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MEASURING WHAT MATTERS

Policy pathways to sustainable and inclusive wellbeing

Towards a European Semester that promotes wellbeing in the medium-long term?

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Your moderators today

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Agenda

Discussion under the Chatham House rules

10:00-10:30
Welcome coffee

10:30-10:40
Introduction to MERGE
Participants' tour de table

10:40-11:00
Impulse presentation with speakers

11:00 –11:45
Plenary discussion 'Opportunities & challenges of adjusting the EU Semester by integrating SIWB metrics

11:45 –12:20
Break-out group activity

12:20-12:30
Discussion of the results

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.

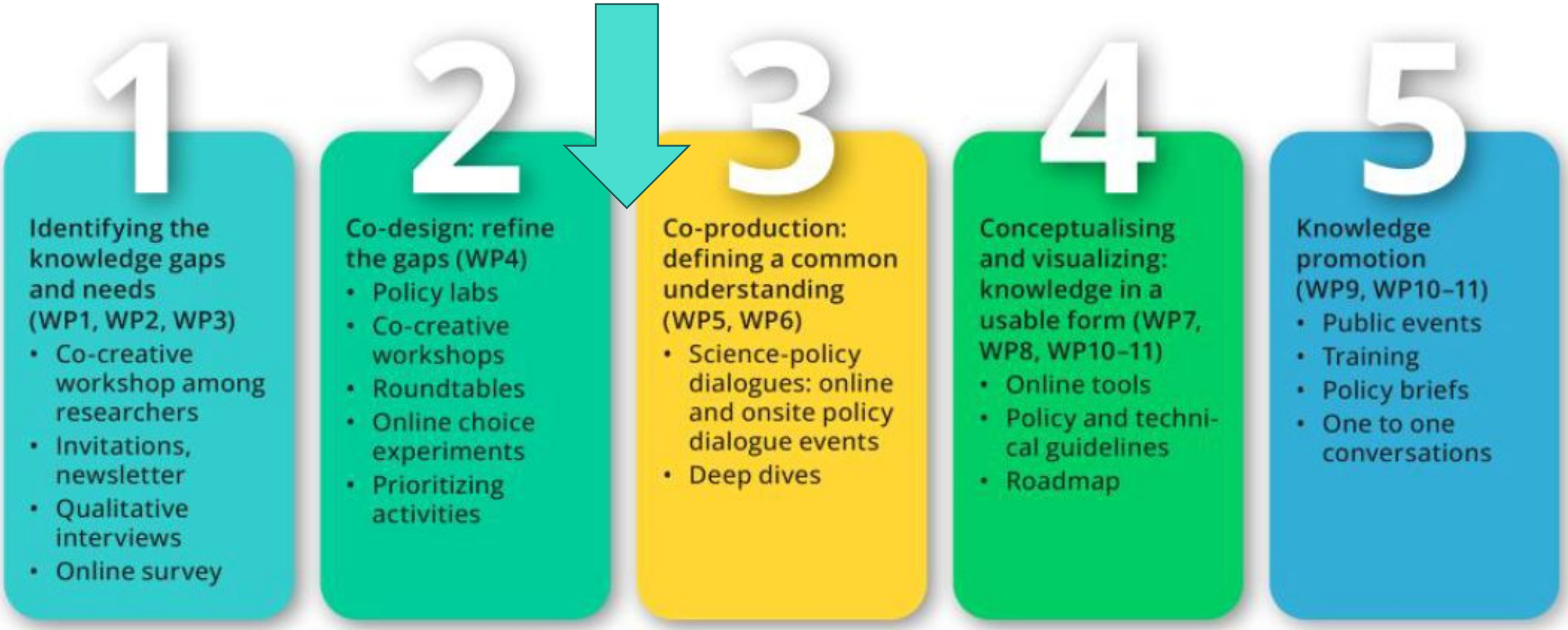
WISE Horizons: 4 years (2023-2026), 2.39 € million funding, 8 organisations

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

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

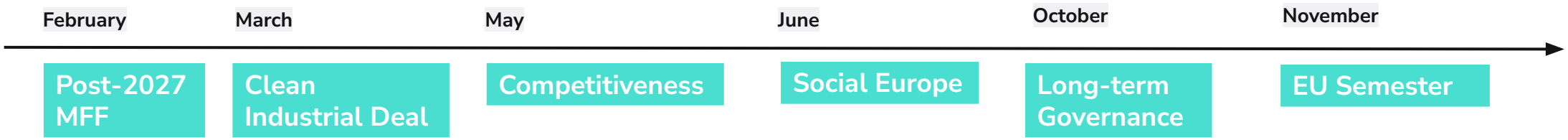
REAL: 6 years (2023-2029), 10€ million budget, two universities

Process of co-production



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:**



Objectives of the deep dive on the EU Semester

- Identify and discuss opportunities and challenges of adjusting the European Semester by better integrating metrics od sustainable and inclusive wellbeing (SIWB). The aim is to ensure EU level policy coordination which better balances all facets of social, environmental and economic wellbeing, for today and future generations.
- Thematic focus on housing, skills (including green skills) and energy.

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Setting the scene

Academic research

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University College London

Policy

Ana Boskovic
Joint Research Centre

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Plenary discussion

Opportunities and challenges of adjusting the European Semester in the medium-long run to better integrate SIWB metrics

Opening remarks

Luca Jahier
Vice-President of the
European Semester Group
EESC

Framing questions

- *What is the scope for broadening the European Semester in the medium-long run, to better integrate SIWB dimensions and metrics (including the EC SIWB framework) and ensure a more holistic policy approach? What are the opportunities and the barriers/challenges?*

- *How could the monitoring process of the European Semester be better structured? Could some components and indicators of the EC SIWB framework be embedded in the European Semester in the medium-long run? Could the SIWB dashboard's indicators on vulnerability and resilience be used to identify risks for the future (wellbeing tomorrow)?*

Break-out group activity

- **Process:** You will work in two thematic groups
  1. Social dimension (housing & skills) – Max room and online
  2. Environmental dimension (energy, green skills and housing) – Aquarium room and online

- **Task 1:** Read the proposed CSRs and identify good ones and those that could be adjusted
- **Task 2:** Make suggestions on how they could be reformulated in a broader sense
- **Task 3: Reflect on** criteria and indicators that could be used for monitoring, including from SIWB dashboard

- After, in a plenary, share with the other groups what are your key takeaways and open questions.

Closing

Next steps

- Summary of the discussion
- MERGE policy lab on 24 Nov
- Policy labs in 2026
- Will feed into further development of MERGE policy toolbox and case studies

6 online Policy Labs in 2026

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