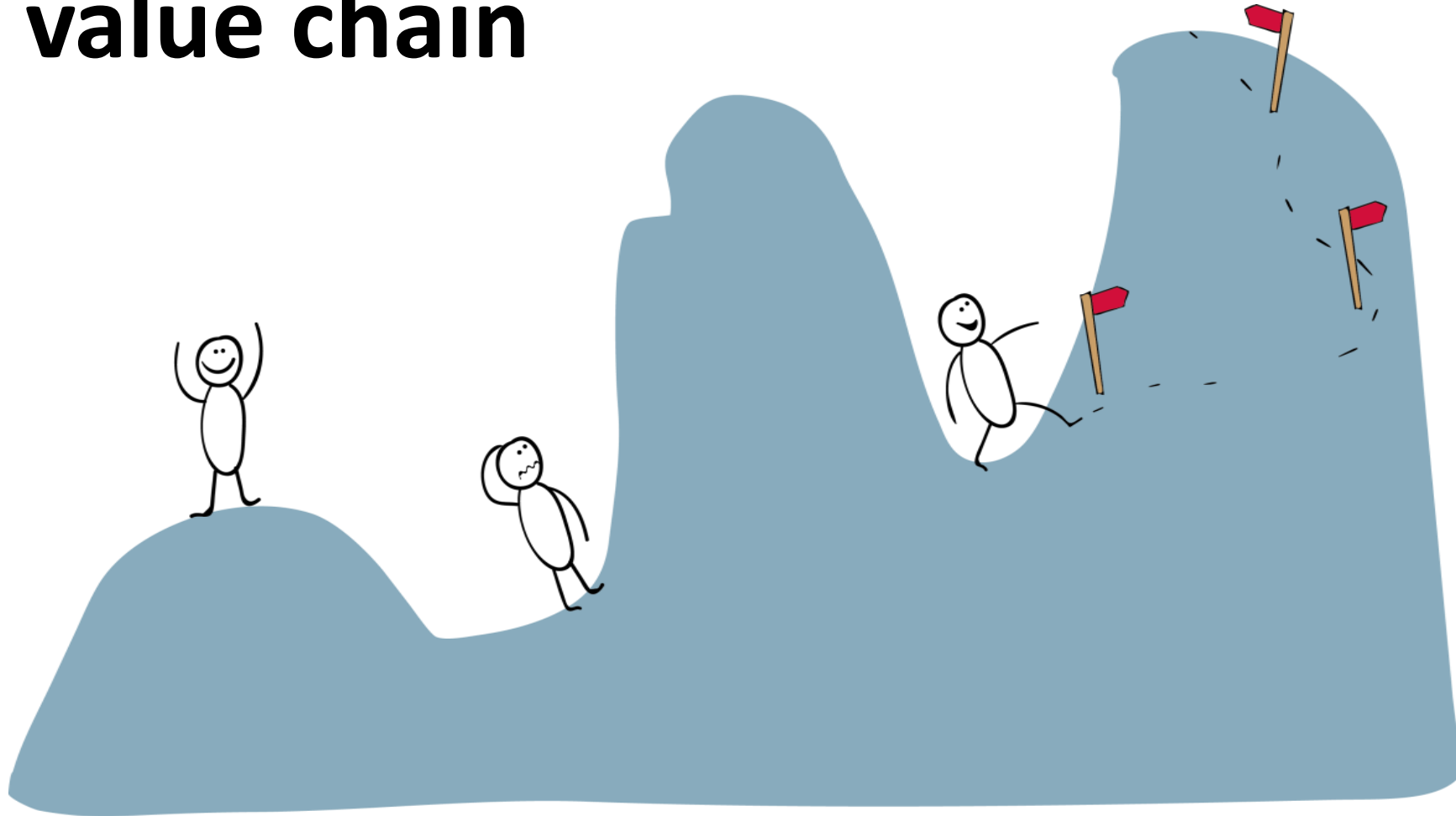


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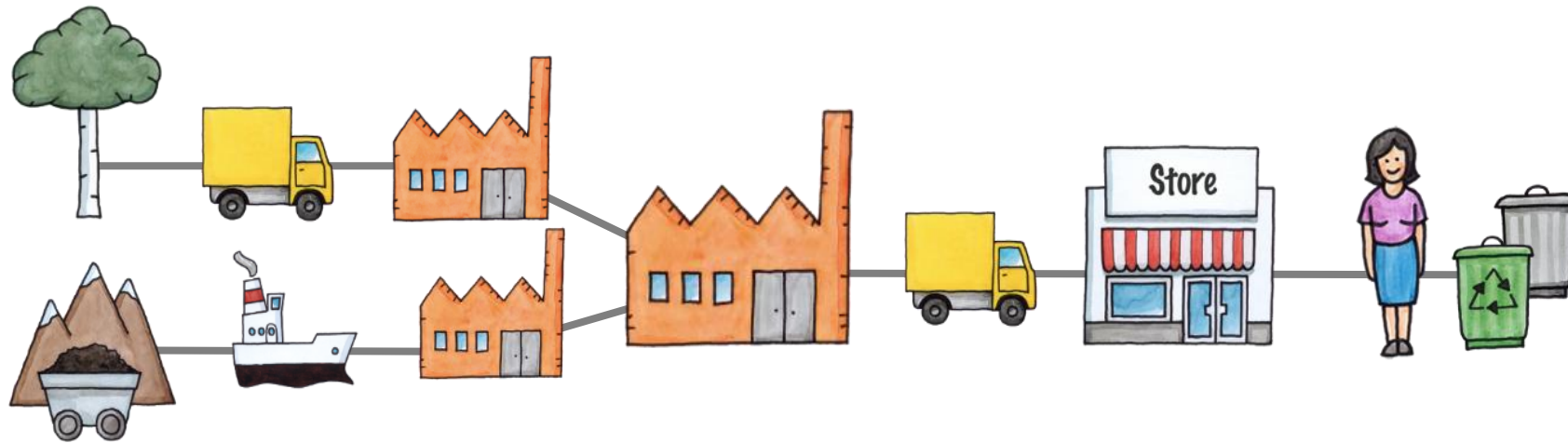
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- Ways of working for increased competitiveness**

