

REFLECTIONS ON COASTAL GOVERNANCE AND PLANNING SYSTEMS: FINDINGS FROM THE ESPON COMPASS PROJECT

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Roundtable Brief

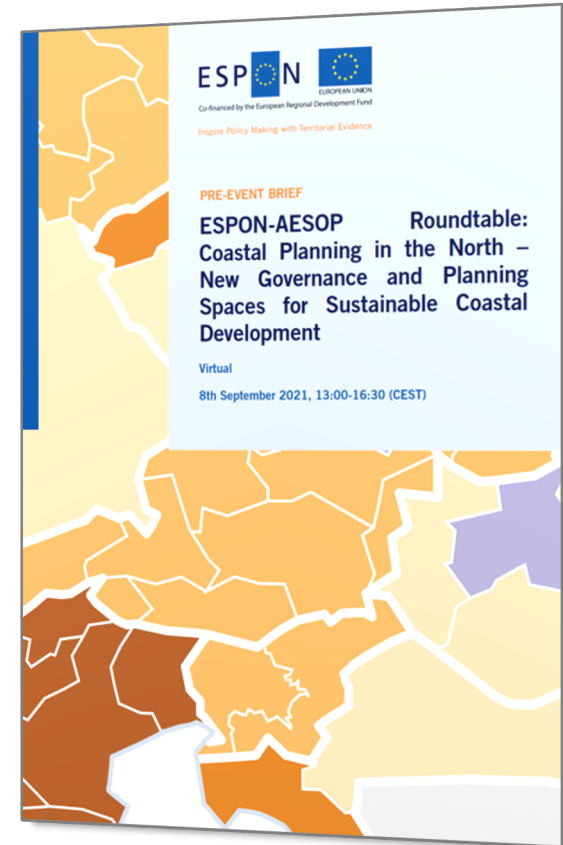
'The main question .. is to seek out pathways for better integration and coordination of the variety of key issues at stake in coastal areas ...'

Collaboration, cooperation & integration – or
'cross-fertilisation'

- vertically across scales
- horizontally across sectors
- geographically across boundaries

Engagement

- stakeholders
- citizens, communities
- investors



1992 UN Agenda 21 – need for integrated policy making for coastal zone – ‘...includes cooperation and coordination between the multitude of government departments, ministries and agencies...’

1993 OECD ICZM case studies ... and more...

Back in the 2000s in England there were at least 80 acts of Parliament & 240 government departments & agencies dealing with just the coastal zone

(Cullingworth and Nadin 2006)

[same for land of course!]

Not surprising that policies collide and clash – and rarely combine

What progress are we making?

Let us not underestimate the task

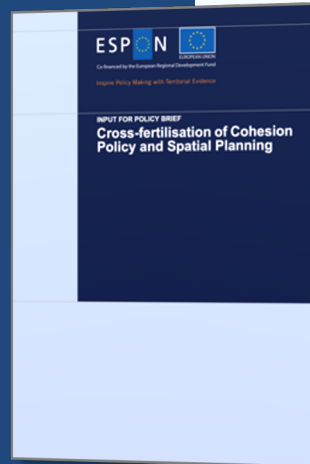
2018 ESPON Compass

Analysis of 32 ESPON countries +
overview for 7 additional countries

To understand changes in spatial
planning systems since 2000,
especially contribution to place-
based policy coordination.

2021 'Dialogue Policy Brief

To find practical steps that can be
taken to strengthen cross-fertilisation
between Cohesion Policy, other
sectoral policies and spatial planning
for their mutual benefit.

