

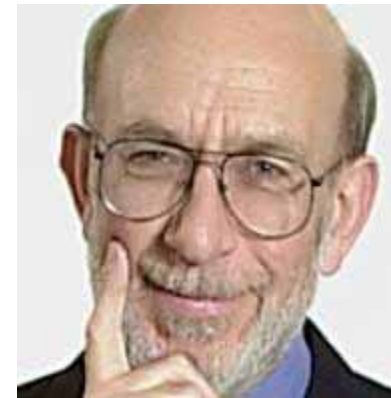
Setting the Scene: Social Sustainability and Urban Regeneration



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Why is social sustainability important?

- Sustainable communities: Bristol Accord
- Social cohesion
- Least studied and often overlooked dimension of SD
- *... how individuals, communities and societies live with each other and set out to achieve the objectives of development models, which they have chosen for themselves taking also into account the physical boundaries of their places and planet earth as a whole...*



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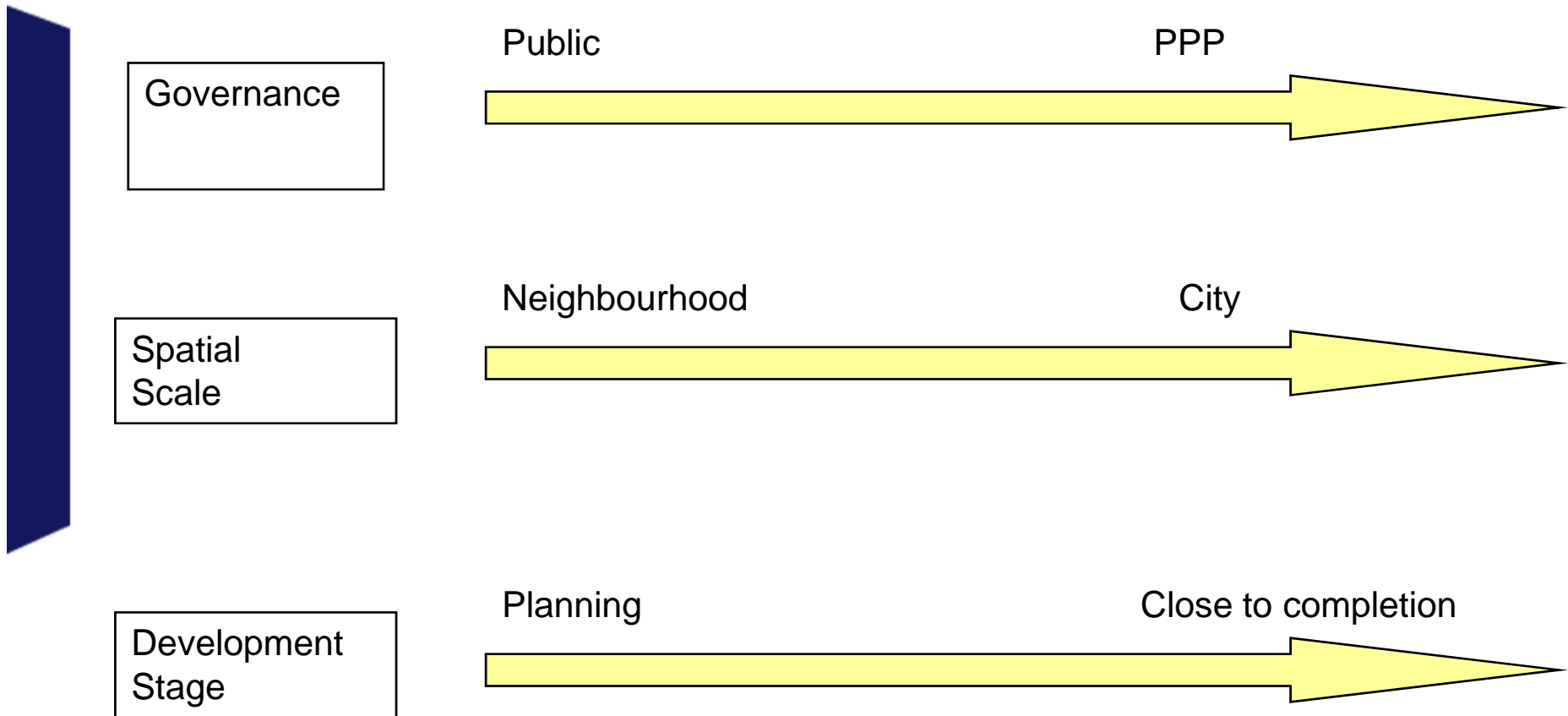


