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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

# WHY?

*Today we face environmental and social challenges, at regional and global levels, that we can ignore no more (Santos, 2017).*



*It is critical to foster Sustainable Development Goals across many Human endeavours and domains (United Nations, 2015)*

*Along with sustainable development research, education plays a critical and catalytic role in the formation of future leaders and in the creation of a social change mindset for a sustainable future (Souleles et al, 2017).*



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Information  
society

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Complex contexts  
and realities

Vulnerable communities

Inequality of opportunities and  
socioeconomic conditions

Teaching-learning  
processes circumscribed  
to disciplinary or  
professional areas





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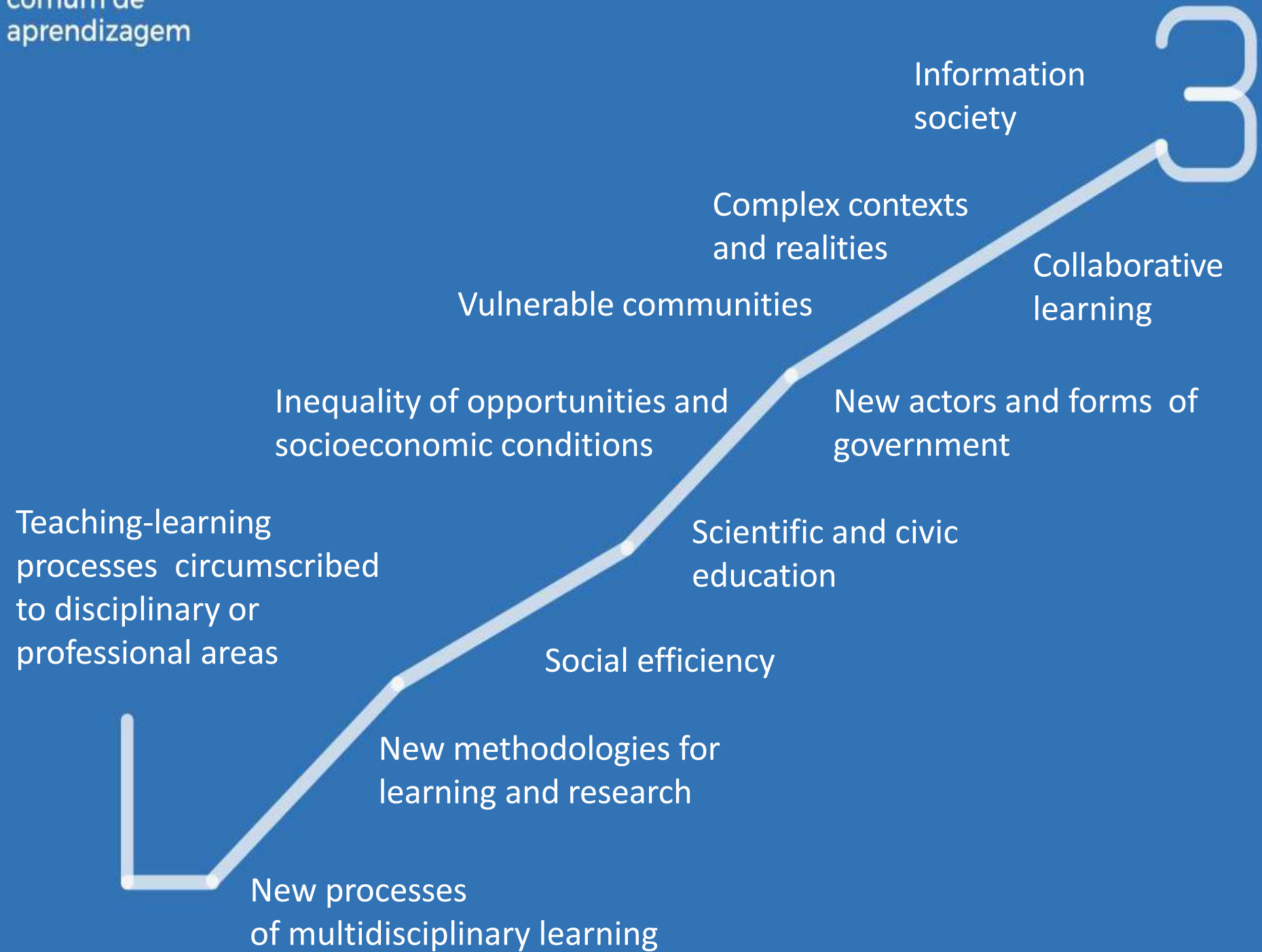
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Case study  
2016



