



Stepping stones towards sustainability

Discussion panel 1: Life cycle instruments for regional policies

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Let me introduce the Regional Environmental Authority and myself

1. Who we are

The Regional Environmental Authority supports the sustainable implementation of the programmes funded by the EU: ERDF-RP, ESF+, CAP, Interreg IT-CH. It supports the MA in developing and run the Environmental monitoring plan of the SEA. It is set in the Directorate Environment and Climate, of the Regional Government.

I am the coordinator of the REA, together with Alessandra Norcini, who as the responsibility of it. Born in Suna, Lago Maggiore, I am an Environmental scientist.

2. Our perspective on environmental protection and resource efficiency

1. We think that environment and sustainability must be supported cross-cuttingly in all the policies, as stated by article 11 of the TFEU.
2. We also think that currently and in the future environment and sustainability are going to become drivers for development, innovation and competitiveness.
3. Resource efficiency must be the one of the reference values and objectives around which tailoring economy and development.



Our experience

1. The project/the action

LCA4Regions as well as other projects (CircE, Plasteco) are stimulating discussion on key issues into the organisation.

The Regional Environmental Authority has a role recognised by all the MAs and must network with all the Directorates talking about environment and about how to take it into consideration in designing new initiatives.

2. Key results/outcomes

LCA4Regions spread the role and the power of LC in the institution and increased the knowledge of it also as a tool for the Regional Sustainable development Strategy. We have been starting talking more often about LC.

The Regional Environmental Authority, through its action, try to support and steer the programmes towards sustainability and searching for and reporting about further sustainability contents developed in the actions of the programmes. Especially in the new programming period, the dialogue on sustainability is growing a lot in our administration.



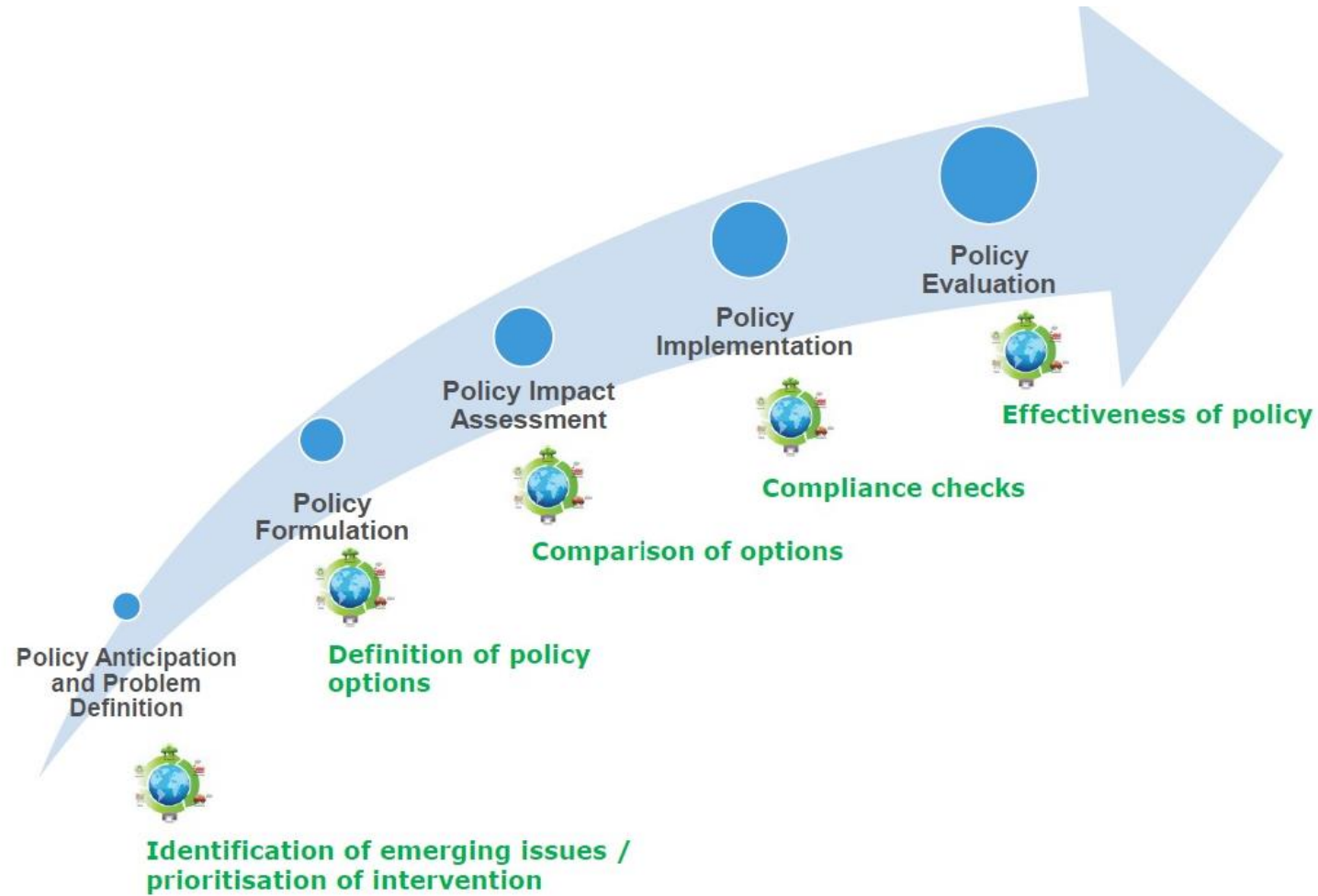
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What can we do with LC in regional policies?

