

*Transdisciplinary Case Study of Southern Transylvania*  
**FROM VISIONS TO REALIZATIONS –  
KEEPING THE PAST ALIVE WHILE ENABLING THE FUTURE**

Designing a transdisciplinary research project

**SESSION 2**



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# AGENDA

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1. Group presentations
2. Case Study Reflection
  - 2.1. Individually
  - 2.2. Within the groups
  - 2.3. On the fictitious TD projects
3. What actually happened: Leverage points project in Southern Transylvania
4. Feedback



# GROUP PRESENTATIONS

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**Please present** your transdisciplinary project proposals in your chosen format.

**10-15 mins presentation** + 5 mins room for questions and discussion



# CASE STUDY REFLECTION

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## ***A. Individually***

What was your role as a researcher in the development of the TD project? How did you influence and fill it? What motivated you most during the work and what demotivated you?

## ***B. Within the groups***

What are possible barriers, deficits or advantages of your research project? What went well in the group work? What could have been better?

## ***C. On the fictitious TD projects in plenary discussion***

How did the different experts and focus topics influence the projects?

How did the stakeholders influence the project?

Are there any ethical considerations that arise regarding research partnerships?

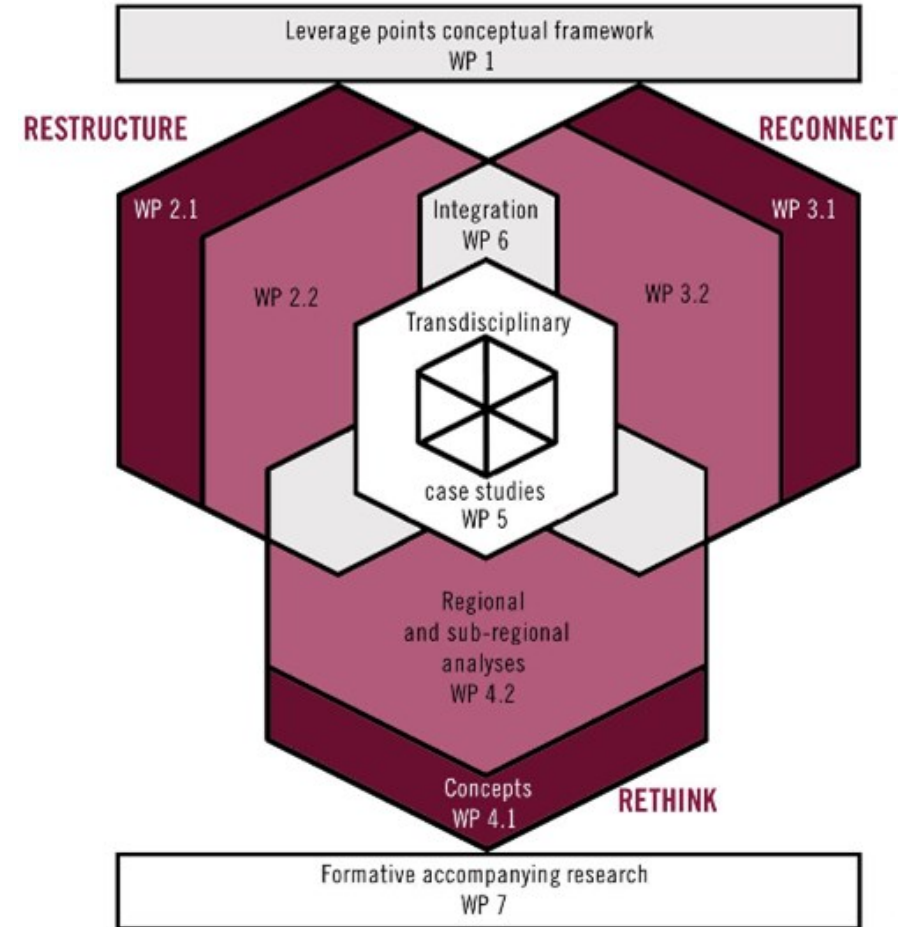
What other barriers could there be to implement the projects regarding limited resources and capacities?



# WHAT REALLY HAPPENED...

## Leverage Points for Sustainability Transformation

- Case Study Transylvania  
(Jan 2016 - March 2019)



# WHAT REALLY HAPPENED...

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Leverage Points for Sustainability Transformation

Video presentation of project by Daniel J. Lang (37 min.)



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## Balance Brings Beauty

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Urban Transformations

REVIEW

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### Scaling the impact of sustainability initiatives: a typology of amplification processes



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#### Abstract

Amplifying the impact of sustainability initiatives to foster transformations in urban and rural contexts, has received increasing attention in resilience, social innovation, and sustainability transitions research. We review the literature on amplification frameworks and propose an integrative typology of eight processes, which aim to increase the impact of such initiatives. The eight amplification processes are: stabilizing,

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