



Policy plans: qualitative local and regional planning

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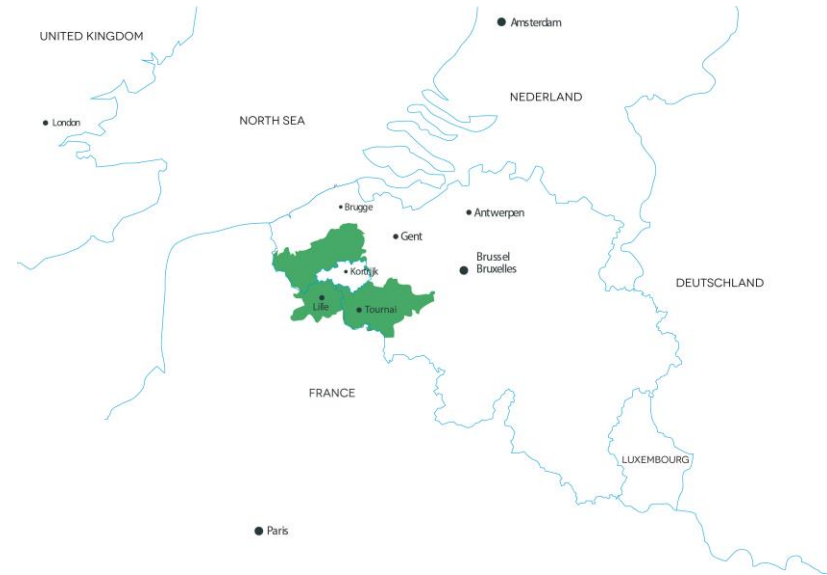


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Leiedal

intermunicipaly

Where?



Situation



320.000 inhabitants - 13 municipalities

Border region – Flanders – province West-Flanders

What does Leiedal?

"Leiedal is the intermunicipal association for regional development in South-West Flanders that aims to dynamically and sustainably contribute to the development of this region into an attractive area for entrepreneurship, work, living, and experiences."

Territorial Planning

Public development projects

Data, GIS, e-government

Different themes

Different levels

Different partners

*Leiedal in
six transition lines*



Agenda

Key elements of strategic territorial planning?

A new type of plan: spatial policy plan

Why?

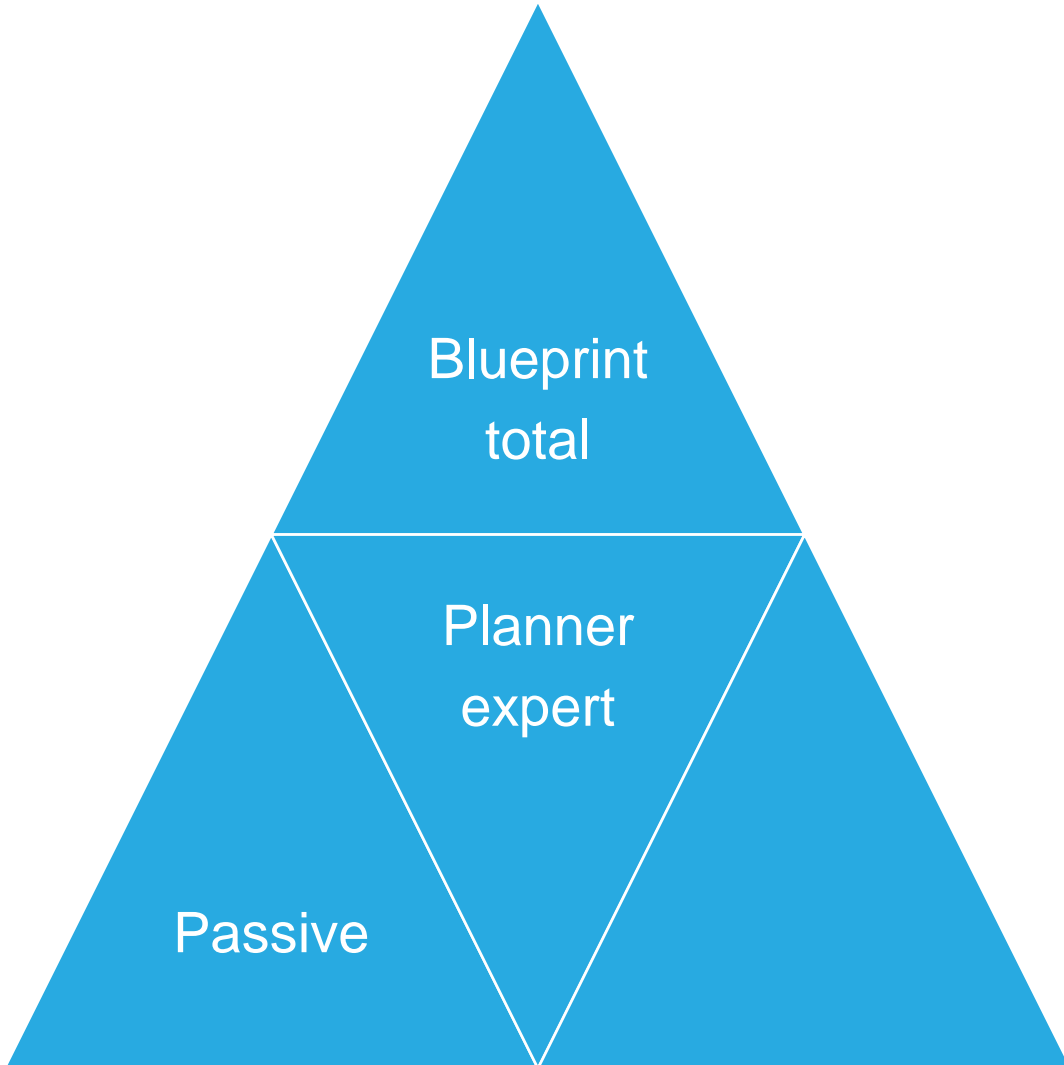
What? Components, processes

Better? More strategic?

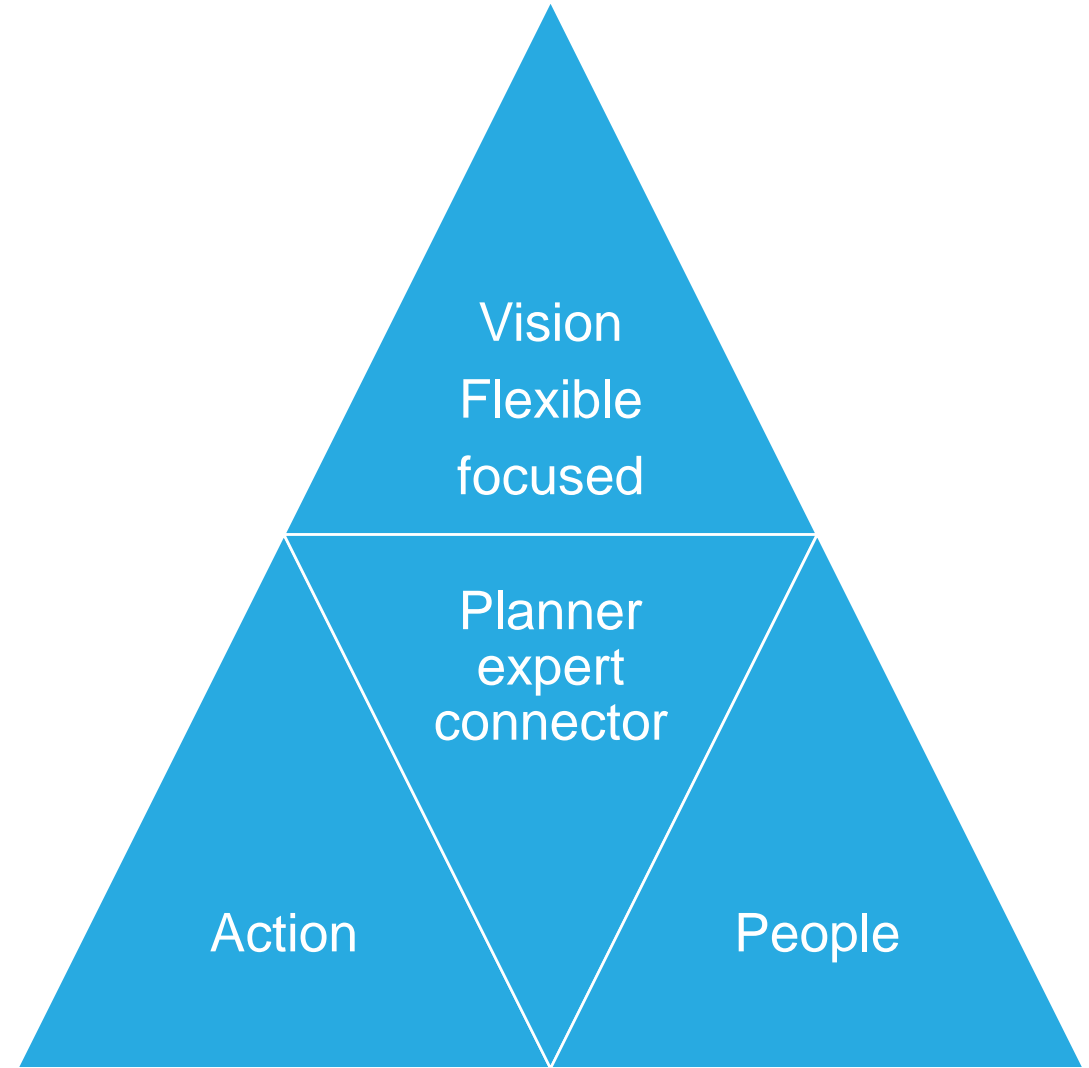
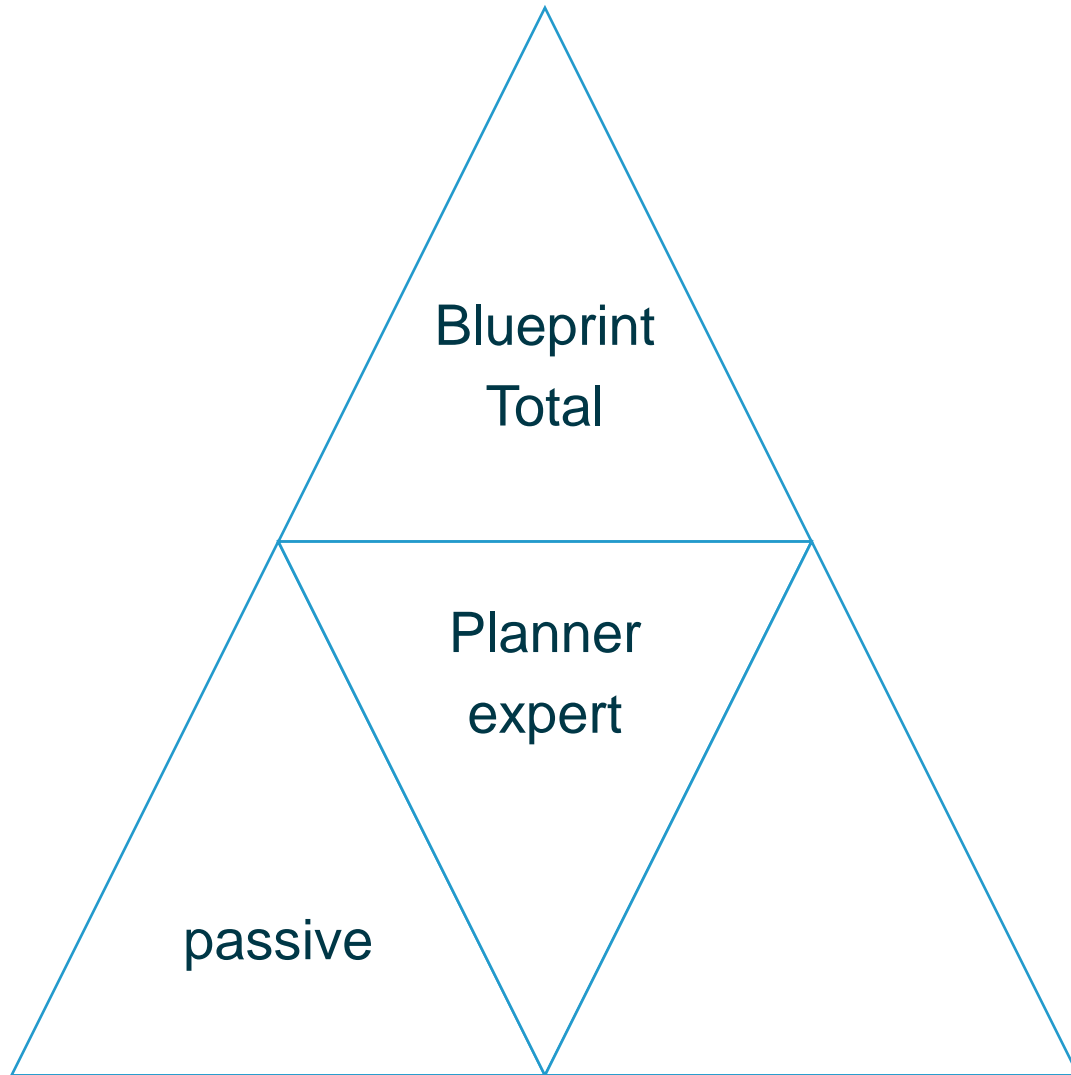
Examples