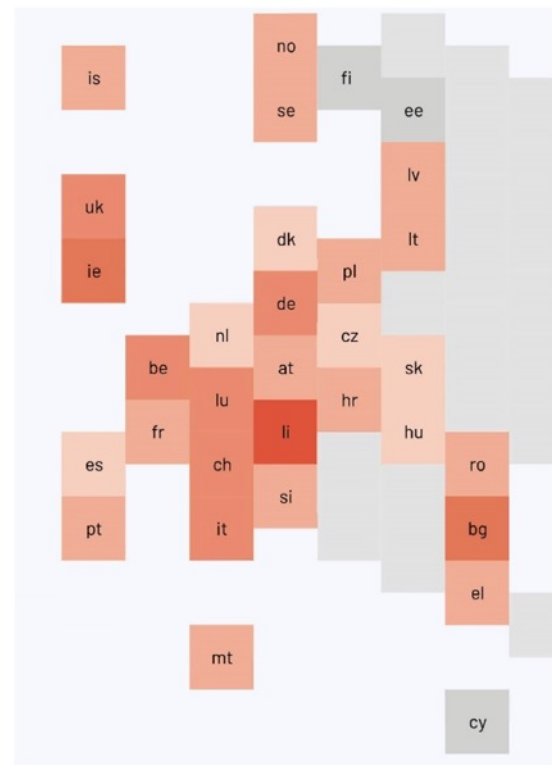


How good are we at joining up?

The view of 72 invited experts from 29 countries is that performance is not good.

Most joining up or 'cross-fertilisation' is no more than **information sharing**.

A few anomalous findings



Source: ESPON Compass Dialogue questionnaire, 2021

How good are we at joining up?

reported trends in the performance of spatial planning and territorial governance in
integrating sectoral policies 2000-16

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Ensure Integration																																
Coordination leading to adjustment																																
Cooperation with adjustment																																
Provide information resources																																
No integration																																

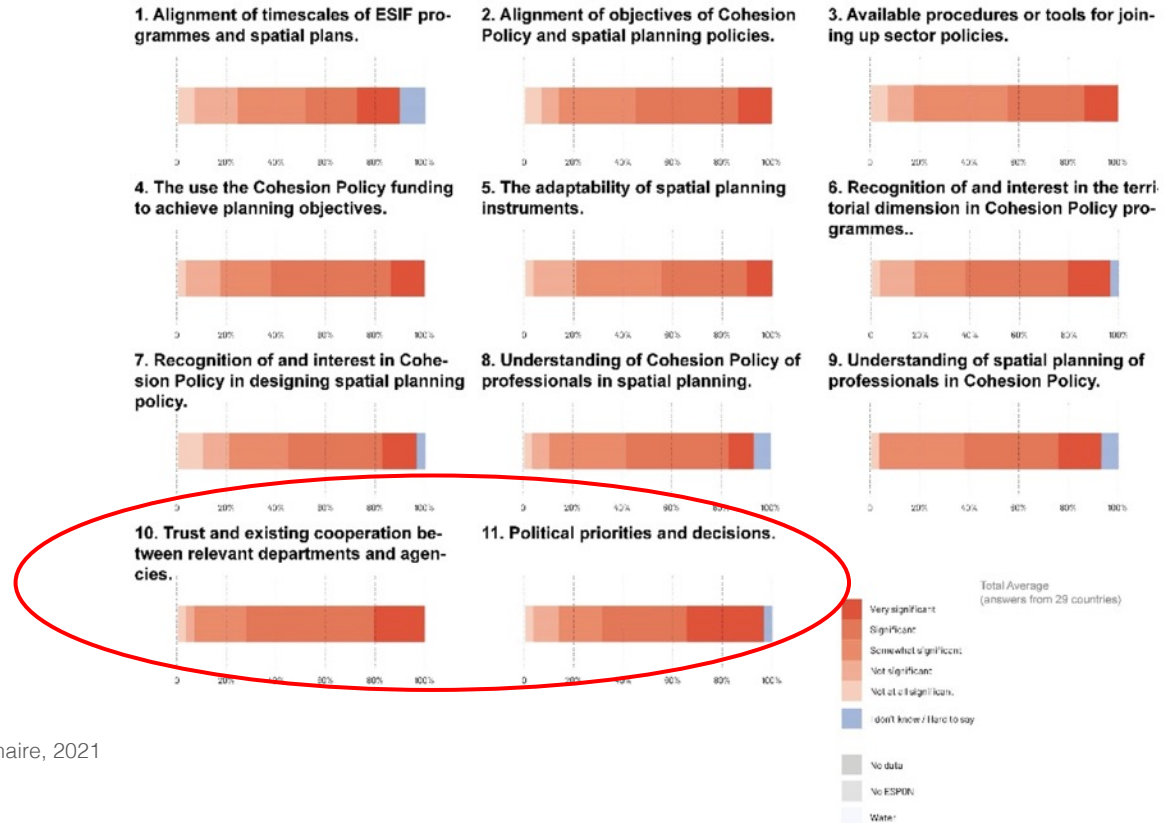
Experts report that in most countries there was a general increase in attention to policy integration during the period 2000-2016, especially from (i) *simple exchange of information* to *cooperation on, or coordination of sectoral policies*

Source: Nadin et al. 2018, and 2020

Why do we find it so difficult to join-up – coordinate, collaborate & integrate?

