



« Partner Cities »: Cities as Places of Social Innovation







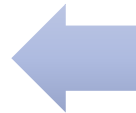
**Flexible territorial
definition,
depending on the
project concerned**

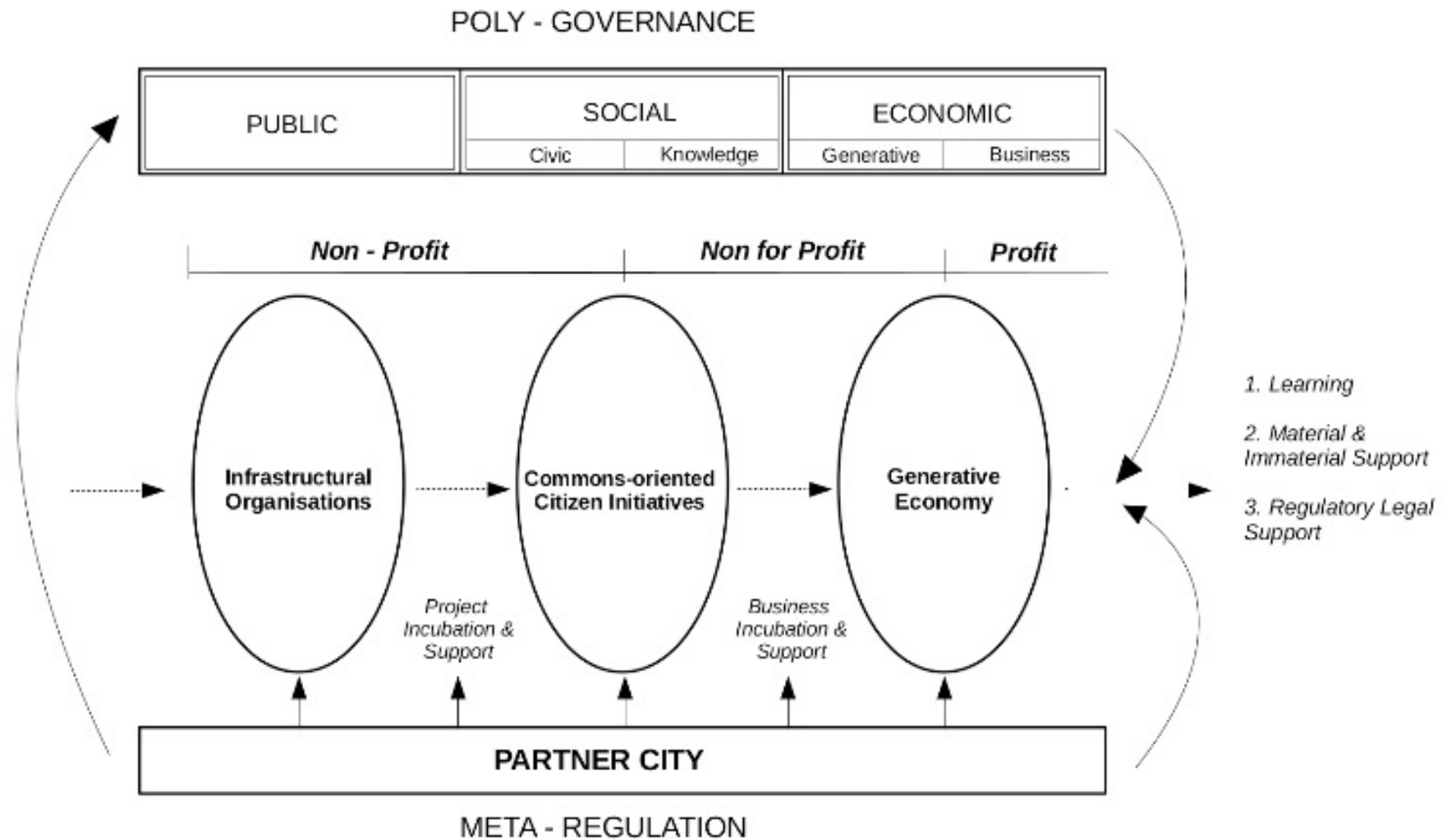
**Participatory
structures of
governance**