Other tools for strategic planning

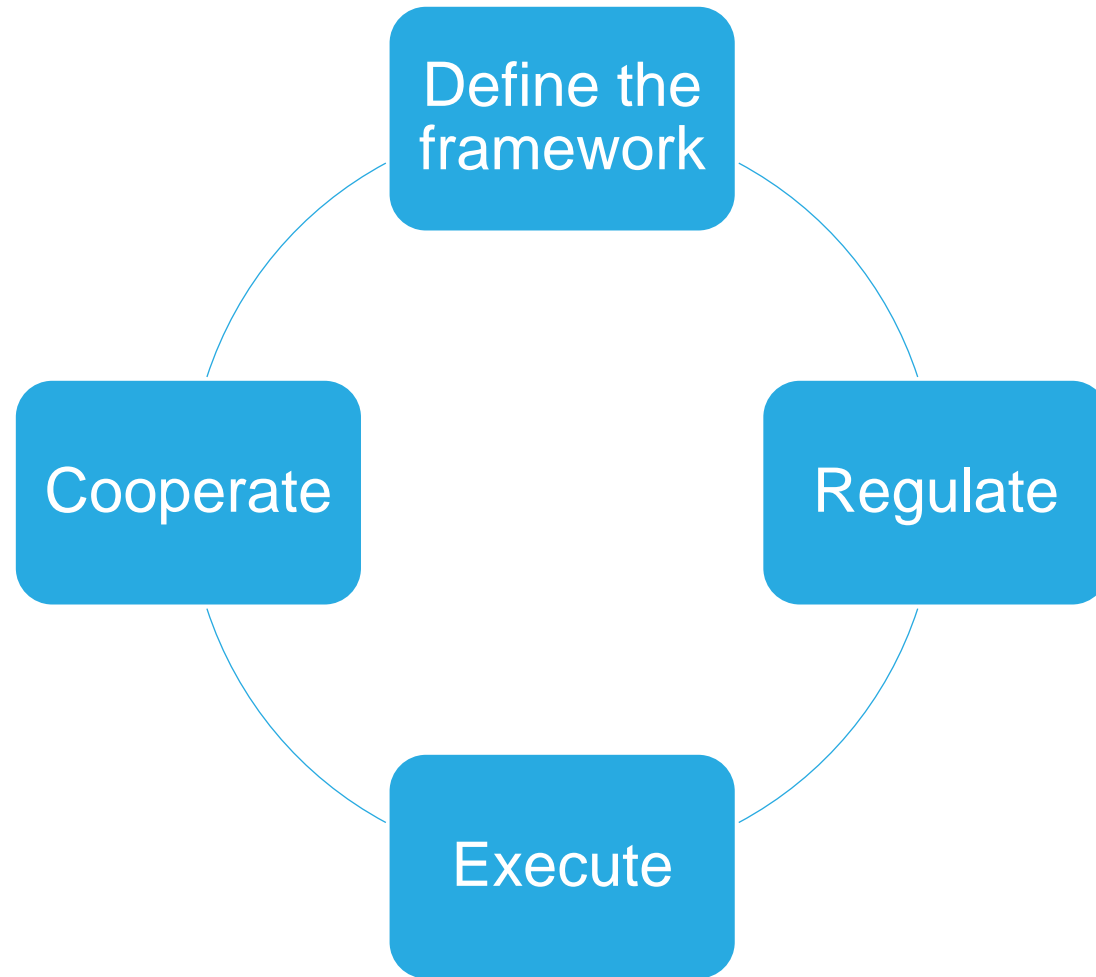
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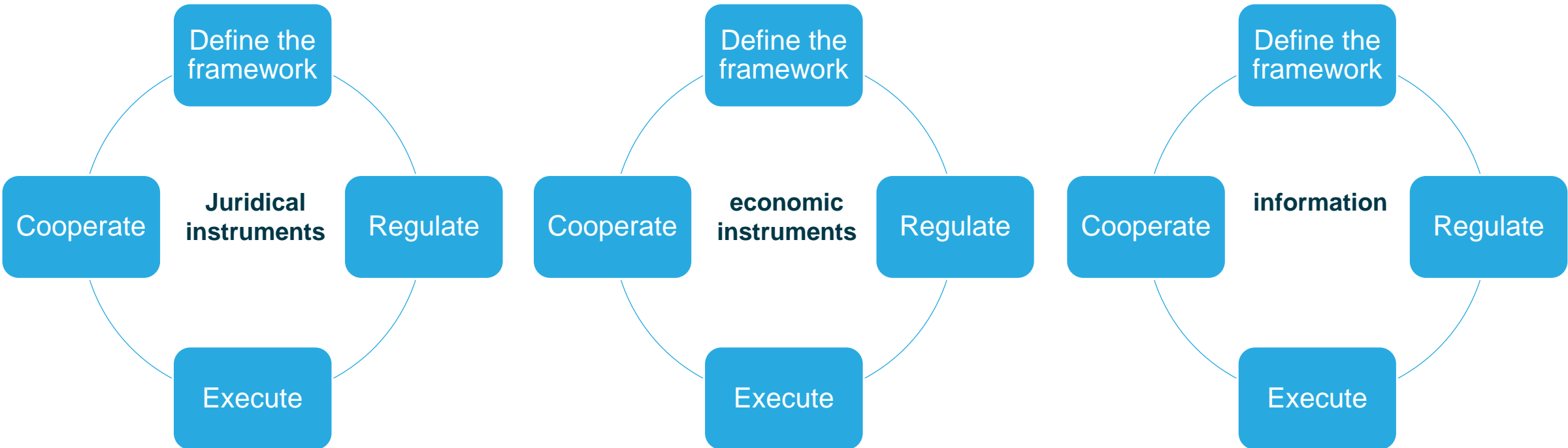
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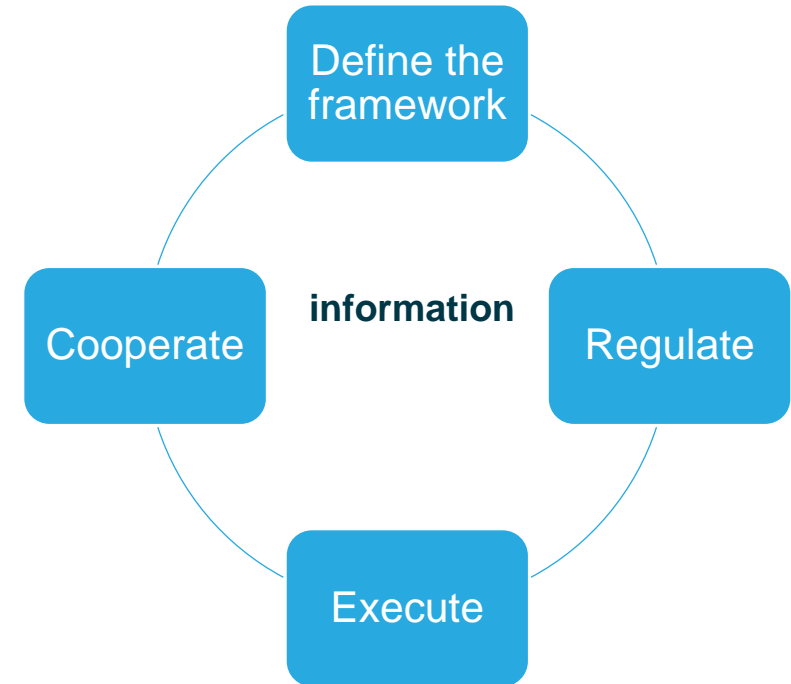
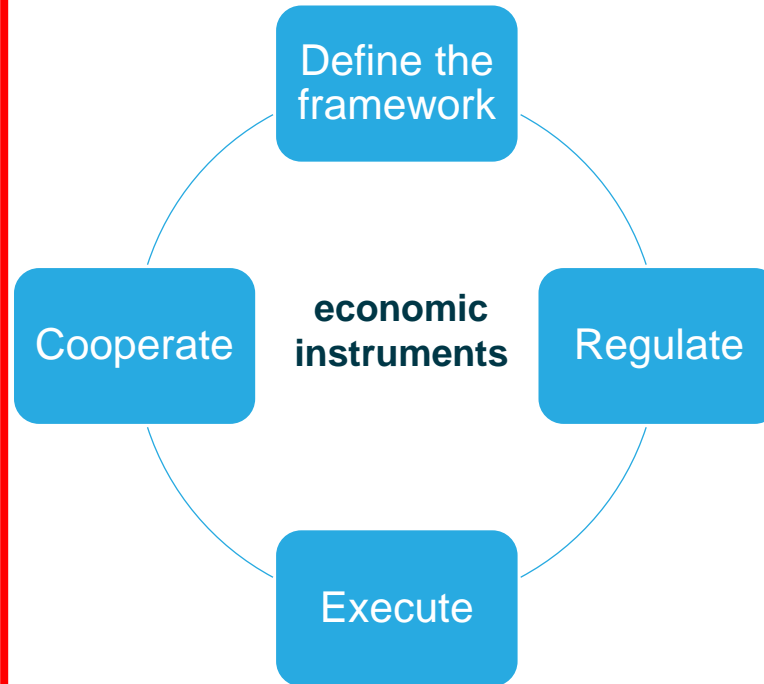
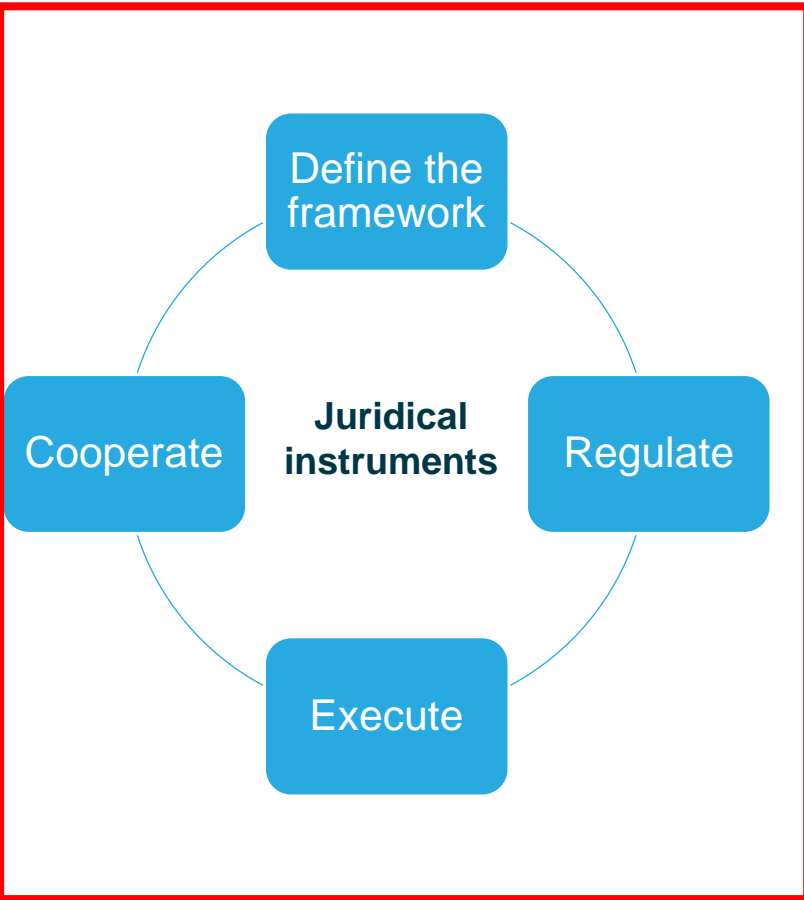
Different roles of the government in planning linked to strategic planning