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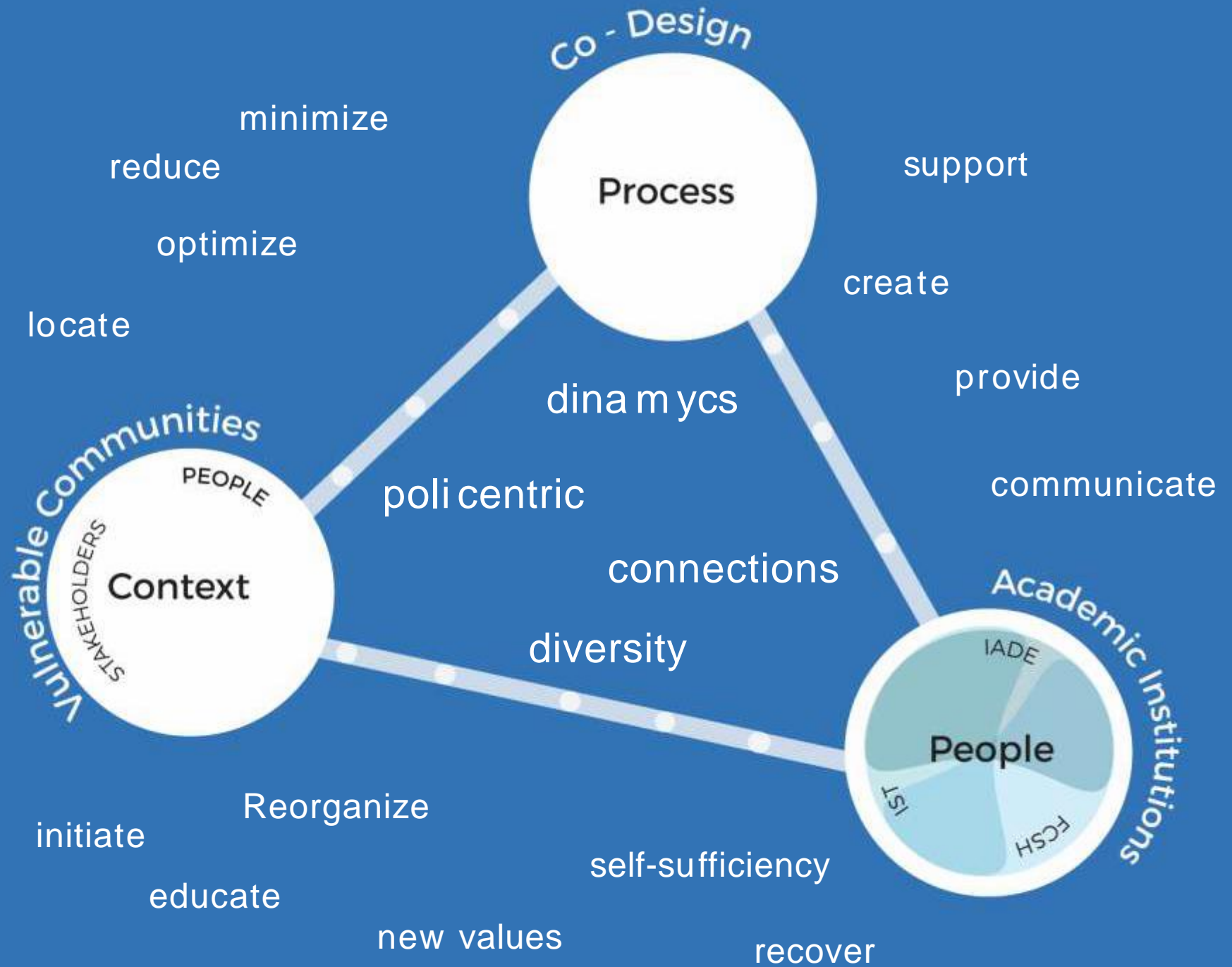
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EXPERIMENTAL METHODS  
IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Planning and designing new sensors  
to help mitigate risks related to  
energy and the environment with  
emphasis on vulnerable urban  
communities.





