

FP 7 research projects & their link to ESDN

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CORPUS + RESPONDER

- Funded in 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development of European Commission
- Knowledge exchange between researchers & policy-makers on sustainable consumption issues ('knowledge brokerage')
- ESDN SG members as project partners & ESDN members invited for active involvement & participation in events

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- **Coming in 2011! → possibly starting date January 1, 2011**
Runs until mid-2014 (3.5 years)
- **Coordinated by RIMAS + 5 research partners + 2 policy-makers**

RIMAS (AT)

**Institute for Ecological Economy
Research (IOEW) (DE)**

**Sustainable Europe Research
Institute (SERI) (AT)**

University of Surrey (UK)

University of Barcelona (ES)

Technical University of Denmark

**Swiss Federal Office for Spatial
Development (SD Section)**

**German Federal Ministry for the
Environment, Nature
Conservation & Nuclear Safety**

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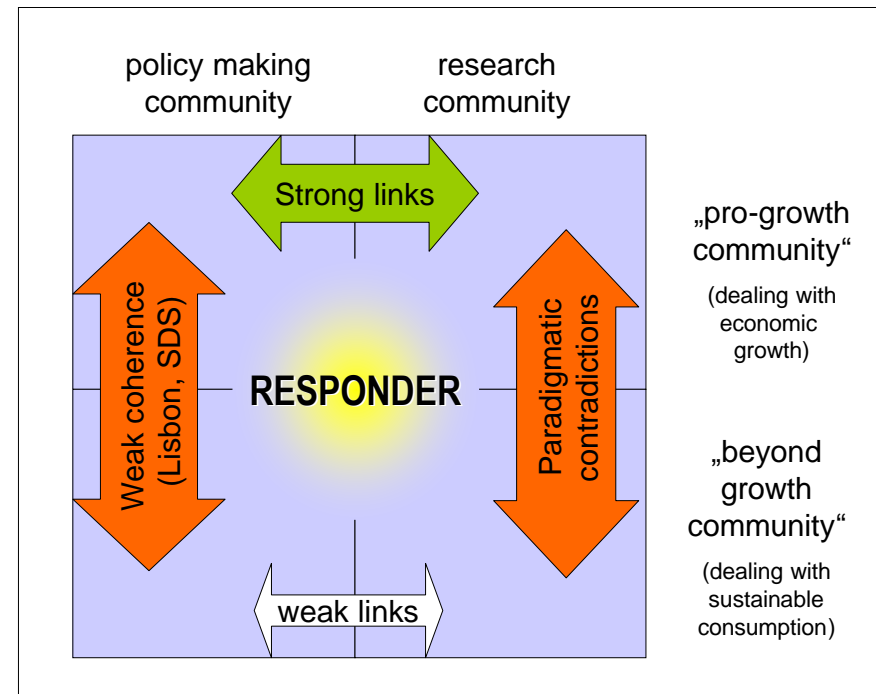
What is it all about?

- Promoting sustainable consumption by
- exploring novel ways of knowledge brokerage
- to improve the management of potential political, social and economic contradictions in the context of economic growth.

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The challenge is **linking different communities**:

- (1) **linking science** and **policy** (follow different rules and rationalities);
- (2) improving the mutual understanding of the **‘pro-growth community’** and the **‘beyond-growth community’**

