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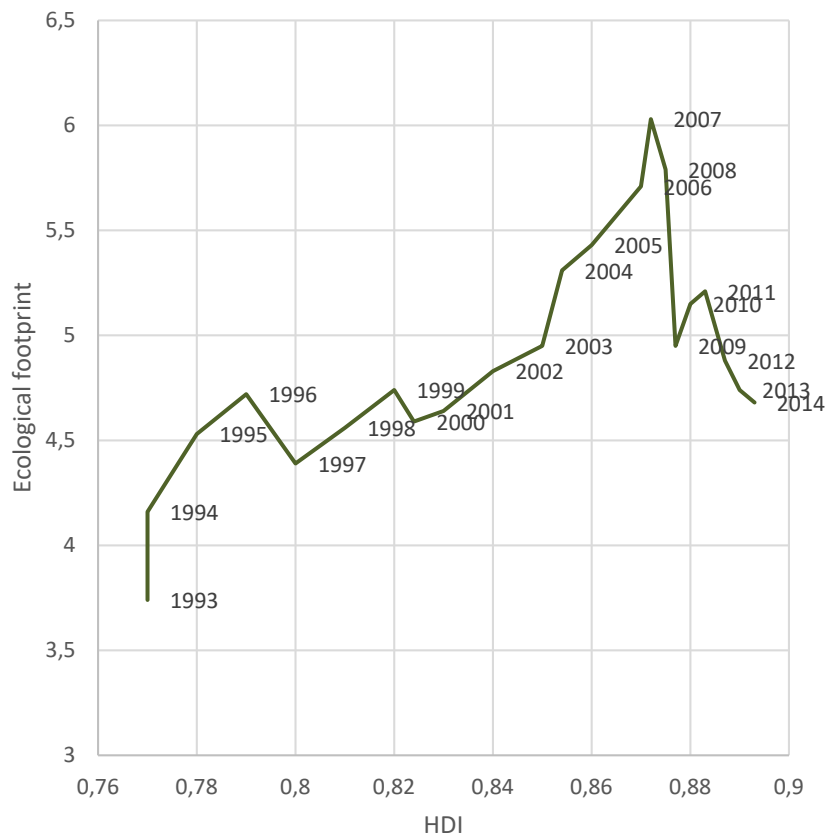


**ACHIEVING
SUSTAINABILITY
IN
DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION
—
A SLOVENIAN
VIEW**

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RECENT HISTORY OF SLOVENIA

Ecological footprint and Human Development Index of Slovenia 1993 - 2014



- 1945-1991 – The most developed republic of Yugoslavia
DONOR
- 1991 – Independence
- 1990 – 1998 – Transition from socialism to market economy
BENEFICIARY
- 1998 – 2004 – Accession to the EU and NATO
- 2004 – Member of EU
DONOR

DONOR DEPENDENCY SYNDROME

„ ...an attitude and belief that a group can not solve its own problems without outside help. It is a weakness that is made worse by charity.”

- Slovenia developed the syndrome during accession to EU (EU funding, support to legal reform, legitimising reform by EU requirements...)
- Perception of EU as an „empire“
- The syndrome turning to nationalism in CEE, when countries asked to contribute

HOW TO AVOID IT?

- Transparency regarding objectives on the side of donor
- Ability to change in response to emerging issues and requests of the recipient

- Leadership and clear objectives on the side of recipient,
- Empowerment of the recipient resulting in mutual respect.