THE LIFE CYCLE PERSPECTIVE

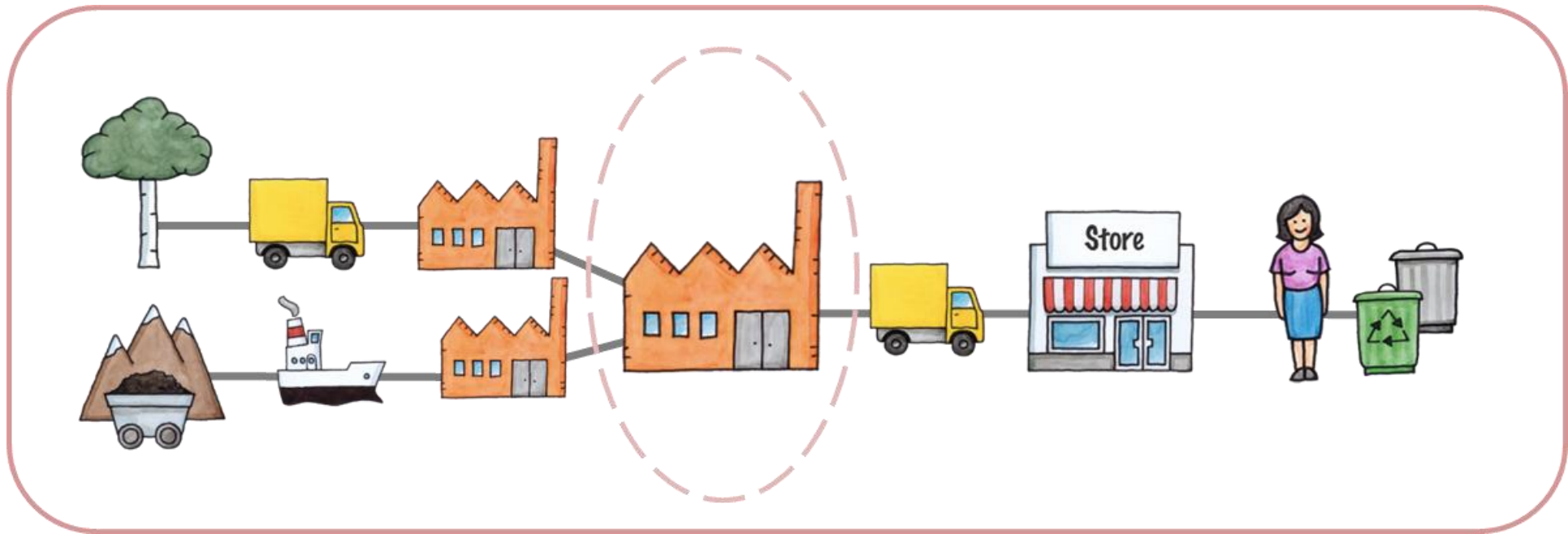


Life cycle thinking



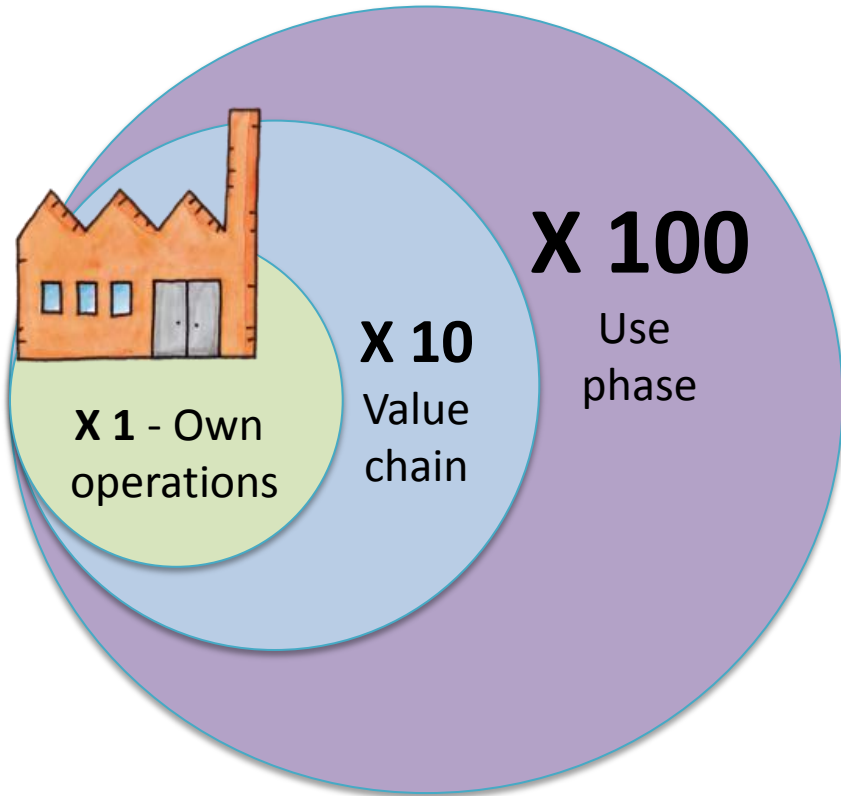
Life cycle thinking means to consider energy and material flows, including their environmental impacts, related to all processes of a value chain, "from cradle to grave". That is, from raw material extraction, to transportation, production, retail and use, all the way to end of life.

