

Transformation Plenary

06 Teaser Session

Weds 14th September 09:30 – 10:30

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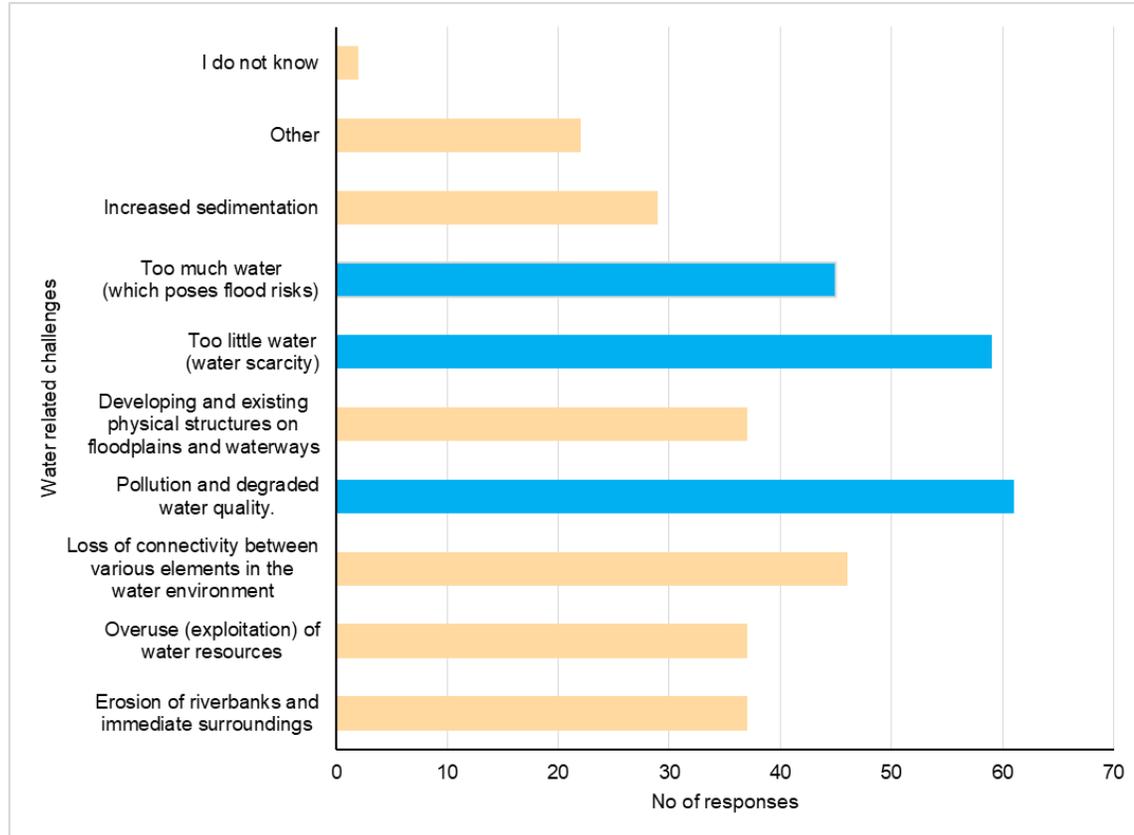
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Mainstreaming Ecological Restoration
of freshwater-related ecosystems
in a Landscape context:
INnovation, upscaling and transformation



Why are we here?

- **Mainstreaming** Ecological Restoration of freshwater-related ecosystems in a Landscape context: **INnovation, upscaling and transformation**