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## INTERIOR and VISUAL DESIGN

### Resume:

The intervention point was an abandoned building. The project opportunities focusing on creating Intergenerational spaces more responding to activities and services for the elderly as leisure or health services and spaces



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# LIMASSOL IS ON

Case study  
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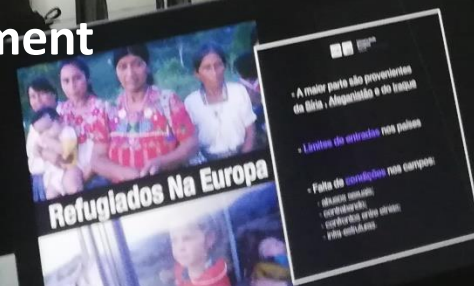
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## Resume:

Ethnographic research, participatory design, human centered approaches

Technological supported

Migrants, Refugees, unemployment





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### Multidisciplinary Teams

Students from Design, Management Business and Tourism Courses researching in context and codesigning digital products and services needed in Limassol and Cyprus.



## Part time jobs for students

arios Kounoupos - Andreas Michael - Galatia Nicolaou - Elena Antreou - Georgia Papageorgiou



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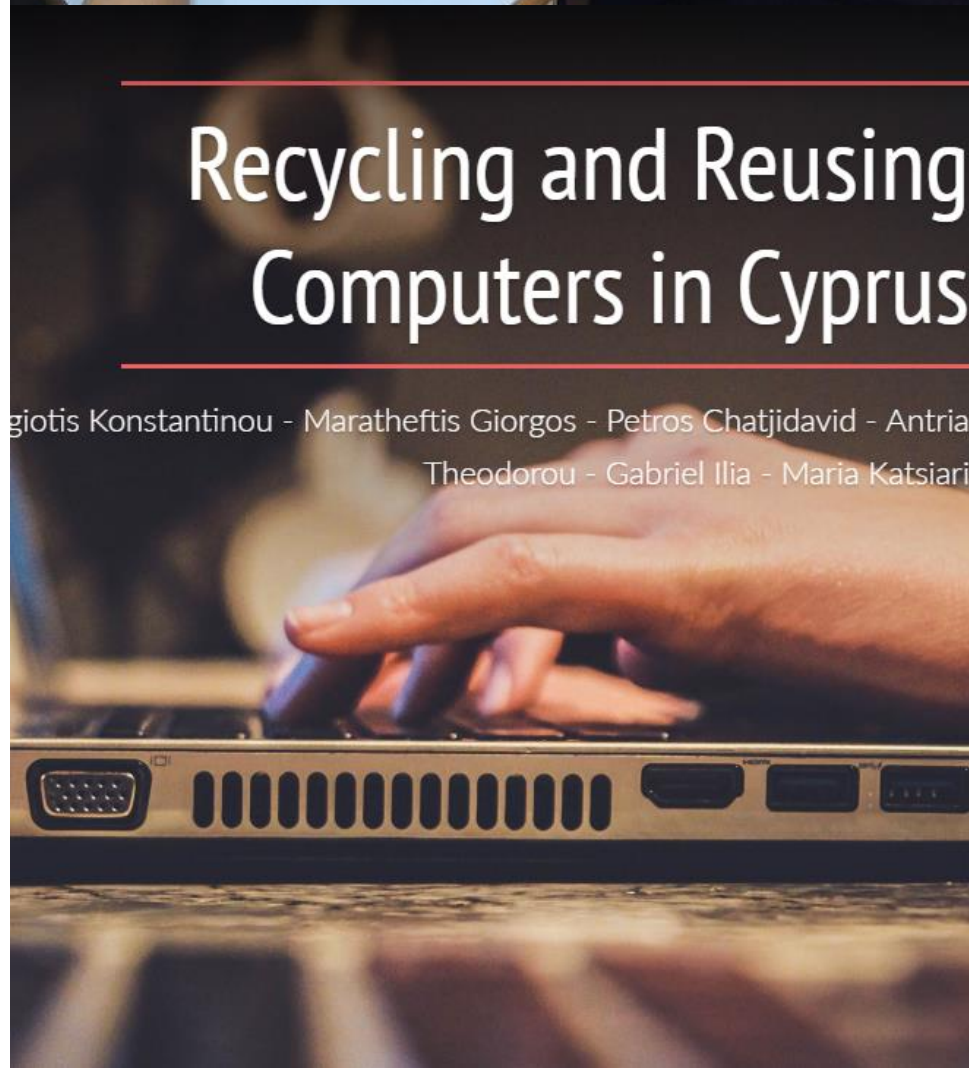
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## Recycling and Reusing Computers in Cyprus