Energy efficiency along the value chain



With life cycle thinking related to energy efficiency, the scope of optimization of energy use extends from a single operation to the full value chain.

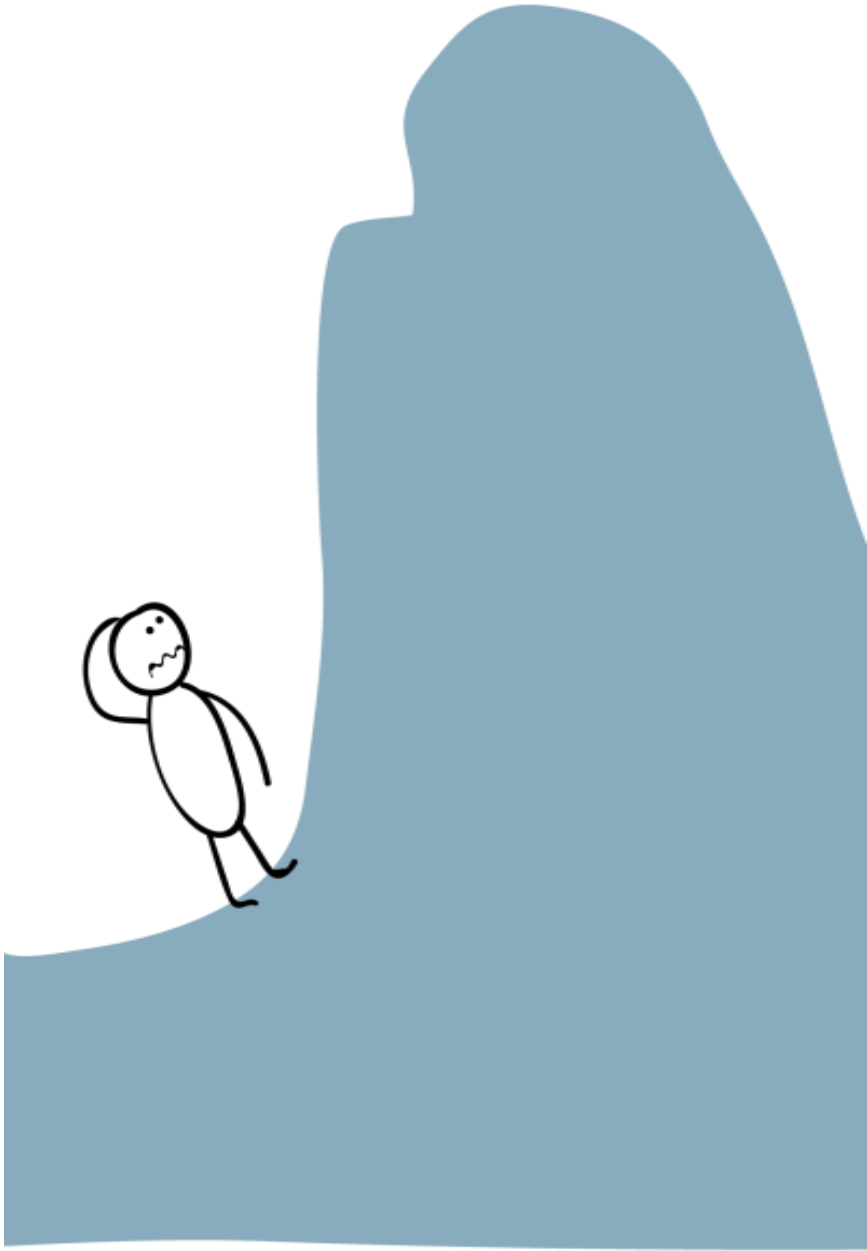
Energy efficiency effects



Effects vary greatly with value chain, context and type of measure, but the potential for energy efficiency is big. As an example, energy savings may tenfold with measures in value chains compared to in-house ones, while measures having an impact on energy in the use phase can lead to savings of a factor 100 or more.