**Various motivations
(citizens, economic
actors, public
entities)**

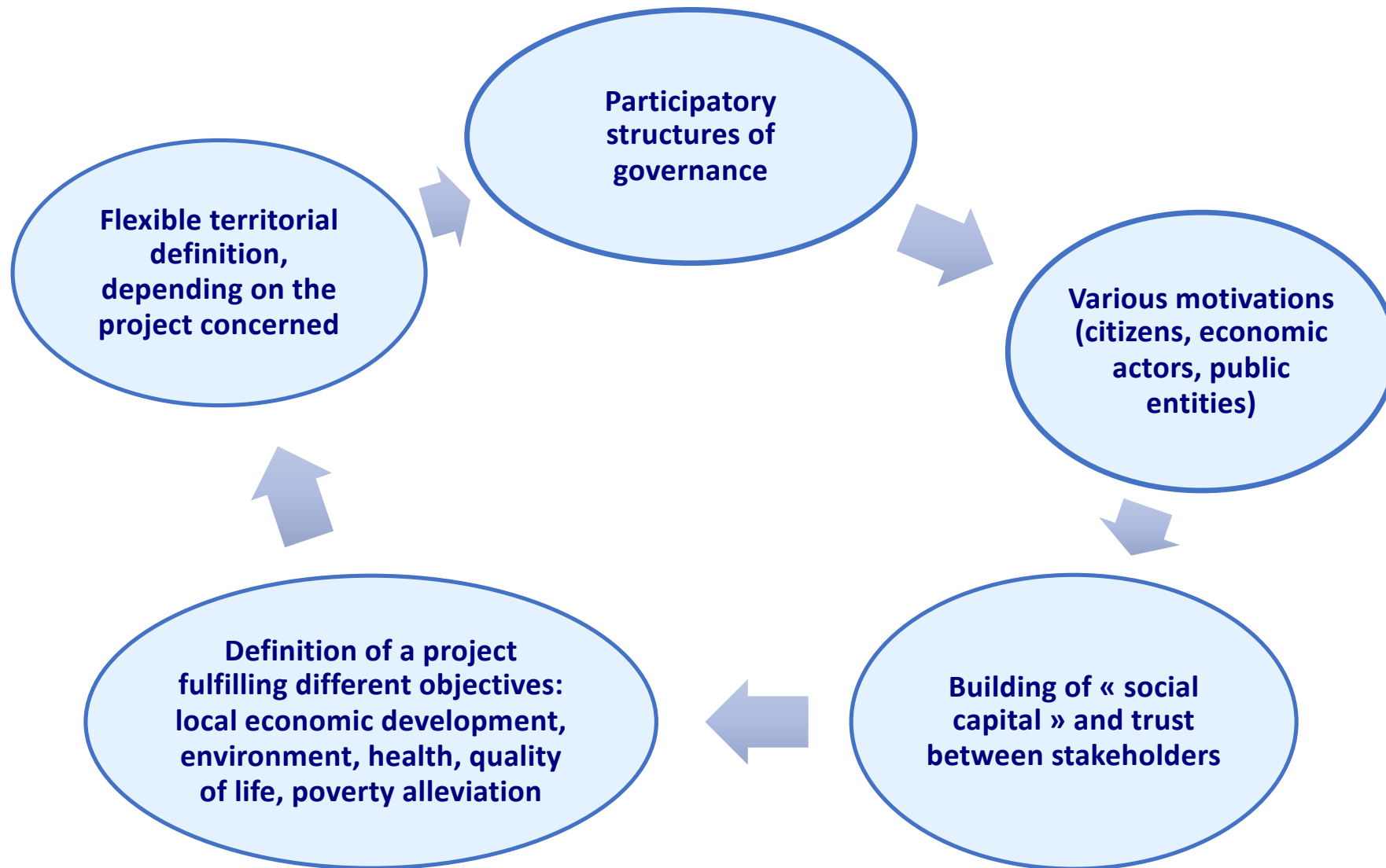
**Definition of a project
fulfilling different objectives:
local economic development,
environment, health, quality
of life, poverty alleviation**

