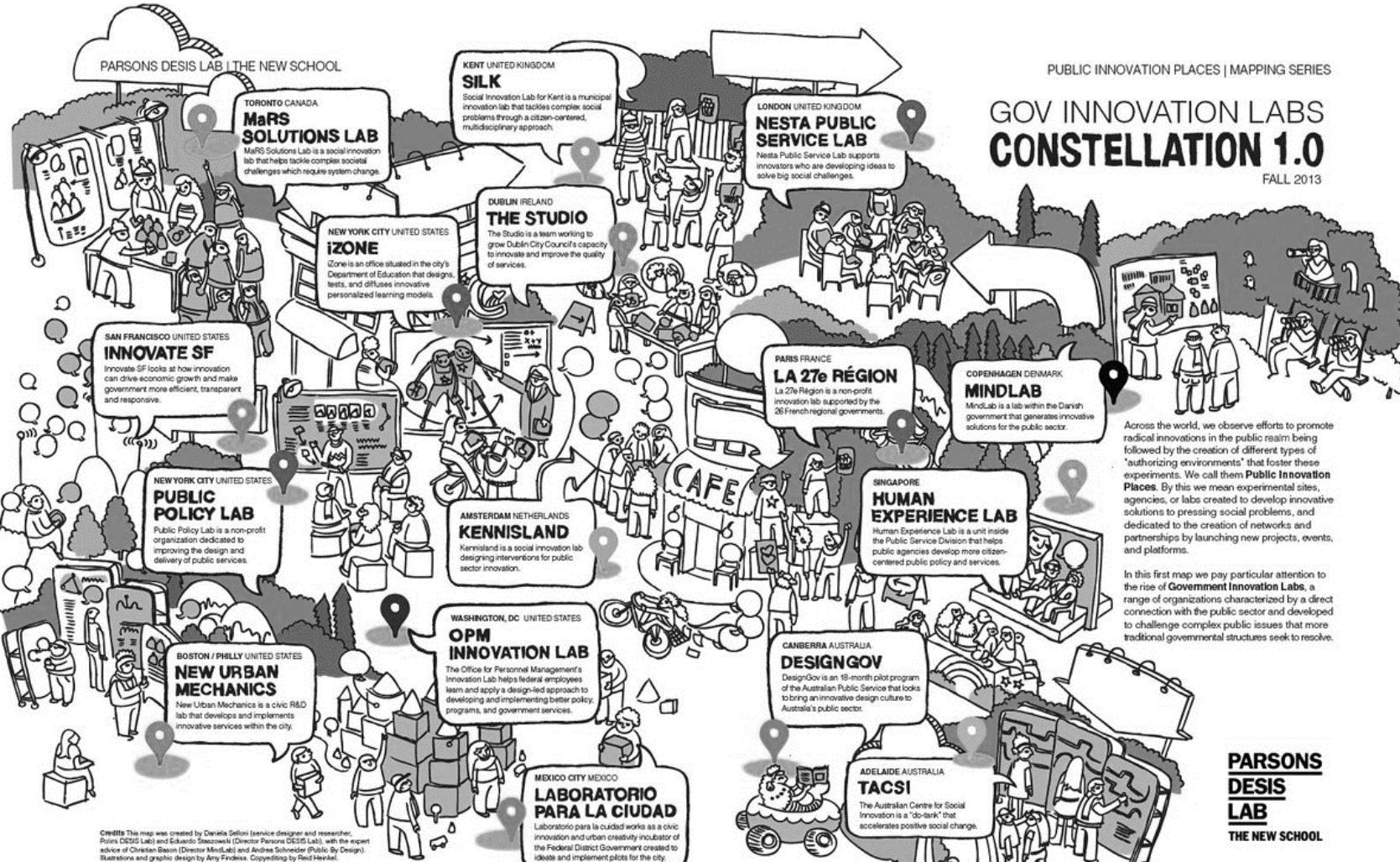
## Ética hacker en las organizaciones



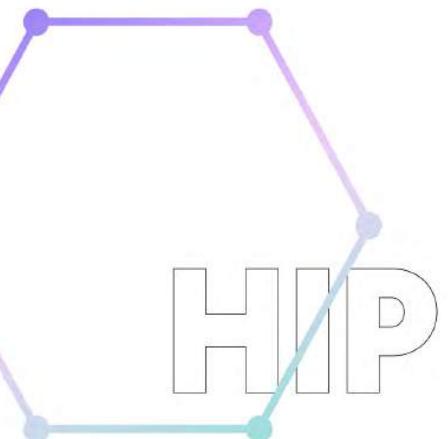
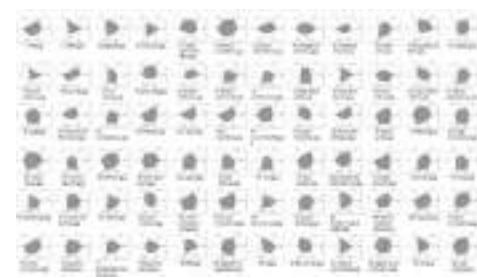
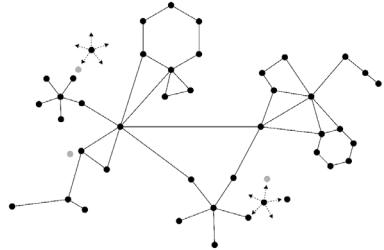
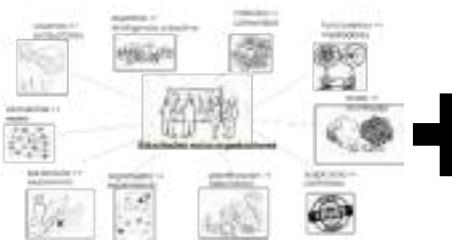
# ciencia de redes



# ¿qué hacen los ecosistemas?



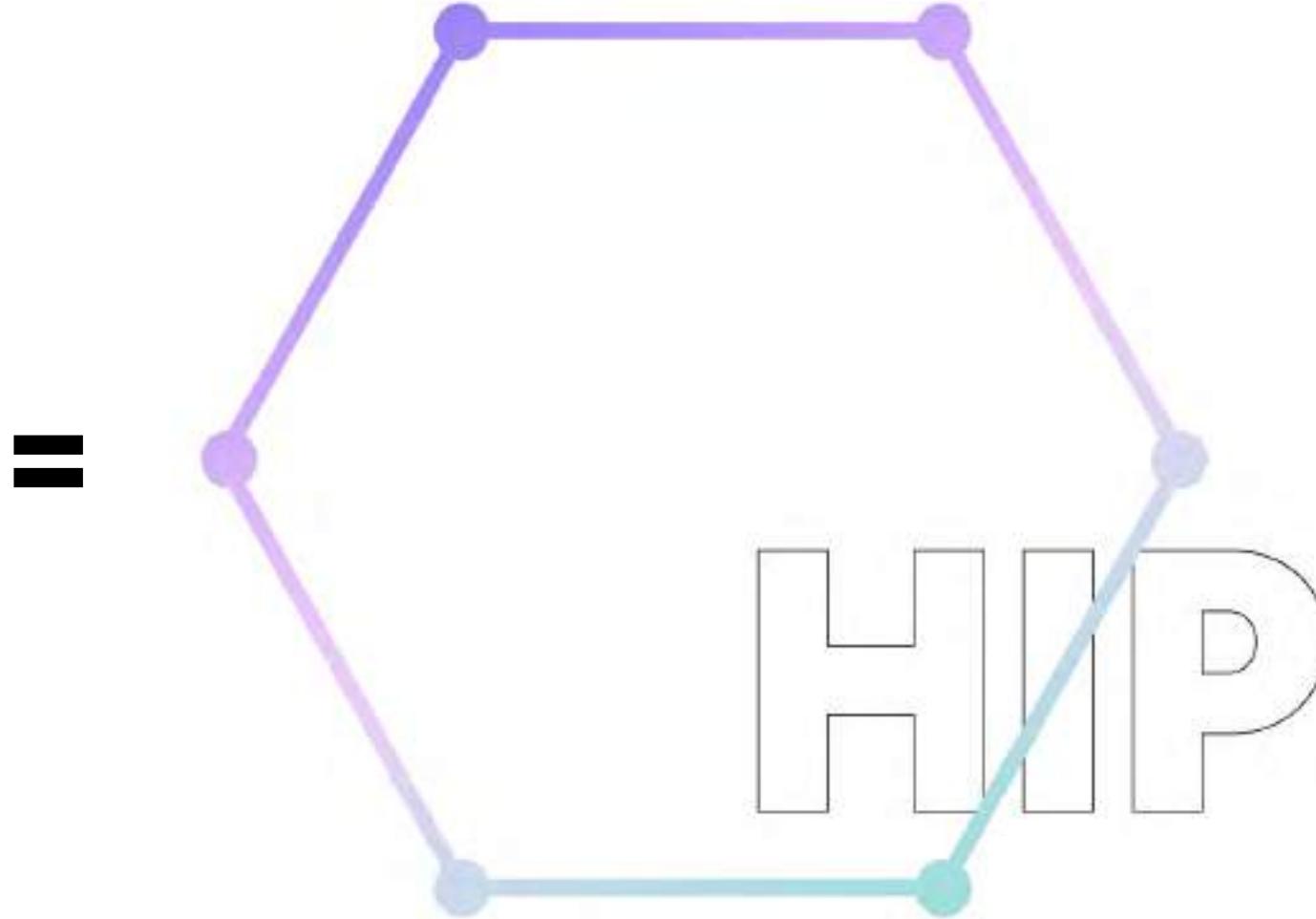
A partir de NESTA: Parson New School, Design School of Stanford, Vinnova, Harvard Business Review, IDEO, OPSI de OCDE...



Ética Hacker

Ciencia  
De redes

105  
metodologías



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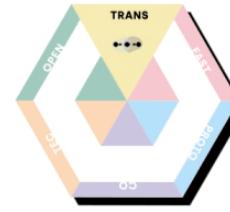




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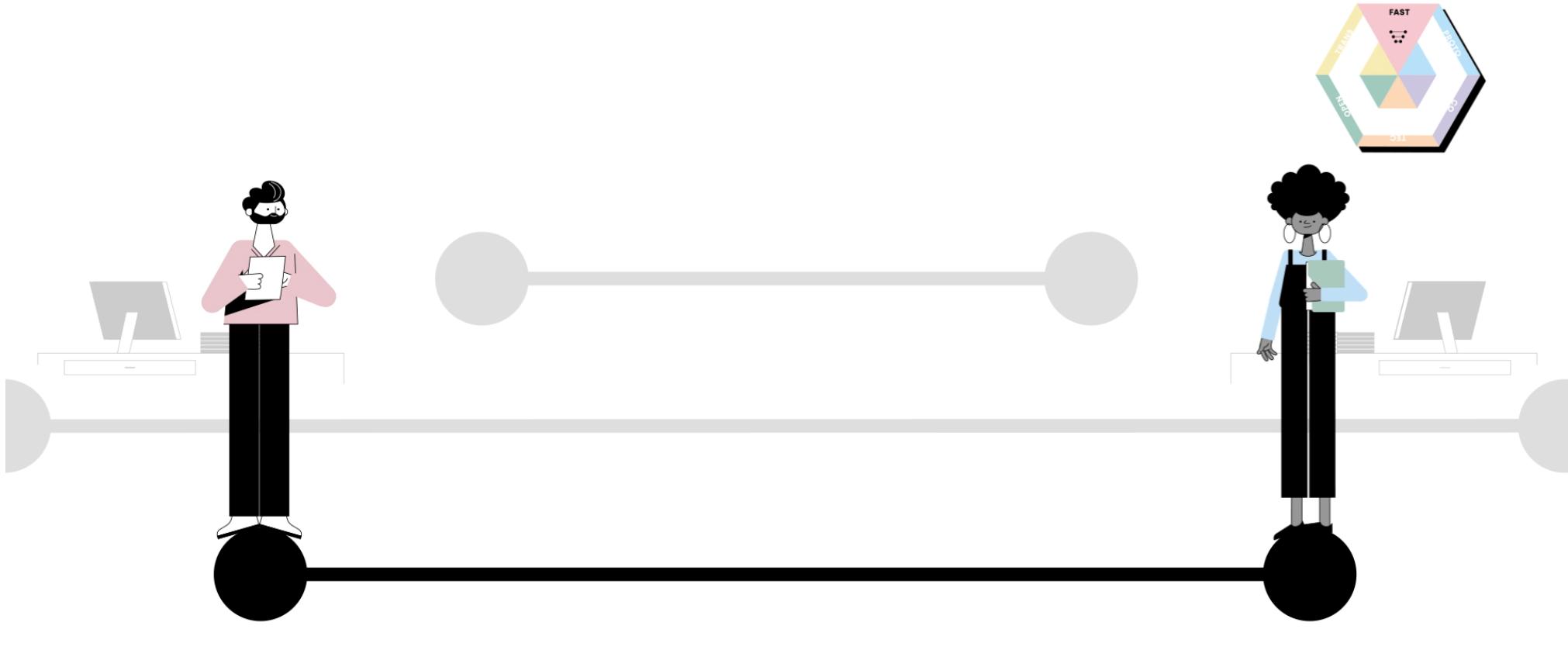


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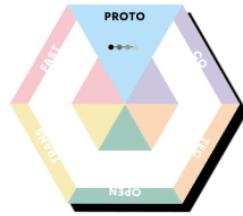
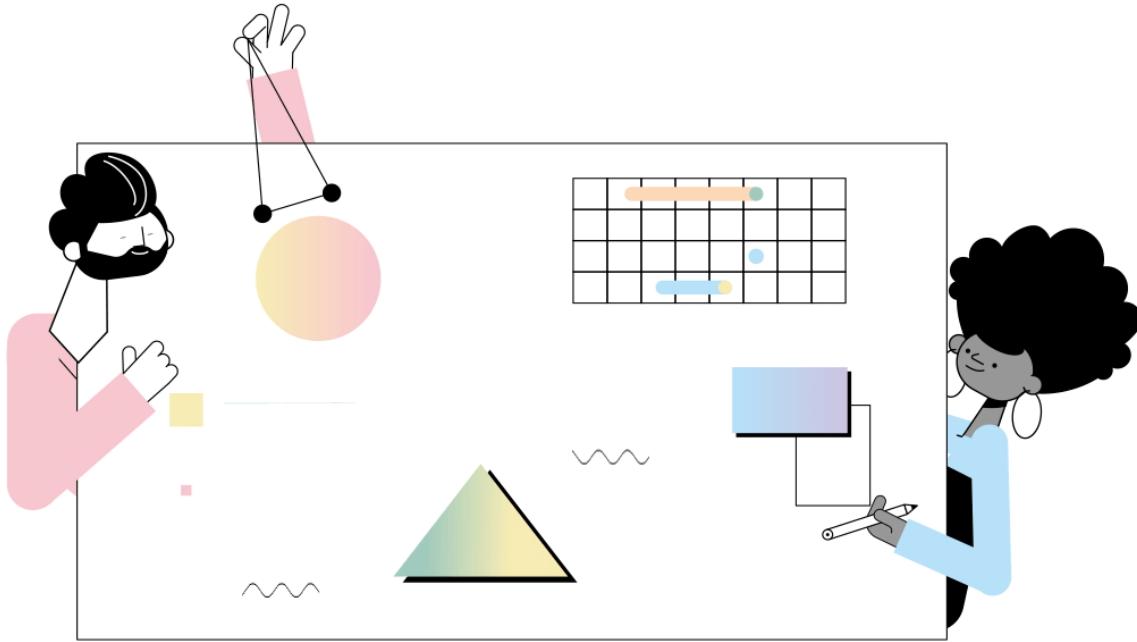
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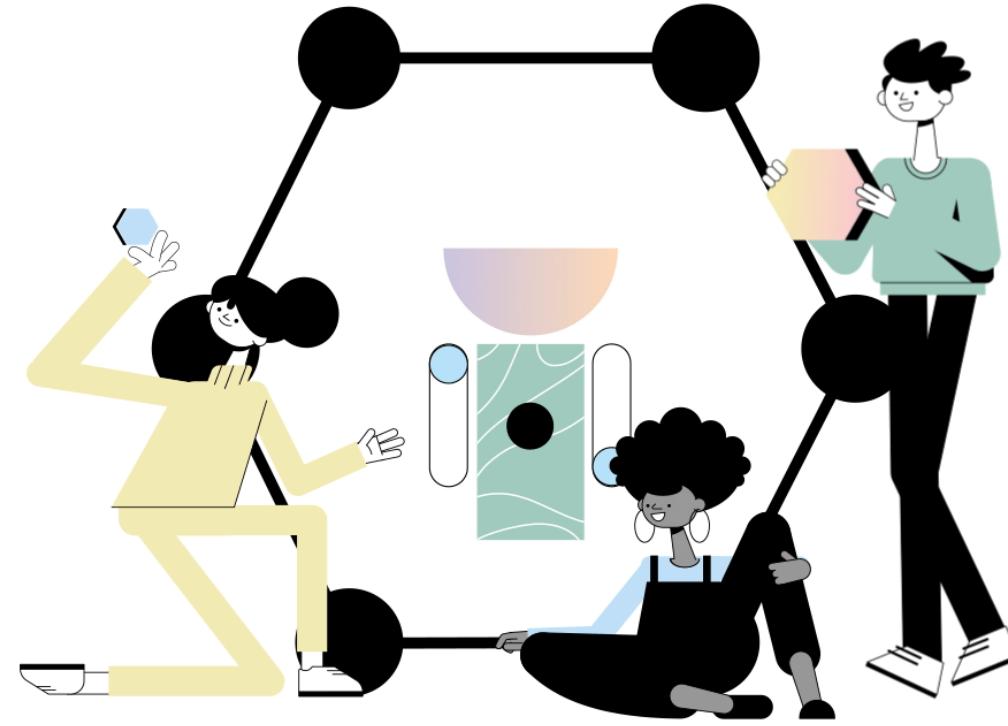
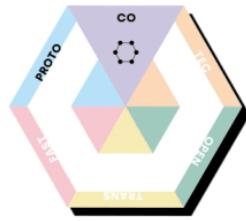
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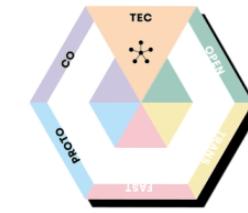
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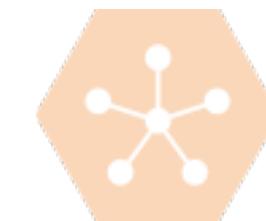
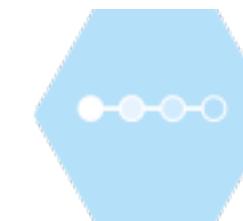
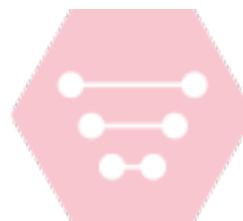
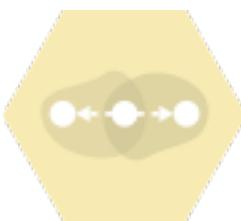
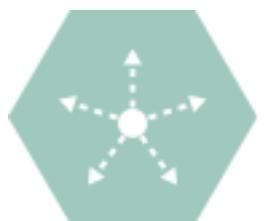
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# ¿Un centro de innovación social?



