



# World Future Council

**Guarding our Future: Securing Long-Term  
Wellbeing on one Planet**

Consultation of the Hungarian Parliamentary  
Commissioner for Future Generations

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## Background of Assumptions

- Science and human experiences tell us that we have to change our goals and means of social and economic development
- This change will have to be structural and paradigmatic
- Actors from all sectors need to coordinate incremental but decisive change
- Binding rules and their adaptive management, guided by transparent indicators and agreed principles are key means for this collaboration
- A compelling vision and trust can turn these means into a surge

## Worldviews, Habits, Institutions Frame our Reality

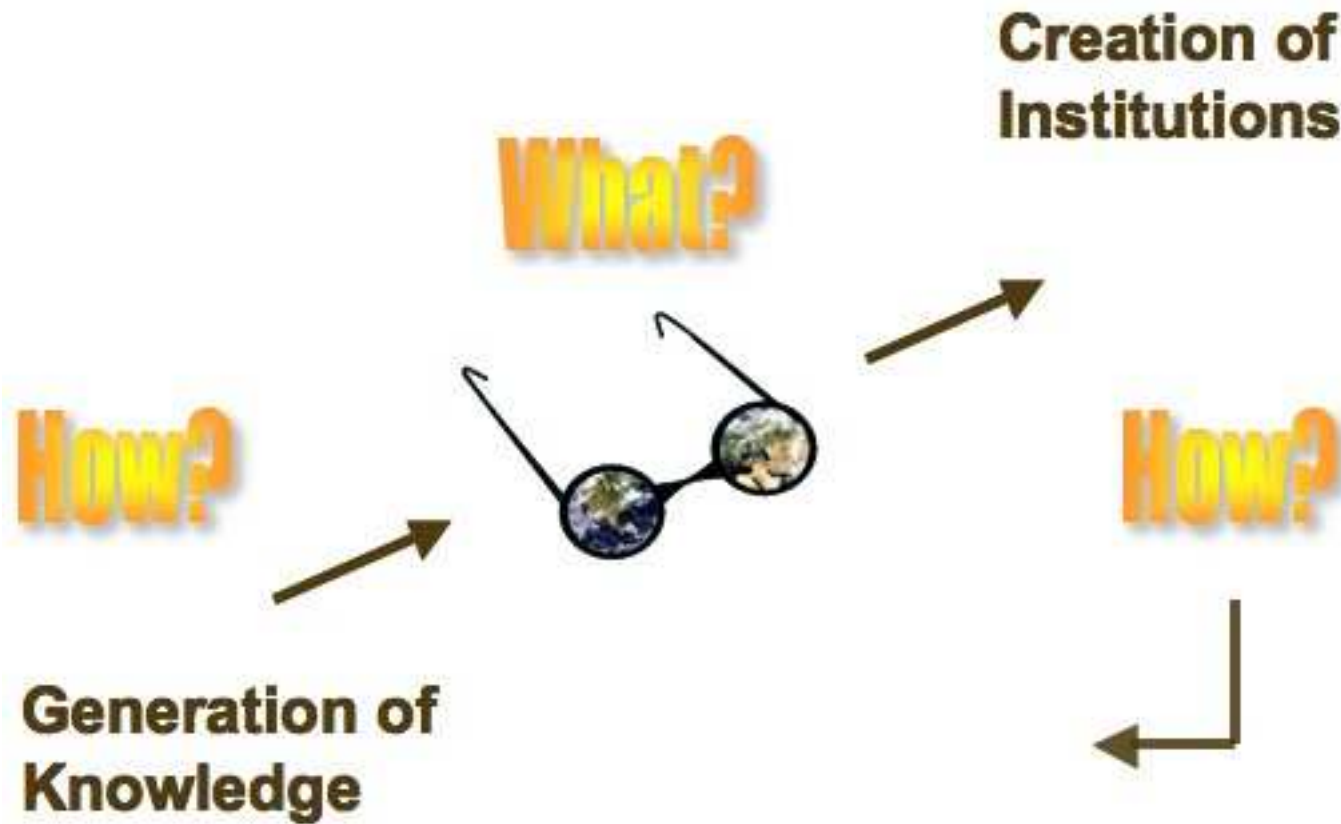
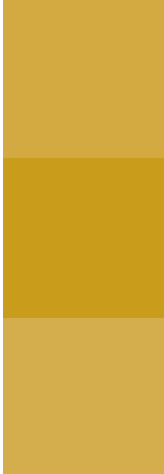