Aims and objectives of the project:

- **Examine approaches to social sustainability and urban regeneration** in five EU cities, including Cardiff (UK), Rotterdam (NL), Turin (IT), San Adria de Besos (ES) and Leipzig (DE)
- **Critical review of governance models and vehicles** to deliver socially sustainable communities in urban areas, with special emphasis on Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)
- **Analyse current sustainability indicators and tools** used by the public, private and NGO sectors in case study cities to deliver social sustainability
- **Examine best practices** to measure and monitor socially sustainable urban regeneration

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Case studies selection

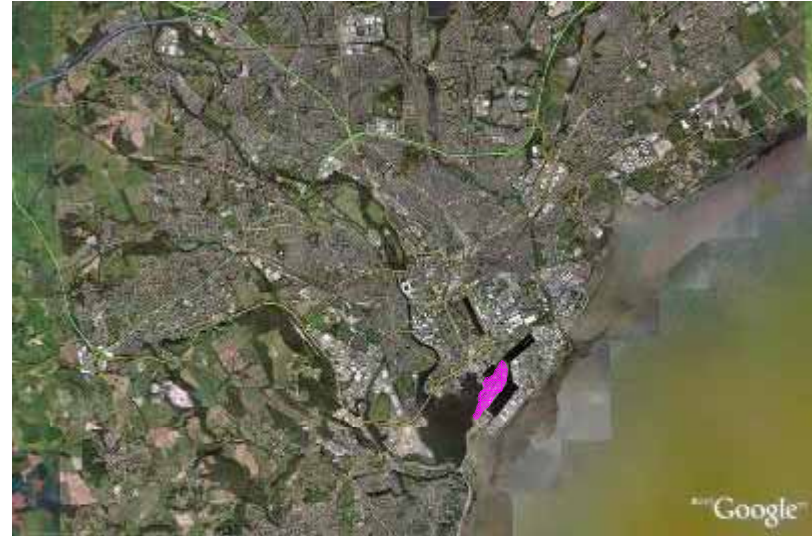


EIBURS Urban Regeneration case studies

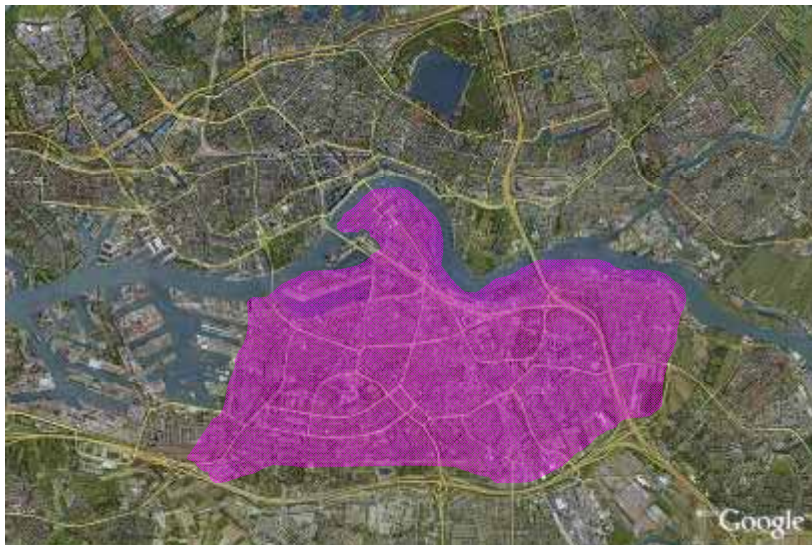
Barcelona



Cardiff



Rotterdam



Turin



Leipzig



Key Findings

1. Urban social sustainability blends traditional social policy areas and principles such as equity and health, with issues concerning governance, participation, image, well-being, the economy and the environment

