

# Enlightened trust

An examination of trust and distrust in governance –  
conditions, effects and remedies

(EnTrust)

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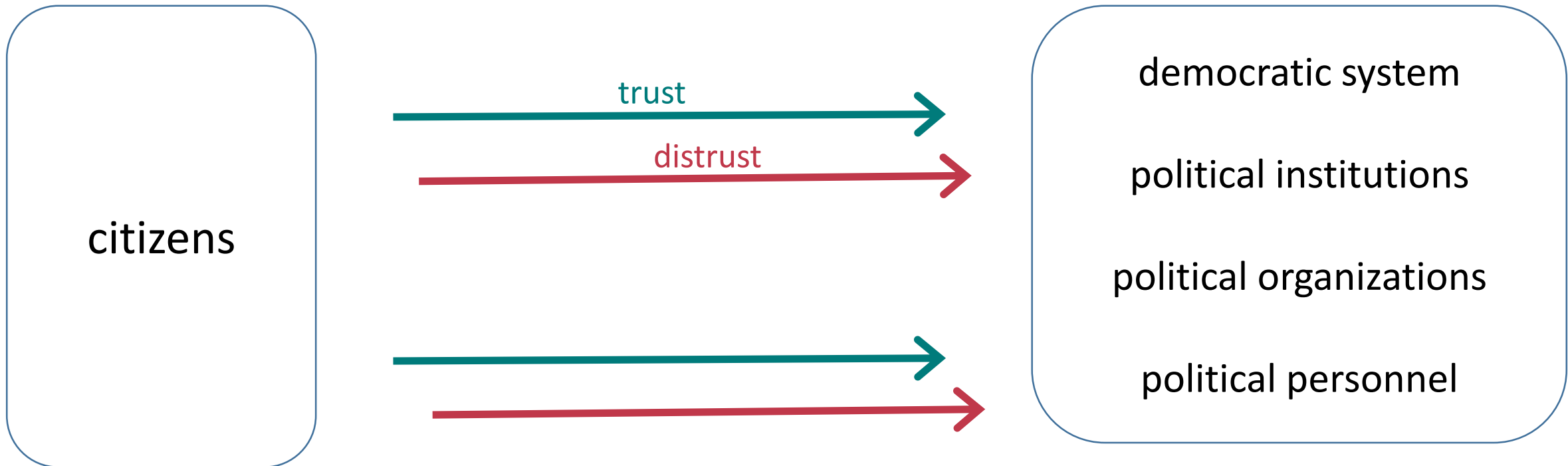
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## Trust in governance (the Horizon2020 call)

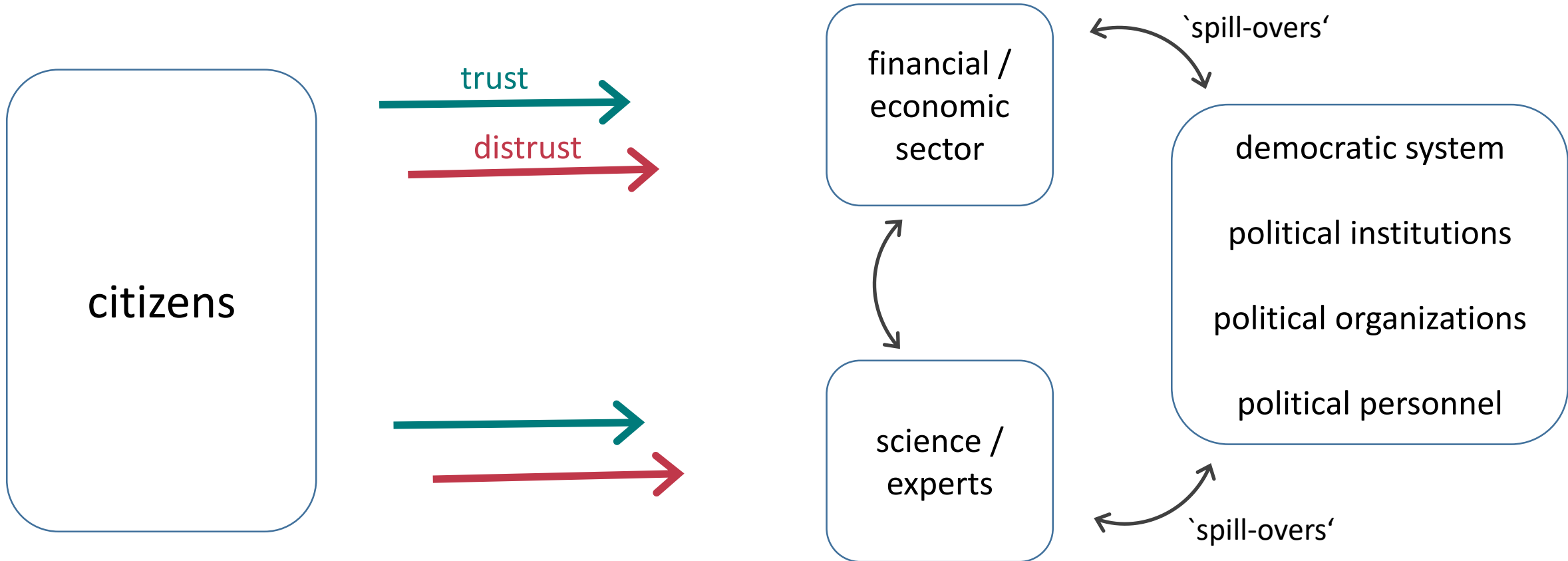
a critical societal challenge: erosion of trust in a context of multiple crises