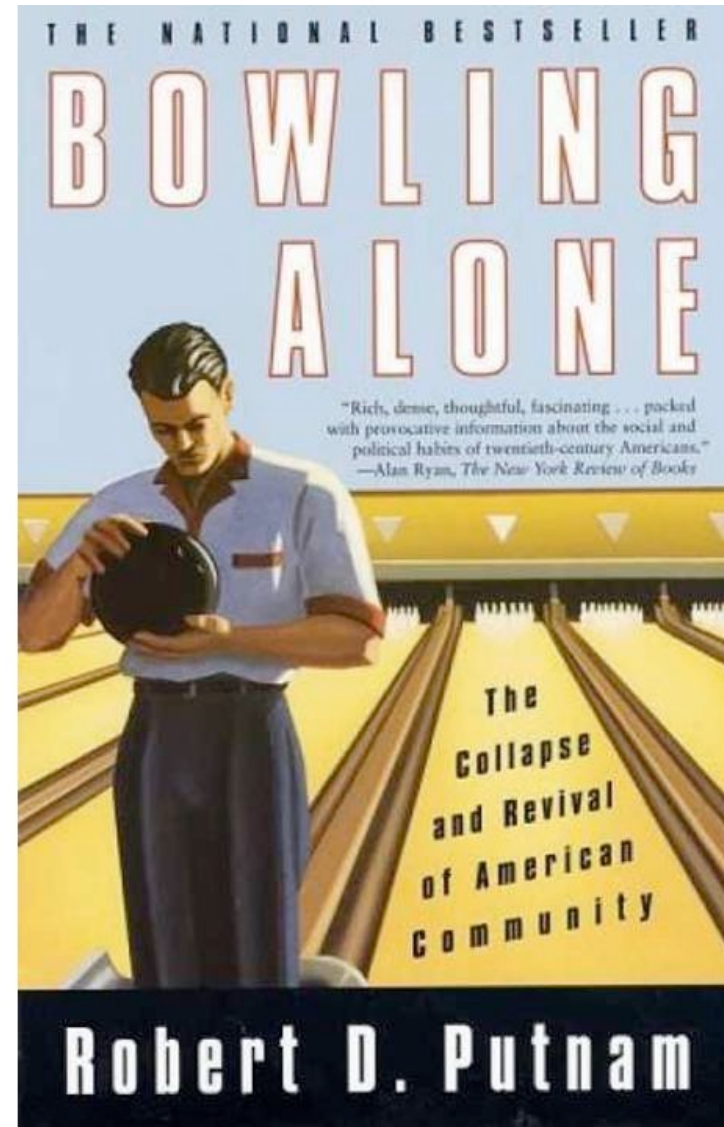
**Building of « social
capital » and trust
between stakeholders**



