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Together towards a European Urban Agenda

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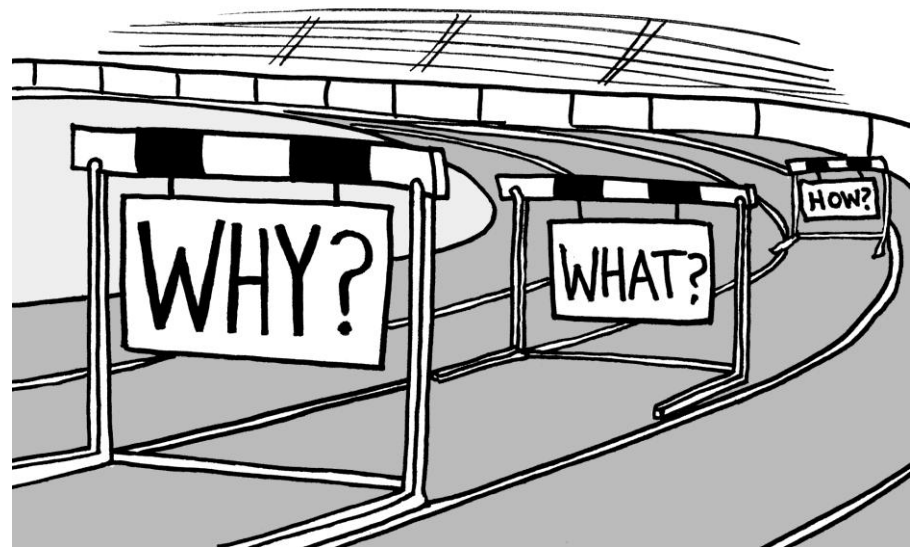
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Urban Agenda: why, what, who, how and when

1. Goals of the Urban Agenda
2. Sharing an approach
3. Selecting thematical priorities
4. Cooperation
5. Dutch presidency 2016
6. Invitation to cities





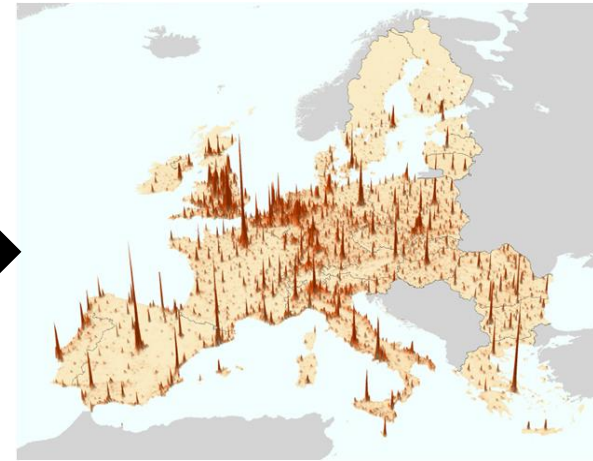
The Urban Agenda should provide new answers to urban challenges and help cities contribute to (post) EU 2020 objectives





Creating conditions for European cities to flourish

- **Better/SMART (EU) laws and regulations** →
- **Cross sectoral cooperation at EU and MS level** →
- **More involvement cities in EU/national policies** →
- **Design (new) EU Financial instruments** →
- **Knowledge exchange and research** →