*“Men make their own history, but they do not make it just as they please; they do not make it under circumstances chosen by themselves, but under circumstances directly encountered, given and transmitted from the past. The tradition of all the dead generations weighs like a nightmare on the brain of the living.”\**

- Convictions, knowledge and science
- Values, norms and habits
- Roles, rules of interaction in institutions
- Public laws and jurisdiction

\* Karl Marx: [www.goodreads.com/quotes/show/114782](http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/show/114782)

# Worldviews as Filters...

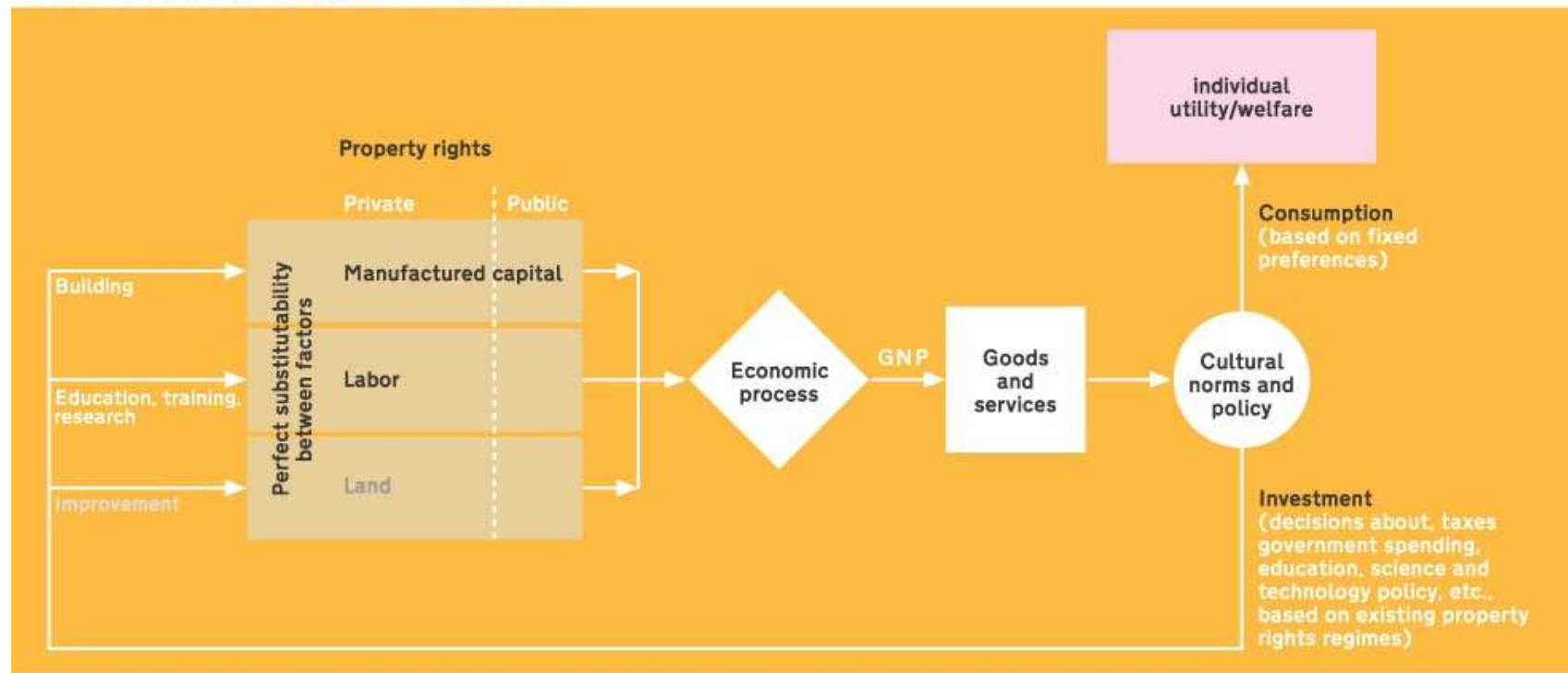


# Humans and Planet Do not Fit Economic Equations



# Our World Appears as a Dead World

## Dead World Model of Economies



\*Adopted from: Costanza, R.; Cumberland, H., Daly, H., Goodland, R., Noorgard, R. 1997, *An Introduction to Ecological Economics*, St. Lucie Press.