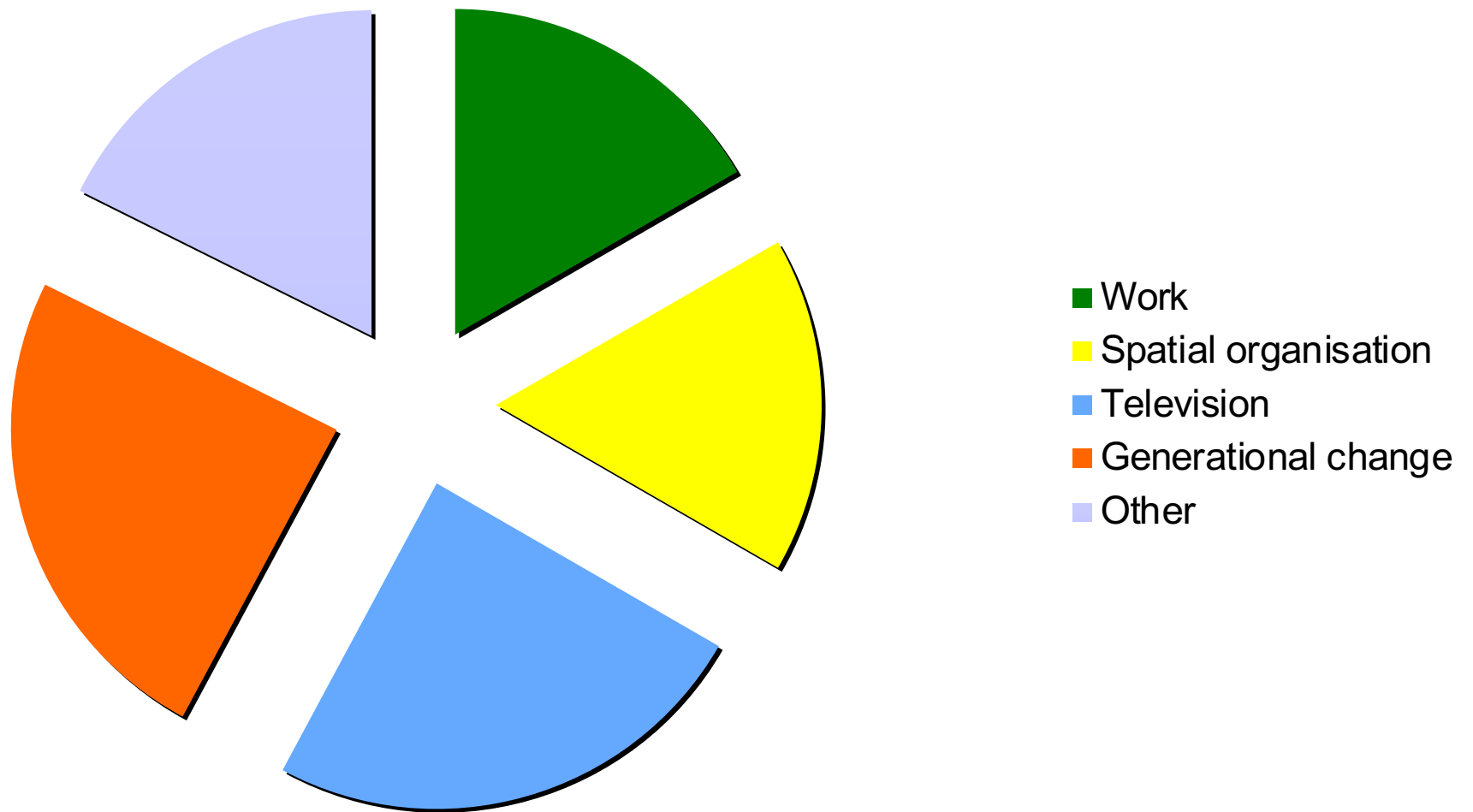


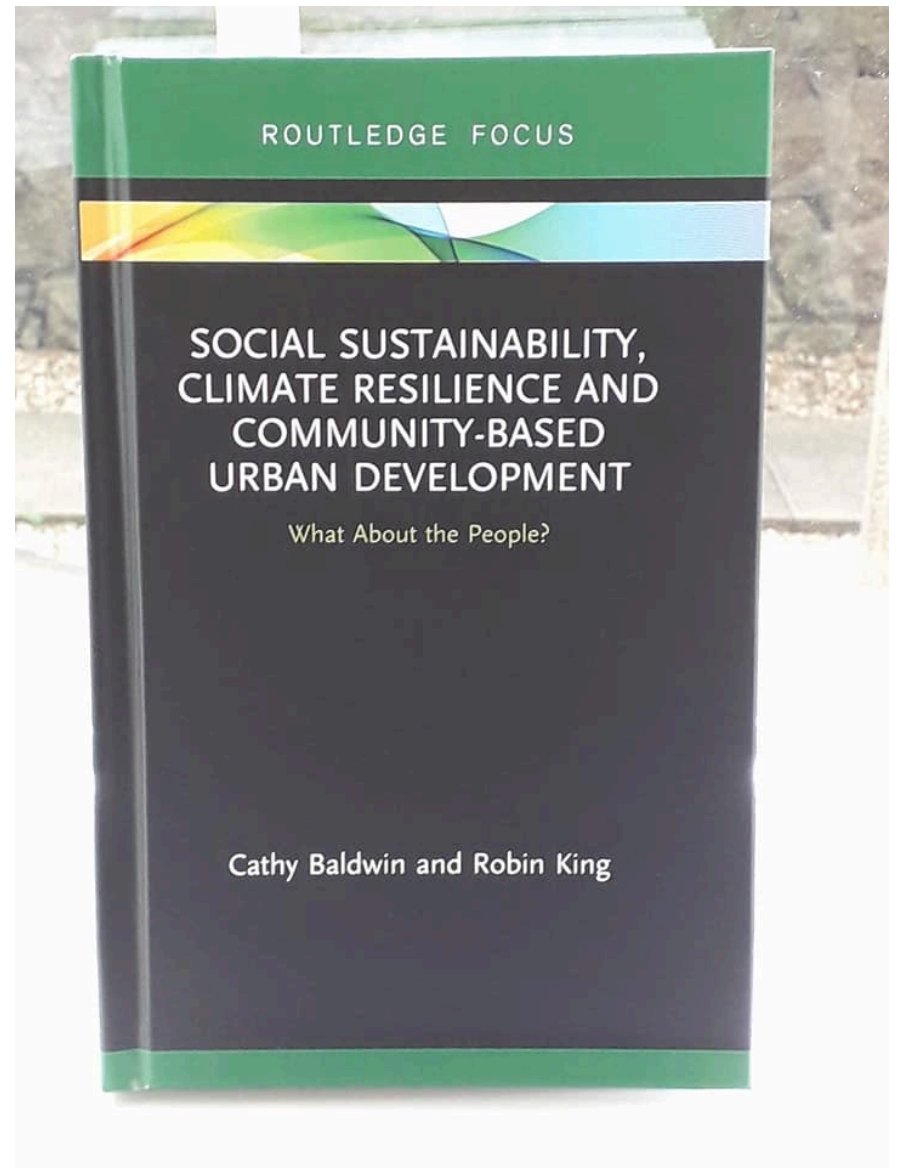
Source: P2P Foundation, A commons transition plan for the city of Ghent