- we can support the design of programmes and the strategic choices (LCT and LCA)
- we can justify a choice (as it is in the waste management pyramid)
- we can use it in tenders, to award projects and evaluate the robustness of the project proposal and its environmental quality
- we can support it in schemes such as Made Green in Italy
- We can use it as a request to prove the real sustainability of organisation taking part in sustainability initiatives
- GPP (LCA-LCC)
- We can use it as a driver or a tool to trace the path for innovation



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But!

we need to pave the way for it:

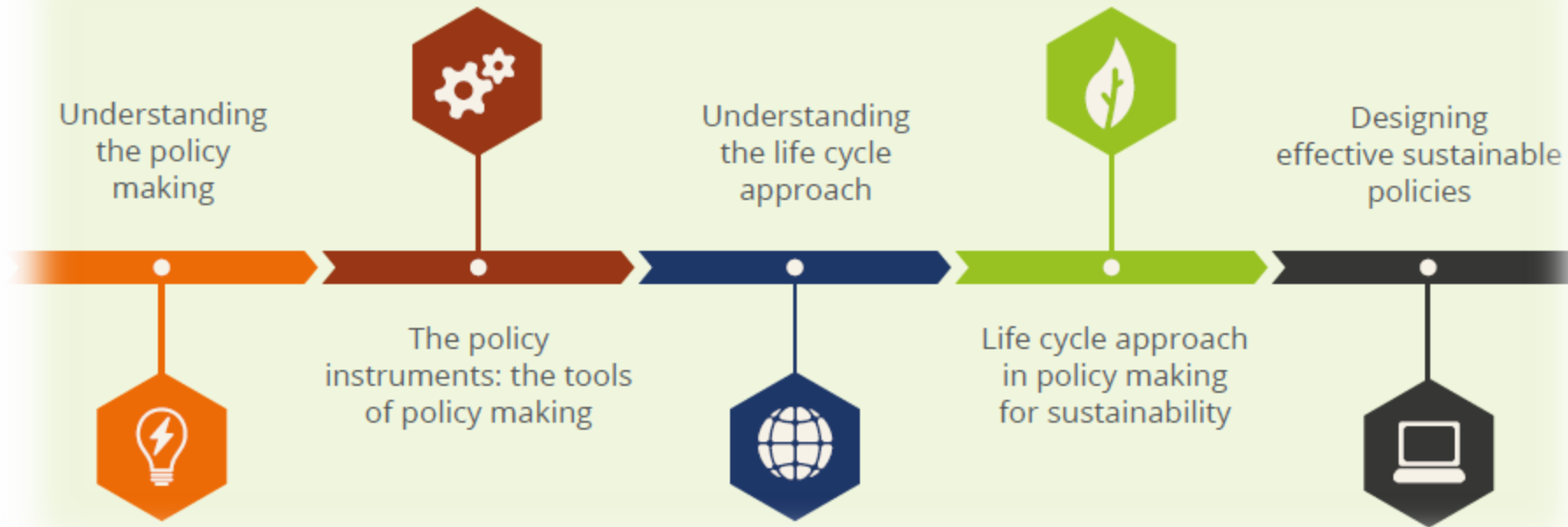
- Formally strengthening its role
- Putting money available for this
 - Strengthening competences
- Keeping open a dialogue with stakeholders