giotis Konstantinou - Maratheftis Giorgos - Petros Chatjidavid - Antria Theodorou - Gabriel Iliia - Maria Katsiari



## Mobility Challenges for University Students

Glafkos Michaelides | Andria Nikolaou  
Elias Neophytou | Michaella Nikolaou | Theoni Michael



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### Resume:

Ethnographic research, participatory design, human centered approaches, usability tests  
Technological supported

## EATING HEALTHY AND CHEAP AS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT

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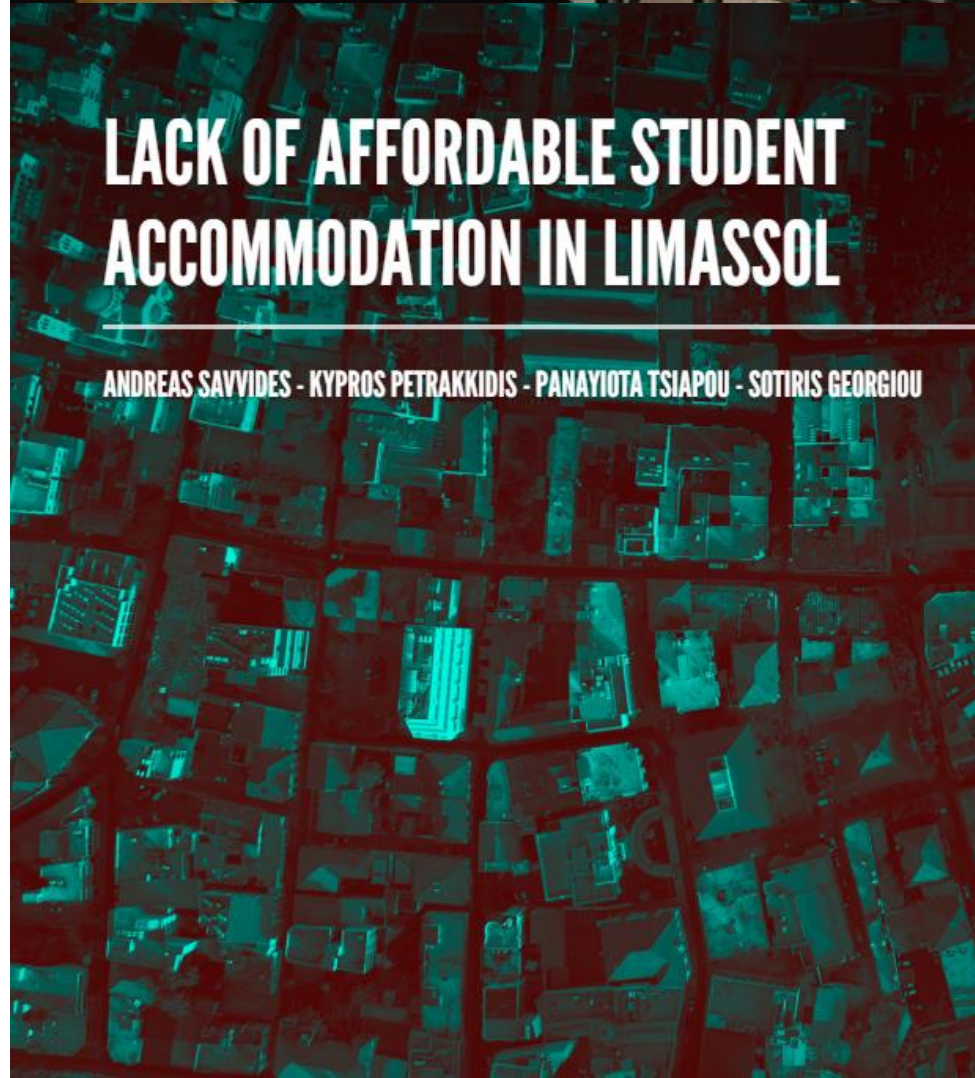
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## LACK OF AFFORDABLE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN LIMASSOL