# To Change the World...

... we have to change the way we look at our world



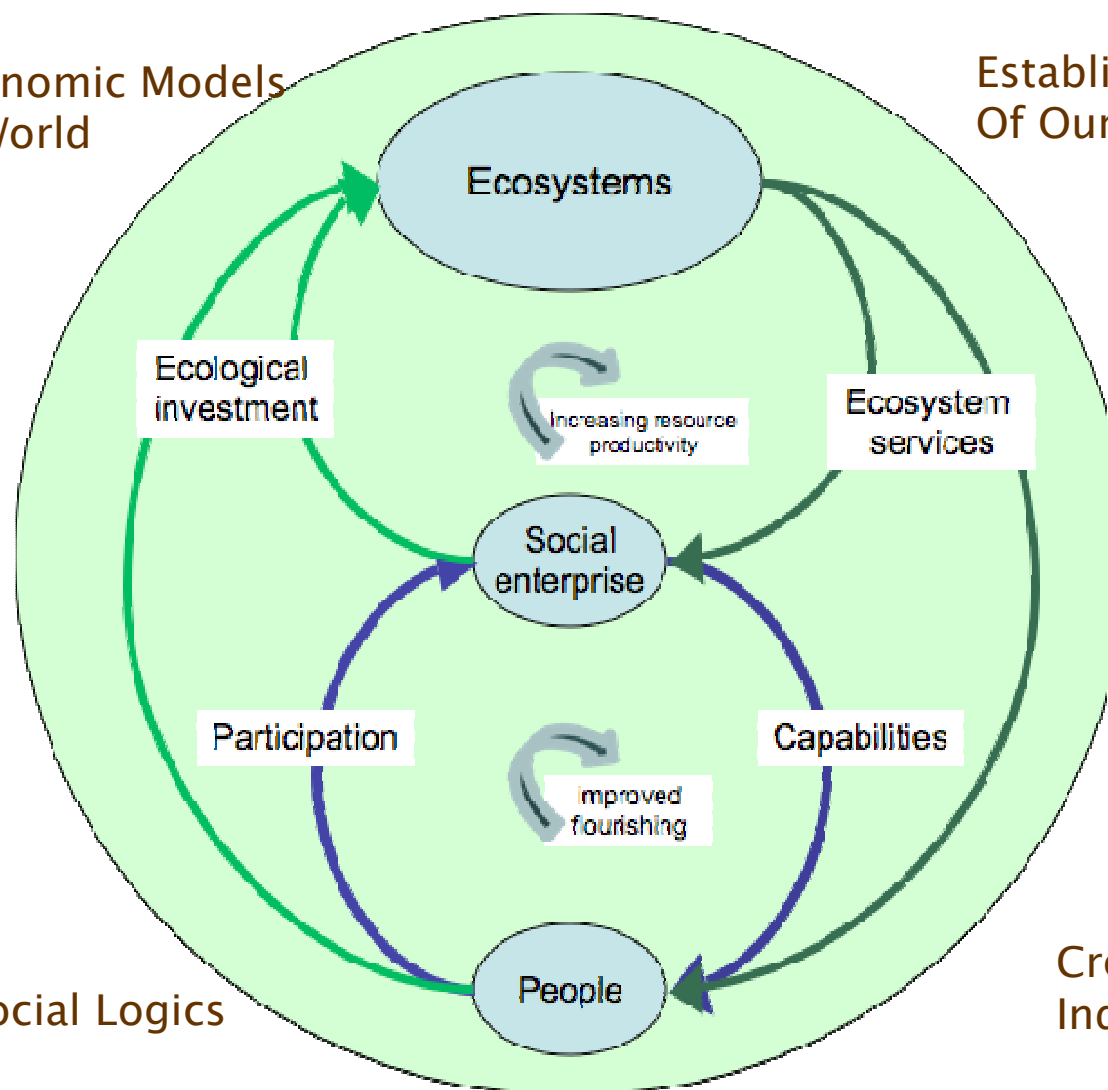


# Livable Economies on one Planet\*



Adapt Economic Models  
To Real World

Establish Boundaries  
Of Our Playingfield



Change Social Logics

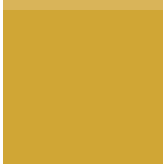
Create Meaningful  
Indicators and Prices