Many reasons, difficult to generalise

About interests and power.



Source: ESPON Compass Dialogue questionnaire, 2021

Seven practical steps to enhancing cross-fertilisation

Build capacity

spatial planning for sector policies

Sector policies for spatial development

Map joint working

Understand different positions

Evaluate complementarity of actions

Consult on impacts of sector policies

Source: Input to Policy Brief Cross-fertilisation, 2021

Holy Island from Isle of Arran, Scotland, VN 2021

Tools



PHOTO: SS Great Britain, Bristol, Toolbox, VN

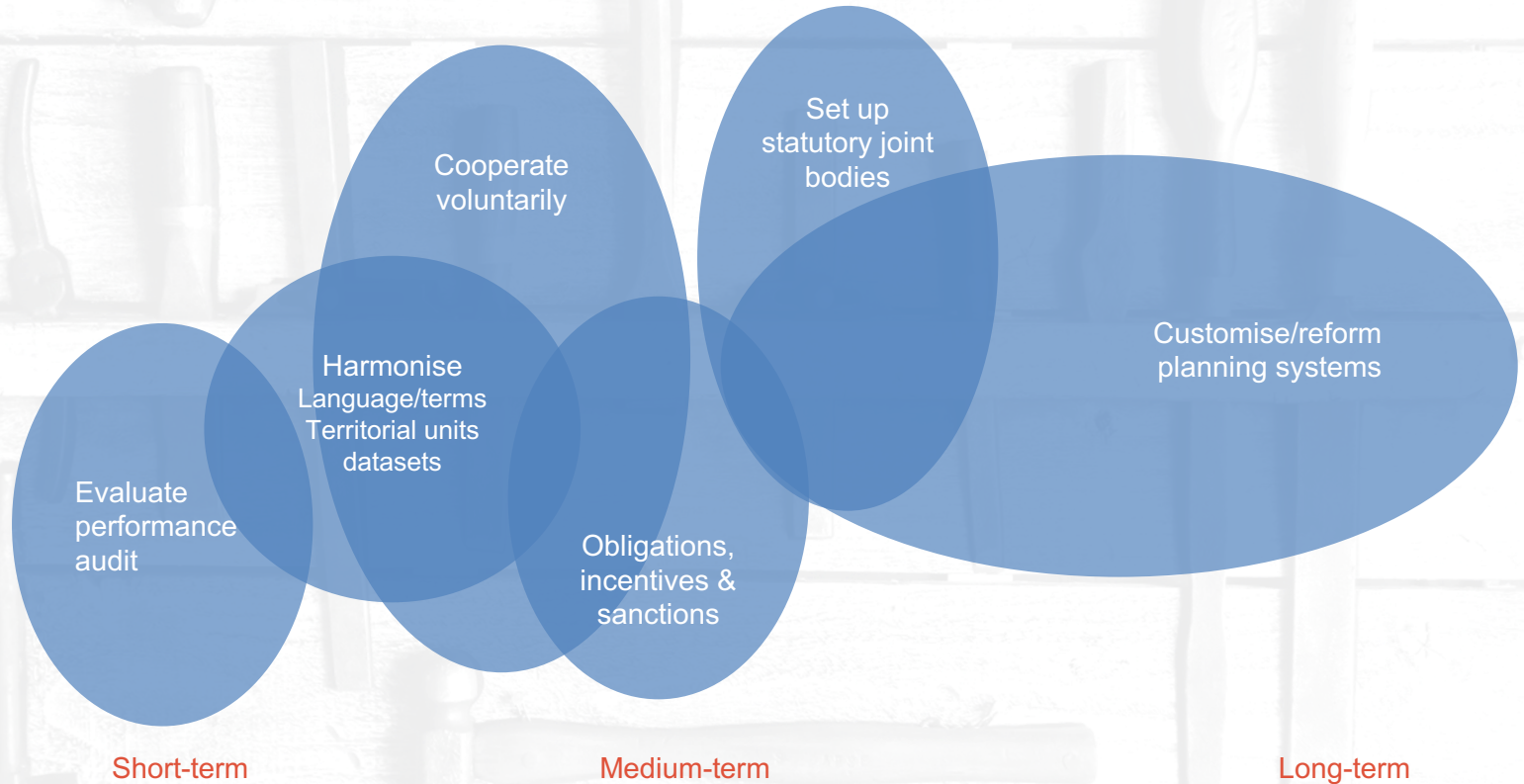
Photo: SS Great Britain, Bristol, Toolbox, VN 2018

