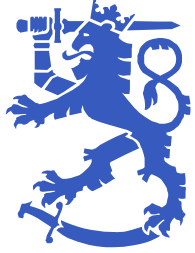




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# Welcome!

**Centre on Well-being, Inclusion, Sustainability and  
Equal Opportunity (WISE), Carrie Exton, director**

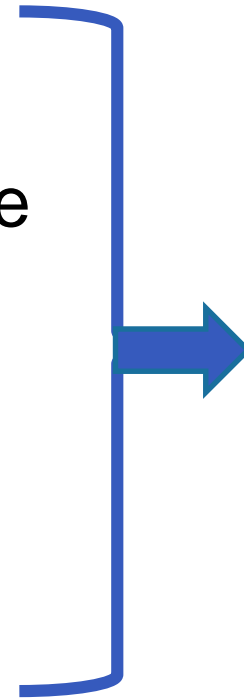


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# **Government of Finland's cross-ministerial sustainability thinking process**

# Collective understanding for the government

- **Economy of Wellbeing**
- Anticipatory innovation governance
- Green transition
- Planetary health and wellbeing
- Sustainability transformation



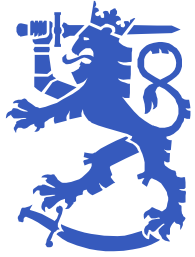
Sustainability  
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# Three roundtable discussions, Spring 2023

- What are the key challenges for integrated sustainability implementation?
  - Experts from nearly all ministries, including chief secretaries
- Where are the major knowledge gaps – what science has to offer?
  - Government experts and science representatives
- How to synthesize the outputs to the chief secretaries' committee
  - Core team (1 person/ministry) of sustainability thinking

# Our messages for government programme

1. Government programme to have **only few key goals**, potentially shared **mission for sustainability**
2. Key activities of the government to include **sustainability assessment and monitoring**
3. Strengthening of **capacities (expertise and resources)** on sustainability and impact assessment
4. Defining and strengthening the **knowledge base for social sustainability** to ensure balanced sustainability assessments
5. **Good governance and performance management** to support sustainability thinking



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# Government programme and sustainability

# Government programme headings

1. Sustainable public finances
2. A sustainable and well-functioning welfare society
3. Municipalities, cities and regional state administration
4. Wellbeing through work
5. A nation of knowledge and competence
6. A formula for growth
7. Finland and clean energy
8. Foreign and security policy in a new era
9. European Union: towards strategic competitiveness
10. A safe, secure and resilient state governed by the rule of law
11. Get Finland Moving programme
12. Government management and communications



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# Societal sustainability assessment





