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MEASURING WHAT MATTERS

Policy pathways to sustainable and inclusive wellbeing

Measuring what matters: Clean Industrial Deal

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Agenda

9:30-9:40

Welcome coffee

9:40-9:50

set the scene presentation

10:00-10:50

world café exercise

10:50-11:15

Discussion of the results

11:15-11:30

Closing remarks

Discussion under the Chatham House rules

MERGE

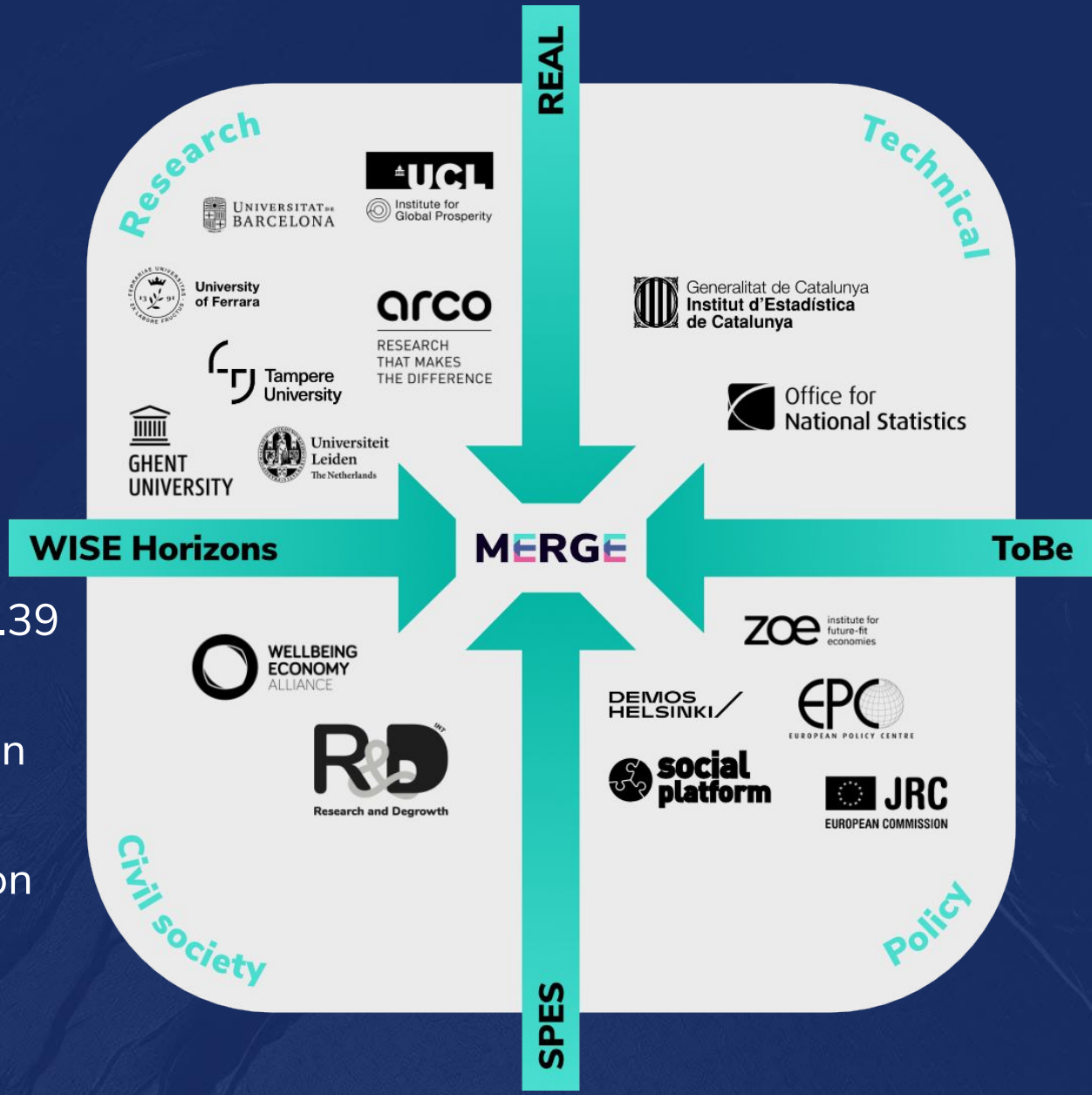
MERGE is Horizon Europe funded Coordination and Support Action (CSA) project with an aim to find pathways towards inclusive and sustainable wellbeing.MERGE consists of 16 partners.