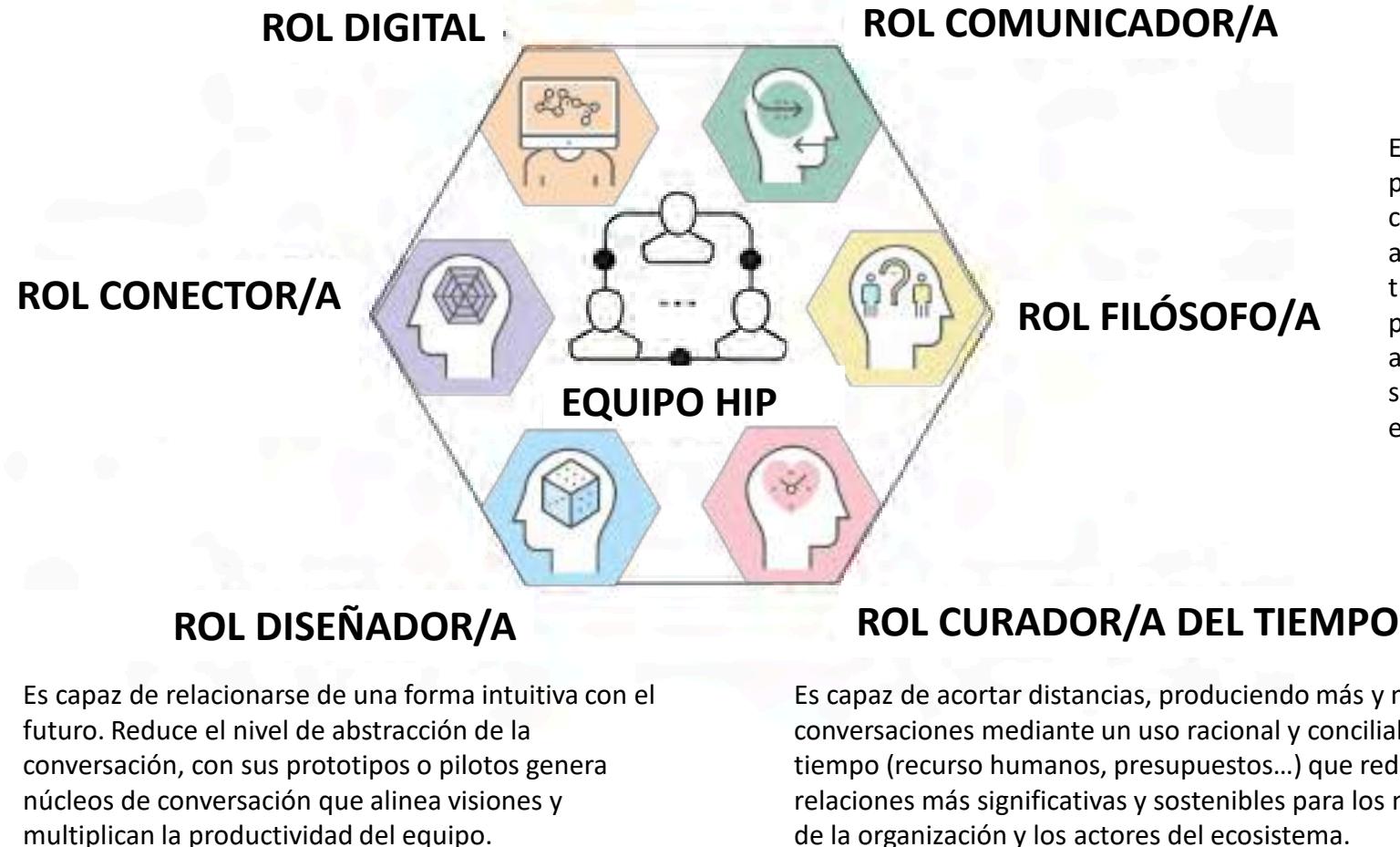
# los laboratorios

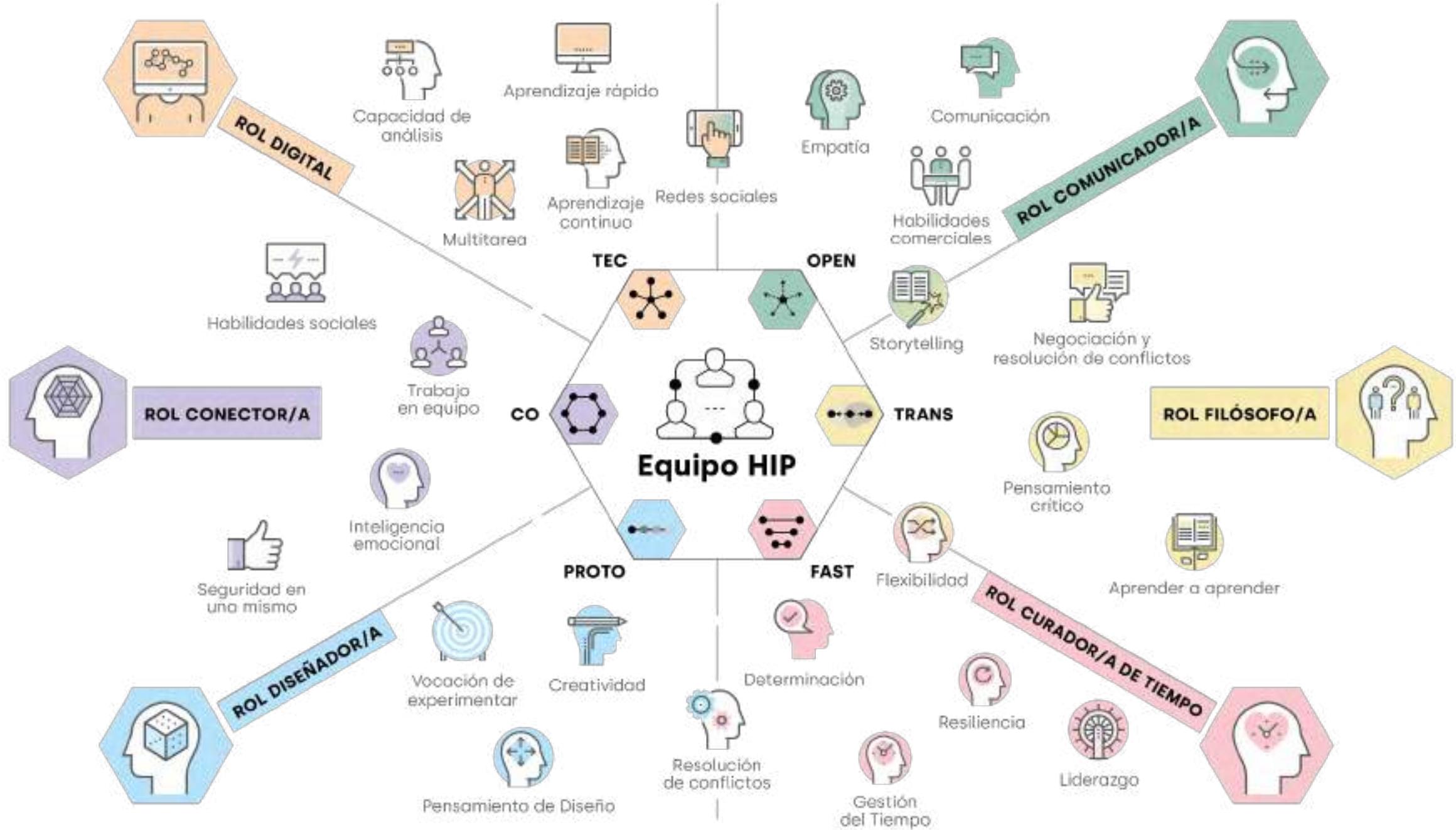
Los laboratorios son dispositivos que abren las instituciones desde dentro, conectándolos a la sociedad red para explotar todo su ancho de banda. Actúan como super hubs vinculando a múltiples actores (personal público, agencias públicas, academia, ciudadanía, empresas y entidades sociales) para pensar, experimentar y producir entre todos una nueva institucionalidad que redunde en relaciones significativas basadas en la confianza y el afecto, por una parte, y la celebración del mestizaje por otra. En torno a conversaciones productivas cristalizadas normalmente en prototipos y otros entregables que, gracias a la tecnología, pueden ser iterados, escalados y replicados, quedando todo documentado para fecundar nuevos brotes y así reactivar un proceso desde el principio, en un flujo circular, performativo y virtuoso: rizomático.

# Equipos hexagonales para la innovación social

Es capaz de multiplicar la conectividad de la organización, facilita la gestión eficiente del stock de datos y los transforma en valor público. Promueve la interoperabilidad y la usabilidad de la información. Actualizado en tecnologías específicas de la información. Actualizado en tecnologías específicas de su ámbito (salud, educación...) y/o tecnologías disruptivas.

Es capaz de proyectar conversaciones con el exterior, ampliando las redes hacia fuera, tejiendo alianzas, captando la energía del entorno y decodificando los mensajes en dos direcciones; utilizando todos los canales disponibles: redes sociales,



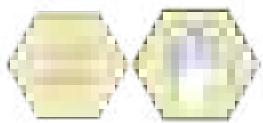




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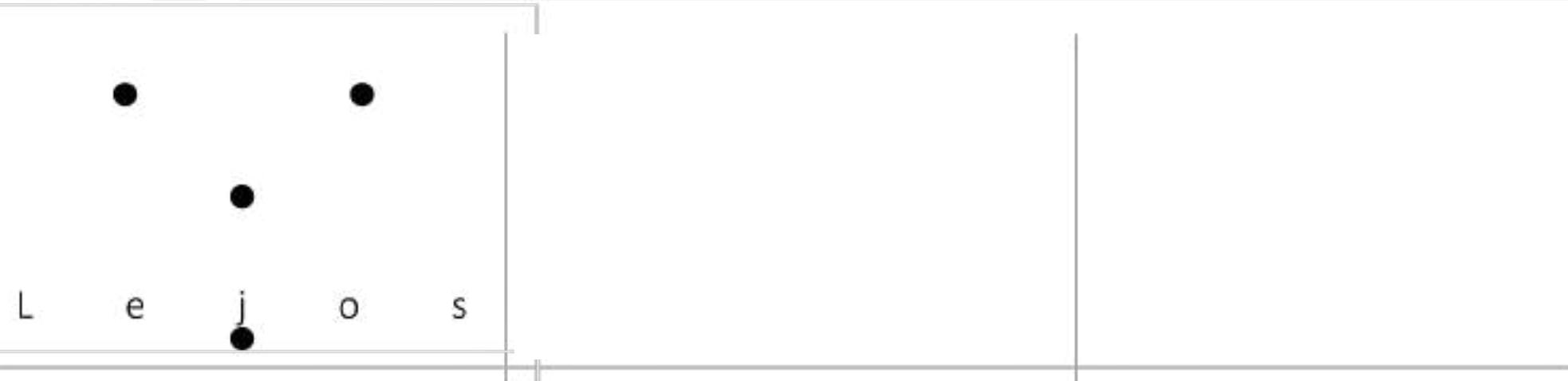
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Departamentos



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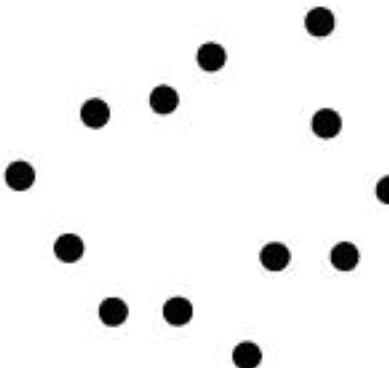
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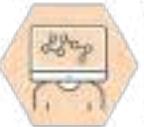
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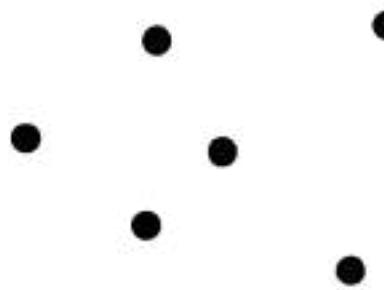


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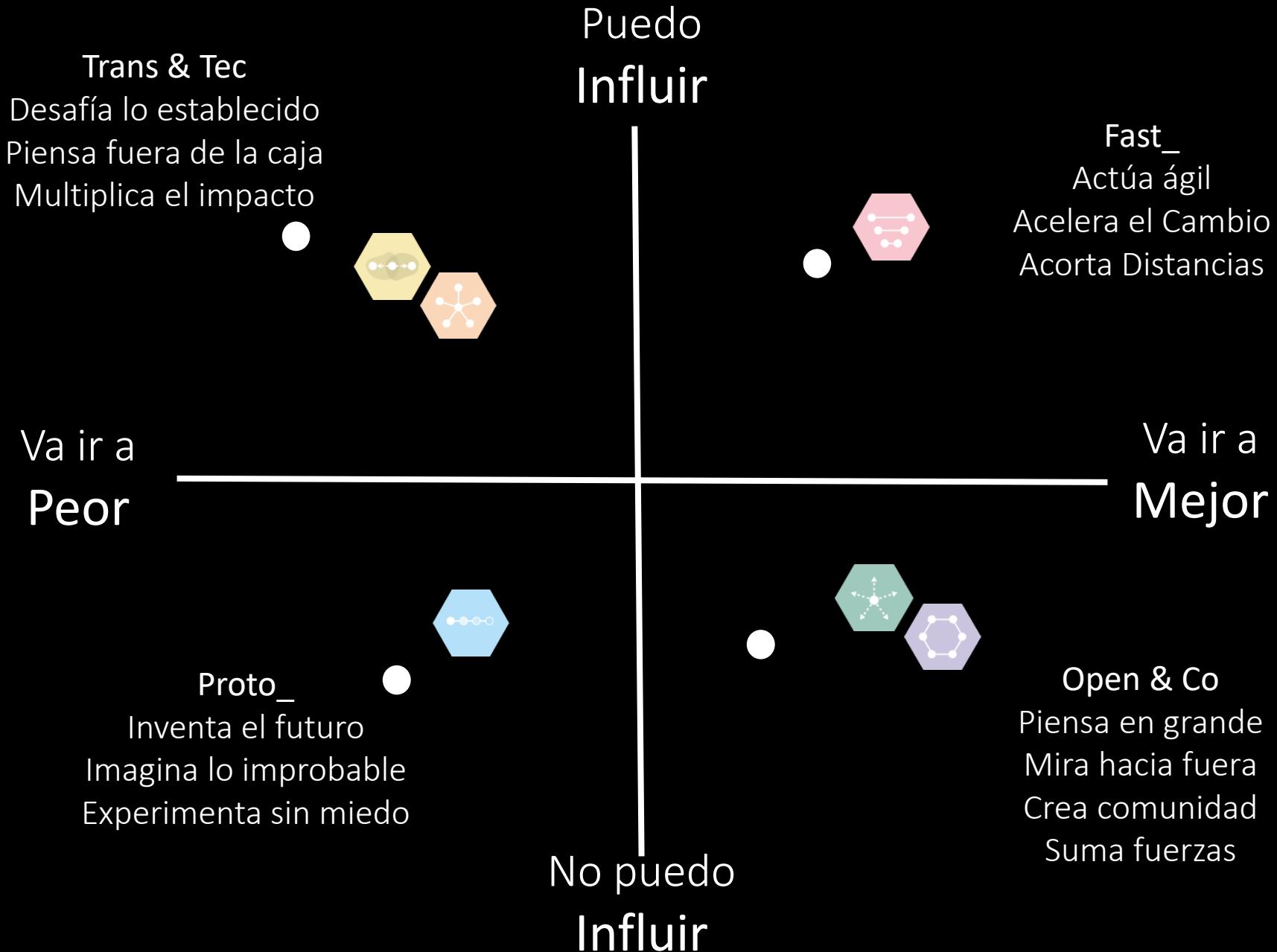




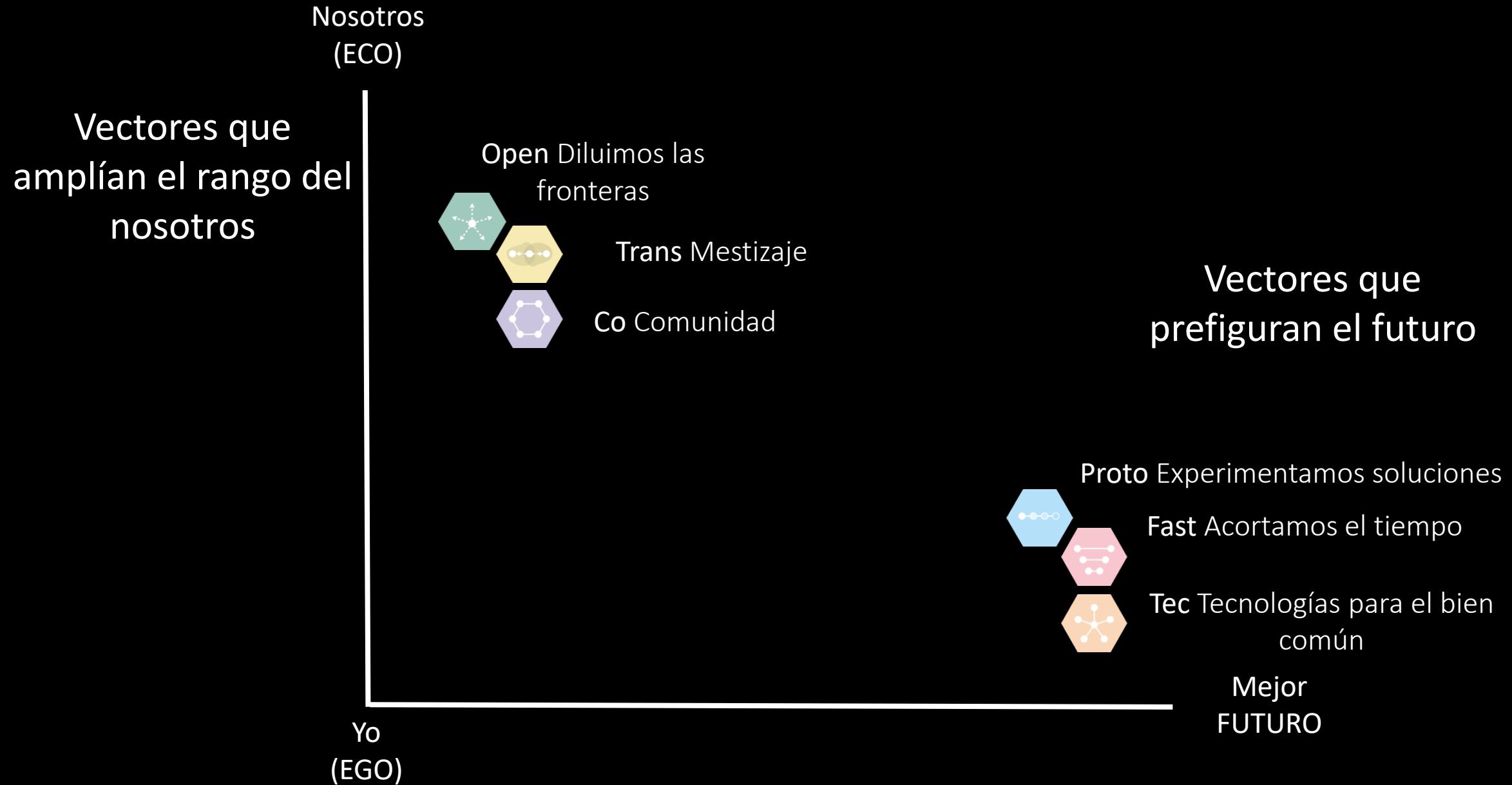
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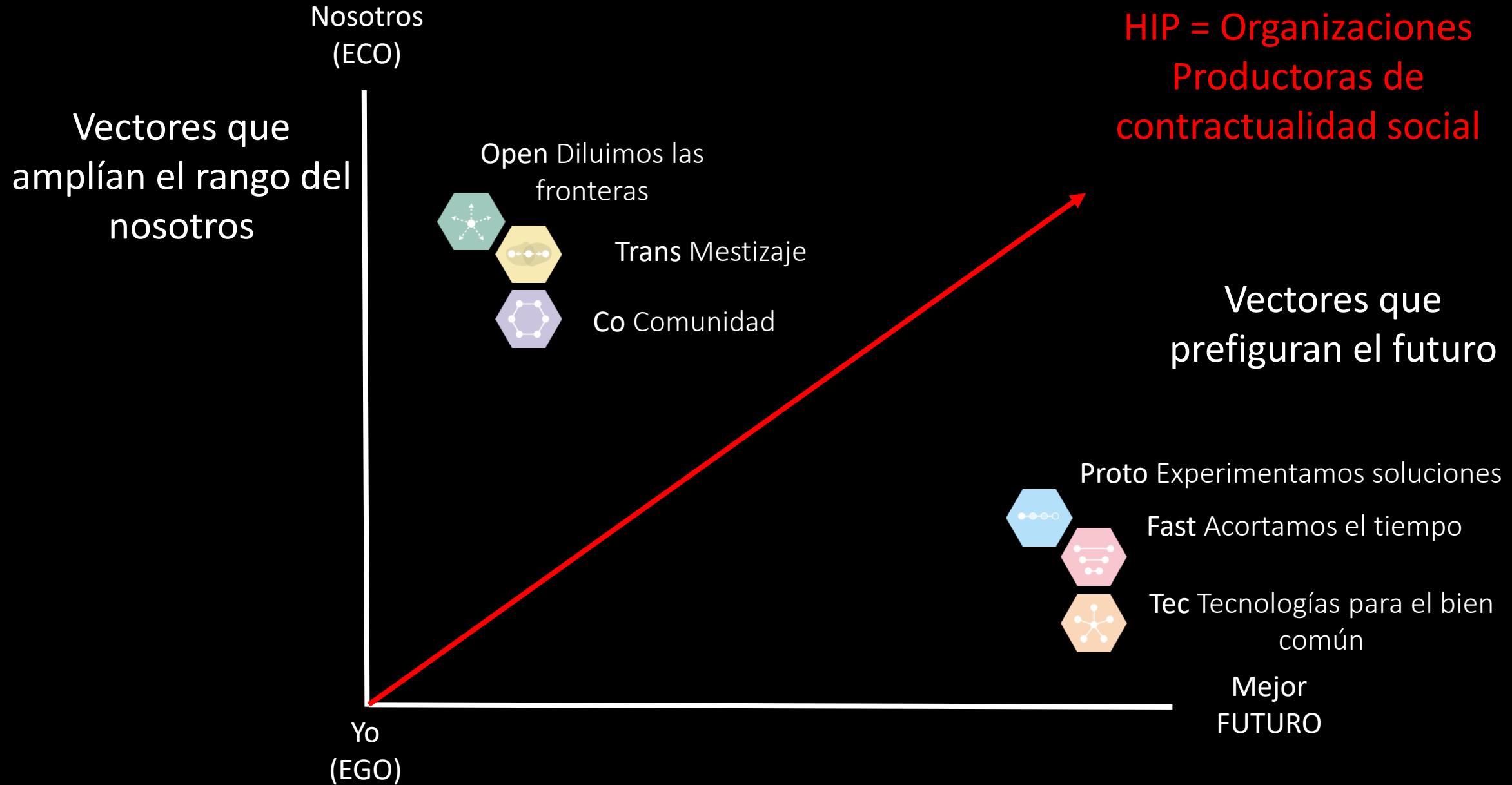
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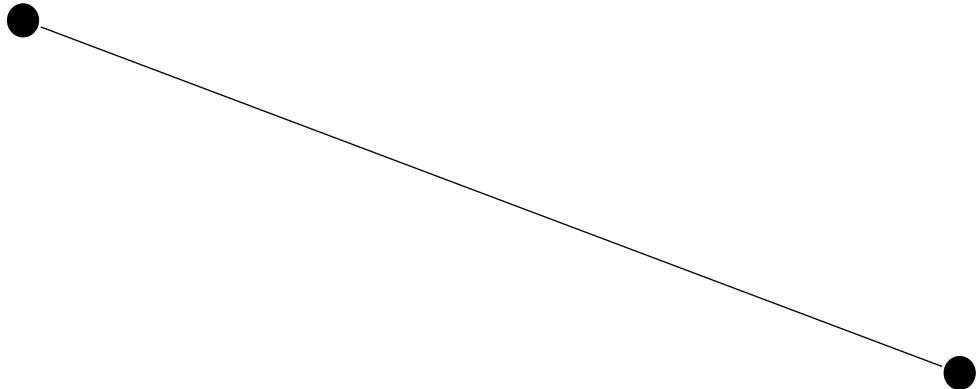


