

How to develop climate-just districts?

A STANDARD MODEL

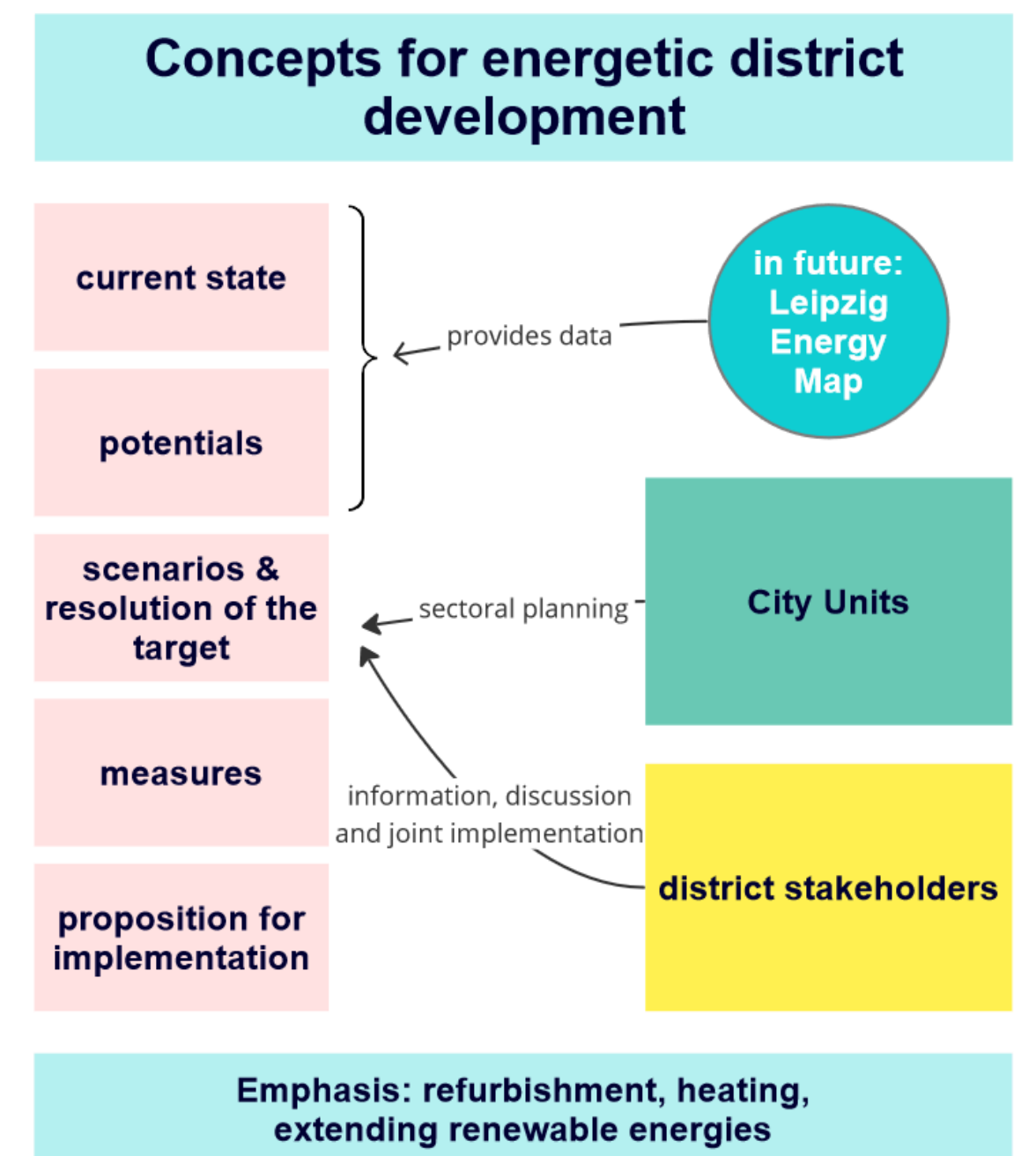
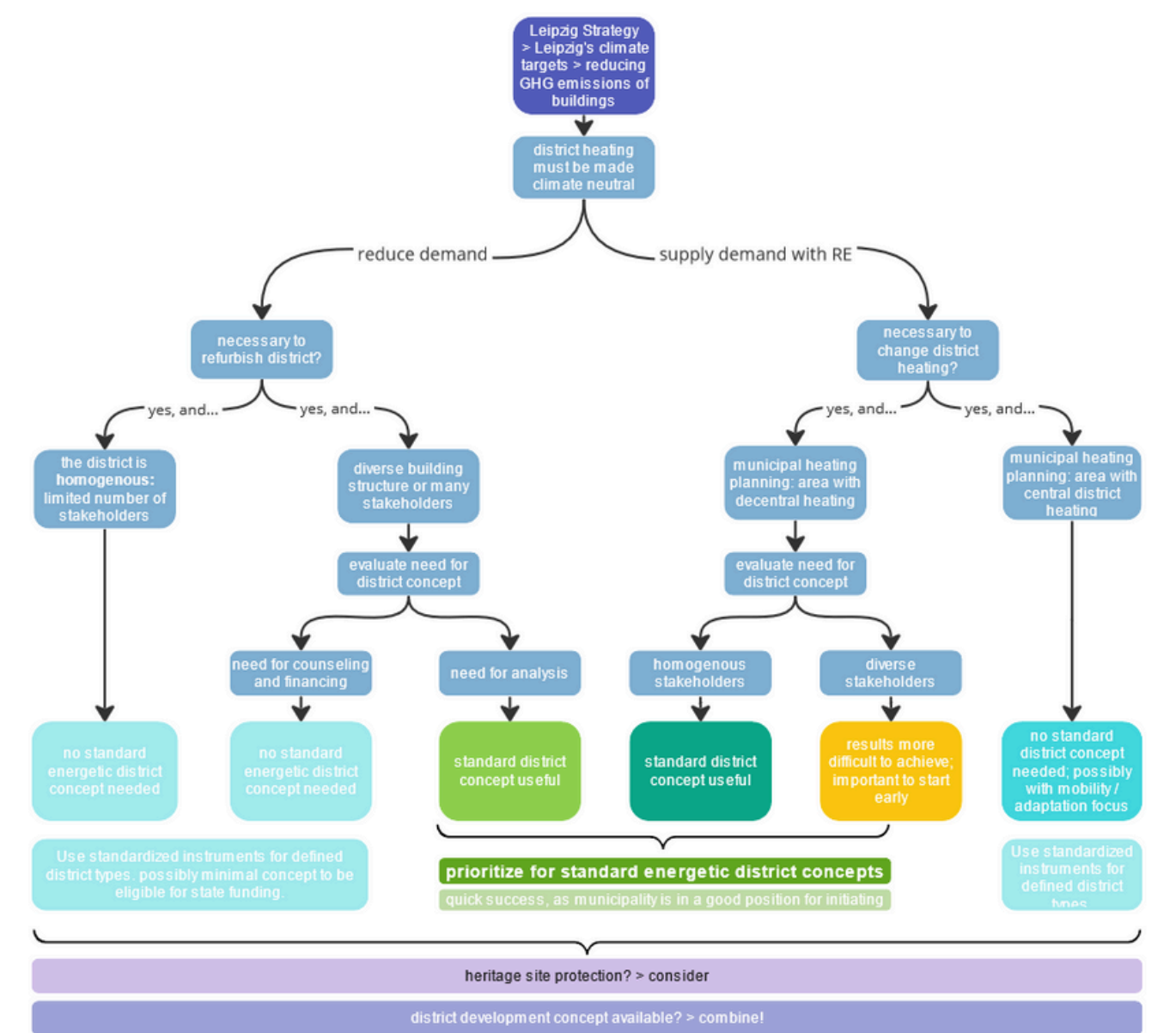
Short description