\*Graphic: Tim Jackson, Prosperity without Growth, 2009


Changing Paradigms through Adaptive Management  
Dr. Maja Göpel, Brussels, 10.02.2011



# Changing Paradigms...



## The process of human development

	Economic	Cultural	Institutional
<b>Components</b>	Individual resources	Emancipative values	Freedom rights
<b>Process</b>	Economic development	Emancipative cultural change	Democratisation
<b>Effect</b>	Enhances capabilities	Increases priorities	Broadens entitlements
<b>Causality</b>	From resources to values to rules 		

Sources: Welzel, Inglehart & Klingemann (2003) p. 346 and Inglehart & Welzel (2005) p. 3,  
Compilation by Deutsche Bank Research

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## Vision of Future Justice

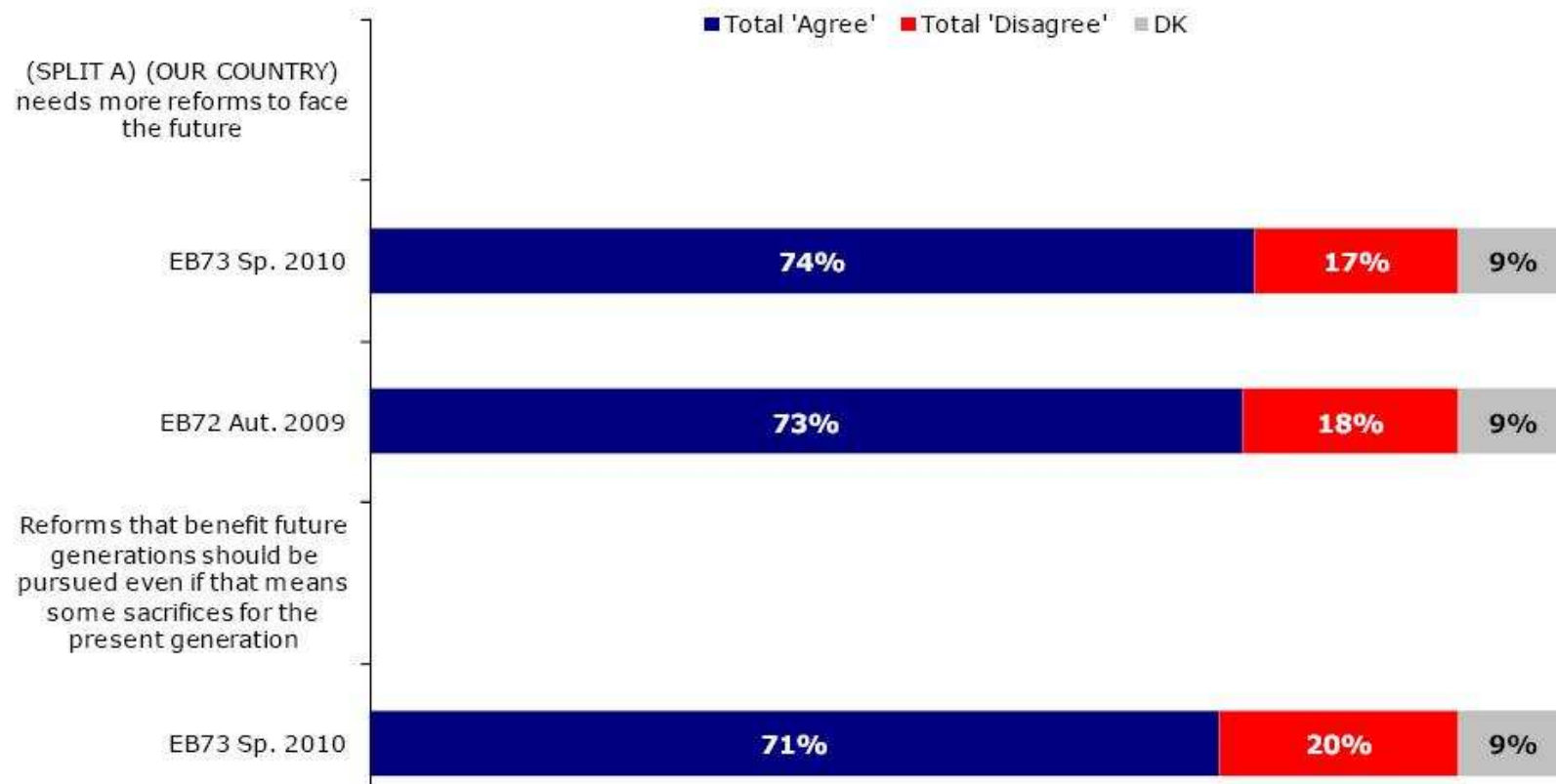


“Future Justice” allows for the discovery of joint interests:

