

## Operational framework 2.0

# Just Transitions

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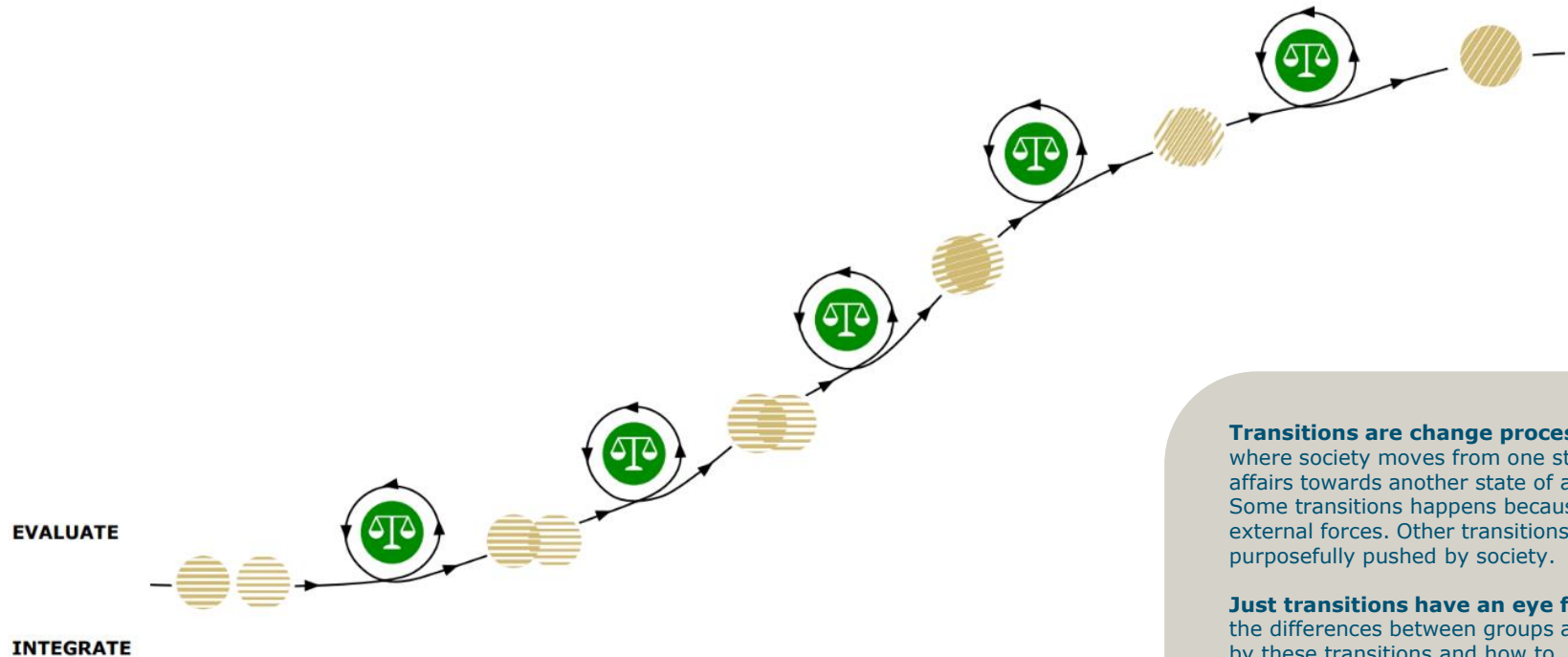
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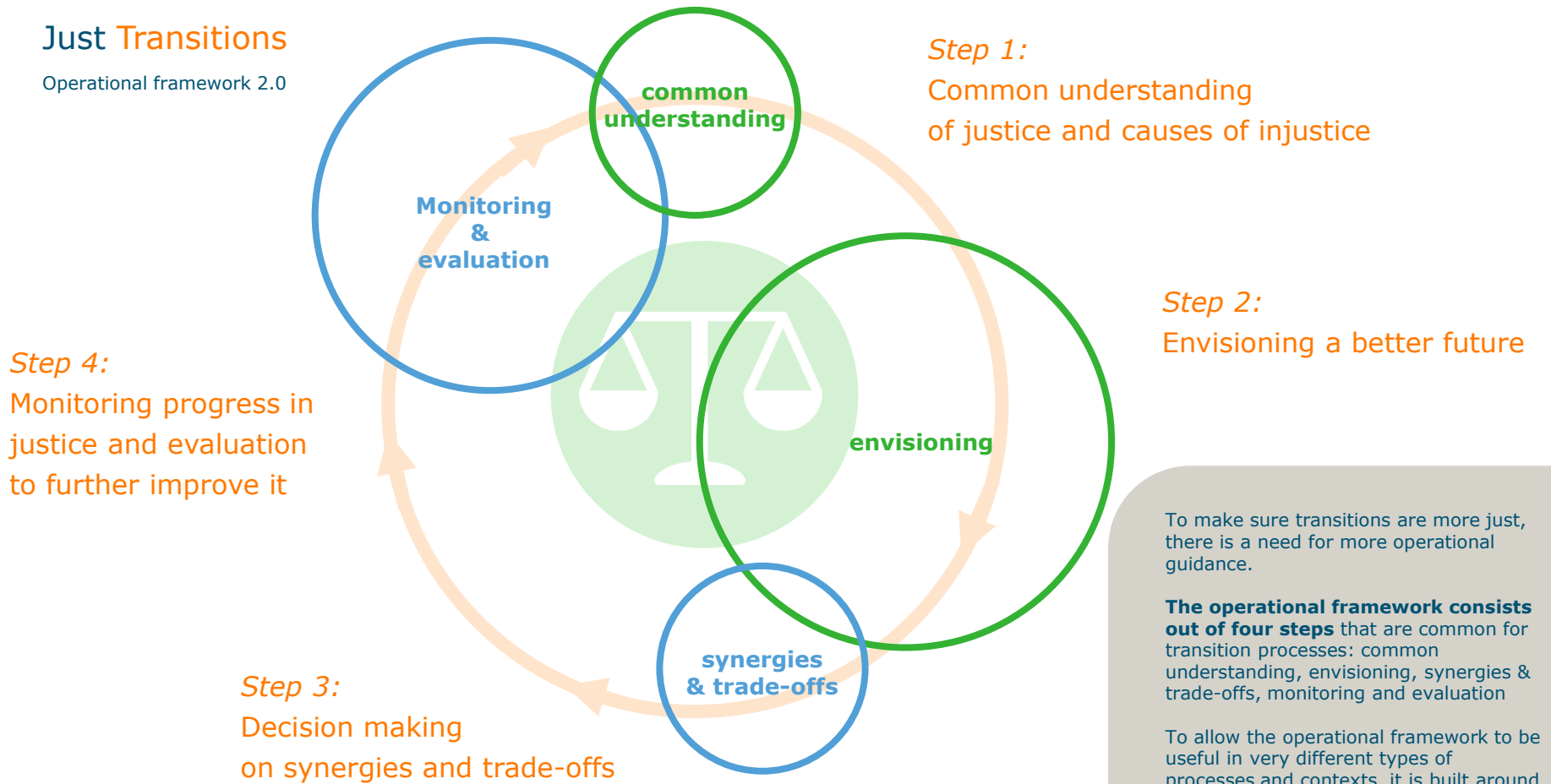