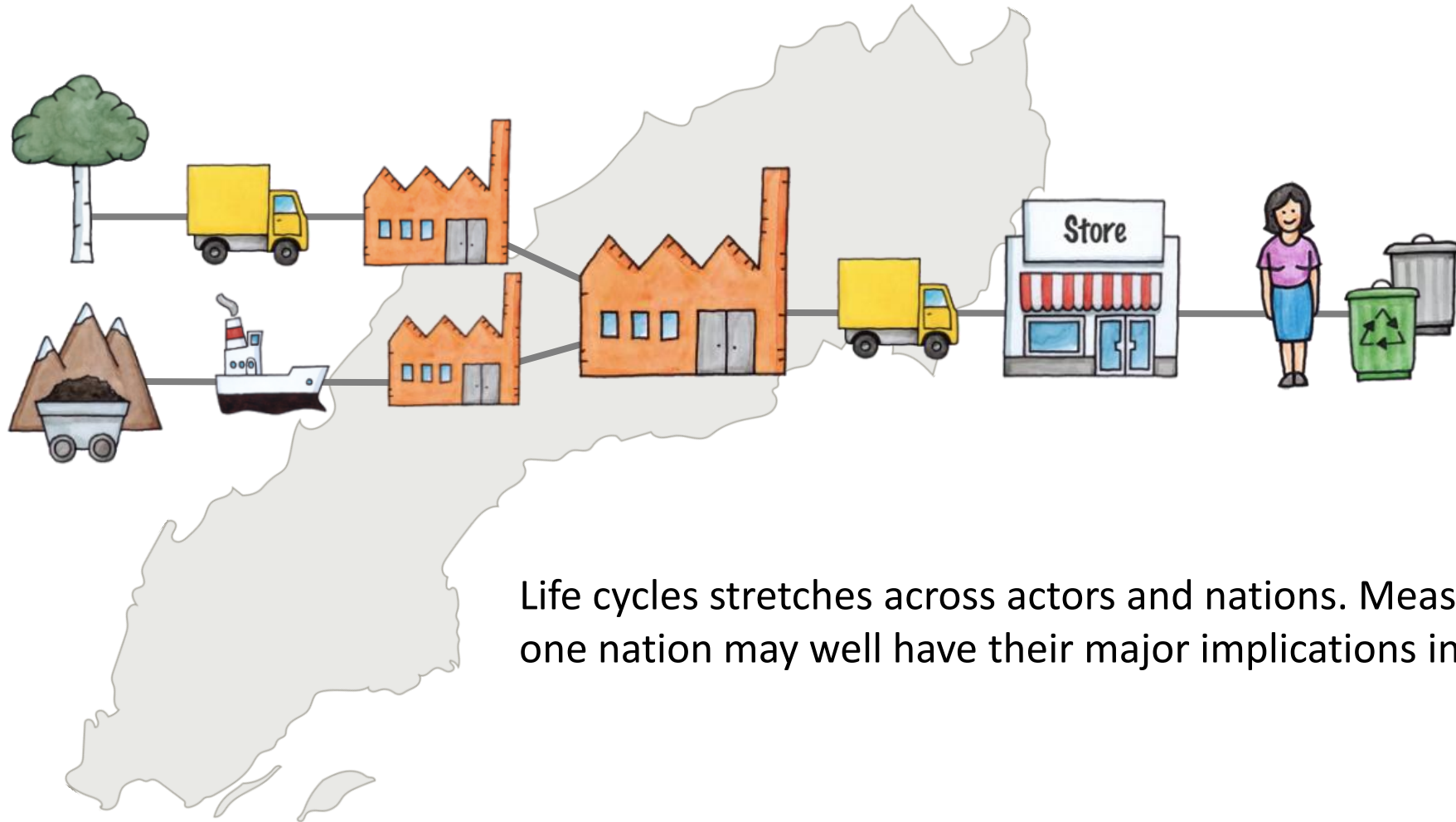
Impact on competitiveness

- Enhanced image
- Price premiums
- Cost savings
- Major contracts
- More loyal customers
- Product and business innovation
- Employee attractiveness
- Increased energy efficiency
- Improved stakeholder relations
- Higher investment rankings



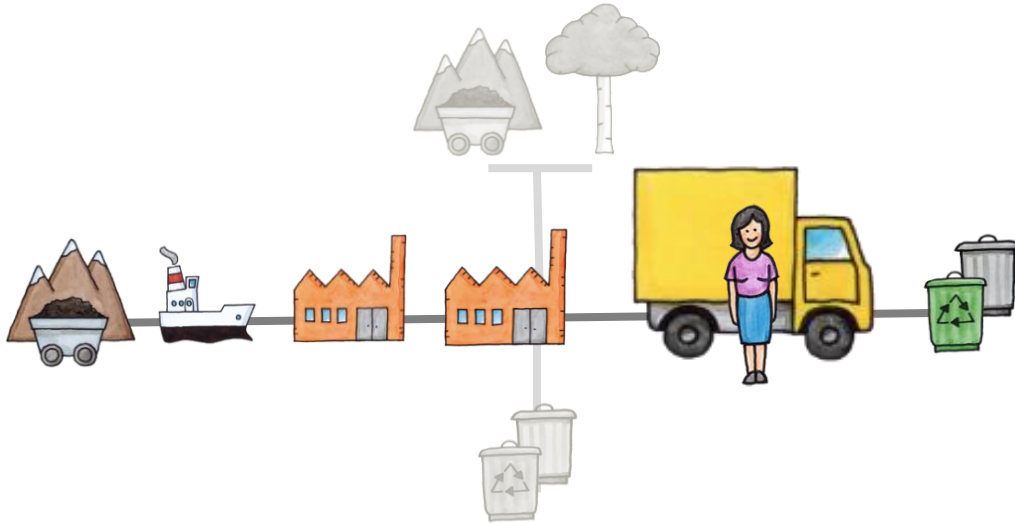
CHALLENGES

Life cycles are global

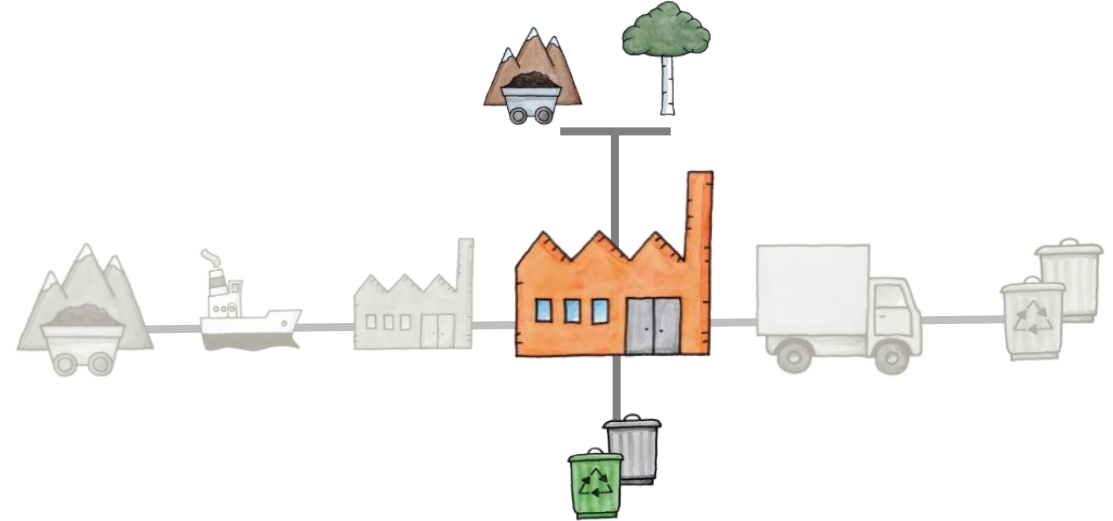


Life cycles stretches across actors and nations. Measures made in one nation may well have their major implications in another.