<https://floodlist.com/europe/germany-floods-july-2021-update>



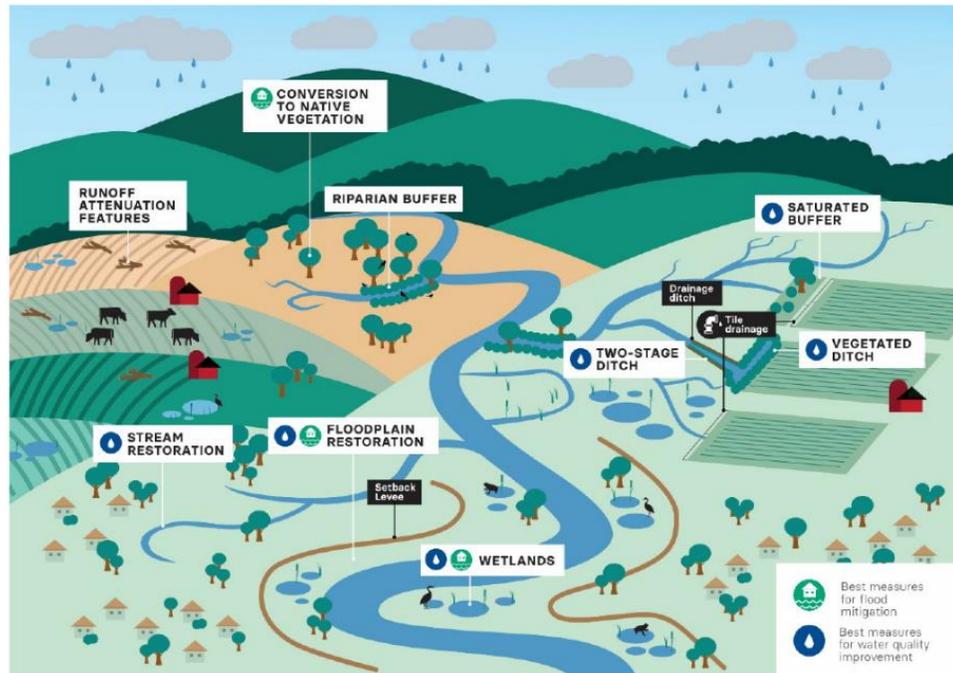
<https://phys.org/news/2018-10-woes-drought-germany-rhine-shallow.html>

What are some of the major water-related environmental challenges?

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MERLIN – sowing seeds of change

- Need to protect & restore in more places, faster
- Solutions that last – beyond traditional restoration to NbS



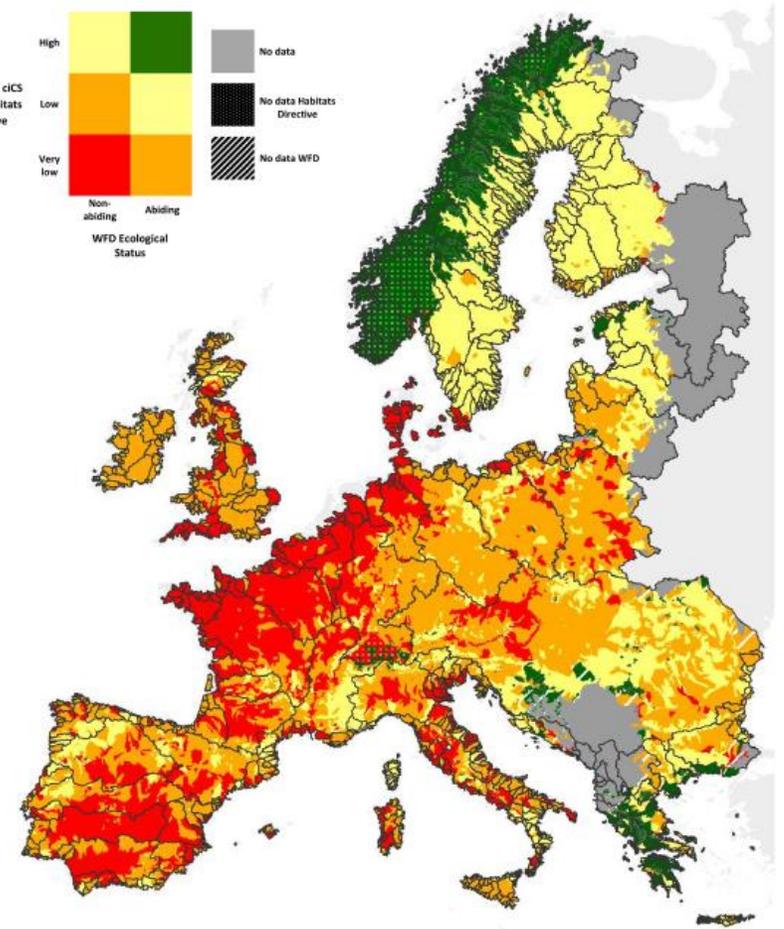
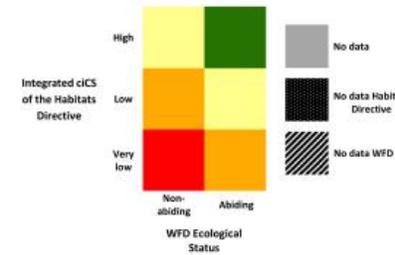
Modified from
Suttles et al. 2021.
Water, 13, 3579

INnovation, upscaling and transformation

- 3 lenses on creating the change we want
- Innovation: WHAT
- Upscaling: WHERE
- Transformation: HOW



Restoration needs



Examples of Transformation?



