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Interactive tools to transform SPSIs: Meeting the capacity needs of diverse actors

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Capacities to transform SPSIs



What makes SPSIs transformative?

- > From linear processes to knowledge co-production

- > Co-production: the ability to understand and use scientific knowledge, and to blend this science with local knowledge and practices to create positive change.

- > Personal skills and institutional conditions

Existing capacity development tools

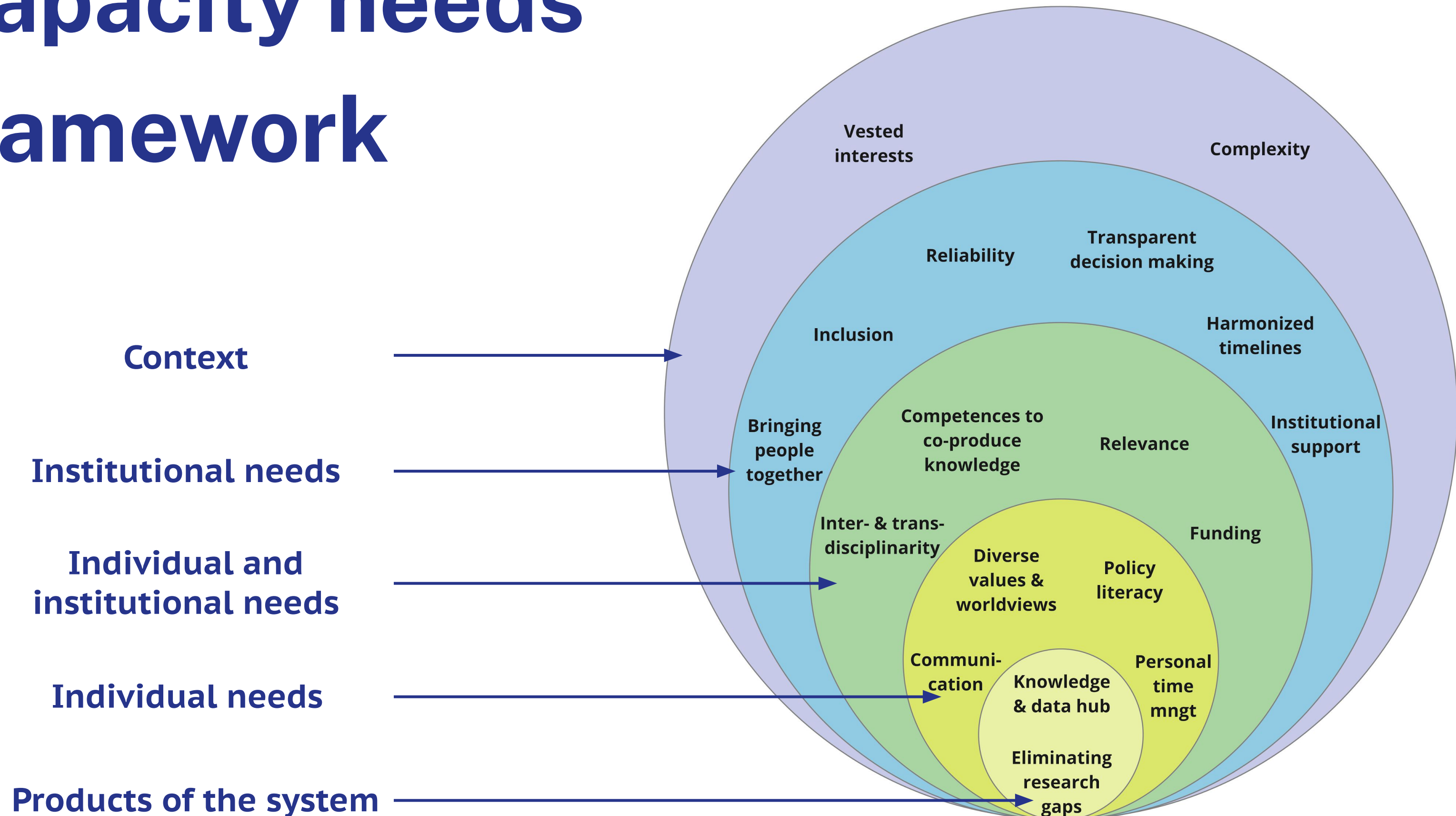
- **Main target groups:** researchers & experts, practitioners, less frequently decision makers
- **Main tools offered:** webinars, MOOCs, online guidelines, crash courses, fellowships, immersive courses (focus on individual skills)
- **More immersive approaches:** IPBES CB task force, JRC Evidence4Policy, Alternet Summer School, Future Earth early career mentoring etc.



