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Report on BioValue Webinar #3: Exploring Economic Instruments in Spatial Planning for Enhancing Biodiversity Value

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1. Introduction

The BioValue webinar series, titled “Unlocking Biodiversity Value in Spatial Planning: A Webinar Reflection Journey to Enhance Transformation”, aims to share preliminary findings from the BioValue project and foster discussions with and among stakeholders from different sectors across Europe. This report documents the third webinar in the series, which took place on Thursday, 5th September 2024 at 14:00- 15:30 CET via Zoom.

The purpose of this webinar was to present BioValue project findings on economic and financial instruments. It sought to initiate a dialogue about how these instruments can be integrated into spatial planning and environmental assessment processes, ultimately enhancing the value of biodiversity for society.



The flyer is a rectangular graphic with a purple background on the left and a blue background on the right. The text is white. The title is 'Unlocking biodiversity value in spatial planning - A webinar reflection journey to enhance transformation'. The subtitle is 'Exploring economic instruments in spatial planning for enhancing biodiversity value'. The date and time are 'Thursday, September 5th 14.00 - 15.30 CET'. The host information is 'Held by Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research-UFZ: Heidi Wittmer, Karla Estela Locher Krause, Yuanzao Zhu'. The objective is 'The objective of this webinar is to present the findings of the BioValue project and initiate a dialogue on the opportunities of integrating economic and financial instruments into the processes of spatial planning and environmental assessments to enhance the value of biodiversity for society.' The project description is 'The project has analysed 24 generic economic and financial instruments and their impact on biodiversity within the context of spatial planning and environmental assessment and explored their transformative change potential. Throughout the webinar, the insights derived from this analysis will be presented and discussed with stakeholders from the private and financial sectors, policy-makers, and researchers across Europe.' The BioValue logo is at the bottom right.

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Figure 1: BioValue Webinar #3 Invite Flyer

2. Participation and Agenda

2.1. Participation

Invitations were sent out by the BioValue project team to a range of stakeholders, including representatives from planning, finance, and environmental authorities, as well as planning professionals, environmental economists, consultants, private sector, NGOs, and investment banks. A total of 54 stakeholders from Italy, Germany, Portugal, and Denmark registered for the webinar, with 27 participants actively attending (see Fig. 2).

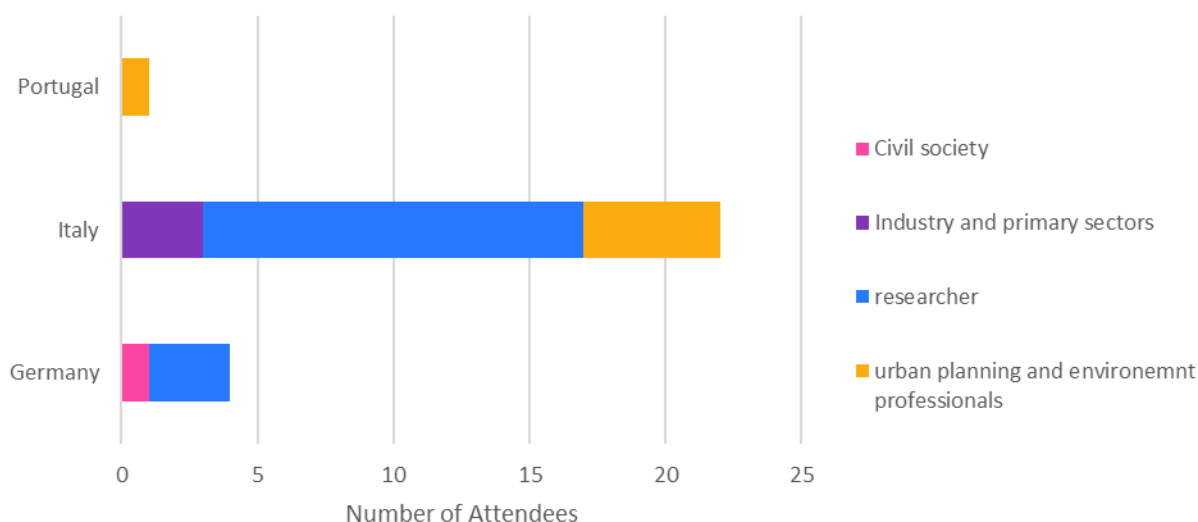


Figure 2: Overview of attended participants by nationality and stakeholder group (BioValue consortium attendees excluded)

2.2. Agenda

The webinar was structured into three main parts (see Fig. 3). Following a brief introduction to the BioValue project and the webinar series, in the first part, the team from Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research– UFZ presented findings on the relevance of economic and financial instruments for enhancing biodiversity in spatial planning and discussed potential entry points for integrating these instruments into spatial planning and the implications of the EU renewed Sustainable Finance Strategy for spatial planning. The second part consisted of working group discussions. Participants were divided evenly into three groups based on their indicated interests in the topics suggested by the project team during registration. The final part of the webinar concluded with the main insights from each breakout room discussion.