Shared approach built on European legacy

- Support Cohesion ministers (Athens)
 - Agreement start Urban Agenda (Vilnius)
 - Toledo declaration
 - Cities of Tomorrow
 - Marseille declaration
 - Leipzig Charter
 - Lille action programme
 - Bristol accord
 - Urban acquis Rotterdam
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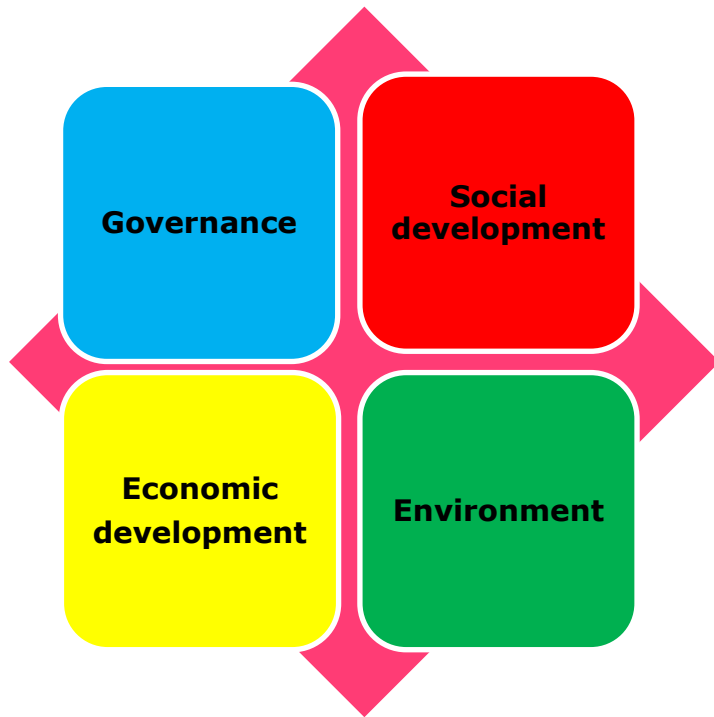