However...

- Supply does not meet demand
- Initiatives are not holistic and targeted enough

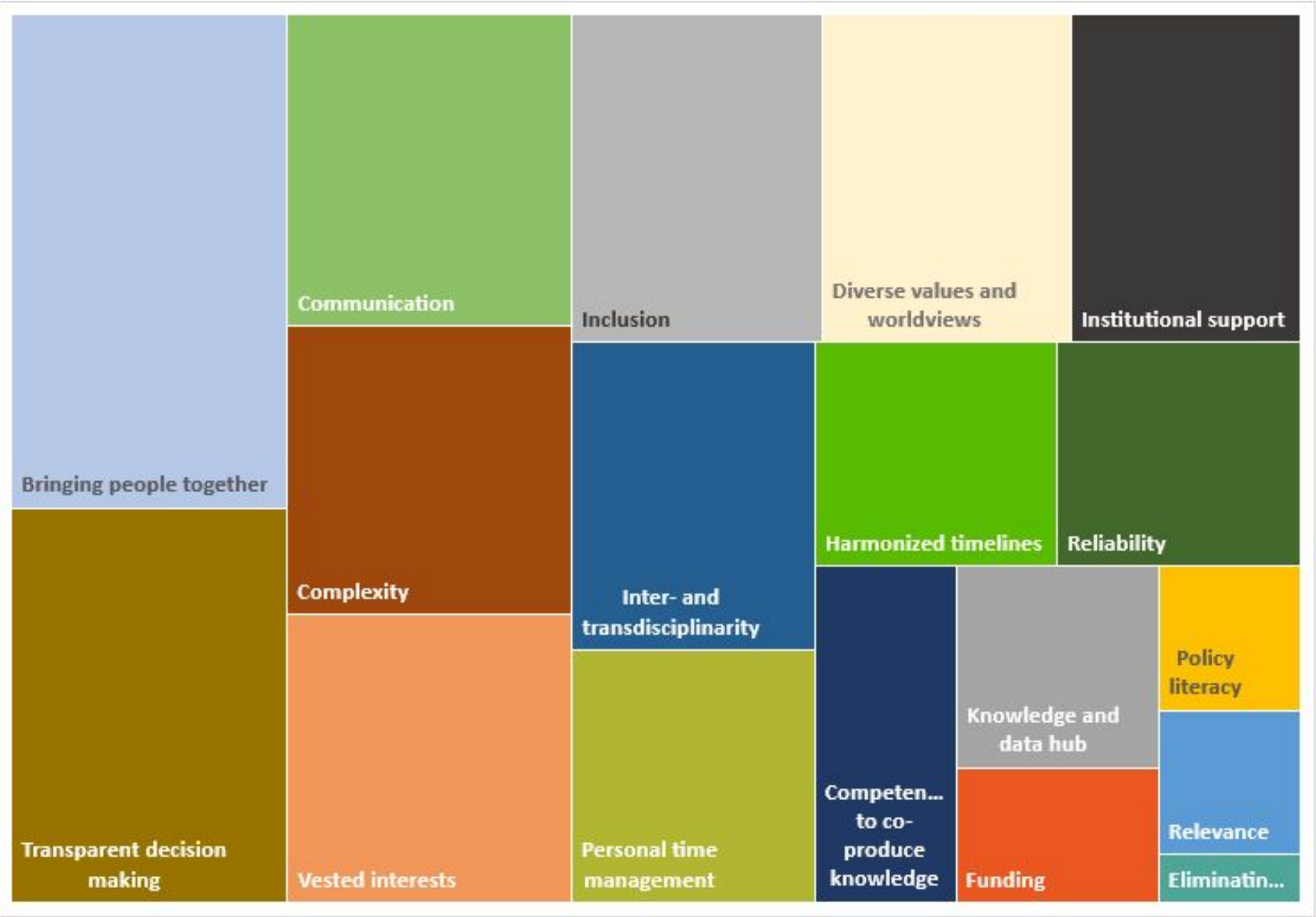
Capacity needs framework



The diverse needs of SPSI actors



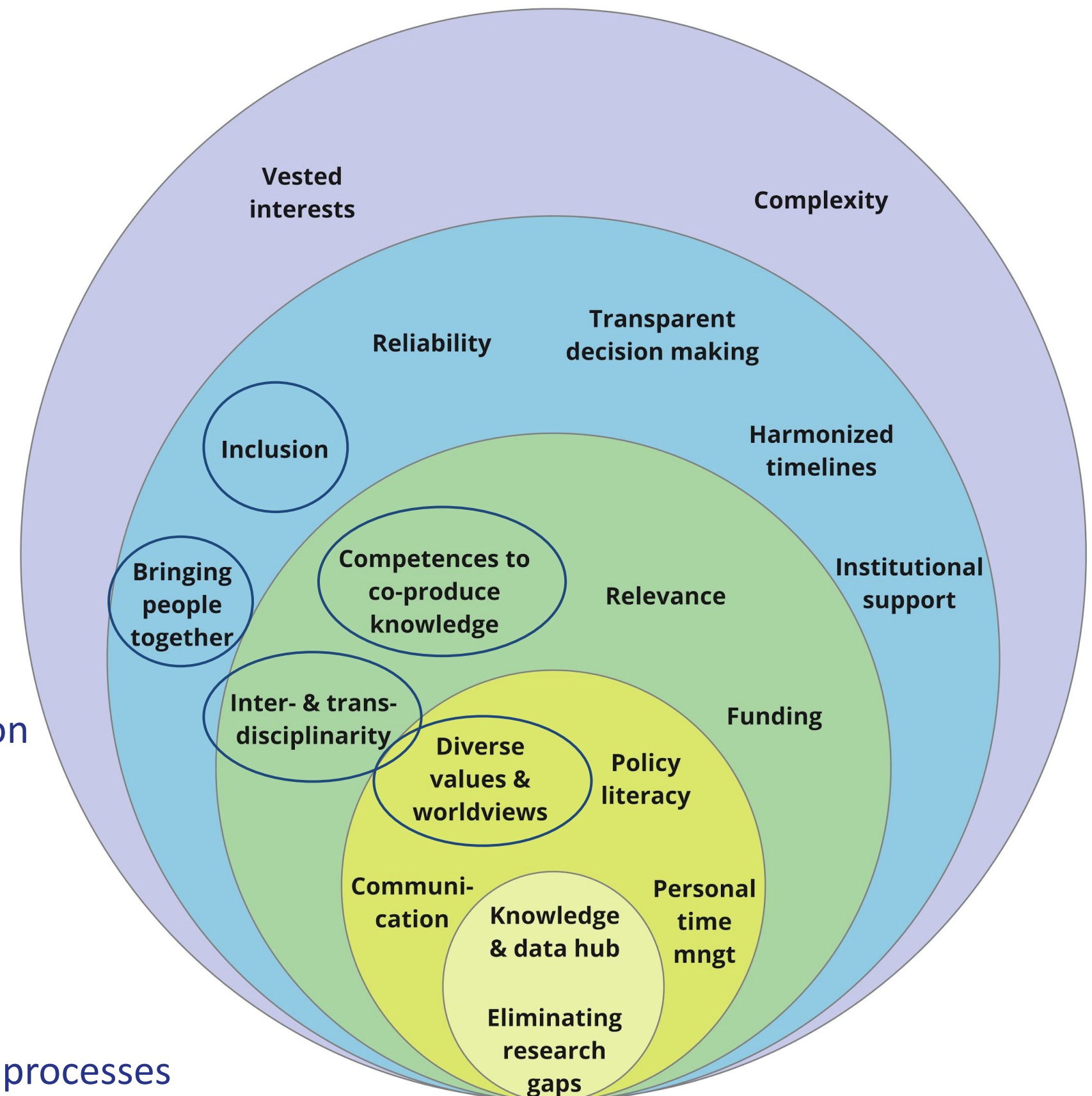
Capacity needs of scientists



Capacity needs of policymakers

Capacity needs targeted through BioAgora

- **Diverse values and worldviews**
that results in lack of trust, appreciation and awareness
- **Bringing people together**
dialogue, collaborative space, facilitation & knowledge brokers
- **Inclusion**
of marginalised perspectives and not-so-usual suspects
- **Inter- and transdisciplinarity**
fragmented and specialized approaches to knowledge production and decision-making
- **Competences to co-produce knowledge**
weak capacities to engage in knowledge co-production
- **Complexity**
complex and uncertain nature of scientific research and natural processes