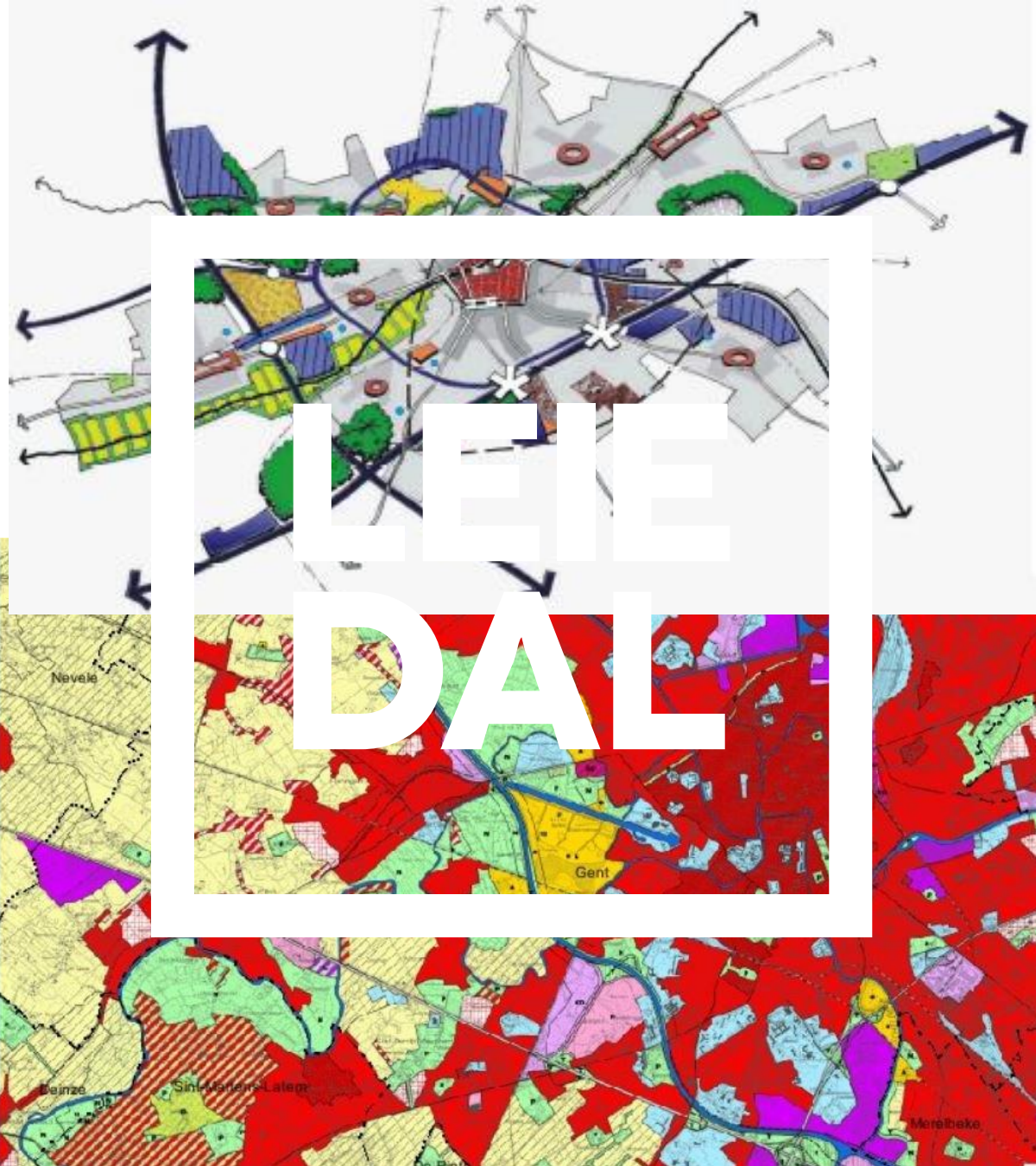


Different roles of the government in planning linked to instruments



Different roles of the government in planning

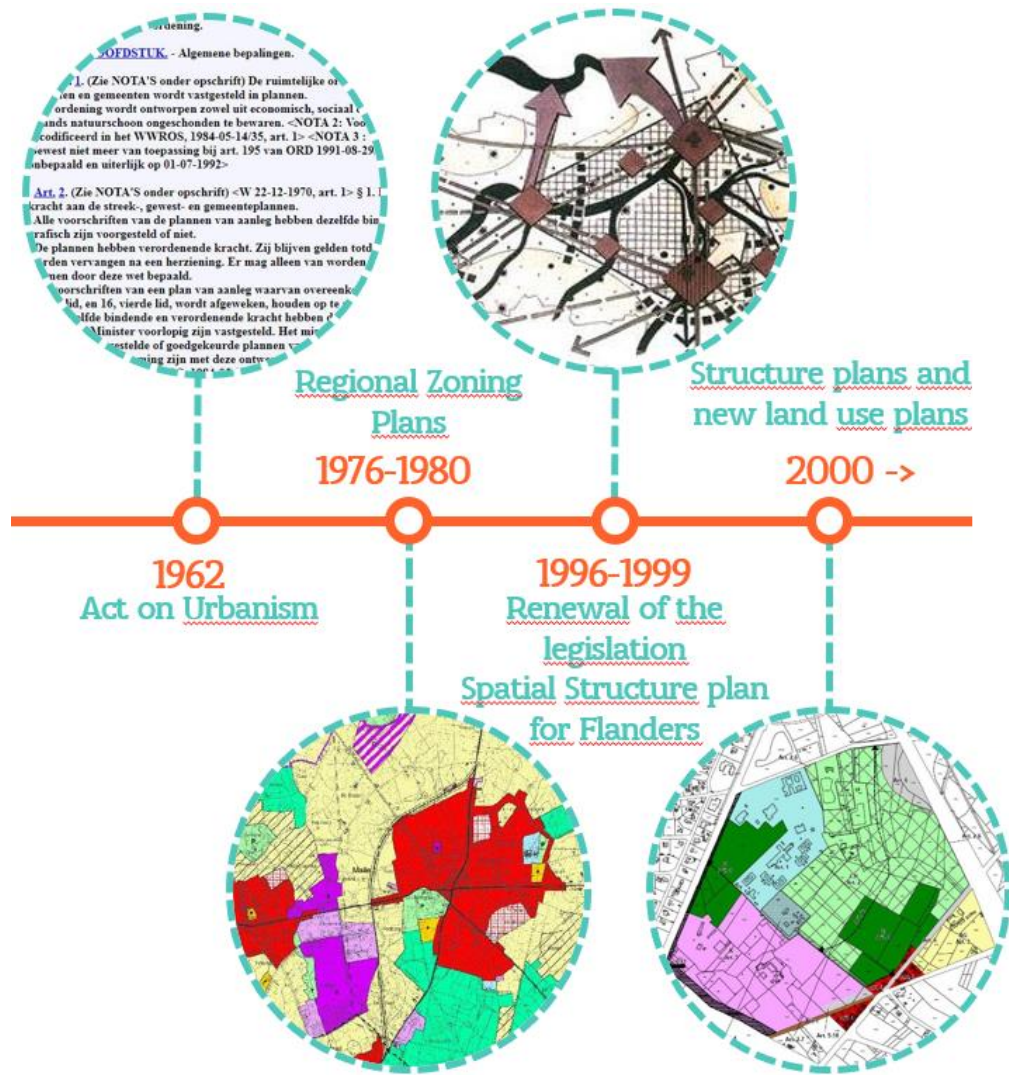




LEIE DAL

Planning system
of Flanders

Evolution ...2012



Towards a more strategic planning

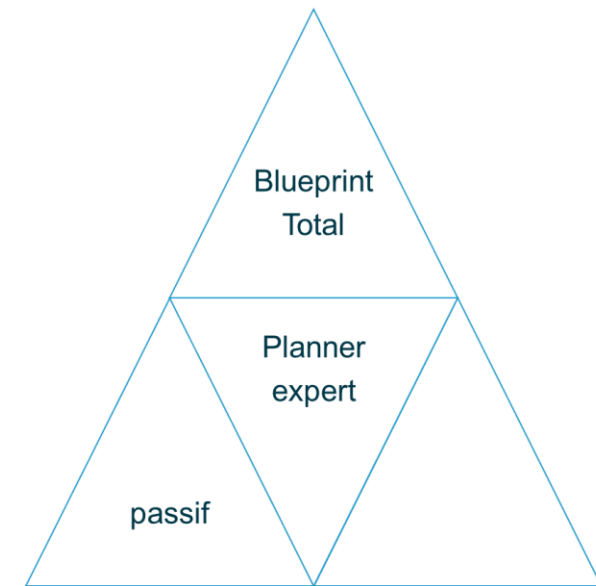
Especially the launch of the Structure Plan meant a big transition in planning in Flanders.

There was a shift from ad hoc planning towards a strategic approach with a **vision** on the whole territory.

The system of **hierarchy** of government levels was exchanged for **subsidiarity** where a spatial challenge was treated by the policy level that was the most fitted.

The introduction of **education** requirements (spatial planners must follow a master education and need a certificate to execute the profession) provided more expertise.

Also, the obligation for municipalities to prepare **registers** of permits registers of policy plans and a register of unbuilt parcels supports the global a structured approach.



2012...

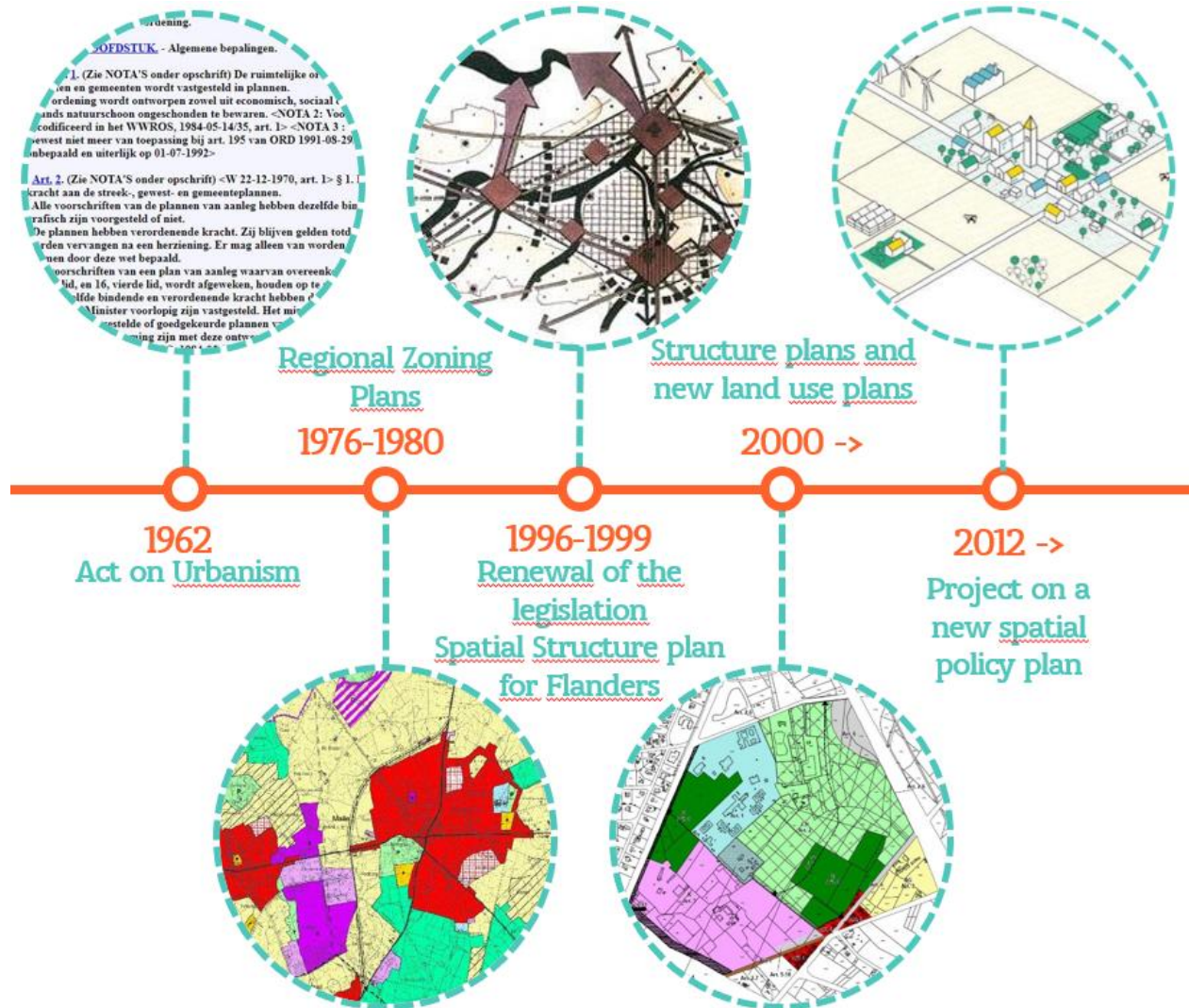
Structure plans are little reviewed

Still not flexible enough

All plan components have to be revised

Spatial structure plans remain too all-encompassing

Need to revise spatial structure plan Flanders



2012 – 2018 : project on a new spatial policy plan (“Beleidsplan Ruimte Vlaanderen”)

New or modified challenges

2012: Green paper approved by the Flemish government

2016: White paper

2017: modification of the legislation, creating a legal base for the new spatial policy plan

spatial policy plans at three levels (central, intermediate, local)

a spatial policy plan consists of a strategic vision and policy guidelines

2018: Strategic vision approved by the Flemish government



New kid in town

Spatial policy plan

Spatial structure plan

3 connected components – 3 planning levels (hierarchy)

