

# Towards a systemic view to SDG implementation

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# Entry points

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- Public administrations are often not organized to deal with issues that cross traditional sectors, scales, actor constellations or are long-term (all of which characterize the SDGs).
- Policy-making is about making choices between options which affect other policy areas.
- Governments have limited resources and need to prioritize actions amongst an “indivisible whole”.
- Given this, SDG implementation can be quite overwhelming!

# The added value

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1. Enables PRIORITY-SETTING that accounts for how targets interact and makes the agenda more digestible.
2. Guides cross-sectoral COLLABORATION and ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS by clarifying shared interests and dependencies.
3. A common language and process provides TRANSPARENCY and builds OWNERSHIP.
4. CONTEXTUAL assessments of interaction make insights POLICY RELEVANT.
5. Advances network theory.

# Guiding priority-setting

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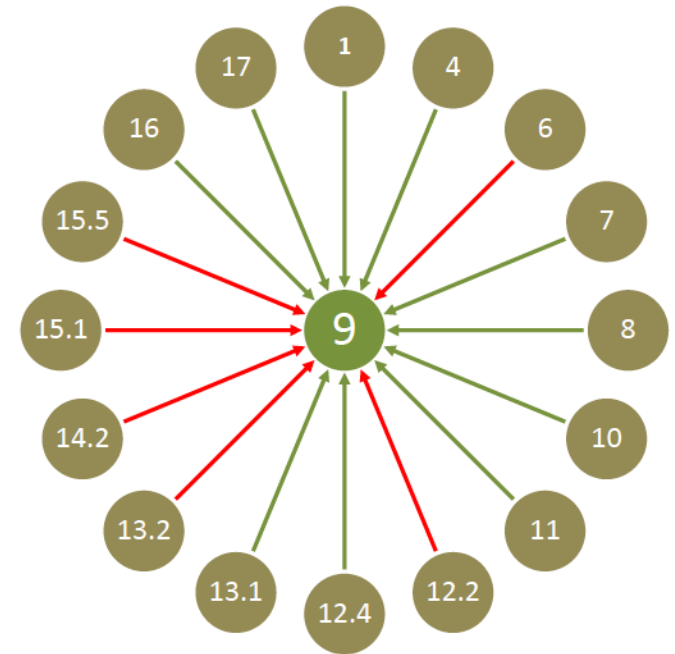
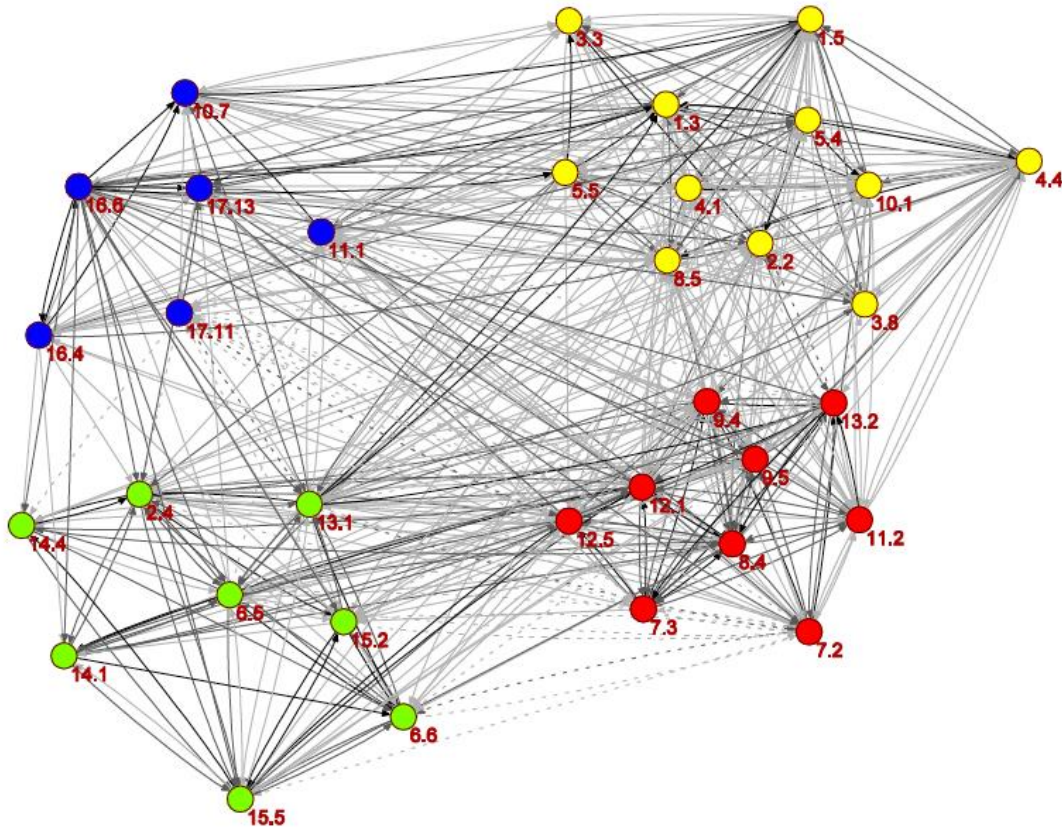
If you want to maximize progress in SDG 1-6...