Room for the Rivers (Netherlands)



Catskill Mountains



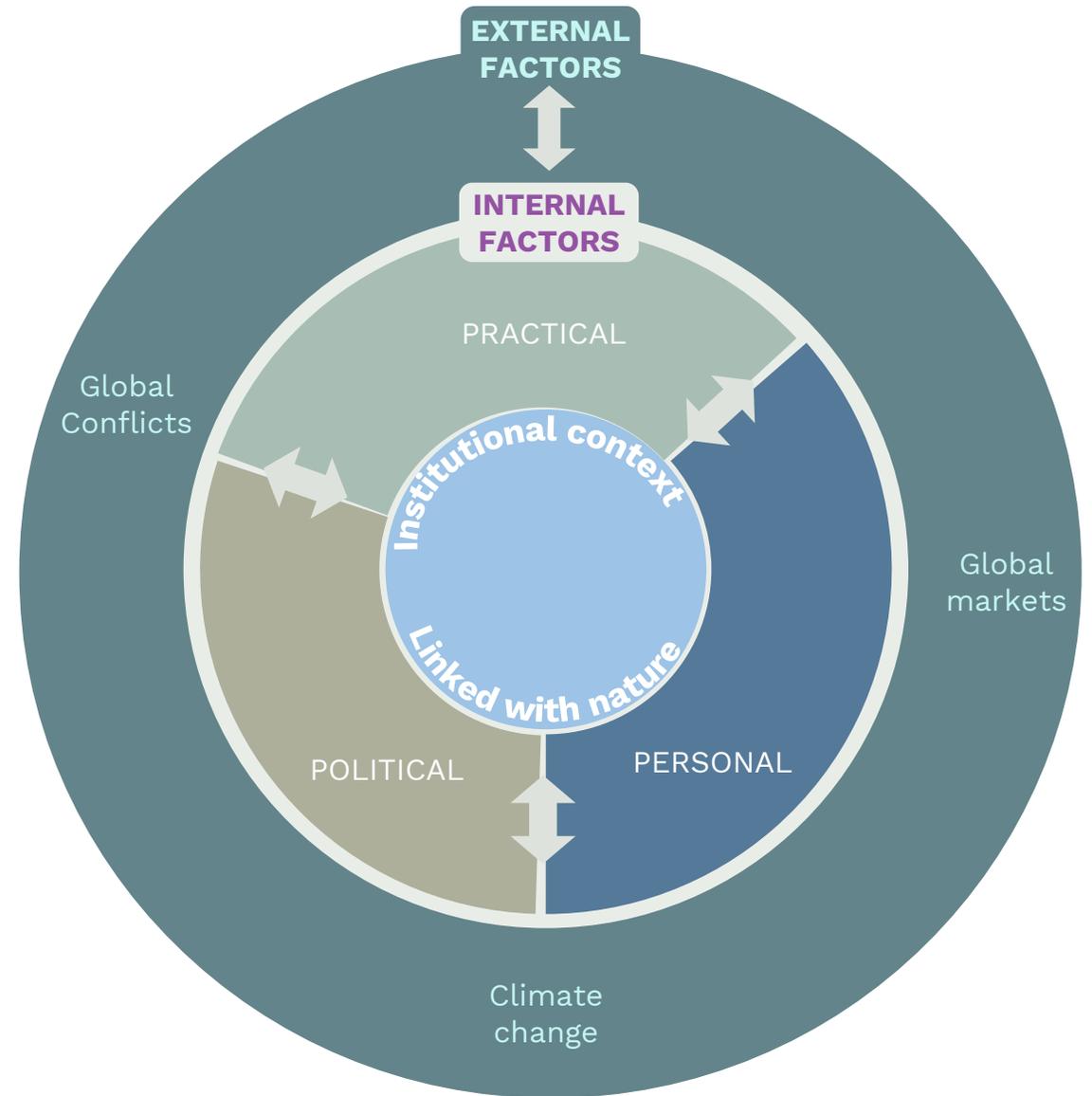
Lake Manapouri & Frasers Beach

Daniel Case 2006-08-12
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catskill_Mountains#/media/File:Central_Catskills_from_Twin_south_summit.jpg