- growing dissatisfaction, political unrest and polarization
- increasing uncertainty, disinformation and mistrust in the public sphere
- affecting: national and European governance, markets, expertise and science, mass media

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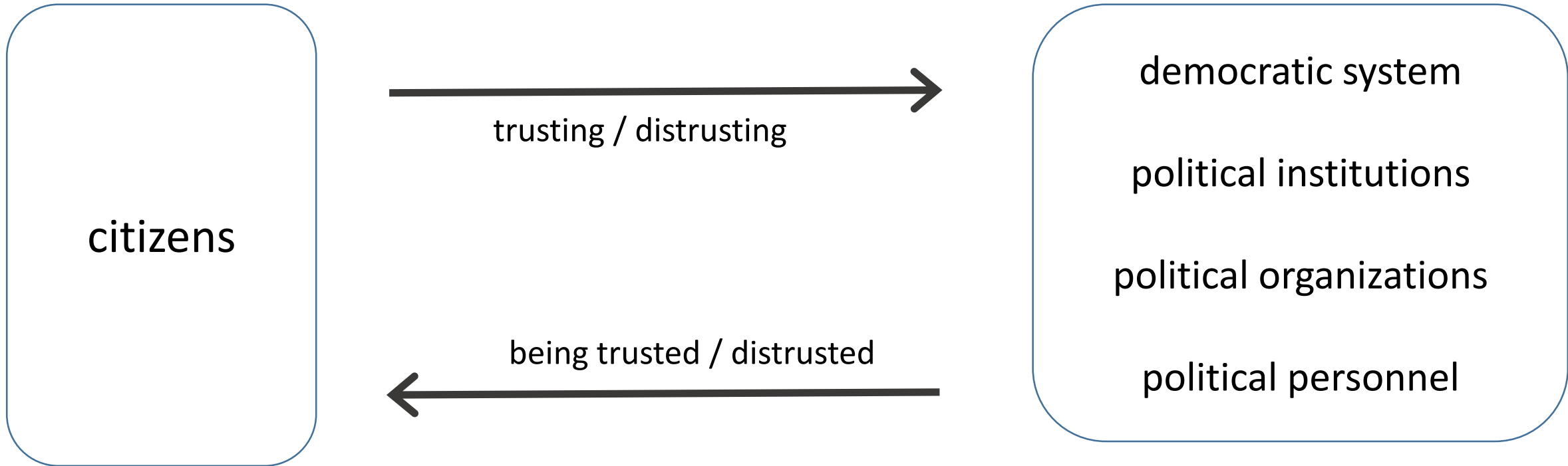
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# The focus: dis/trust as reciprocal relation!

