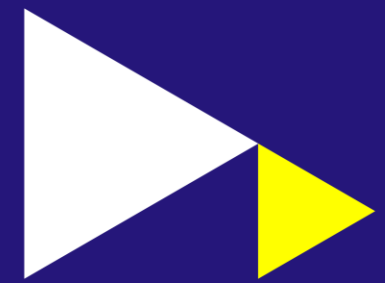
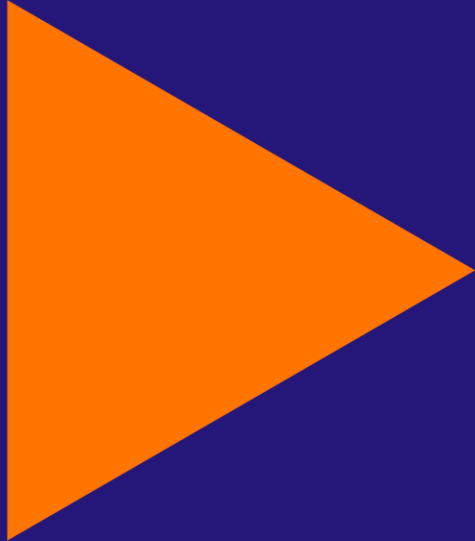


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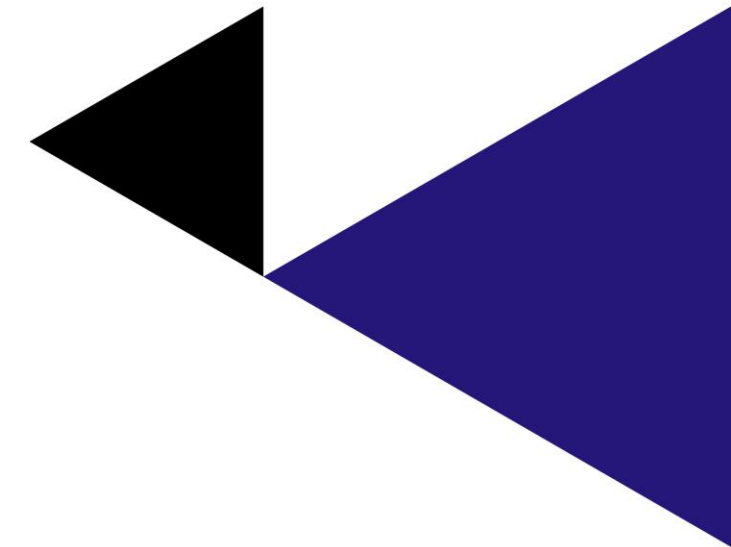
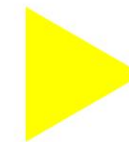
Area Based Collective Entrepreneurship in Cities

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What is ABCE?

"A geographically delimited, networked community of entrepreneurs and other stakeholders that jointly enact their business environment to pursue economic goals as well as social and/or environmental goals."

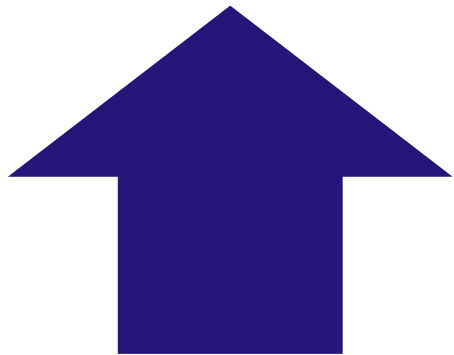


Urban commons

Self-organized collectives can often manage resources more effectively and efficiently than either **state** or **market** can

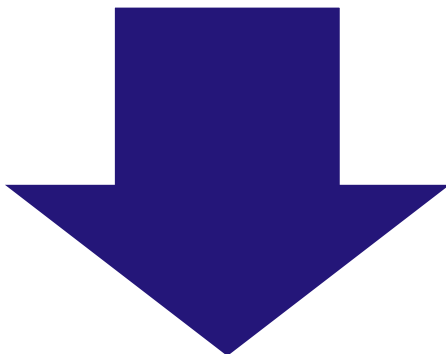


ABCiEs and local governments



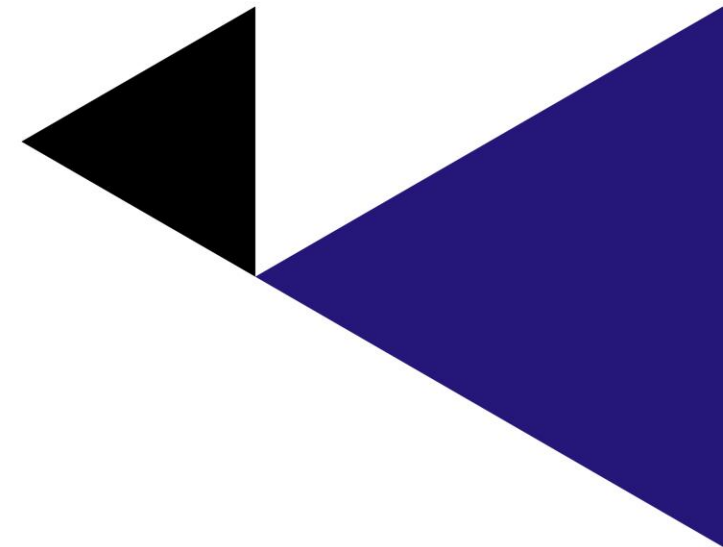
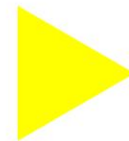
Interdependency