Spatial structure plan

1. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SITUATION

2. STRATEGIC VISION

3. BINDING DECISIONS

Flanders

Province

Municipality

2017 planning concept: spatial policy plan 2 components – 4 equal levels

Spatial policy plan

STRATEGIC VISION

Policy
framework 1

Actions

Flanders

Province

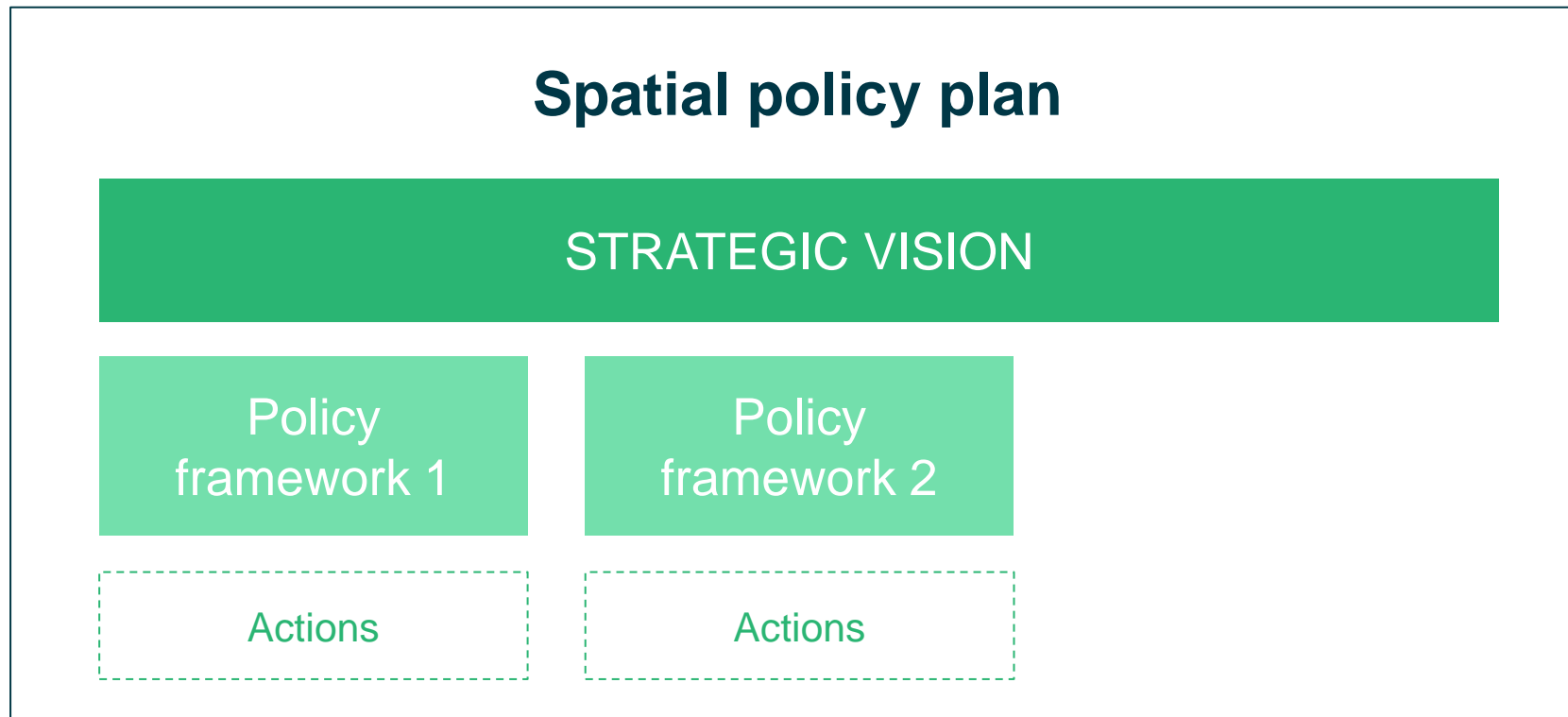
Intermunicipality

Municipality

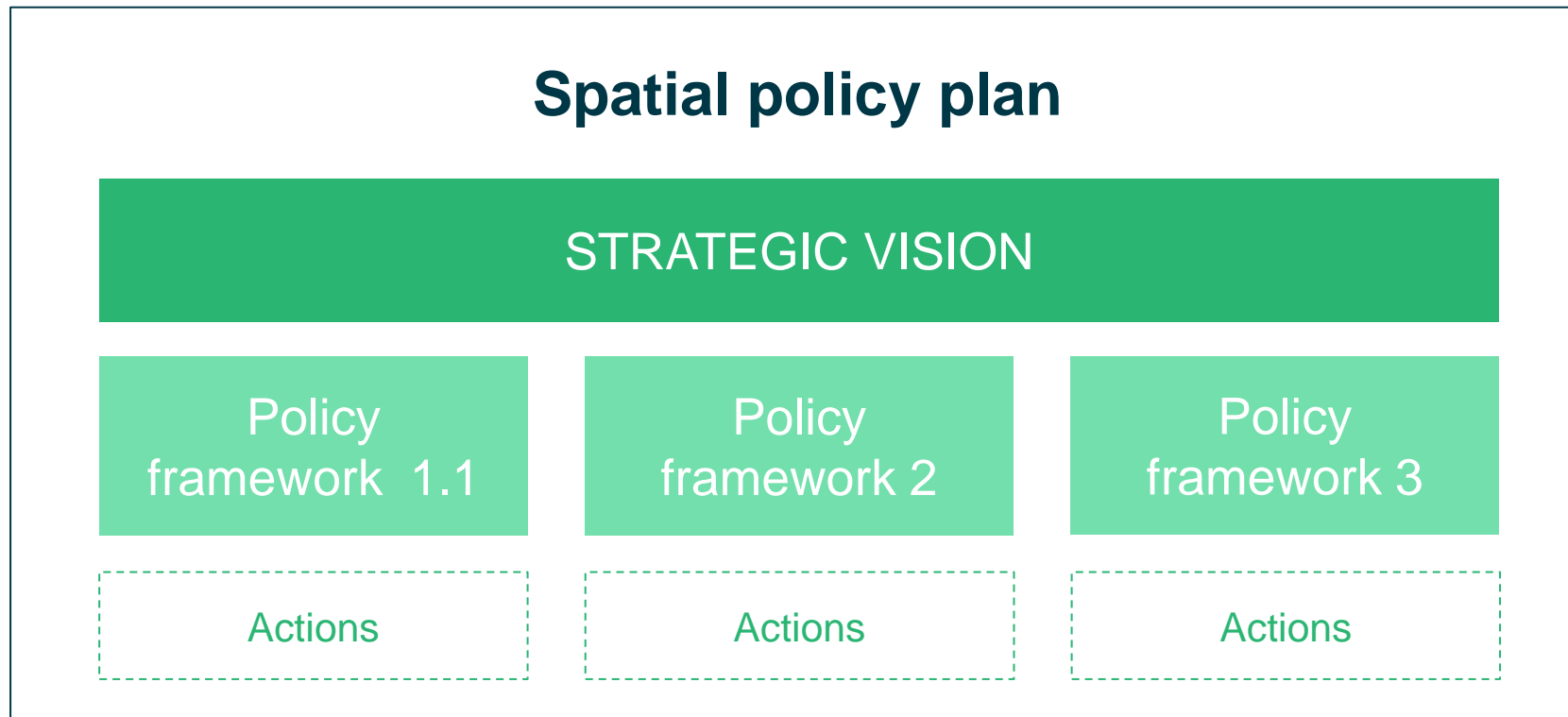
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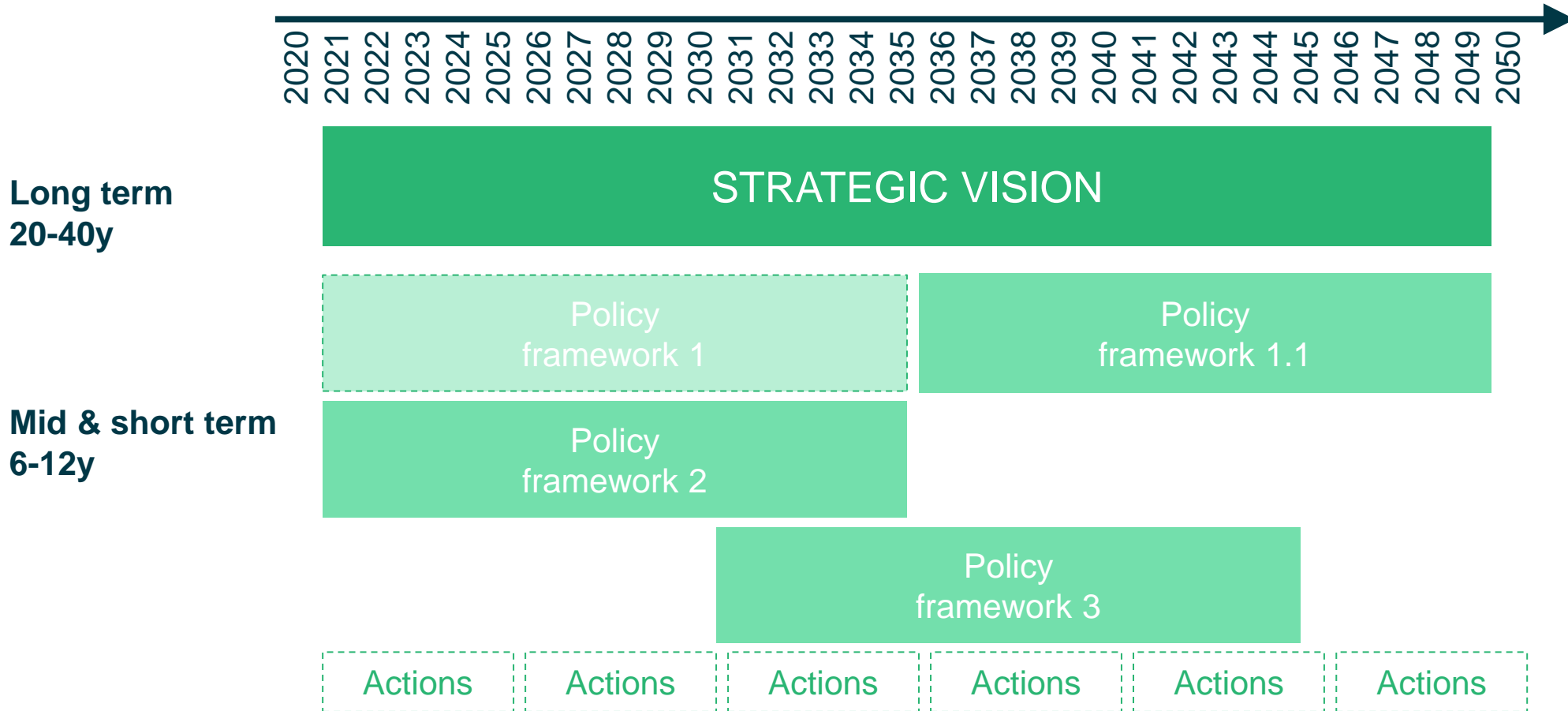
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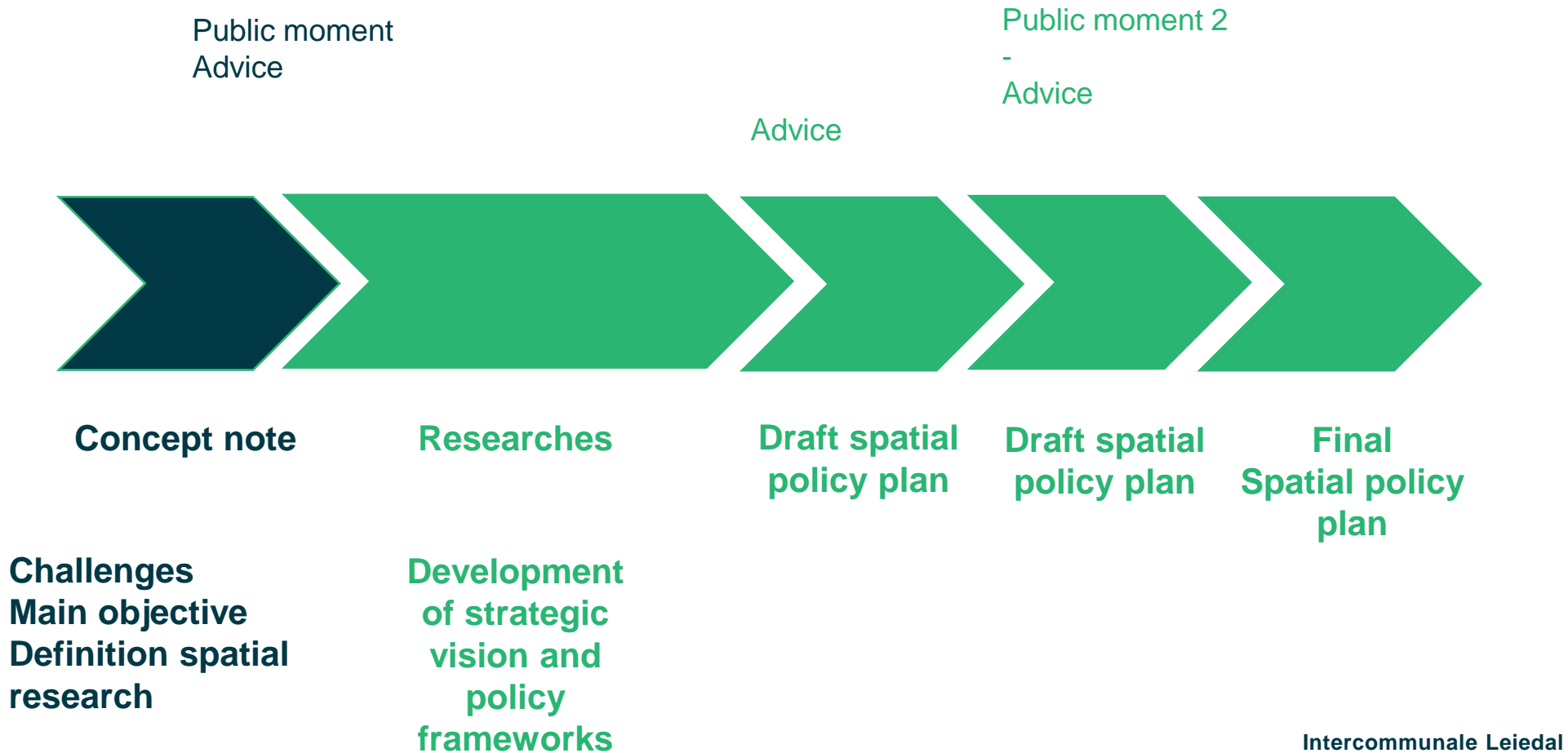
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Validity period