EXAMPLES

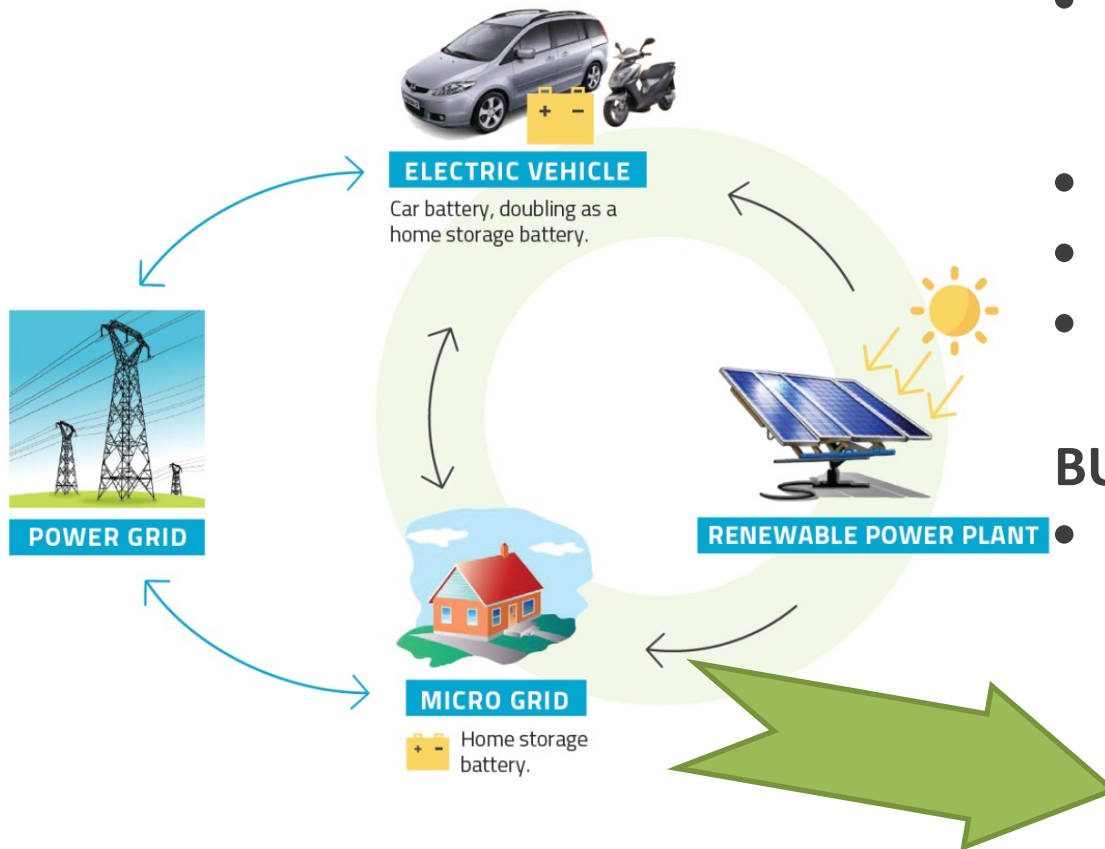
- World Bank Slovenia Environment Project 1990 – 1995
- Institute Metron Sustainable Energy Cycle 2017 –
- WWF Ecoregional Corridor Programme in the South Caucasus 2015 - 2020

SLOVENIA ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

- Green party entered the first democratic government in Slovenia in 1990, Minister Miha Jazbinšek
- Started with a shopping list of over 20 components, dealing with all environmental problems, ≥ 400 mUSD
- After several changes, partnership with WB Task Manager
- Feasibility studies funded by Slovenia and donors:
Polluter pays or victim pays?
- Active participation in the Environment for Europe process
- Final results:
 - Pilot clean-up of local air pollution in Maribor
 - Eco Fund to finance clean-up of local air (continues till today)
 - EBRD financed waste water treatment plant in Maribor (first public private partnership)



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CYCLE



- Innovative model being developed by Institute Metron
- All technologies are available
- Developing partners ready
- Funding possible