**Transitions are change processes** where society moves from one state of affairs towards another state of affairs. Some transitions happens because of external forces. Other transitions are purposefully pushed by society.

**Just transitions have an eye for all** the differences between groups affected by these transitions and how to meaningful involve these groups in the right way. Just transition is about becoming aware of (potential) injustices and about looking together for ways to make sure no one is left behind.

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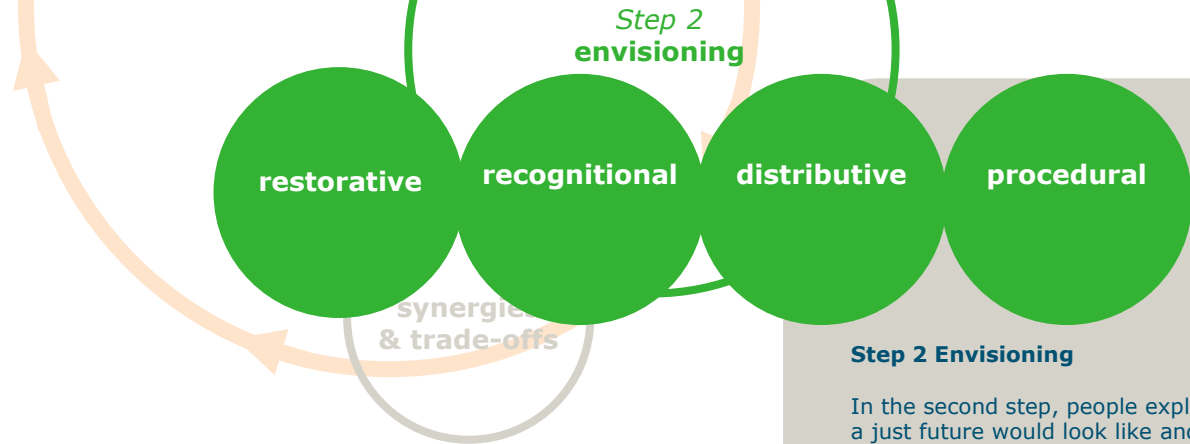
To make sure transitions are more just, there is a need for more operational guidance.