Process spatial policy plan



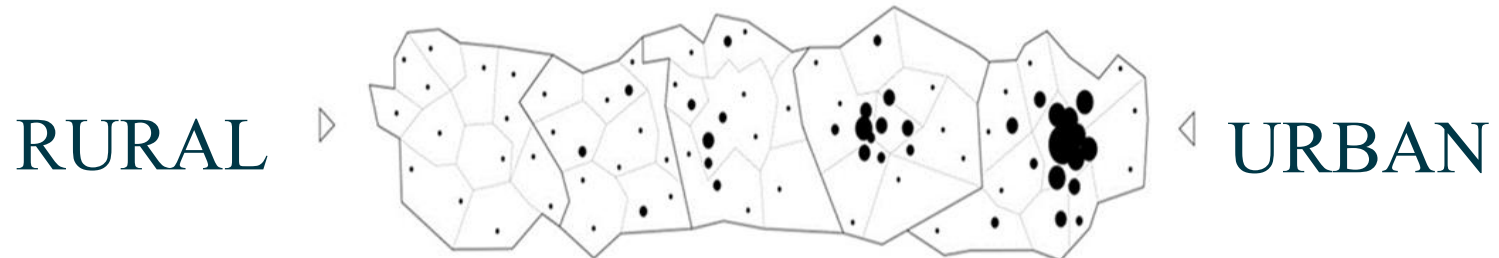
Developing areas together

Each area is different

The issues that each area faces are different

The issues transcend the interest of a single municipality

E.g. housing market, mobility, open space and water, facilities, ...



Developing areas together

Towards an integrated development

Supra-municipal approach

Coalitions of municipalities in the same 'functional urban area'

Working together to find solutions for issues that transcends their municipality

Bottom-up cooperation

Municipalities take the lead

Facilitated and supported by Flanders and the provinces

Engaging all stakeholders

involvement of social partners, contractors and citizens

Common vision

Projects harmonised and implemented on the basis of a shared vision for the development of the area

Projects are tailor-made, not general solutions for the whole of Flanders

New elements = more strategic

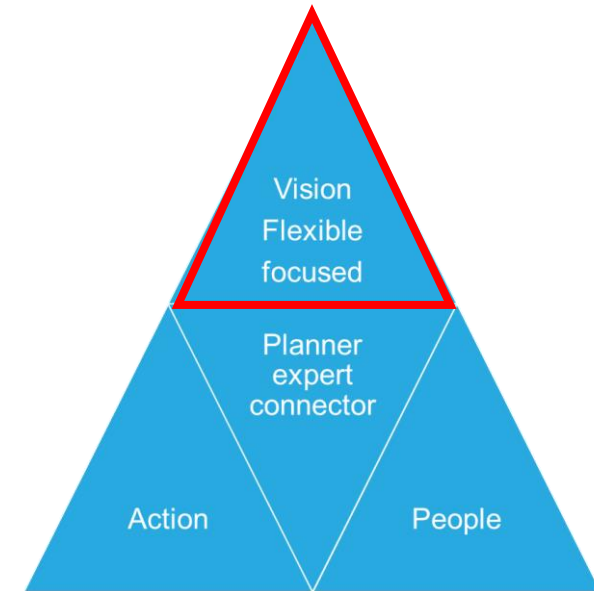
Add-on model offers flexibility

Focus on priorities. The spatial policy plan should not cover every aspect. It can focus on only the most strategic challenges.

Less strict on content: tailor made – each area faces specific issues
- local interpretation

Adaptable to the conditions, challenges

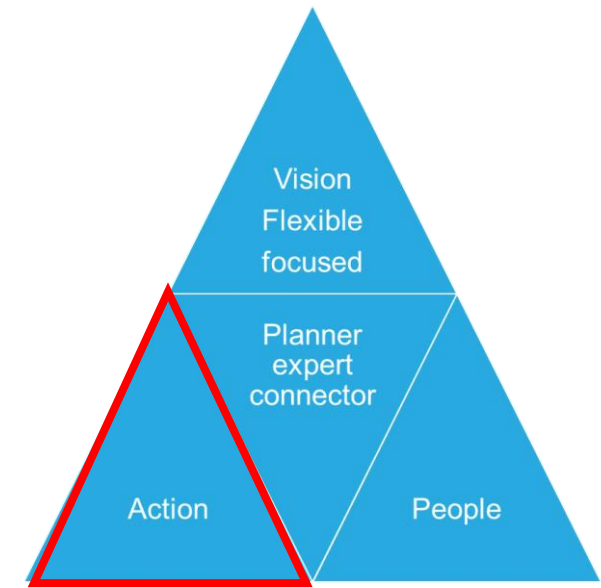
A strategic vision can be made on its own.



New elements = more strategic

Focused on actions

Who, what, when, how



New elements = more strategic

From hierarchy to equal partnership

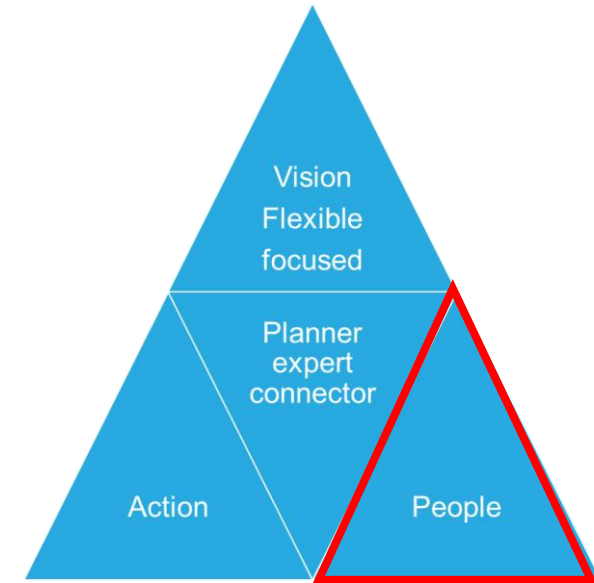
Flemish principals are the basis for all other plans, but the provinces and municipalities have more autonomy to give a local interpretation.

The accent lies on equal partnership between government levels. Higher levels not 'supervising' lower levels but helping.

Plans are not approved

Towards 'integrated development' where every level has its role.

Cooperation between municipalities = new type of planning level



New elements = more strategic

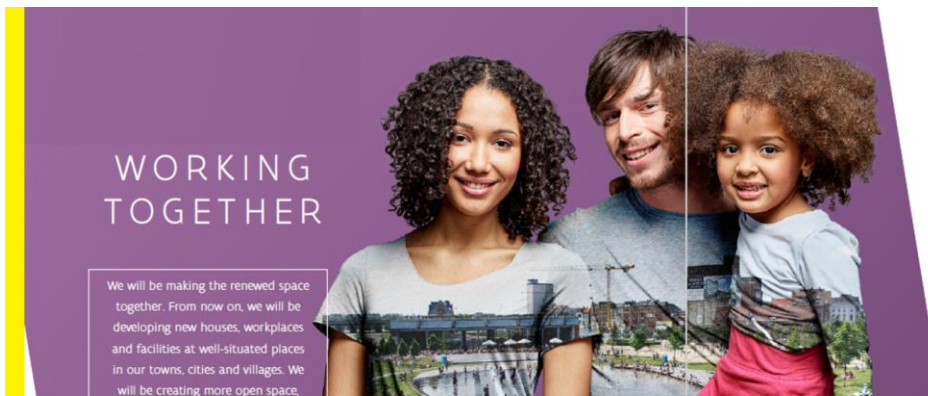
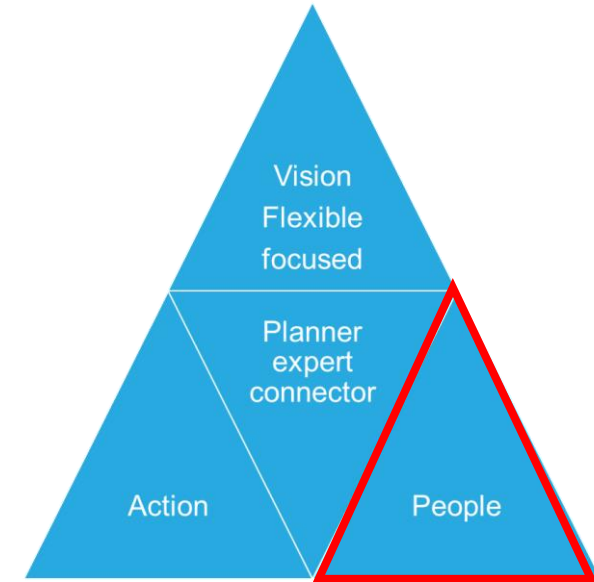
Cooperation is important

During planning phase

- Participation with the citizens - A planning process with more attention to public consultation
- Cooperation between planning levels

For the execution of the objectives

- Action plan : who's responsible, who's involved...
- The explicit ambition to work together with all the stakeholders to realize the ambitions
- A municipality can execute a spatial planning policy of another planning level