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## Scaling up social innovation

Working Group  
**Mickaël Barth; Head Consolidation and Scale Up Team –  
Avise, France**

# Working session agenda

1. Introduction – Upscaling definition and return on experience from BuiCaSuS perspective -  
*Avise 15 min*
2. Focus on 3 countries : IE, PT, FR -*15 min each*
3. Questions from the audience / discussion between speakers : *30 min*

## Participants

**Avise (FR)– Mickael BARTH – Team leader (animator)**

**Genio (IE) – Gràinne SMITH – Project coordinator**

**Portugal Innovação Social (PT) – Vera EGREJA BARRACHO – Strategic Advisor**

**ESS France (FR) – Antoine DETOURNE – Managing director**

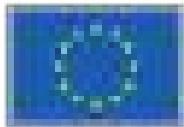


# What to consider to support upscaling?

**Return on experience from different countries and stakeholders:  
Avise (FR), Genio (IE), Portugal Innovação Social (PT), ESS France (FR)**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022**

**11:30 – 13:00**



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and enhancing communities of entrepreneurial support organizations

**DEVELOPPING**  
new support programmes and services.

**SUPPORTING**  
the up-scaling of non-profit organizations and social businesses.

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# Defining « upscaling » : EC definition (2021)

According to the EC (2021) definition upscaling refers to :

“... a process of transferring **proven social innovations** to other actors or contexts thus **creating a wider impact**.

Scaling can emerge both from :

- **supply perspective** (**social innovator** seeks to expand activities or is looking for partners who could replicate the innovation in other context)
- **or from demand perspective** (**public authorities** or other stakeholders replicate a proven solution or embed it in public policies or functioning of systems (mainstreaming)).

Scaling of social innovation often benefit from cooperation at EU level: an established practice from one country or region can serve as a source of innovation elsewhere.”

## Defining « upscaling » : Avise perspective

According to Avise, “upscaleing” refers to :



**Social impact** = social, societal, environmental, political impacts



Upscaling is **different from growth** (but business/economic modeling and financing is still an important factor)

# Defining « upscaling » : A view perspective

Two different levels of “upscale” :

- Increase of the number of social enterprises
- Development of networks
- Evolution of the legal context

The upscaling of a group  
*Ex : the social and solidarity economy (SSE)*  
MACRO LEVEL

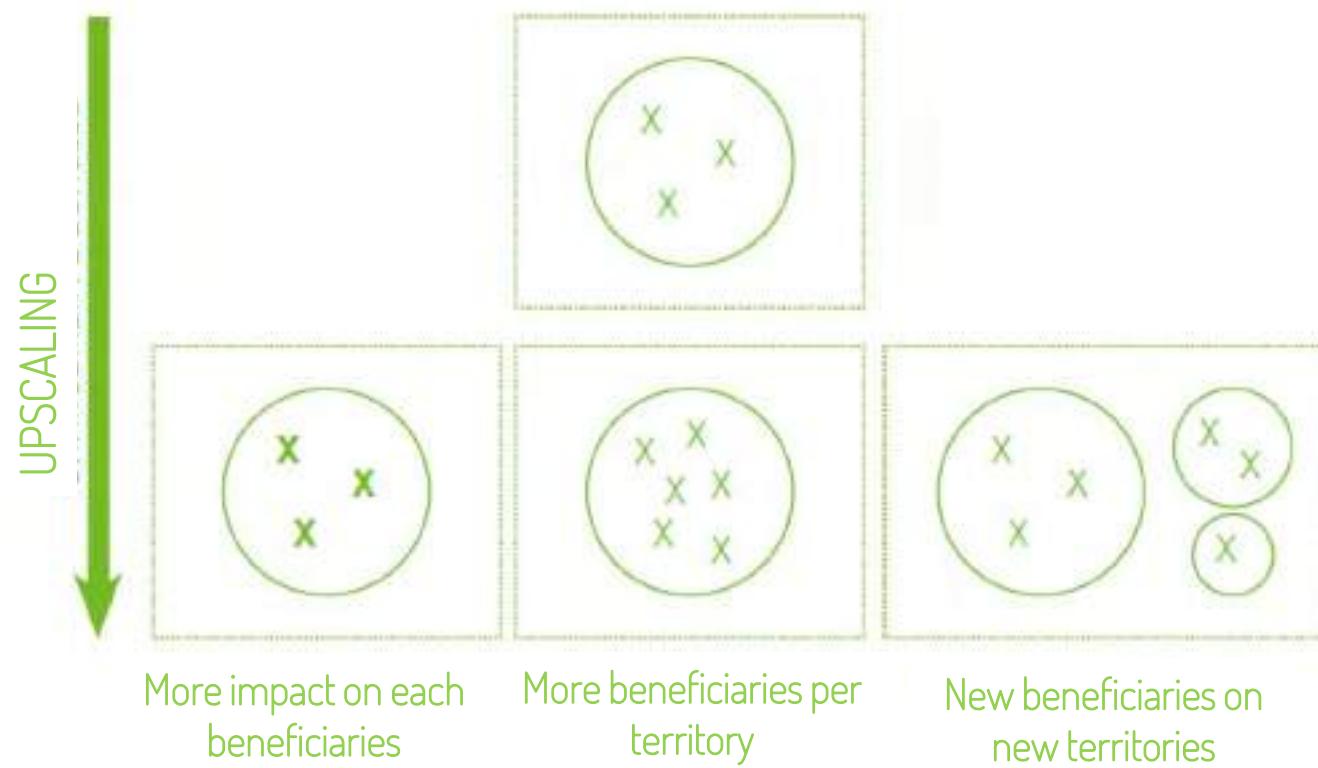
The upscaling of one single social innovation  
*Ex : a social enterprise\*, a project, a know-how, etc.*  
MICRO LEVEL

A process by which an organization tries to  
maximize its social impact

\* In France, we understand by « social enterprise » an enterprise that can have the following legal status : co-op, non-profit organization (association), business enterprise with a specific label (B-Corp, etc.), etc.

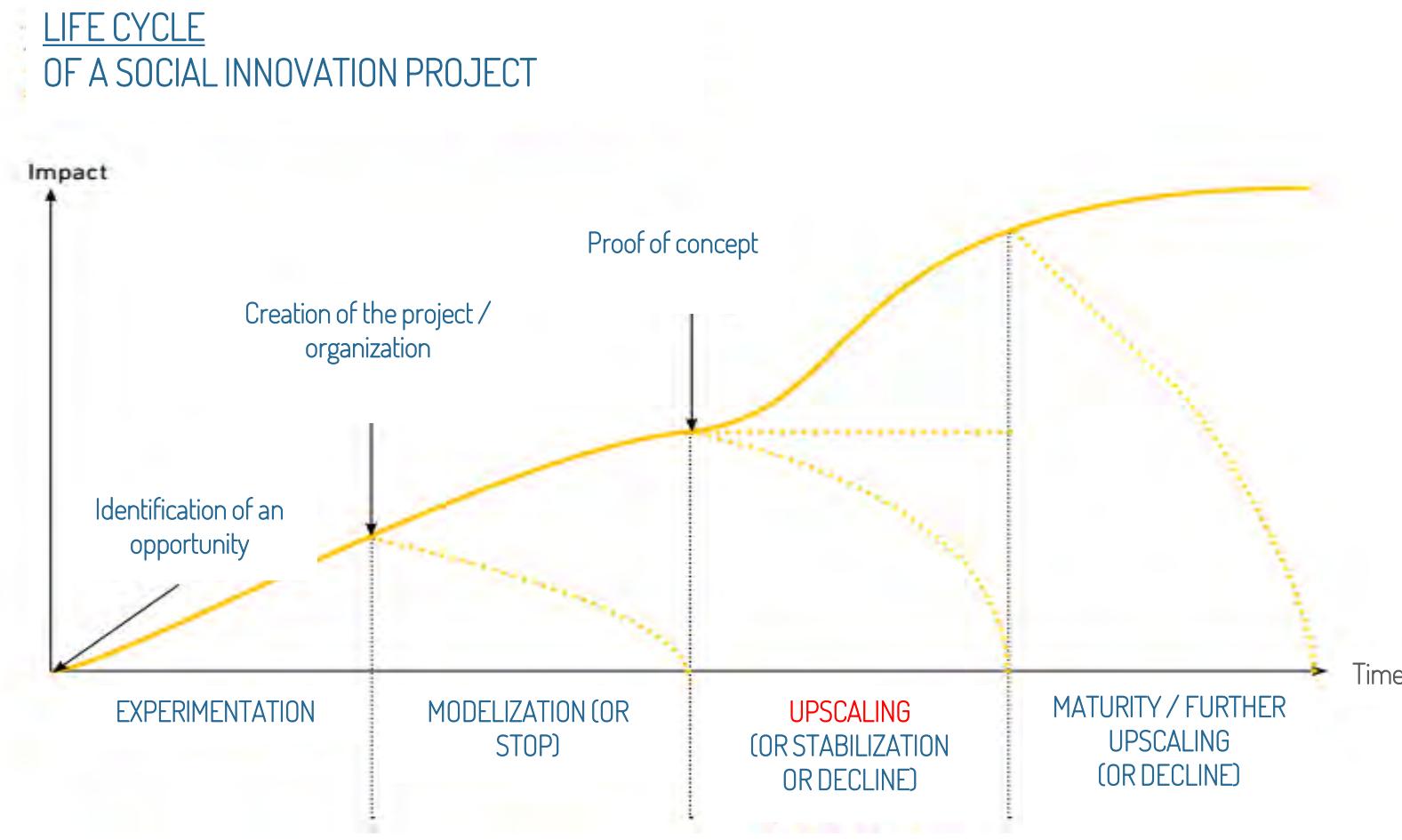
# Defining « upscaling » : A view perspective

How to “maximize” the impact ?



# Defining « upscaling » : A view perspective

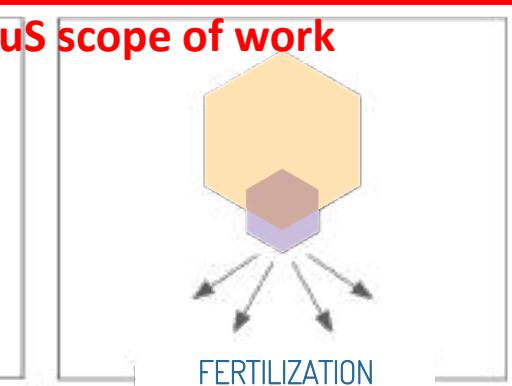
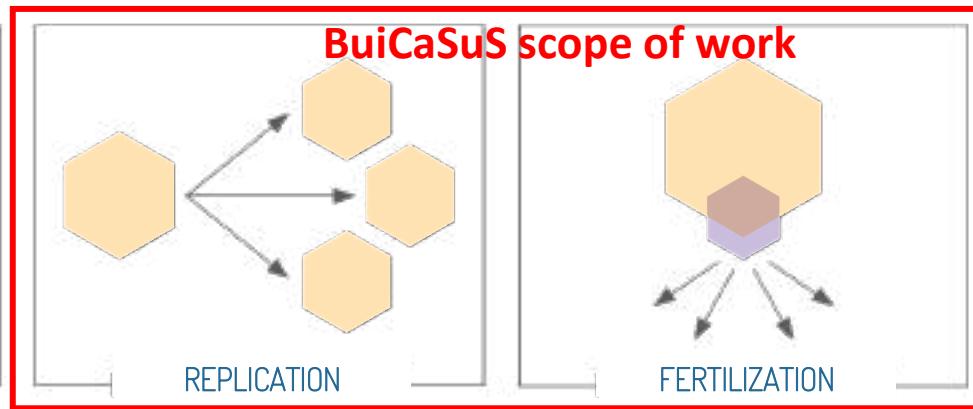
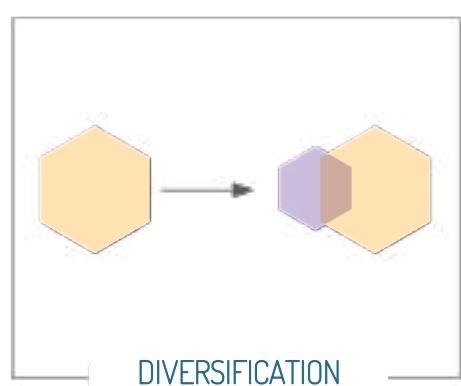
When does an organization launch an “upscale” process ?



# Defining « upscaling » : A view perspective

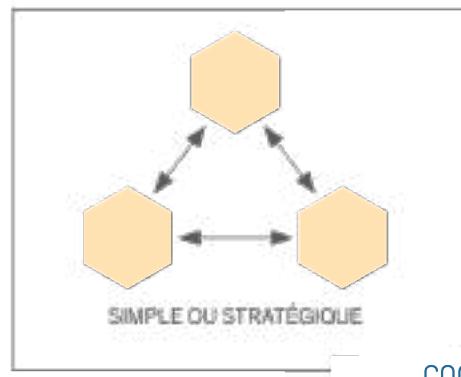
5 different strategies in order to scale up = maximize social impact

Individual  
strategies

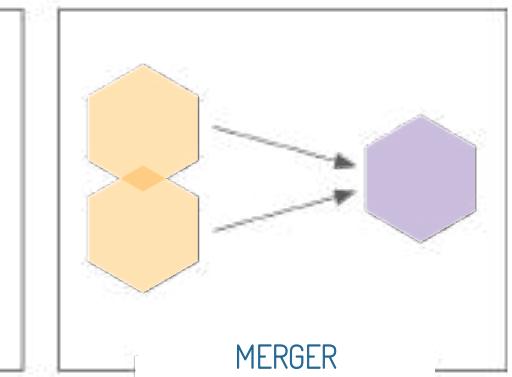
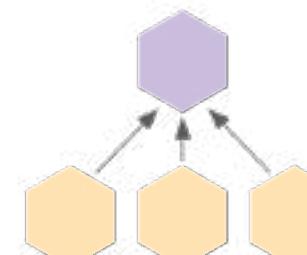


- An organization
- A project

Collective  
strategies

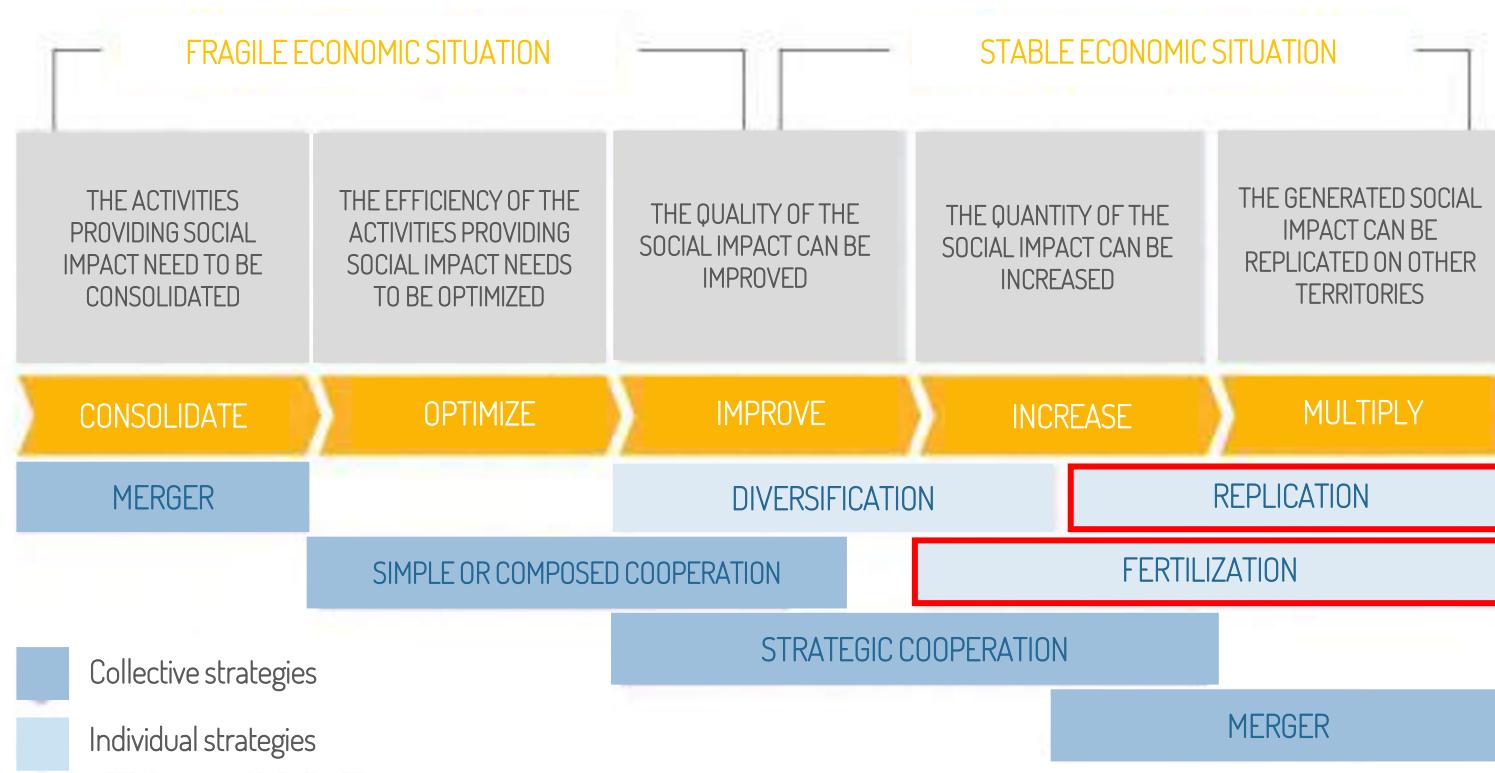


COOPERATION



# Defining « upscaling » : A view perspective

The 5 different strategies answer to different contexts



# Defining « upscaling » : Avisé perspective

## 3 conditions to scale up

Structure internal analysis

**« what I can do »**

- Social impact proof of concept
- Economic model viability
- Organization maturity and readiness

