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diversity of European landscapes





and particularly their complexity





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.. changing fast



- Conflicting and complementary land use paradigms
- >> intensification *vs* extensification
- >> scale increase vs expanding small scale elements and farming
- Urbanization and new expectations from society

PRODUCTION



resulting in specific combinations and mismatches of landscape pattern and lanscape function

and a reshaped mix of actors





landscape research in Europe



Long lasting tradition:

descriptions and representations since the 14th century explorations and study of nature/culture relationships since the 19th

Establishing the roots of Landscape Ecology:

- Carl Troll Landschaftsokologie 1939
- Integration of disciplines in the emergent Landscape Ecology
- Congress in Veldhoven 1981 and foundation of IALE in Slovakia 1982

Constantly evolving:

- Broadening of scope to fit complex drivers and patterns
- Conceptual innovation facing novel real world questions
- From interdisciplinarity to transdisciplinarity

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Strongly linking to practice:

landscape at the centre of a maelstrom of issues surrounding food safety, environmental balance and climate change common goods and public rights, societal expectations

- * Identifying policy relevant indicators and related thresholds
- * Developing procedures for public assessment and participation
- * Assessing and informing the targetting of public policies
- * Creating visions and pathways for new management paradigms

in multiple contexts

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Dealing with the multiple landscapes but also the multiple meanings of the word landscape:

An ecological system

A spatial entity

A scenery

A region with deep historical roots and shared identity

An holistic entity



place based

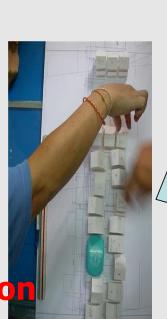
focusing on uniqueness involving people

a multiple approach





Space **Patterns Processes**



Design



Practice Participation |



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Aims:

- * strengthen contacts and enriching the dialogue between members of Europe's landscape concerned community
- * represent the interests of this community within the wider European social and institutional context
- * secure the all European landscapes and the adapted Landscape Ecology approaches are equally considered in European policy making
- * make the collective expertise of IALE Europe available, where appropriate for promoting a more balanced interaction between humans and their environment.

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If you want to learn more:

>>> www.iale-europe.eu

Next IALE European Congress: Ghent, 12-15 Sept. 2017

>>> and:

Antrop M., Brandt J., Ramos I.L., Padoa-Schioppa E., Porter J., Van Eetvelde V. and Pinto-Correia T., 2013

in Landscape Ecology, vol. 28, issue 8

"How Landscape Ecology can Promote the Development of Sustainable Landscapes in Europe – the role of the European Associaton for Landscape Ecology (IALE Europe)"

Periurban landscapes





What differentiates conceptually PeriUrbanAreas (PUA) from urban and rural?

Composition, complexity and dynamics

Antrop, 2004; Meeus and Gulink, 2008; Simon, 2008; Rauws and de Roo, 2011; Fertner, 2012 scenario development in the Metropolitan Area of Lisbon

Basic assumption



PUA is a "new" space that needs more targeted policies and treated as a "spatial system in its own right"

Rauws and de Roo, 2011





How differentiate PUA from URBAN and RURAL?

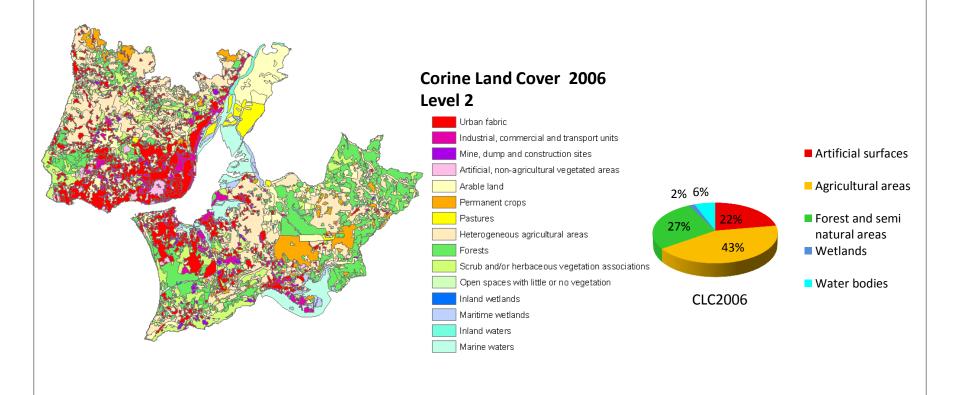
How differentiate within PUA?