**The operational framework consists out of four steps** that are common for transition processes: common understanding, envisioning, synergies & trade-offs, monitoring and evaluation

To allow the operational framework to be useful in very different types of processes and contexts, it is built around key questions that help to raise the much-needed awareness on injustice and potential ways to improve justice in the transition processes.



- ✓ What is the context to envision a future: scale, scope and time?
- ✓ Who and how to engage?
- ✓ What are the power dynamics and how to balance these to build trust?
- ✓ How to deal with different worldviews and engage different values and cultures?
- ✓ How can injustice be recognised
- ✓ in the development of a future vision?

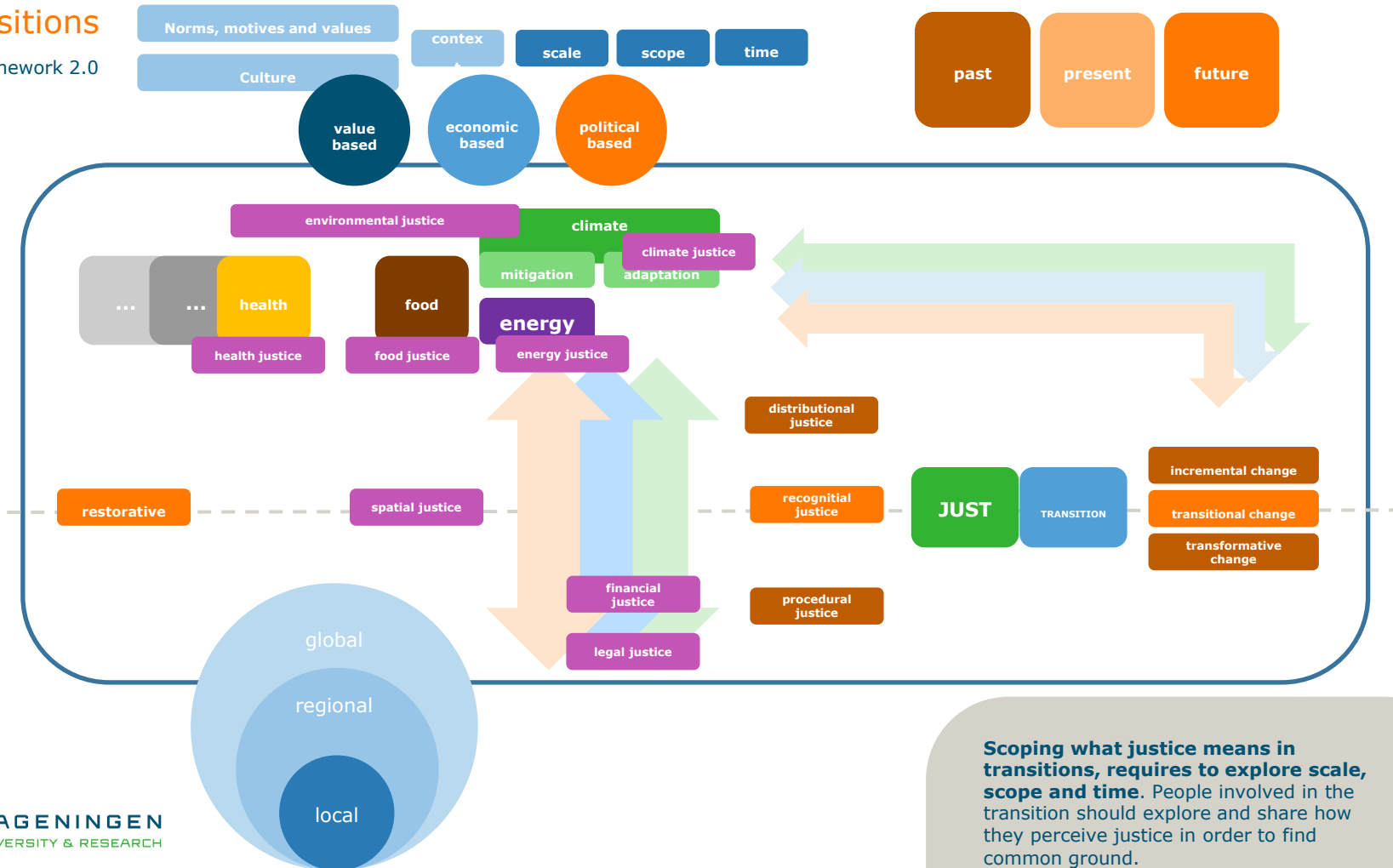


## Step 2 Envisioning

In the second step, people explore what a just future would look like and how to make sure the engagement processes are also more just.

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**Scoping what justice means in transitions, requires to explore scale, scope and time.** People involved in the transition should explore and share how they perceive justice in order to find common ground.