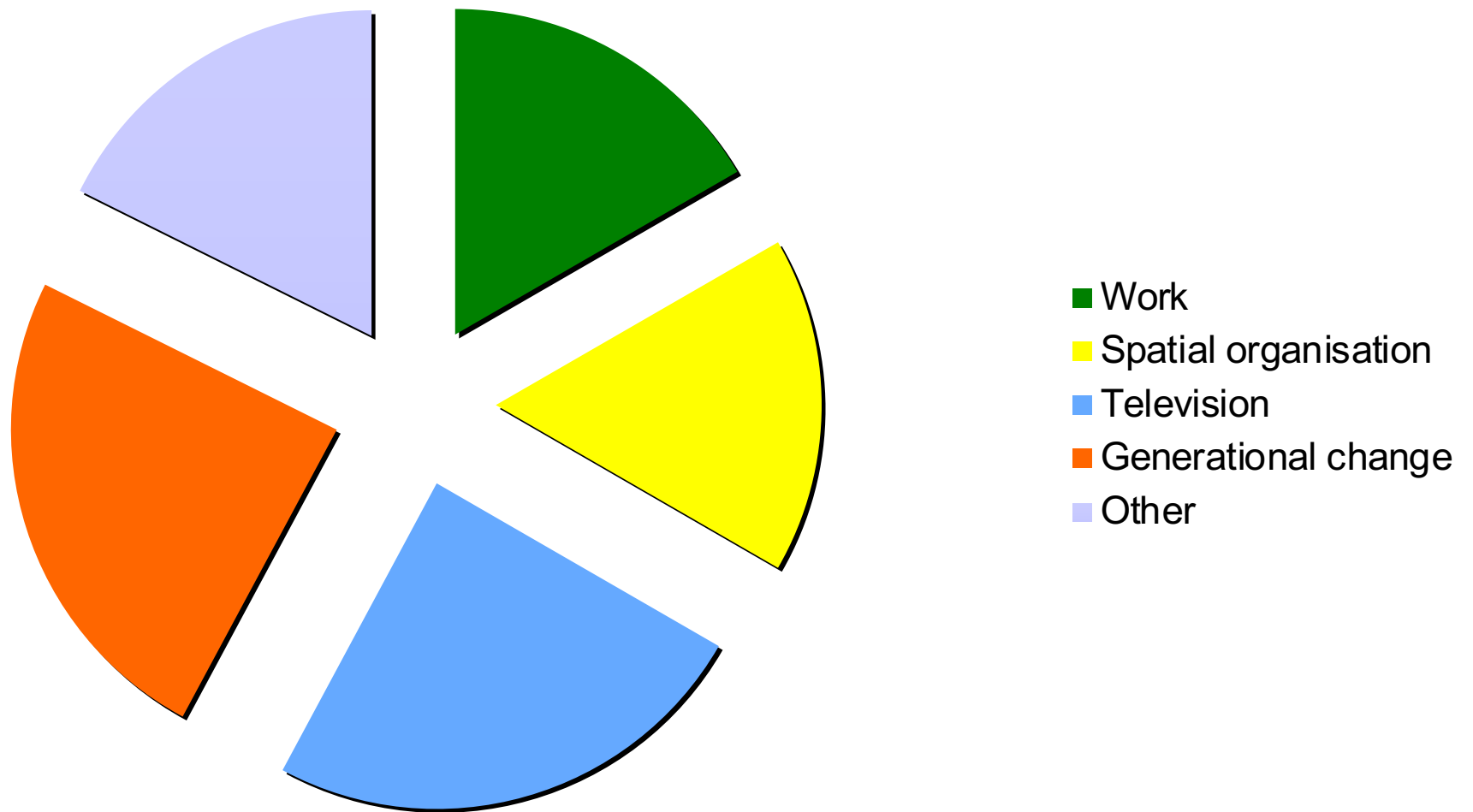
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Aspect of the neighbourhood	Design principles	Social goal
Architecture and site design	Shrinkage of private space; houses close to street; small parking lots and short distances from the street; porches face street; individuality in house design	Encouraging residents to leave their houses and interact in the public sphere
Density and scale	Small-scale, well-defined neighbourhoods with clear boundaries and a clear centre; increased residential density	Resident interaction leading to sense of community and neighbourliness
Streets	Viewed as public spaces; designed to encourage street life and increase in pedestrian activity; located in safe places	Pedestrian activity leading to feelings of safety, stronger community bonds and sense of place
Public space	Appropriate design and placement of public spaces such as parks and civic centres	Chance encounters between people, which strengthen community bonds; public spaces to be regarded as symbols of civic pride and sense of place, promoting community
Mixed land uses	A mixture of housing types; places of residence close to places to work, shop and recreate	Encourages lingering and repetitive chance encounters; facilitates social interaction of people of different incomes, races or ages; more walking and less driving; assists social integration, community bonds and sense of community