Shared approach Urban Agenda





Key principles shared approach



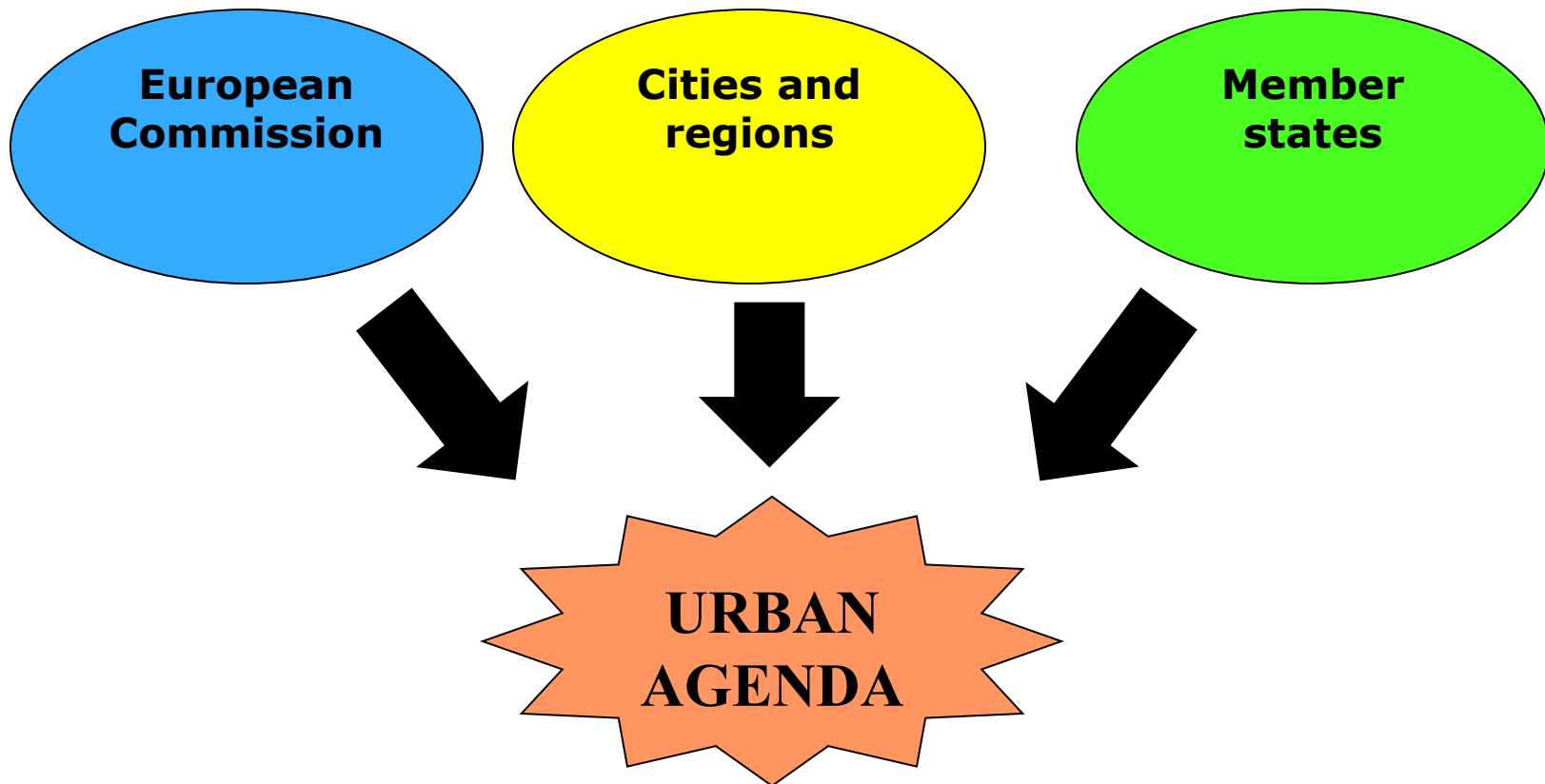
Integrated approach



Multilevel cooperation



Urban Agenda: 3 become 1





Themes suggested by member states

Urban poverty

Intra EU migration

Youth employment