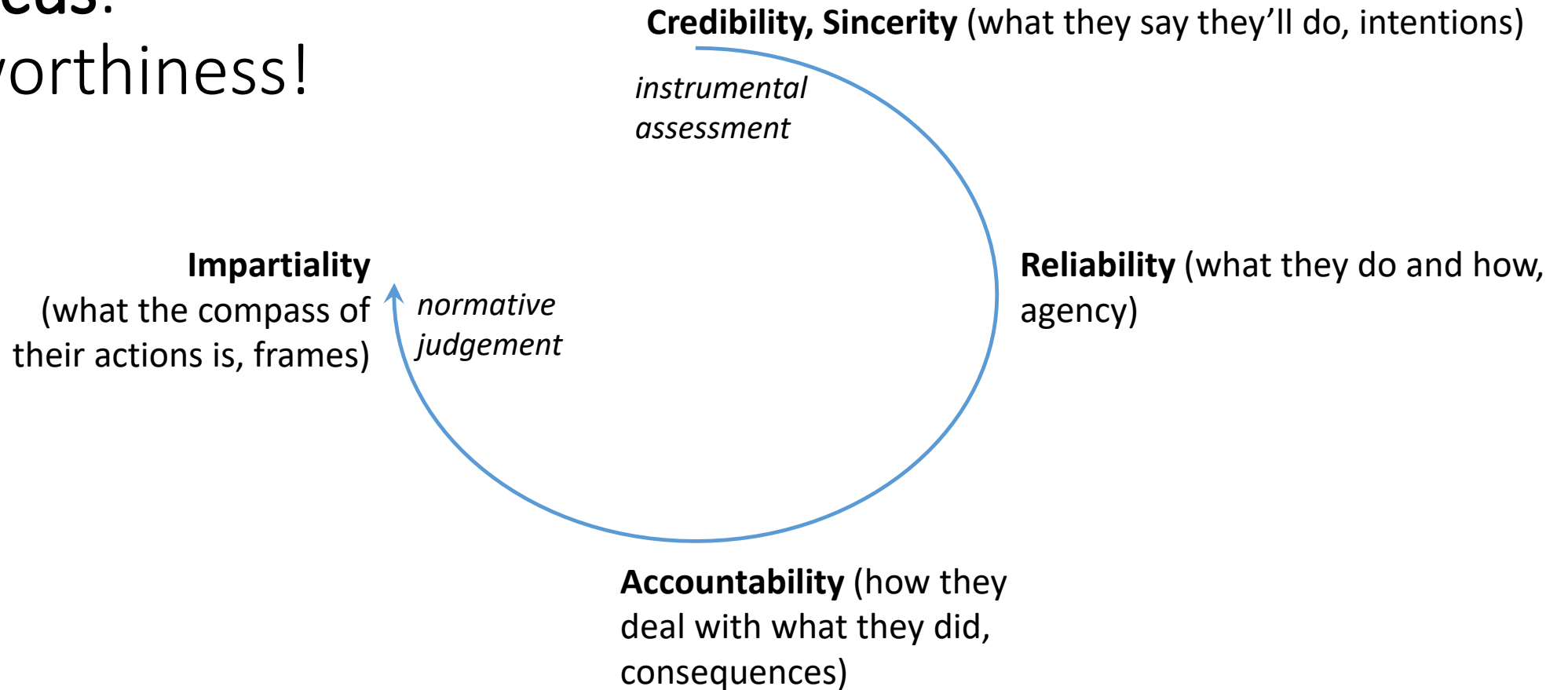


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develop an understanding of country specific solutions

## Understanding trust / distrust: the tasks

- mapping and comparing levels and forms of trust and distrust in countries
- analysing dis/trust formation in different arenas: street level encounters, political contentions, public discourses
- identifying causes, correlates and consequences
- portraying scenarios, critical junctures
- proposing models of enlightened trust

# Aims

## Evidence

*(mapping,  
explaining)*

- Develop a theoretical framework and systematic data
- Analyse dis/trust formation in different arenas: street level, organisational fields, public spheres
- Compare seven countries (Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland and Serbia)