WISE Horizons: 4 years (2023-2026), 2.39 € million funding, 8 organisations

ToBe: 3 years (2023-2026), 2.69€ million funding, 15 organisations

SPES: 3 years (2023-2026), 2.68€ million budget, 12 organisations

REAL: 6 years (2023-2029), 10€ million budget, two universities



Sustainable and Inclusive Wellbeing (SIW) Indicators

- The complex and polycentric policy environment requires an integrated system of evidence, metrics and models which can inform holistic policy design, evaluation and monitoring efforts.
- SIW is increasingly relevant and has the potential to inform the ongoing policy debate on more inclusive and sustainable economic policies.
- MERGE focuses on exploring how the new paradigm SIW can be better embedded into policymaking processes. It integrates the emerging frameworks, metrics, models, and policies being developed and discussed as part of a range of ongoing Horizon Europe funded projects.

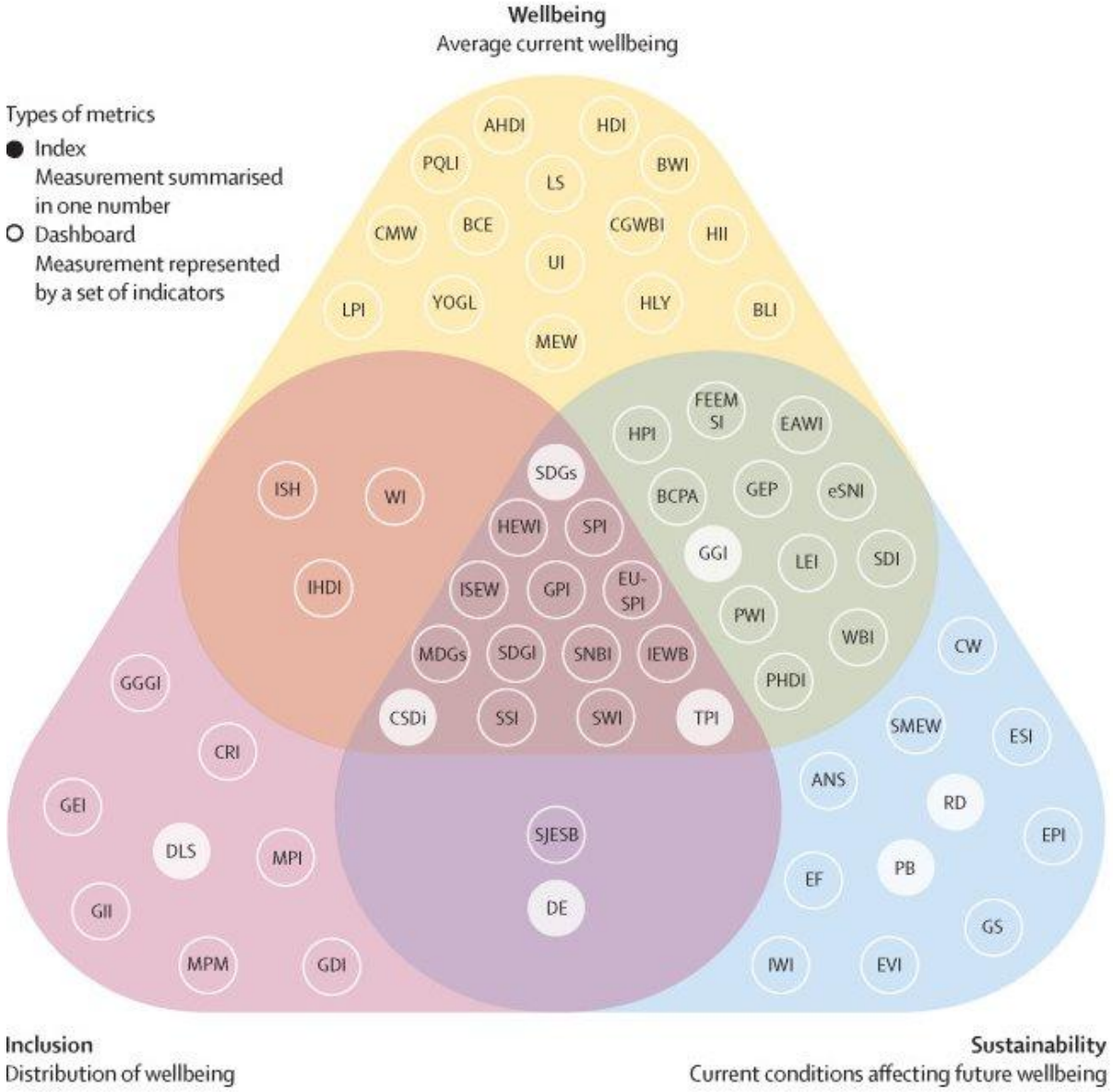
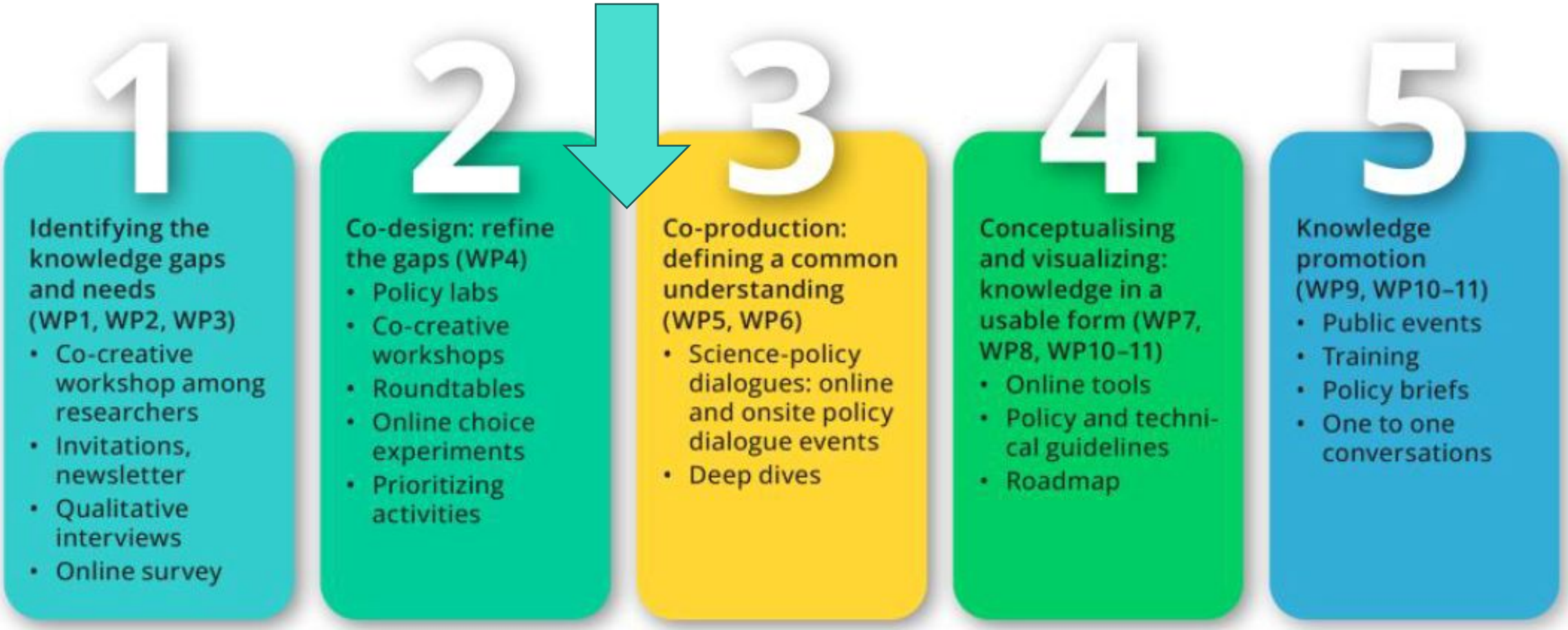