Figure 3: Webinar Agenda

3. Main Results from Group Discussions

During webinar registration, participants expressed interest in three specific discussion topics (single choice):

1. What instruments theoretically have the potential to facilitate biodiversity enhancement in spatial planning and examples in practice (if applicable)?
2. What are the factors preventing the use of economic and financial instruments in spatial development practices?
3. Which actors and what types of actions are needed for developing and implementing economic and financial instruments to address current challenges in spatial planning?

Participants were divided into three discussion groups according to their indicated interests. To ensure balanced participation and relevant discussions, two groups focused on Topic 1 while the third group addressed Topics 2 and 3. The main results from each breakout room are summarised in Figures 4, 5, 6a, and 6b.

What instruments **theoretically** have the **potential** to facilitate biodiversity enhancement in spatial planning and examples in practice (if applicable)?

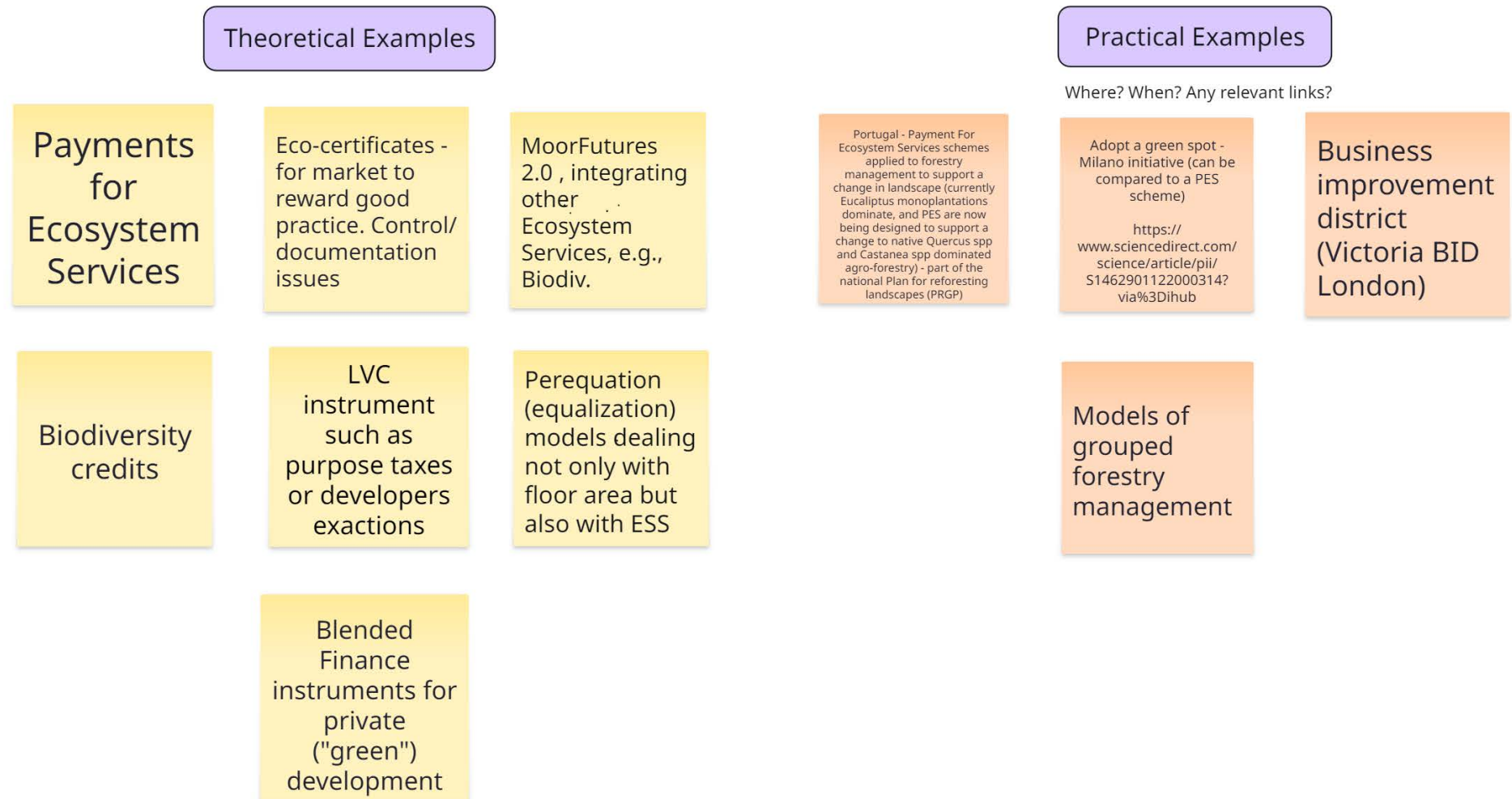


Figure 4: Main Results from Breakout Room 1

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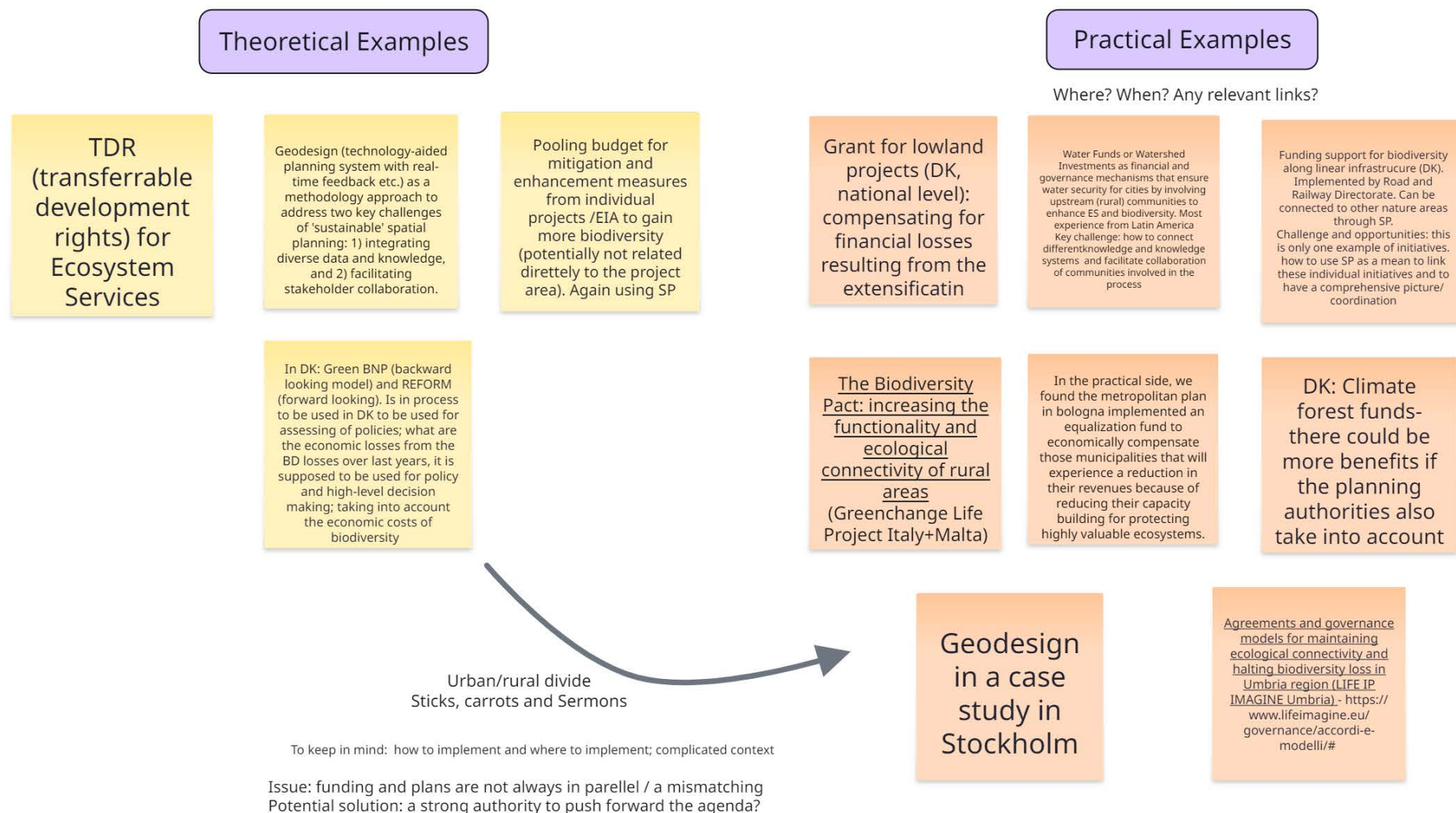


Figure 5: Main Results from Breakout Room 2

What are the **factors preventing** the use of economic and financial instruments in spatial development practices?