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...it is smarter to invest in SDG 8 instead of SDG 6 because of how the SDGs interact!

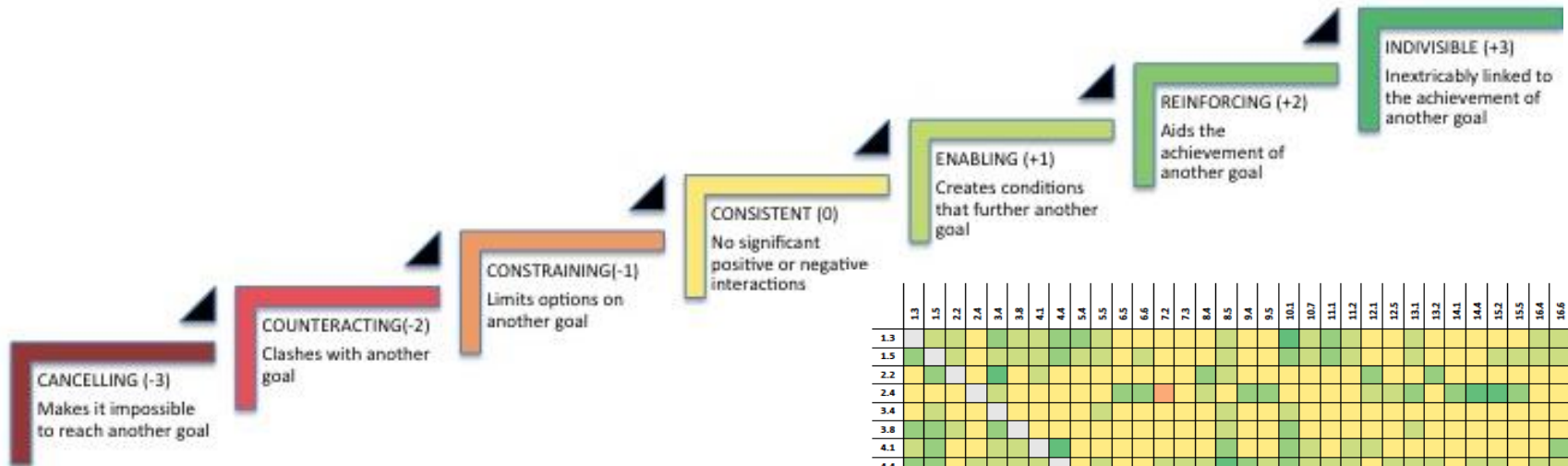
# Guiding collaboration

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Source: Weitz et al (2017) Towards systemic and contextual priority-setting for implementing the 2030 Agenda

# How do we do this?



*“if progress is made on target x ,  
how does this influence progress on  
target y ?”*

Source: Adapted from Nilsson M et al (2016) Map the interactions between sustainable development goals. Nature 534:320–322 and Weitz et al (2017) Towards systemic and contextual priority-setting for implementing the 2030 agenda

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# A truly systemic view?

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**THANK YOU!**

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