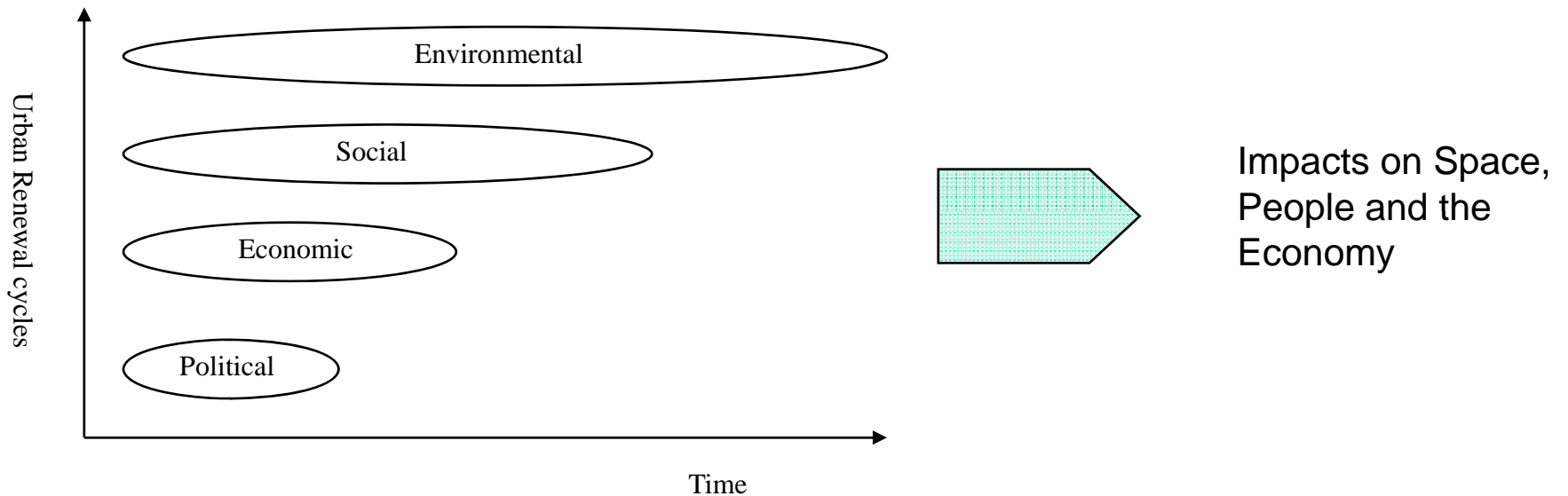




2. Social Sustainability relates to different spatial and functional levels, including

- (i) Household
- (ii) Community or neighbourhood
- (iii) City
- (iv) Regional or national
- (v) International

3. Social Sustainability and the existence of city cycles and functions



Urban regeneration always started by political authorities

Social change can take at least a generation

Image and branding are crucial for the function exerted by a city area

4. Social sustainability policy

- Vision and leadership are essential
- Experimental (e.g. social mixing)
- Local (e.g. sustainable communities)
- Fragmented (e.g. multiple stakeholders at different levels in the sustainability arena)
- People or Place-based? (e.g. measurement issues)

4. Social sustainability policy

....continued

- A well-resourced integrated approach to regeneration is crucial to deliver sustainable communities and avoid piecemeal interventions
- Single task *ad hoc* agencies and public private partnerships are beneficial vehicles to deliver self-sustaining and socially sustainable urban renewal projects