For example, lack of knowledge, lack of human resources, lack of regulation, transitions costs too high

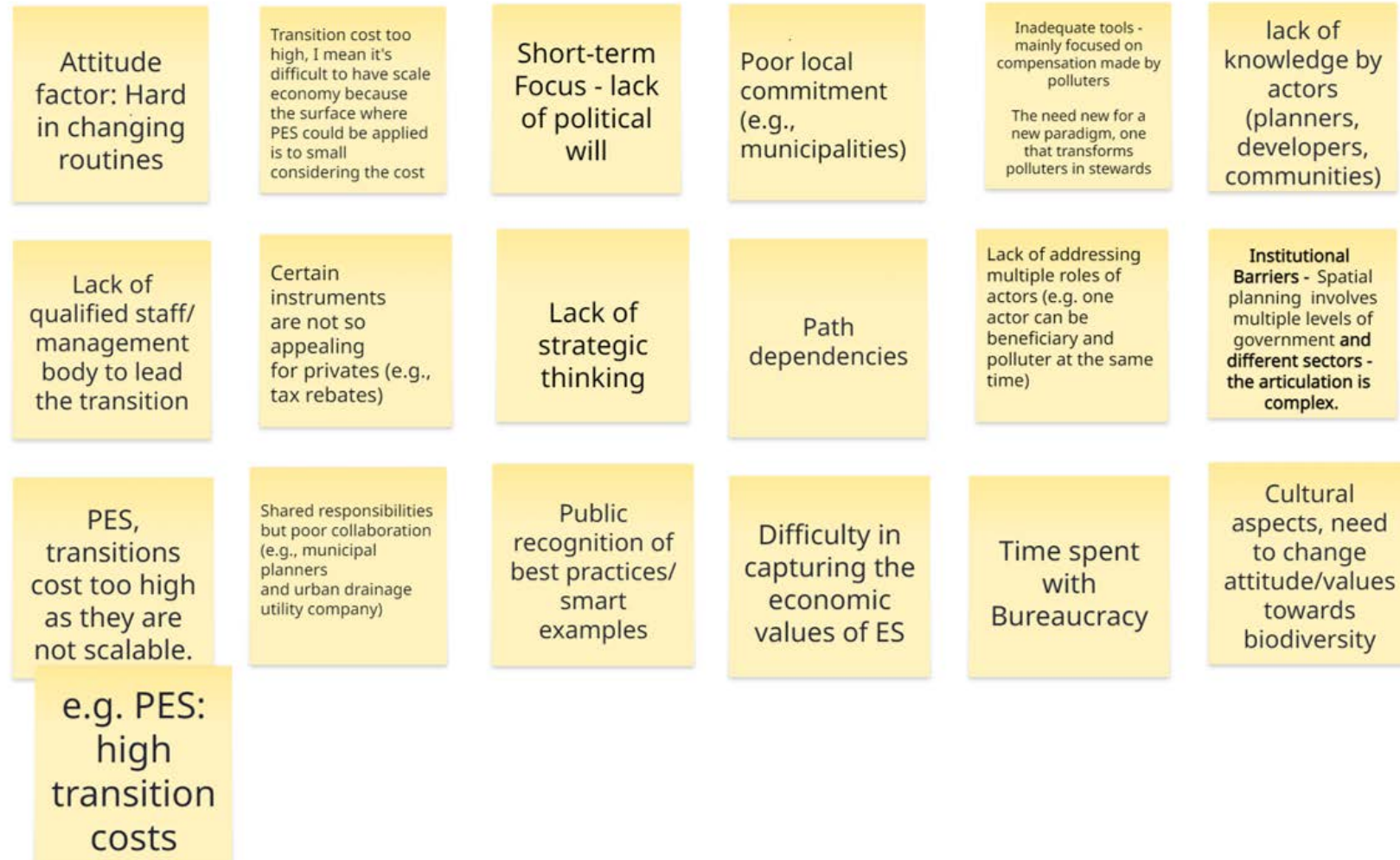


Figure 6a: Main Results from Breakout Room 3, Topic 2

Which **actors** and what types of **actions** are **needed** for developing and implementing economic and financial instruments?