**We are living historically  
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global ecological crisis**

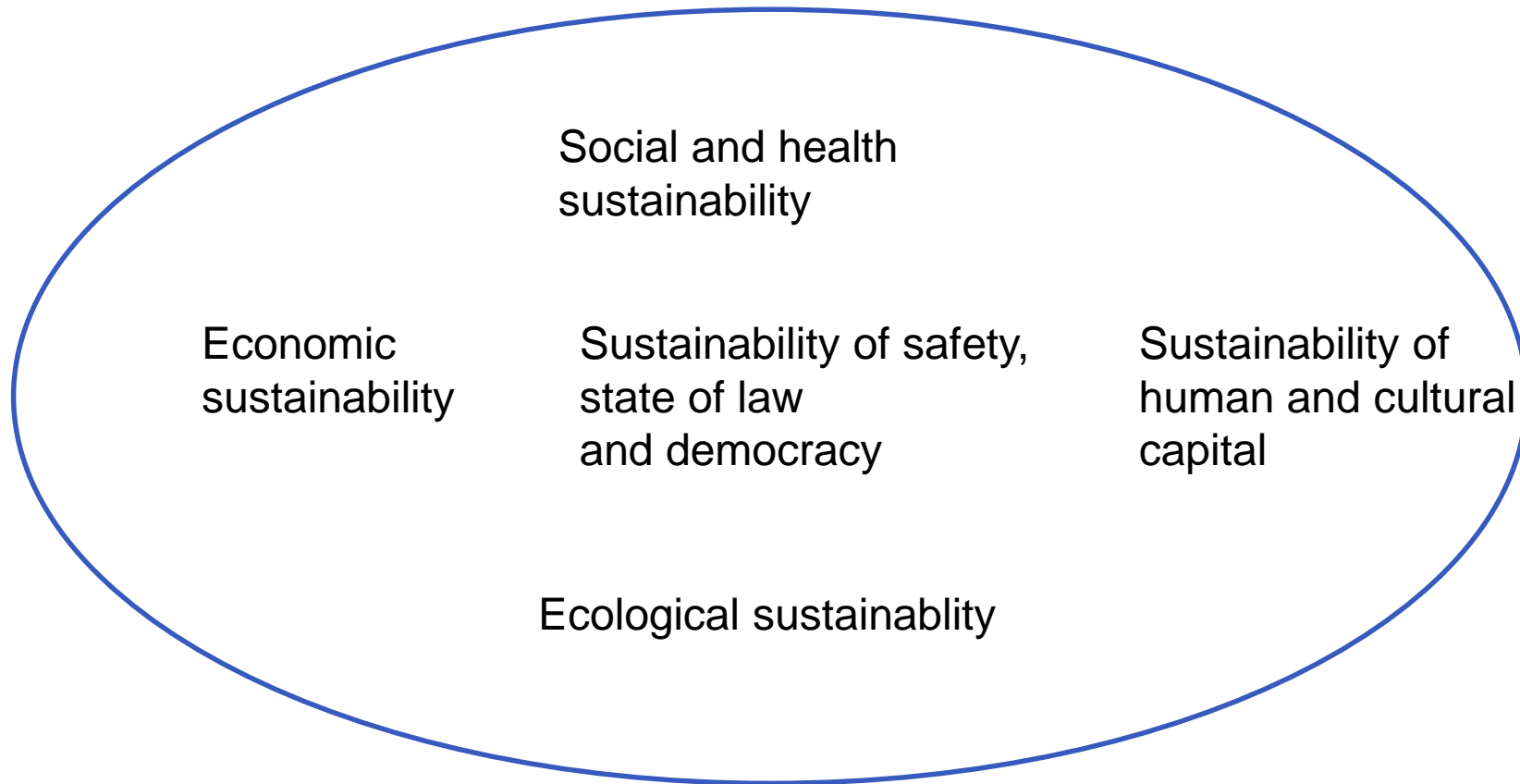
- Human activities are connected to all systems of the planet. Due to this, disturbances in earth systems lead to major direct and indirect crises in human societies, socially and individually.
- To manage this, public and private resources need to be targeted more cost-effectively on investments which strengthen the holistic sustainability of our society.
- Sustainability assessment helps to identify leverage points, to push forward a system level societal transformation and to build up societal resilience.



# Societal sustainability assessment

- Produces annual review on the current state of holistic sustainability and possible developments in it, to support Government's decision making
- Produced by the Prime Minister's Office, in collaboration with other ministries. Reviewed by sustainability panel.
- Globally first governmental initiative on holistic sustainability assessment to inform budgeting

# Holistic sustainability is analysed from five dimensions



Boundaries of each sustainability dimension are derived from the constitution or other laws or official targets

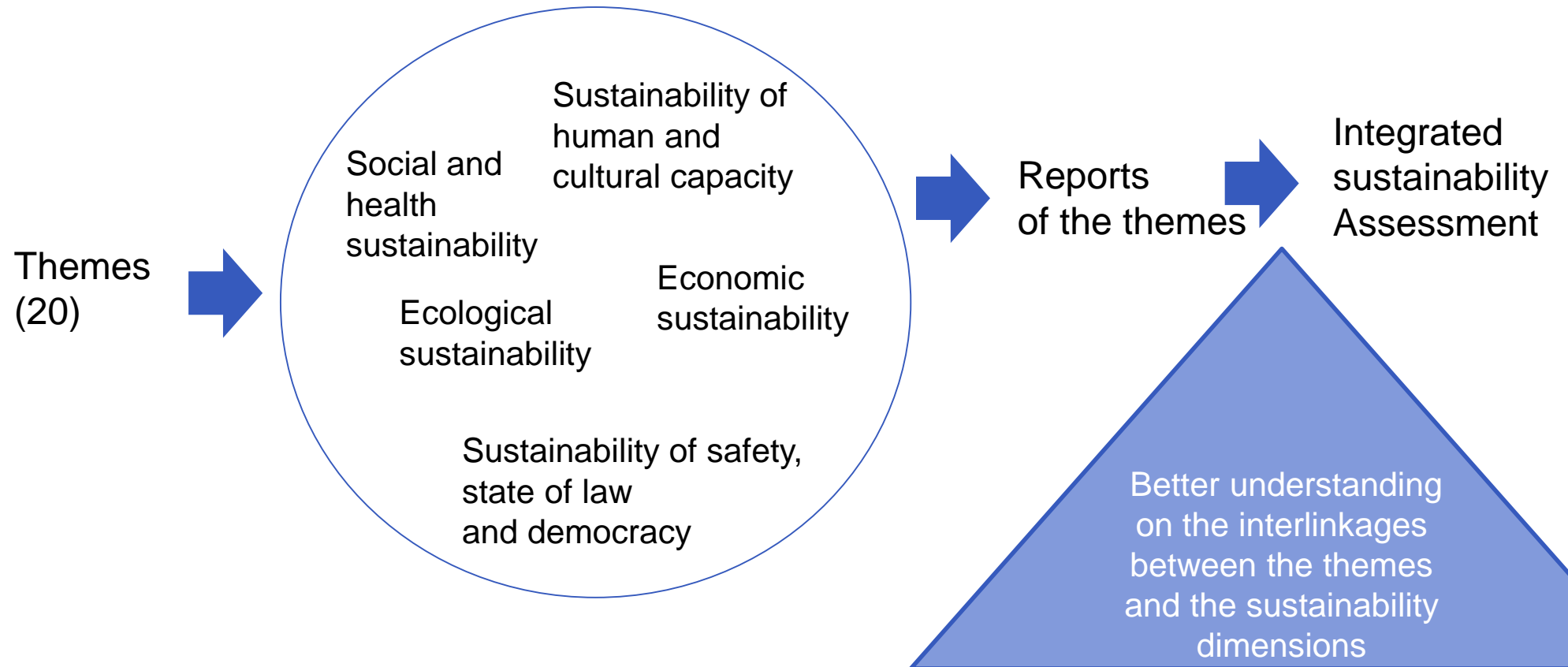
Holistic sustainability is balanced when all dimensions are in balance