A process can be part of different life cycles



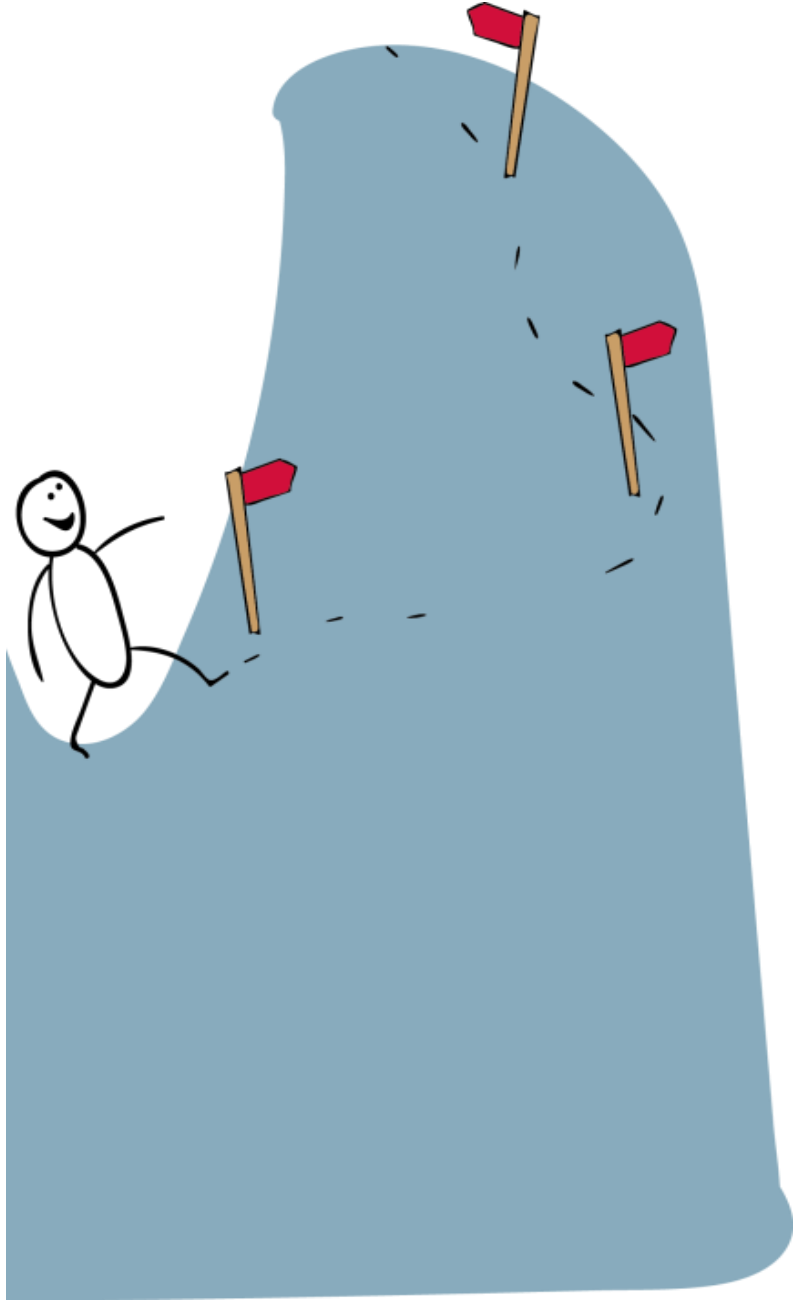
In the life cycle of a truck, for example, more than 90% of the impact lay in the use phase. Production is a minor share.



Yet, in the life cycle of a production site, energy use in operation can be an important share of the total impact.

Life cycles challenges practices and mindsets

- What system to optimize
- How to share information and profit
- What targets to aim for
- Who should be involved
- Scope of action for functions and companies