Spatial policy plans state of play

Strategic vision

Spatial policy plan

remarks

Flanders



2018

In progress

Structure plan still in charge

Provinces



In progress

Intermunicipal



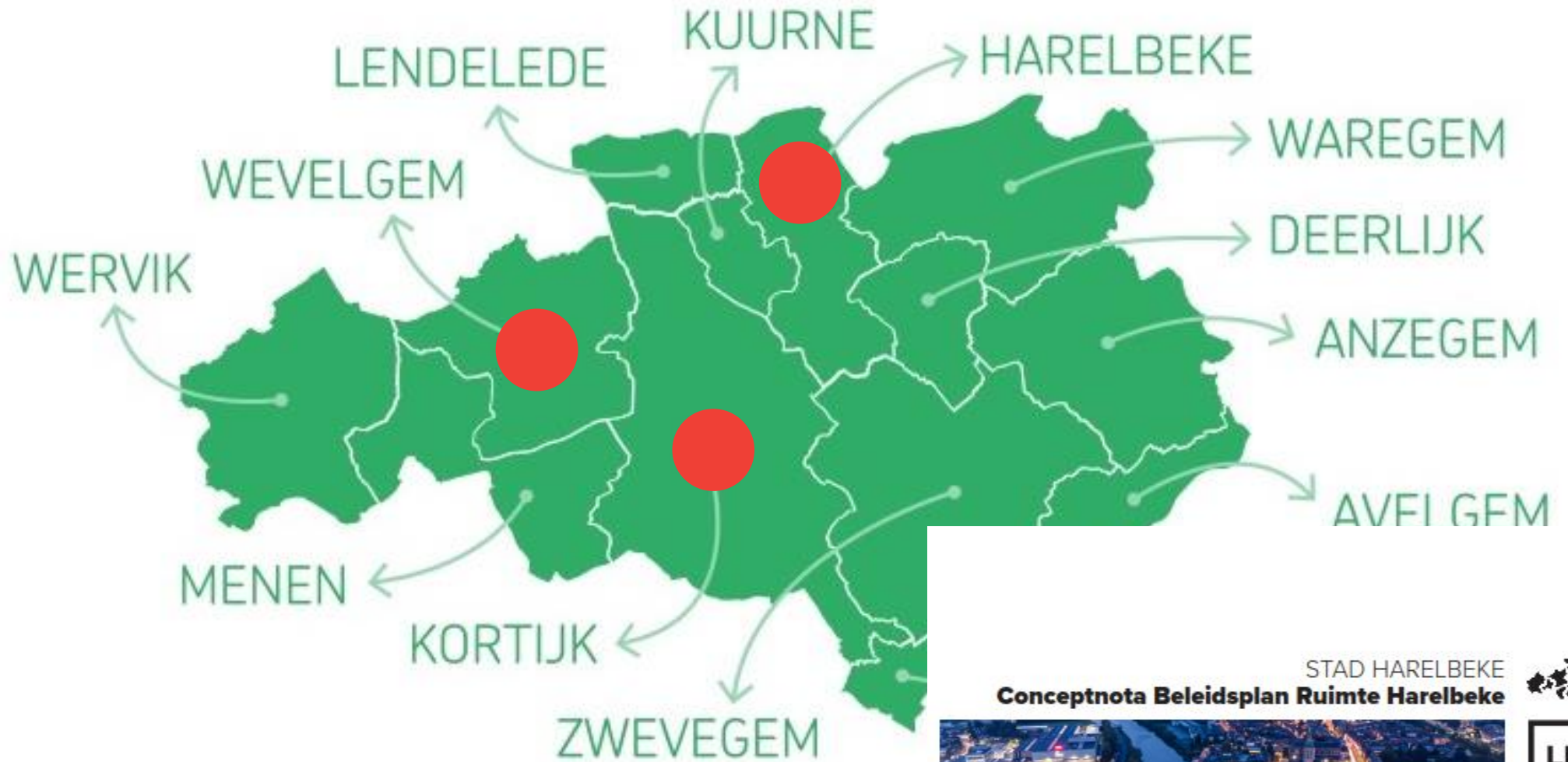
2018

No formal planning process

Municipalities

Approved & In progress

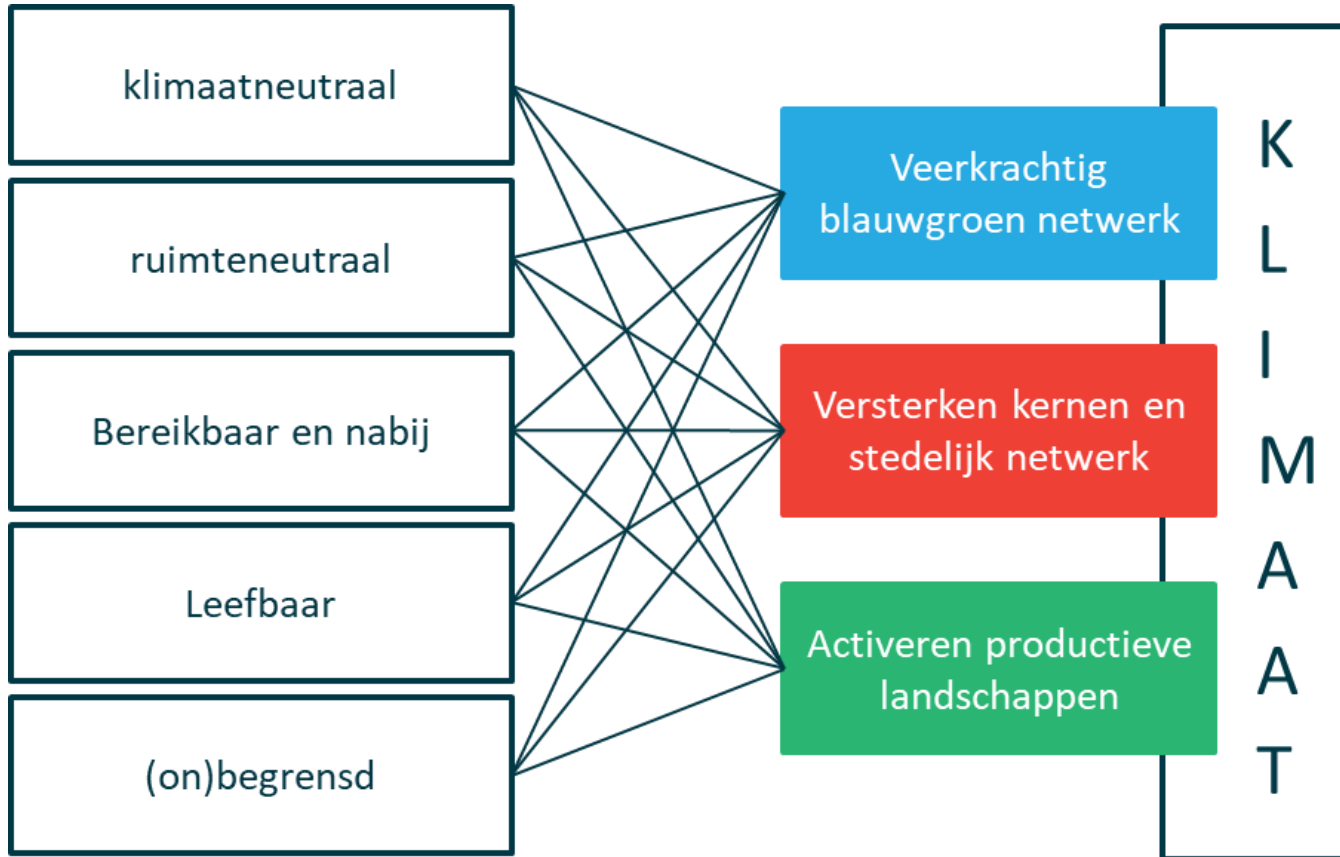
Municipalities



STAD HARELBEKE
Conceptnota Beleidsplan Ruimte Harelbeke



Intermunicipality spatial plan



Ambitions

Translated in 3 spatial principles

Intermunicipality spatial plan

Defining actions

Kwalitatief ontwikkelen van het blauw-groene netwerk

GEÏNTEGREERDE ONTWIKKELING EN OPWAARDERING VAN DE LEIE, SCHELDE EN KANAAL BOSSUIT-KORTRIJK



Realiseren van de Seine-Schelde-verbinding, inclusief rivierherstel



Realisatie van de signaalgebieden in het Leiebekken en Bovenschelde-bekken



Acties en projecten in kader van het bekkenbeheers- en wateruitvoeringsplan voor het Leie-bekken en Bovenschelde-bekken



* Geïntegreerde aanpak, afstemming en realisatie van de processen en projecten in de Leievallei

Intermunicipality spatial plan

3.5. Een sterke regionale samenwerking

Harelbeke is gelegen in de regio Zuid-West-Vlaanderen. Natuurgebieden, waterlopen, wegen en stedelijke netwerken stoppen echter niet aan de stadsgrenzen. De *open ruimte*, de Leie, de beekvalleien en gewestwegen moeten we daarom op een ruimere schaal te bekijken. Ook het bebouwd weefsel van Harelbeke is sterk gelinkt met dat van de aangrenzende steden en gemeenten. Dit heeft als gevolg dat er een grote interactie is op vlak van milieu en natuur, water, wonen, werken, voorzieningen... met die aangrenzende steden en gemeenten.

Vanuit de hogere overheden wordt meer en meer ingezet op **bovenlokale samenwerking**, door de afbakening van regio's, subsidie-oproepen gekoppeld aan gebiedscoalities, opmaak van regionale plannen (vervoerr regio) of visies (Leie)... Daarenboven is er binnen deze regio een jarenlange traditie in het regionaal samenwerken rond bepaalde thema's en gebieden tussen de gemeenten en Intercommunale Leiedal. Elk van de eerder genoemde ambities voor 2040 bekijken we eveneens op regionale schaal, of vanuit een regionale context. Voor bepaalde elementen kan dit gaan over het hanteren van dezelfde beleidslijn voor de regio, dan wel over het differentiëren en elkaar versterken binnen de regio.



Approved by the council of aldermen

Informal instrument

Not a spatial policy plan

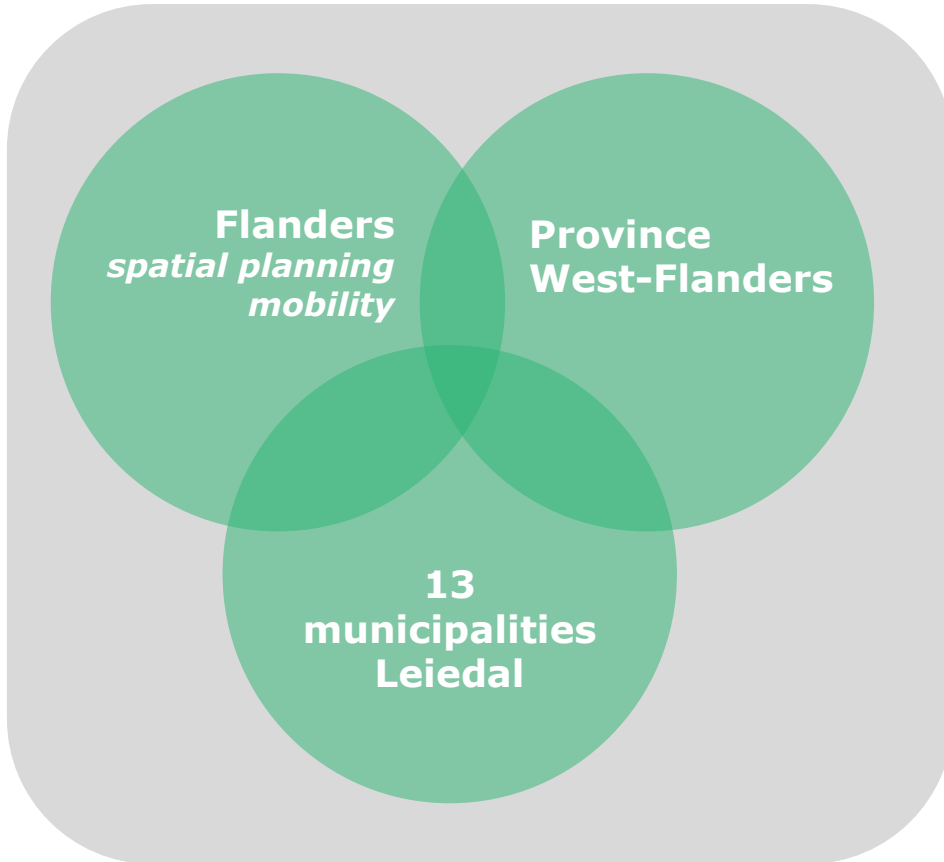
Not a strategic vision in terms of the policy plan process

But gives direction

Approval = ambitions will be translated in local spatial policy plans

Regional ambitions = local ambitions

Intermunicipality spatial plan



Execution by cooperation

Partnership

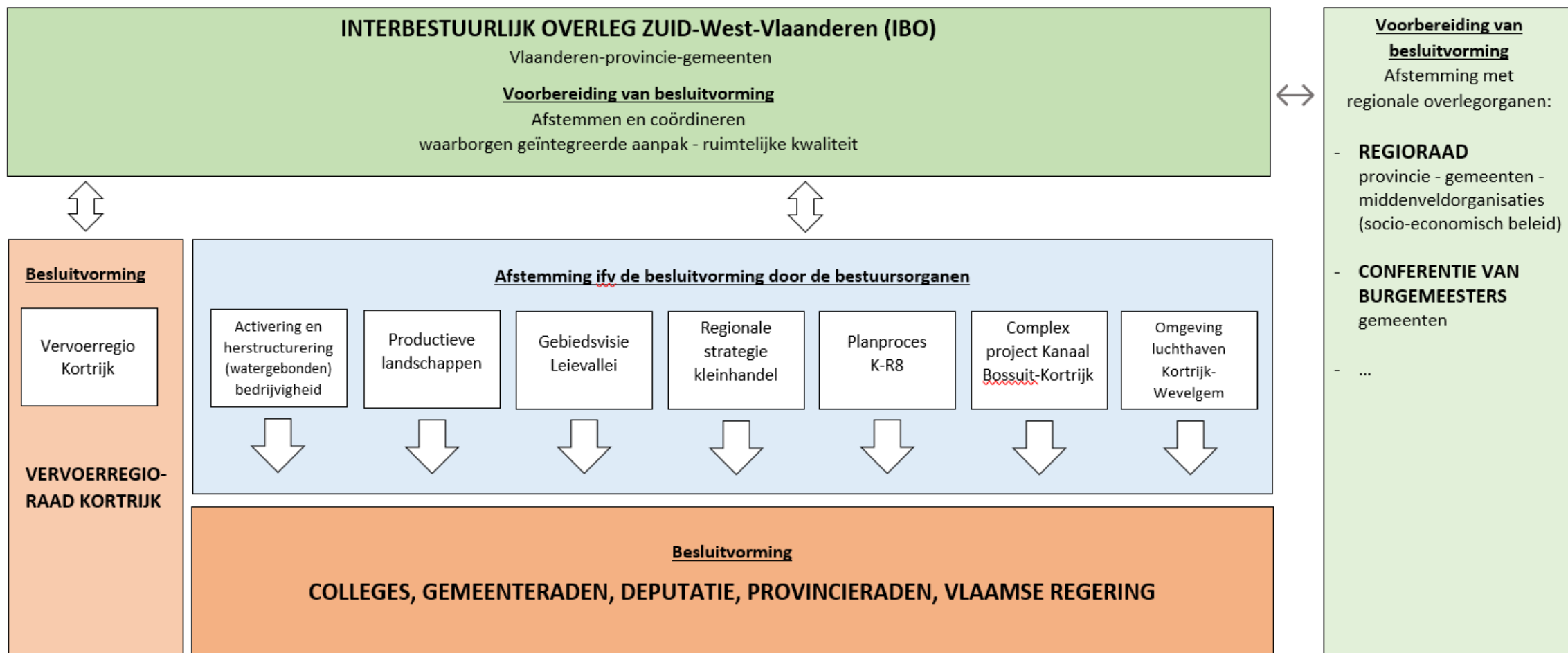
Develop in areas together

Regional spatial vision is the base, the common vision for cooperation, development

Agreement: Each planning level will translate regional vision in its own instruments