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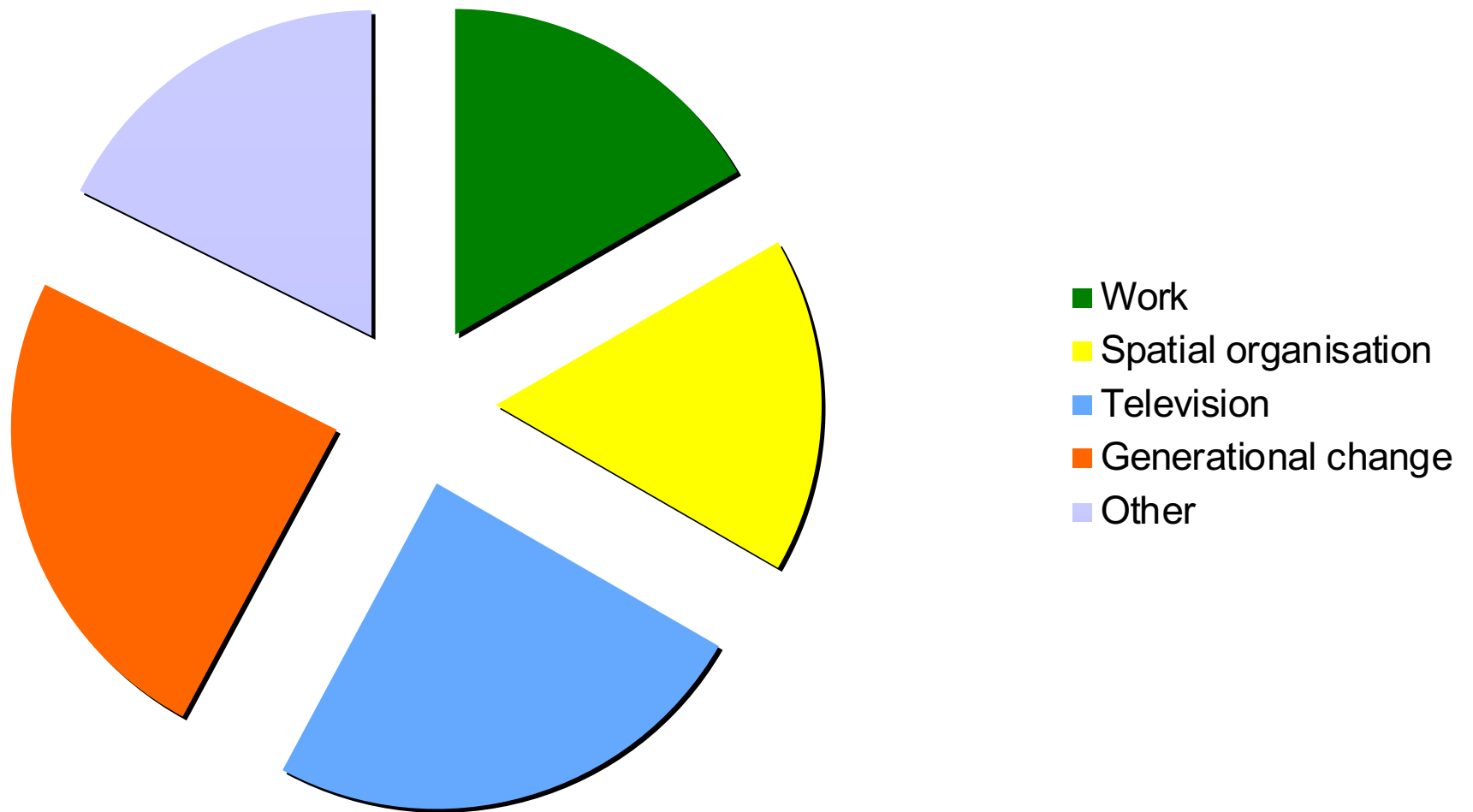
A connected society