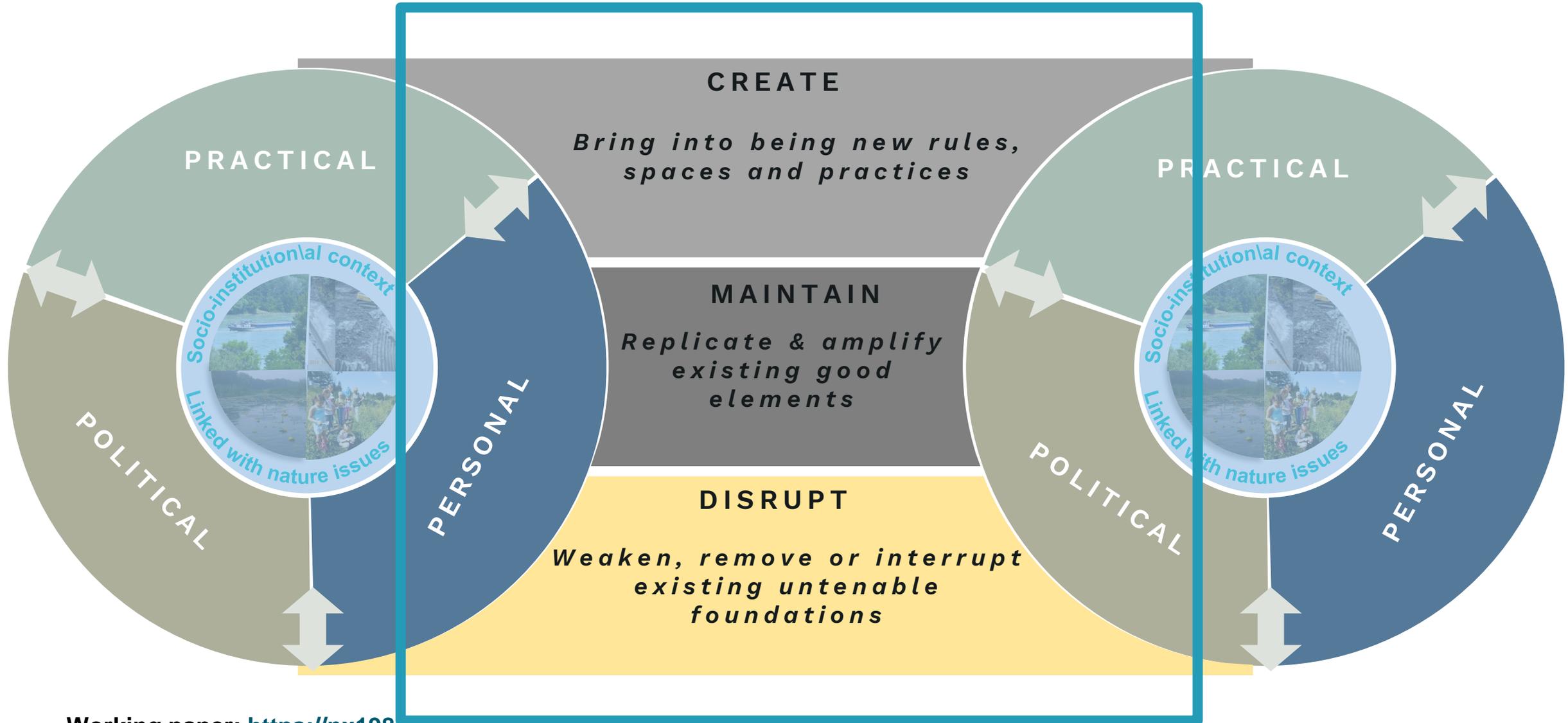
<https://southlandnz.com/fjordland/natural-attraction/lake-manapouri-frasers-beach>

What is Transformation?