ANDREAS SAVVIDES - KYPROS PETRAKKIDIS - PANAYIOTA TSIAPOU - SOTIRIS GEORGIU



## THE CHALLENGE OF FINDING AFFORDABLE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN LIMASSOL

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

# NOW?

*As shown by Michelsen (2015), it is possible to identify three different phases on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) until 2014*

*In the present expansionary phase, further impulses for the implementation of ESD were expected, focused on **five priority action areas** of the Global Action Programme (UNESCO, 2014) :*

*1. Political integration of ESD at national and international levels strengthened, and success factors identified;*

*2. Supporting holistic approaches for schools and higher education, understood as a mission;*

*3. Strengthening activities integrating ESD in the areas of pre-service and in-service teacher education and training;*

*4. Young people should not only be seen as target groups of education but should instead be more closely involved in educational processes, seen as change agents;*

*5. Increase promotion of ESD on a local level and to support network local actors.*



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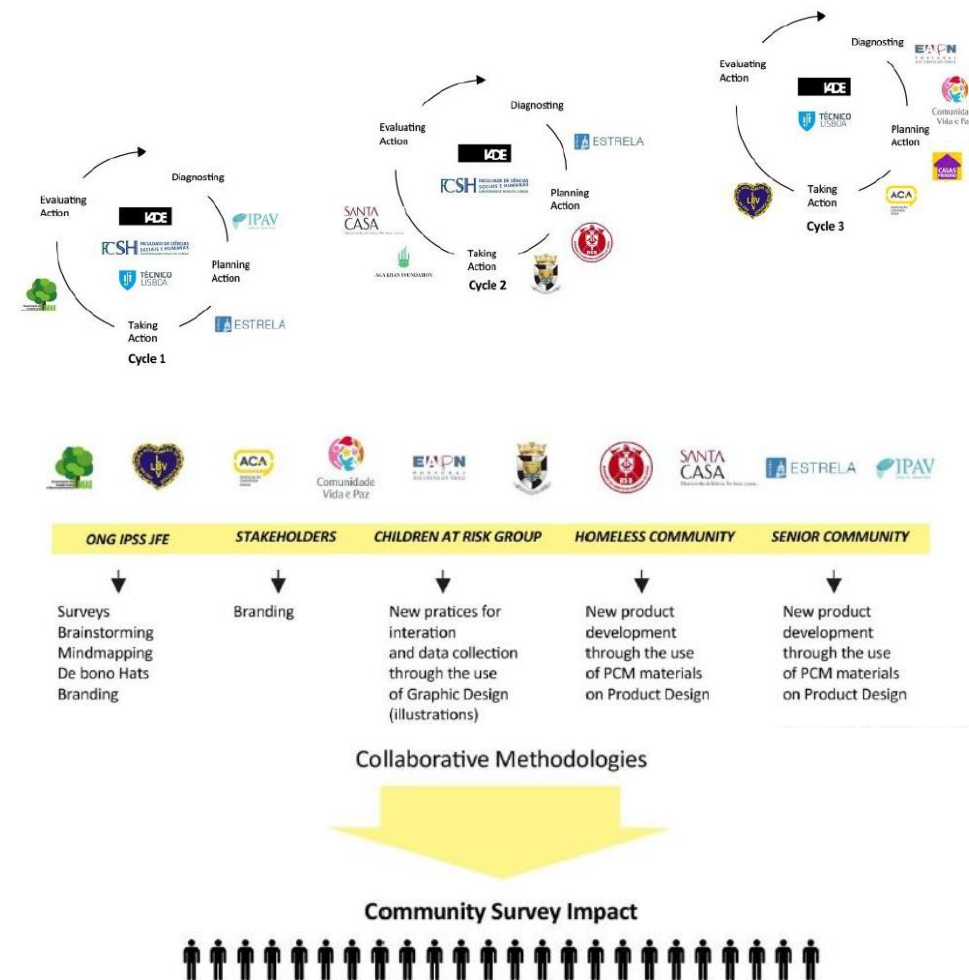
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# UPSCALE LOCAL AND NATIONAL EXPERIENCES ON ESD AND SOCIAL DESIGN?