# Arvioinnissa tarkastellaan konkreettisia yhteiskunnan teemoja

- Safety of Finland in broad sense (omitting security policy)
- Development of democracy
- State of law development
- Security of supply
- Way of life
- Injustice
- Wellbeing and social malaise among the youth/ coping in life
- Work ability
- Culture towards sustainability
- Richness and accessibility of culture
- Future oriented education
- Public economy
- Transformative RDI ecosystem
- Dynamics and renewability of economic structures
- Jobs for high productivity
- Low-carbon, biodiversity supportive industry and clean exports
- Investments towards ecologically sustainable society
- Ecosystem services
- Ecologically sustainable lifestyles and investments
- Consumption and production based biodiversity and climate impacts beyond Finnish borders

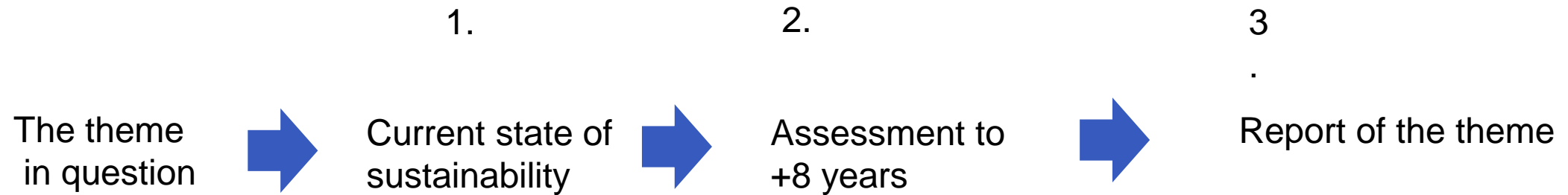
Themes were selected from their scale, budget link, expected urgency and present role in strategic documents

**In the sustainability assessment, each theme will be analysed through 2-3 focus areas to elucidate the challenging points and their state of sustainability**





# Current state and potential developments up to 8 years forward to be analysed for each theme



..... Using five dimensions of sustainability .....

# End result: synthesis of the holistic sustainability (all dimensions)



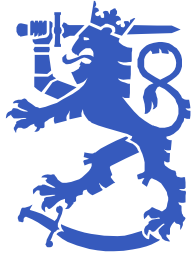
- Current situation picture and 8 years from now
- Assessment of each dimension and each theme
- Assessment of interlinkages (themes, sustainabilities)
- Overall synthesis





# Comments from

- Sustainability Science Panel
- Youth Group on Agenda2030



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# Time schedule

- Limited, 5 themes and current state analysis, October 2023
- Broad, 20 themes, including +8 year analysis, December, 2023

# Thank you!

## Our team at PMO/STRO

- Ossi Piironen (democracy, state, justice, safety)
- Susanna Perko (climate change, circular economy)
- Kimmo Hyrsky (business, economy, innovations)
- Saara Tamminen (measuring economy, sustainability)
- Ilpo Airio (work ability, wellbeing, poverty)
- Eeva Furman (coordination, ecosystem services)
- Jouni Varanka and Taina Kulmala (lead)