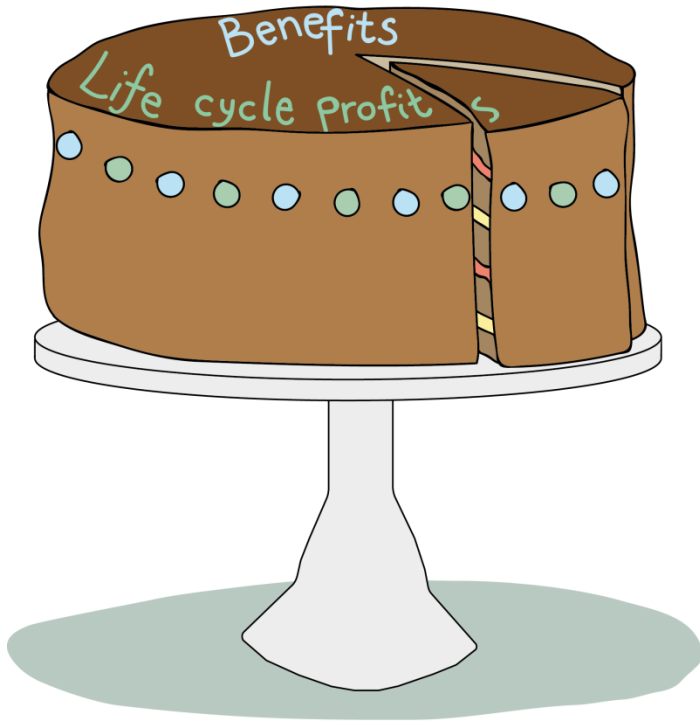


WAYS OF WORKING

4 strategies for progress

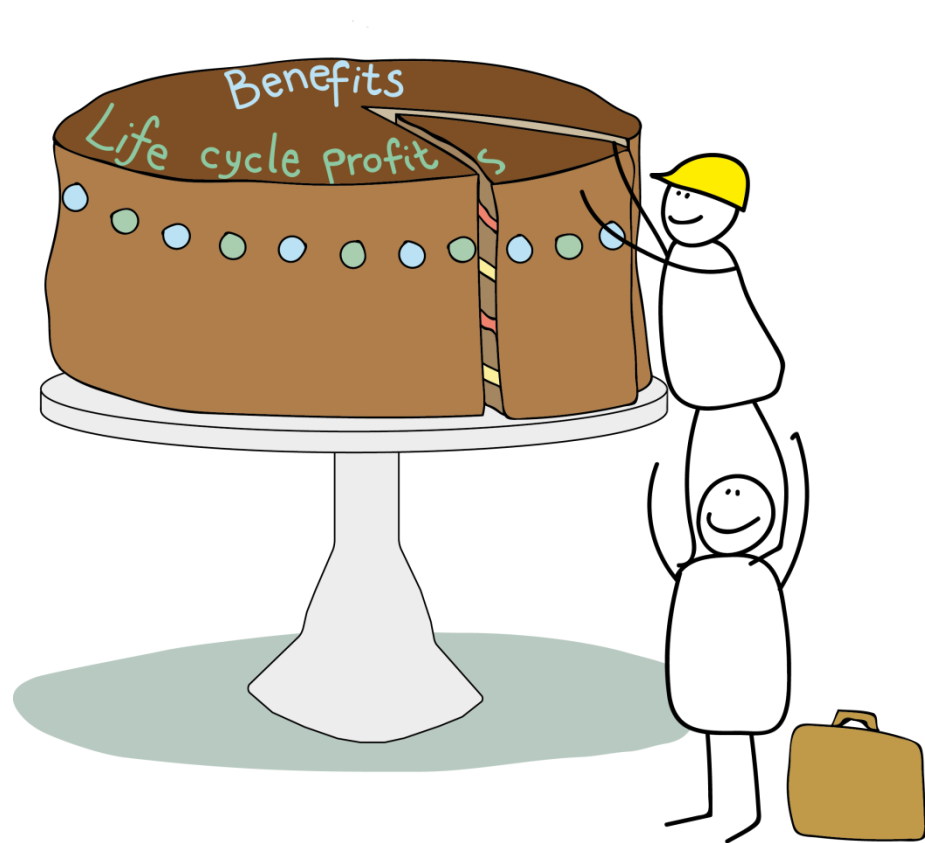
- Find and share the life cycle profit
- Get priorities and focus in line
- Enable and encourage understanding and action
- Seek or create a way forward

Find and share the life cycle profit



What is the business case for extending the scope from a single company to entire value chains? And how can it be reached?

Find and share the life cycle profit



Optimize a broader system

Challenge yourself to think wider, e.g. through setting energy efficiency targets on the entire value chain.

Challenge existing business models and practices

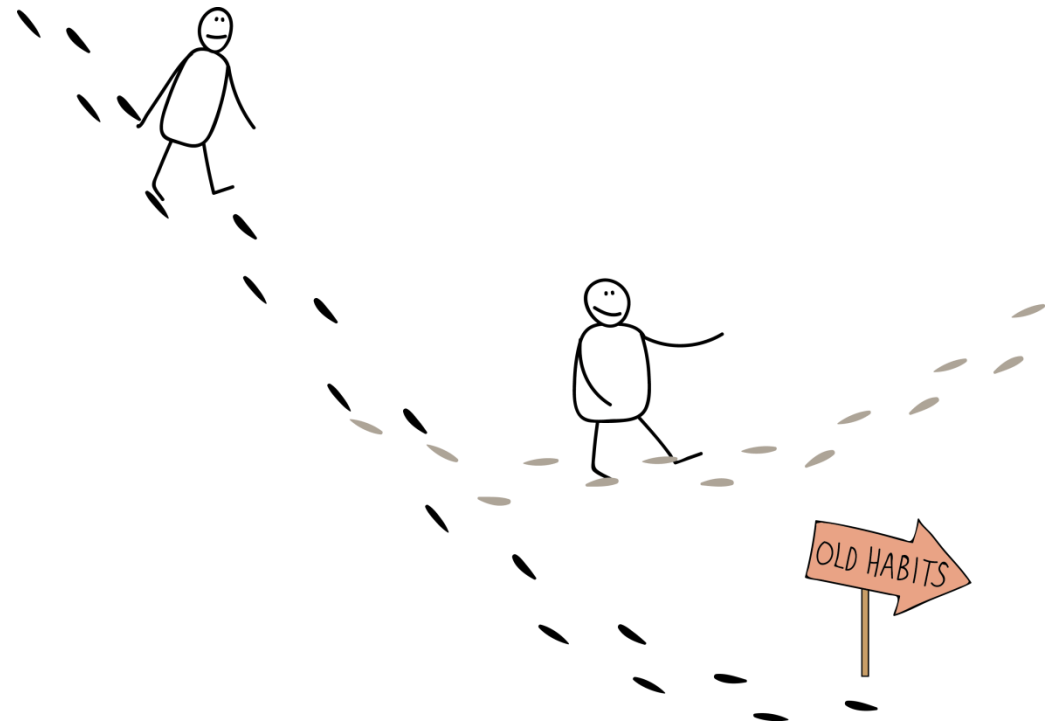
Rethink current practices on outsourcing, product portfolio strategies, and business models. Can you provide sales of services instead of products?