What could a standard procedure for developing climate-just districts look like?

Three thematic strands:

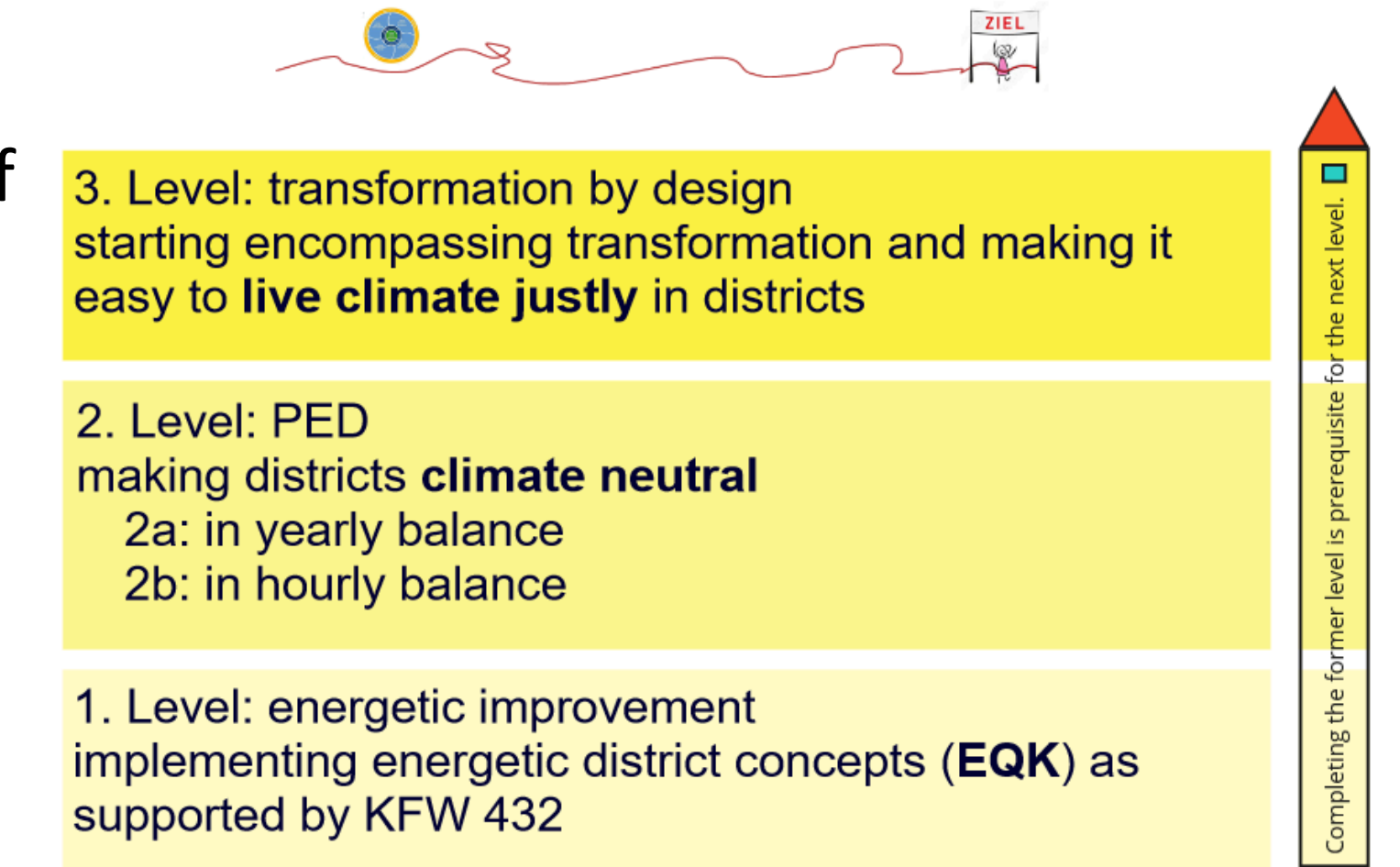
- Clarifying **targets** on district level
- Improving the **process**
- Improving **data** availability
- Output:
- Targets: a working paper, workshops
- Process: visuals, guidelines, a standard content list
- Data: the Leipzig Energy Map

Guideline for prioritizing districts for standard energy concepts



What do we want to achieve when developing climate just districts?

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DEMO DISTRICT

Leipzig City

PARTNERS INVOLVED

Leipzig City Units



COMPLETION DATE

May 2024

KEY NUMBERS

3 Workshops held

10 city units involved

13 guidelines & visuals produced

CO₂ REDUCTION POTENTIAL

High

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Key results during the project lifecycle

- Workshops revealed burning questions regarding the development of climate-neutral districts
- No final procedure yet
- Discontent with current procedure - potential is obvious
- Visuals of the process improve discussions
- Provide clarity about unclear points
- Working paper suggests targets and differentiates levels

Insights and learnings

- Others only saw the benefits after the first examples
- Working on small concrete steps has proven to be fruitful
- Results that are characterised by the day-to-day business of the people one works with
- Importance of focussing on solutions
- Interest is high, so it's worth tackling the problem

Challenges

| Thematic areas of climate just district development | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 refurbishment & making buildings more efficient | 2 climate neutral heating | 3 extending renewable energies |
| 4 brownfield development | 5 mobility | 6 climate adaptation |
| | | 7 circular economy & consumption |
| 8 designing transformation processes - designing decision settings - integrated work - communicate and involve strategically - controlling | | |
| 9 changing the framework conditions - making qualified personnel available - name hindring laws - strengthen transformative capacities | | |

- Difficulty to gain legitimacy from project position
- City unit leaders have diverging expectations
- Combining global targets and day-to-day experience is challenging
- Localise willingness to change within existing routines

Plans for replication

- Model will be used when further districts are improved energetically
- Provides a model for district development after municipal heating planning
- A distinction must be made between different cases

Questions and comments from partners

Comments to be added during poster session at Consortium meeting in Leipzig