Structure strategic ambition

**« what I want to do »**

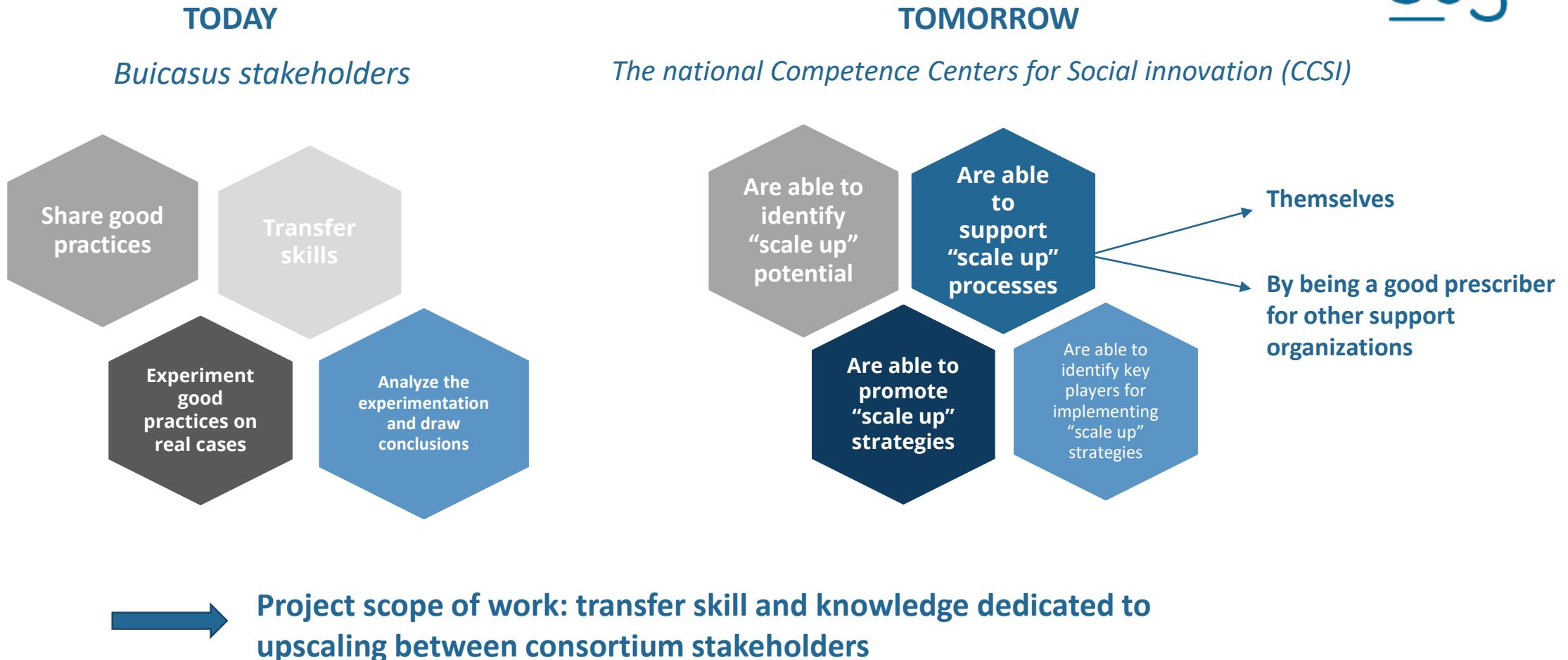
- Vision, mission and ambition clarified
- Governance alignment
- Ecosystem expectations

External environment analysis

**« what is needed to do »**

- Social needs evolution
- Social needs assessment on other territories
- Partners (financing and non-financing) positionning

# BuiCaSuS :Upscaling objectives



# BuiCaSuS : Upscaling methodology

## 1) Organizing the transfer : who's transferring what to whom ?

- Identify SI mentors and SI Pilot projects « receiving » transfer
- Identify mature SI projects « giving » transfer

## 2) Getting inspired

- 2 LEx in France and Sweden => visit organization that scaled-up
- Sharing methods and knowledge

## 3) Giving expertise : « train the trainers »

- Upscaling strategies workshop
- Upscaling business model workshop
- Hotline – mentoring for pilot projects

## 4) Turn ideas into a plan

- Upscaling Business plan (ongoing – december 23)

### Main outcomes (to date)

- 10 projects tooled-up
- 10 SI mentors trained
- Scaling-up needs more than 6 months training
- Getting prepared and anticipate on future project development

### Next steps

- Working paper for each projects upscaling BP
- Integrate upscaling specificities in National CCSI strategies



# BuiCaSuS - Mid-Term Conference

Supporting social innovations to scale

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

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Genio - Scaling social innovations to solve complex problems

## Genio Video



# Genio - Scaling social innovations to solve complex problems

- Work at Irish and European level, based in Dublin, Ireland
- 12 years' experience of scaling social innovation in Ireland and Europe
- Trusted partners of government agencies, European institutions and international foundations

## How:

- Support innovation that puts people at the heart of service design
- Help to build capacity of leaders within systems and organisations and embed long-term change
- Use an action research approach to solve complex problems in real time
- Manage reform funding for cost-effective innovation and service reform



# Scaling innovation in the public sector

## Context

- Public sector budgets already committed and under pressure
- Difficulty ringfencing and protecting funding to introduce innovation
- Transition funding required to support new models /approaches while not upsetting existing funding arrangements
- Successfully implemented innovations to create appetite for refocusing larger budgets to adopt cost effective innovation
- Capacity building required for those implementing change



## Example: Service Reform Fund (SRF)

- Genio, in collaboration with National Government; Local Government agencies; third sector organisations and philanthropy
- Service Reform Fund (SRF) €45m (30m state funding, 15m Philanthropy)
- Aim – Scale cost-effective innovation in social services in line with national policy objectives



## Service Reform Fund (SRF) focus areas

- Disability: De-Congregation - supporting people to live in the community
- Mental health: Individual Placement & Support - giving real jobs to people rather than just training
- Homelessness: Housing First - giving long term homeless people their own homes



## Service Reform Fund (SRF)

- Ringfenced funding to enable innovations to gain traction in public service systems
- Grant funding allocated on a competitive basis
- Planning grants awarded to support consultation with stakeholders particularly end beneficiaries
- Capacity building support and training provided alongside funding
- Funding released only on the basis of outcomes achieved
- Action Research approach used
- External evaluation commissioned where needed



# Action Research

- Objective: to identify the challenges and opportunities in implementing the initiatives and to highlight areas of synergy, as they arise
- Use interviews and focus groups to facilitate discussions with senior and frontline staff
- A key component is to help social services to bring people using the services into the heart of the reform effort
- Draws on concepts of institutional theory to understand why ingrained beliefs and practices exist in fields and to understand how they can be purposefully changed
- Conducted in cycles of interviews and feedback throughout the lifetime of the project



## What was unique about the SRF

- Put pressure on the system to **develop plans and solutions** at a regional level
- Funding was used as **leverage** to encourage agencies to engage with the SRF and to ensure accountability
- Perceived to have “forced an agenda” for engagement - acted as a catalyst for both introducing and strengthening **service user engagement**
- **Action research** enabled an iterative learning approach, allowing innovations to pivot and adapt
- **Training and capacity building** were found to be integral elements of the reform process



## Outcomes of SRF

- Enabled people to live more independent and productive lives – all targets set were exceeded
- Fostered a new way of working, promoting inter-agency collaboration
- Developed ways to navigate a complex system to transform lives and protect the most vulnerable people in our society
- Work has been sustained and mainstreamed



## Scaling SI in Europe

- European Social Catalyst Fund (ESCF) – established and co-funded by EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, Genio (Ireland), Robert Bosch Stiftung (Germany); King Baudouin Foundation (Belgium) [www.euscf.eu](http://www.euscf.eu)
- Aim: to identify and support proven innovations to develop plans to scale within, and across EU Member States
- 120 applications received from 22 countries
- Seven innovations selected to develop plans in a total of 15 countries



## Supports offered by Genio

- Financial management of fund
- Provision of non-financial support
- Tailor made capacity building programme combining group and individual sessions covering topics such as ....
- Progress monitored and funding released against agreed objectives
- See ESCF Report - Planning the Scaling of Successful Social Innovations  
[https://www.euscf.eu/\\_files/ugd/ae603a\\_f45eef6dd28b44578ea80fa026d73183.pdf](https://www.euscf.eu/_files/ugd/ae603a_f45eef6dd28b44578ea80fa026d73183.pdf)



## Success of ESCF

- ESCF resulting in the development of 120m euro European Social Innovation Catalyst Fund (ESICF) (30m from EU Horizon Europe Programme) – *A European Social Innovation Catalyst Fund to Advance EU Mission Objectives by Replicating and Scaling-up Existing, Demonstrably Successful Social Innovations (HORIZON-MISS-2022-SOCIALCAT-01)*



## Challenges to scaling

- Insufficient resources for objective evaluation of the efficacy of innovations
- Not enough attention and support for planning for scaling
- Uncertainty in relation to validating innovations for scaling (Genio producing validation tool for scaling, currently being tested by FUSE)
- Stakeholder engagement strategies need improvement
- Support needed to learn as you scale  
<https://www.genio.ie/publications/learning-as-you-scale>
- Funding and capacity building needed to scale innovations in and across countries



## What supports scaling

- Identify and enable champions to drive the change
- Criteria-dependent, ring-fenced funding along with monitoring can be used as leverage
- Build strong mechanisms for the capacities and voices of service users
- Create a learning environment that supports reflection and adaptation - e.g., Action Research, Communities of Practice, etc.
- Capacity building - supports staff to think and work differently
- Sustain reform and maintain momentum for change - sharing “success stories”



## Learnings from Ireland and EU

- Having time, funding and resources to develop scaling plans
- Stakeholder engagement - identifying relevant stakeholders and forming partnerships
- Involvement of the end beneficiaries in the design process can help shift deeply ingrained beliefs and help increase acceptance of a new approach
- The central role EU can play in supporting MS that are scaling the same innovative models
- Strategically placing Philanthropic resources to help catalyse scaling of proven innovations can be extremely impactful
- Blending sources of finance, e.g., social impact finance, philanthropic, public, or combination



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03

## Tools for fostering ecosystems

**Working Group**  
**Anna Tengvist, Coordinator**  
**Forum for Social Innovation Sweden**

# Workshop: Best practices for supporting social innovation

20th October, 2022

Anna Tengqvist

Gloria-Karin López

## Why this workshop

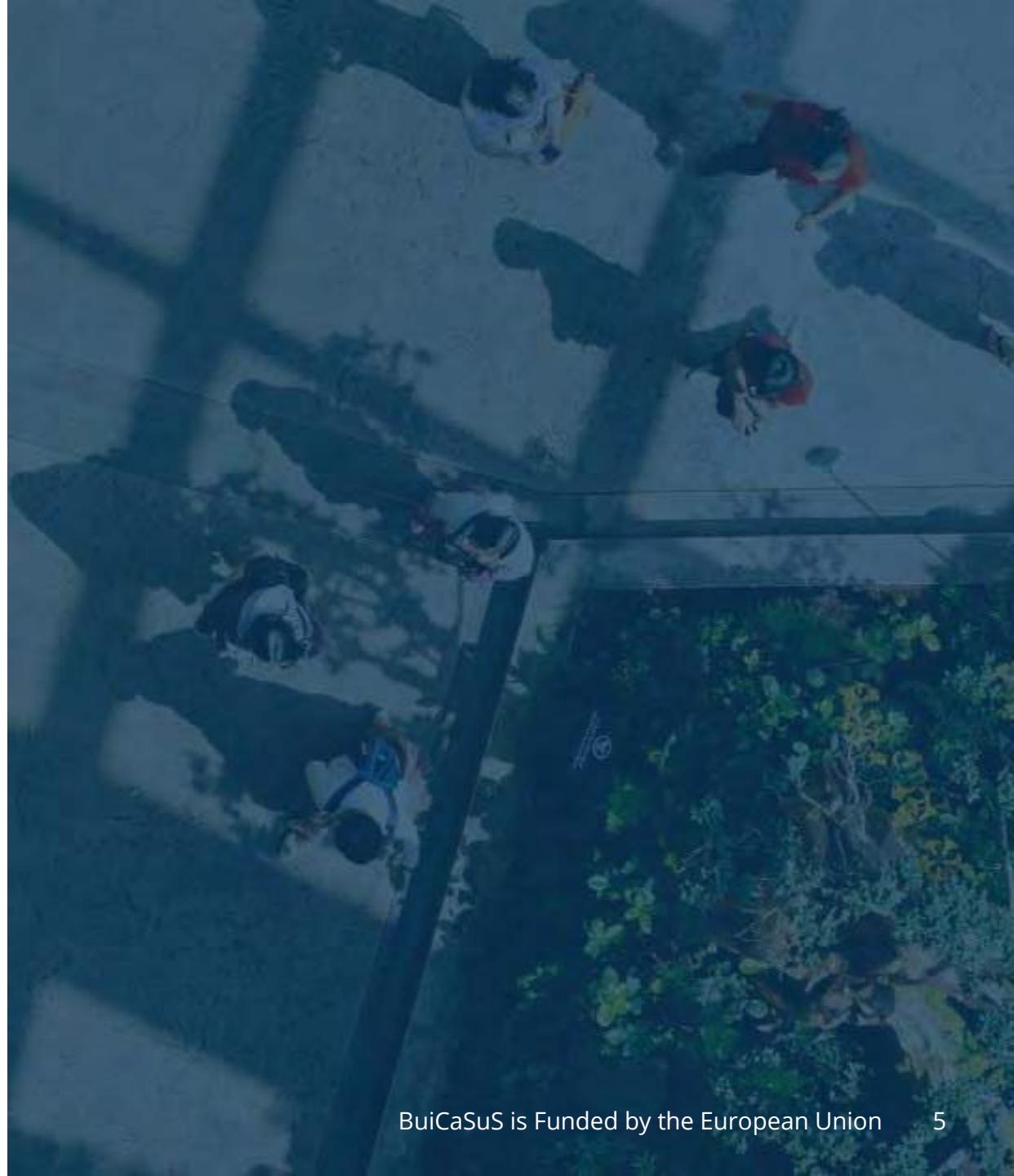
The objective of this workshop is to present and discuss best practices for supporting all elements of social innovation processes.

# Agenda

- Introduction and round of presentations
- Film on support to social innovation in all phases of the social innovation process
- Key findings and recommendations on support to social innovation
- World Café – session on support of social innovation
- Presentations from tables
- Summary and close

# Recommendations

- Make better use of existing knowledge and approaches to support social innovation
- Ensure support to all elements of the social innovation process, not only ideation but also preparation, realization and impact
- Help realize and scale initiatives on the micro, meso and macro levels
- Strengthen the ecosystems that enable social innovation by establishing and managing local and regional platforms for cross-sectoral co-creation
- Create a coordinating function for support to social innovation on national and regional levels



## Recommendations

- Integrate social innovation support practices into regular systems and established institutions, e.g. through cross-sectoral co-creation and community involvement
- Ensure public and private funding of social innovation in all elements and levels of the process
- Improve public policy to better acknowledge and support social innovation
- Support further knowledge development on how social innovation can be supported in practice

# Questions – World Café

1. How would you **ensure cross-sectoral cooperation** in a project aiming to support women with immigrant backgrounds to move closer to the labour market?
2. How would you ensure **the involvement of the people affected** by the societal challenge in a municipality project focusing on getting more young people into work?
3. Who (and how) would you work together with, in order to **scale** a project that has developed a (local) successful method to support long term unemployed in moving closer to the labour market?
4. What would you include in a **training** for staff in an organisation that wants to start working with **social innovation?**
5. Based on the presentation on support to social innovation processes – what are things you already do, and what would you like to strengthen in your own work?

# World Café – how we do it

1. One question per table – twelve minutes of discussions
2. Move to a new table – not with the same group – new participants at each table
3. Four rounds of questions
4. One facilitator at each table – introduces you to the question
5. Everyone can write and draw on the "tablecloth" (flip chart paper)
6. Take the opportunity to think freely and in new ways

04

## Mapping SI Ecosystems

**Inga Kalnina (Latvia), Alexis Bouges (France),  
Stefan Meyer (Spain), Anna Tengqvist (Sweden)**



# Mapping of ecosystems of Social Innovation

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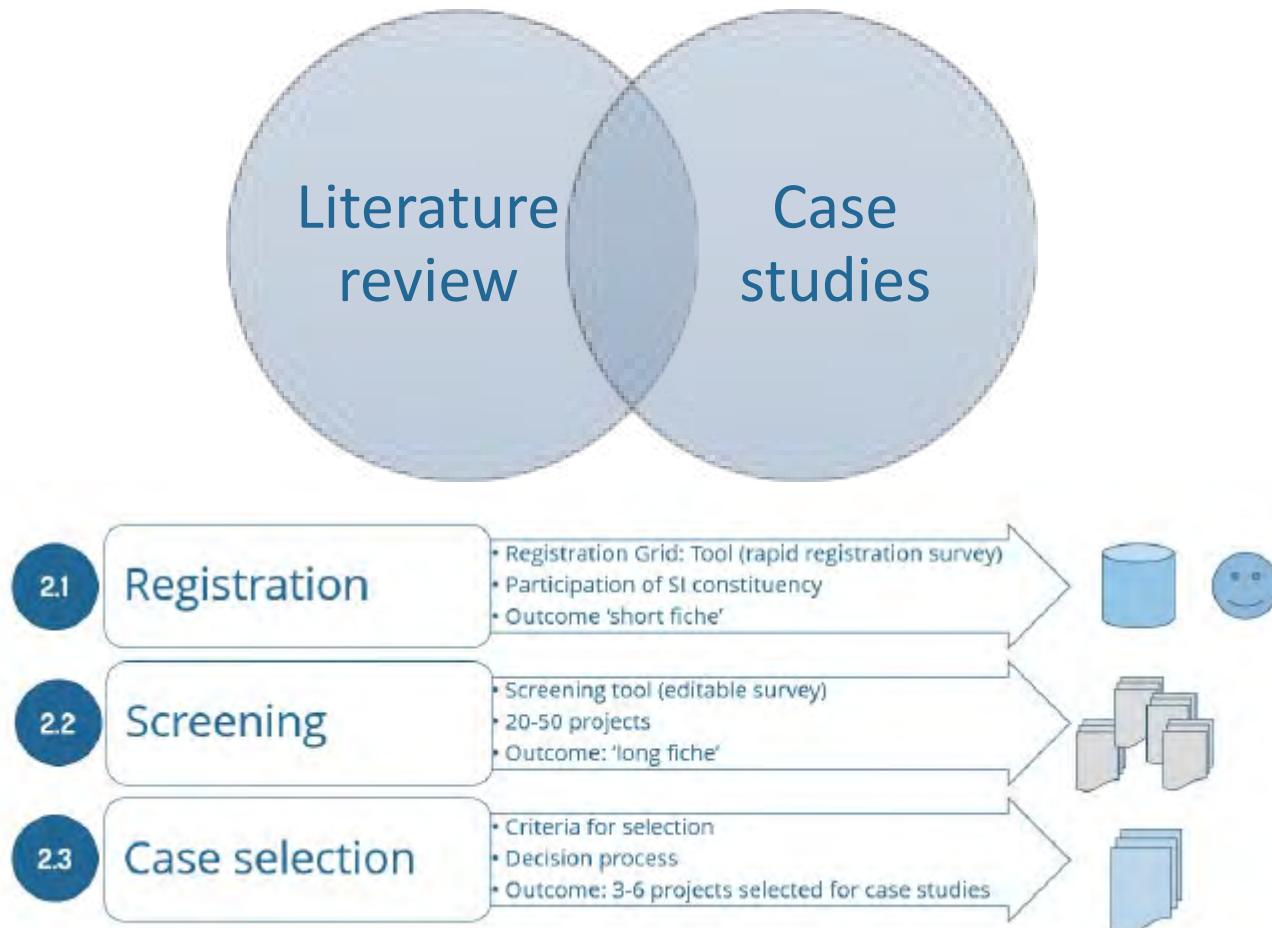


**SI Plus factsheet 2021 - Member States: Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Slovakia**  
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## Research question

*¿What are the factors  
that foster (enabling conditions)  
or impede (bottlenecks/barriers)  
mature social innovation initiatives  
to be upscaled and/or transformed into public policies  
in the sector of social services?*

# Methodology





# Mid-term conference – Session 7

PowerPoint Slides for **France**

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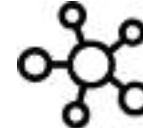


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# Favourable conditions of the French SI ecosystem



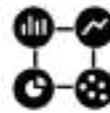
Legal & political recognition



Rich & structured support ecosystem



Various financing possibilities



National Resource centre for social impact evaluation



Upscaling programs



Existing CCSI

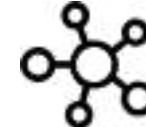
# Challenges of the French SI ecosystem



Legal & political recognition

→ Long-term support programs

→ More support to SI in public policies



Rich & structured support ecosystem

→ Clarity & visibility

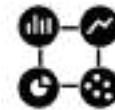
→ Funding this (free of charge) support



Various financing possibilities

→ Funding the experimental phase

→ Raising awareness among traditional bankers, investors, public institutions



National Resource centre for social impact evaluation

→ More guidance, support, financing of the evaluation process



Upscaling programs

→ Ambitious, permanent offering of guidance & support for projects on a national scale

→ Entering the common law



Existing CCSI

→ A role that can be reinforced, at national and European scales



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# Mapping social innovation ecosystem in Latvia

Inga Kalnina,  
Society Integration Foundation

# Social innovation ecosystem – main barriers



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**no clear definition of SI**  
-> insufficient understanding and political support  
-> unclear conditions for SI development etc.