## KEY IDEAS



Innovation is a context-dependent phenomenon with a cycling behaviour.

(Ferreira, 2008)

The need to go beyond the spiral model of Social Innovation (SI),

knowing that innovation is not a linear process (Nesta, 2010, EC, 2017)

The believe that the challenge of the 21st century is to find out what works

[SI] and scale it up (Bill Clinton in Nesta 2010)





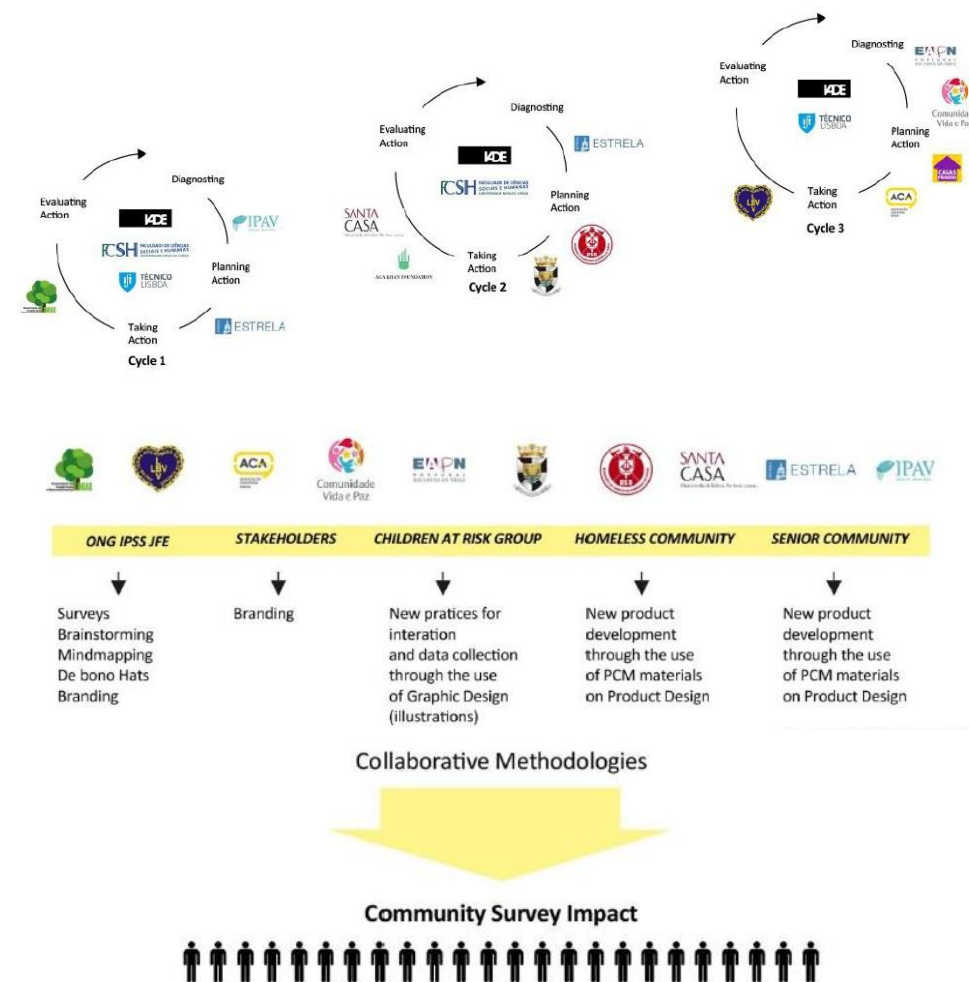
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## KEY IDEAS