5. Measuring Social Sustainability Aspects

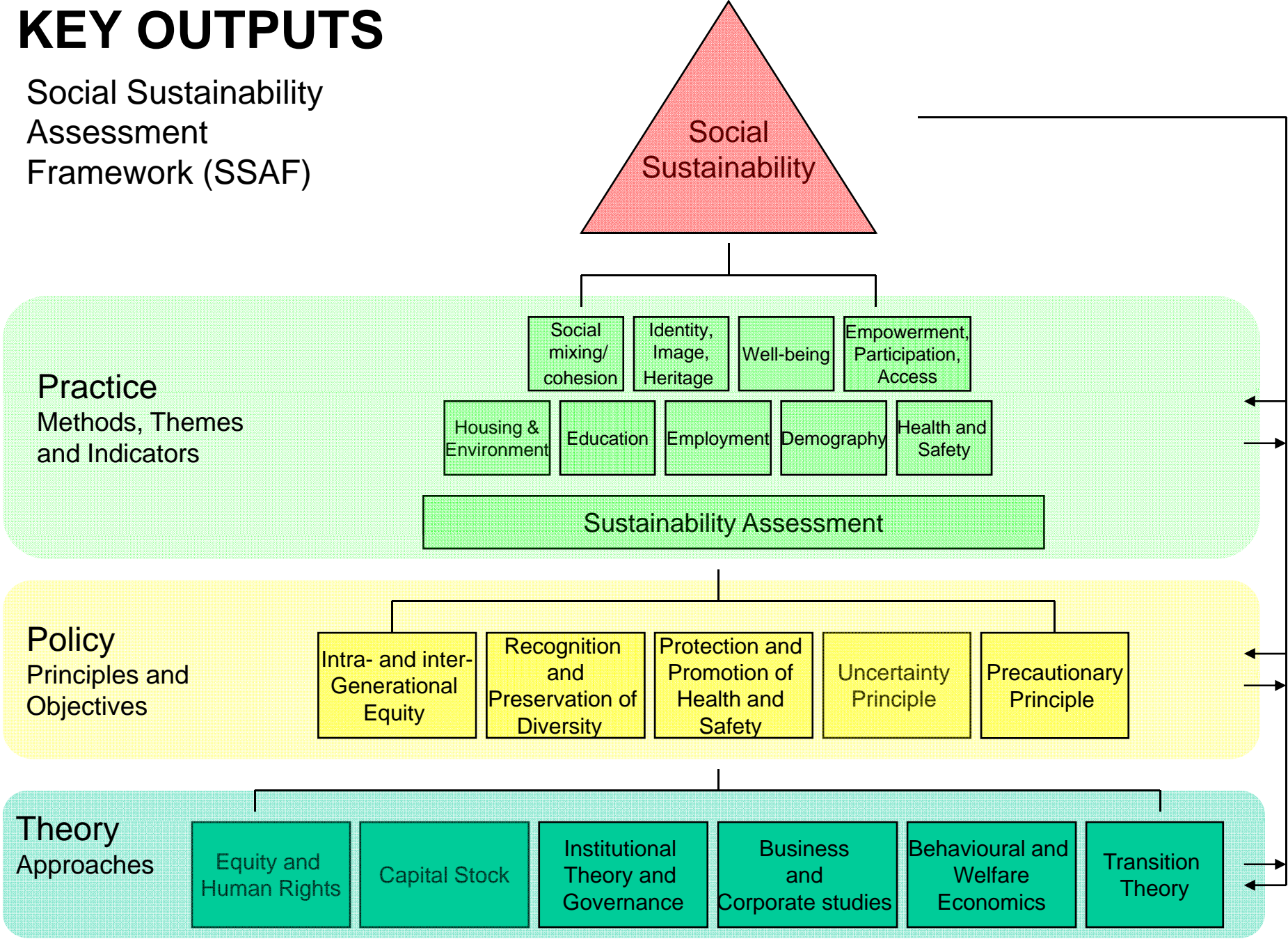
Social targets are political

Target values (e.g. affordable housing, unemployment etc.) can also stem from national or regional legislation or should be 'in tune' with surrounding areas

Emergence of single composite index for monitoring purposes

KEY OUTPUTS




Social Sustainability
Assessment
Framework (SSAF)



Workshop's Questionnaire survey

Brief questionnaire concerning socially sustainable communities

- Attributes
- Tools and data
- Drivers
- Delivery vehicles
- Themes ranking

EIBURS Programme

URBAN REGENERATION AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY
February 19th – 20th 2009

Participant Name (optional): _____
Country: _____
Role and sector (e.g. public, private, academia, etc.): _____

Question 1
What, in your view, are the top attributes/elements (up to five) of a socially sustainable community within an urban regeneration project in your country?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Question 2
Which are the best available data and tools to implement and monitor socially sustainable communities in urban regeneration in your country?

- Website
- Presentations
- Working papers – 4 so far (online)
- Forthcoming:
 - Final report (2009)
 - Book (2010)
 - Further conference
 - SSAF testing

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