- ABCiEs need local governments
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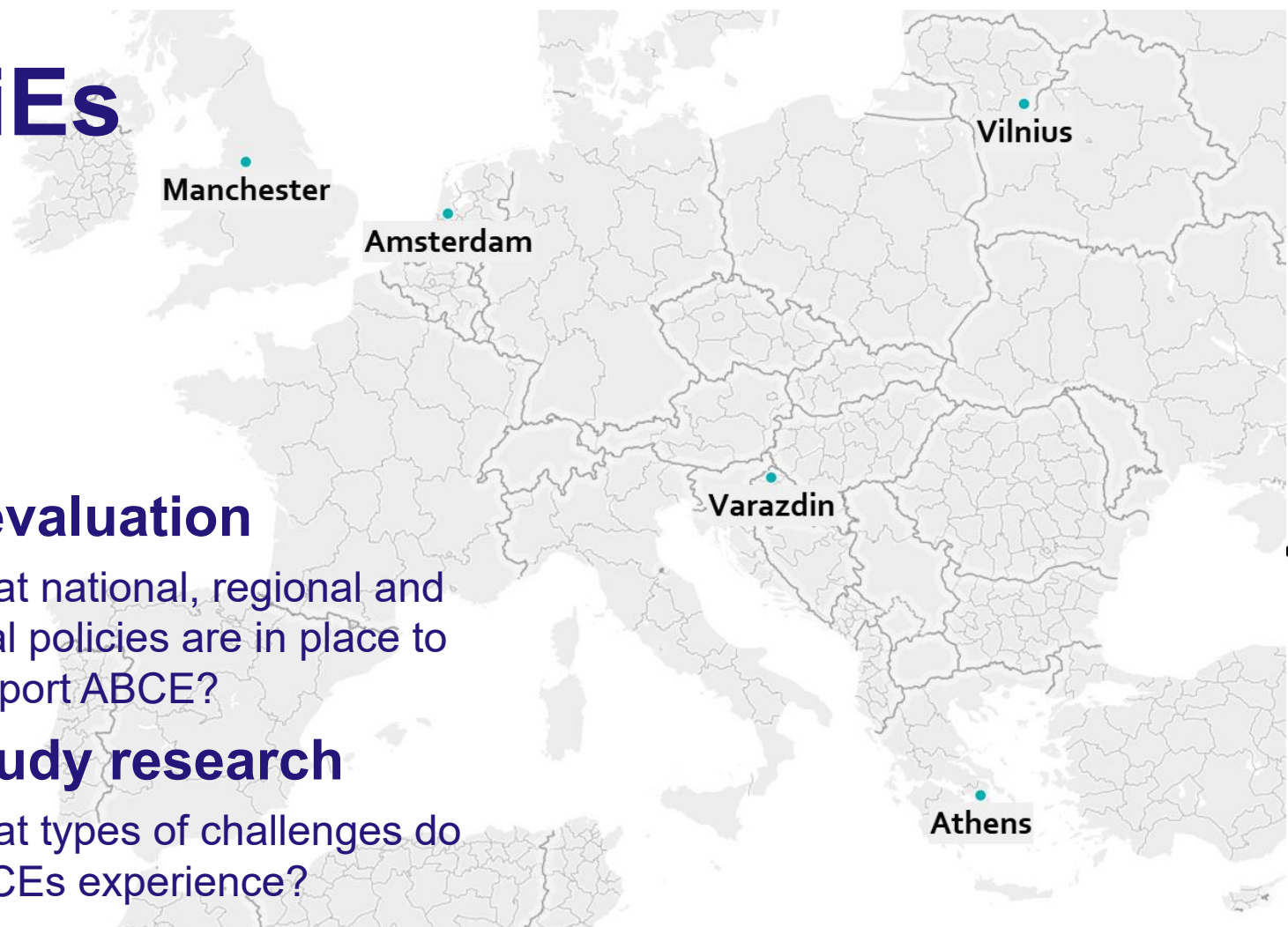


Frustration

- Local governments feel like they are waiting for ABCiEs to act
- ABCiEs feel like regulation works against them