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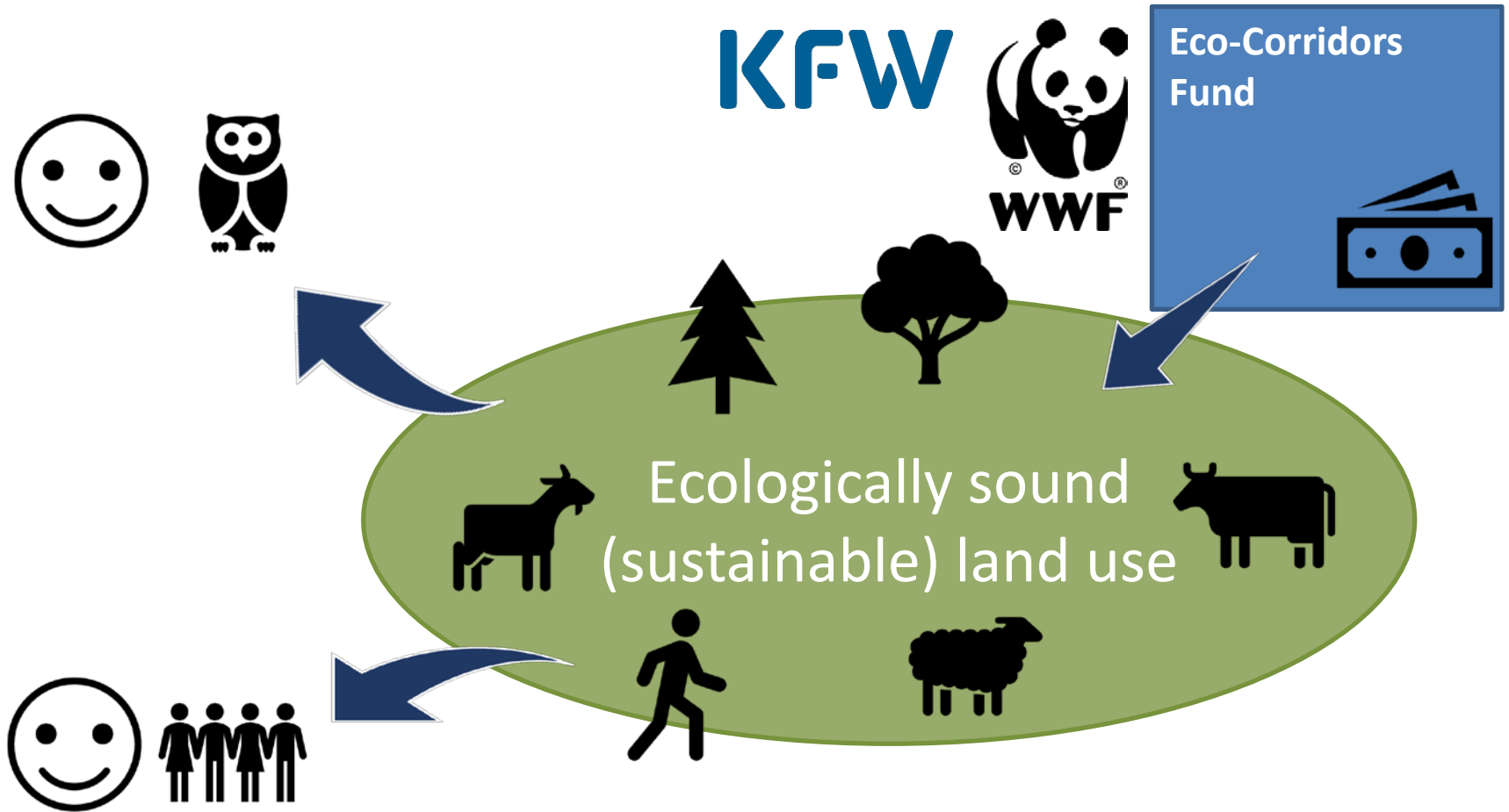
- Demonstration site is hard to find
 - How to identify?
 - How to build trust and partnership?
 - Who will own the risks?
 - Who will own the rewards?