Individual innovators may bypass barriers of the old system, but the extent to which they can grow will often depend on the creation of new conditions, much based on **synergic actions**, and to make the innovations economically viable and socially important (Ferreira, 2009)

Sustainable Development must be seen as a **process**, not a goal, considering that it is a constantly moving target whose **boundary domains evolve** (Dale & Newman, 2005)





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# SCALING UP SOCIAL INNOVATION

# HOW?

*Mochizuki & Yarime (2015), identified 3 different stages but evolving levels of learning about ESD and the corresponding degree of integration of knowledge - multidisciplinary, interdisciplinarity, or transdisciplinarity*



*1. Deepening awareness, knowledge and understanding of the concerns of sustainability*

*2. Questioning of the usual frame of reference to respond to the challenges of sustainability*

*3. Involves epistemic change and leads to the promotion of a culture of sustainability.*



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The ones looking  
educational contribution  
to fostering  
competencies of  
individuals, advance  
discussions on  
sustainability literacy and  
improve teaching and  
learning to get there

Barth and Michelsen (2013)  
three types of ESD and sustainability



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the ones that address  
organisational change and  
social learning through  
interdisciplinary approaches  
tackling, for instance, the  
root causes of the  
fundamental  
'unsustainability' of the  
current model of progress;  
and

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Barth and Michelsen (2013)  
three types of ESD and sustainability



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# SCALING UP SOCIAL INNOVATION

# WHO?

the ones situated learning and 'communities of practice' in the context of inter and transdisciplinary collaboration bringing about epistemic change by systematically involving knowledge users in the research process and active collaborations with various stakeholders throughout society

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# UPSCALE LOCAL AND NATIONAL EXPERIENCES ON ESD AND SOCIAL DESIGN?

## *Considerations and Challenges*

**#1.** Education and culture are intimately and integrally connected. Culture influences education, much in the same way education has a powerful influence upon culture (Deshmukh, 2017)

**#2.** Higher Education Institutions [Portugal] are challenged to turn sustainability principles into practice through management, research, the transfer of knowledge and teaching, translated in curricula and in the teaching of new competencies to address sustainable development dimensions - and to fully integrate sustainability in their thinking (Velazquez et al., 2006; Santos, 2017)

**#3.** Nevertheless, there is still a lack of widespread and shared understanding of design for social change, social innovation or sustainable development as an integral part of Higher Education curricula in Portugal (Rocha et al, 2018), in Cyprus and in Europe (Souleles et al, 2017)



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According to Michelsen (2015), the **five strategic action areas of the Global Action Program** will play a important role in further developing practice and research in the area of sustainable development. **Consequently, the following activities come into play and will be crucial for ESD:**

- #1.** The ‘whole-institution approach’ needs to be embedded more systematically in institutions.
- #2.** Higher Education Institutions need to develop and implement new study programmes, in which sustainability is a key issue, helping educate future change agents
- #3.** The role of professional development of academics in higher education as well as of key actors in economy, administration, education and academia must be supported
- #4.** In research on ESD an output- and outcome-oriented perspective that provides evidence-based recommendations is needed, focusing on key competencies in sustainability.



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From the perspective of ecosystem challenges, NESTA (2007) linked the systematic weaknesses that inhibit the diffusion, replication or scaling up of social innovations to:

- #1. Weak incentives for public agencies and NGOs to copy or fund more effective alternative models;
- #2. The absence of intermediary bodies and networks that specialise in connecting supply and demand;
- #3. The relative absence of resources for social research and development;
- #4. Lack of access to capital to fund growth in social organisations and;
- #5. Under-developed labour markets for managers to oversee growth.



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*Thank you.*

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