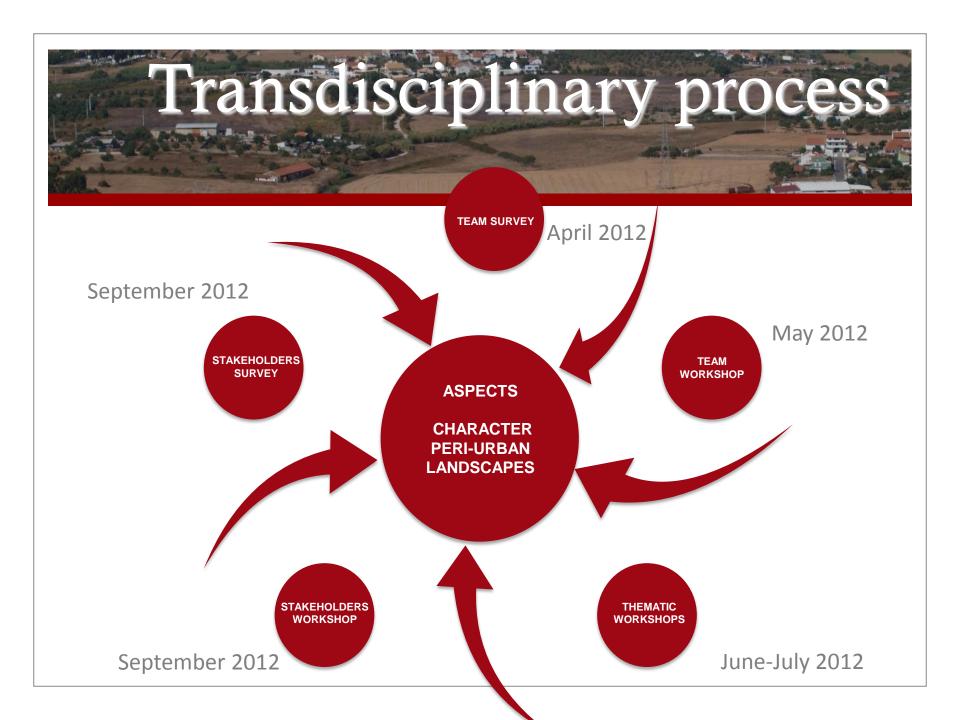
TYPOLOGIES

as basis for scenario development for targeted policies and planning

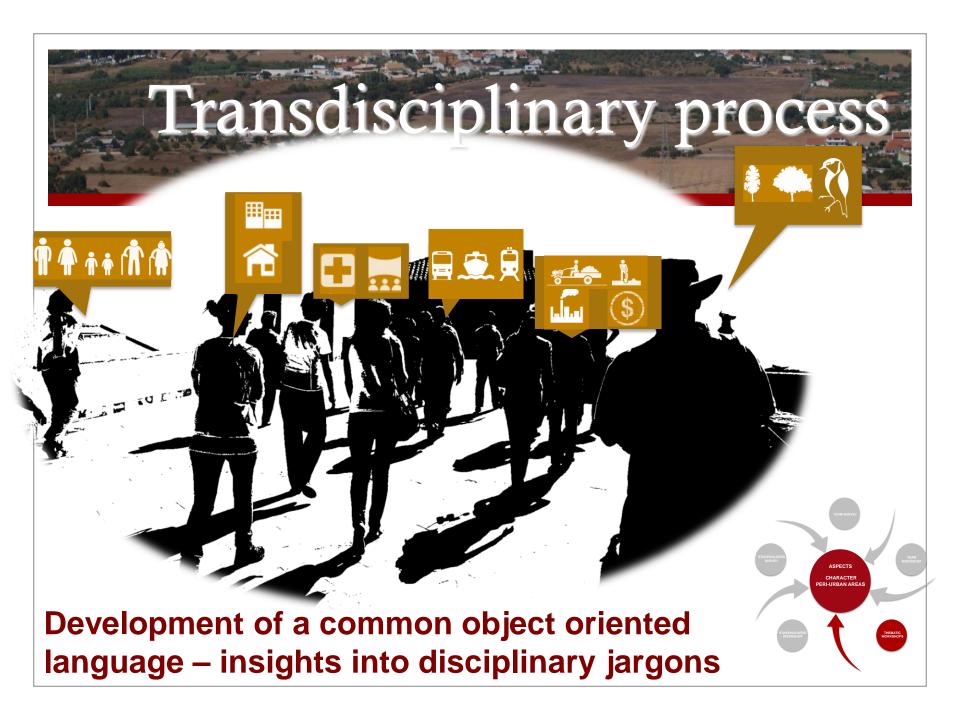
Case study Metropolitan Area of Lisbon

~ 3000 km2; ~ 3 million inhabitants; ~ 1000 inhab/km2; 18 municipalities (LAU1); 211 parishes (LAU2)



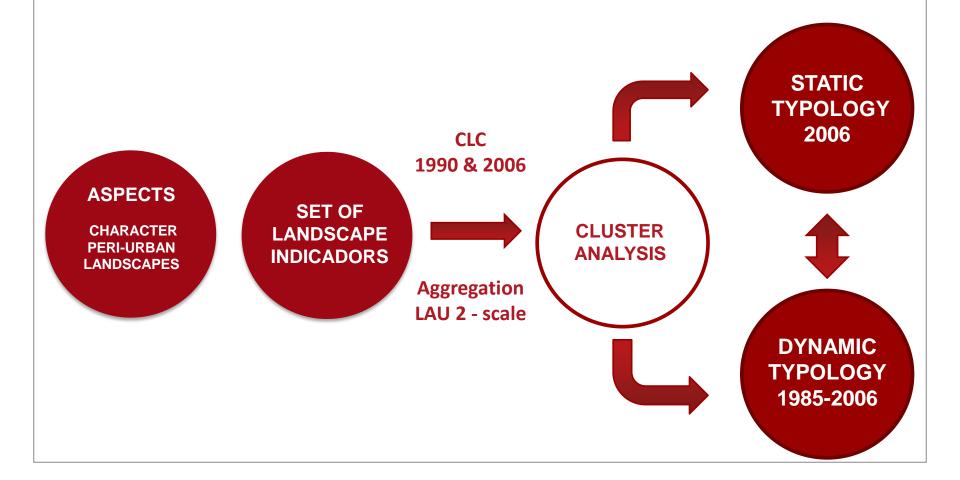








Methodology: building on Landscape Ecology



Indicators and scale

Land cover diversity

- Percentage of agroforestry (%)
- Percentage of annual crops (%)
- Percentage of permanent crops (%)
- Percentage of forests (%)
- Percentage of Scrublands (%)
- Percentage of Farmland mosaic (%)
- Percentage of other artificial surfaces (%)
- Percentage of Urban (%)
- Land cover richness
- Number of patches in the landscape
- Edge density in the landscape (km/km²)

Urban-non-urban interface

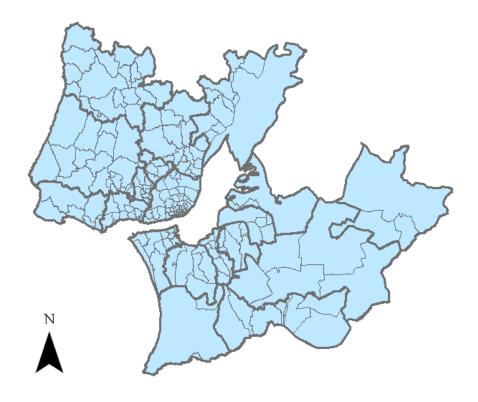
- Total edge between urban-non-urban classes (km)
- Edge density between urban-non-urban classes pe urban area unit (km/km2)

