

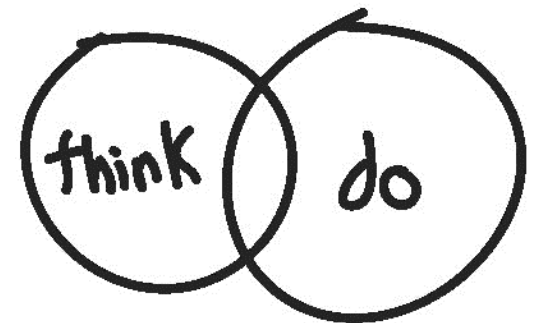


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Sustainable Communities 2011: Local Growth, Local Futures

Local Enterprise Partnerships: A blueprint for Local Growth?

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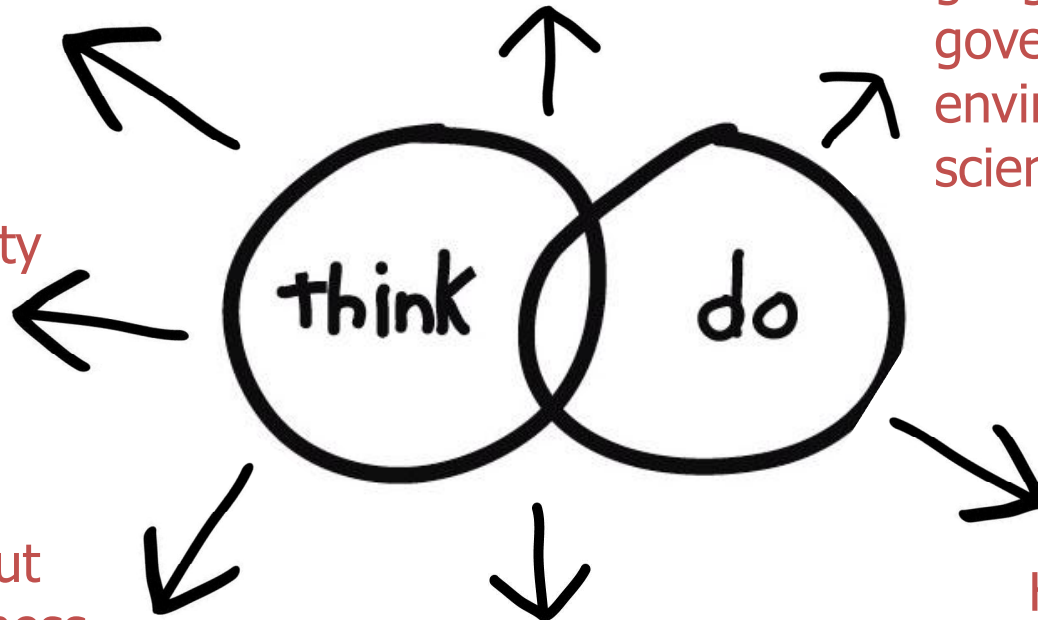
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development but
with social fairness
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The possibilities of LEPS?

- Developing long term sustainable growth
- New ways of working between public and private
 - Turbo charged Chambers of Commerce?
- Using public funds smartly
- The possibility of more local power
 - Permissive central government culture?

Prospects for LEPs

- All very different
- Issues around facilitating the transactions
- Growth is the primary focus and it's not easy
 - Capital, Skills, Creativity and innovation
- Some useful policies
- But let's be realistic about the context



Lets be realistic about LEPs?

- **FETTERED** by a turbulent and sluggish economic context
- **ILLUSIVE** nature of growth
 - Even the good times were not that great for some
- **ECONOMIC RESILIENCE?**



What LEPS should be focussing on?