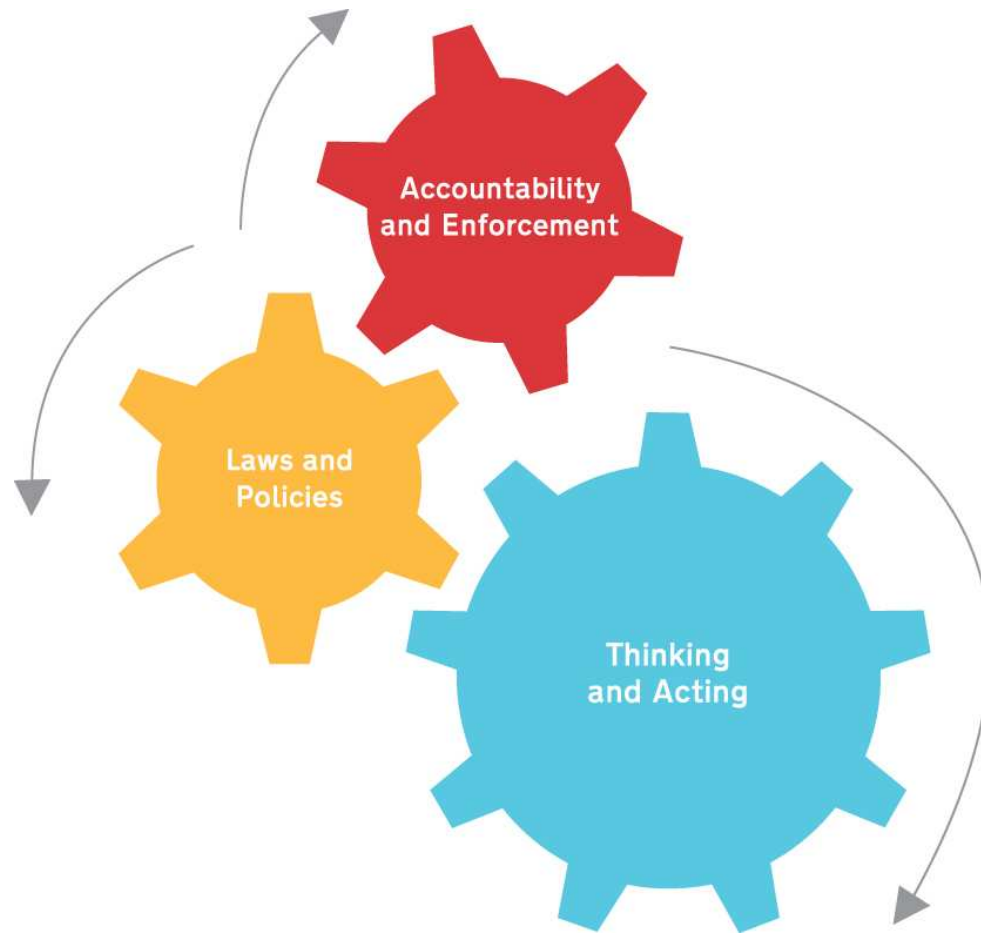
- Difficult to argue against the human rights of those that do not have any responsibility for the situation of today.
- Focus on **wellbeing** of future generations brings values like social justice, less consumption and precaution to the forefront.
- Recognition of diversified indicators to grasp prosperity highlights mutual influencing between different sectors.
- Use universally accepted **principles for sustainable development** to guide the creation of new joint solutions.