Non-urban continuity

Largest non-urban patch index (%)

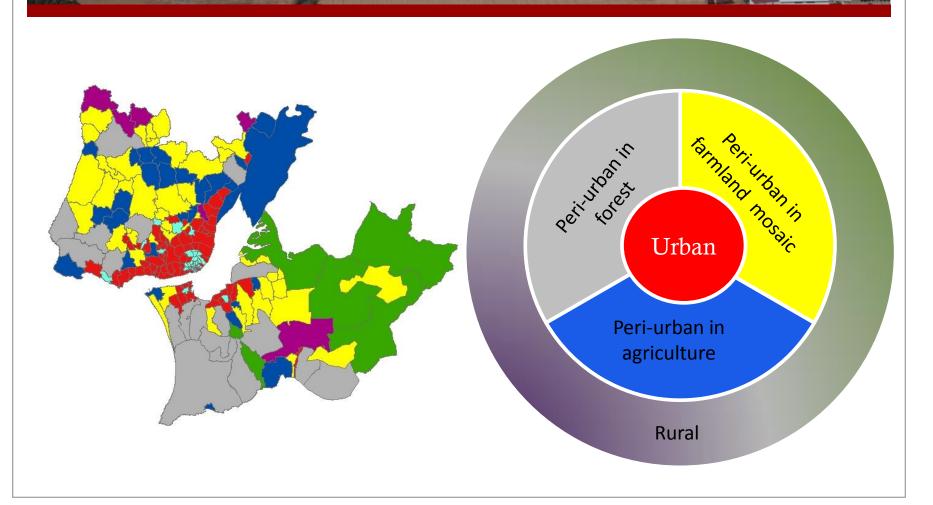
Urban morphology

- Number of urban patches
- Standard deviation of the urban patches area

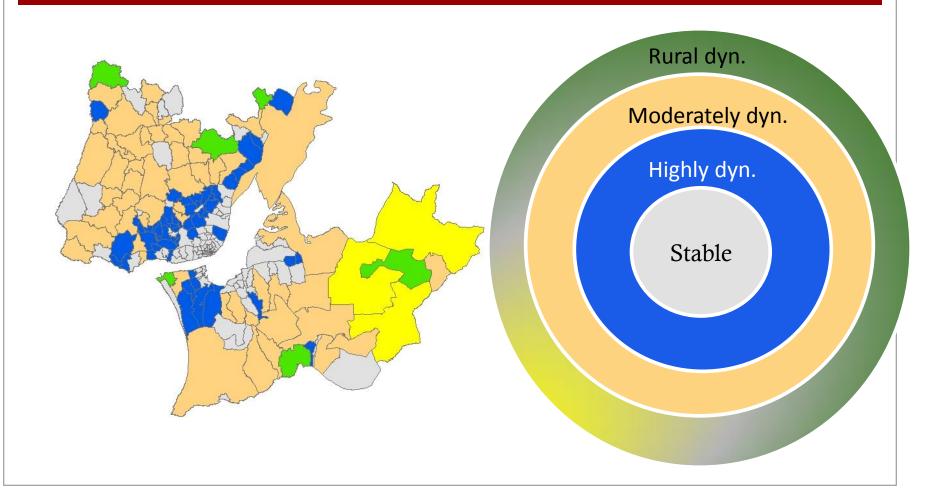


Aggregated to LAU 2 scale (211)