ECOREGIONAL CORRIDOR PROGRAMME – PARTNERSHIP FOR LIVING LANDSCAPES



- Caucasus is one of the oldest inhabited regions
- Global biodiversity hotspot
- Origin of many domestic plants and animal species
- Origin of traditional agricultural practices (wine...)
- High ethnic and cultural diversity
- Important cultural heritage

LONG TERM CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS



PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL PEOPLE

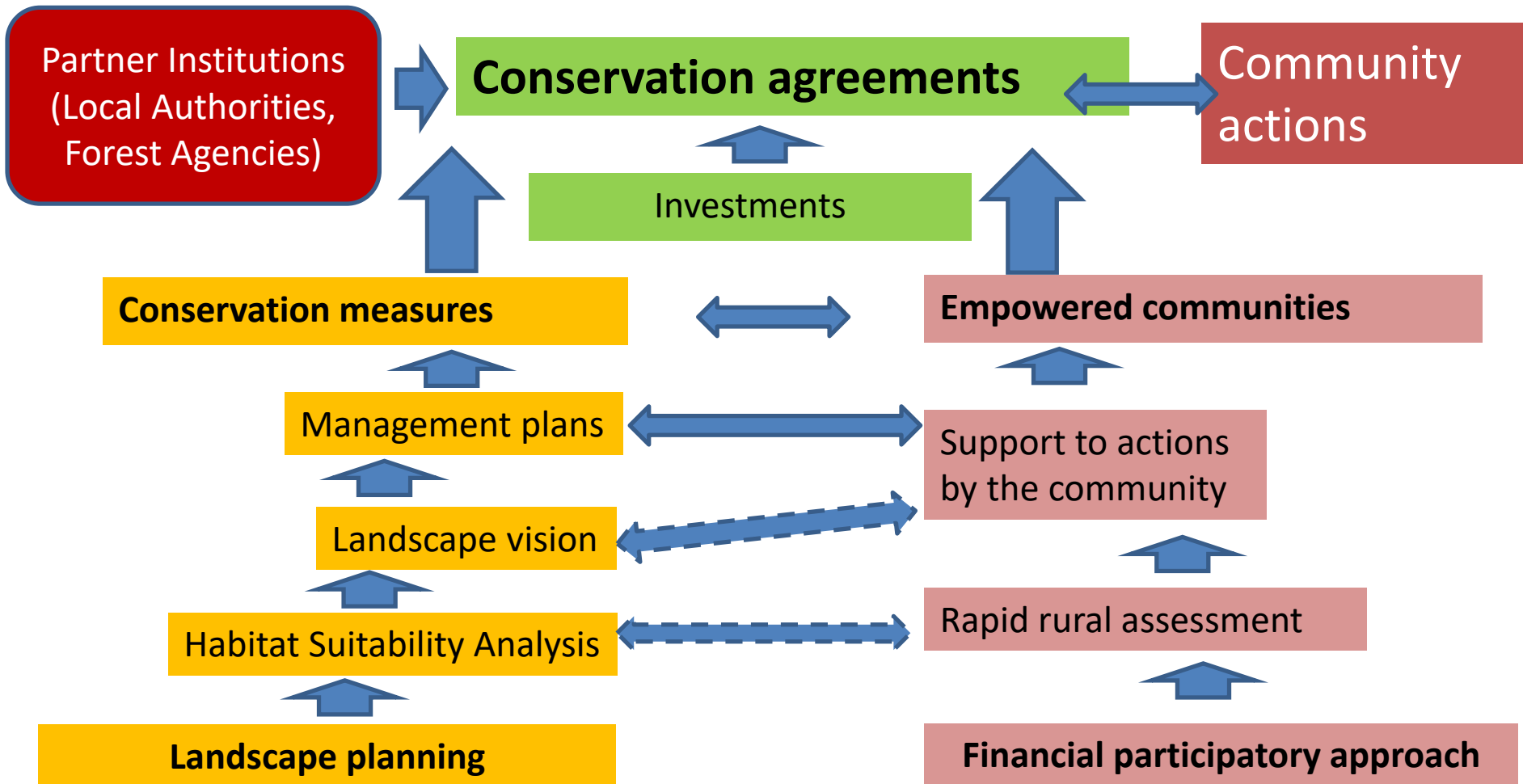
What does ECF want?



What do locals want?

Common ground ?

DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS





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JOURNEY CONTINUES, THANK YOU...



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