# Good Support from European Citizens

QB8 For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you totally agree, tend to agree, tend to disagree or totally disagree. - % EU

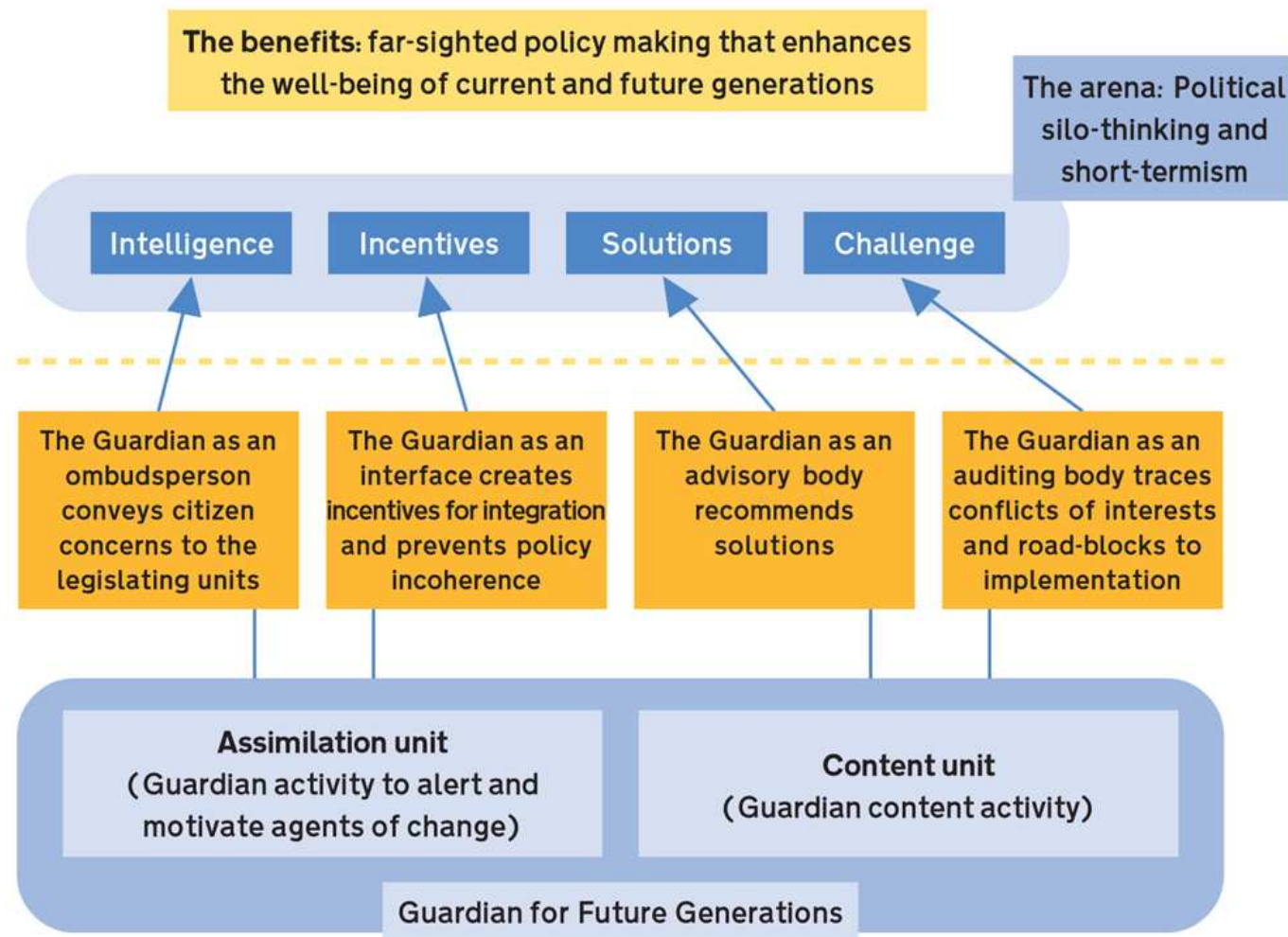


# We Need Trans-Institutional Collaboration and Trust



# International Law Association Principles

## How would a Guardian for Future Generations work?



# Paradigm Shift for Future Justice



- Passionate vision of secured wellbeing for all now and in the future
- Open, participatory dialogue to cultivate the vision
- Compassionate engagement with fear of losing privileges



- Trans-disciplinary, out of the box, believable expertise
- Eye-level, pluralist expert dialogue
- Easy-to understand information and education on all levels



- Transparent disclosure of information and challenges
- Quick, incremental, accountable change of the rules of the game
- Powerful coalitions to turn empowering thinking into creative doing
- Tangible changes in the quality of life through new solutions







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**Thank You For Your Attention!**

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