Summing up: A static model of the LMA



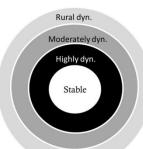


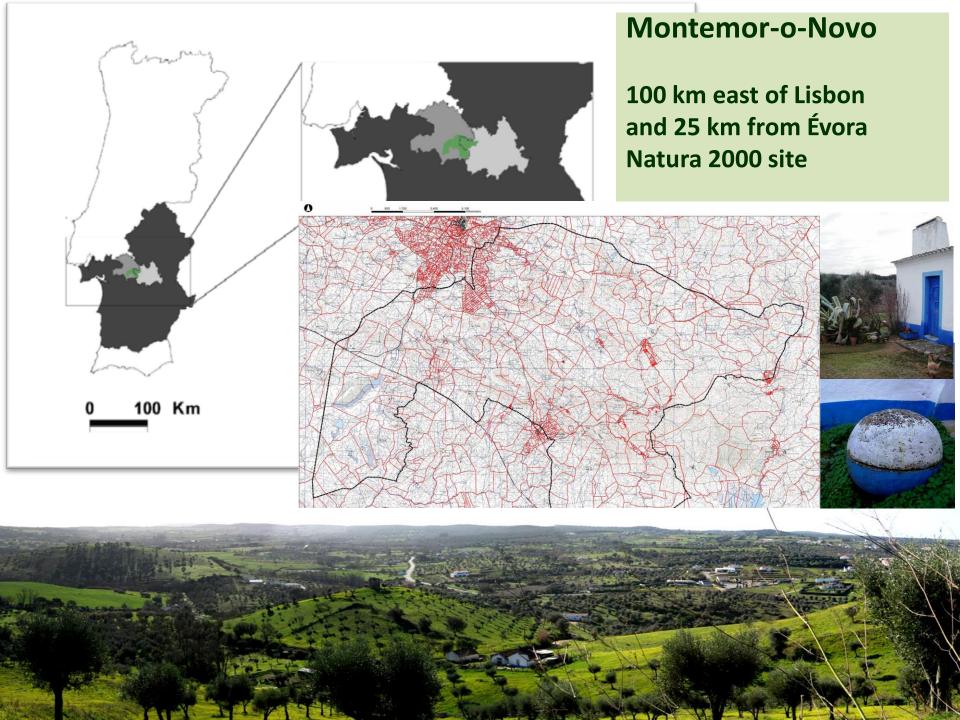


Summing up: all stakeholders recognize these types and dynamics

- Identification of 7 types of LAU in the LMA, of which 2 urban, 3 periurban and 2 rural.
- Peri-urban typologies are distinguished by the type of landscape matrix where urban fabric and other artificial areas are embedded.
- In each type of area, the type and mix of inhabitants is different, and each registers particular changing trends.
- This complementary analysis of static and dynamic typology is needed to recognize differentiation and inform targeted planning options
 - * where you are and how did you get there
 - * what are assets and human capital
 - * what is the strategic pathway

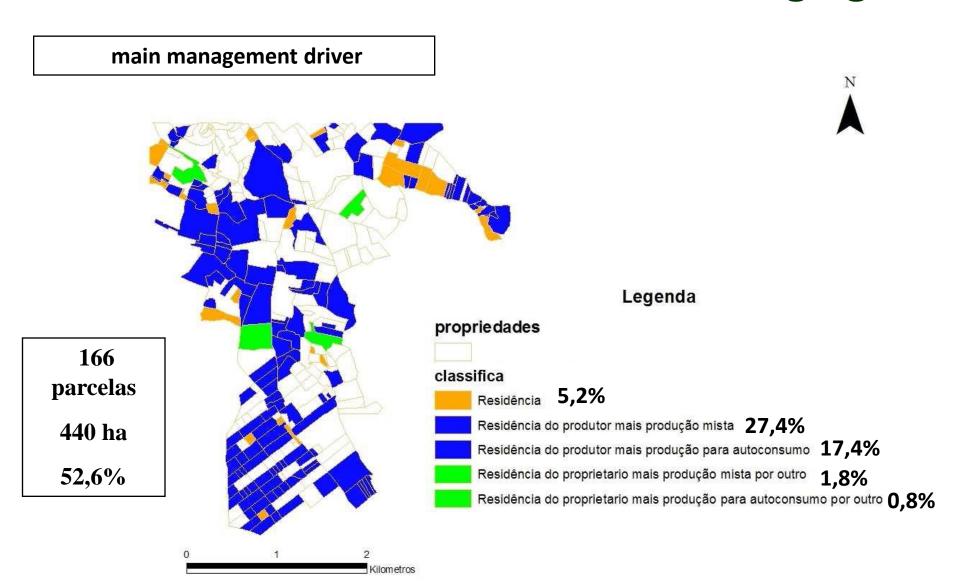








and as such the use of the land is changing...



