

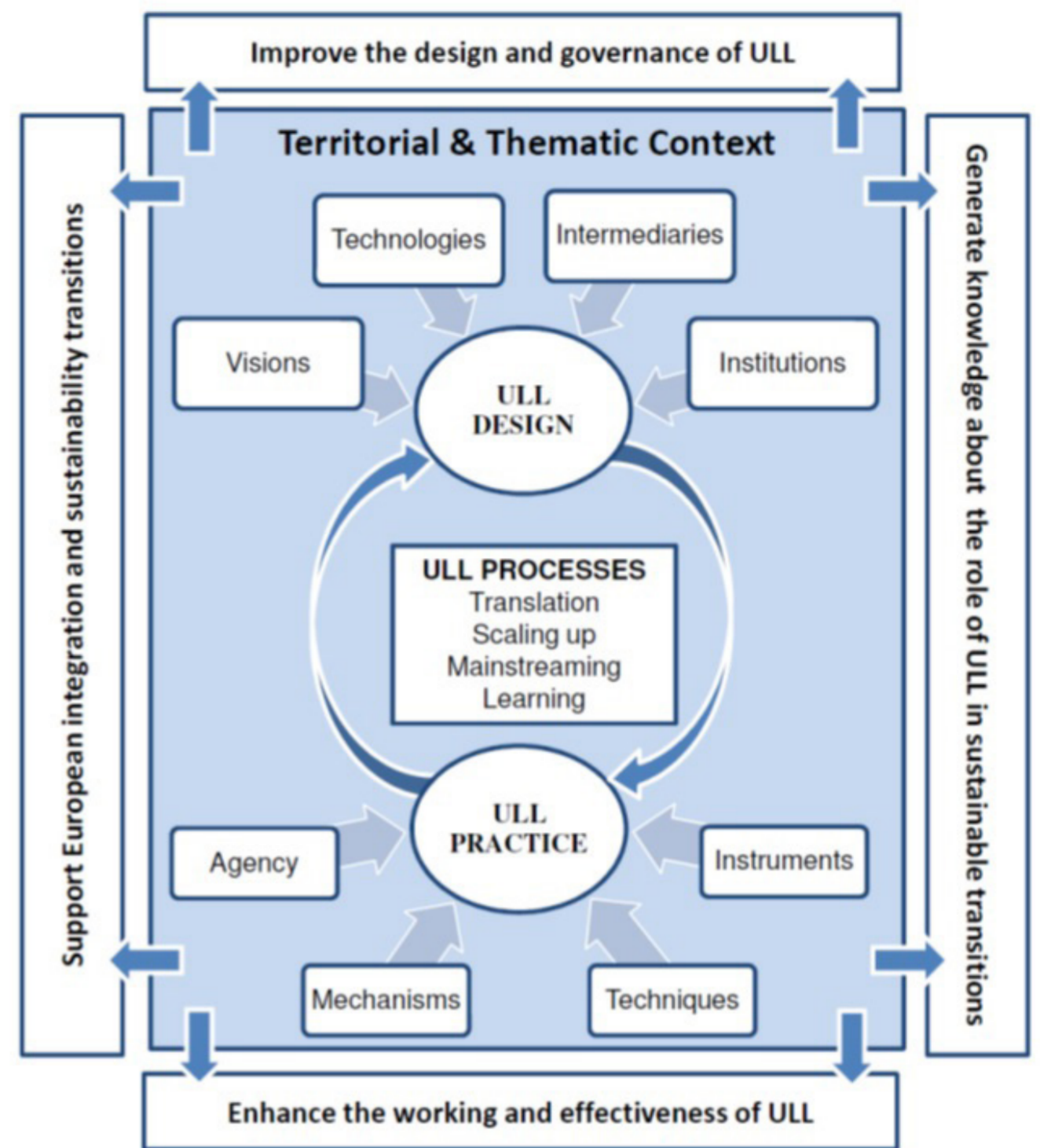
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European cities face a pressing challenge to provide economic prosperity and social cohesion while achieving environmental sustainability. In response, urban living labs – sites devised to design, test and learn from social and technical innovation in real time – are being formed. Individual cases have been studied, but limited work has been done to understand how they work across different national contexts and how we can scale-up their impact or share lessons across European cities.

This project brings together leading European research partners and practitioners to investigate urban living labs and enhance their potential for contributing to sustainability transitions.



The GUST Team.



Aim/objective

- The aim of the project is to examine, inform and advance the governance of sustainability transitions through urban living labs (ULL).

Approaches/methods

- Design: research on the ways in which ULL are being designed and how ULL vary between urban contexts.
- Practices: research on how, by whom and with what impact ULL are put into practice.
- Processes: research on the processes through which ULL create an impact beyond their immediate domain.

Expected results and impacts

- A systematic framework for evaluating the design, practices and processes of ULL to enable the comparative analysis of their potential and limitations.
- New insights into the governance of urban sustainability and improving the design and implementation of ULL in order to realise their potential.

Involved cities/project examples

- In-depth cases of ULL from Sweden, the UK, Austria and the Netherlands including the cities of Malmö, Newcastle, Graz and Rotterdam.
- Snap-shot cases of ULL examples across Europe.

GUST – Governance of urban sustainability transitions: advancing the role of living labs

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