Deprived urban areas

SMART cities

Affordable housing

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

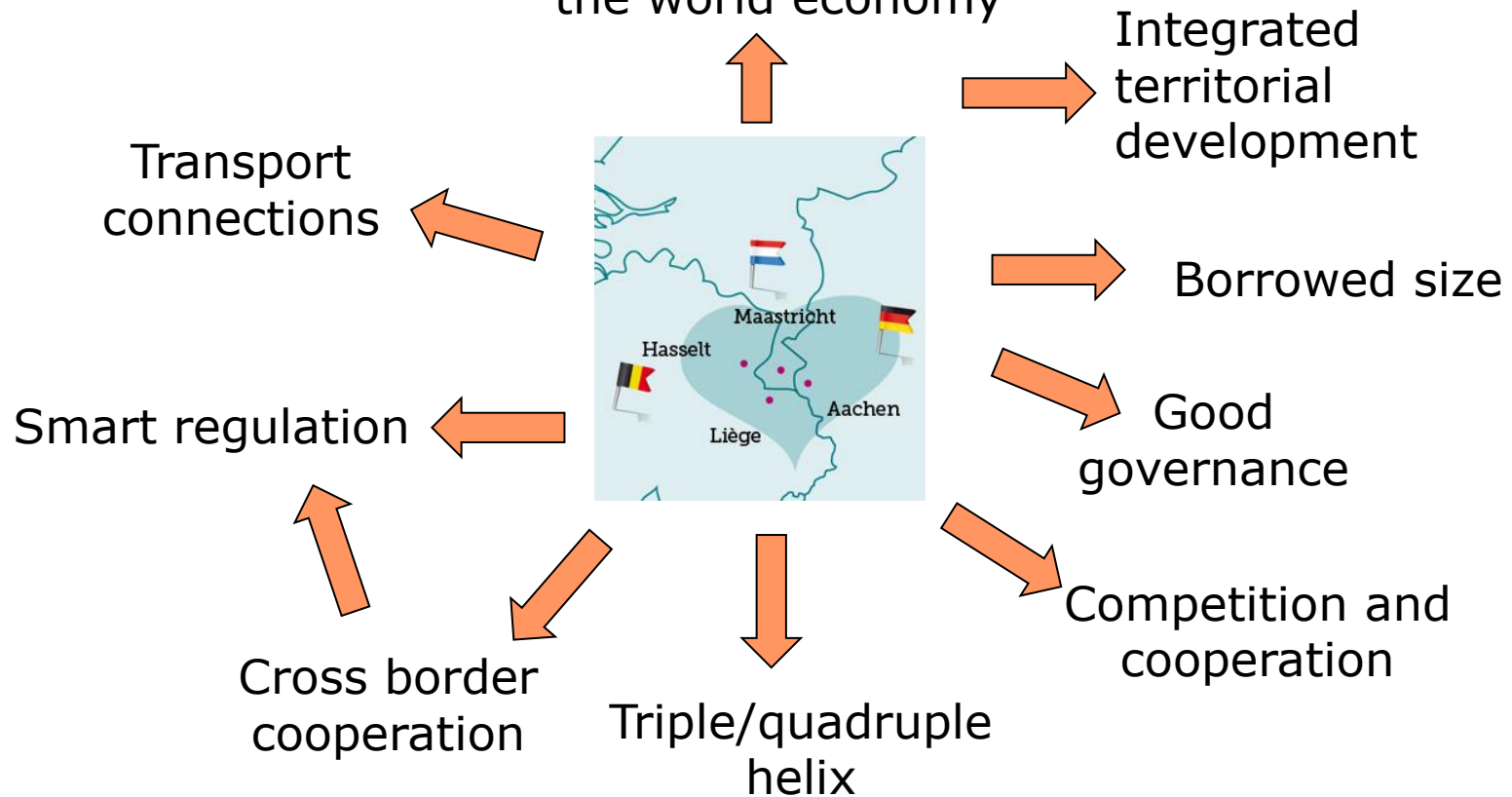
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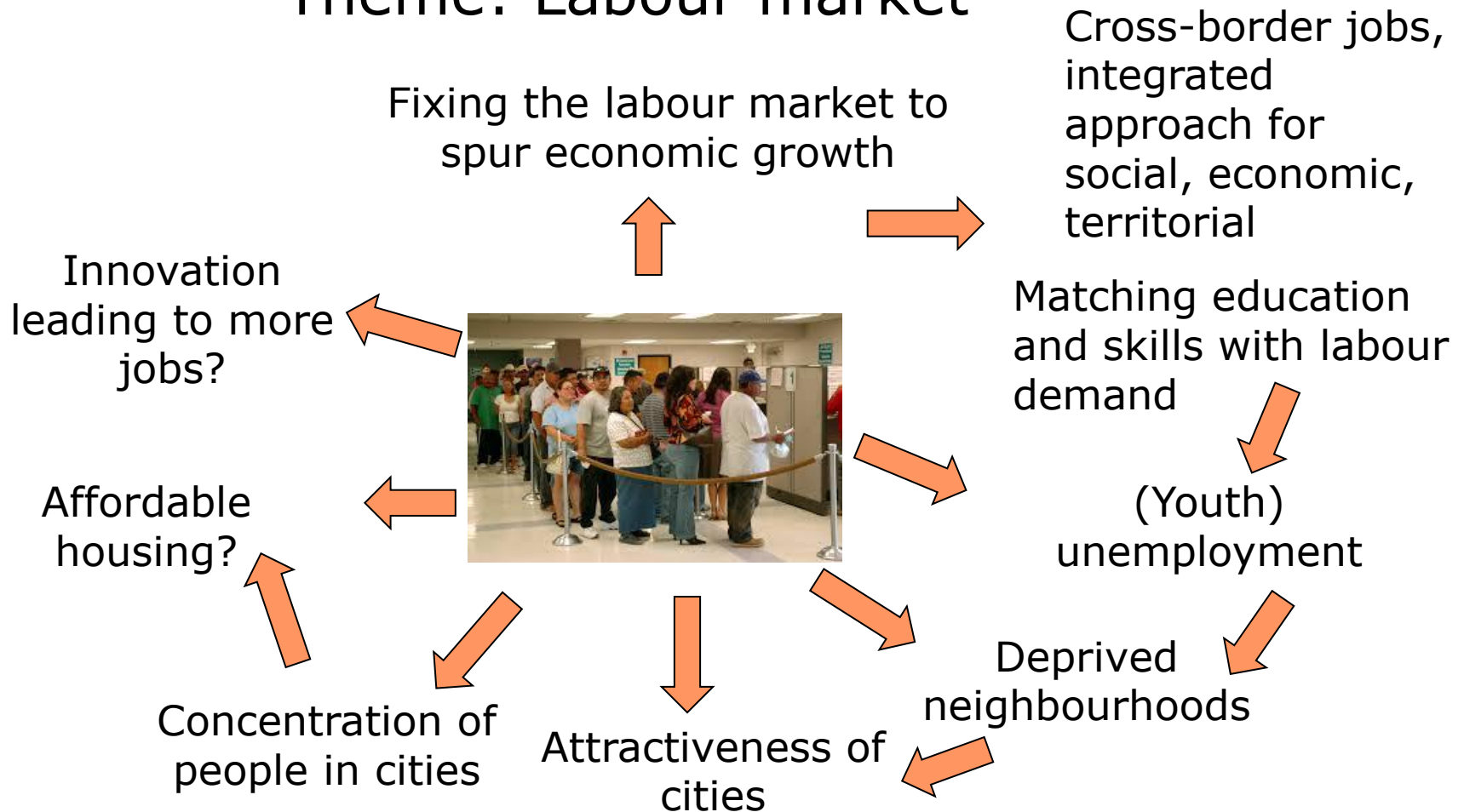
Theme: Network Cities