new functions in old patterns
.... or changing patterns? >> a mismatch



Consumption as a driver of farm and farmland management

- ..grounded in a quest for rural lifestyle, healthy food, leisure,
 - which may or may not be closely linked to production
 - Lifestyle farming: the income generated from
- agriculture is not the main motivations for the choices taken
- > multiple new types of actors and new comunity compositions
- > changed approach to farming and therefore to land management

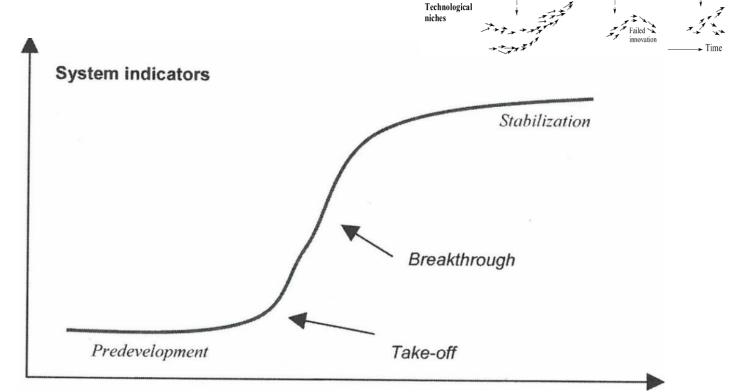
oportunities for innovation in landscape care

Lifestyle farming seems to be a niche

Assessing the anchoring >> the niche:

It is changing radically the former paradigm Is it acknowledged?

Does it anchor in the regime?



developments

Sociotechnical

Infrastructur

Sectoral polic

Markets, user practice

New management arrangements?

Innovation and retro-innovation in land management

Association with older farmers

and transmission of traditional knowledge and practices

Reshaped production goals and systems:

organic, permaculture, specialised niches,...

Land bank and share of ressources

Local food / short supply chains and autonomy

Creation of new jobs

New interplay of actors+new roles in a reshaped community

>> a place based process

landscape + food + community are at the centre

...but still an unseen process and unseen community

- *No interaction between the concerned regimes
- * Conservation regime has opened up for the relevance of lifestyle farming << but it is the weakest player
- * Real-estate regime: adapts, but does not consider farming
- * Agricultural regime: pressures from the landscape are deviated
- * Agricultural policies remain strongly focused on commercial production >> supported by equaly focused analytical models
- * Planning prevents buildings, but has not changed its vision
- * No normative institutional anchoring:
 - no formal or informal rules about what is desirable, which could be embedded in laws, regulations or policies

How to find the needed pathways?