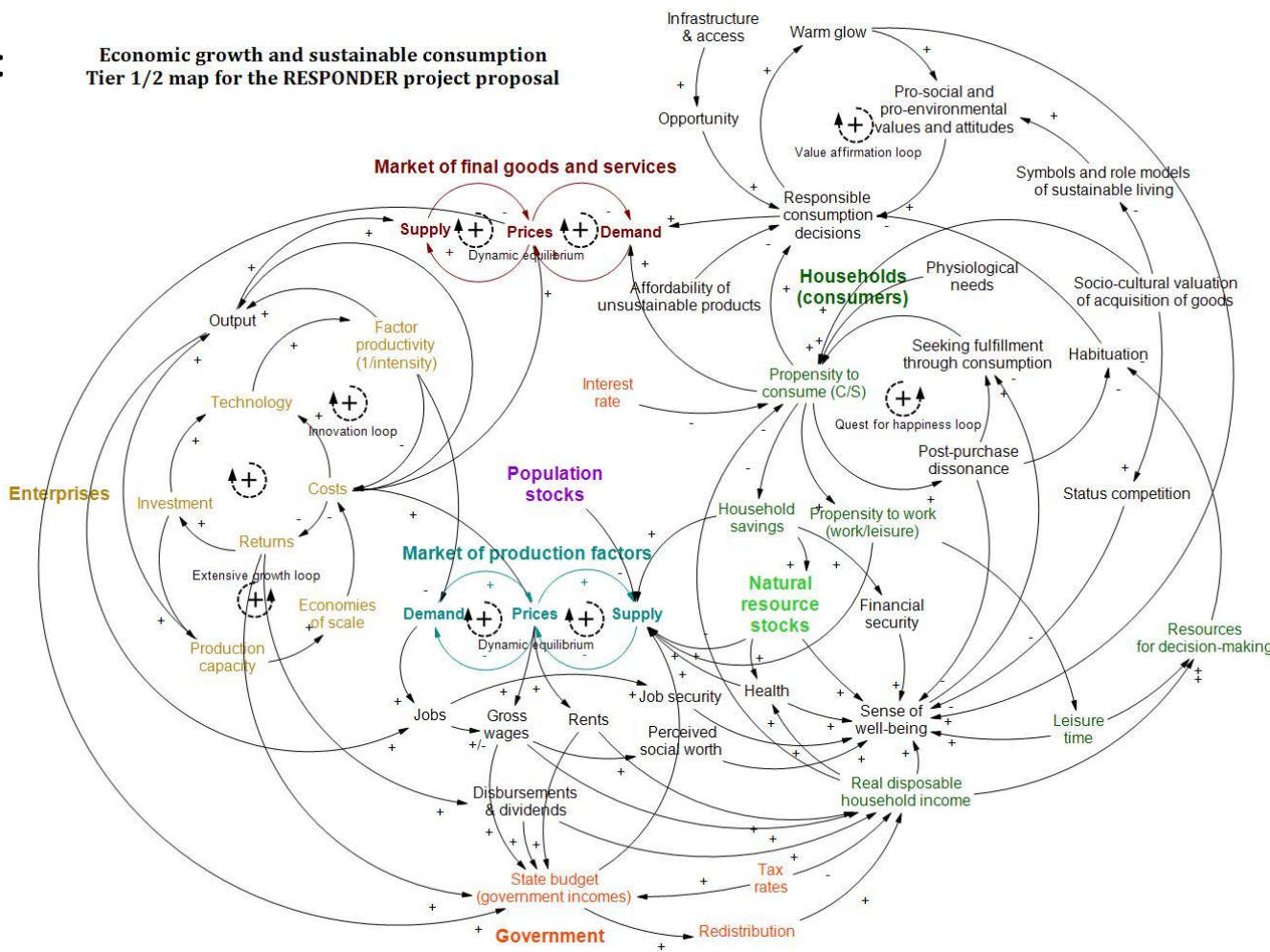


System mapping as the primary tool of knowledge brokerage in RESPONDER will:

- (a) support *mutual understanding*,
- (b) constitute the basis for *systematizing empirical findings*,
- (c) questioning *different model assumptions*,
- (d) analysing the *effects of different policy options* and
- (e) identifying *new research questions*.

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Economic growth and sustainable consumption
Tier 1/2 map for the RESPONDER project proposal



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What tools will be used?

I. Web-based information platform

II. Interaction exercises:

- 3 EU Dialogues (back-to-back with ESDN Conferences) + European Conference on Sustainable Consumption and Economic Growth
- Regional KB events in 5 policy fields (bringing in regional contexts):

Housing (Barcelona)

Energy (Copenhagen)

Financial policies (London)

Mobility (Bratislava)

Agriculture (Lisbon)

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What's in it for you?

- ✓ **Access to cutting edge research findings**
- ✓ **Involvement in innovative forms of knowledge exchange**
- ✓ **Networking with other policy-makers / researchers**
- ✓ **In-depth knowledge in 5 policy fields + regional contexts**
- ✓ **Exploring different policy options**
- ✓ **Improving evidence-based policy-making**

Thanks for your attention!

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