Seven sets of actions for cross-fertilisation

Is this possible at all?

Difficult but can be done

Why has this not been done?

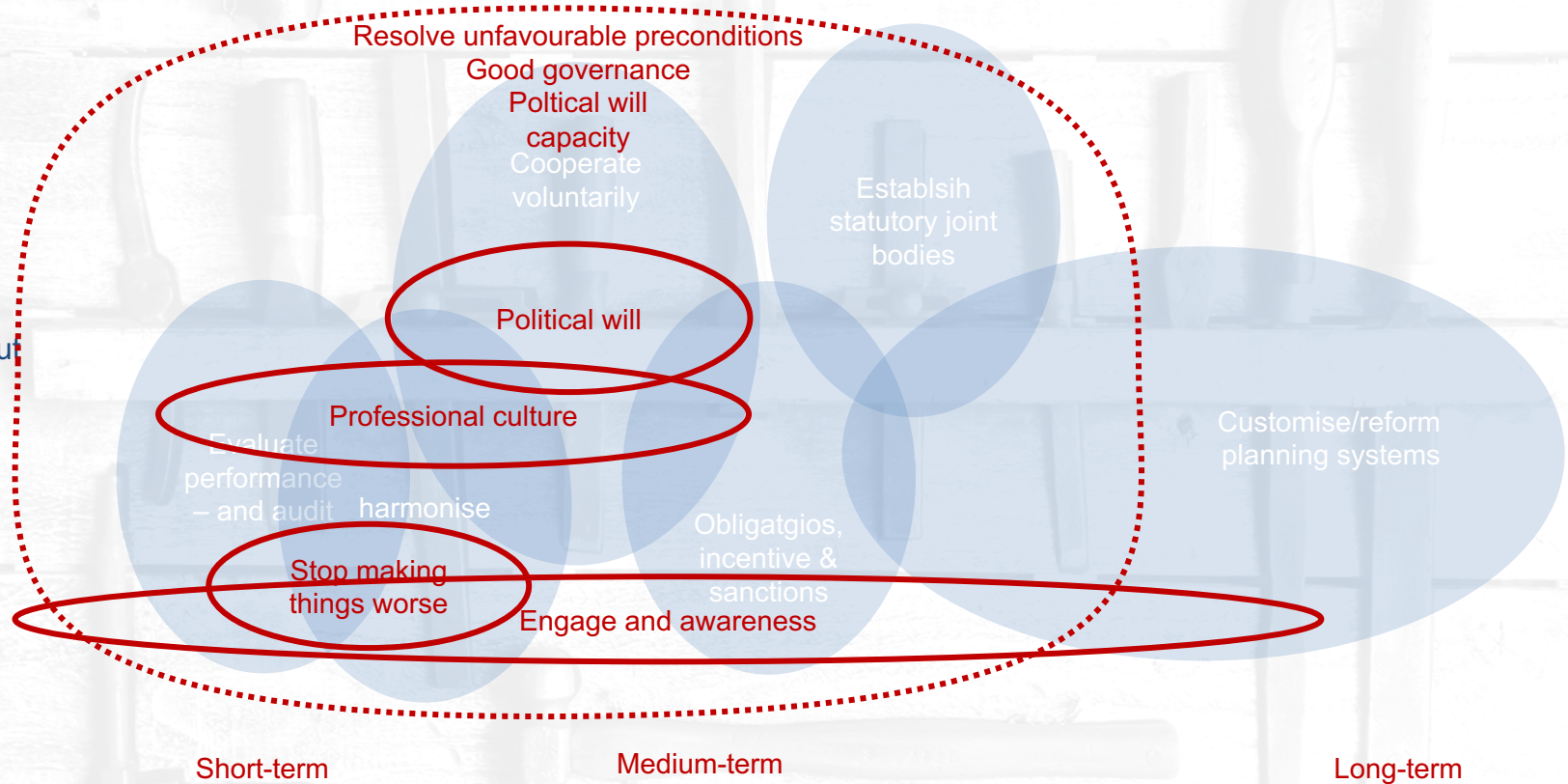