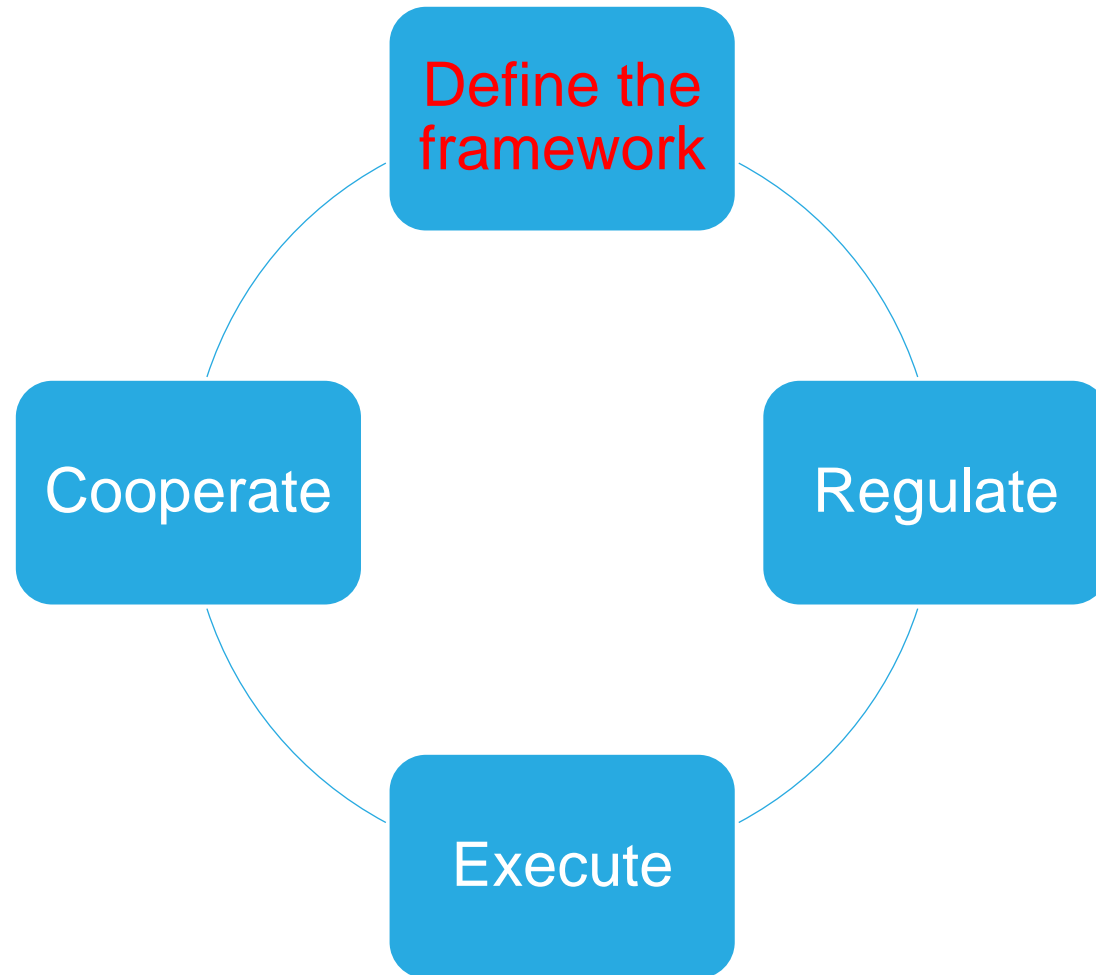
Execute 9 main actions together

Intergovernmental coordination across legislatures



Other instruments for qualitative strategic planning

Different roles of the government in planning linked to strategic planning



Local masterplans



Local masterplans

A master plan is not a legally binding document but aims at an attractive future image for the municipality center that we all want to work on together, step by step

Vision + projects

Concrete

Focused on execution



Masterplan Avelgem - Omgeving bibliotheek



Masterplan Avelgem - Kloosterstraatje



Masterplan Avelgem - Leopoldstraat

Other informal instruments that give direction

Image quality plan

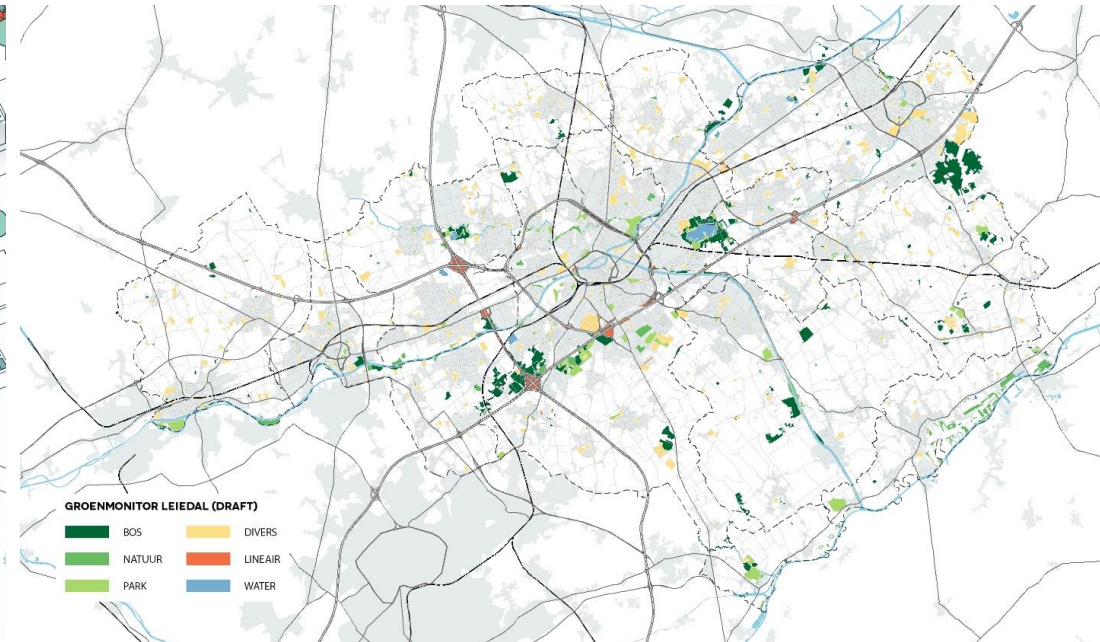


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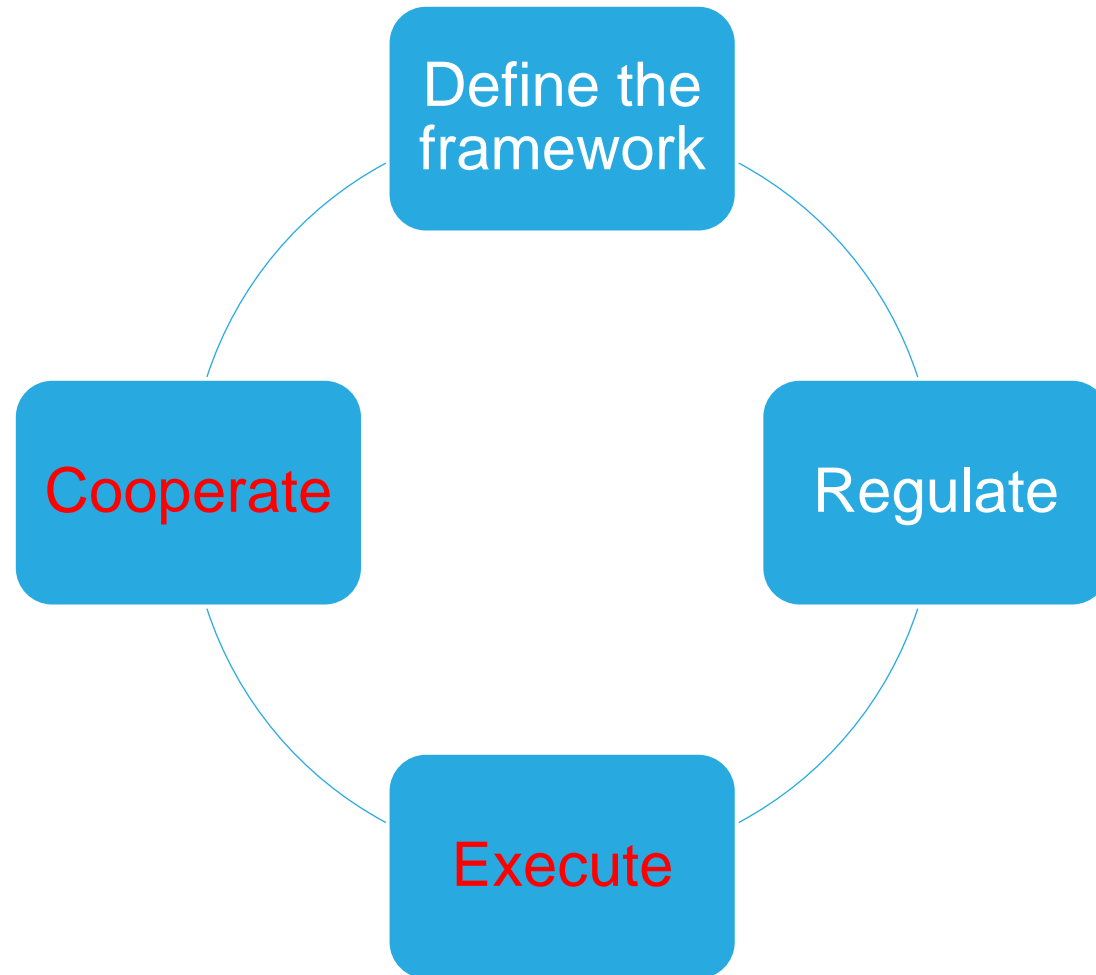
Regional strategies & research & monitoring

Intermunicipal cooperation

Defining common ambitions – develop a shared view



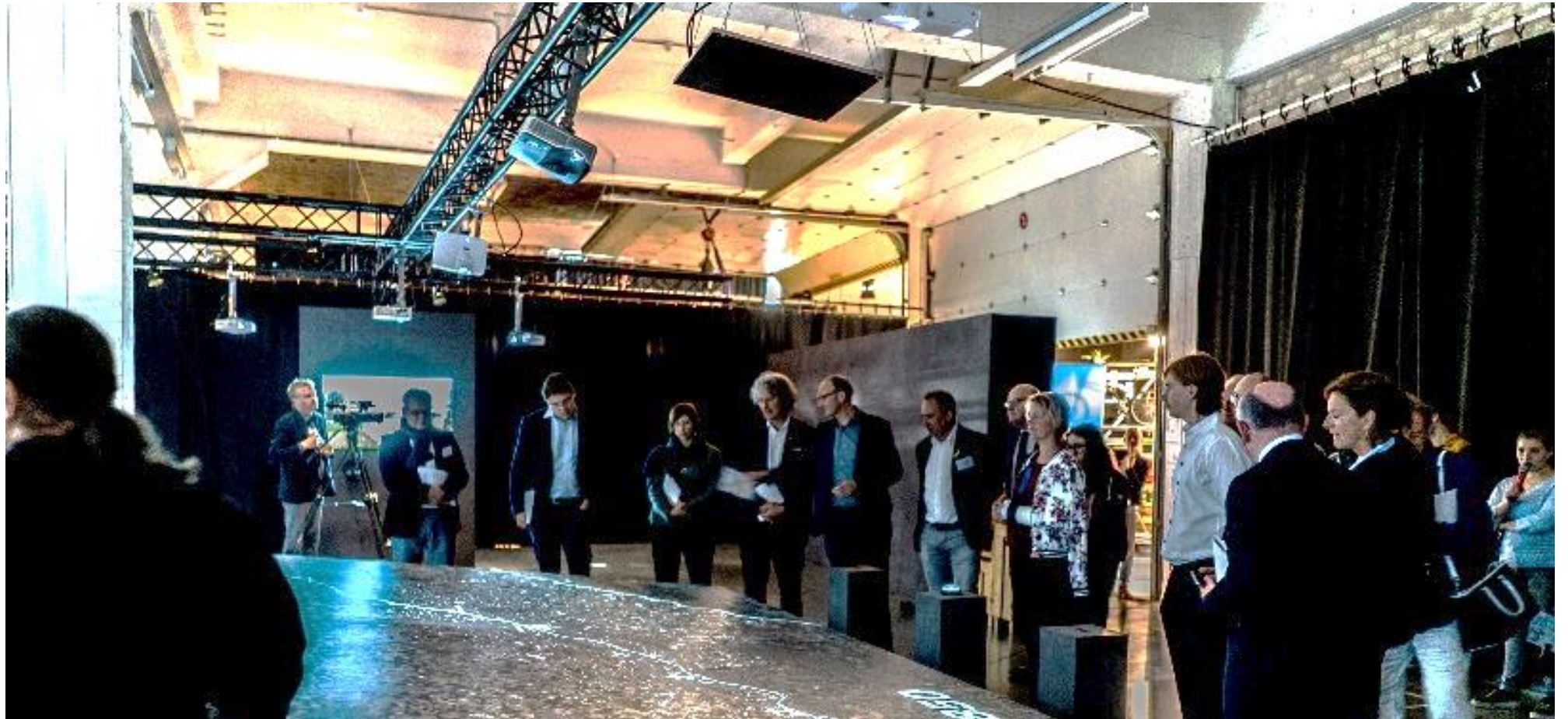
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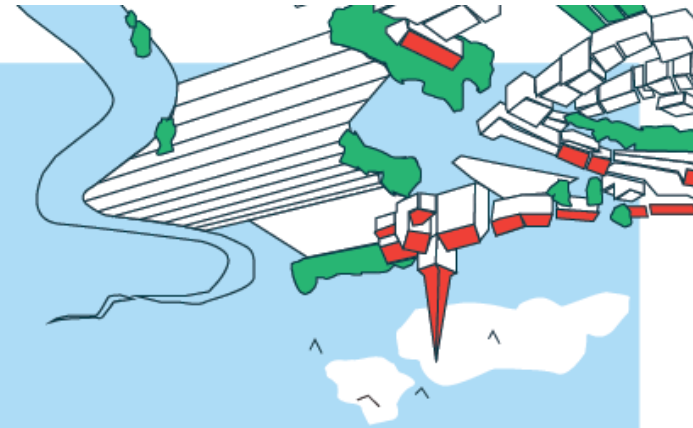
Participation processes