***Table 4**. Thematic domains and the commonalities across wellbeing frameworks.*

UN-ECE	OECD	Common group themes	Themes that related to capitals
(1) Subjective wellbeing	(8) Subjective wellbeing	(1) Subjective wellbeing	
(2) Consumption and income	(1) Income and wealth	(2) Material wellbeing	
(3) Nutrition	(6) Health	(3) Health	
(4) Health	(6) Health	(3) Health	
(5) Labour	(3) Work and job quality	(4) Work and job quality	Human Capital
(6) Education	(5) Knowledge and skills	(5) Knowledge and skills	
(7) Housing	(2) Housing and amenities	(6) Housing	
(8) Leisure	(7) Leisure and culture	(7) Leisure, (8) Culture	
(9) Physical safety	(11) Safety	(9) Safety	
(10) Land and ecosystems	(4) Environmental quality	(10) Land and ecosystems	Natural Capital
(11) Water	(4) Environmental quality	(11) Water	
(12) Air quality	(4) Environmental quality	(12) Air quality	
(13) Climate	(4) Environmental quality	(13) Climate	
(14) Energy resources	(12) Natural capital	(14) Energy resources	
(15) Mineral resources	(12) Natural capital	(15) Mineral resources	
(16) Trust	(9) Social connections	(16) Trust and social connections	Social Capital
(17) Institutions	(10) Voice	(17) Institutions	
(18) Physical capital	(13) Economic capital	(18) Physical capital	Economic Capital
(19) Knowledge capital	(14) Human capital	(19) Knowledge capital	
(20) Financial capital	(13) Economic capital	(20) Financial capital	
	(15) Social capital		