Otherwise it risks:

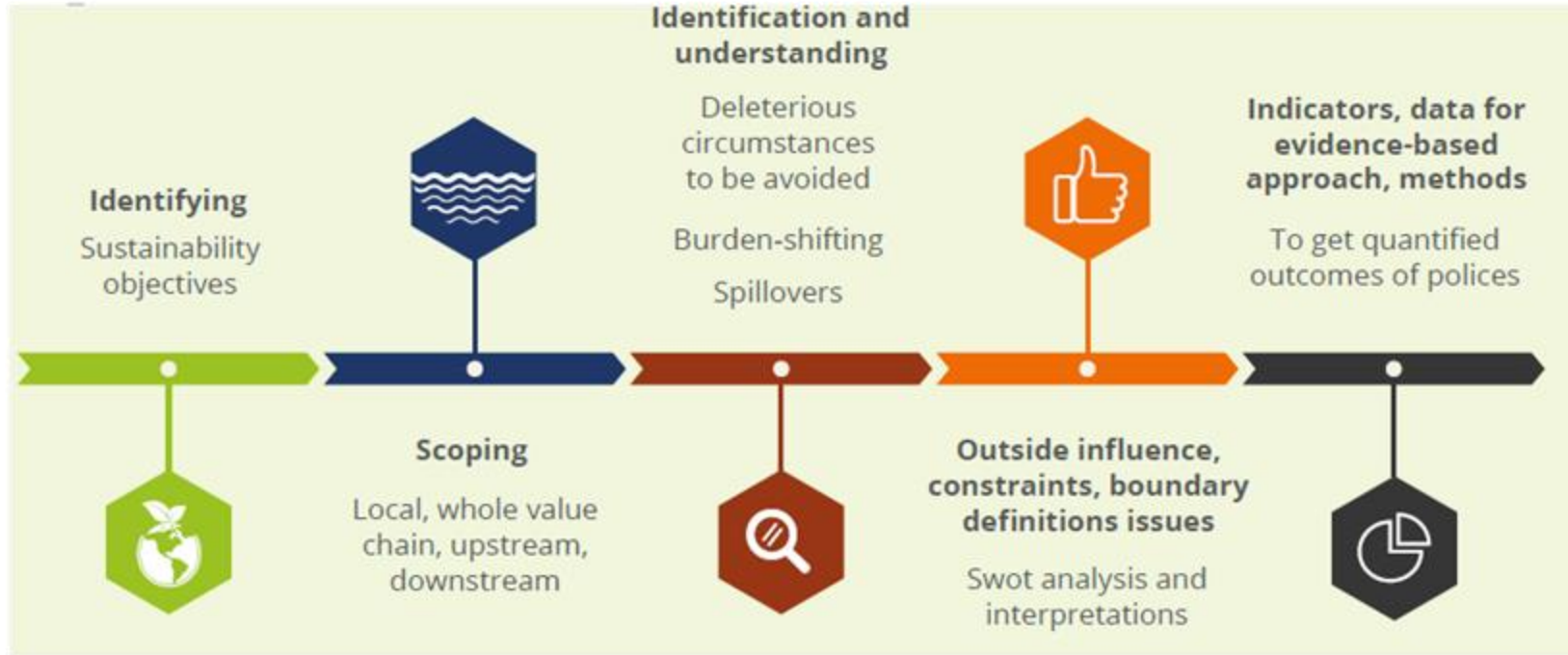
- to be just a claim;
- to make the life of those who should apply it harder.



Life cycle into policies



Designing sustainable policies



Policy instrument: a tool to master



*“identify what you can do, and do your best
to do it”*

Thank you!



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