- ✓ How to assess the trade-offs and the transboundary effects?
- ✓ How to develop solutions that are beneficial for all?
- ✓ How to consider variety in the stakeholders' group
- ✓ How to compensate for losses that are part of trade-offs?

common  
understanding

Step 3  
synergies  
& trade-offs

### Step 3 Synergies and trade-offs

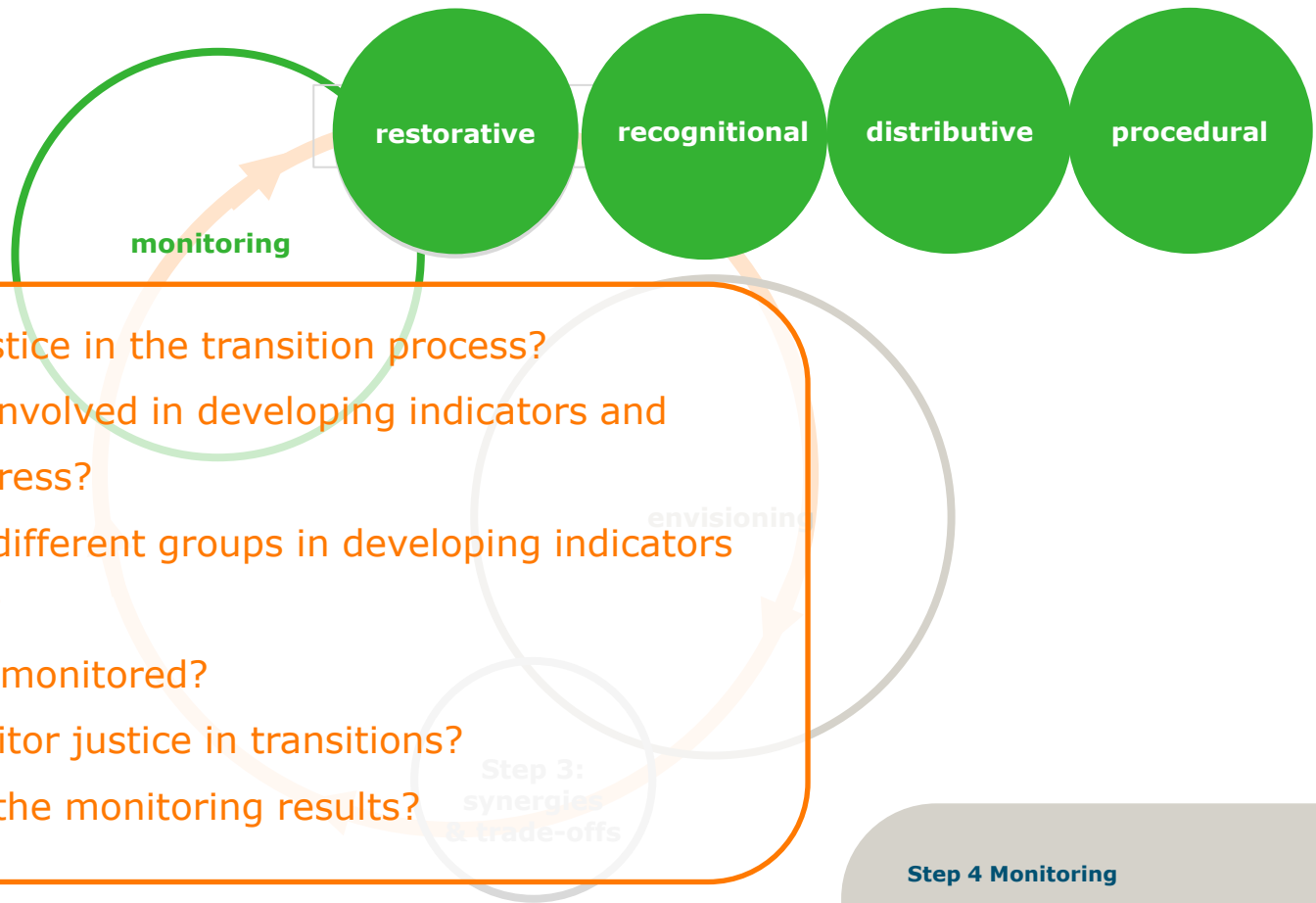
This step raises questions to make sure synergies are clear and trade-offs are consciously considered during decision-making on interventions.

restorative

recognitional

distributive

procedural



## Step 4 Monitoring

This step is about monitoring justice and evaluating the results in order to further increase justice in the transition process.



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historical injustices

current injustices

common understanding

synergies & trade offs

envisioning

synergies & trade offs

implementation

monitoring

common understanding

monitoring

synergies & trade offs

monitoring

synergies & trade offs

re-envisioning

synergies & trade offs

more JUST transitions



new injustices

**The operational framework must be used iteratively in the transition process as the search for justice in transition is a continuous dialogue.**

Once interventions are taken to increase justice, monitoring the impact of these interventions will indicate if further interventions are needed to make transition processes more just.