Deal with changed cost-benefit distribution

How to distribute costs and income with the new solution? Is there a need for new models for the sharing of risk and profit in the value chain?

Get priorities and focus in line

A company has a multitude of focuses and priorities, sometimes acting as barriers to life cycle work. How can life cycle thinking influence strategic decisions, prioritization, targets and KPIs?



Get priorities and focus in line

Dare be strategic!

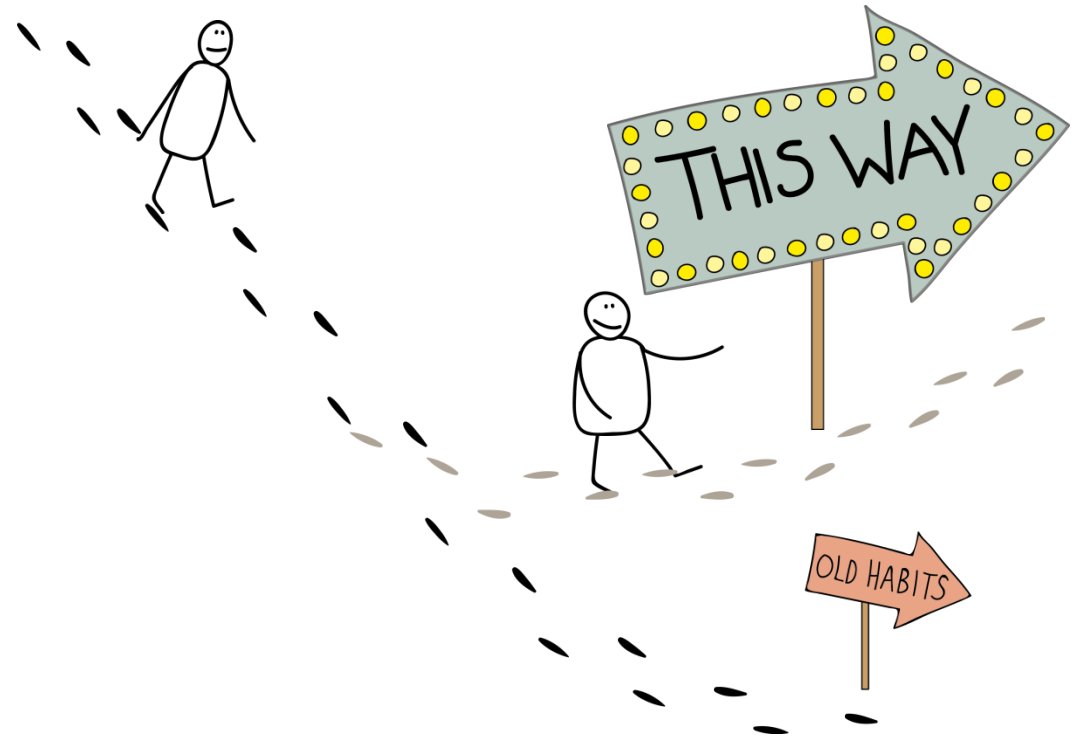
Life cycle thinking will not permeate company action in a systematic way unless strategic targets also show in company incentives and follow up.

Manage potentially conflicting goals

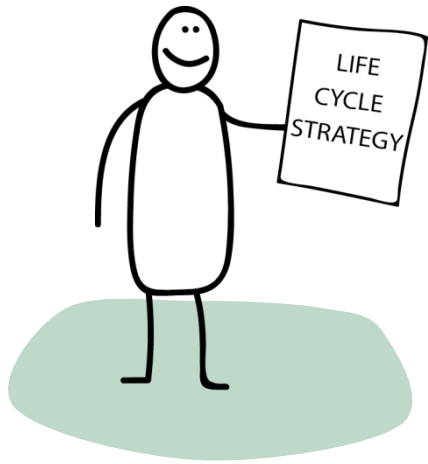
Explore possible tradeoffs e.g. between financial and environmental targets, or among potentially competing environmental goals.

Formulate KPIs and ensure follow up

Careful design of KPIs is a challenging task surprisingly often neglected but powerful if performed well.