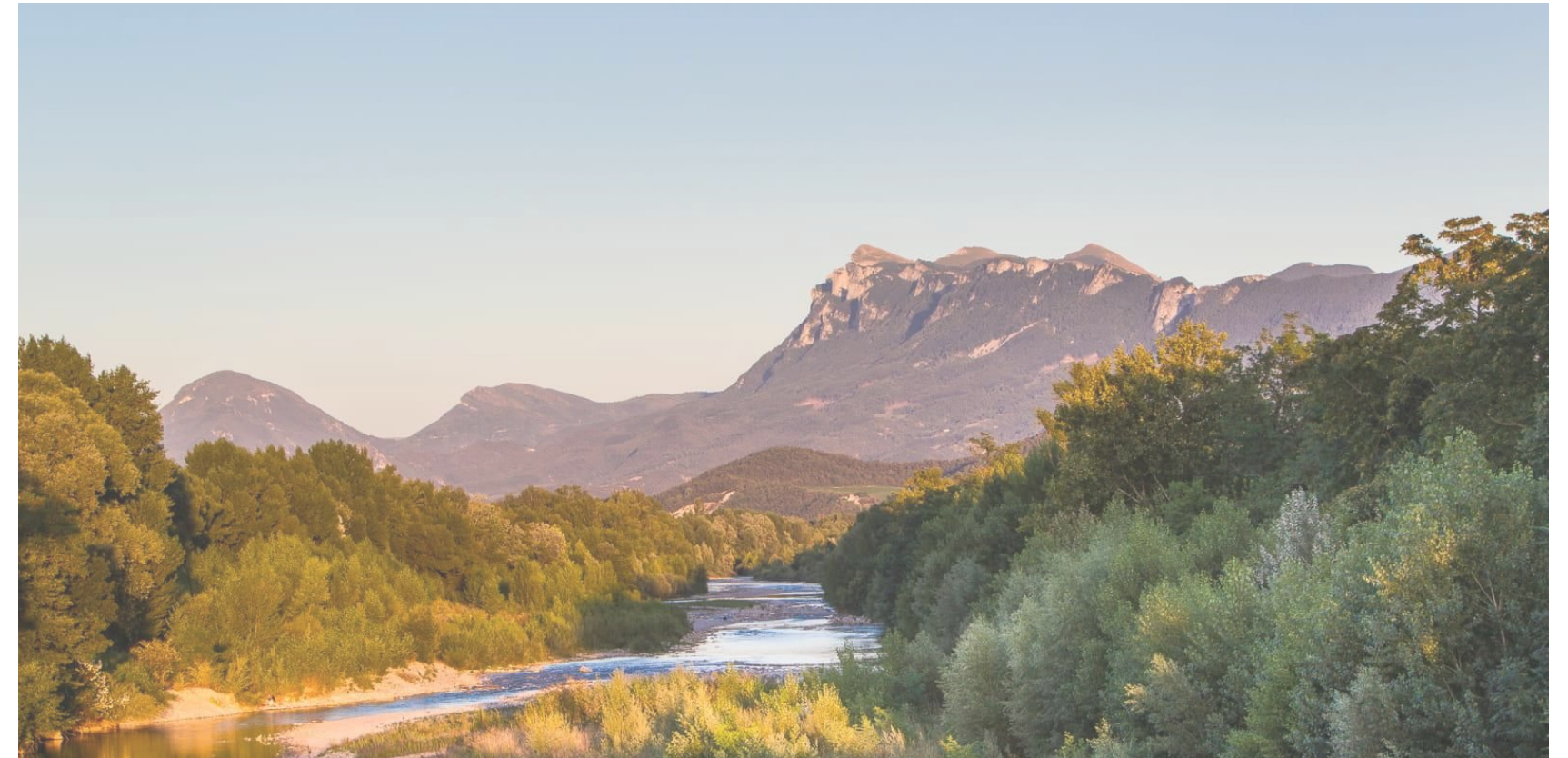
SPI Pilot Training

- to bridge the gap between biodiversity research and the practical needs of decision-makers
- for scientists and policymakers to **JOINTLY** improve their understanding of biodiversity challenges in cross-sectoral governance

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Open to mid-career policymakers and scientists



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Early Career Researcher Network (ECRN)

Practice what you preach! Building our own capacities:

- **Bringing people together**
- **Inclusion**
- **Inter- and transdisciplinarity**
- **Competences to co-produce knowledge**



Three different aims

1. **Enhancing ECR collaboration within the BioAgora project**
2. **Capacity development for ECRs within BioAgora**
3. **Become a pilot for how to engage ECRs in the SSBD and SPSIs in general**



Interactive Workshop

13 June, 1:30pm, University of Helsinki

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Thank you!



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