## Agency

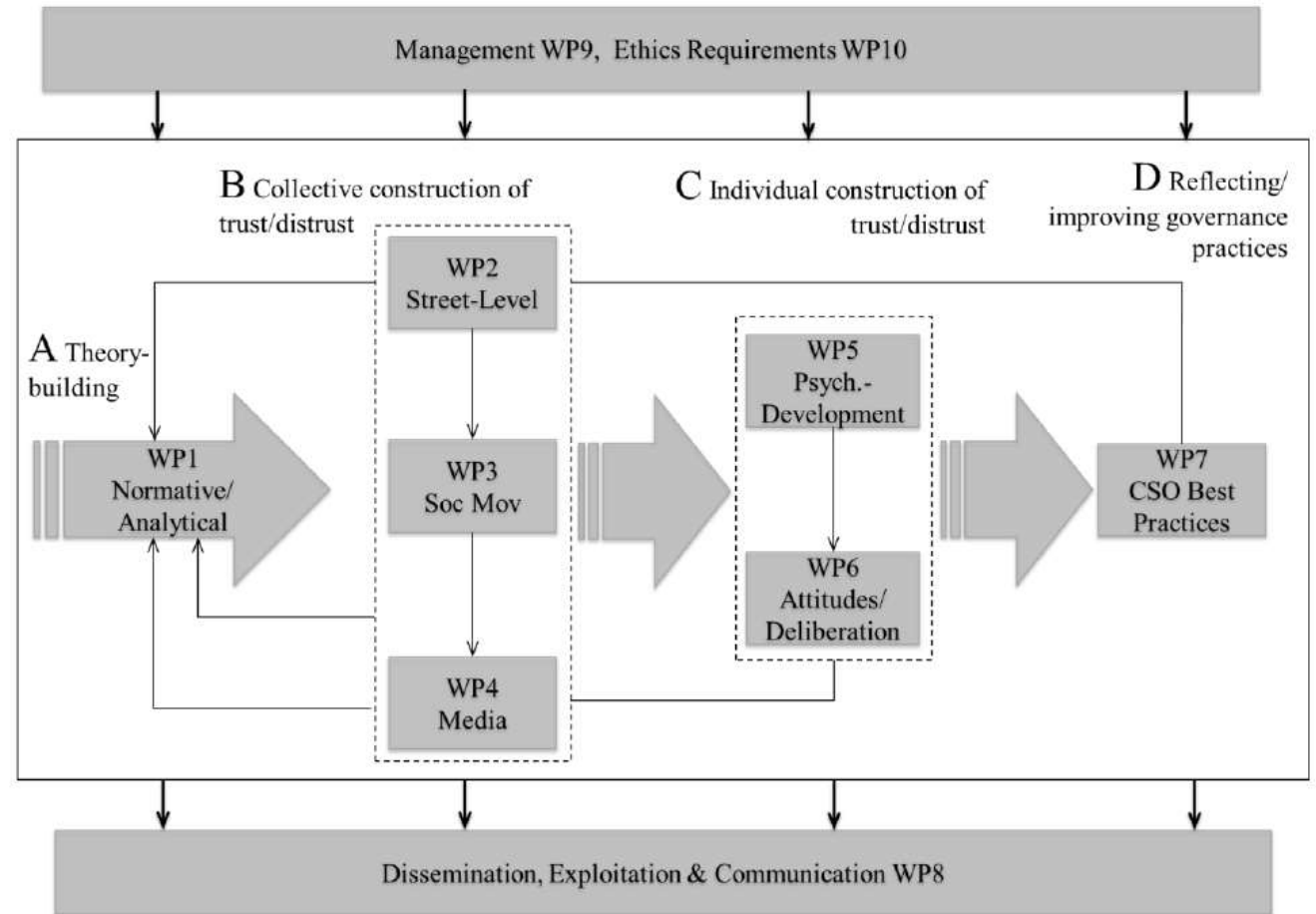
*(impact/  
dissemination)*

- Identify good practices, develop role models and policy recommendations
- Engage in dissemination, communication and exploitation
- Target-specific dialogue: policy and stakeholders, civil society, scientific community and general public

# The work-plan:

work-packages

- analytic
- empirical
- prescriptive



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