Process of co-production



D1.1 Are Beyond-GDP metrics converging? Consolidation of the measurement of sustainable and inclusive wellbeing (2024)

Over the past 50 years, a plethora of “Beyond-GDP” metrics have been proposed to replace or augment the dominant economic indicator Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This report assesses whether there is a trend toward convergence in Beyond-GDP metrics and provides insights into how this trend might be accelerated. The study was conducted on 90 Beyond-GDP metrics and mapped the convergence of different measurement systems in three dimensions: conceptual frameworks, thematic taxonomy and the actual metrics.

Deep dives

- As part of the MERGE policy stream, ZOE Institute for Future-fit Economies and the European Policy Centre (EPC) are conducting a series of "deep dives" to analyse the need for a holistic set of metrics to enhance key policies in the European Union (EU).
- **Objective:** to understand the challenges and opportunities of integrating Sustainable and Inclusive wellbeing metrics into different policies.
- **Focus on six (non-legislative and legislative) files:**

MFF

Clean Industrial Deal

Competitiveness

Governance

Social Europe

EU Semester

The Clean Industrial Deal and Green Deal

Objectives and focus:

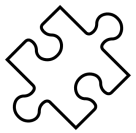
The European Green Deal and the recently adopted Clean Industrial Deal create a comprehensive strategy for achieving sustainable economic growth while reducing environmental impact. Their goals are to accelerate the transition to climate neutrality in a just and socially fair way.

CID focuses on decarbonisation, reducing energy prices and supporting business by simplifying, investing and ensuring access to cheap, sustainable and secure energy supplies and raw materials. It is built around six thematic areas: energy security and energy price, financing, recycling and critical raw materials, labour and skills, lead markets, and global action.

The need to ensure a just and socially fair transition for all

A fair transition requires **environmental fairness -** addressing how marginalized groups are exposed to environmental and health risks—and acknowledging how the costs and opportunities of the transition vary by region, sector, and population group. Without these considerations, **environmental policies risk deepening inequalities**.

Achieving a truly just transition hinges on **balancing three pillars**: protecting natural resources, fostering economically viable conditions, and ensuring decent jobs, incomes, and overall quality of life for everyone.



Could SIW indicators help filling the monitoring frameworks gaps to strengthen policymakers' ability to assess the Green Deal's holistic impact, including its effects on social sustainability, equity, and long-term wellbeing?

Challenges to integration of SIWB indicators

Data limitations and fragmented monitoring frameworks

Multiple overlapping indicator systems (e.g., Eurostat's 26 Green Deal indicators, the 8th Environmental Action Programme, and other sectoral frameworks) create difficulties in assessing overall progress. For almost a third of Green Deal targets, data is unavailable, making it difficult to track progress effectively.

Limited social focus

While the Green Deal emphasises a "just transition," current monitoring indicators focus primarily on environmental and economic metrics, neglecting key socio-ecological and wellbeing dimensions such as inequality, access to green jobs, and health impacts. The Clean Industrial Deal- launched as part of the Green Deal's implementation, prioritises industrial competitiveness and emissions reductions but lacks clear social and sustainability safeguards.

World Café

- **Purpose:** Reach a state of common understanding and alignment.
- **Process:** Join in small groups at the tables to discuss a question
- **Table 1: Demand**

How can the EGD and CID monitoring frameworks be streamlined for a more comprehensive and coherent assessment and address the data gaps, particularly the 28% of EGD targets lacking available data?

- **Table 2: Supply**

How can socio-ecological and wellbeing dimensions, such as inequality, access to green jobs, and health impacts, be effectively integrated into the EGD and CID monitoring frameworks to ensure a just and inclusive transition?

- **Rotate to a different table**

Discussion

- **Group Sharing**: Each table shares their key challenges and other insights with everyone.

- **Finding Patterns**: Are there common themes and connections identified across the tables?

Table 1:

Table 2:

Closing

Next steps

- Follow up interviews
- Follow up event: science policy dialogue (online)
- Will feed into further development of MERGE policy toolbox and case studies

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