**no specific, targeted, and continuous programmes**  
designed to foster SI development processes

**often public sector is addressing SI within the limits of its capacity, available information, and available staff**

**lack of sustainable funding**

**mismatches between the requirements and actual approach to social services, especially in the context of DI and CBSS**

**-> SI initiatives stop in the development process**

# Social innovation ecosystem drivers



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- SI can be supported more effectively if support is organised and sustainable
- A need for one coordinating institution like National CCSI
- providing all kind of targeted and sustainable support to SI through all process of SI development and thus helping SI to be upscaled/merged



# Thank you for attention!

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# Social Innovation Ecosystem in Spain

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Stefan Meyer – [fresnoconsulting.es](http://fresnoconsulting.es)

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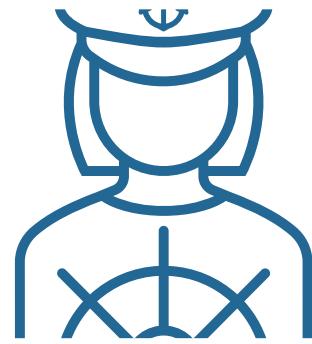


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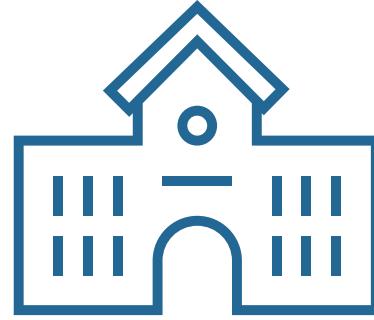
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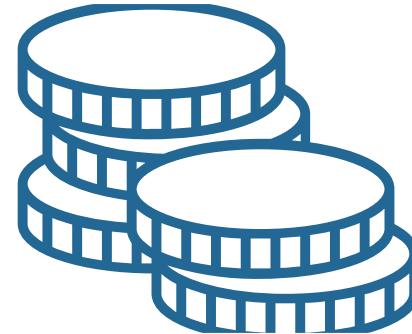
# The ecosystem



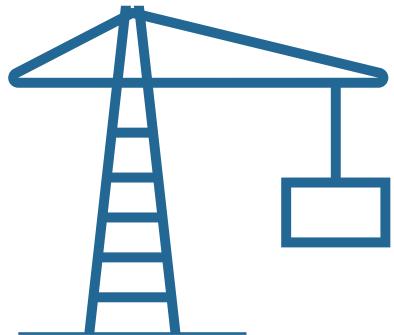
Legislation and  
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Social Innovation in the  
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Financing



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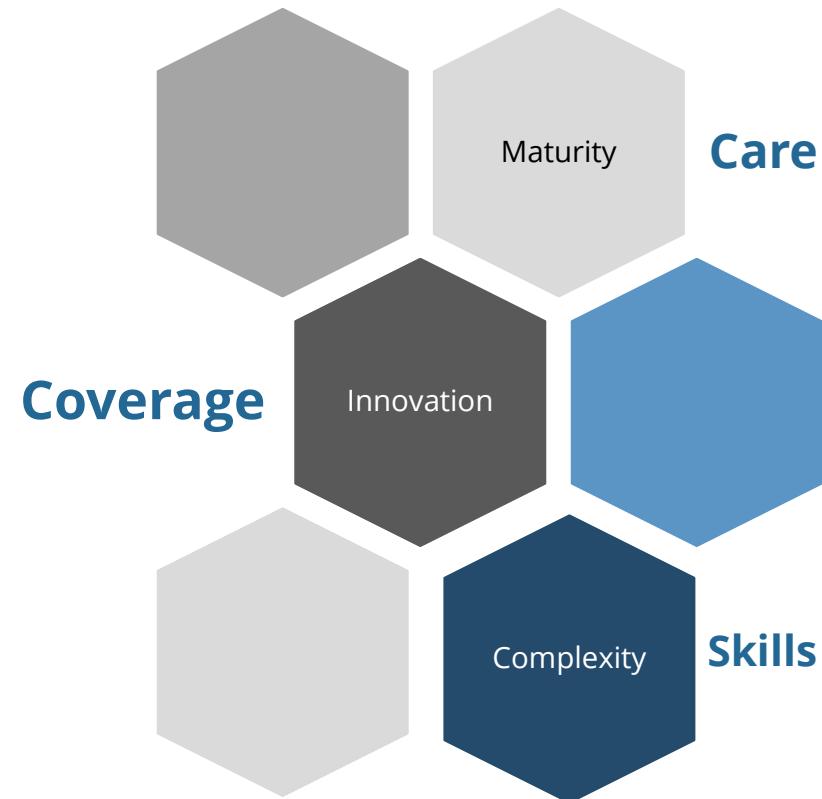


Support structures



Research. Evidence,  
evaluation

## Cases



# Observations

Awareness on social innovation

Recognition of complex challenges:  
Framing

Trust, listening, ownership

Open process vs. planning attitude

Open Source:  
Sharing attitude

Prototyping and prove of concept

New professional profiles:  
Community broker

Prudent leadership

Micro-territoriality and local government

Digitalization

Evidence and social impact

Beyond “the social”



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# Ecosystem for social innovation

Key findings

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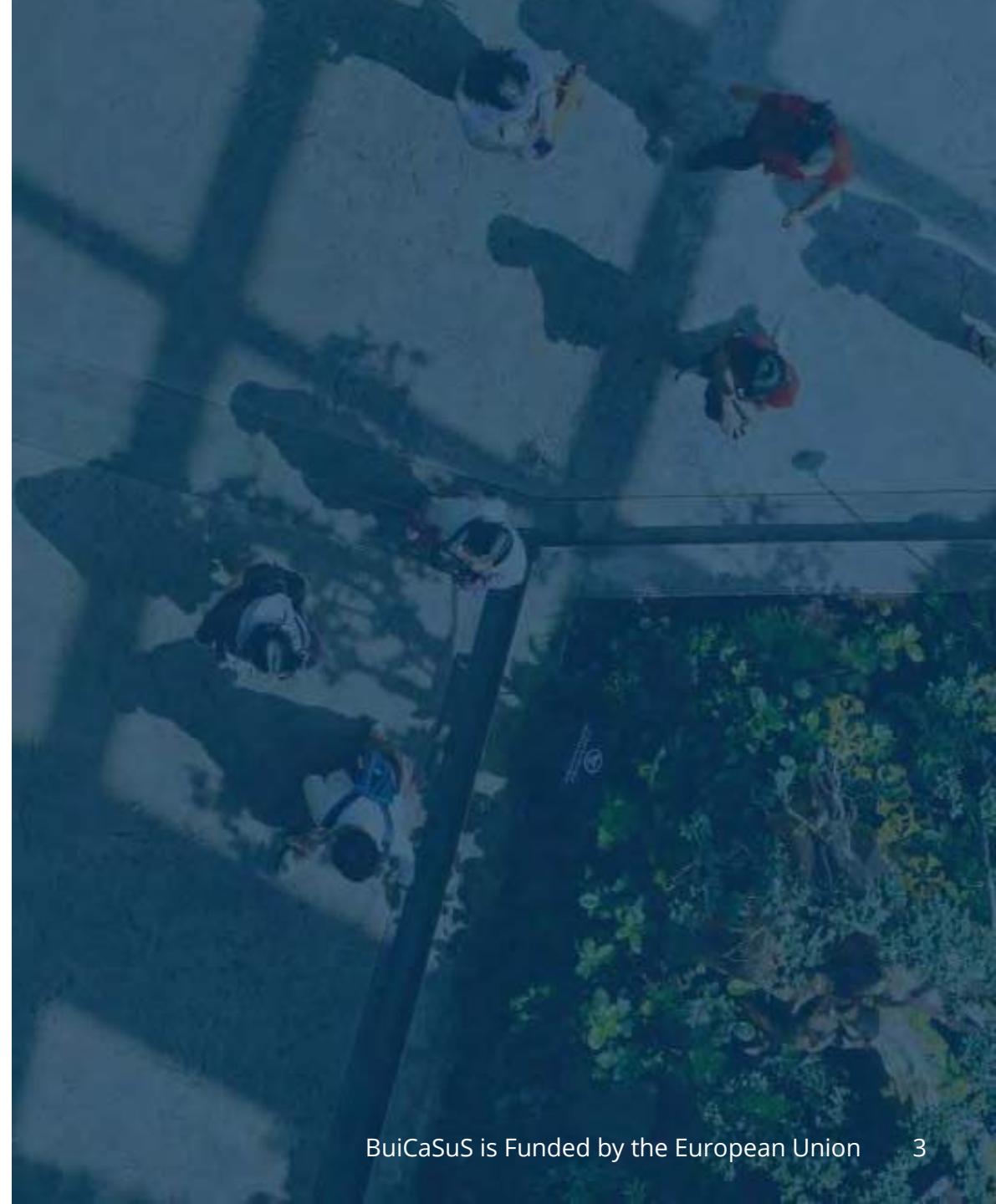


# Strengths

- Good preconditions - engaged actors many initiatives, many changemakers
- The Swedish Government's strategy – a starting point (2018-2020)
- A widespread commitment in many sectors on the sustainability goals of the 2030 Agenda
- Good examples of support to social innovation among funders, intermediaries, ecosystem at large
- Good examples of platforms and networks for social innovation nationally, regionally locally
- The ESF+ focus on social innovation

# Needs

- Clearer political leadership to steer toward social innovation, including funding
- Stronger national, local and regional platforms to coordinate cross-sectoral collaboration
- Clarify ecosystems for ESF+, funded projects
- Connect with expertise of experienced ecosystem actors
- Integrate social innovation in day-to-day activities of key actors in the larger innovation system
- Expand the role of academia and research in social innovation
- Use and design tools to support parts of social innovation processes on national, regional and local levels
- Ensure participation and influence for target groups





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## Evaluating Social innovation

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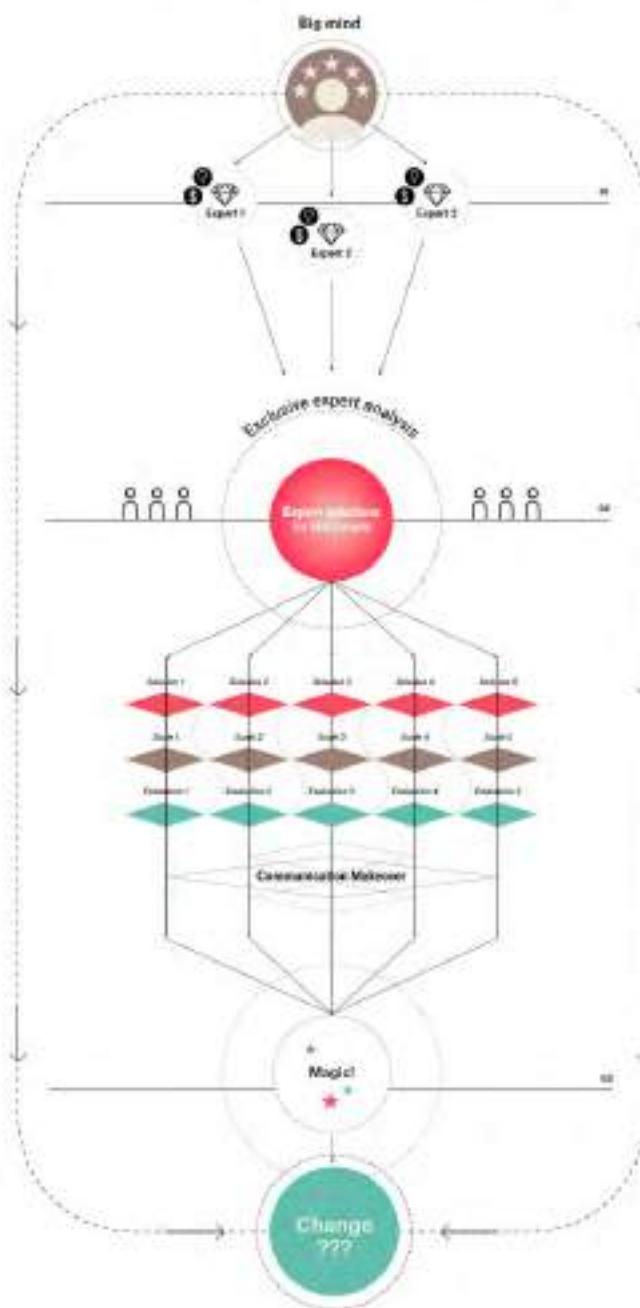
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Los nuevos modelo de evaluación requieren un enfoque evolutivo para adaptarse a entornos cambiantes. Estos nuevos enfoques de evaluación construyen procesos iterativos de recopilación de información, análisis conjunto, diálogo y reflexión que permiten evaluar la eficacia del conjunto de la carteras de iniciativas. Deben poder proporcionar información en tiempo real que puedan servir para anticiparse y adaptar los programas a estas condiciones cambiantes.

A diferencia del enfoque de desarrollo más tradicional, que utiliza el marco lógico para llevar a cabo actividades prescritas que respondan a objetivos concretos y preestablecidos, los nuevos enfoques de evaluación complementan estas herramientas con nuevos procesos e indicadores:

- ¿Cuál es el cambio más significativo que está produciendo nuestra intervención?
- ¿Cómo podemos visualizar el conjunto de actores e iniciativas que están condicionando nuestro impacto?
- ¿Qué conocimientos, información y recursos están disponibles a nivel local y que pueden conectarse con nuestras iniciativas?
- ¿Qué está funcionando y por qué?
- ¿Qué no funciona y por qué?
- ¿Cómo están cambiando las relaciones y las estructuras a lo largo del tiempo como resultado de nuestra intervención?
- ¿Qué cambios involuntarios se están produciendo?
- A nivel macro, ¿qué se puede aprender de los cambios en las intervenciones/programas?

### TRADITIONAL INNOVATION APPROACH



### OPEN INNOVATION PLATFORM APPROACH



Cada vez hay más investigaciones que demuestran que los enfoques evolutivos son especialmente adecuados para informar y medir las iniciativas de cambio social en los siguientes aspectos:

- Adaptación de un programa existente a condiciones cambiantes
- Adaptación de un programa basado en principios generales para un contexto concreto
- Adaptación de un programa para responder rápidamente en una crisis
- Incorporar un enfoque sistémico.

Entre las técnicas y herramientas que pueden utilizarse para sintetizar esta información, destacan las siguientes:

- Narrativas de los cambios más significativos.
- Matriz de barreras y facilitadores para el cambio o impacto.
- Matriz de retos y oportunidades.
- Herramienta digital de visualización del sistema.

# Nuevas tendencias de evaluación

EVALUACIÓN TRADICIONAL	EVALUACIÓN EVOLUTIVA
Objetivos: Apoyar la mejora incremental y la medición	Apoyar el proceso de innovación y adaptación a entornos dinámicos
Roles y responsabilidades: los evaluadores son externos al programa para asegurar su independencia y objetividad	Funciona como un grupo interno, integrado en el proceso de implementación y testando nuevas soluciones en tiempo real
Medición: Se centra en unos criterios explícitos y pre-establecidos	Centrado en valores del programa, comprometido con el impacto a largo plazo
Opciones: dominan los criterios de calidad	Variedad de opciones en función de la evolución del programa
Resultados: Informes formales, y casos de buenas prácticas	Feedback en tiempo real, centrado en el proceso de aprendizaje
Complejidad: el evaluador trata de controlar el proceso de evaluación	Capacidad de respuesta inmediata, sin control total sobre el proceso
Criterios fundamentales: rigor, independencia, credibilidad con agentes externos y análisis crítico	Adaptabilidad, mentalidad de sistema complejo, ambigüedad, apertura y agilidad, trabajo en equipo



**"Hace falta expertos en economía y en proyectos industriales, no políticos. Tenemos que posicionar las cuencas como un referente innovación y tecnología, e invertir en formación."**

## ÁNGEL

Edad\_ 48

Ocupación\_ Gestor PYME industrial

Es de\_ Langreo | Vive en\_ Gijón

Trabaja en\_ Avilés



### RETOS

- ▲ **Talento.** Fuga de talento en las cuencas, falta de opciones.
- ▲ **Mentalidad.** "Hay mucho pesimismo en las cuencas para todo."
- ▲ **Falta de formación.** Hace falta formación. "El campus de Mieres también está desaprovechado".
- ▲ **Falta de profesionales.** Falta de profesionales, soldadores, caldereros. Se echa de menos gente formada.