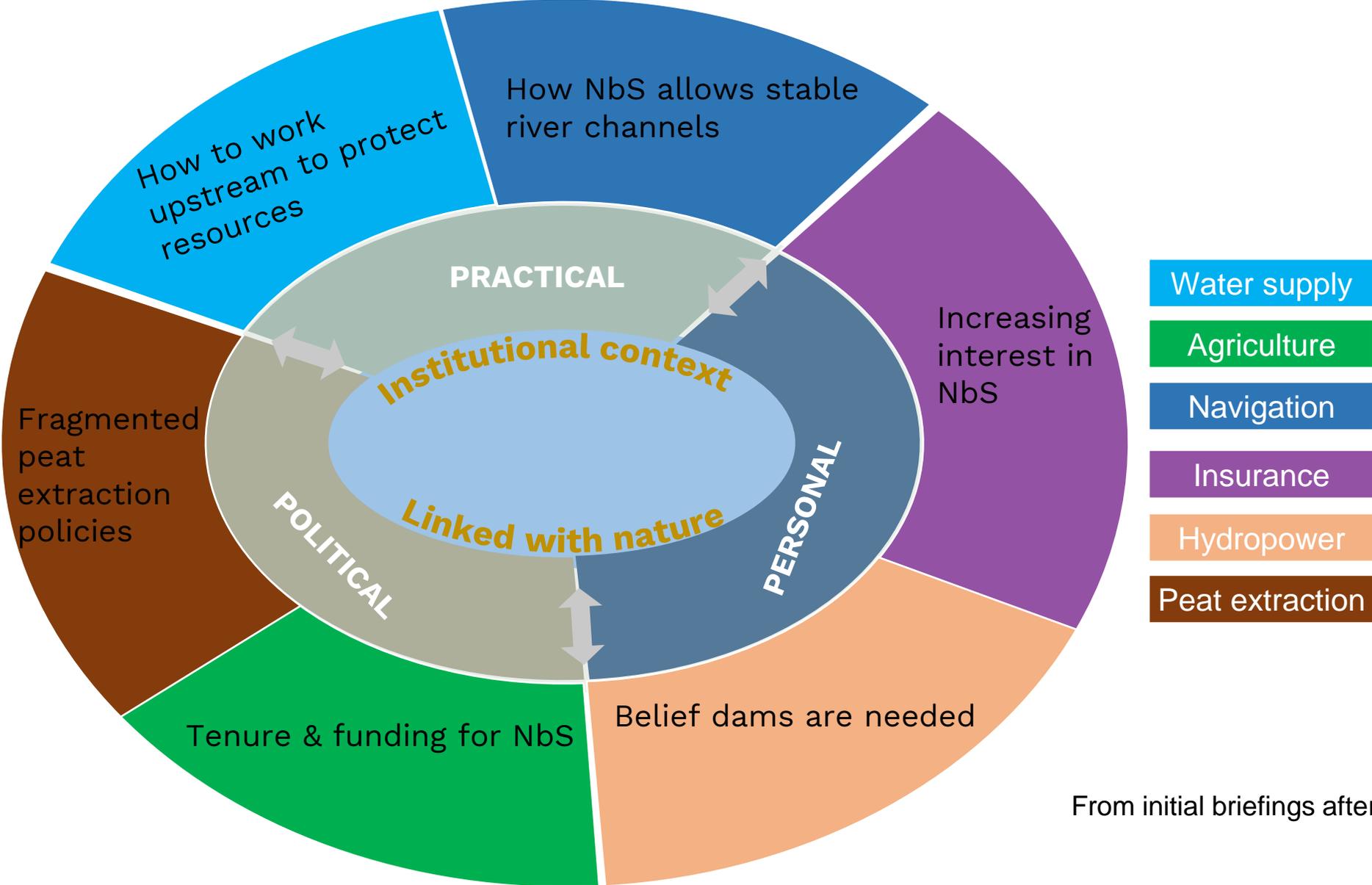
- Change
- Goal
- PRACTICAL, PERSONAL & POLITICAL



How can we support transformation?