Who can do what? Please add context (country,)

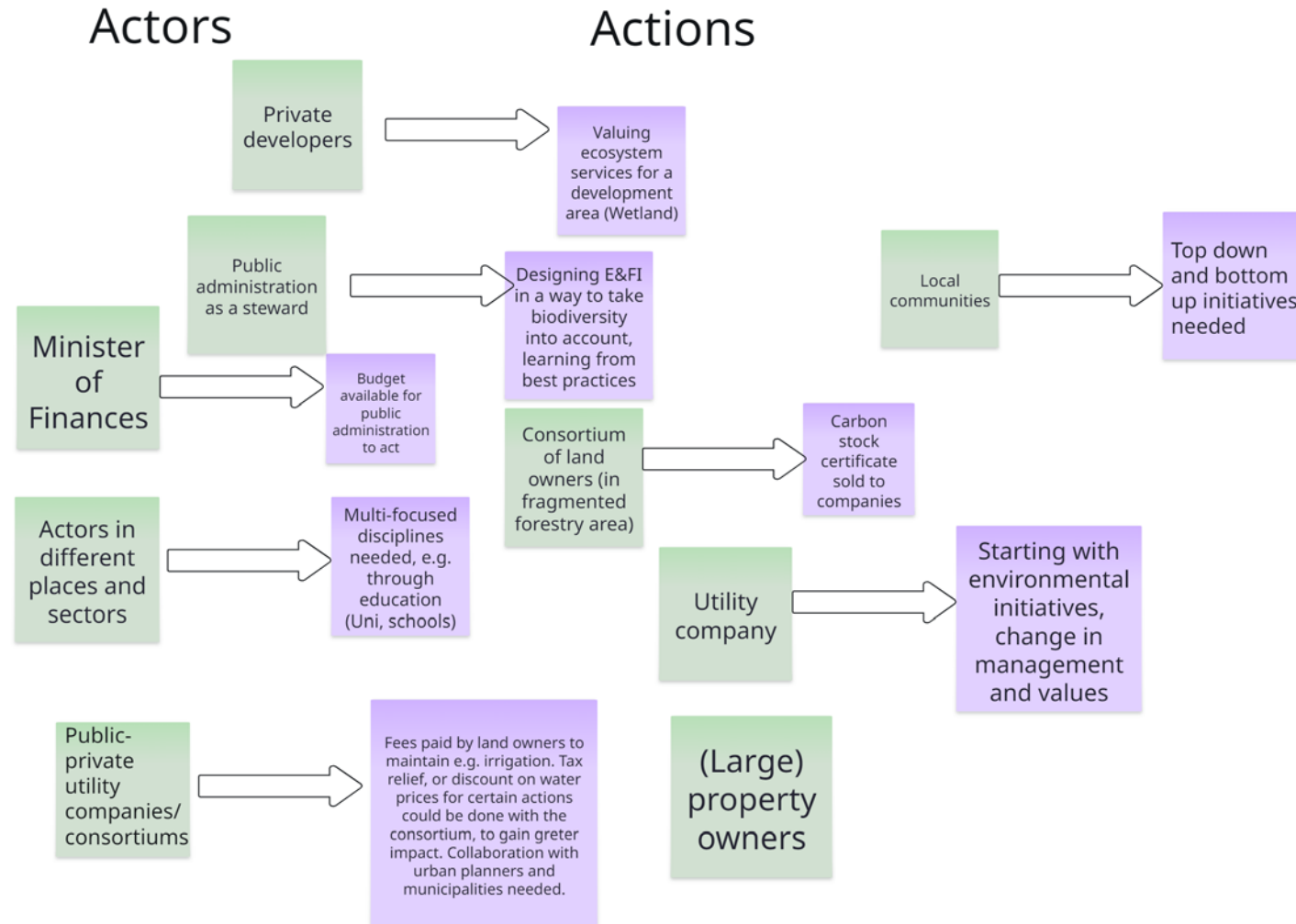


Figure 7b: Main Results from Breakout Room 3, Topic 3