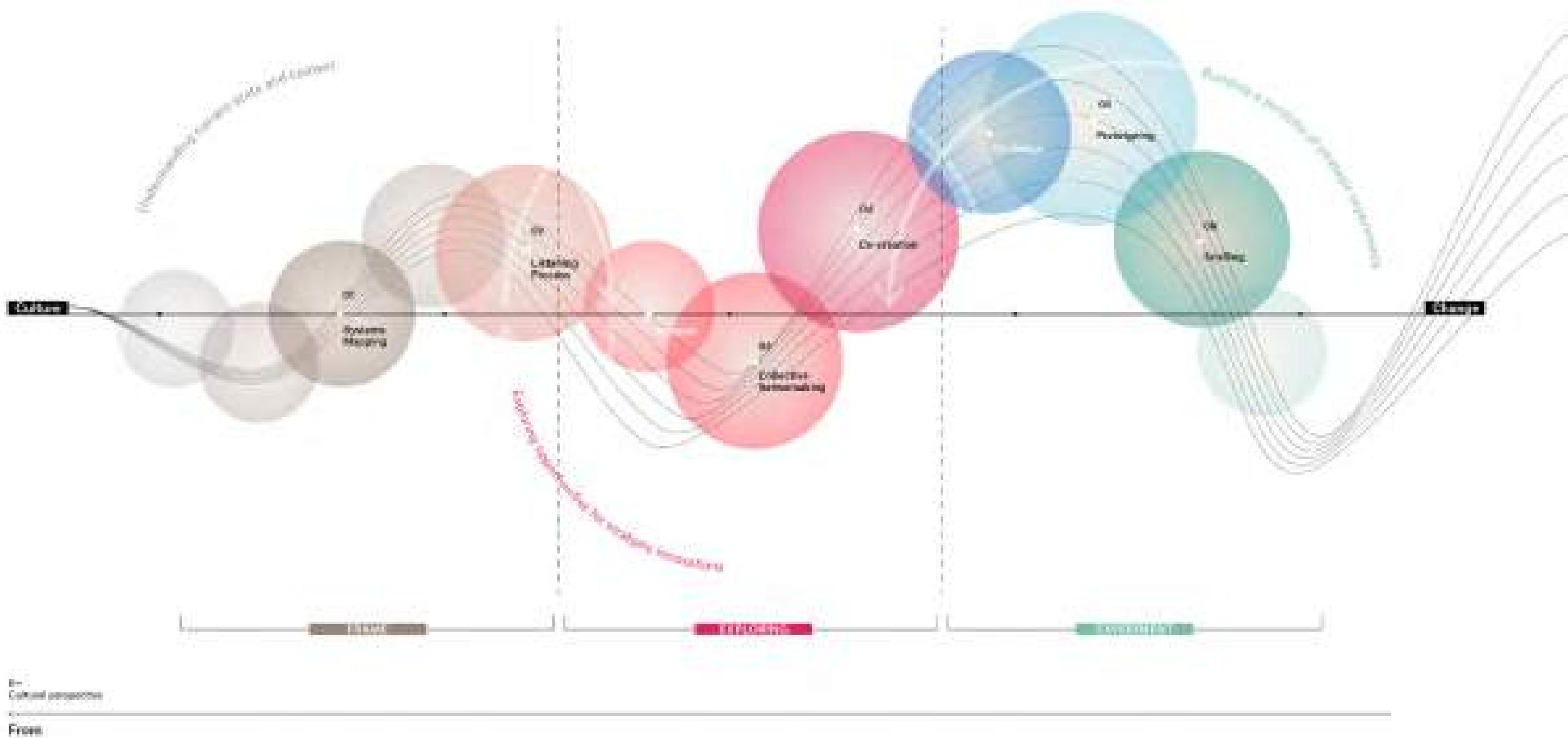
### OPORTUNIDADES

- **Emplazamiento.** Ventajas del emplazamiento en Lada, posicionamiento geográfico.
- **Innovación.** Reaprovechamiento de estructuras de empresas. "Se podría ver si alguna estructura de la central se puede aprovechar".
- **Nuevos emplazamientos de energía.**
- **Desarrollo de servicios auxiliares para pymes.**
- **Internacionalización.**

Estos nuevos enfoque deben considerar cuidadosamente los recursos disponibles, el compromiso de las partes interesadas y la capacidad y habilidad para participar en procesos más emergentes y menos lineales.

- ¿Están los responsables del proyecto y el equipo de desarrollo abiertos a un proceso de desarrollo iterativo, utilizando los datos de la evaluación para aprender y adaptar la iniciativa según sea necesario?
- ¿Las partes clave han establecido, o confían en poder establecer, una relación sólida y de confianza?
- ¿El evaluador se siente cómodo proporcionando datos en tiempo real y está dispuesto a cambiar los métodos de evaluación en respuesta a los problemas que surjan?
- ¿Tiene el evaluador un conocimiento profundo de los problemas que se van a tratar, de los intereses de las principales partes interesadas y de cómo interactúan los diferentes elementos del sistema?
- ¿Han considerado las partes hasta qué punto se requieren conocimientos específicos del tema?
- ¿Se han considerado y acordado las funciones y responsabilidades del evaluador del desarrollo?

# Theory of change



## Implicaciones operativas

- **Generar espacios internos de reflexión.** Este tipo de evaluación requiere una reflexión conjunta con las comunidades beneficiarias. El valor del enfoque es que sea un equipo mixto (interno y externo) el que genere el conocimiento, no que personas ajenas extraigan ese conocimiento y reflexionen fuera del equipo.
- **Herramientas para integrar la recogida de información en las rutinas diarias.** Los diseñadores y ejecutores estarán ocupados con las actividades del día a día, por lo que tendrán que generar herramientas de recogida de información que se integren en su actividad y su contexto.
- **Confianza para dar un feedback crítico, constructivo y honesto.** Para que este tipo de reflexión aporte valor, es necesario generar confianza y permitir los errores.
- **Poder en el equipo de evaluación** para ejecutar los cambios estratégicos necesarios. El equipo aprenderá lo que ha funcionado y lo que no. A partir de ahí, el equipo formulará una hipótesis sobre cómo escalar lo que se está haciendo para obtener el impacto deseado. El valor reside en identificar, reflexionar y aplicar estos cambios en tiempo real, para lo cual el equipo debe tener el poder de activar los cambios identificados.
- **Equilibrio** entre ser ágil para activar los cambios y esperar el tiempo suficiente para comprender el impacto de los cambios implementados.

# Sant Lluis Portfolio Multicapa



## IDEAS

### Relaciones comunitarias

- Consejo de Jóvenes Embajadores
- Escola de músics actuar en la calle

### Pequeña y mediana escala

- Sistemas de venta de productos del mercado a domicilio
- Mercados de productores todo el año
- Obrador compartido para emprendedores
- Ofrecer y promocionar el producto local en los hoteles
- Iniciativa para oferta de hoteles de interior con elementos sostenibles
- Oferta de música juvenil

### Gran escala

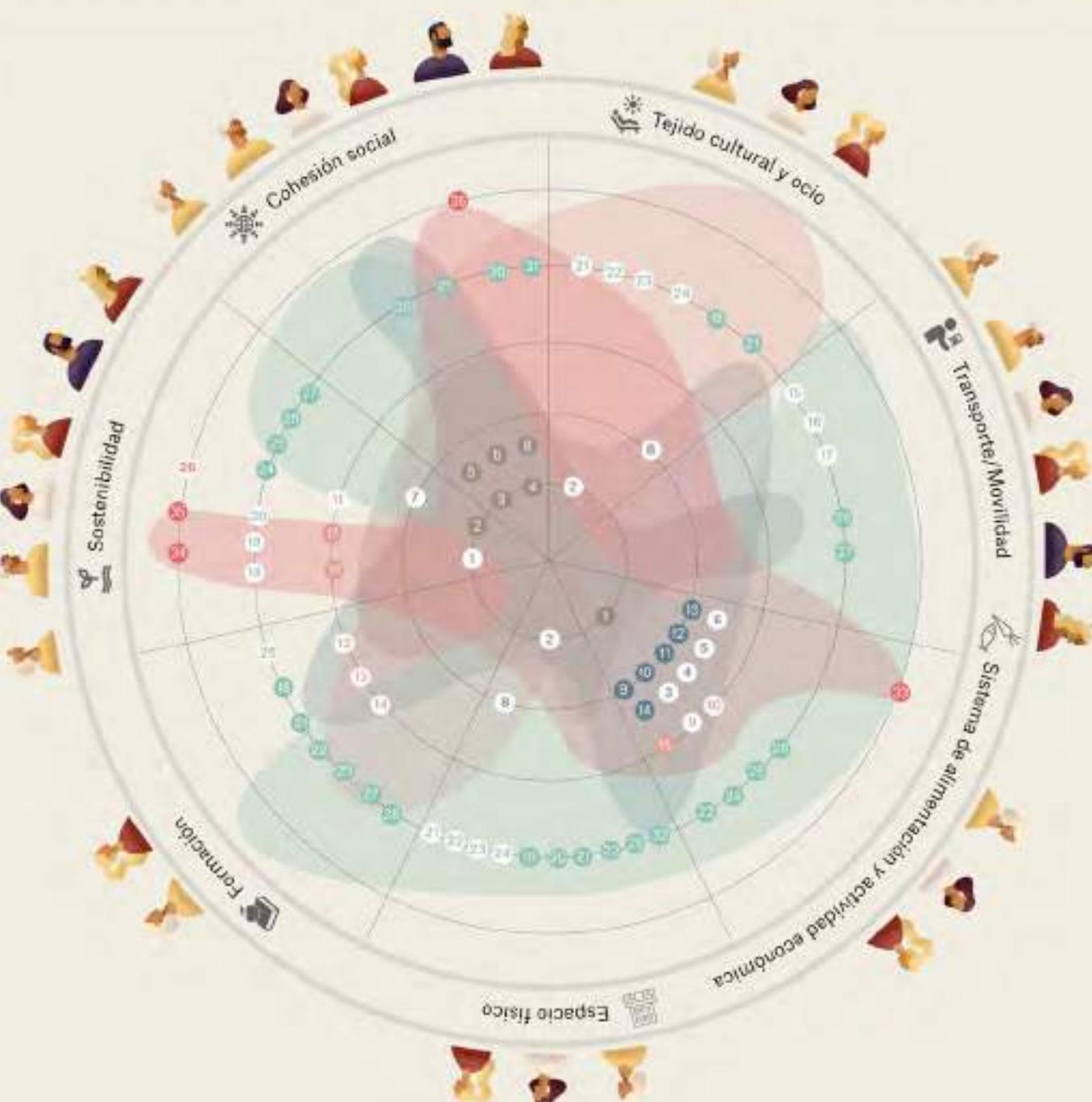
- Denominaciones de origen
- Ofrecer y promocionar el producto local en los hoteles
- Zonas de habilitadas para el reciclaje de restaurantes
- CAPS: Comunidades de Aprendizaje Digitales e la Práctica - Escuela de Hostelería
- Taller para construcción de sistema seco ecológico minorista
- Formación gastronómica para jóvenes

### Servicios

- Sistemas de transporte alternativo
- Proyecto movilidad compartida: bicicleta y eléctrica
- Pedonalización del casco urbano
- El Cos como corredor verde
- Sistema de retorno de envases en grandes superficies de consumo
- Plan de acción para mejorar el turista en la conservación del entorno
- Espacio para encuentros vecinales
- Espacio para asociaciones locales
- Espacio para recuperar la memoria del pueblo
- Máquinas y deporte al aire libre
- Talleres educativos sobre gestión de RRSSS y tecnología

### Regulación

- El Cos como corredor verde



## RED DE INICIATIVAS EXISTENTES

### Relaciones comunitarias

- Huertas sociales
- Agenda local 21
- Consejo de participación infantil
- Ciudades locales de trabajo
- Tradiciones populares
- Festas locales
- Asociaciones
- Idioma anglès

### Pequeña y mediana escala

- Coworking (propuesta, Ajuntament)
- Plataforma Comercio Local
- Fira Pàsqua
- Huetes entre molas y costa
- Bodegas Unifundat (interior y costa)
- Santo Domingo

### Gran escala

- Grop Leader, Menorca al Plat
- Energia fotovoltaica - parking de mola de 1000m²
- Comunidad energética poligono industrial

### Servicios

- Programación cultural Sala Carrus
- Salas dependientes Sala Carrus
- Centro Cultural y Deportivo Sant Lluís
- Moli del Riu, casal de joves
- Compt amb jo
- Biblioteca Pública
- Taller de justicia alimentaria
- Huetes escolares
- Carril bici y peatonal costa
- Formación SOIB
- Escuela de adultos
- Club del Jubilado
- Servicios Sociales de acogida i Costa
- Idioma - Desarrollo Plan de Igualdad y Prevención de Violencia
- Pipian Sant Lluis

### Regulación

- Presupuesto participativo
- El uso personal
- Consumo energético compartido
- Plan de infancia



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## Financing Social Innovation

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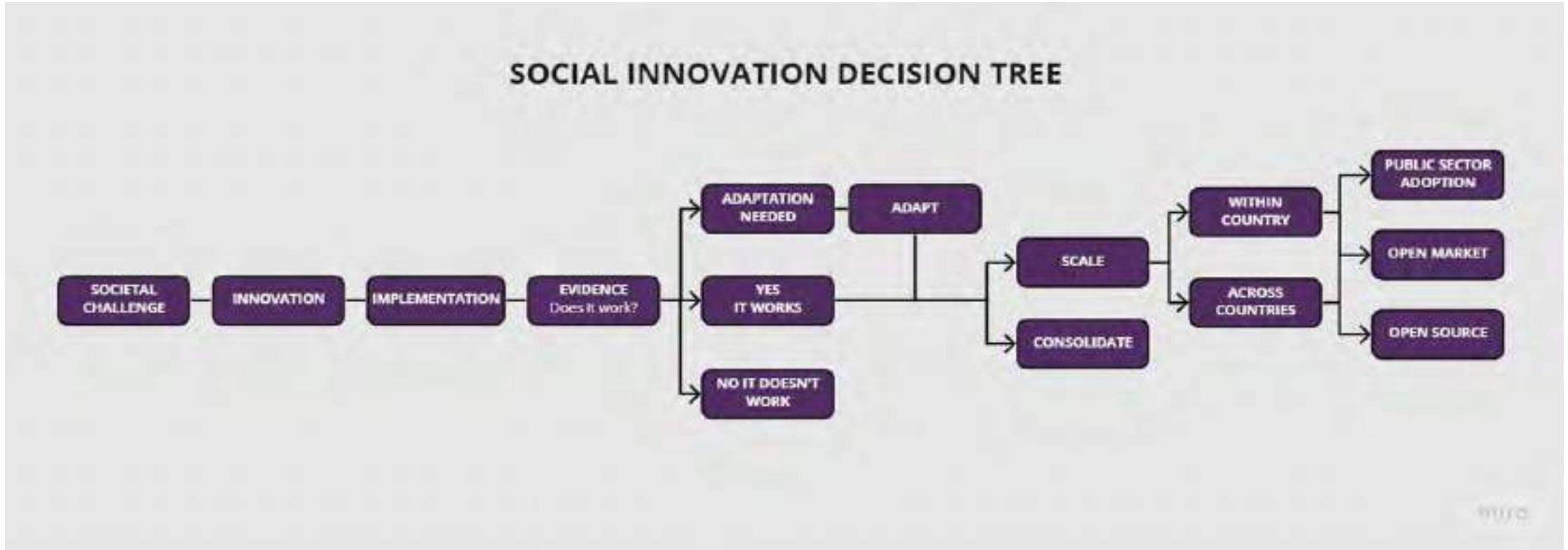
# BuiCaSuS - Mid-Term Conference

## Financing Social Innovation

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October 2022



# Q1 : How to finance Social innovation



Ref: Validating Social Innovations for Scaling (Genio, 2022)

## Q2 : Good practices for and key conditions to finance SI

- Offering allocated funding competitively to support the best innovations
- Having clear published criteria against which application for funding can be measured
- Defining eligibility
- Being clear about what is meant about evidence of success
- Knowing how to judge when an innovation is ready for type of funding being offered
- Providing non-financial and financial support is good practice



## Q3 : Obstacles to finance SI and reflections on the topic

- Commercial investors often not convinced of the possibility to make profit as well as impact
- On the public side – public funding generally already committed and under pressure
- Social innovation needs to be harnessed in the service of achieving national and European priorities





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Genio - Scaling social innovations to  
solve complex problems

# Financing Social Innovation Ecosystem

Javier Castro-Spila

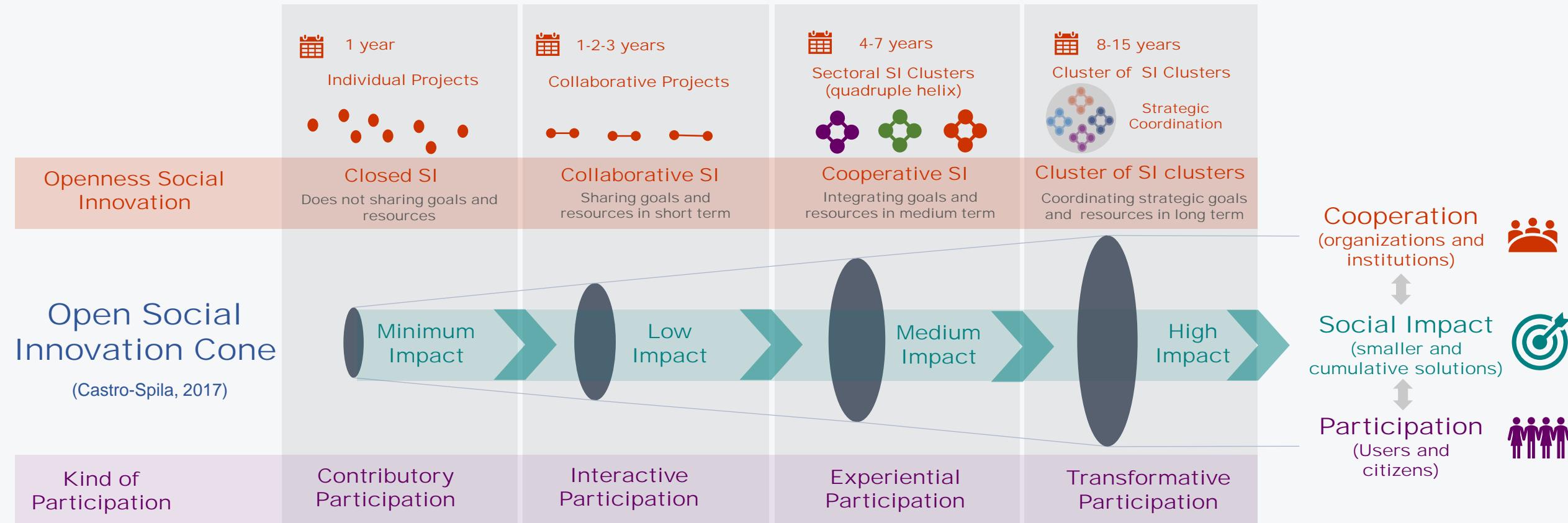
GIZALAB (Innovation Centre for Social Policies)  
Basque Country - Spain