Contrei-live - exposition



Participation - education Festival of the landscape



Festival van het Landschap

**Een week vol wandelingen, fietstochten,
workshops, lezingen & concerten ...**

Support Citizen projects

Initiative of citizens
Food Forest in
Sint-Denijs



Public private cooperation

Omgeving
Molenhoek
Deerlijk

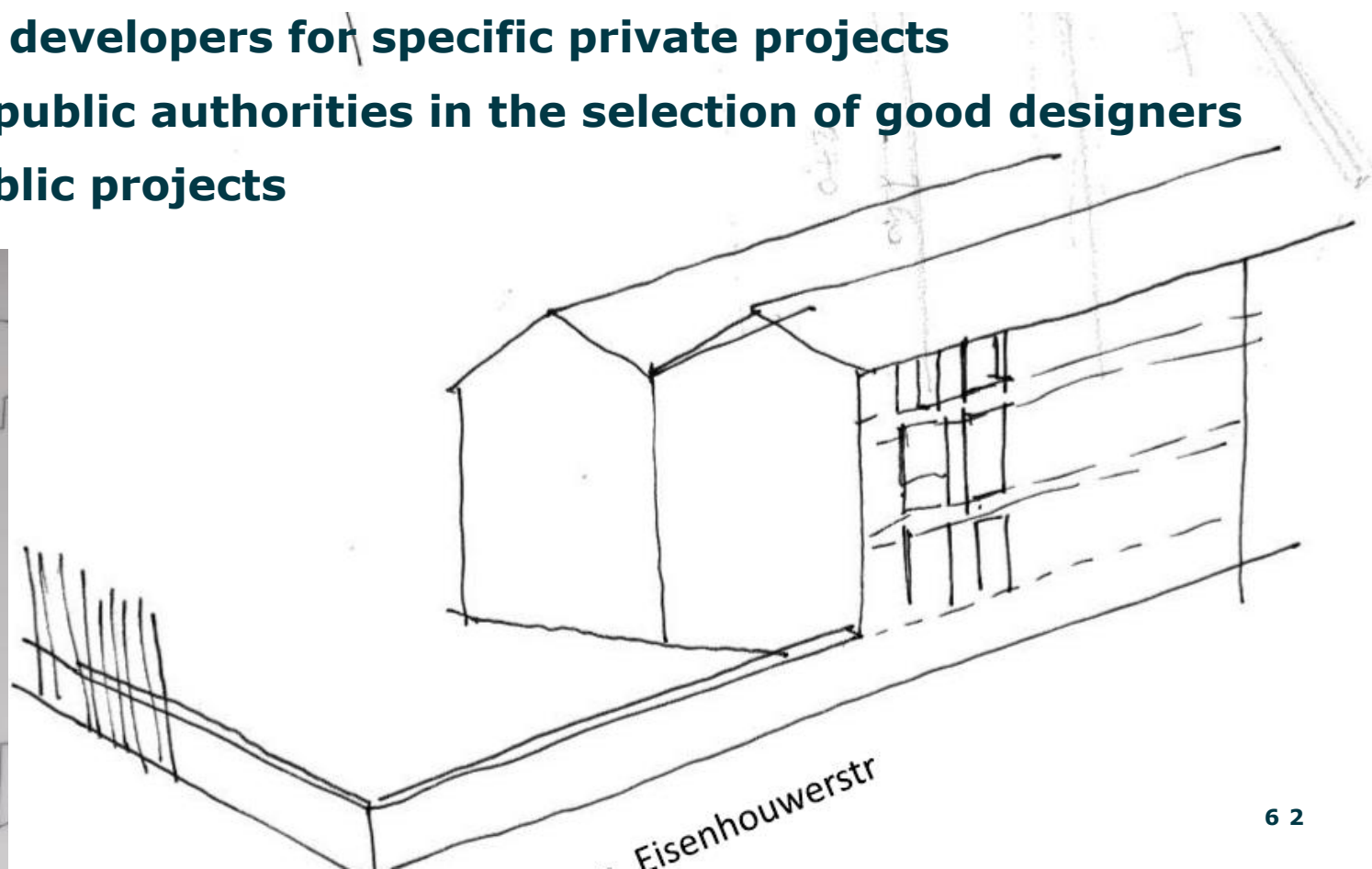


Intermunicipal cooperation, training + cross level cooperation



Quality Chamber

1. Training for spatial planners
2. Advice & guidance for developers for specific private projects
- 3 support West Flemish public authorities in the selection of good designers and design teams for public projects



Climate fund

Crowdfunding

Subsidies

**klimaat
fonds**

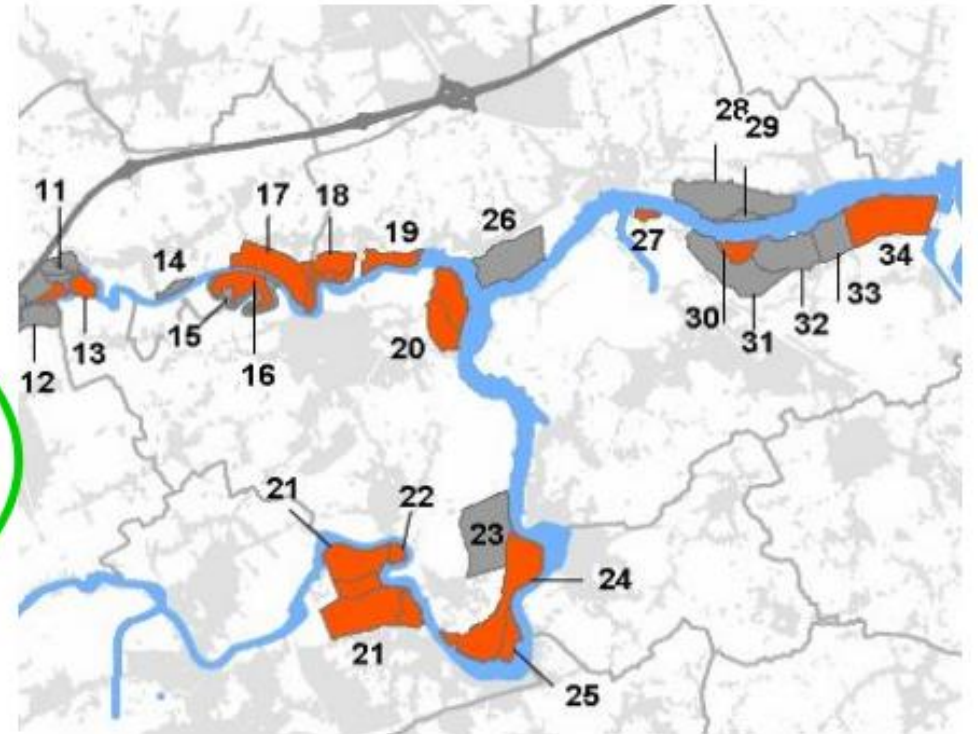
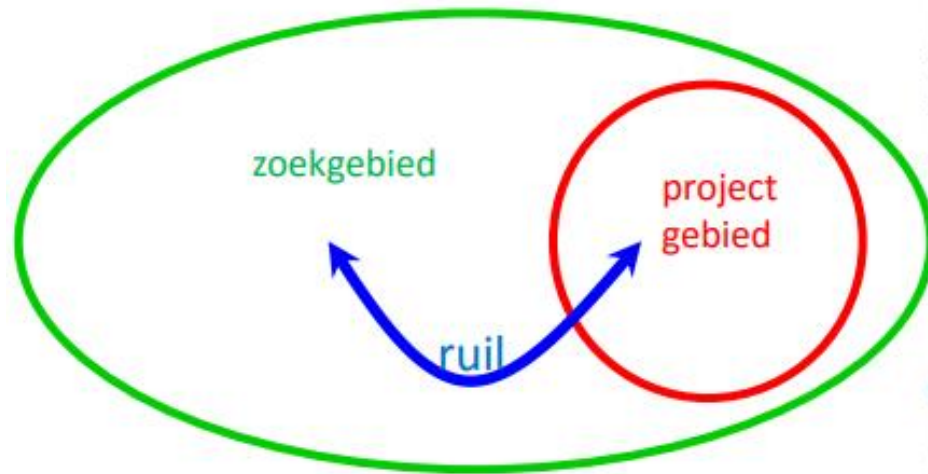
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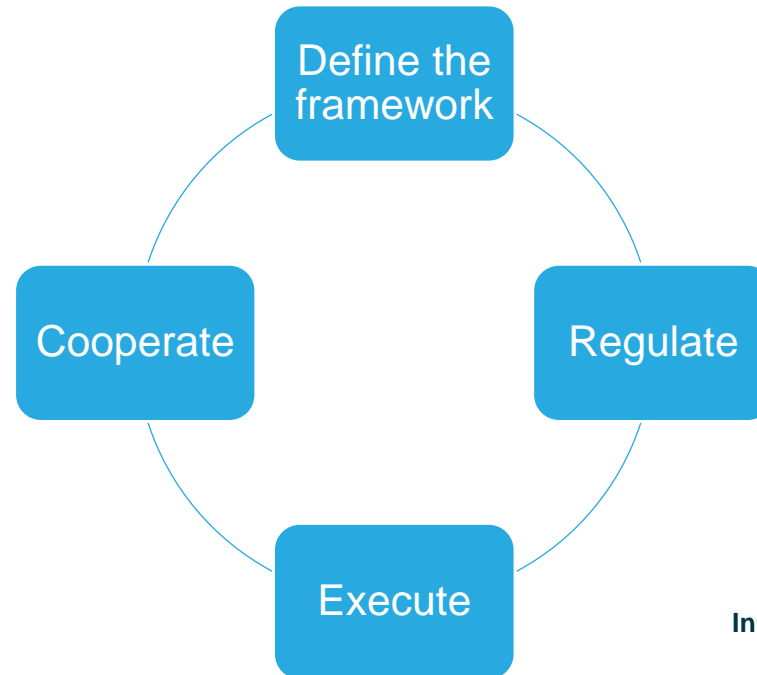
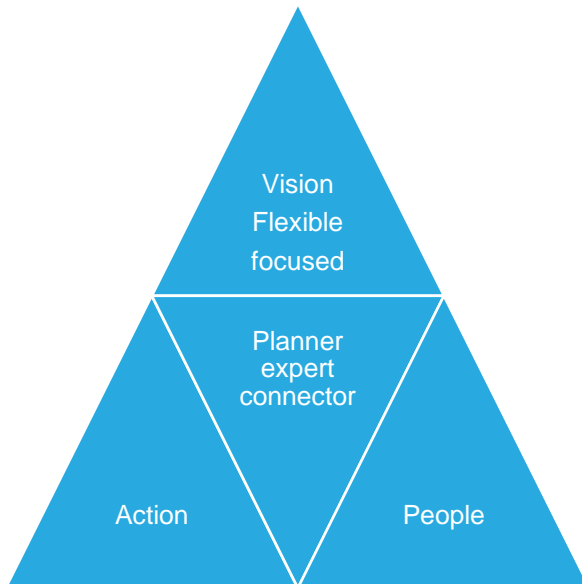
The public authority is also an actor

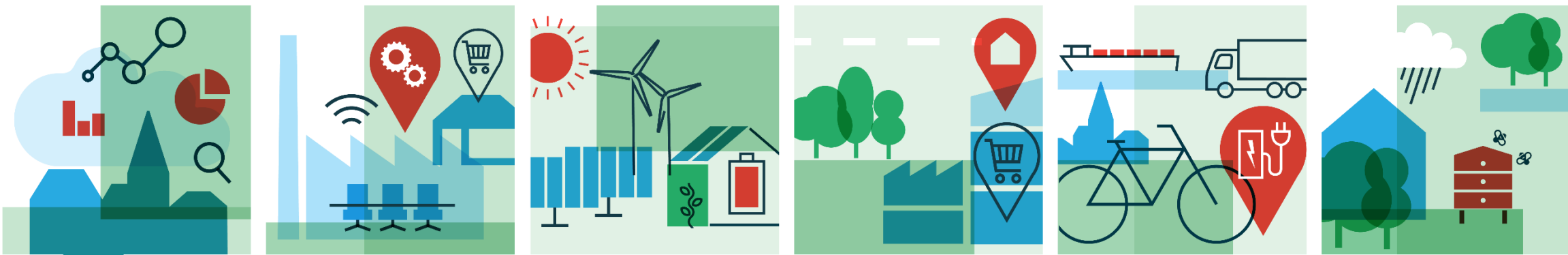
Acquisitions

Public development



Spatial policy plan





**Concrete acties &
doelstellingen voor
een succesvolle transitie
van de regio**



Volg Leiedal op