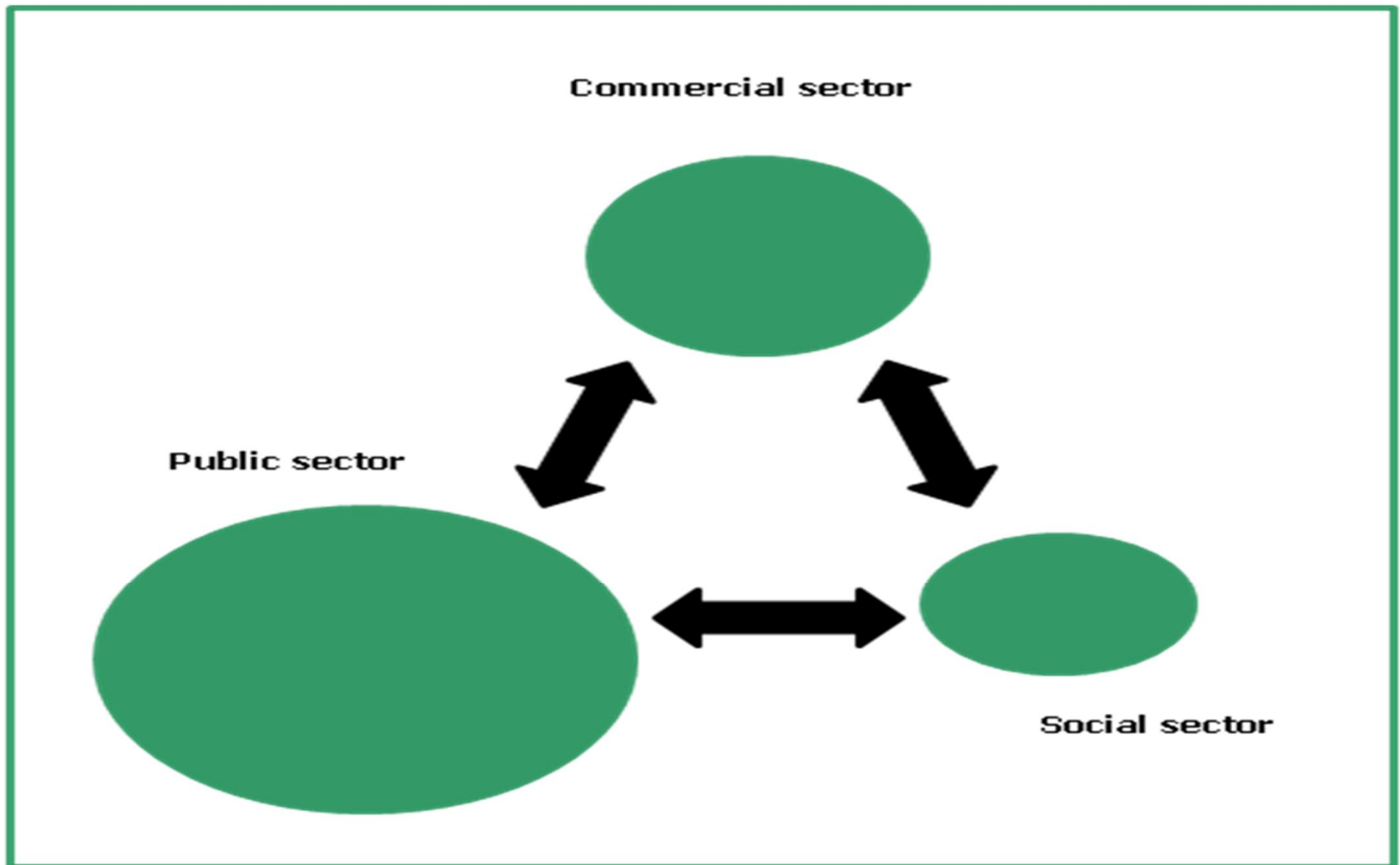
- Must aspire to create economies and places which can:
 - Create conditions for new economic destiny
 - be agile and ready to take on opportunities.
 - respond to inevitable economic and environmental shocks
 - achieve social progress even when the economy is not great
 - be adaptable and infinitely flexible
 - take a punch and bounce back