ABCitiEs

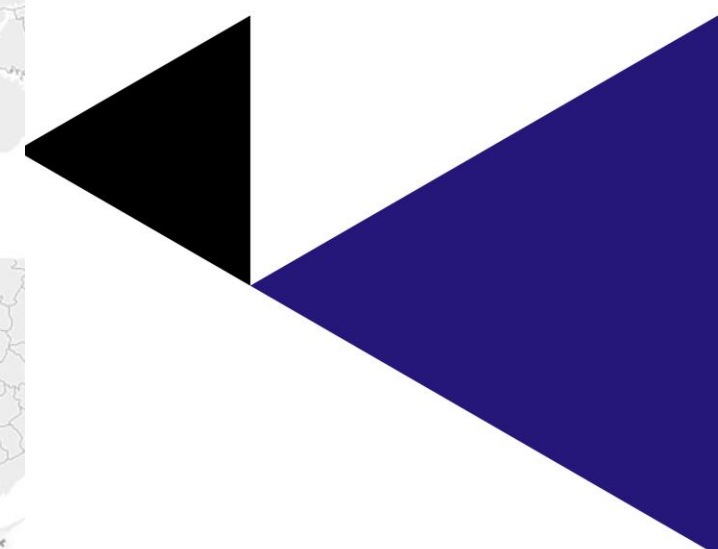


- **Policy evaluation**

- What national, regional and local policies are in place to support ABCE?

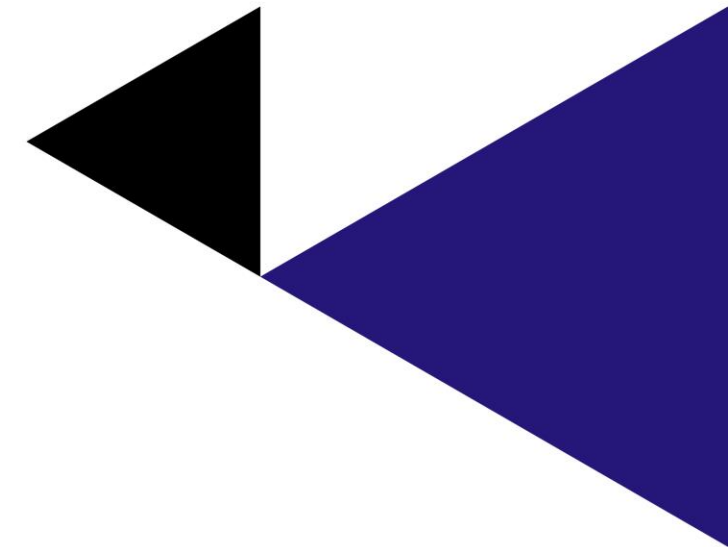
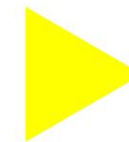
- **Case study research**

- What types of challenges do ABCEs experience?



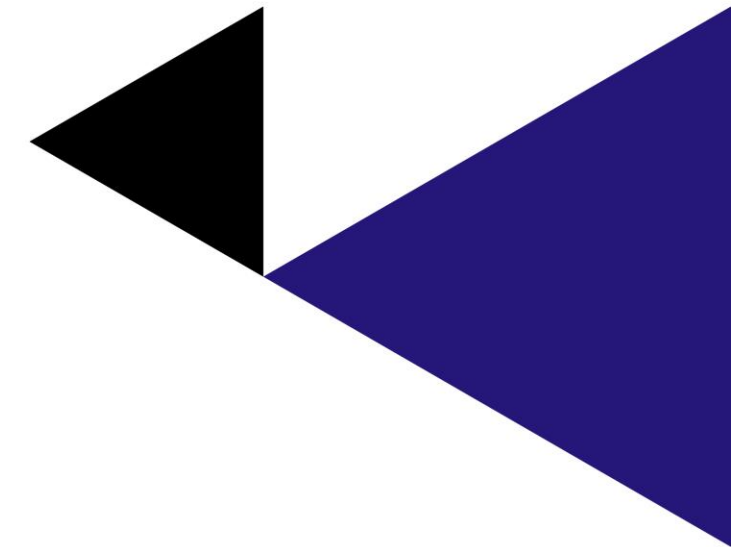
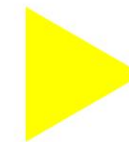
Obstacles

- **Within the community**
 - Trust
 - Competences
 - Capacity
- **Systemic**
 - Incompatibility with systemic logic
 - Power imbalance
 - Lack of formal control and ownership
 - Enclosure of the commons



Policy measures

- **Support and intermediaries**
- **Access to funding**
- **Monitoring**
- **Experimental learning environment**



Creating action plans

Obstacle		Policy measure			
Within the community	Systemic	Support and intermediaries	Access to funding	Monitoring	Experimental learning environment
Trust		Community building and conflict mediation		Monitoring and communication	Analysis and reflection
Competences		Training and coaching			
Capacity		Support with organizational power	BID, start-up funding and structural independent funding		
	Incompatibility with systemic logic	Connecting intermediaries	New financial models (multiple value creation)		
	Power imbalance		Structural independent funding		
	Lack of formal control and ownership		New financial models (multiple value creation)	Monitoring and communication	
	Enclosure of the commons				

Cases in Amsterdam

1. **Capacity building and funding:
BID and start-up funds**
2. **Intermediaries: Energy poverty
SME**
3. **Experimental learning
environment: Conversations
with alderman and mayor**