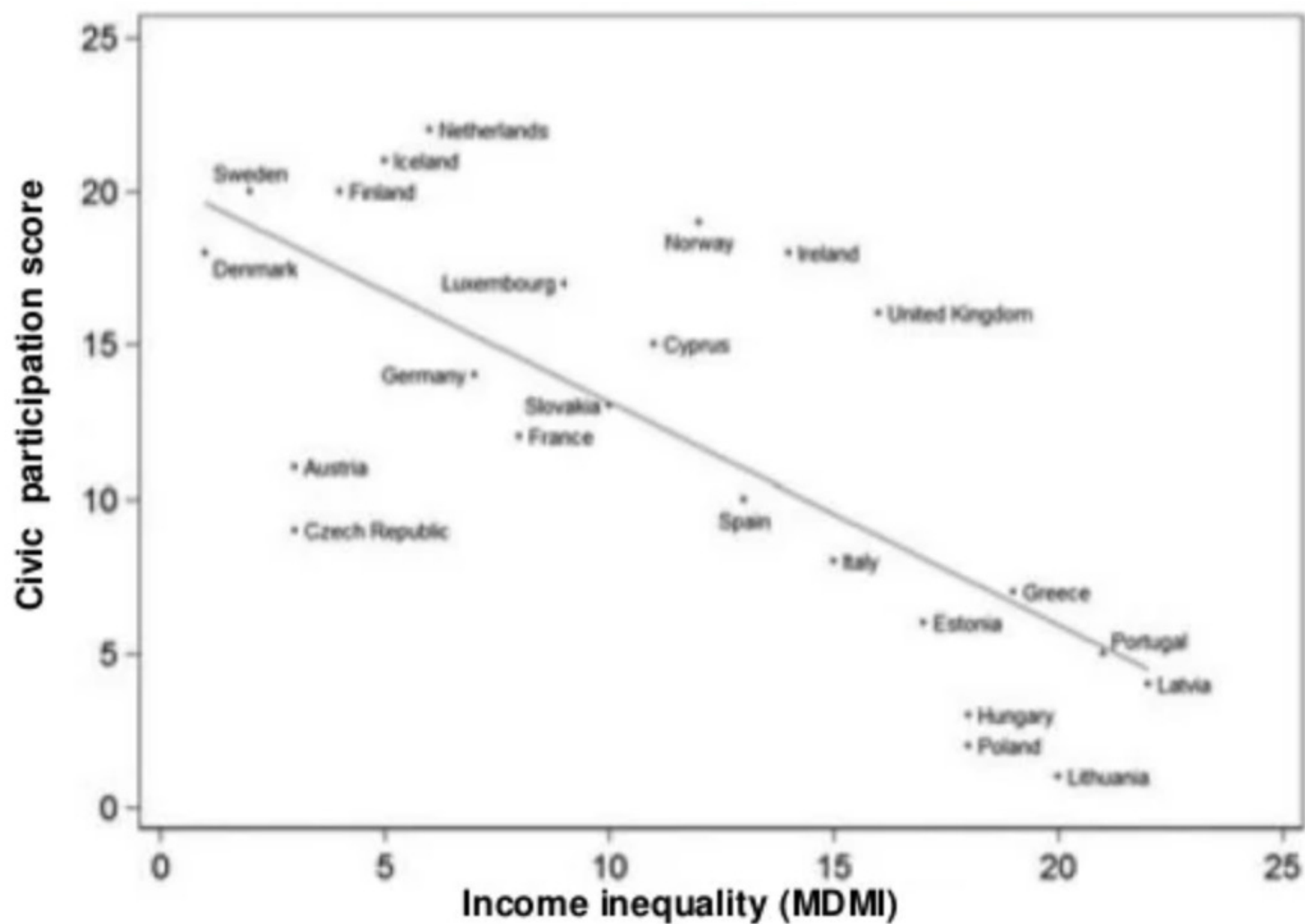
A strategy for tackling loneliness

laying the foundations for change

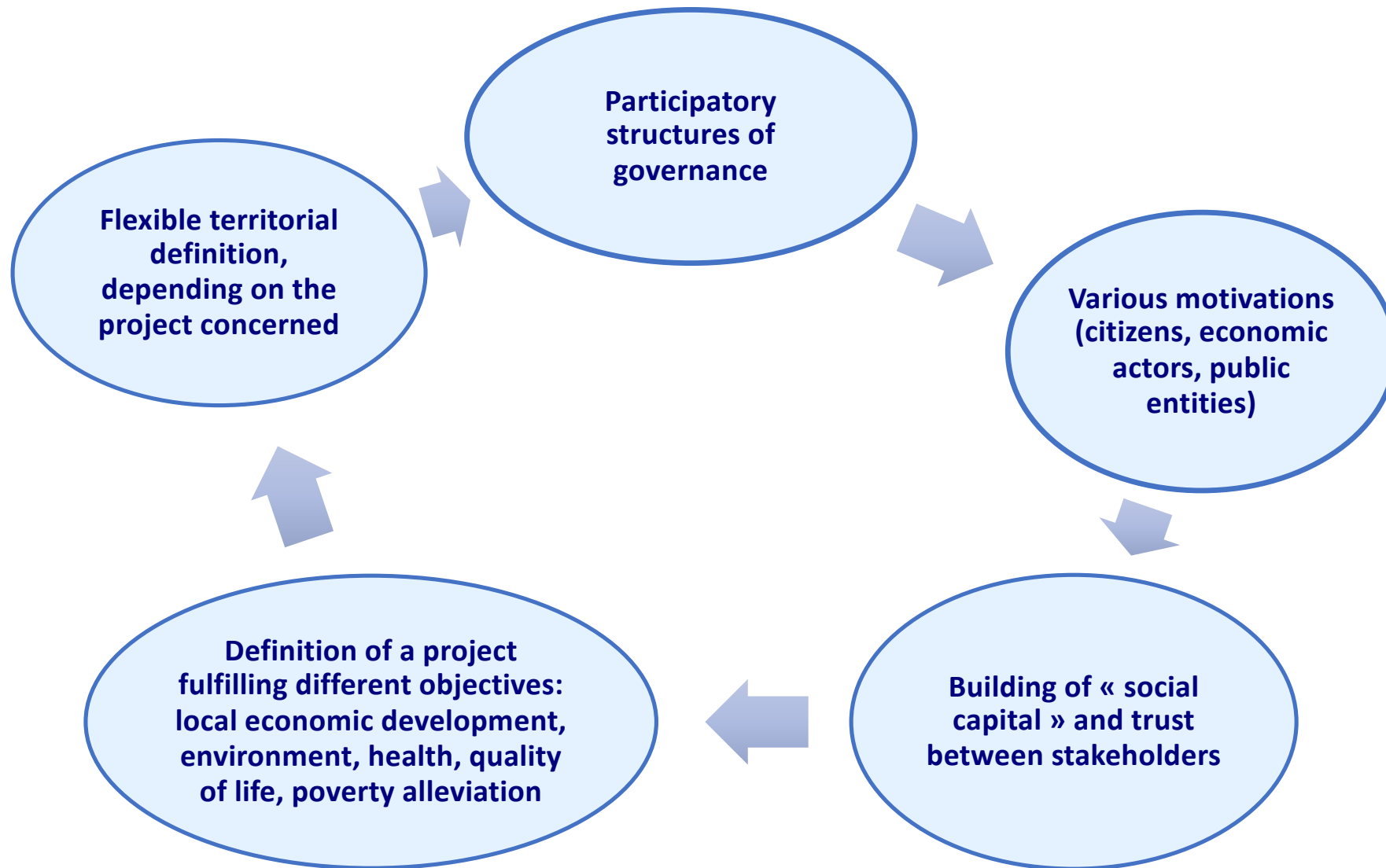


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"A core goal of public policy should be to facilitate the development of institutions that bring out the best in humans."

- Elinor Ostrom, 2009



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