Governance and coalition building

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Coalitions for the implementation of long-term climate change actions

• Consensus required on the need for policy intervention and a strategic, coherent, and stable operating environment

• Strong political commitment to appear on the policy agenda and resilient institutions to remain in place as they rely on investments that are only cost-effective over the medium to long-term
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- Linking and packaging policies is vital to generate synergies and co-benefits between measures, including linking GHG reduction goals with other sustainable development goals.

- An integrated policy approach that creates consensus and coalitions among diverse stakeholders and interests can help to overcome implementation barriers, minimize rebound effects, and motivate people, businesses, and communities.
Governance factors of success for sustainable development and climate change policies

- Political continuity and a societal consensus, which enable the take-up of policies and ensure stability,

- An integrated policy approach that combines various measures to provide a basis for political coalitions, and

- Political continuity and policy integrations efforts are affected by the institutional context and the policy operating environment.
Urban Pathways

Policy continuity and consensus

• Interactions between different levels of government consensus on climate change policy, may vary between key political and societal actors

• Shared methods and values can help mitigating political volatility

• Epistemic communities can play an important role to generate consensus on major policy issues
Policy integration and coalition building

- Combination of policy interventions can create the basis for coalitions for long-term climate action strategies

- Synergies between socio-economic and political objectives can affect the ability to overcome opposition

- Involvement of potential veto players and the incorporation of their policy objectives
Governance Framework

Urban Pathways

Concerted

- Comprehensive and ambitious policy agenda
- Minimal majority coalitions for *(sometimes bold)* specific actions
- Based on political support from progressive parties

Multi-actor coalition

- **Integrated** policies, incl. local and national level measures
- Implemented by a multilevel, multi-actor coalition
- Based on a broad consensus

Minimal majority

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- Implementation depends on the authority of actors and **minimal majorities**
- Coalition between some political actors

Fragmented

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Please identify:

- The institutions that have the legal power to stop your project
- The stakeholders that should be involved
- The political risks (e.g. upcoming elections)