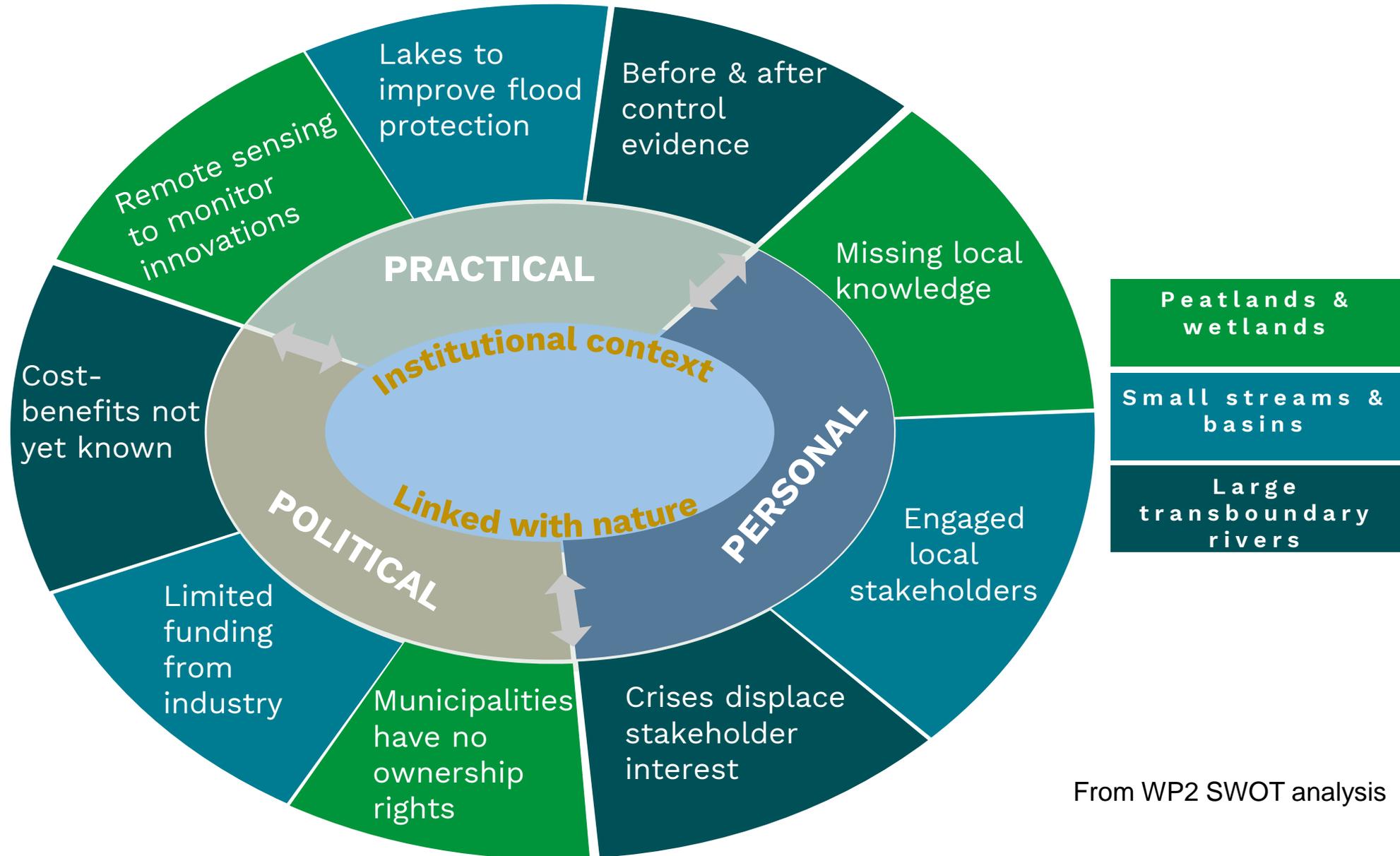


Transformations within MERLIN – the sectoral view



From initial briefings after RTs

Transformations within MERLIN – the case study view



From WP2 SWOT analysis

What does this mean for you?

- CREATE opportunities for your restoration actions to advance the Green Deal outcomes
- MAINTAIN and increase the existing good practice across your regions or sectors
- Identify what to DISRUPT in your regions or sectors

Your transformation journey



Over to you...

- Future thinking exercise
- What has changed? How did you get there?
- At the end, we will have a wall of visions and ingredients to build upon
- Individually answer question on post-it for your case study or sector (5 minutes) – write your **name & CS or sector**
- When signal goes – turn to someone nearby and discuss them (5 minutes)
- When signal goes – In your pair, find another pair and discuss (5 minutes)

Your transformation journey



Over to you...

Vision: What have you achieved by the end of MERLIN?

- How are your regions or sector now working with nature? Are the benefits from nature valued and understood?
- Yellow post-it notes

Changes needed: What do you want to create, maintain or disrupt in your case study or sector by 2025?

- Practical, Personal or Political issues?
- Green post – it notes

Please add your **name & CS or sector** to the post-it notes

We will collect them from you at the end

After coffee

Return to this room for introduction to the carousel journey....



Coffee break