a new challenge for governance

a new challenge for research

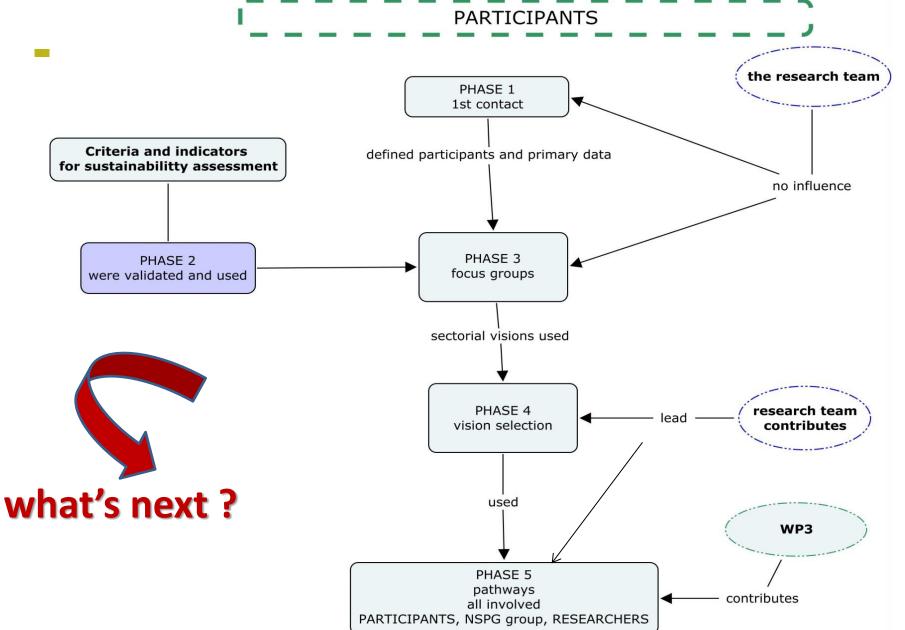


a participatory process starting locally envolving the identified actors at the different levels creating visions and defining the needs



FP7 EU Project Farm-Path: participatory work

how would you like your local area to look like in 20 years?



Transdisciplinary

- Origin: demand for relevance, societal legitimacy and applicability of research to societal challenges
- Goal: transcend boundaries
 - Between scientific disciplines
 - Between science and society
- Researchers to act as mobilizers, mappers of transition-change dynamics
 - Engagement in the open-ended process
- Societal co-production of knowledge
 - Identify obstacles and potentials with practitioners
 - Co-produce visions of sustainable futures

Research modes

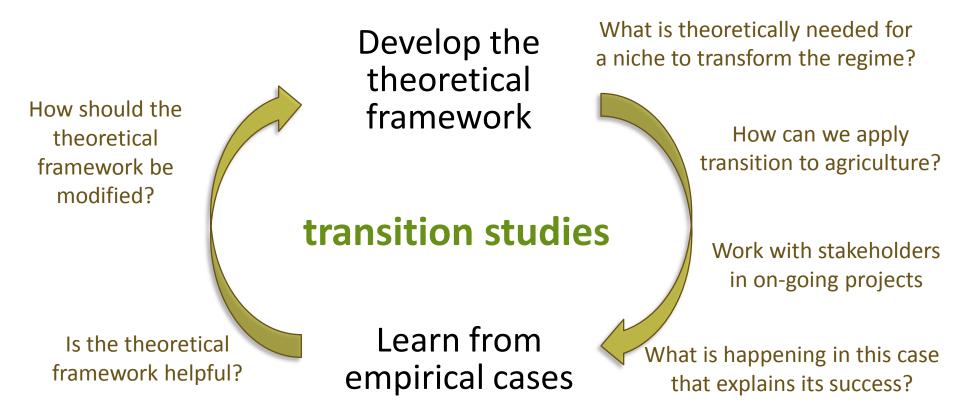
• Mode 1:

- Pure: not context-dependent
- Disciplinary: theory-driven, experimental
- Primacy of scientists: expert-led, hierarchical
- Sciences develops, results are transferred

• Mode 2:

- Applied, problem-centered, context-dependent
- Socially-distributed knowledge, dialogic process
- Network-embedded, entrepreneurial
- Build a learning partnerships

Two interrelated aspects



TransDis: Types of outputs

Researchers conducting research on transitions

Practitioners engaged in transition process

Transdisciplinary process

- Joint pre-selection of case studies
- Joint definition of vision (regional transition to sust. ag.)
- Joint process of experimentation
- Joint analysis

Scientific output: Insights into patterns and processes of transition towards sustainability

Societal effect:

Change in knowledge and decision-making capacity, robust future development orientation



TransDis: Challenges

- Very time-intensive
 - Engagement, knowledge brokering, unfolding process
- New skills demanded from scientists
 - Facilitation (get a professional!), knowledge integration
 - Integrating Science and Life-worlds
- Results/output not easily visible/measurable
 - Embodied knowledge, learning processes engendered
 - Makes it difficult to show 'success' e.g. to funders
- Need to press for academic recognition
 - Results may not be publishable in top journals
 - New scientific fields start being ackowledged

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MANY THANKS!



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