Europe, a network of cities in the world economy



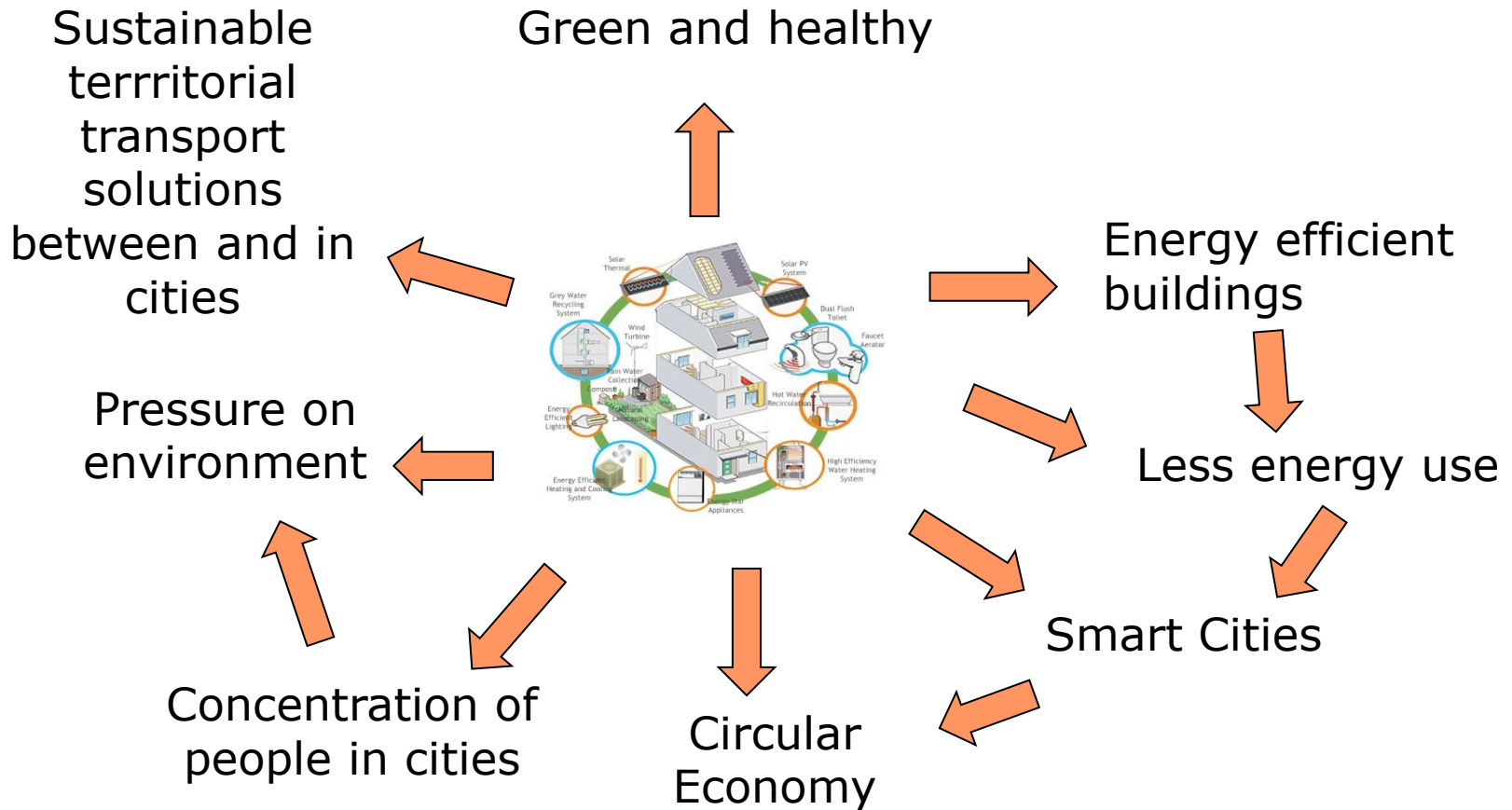


Theme: Labour market





Theme: Sustainable Cities





Territorial aspects

Facilitate cross-border cooperation in functional areas by legal provisions

Enhance competitiveness and growth in border regions by new infrastructure

Improve the living conditions of citizens





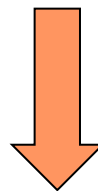
Selecting thematic focus Urban Agenda

Link political priorities
(e.g. (post) EU 2020)