# 1. How to finance Social Innovation: what solution are you proposing to address what need?

Basque Social Innovation  
Ecosystem

## TOWARDS SOCIAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

Moving from short term Project-oriented to long term clusterization support



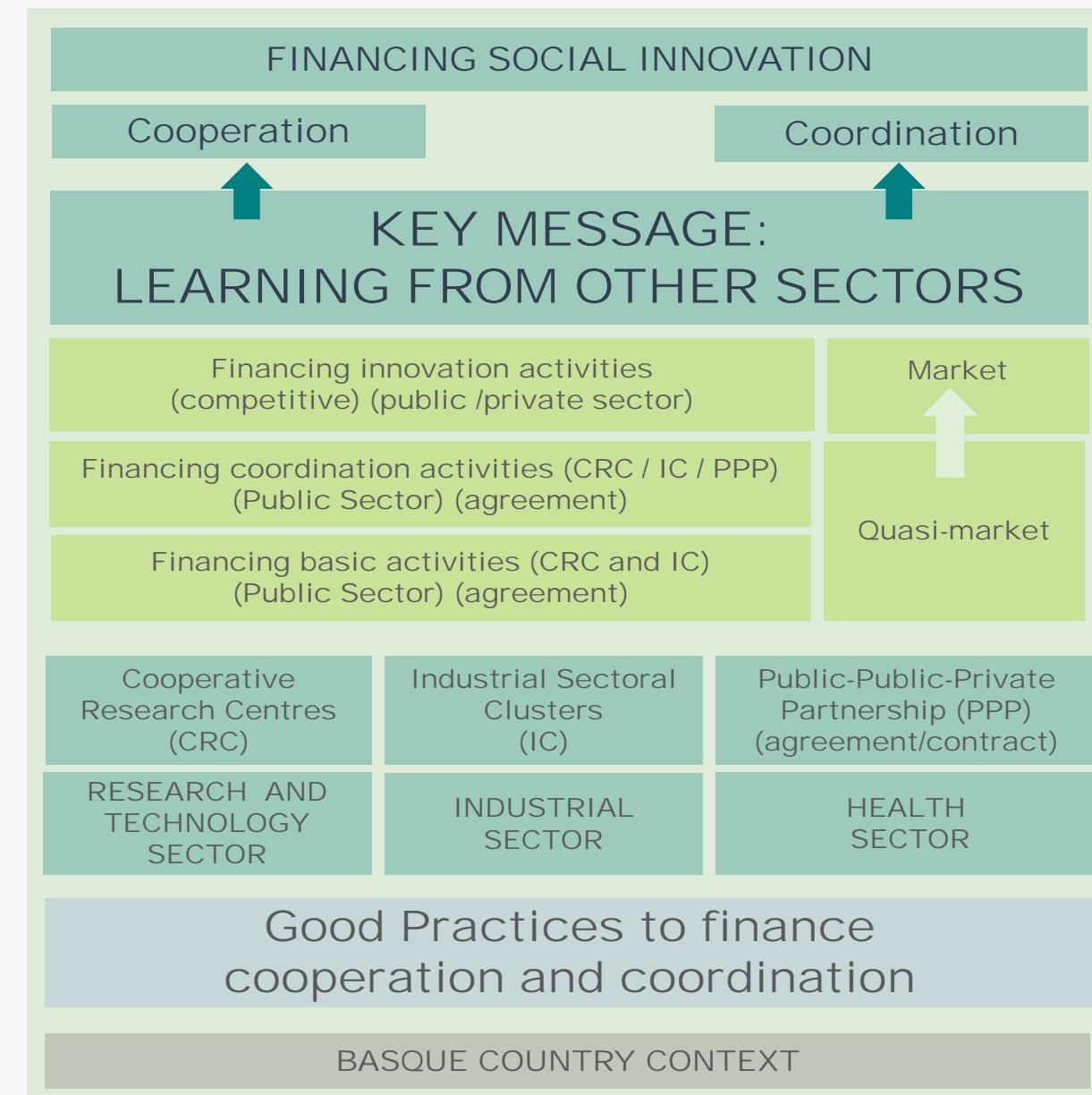
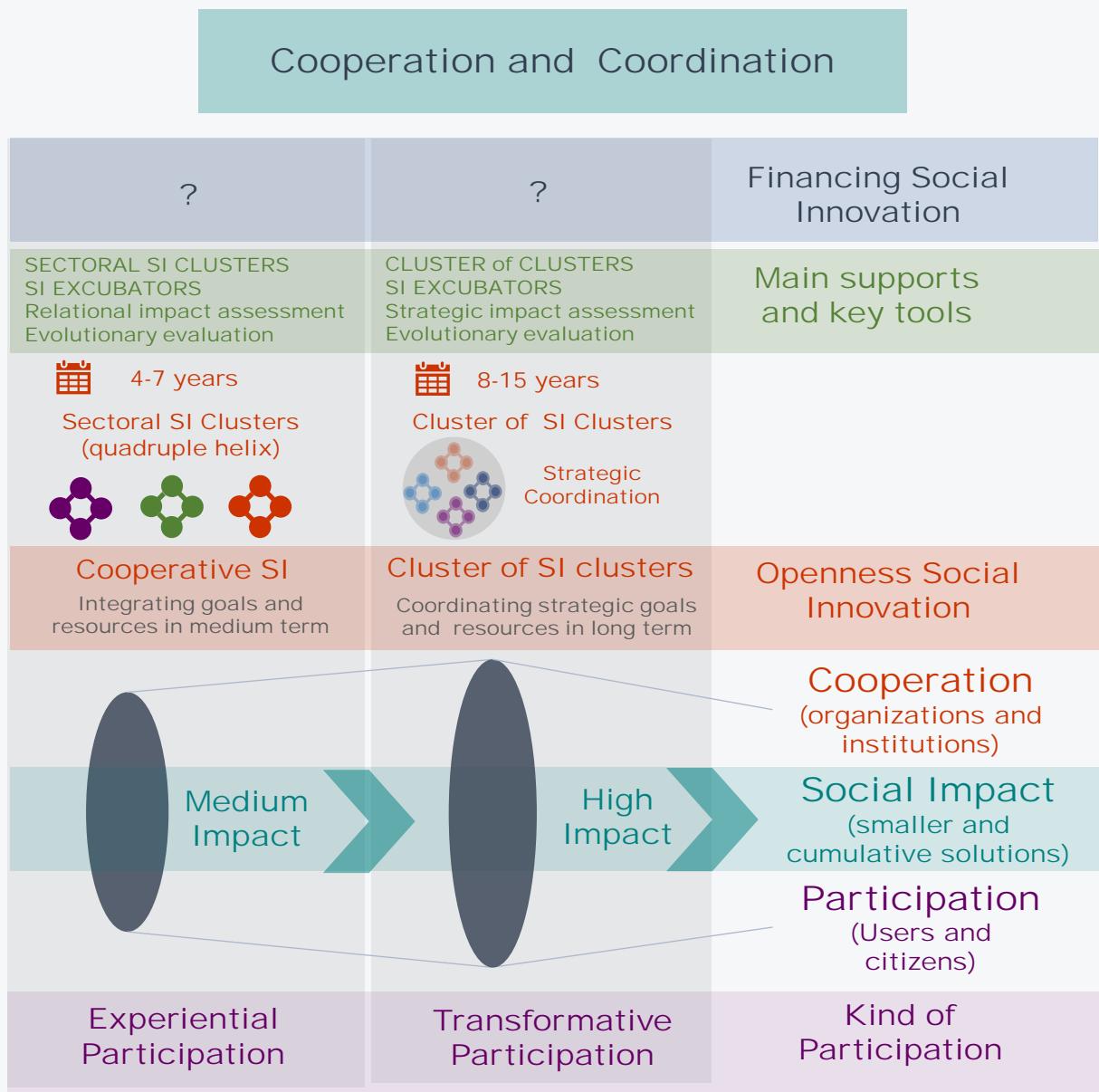
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Financing Social Innovation	SI Investors (private sector) SI Projects (public sector) SI Projects (Crowdf. /Philant.)	SI Projects (private sector) SI Projects (public sector) SI Pilot Programs (public sector) SI Projects (Crowdf. /Philant.)	?	?
Main supports and key tools	Project Management Ex post evaluation Social impact assessment	SI LABS and HUBS SI INCUBATORS Experimental assessment Social impact assessment	SECTORAL SI CLUSTERS SI EXCUBATORS Relational impact assessment Evolutionary evaluation	CLUSTER of CLUSTERS SI EXCUBATORS Strategic impact assessment Evolutionary evaluation
Openness Social Innovation	1 year Individual Projects 	1-2-3 years Collaborative Projects 	4-7 years Sectoral SI Clusters (quadruple helix) 	8-15 years Cluster of SI Clusters  Strategic Coordination
Open Social Innovation Cone (Castro-Spila, 2017)	Minimum Impact	Low Impact	Medium Impact	High Impact
Kind of Participation	Contributory Participation	Interactive Participation	Experiential Participation	Transformative Participation



## 2. Good practices for and key conditions to finance SI : what advice to share?



### 3. Obstacles to finance SI and your reflexion on the topic: what needs to change?

## LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

### LEGAL FRAMEWORK ISSUES

We need to adapt the legal and financial tools that already exist in the innovation system

It is easier to adopt/adapt than to create new financial tools

ADAPT

### COMPLEX SI MODEL

We need a social innovation model that is easy to understand in order to convince private investors and policy makers to invest in social innovation

When something is understood it is easier to support it

CLARIFY

### LACK OF EVALUATION

We need a clear evaluation model that demonstrates (for different audiences) the social impact of social innovations

When something works it is easier to finance it

DEMONSTRATE

# Microfund Sweden

## Ylva Lundkvist Fridh



# Main barriers for Swedish SEs:

1. Financing
2. Financing
3. Financing



88 %



# Sweden's only micro investment scheme for the social economy

## Track record: 1,9 m. eur. in 130 social enterprises in 11 years





## Social Enterprise criteria (EU):

- ❖ Social goals (focus on impact)
- ❖ Democratic values and governance
- ❖ Independent from public sector
- ❖ Re-invest most of their profits!

## Our additional criteria:

- Contribute to the SDGs
- Can repay



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## We solve a problem!

- ◆ Social enterprises have little to no access to the financial market in Sweden
  - ◆ We are complementary to other startup finance schemes, who exclude cooperatives/ associations/ not-for profit enterprises.
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- ◆ We offer:
    - ◆ financial coaching (investment readiness)
    - ◆ guarantees (surety)
    - ◆ cooperative equity (subordinated shares, investing membership, etc)



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# Microfund organisation chart

Founders (members):



Members:

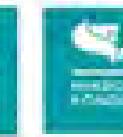


Regional microfunds (members):

Väst, Uppsala

Halland, Östergötland

Ost, Mälardalen, Z



Owners  
Decision-making

Assesment, due-diligence  
Common routines  
Co-investing

Membership  
Contact



Social ekonomi  
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Investing



Registered  
Supervision





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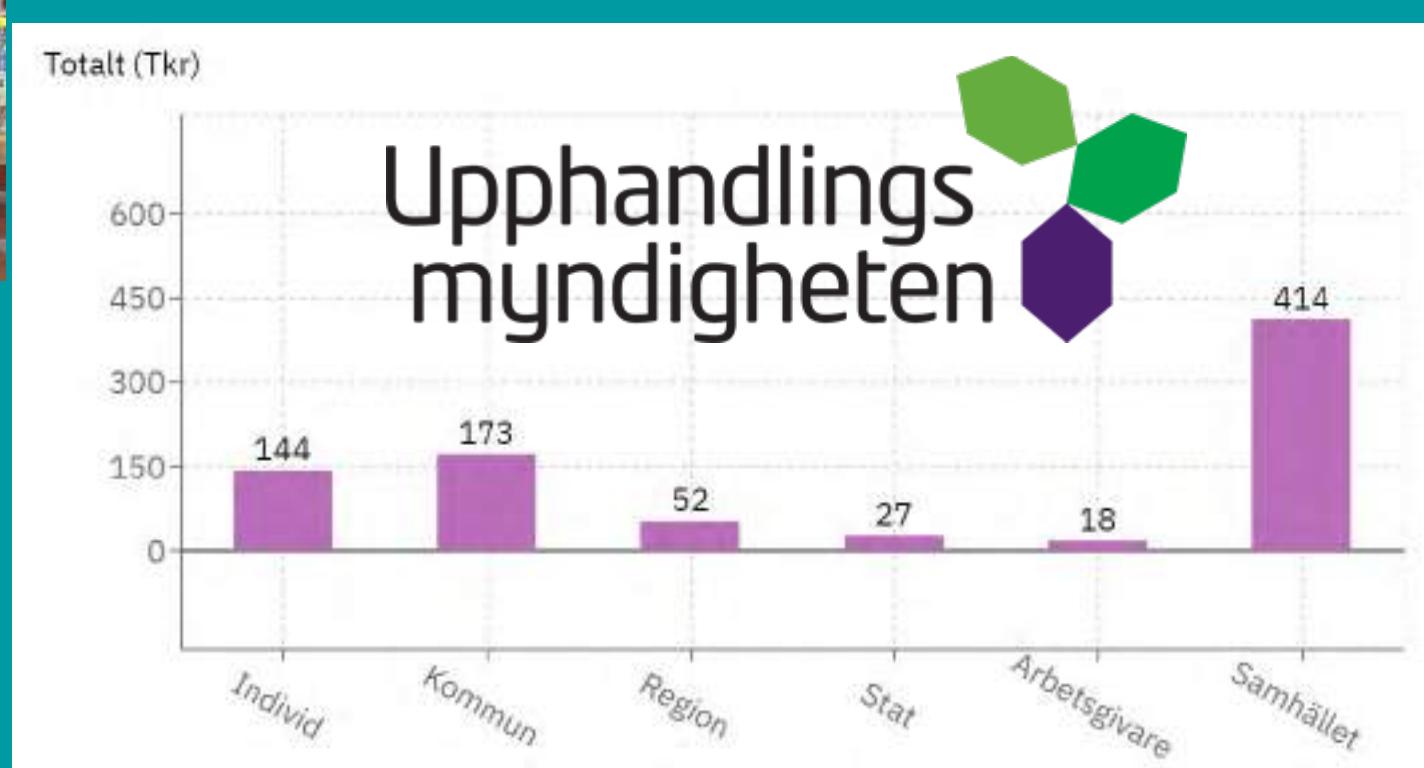
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# The Procurement Authority's Socio-economic Calculator



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## Example:

# Public Private Partnership with Gothenburg Business Region



- Since start 2008:
  - 5 000 000 SEK 0% interest subordinated loan (used for guarantees and quasi-equity) from GBR.
  - Operation cost grant (40% of full time fund manager) to support the financing of social economy entities in the region, from RVG.
  - Has been renewed every fifth year after external evaluation
  - Resulted in financial inclusion for 82 impact focused organizations.



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# The Future Agenda for SE

1. Support development of social finance instruments
2. Implement the Social Economy Action Plan
3. Invest in social investment funds
4. Change criterias for public risk capital and project grants



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**Can we create an inclusive  
social finance market  
together?**



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A Competence Centre in Practice

Vera Egreja Barracho  
Portuguese Inovação Social



# Portugal INOVAÇÃO SOCIAL

Learning Journey | Think Different!

Cofinanciado por:



# PREPARATORY WORK (2013)



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PORTUGUÊS PARA O  
INVESTIMENTO SOCIAL

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## METHODOLOGY

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Members

Representatives of influential institutions in the country from the public, private and social sectors

3

Research Notes

On relevant topics, including a glossary and a guide with the fundamentals of social investment

5

Plenary Sessions

Members gathered to discuss a national strategy to catalyse the emerging social investment market

3

Sub-groups

In which small groups of members have thoroughly discussed priority topics for social investment

12

One-to-One Meetings

The support team met with taskforce members to collect their views on the group's work and feedback on the first draft of the final report

4

Focus Groups

Gathering different profiles of potential social investment market players to discuss the feasibility of the final recommendations

1

Final Report

Which represents a blueprint for Portugal's emerging social investment market, consolidating the Taskforce's work

5

Recommendations

Made by Taskforce members, addressing the different elements of a robust and well-functioning social investment market

PORUGAL SOCIAL INNOVATION is a Portuguese **public initiative** created to develop the **social investment market** and promote **social innovation and social entrepreneurship** in Portugal. It mobilized **150 million euros** of the **European Social Fund (ESF)** within the Partnership Agreement **Portugal 2020** (2014-2020).

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This initiative is a **pioneering experience in Europe**, as Portugal was the only Member State to set aside part of the ESF budget until 2020 in order to **experiment new financing instruments** in an integrated public policy aimed at fostering social innovation and social investment.

# MAIN OBJECTIVES

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1. Promote **Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship** in Portugal as a way to generate **new solutions** for key social problems, **complementing** more traditional approaches.

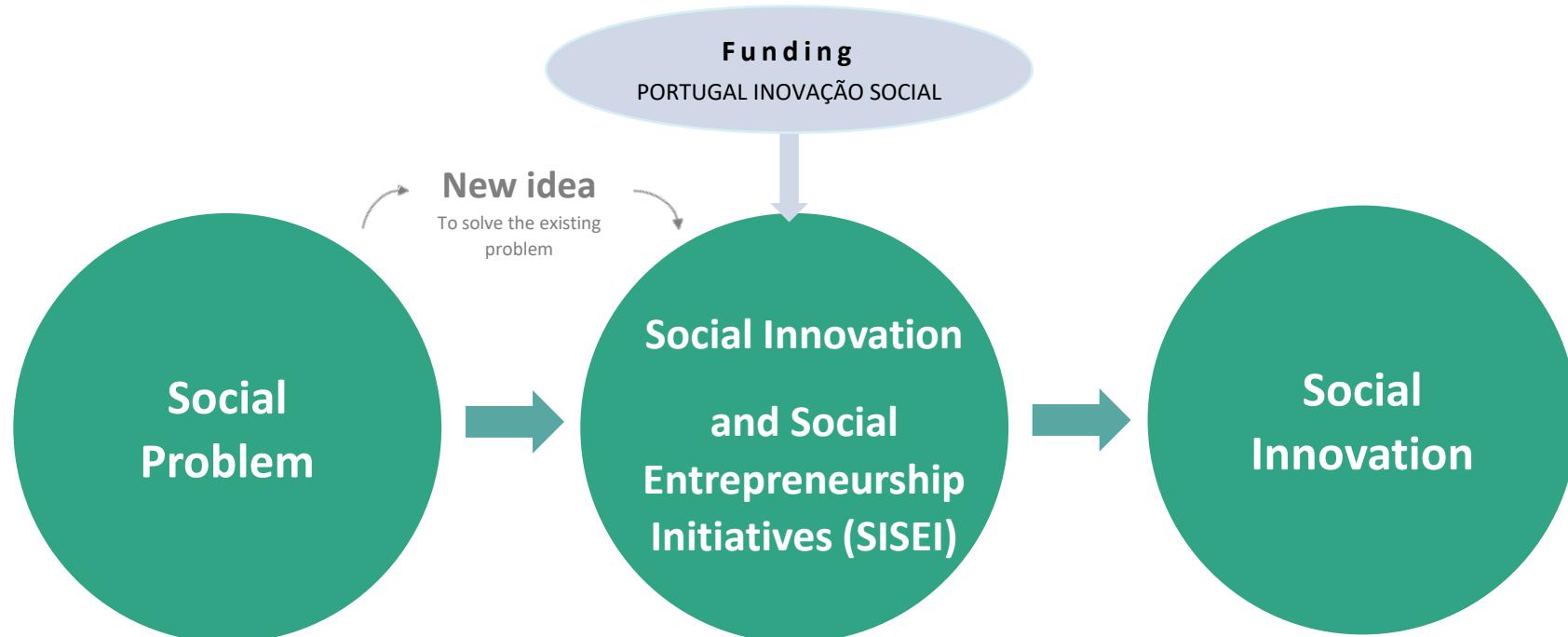
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2. Foster the **social investment market** in Portugal and develop financing instruments that suit the specific needs of both **Social Economy** and **social innovation** projects.

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3. Improve the **skills and competences** of all players acting in the Portuguese social innovation and social entrepreneurship ecosystem.

# SISEI CONCEPT *(social innovation and social entrepreneurship initiative)*



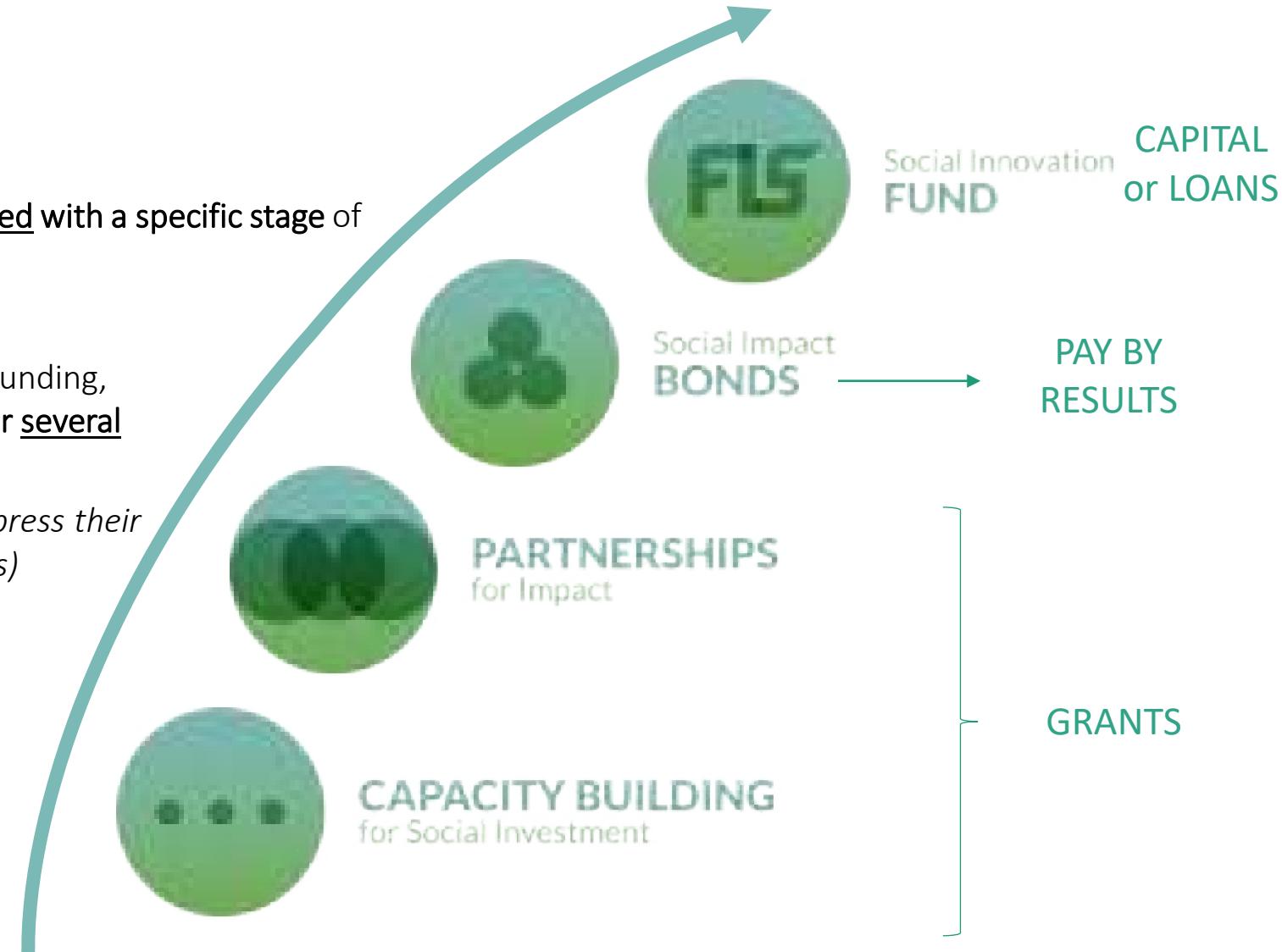
Risk of **inhibition** or **effective inhibition** of quality of life or opportunities for development of at least one **current** or **future social group**.

