

Transforming Utrecht University: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals

A proposal for adding a transformative reflexive layer to the Utrecht university sustainability strategy

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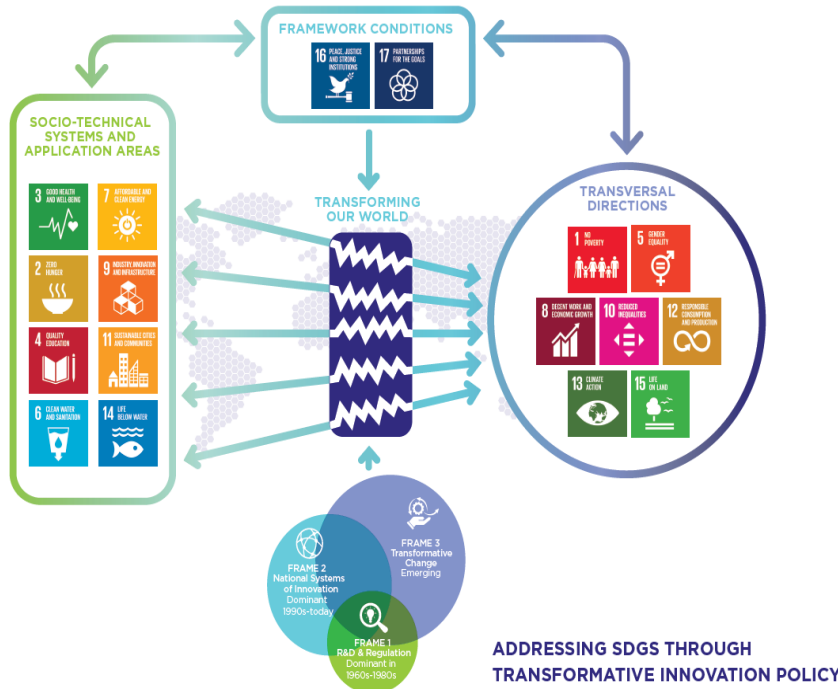
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Our idea is to apply an analytical strategy to identify knowledge capabilities to implement the 2030 Agenda at Utrecht University. We think this could help to support the implementation strategy of SDGs at Utrecht university.

It is a mapping tool. It is generating an overview of research & knowledge communities working on this research related to the SDGs. The mapping tool is an input in a reflection process (with interviews & meetings). The tool should not be used for evaluation, but for reflection & generating strategic opportunities (making the best use of existing knowledge structures)

We put the process of transformation in the middle and use it as a lens to analyse interactions among SDGs, so we do not focus just on individual SDGs.

Our mapping research is based on a (deep) transition framework that argues that we have three types of SDGs when looking through a transformation lens (See figure): 1) ones covering systems or application areas that need to be transformed (such as energy, mobility, healthcare, food); 2) ones that cover transformative directionality (such as reduction of poverty, climate change action etc) and 3) ones that cover governance conditions for transformation.

Our research aims at identifying knowledge communities within the UU research systems & providing the SDG map (how this research relates to 17 SDGs using the distinction between three types of SDGs (system, directionality & governance types))