Consultation EC

Themes
Member states

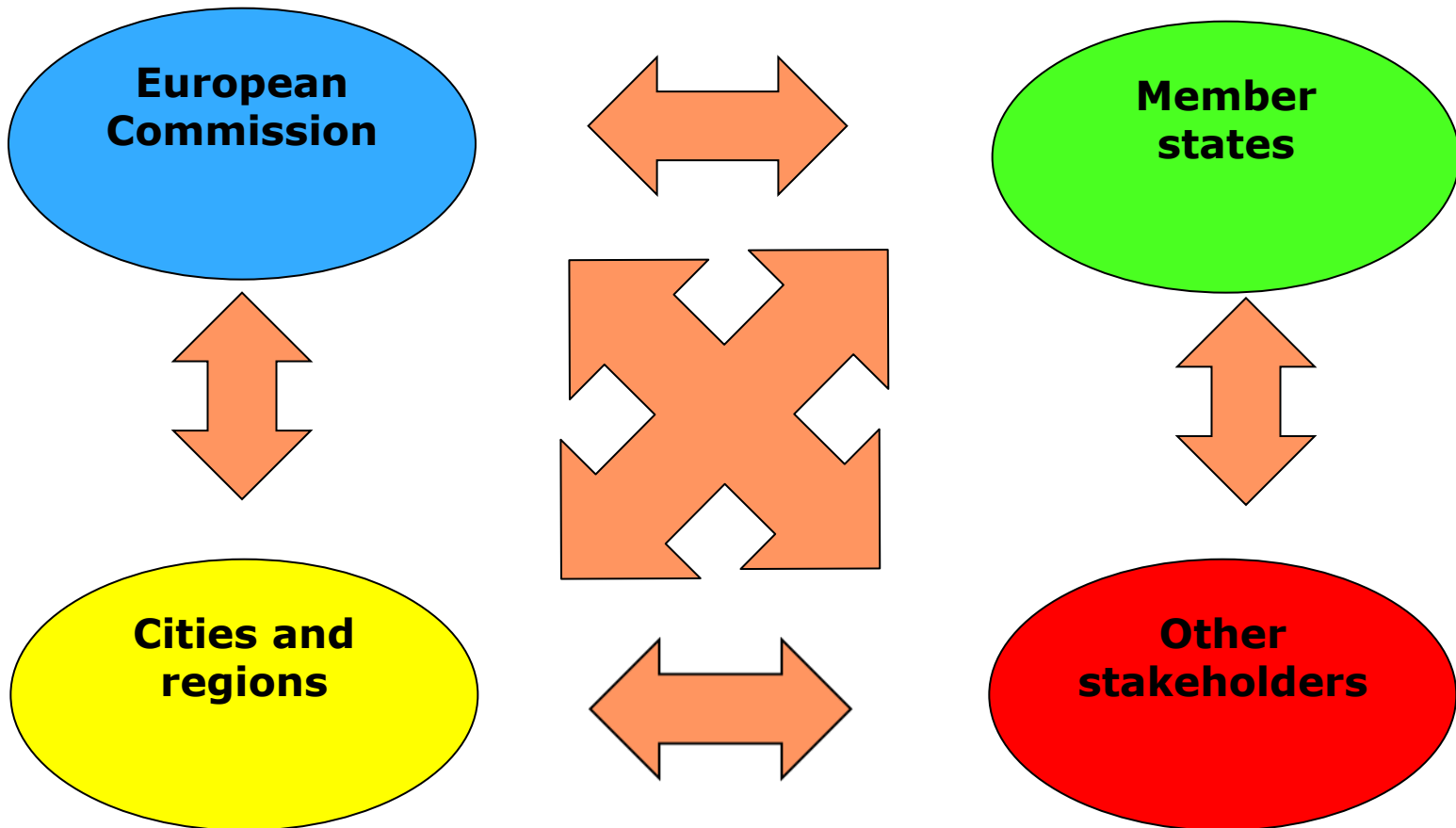
Themes
Cities



ROLLING ACTION AGENDA

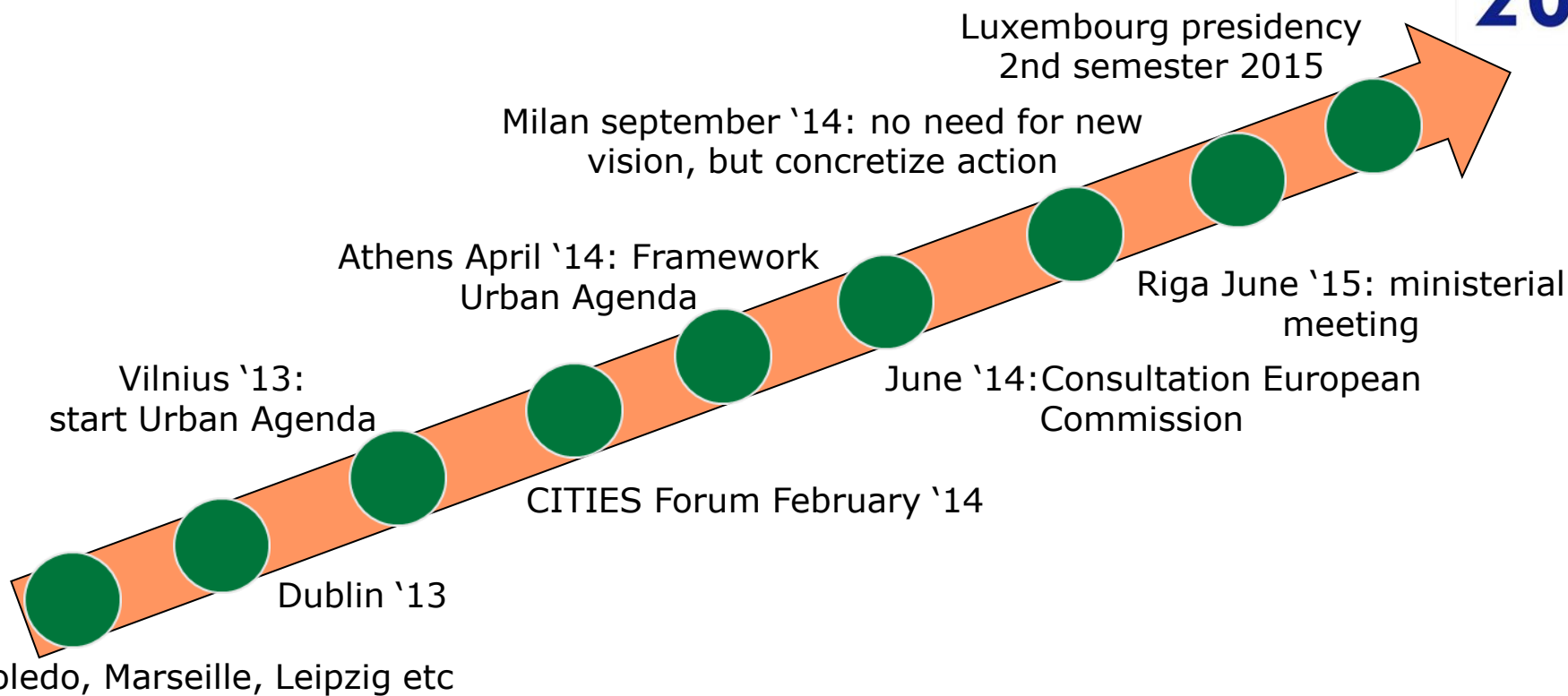


Mapping the expectations: who does what?





Working towards political commitment on the Urban Agenda in 2016





Political commitment

- Commitment EC, MS, regions and cities ...
- ... on shared approach, working method and objectives
- **During Dutch presidency 2016:**
 - Informal ministerial meeting
 - Council conclusions
 - Capital Mayors conference
 - European Summit of Cities and Regions (CoR)





Thank you for your attention!