Project that aims to address in an **innovative** and **efficient** way one or more social problems with the objective of creating **positive social impact**.

**New response** to a social problem, different from conventional ones, with significant and efficient social impact in the use of resources.

# FINANCING INSTRUMENTS

- Each of the 4 instruments is aligned with a specific stage of SI projects' life cycle
- In all of them, in addition to the funding, there is the participation of one or several Social Investors  
*(public or private entities that express their interest or co-finance the projects)*
- The selection and financing of projects is done within **Calls for Proposals**



# FINANCING MODEL



CAPACITY BUILDING  
for Social Investment



PARTNERSHIPS  
for Impact



Social Impact  
BONDS



Social Innovation  
FUND

Finances the **development of management skills** in teams involved in social innovation projects.

Finances **70%** of the funding needs of social innovation projects, with the remaining **30%** provided by public or private **social investors**.

Finances innovative projects in **priority areas of public policy**, against an **outcome-based contract**; social investors are fully reimbursed if previously agreed Social Results are met (100%).

Co-invests in **equity** alongside with **private investors** and provides guarantees for loans.



# Social Incubators (12)

# Social Innovation Incubators (18)

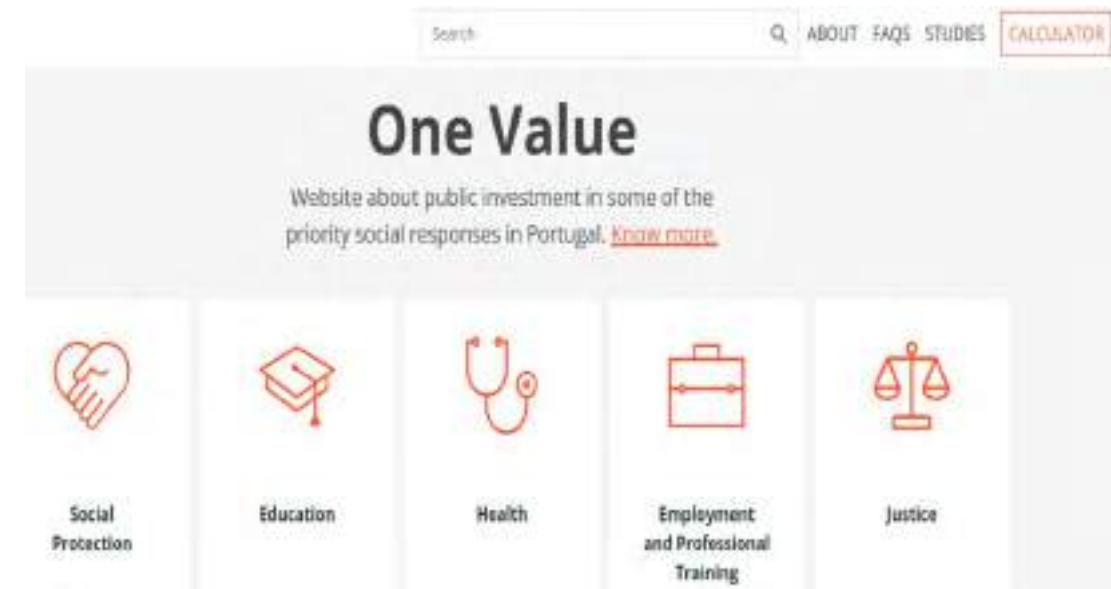


# one value

[www.onevalue.gov.pt](http://www.onevalue.gov.pt)

## THE PORTAL INCLUDES:

1. Brief **qualitative summary** of thematic area;
2. Priority areas in terms of public policy, including relevant **metrics**;
3. Main figures and **indicators** for general reference;
4. **Unitary public investment** (per capita or per occurrence) for each social issue;
5. **Savings Calculator** allows for a simulation of potential savings in public spending.





**694**

Applications  
Approved

## FUNDING

**101**

Million €  
Funding PT2020

**51**

Million €  
Social Investment

## STAKEHOLDERS

**477**

Organisations

**843**

Social Investors

**1,4 M**

People Impacted

# MAIN CHALLENGES

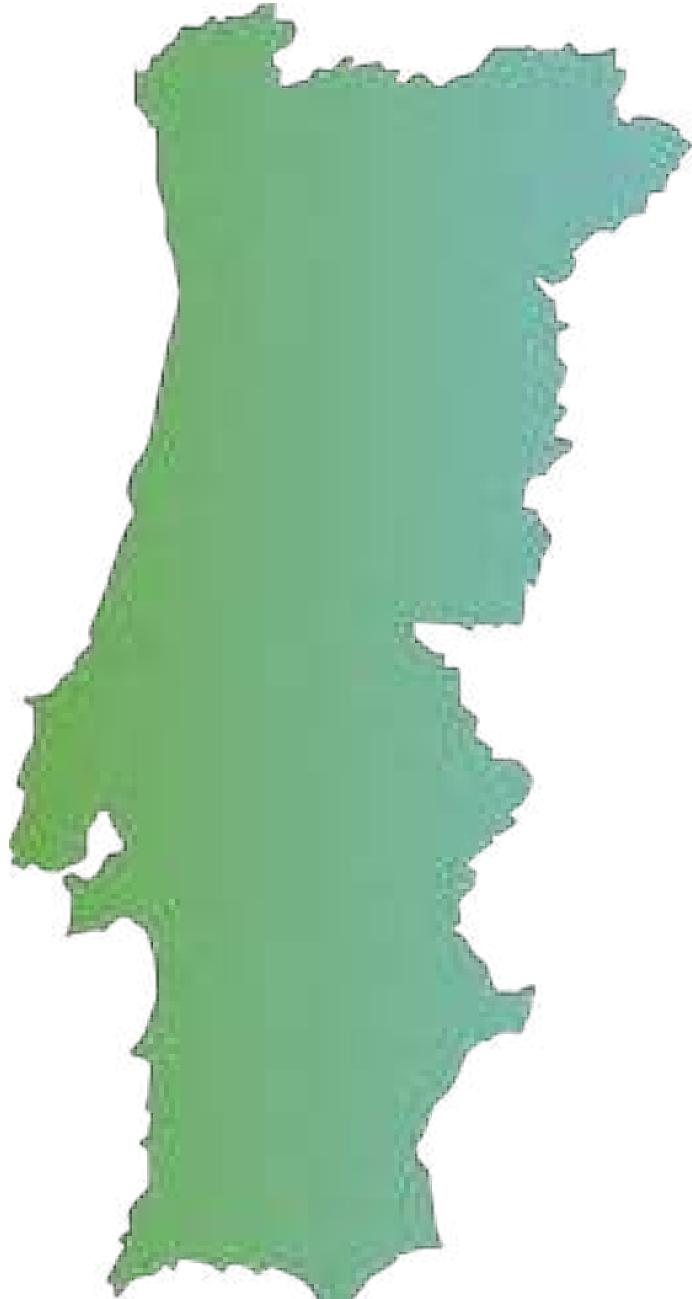
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- SI projects often have **multisector approaches** and don't fit thematic calls (ESF not prepared to combine social and environmental impacts)
  - ESF funding is still **mainly based on the reimbursement of expenses** – *simplification needed*
  - Heavy **bureaucracy** outmatches the size and experience of small entrepreneurial organisations
  - Limited practice of **payment for results** in Public Administration
  - Lack of **data to measure** outcomes
  - Corporate **investors** are still hard to mobilise
  - How to **measure Social Impact**
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# KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

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- Political support** at the center of the Government
  - A central Mission Unit for implementing the Social Innovation public policy
  - Financing instruments aligned with the needs of **each stage** of a Social Innovation project life cycle
  - Activation team in the field
  - Strategic partnerships with key players (public and private)
  - A growing market of highly qualified and **committed intermediaries**
  - International cooperation
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# THE FUTURE

PT2030 | new financing instruments under preparation

National Competences Centre for  
Social Innovation | ongoing project

EaSI NCP | launch



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**2030**

# Financing Instruments 2021-2027 *(draft proposal)*

INSTRUMENTS	ECOSYSTEM IMPACT	END RESULT
1. Capacity Building for Social Innovation	Empower and Stimulate	BOOST THE SOCIAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM
2. Partnerships for Social Innovation	Create and Develop	
3. Centres for Impact Entrepreneurship	Streamline and Multiply	
4. Social Impact Bonds (SIB)	Prototype and Experiment	IMPROVE PUBLIC POLICY
5. Social Impact Contracts	Innovate and Impact	
6. Social Innovation Fund	Invest and Facilitate	REINFORCE INNOVATION

# NATIONAL COMPETENCE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION (NCCSI)



Portugal  
**INovação  
Social**

# National Competences Centre for Social Innovation (NCCSI)

*Call for proposals VP/2020/010*

## OBJECTIVE

In two years time, each of the organisations part of the Consortium is well-positioned to become the NCCSI in that Member State, to build capacity, enhance national ecosystem networking alongside, support scaling and knowledge sharing.

## MODEL

- 6 Consortia
- 25 countries (24 EU Member States and UK)

## CONSORTIUM(FUSE)

- PORTUGAL | IRELAND | BULGARIA | CYPRUS
- Portuguese entities: AD&C e EMPIS
- Timeframe: May 2021 to April 2023



# NCCSI Advisory Committee *(founding members)*

## Presidency



## Coordination



## Secretariat



## Cross-sectorial Partners

### Universities



### Legal



## WG 1 – Social Economy



## WG 2 – Public Sector



## Grupo 3 – Private Sector



# NCCSI AC - IMPACT AGENDA 2030



# EaSI.PORTUGAL

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# EaSI.Portugal NCP (Website)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the EaSI.Portugal NCP website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with various links and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the title "EaSI.PORTUGAL" is displayed. A blue banner contains the text: "O Projeto EaSI impulsiona inovações na área social, permitindo o desenvolvimento económico, social e tecnológico através de impactos em resultados e benefícios". To the left, there is a logo for the European Commission (European Union flag) and the text "Comissão Europeia". To the right, there is a section about the project's funding, stating: "As contribuições da outra vertente do Fundo Social Europeu Plus (FSE+), a maior parte da vertente Emprego e Inovação Social (EISI) é gerida diretamente pelos serviços da Comissão Europeia." Below this, there is a large orange box containing the text: "A vertente EaSI está centrada nas seguintes prioridades:" followed by four small images and their corresponding labels: "Inovação e Empreendedorismo", "Inclusão social e promova a participação social", "Emprego e inserção social", and "Desenvolvimento local".

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- Desenvolvimento local

# EaSI.Portugal NCP (Helpdesk)

09h00 – 18h00

Linha Fundos

09h00 – 18h00

**EaSI PORTUGAL NCP**

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**Avisos**

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**Portugal 2030**

**PRR**

**Linha BEI**

**Minimis**

**EaSI.PORTUGAL**

# BUILDING AN IMPACT ECONOMY

**A FAZER ACONTECER**

Planos de acção para os líderes, projectos e inovações que têm o maior impacto social e ambiental. Conheça aqui algumas das perspetivas que todos os Planos Arrebatam à Europa. [Saiba mais](#)

The image shows a grid of 20 small portraits of people, mostly men, representing various social entrepreneurs and leaders from the 'Plans' section. The portraits are arranged in a 4x5 grid. Some of the visible labels include 'HÃO ART' and 'biovillage'.

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**Presenter Asta Jurgutė**

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INNOVATION

A.Jurgutė, ESFA  
20-21 October 2022

# ESFA's Social innovation initiatives

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- Participation in the 6th priority axis “Innovative solutions” of the ESF+ programme for Lithuania
- National contact point for the ESF EaSI strand
- National competence centre for Social Innovation (PEnCIL)
- New project “Chess” for the Integration of social innovation actors in innovation ecosystems under the HorisonEurope programme
- Entrusted entity to implement ESF Social Innovation+ initiative

# ESF Social Innovation+ initiative

- **Grant scheme:**

prepare, publish and manage EU-level calls for proposals aimed at supporting transnational projects facilitating transfer and/ or scaling up of SI

- **European competence center for social innovation**

pull together expertise which enables it to perform all pertinent tasks and draws from the SI knowledge across the EU



# EUROPEAN COMPETENCE CENTRE FOR SI: KEY FUNCTIONS

- Support **mutual learning** between ESF/ESF+ Managing authorities and stakeholders
- + Support **beneficiaries** of the ESF Social Innovation+ calls for proposals
- + Support the wider social innovation community in Europe with **data and information**
- + Communicate on **social innovation** to stakeholders, to wider public and to policy makers

Beyond the current transnational cooperation

→ An EU-wide knowledge hub on social innovation

# Transnational cooperation

Employment  
education,  
and skills

Social  
Inclusion

Social  
innovation  
and CLLD

Migration

Material  
deprivation  
(Ex FEAD)

**Communities  
of Practice  
(CoP)**

**Thematic networks:**

EURoma, Alma

# COP activities this year

Meetings with previous service provider/DG EMPL team to ensure sustainability

Plenary session to present the draft Work programme for the members of 3 COPs and to gather proposals for the improvement of it

Workshop with all NCCs to present a framework for further assessment and monitoring of Europe SI ecosystem

September

October-November

November–December

December-January

January-February

Developing the first year's Work programme for each CoP

1to1 meetings with each NCC to present the draft of the form for collecting information for further monitoring of national SI ecosystem and gather the feedback

# An open Call for expression of interest



**External experts in assisting  
ESFA for implementation of  
the ESF SI+ initiative**



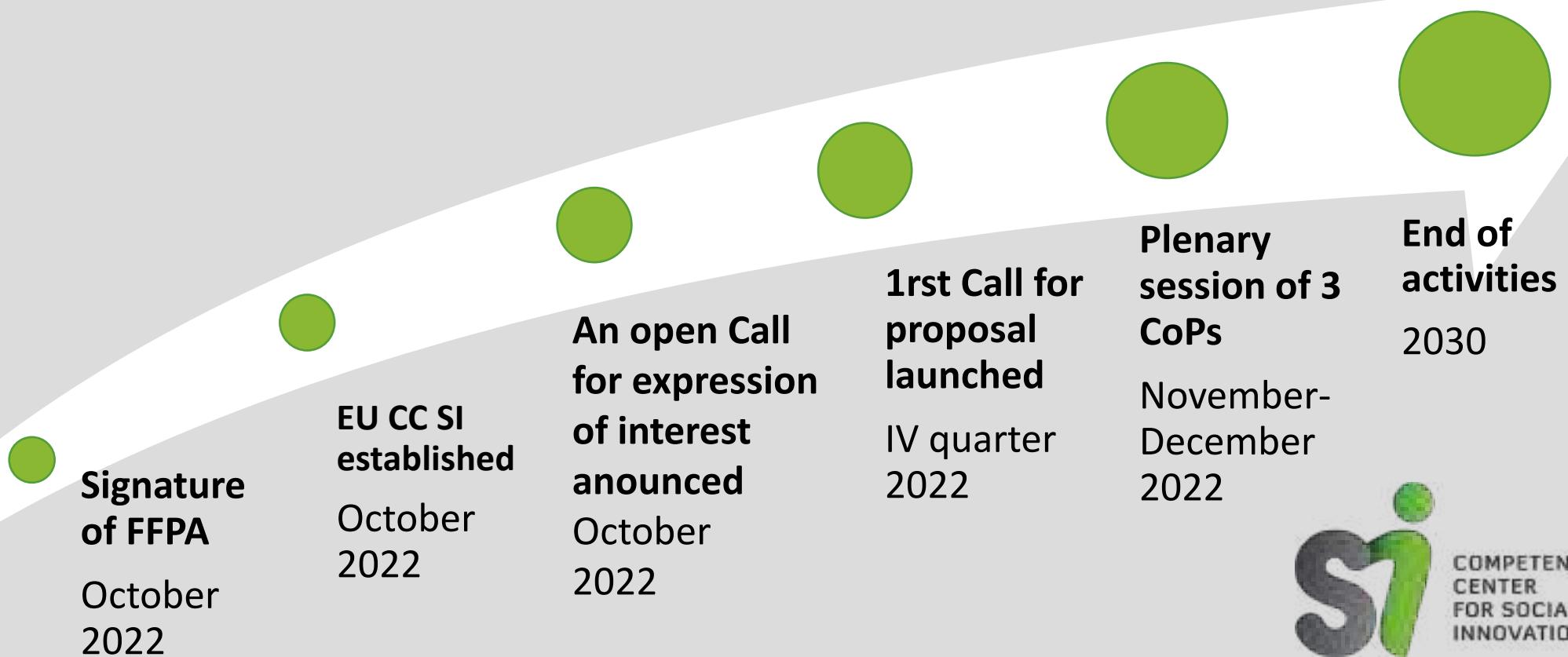
The call will be **open for the entire duration** of the ESF SI+ initiative period 2021-2030



**Expertise and professional  
experience** for the policy areas  
set out in article 4 of the ESF+  
Regulation

Info about the open Call  
for expression of interest  
may be found at:  
**[www.esf.lt](http://www.esf.lt)**

# ESF SI + Initiative implementation plan



# More about ESF Social innovation + initiative:

ESF Social Innovation+ | European Social Fund Plus  
(europa.eu)

<https://ec.europa.eu/>

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Transnational cooperation and the activities of the  
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# Design features of National Competence Centres

**Key impulse by Mārtiņš Knite, Oxford Research Baltics**



# Institutional design of CCSI

## Analytical framework insight

BuiCaSuS WP5.1

Mid-Term Conference

21/10/2022



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## Governance, structure, staff

<b>Mandate, legal form</b>	Public body	Governmental body Governmental agency body Municipal body	<b>Structure</b>	by activity by region by target group
	Private body	NGO Non-profit Profit		Board Steering committee Permanent staff
	Network	Shared responsibility Cascaded responsibility		Temporary staff Partners' staff
<b>Finance</b>	<b>for target groups</b>	for innovators/ supporters short term/ long term	<b>Management and staff</b>	from EU funds from government funds from municipal funds from philanthropy from venture capital from other?
	<b>for operations</b>	for permanent activities for development projects		

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## Services - to whom and how?

Target groups	
Innovators	Activator Browser Creator Developer Executor Facilitator
Supporters	Funders State bodies Municipal bodies NGO/private supporters
Community representatives	NGO Public service providers Municipalities Policymakers

### Services

Training/ consulting  
Networking/ matching  
Experience sharing  
Specific services  
Funding

### Tools

Information storage/ search/ access tools  
Communication/ meeting tools  
Planning/ management tools  
Research/ assessment tools

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