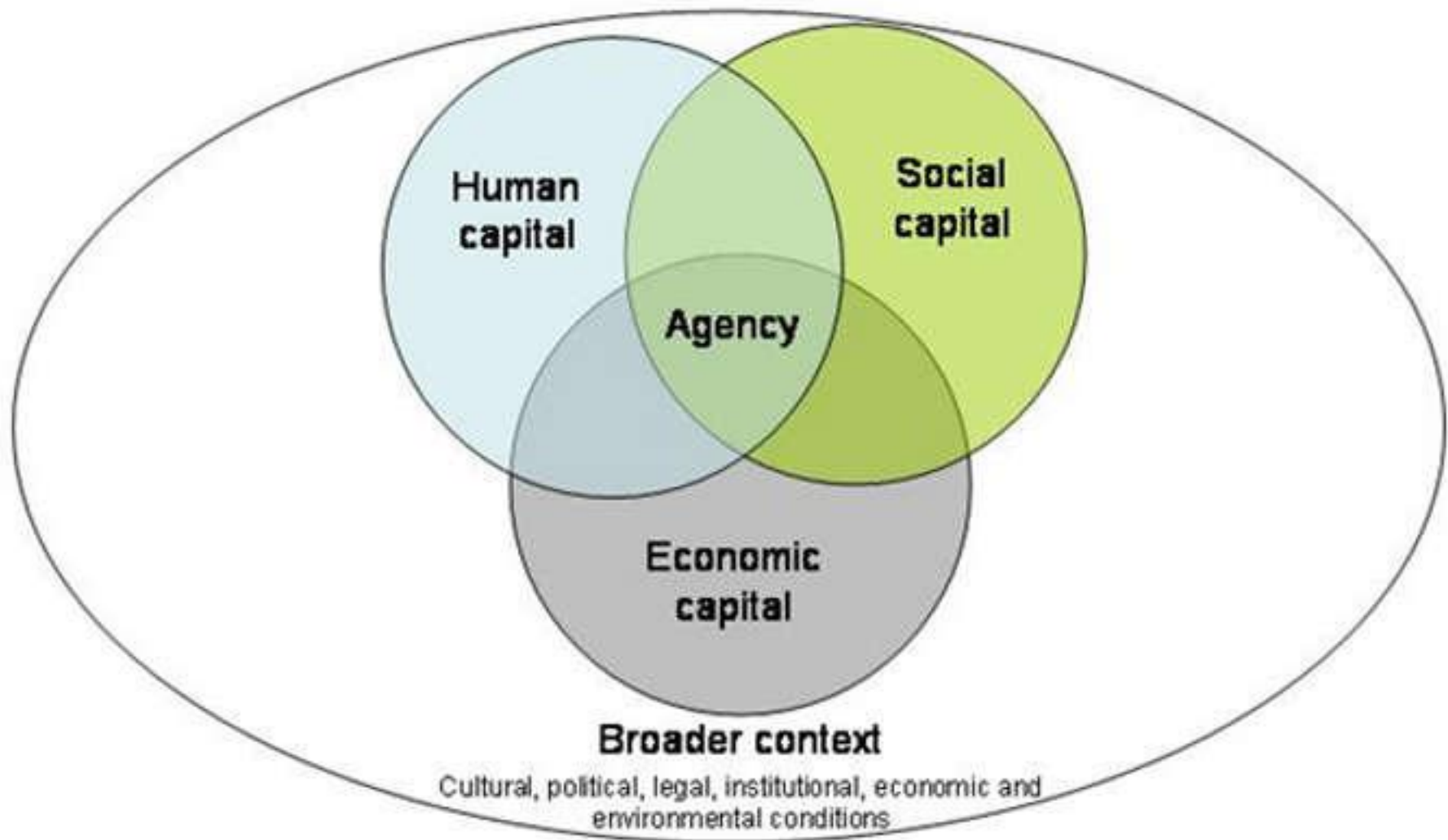
LEPs and achieving resilience: interdependencies



LEPs and achieving resilience : interdependency between sectors



LEPs and achieving resilience: mobilise local capital and assets



Practical resilient policy for LEPs

- Local economies
- Public procurement
 - Local supply and demand
- Porous policy to business and social interests
- Focus on wealth and health producing economy
- Co-produced economies





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