Preconditions– ingredients for cross-fertilisation

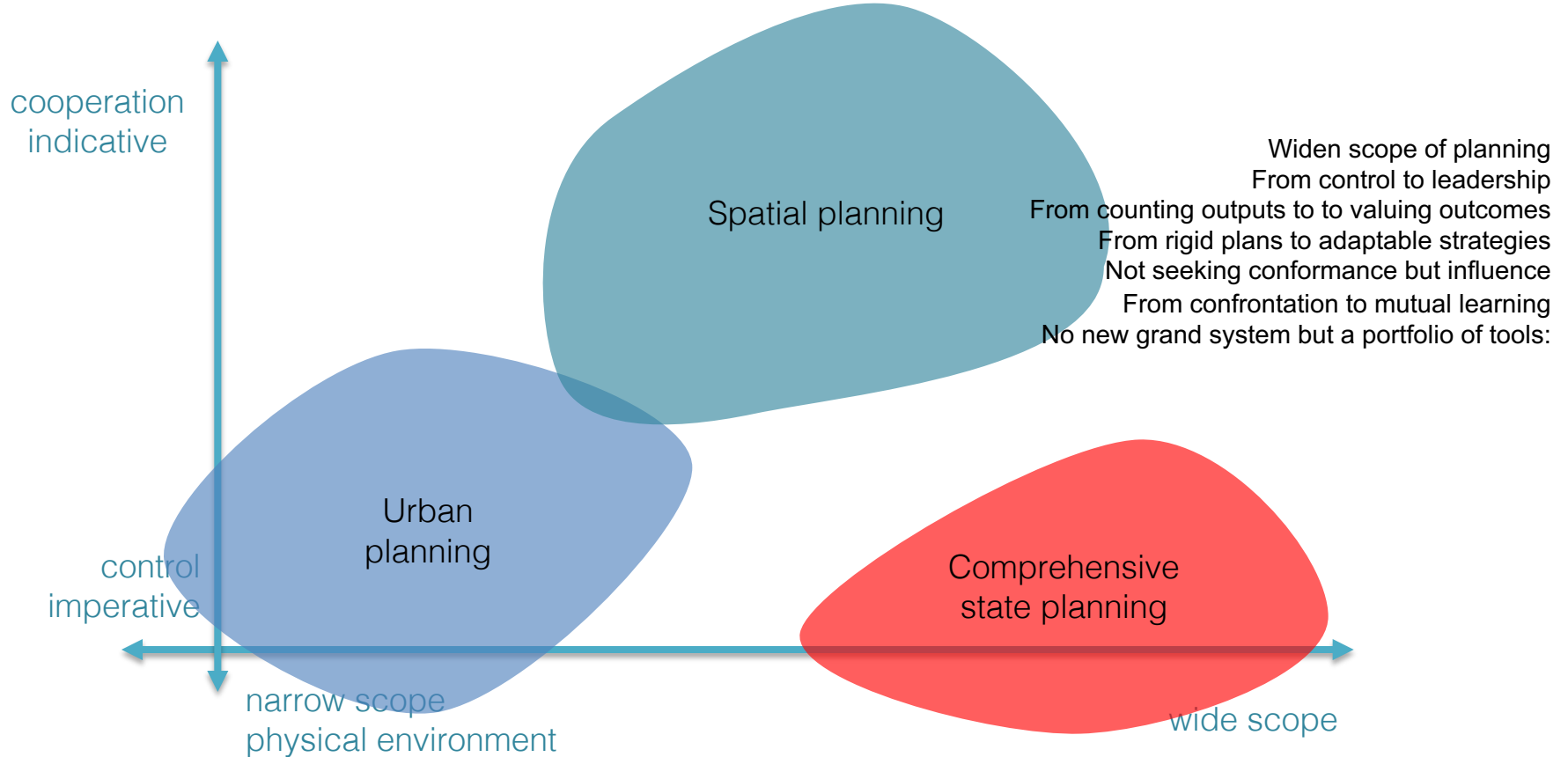
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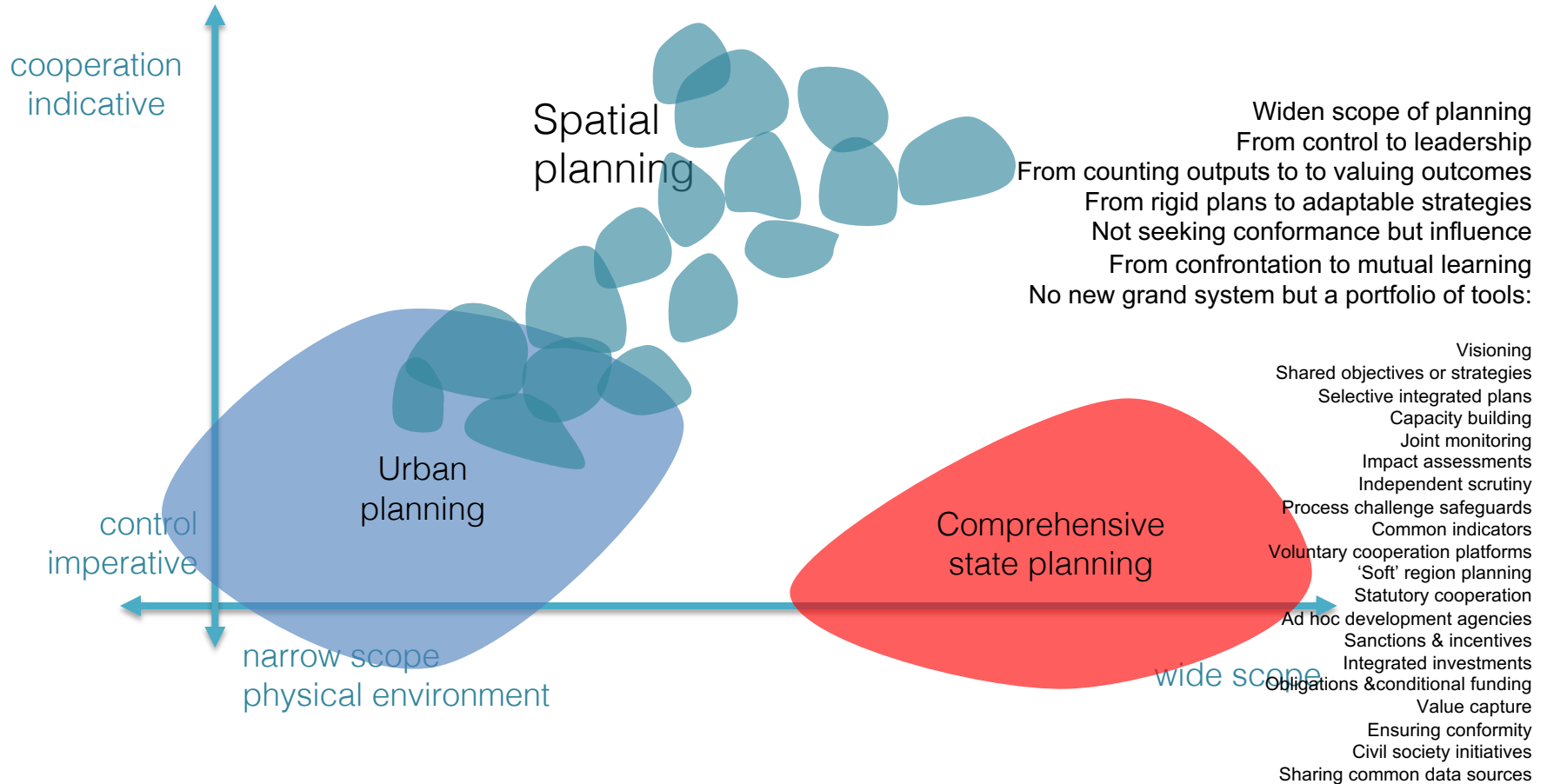
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Reforming planning tools



Reforming planning system – not bolting on more ‘systems’



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