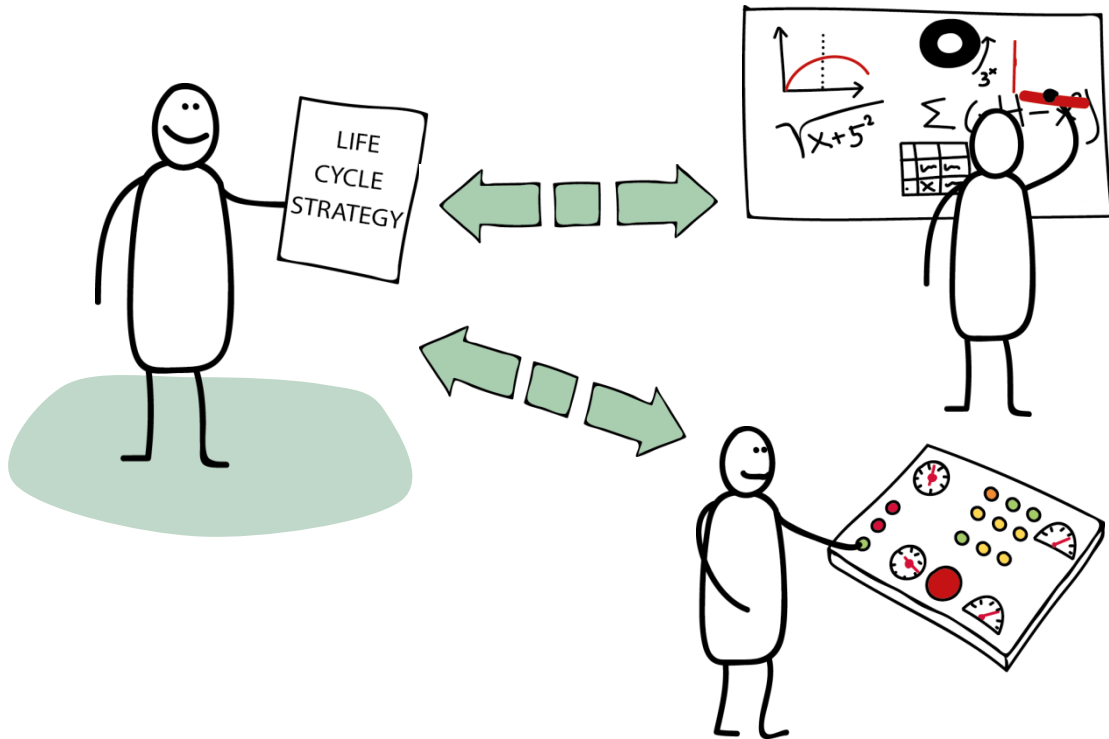


Enable and encourage understanding and action



A life cycle strategy does not work in isolation. It needs to be understood and explored in many functions. How do you ensure understanding, commitment and operational work?

Enable and encourage understanding and action



Support in-house understanding

Discuss rationales for engagement, invest in education and knowledge sharing and provide data for follow-up and learning.

Assist in the transition from strategic to tactic

Recognize the need for appointed translators working with, and adapting language and support to, each function involved.

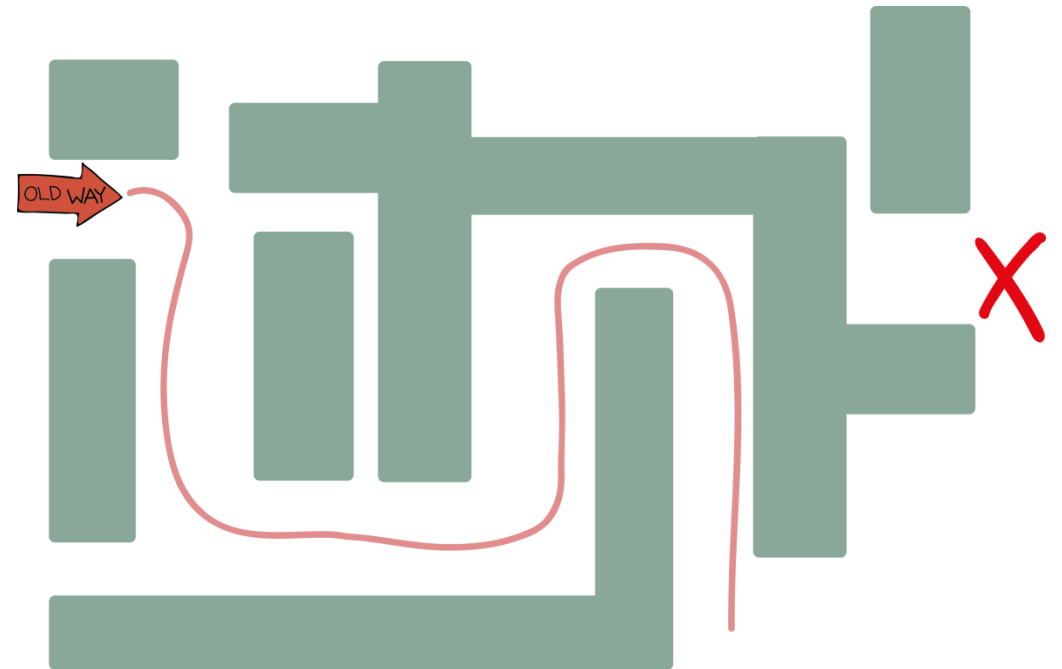
Boost motivation and commitment

Encourage progress through frequent follow up and appreciative attention to achievements made.

Seek or create a way forward

How do you proceed in existing organizational settings until priorities, incentives and structures are supportive enough?

- Can you create your own bit of luck?



Seek or create a way forward

Anticipate and meet reluctance and insecurity

Can you proactively assist with rationales and arguments for different functions? If not alone, perhaps with the use of third party actors?

Seek beneficial conditions

Is it possible to arrange a “fast lane” to interested managers, e.g. through resources to a specific project, or co-development with other goals?

Start where it is possible

Who is already interested? Team up with partners showing interest, internally as well as in the value chain.



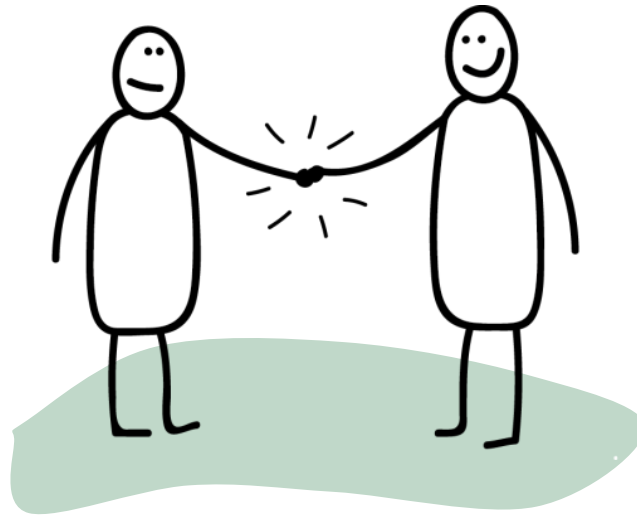
Recommendations for policy

Make it strategic

- Set targets on life cycle energy efficiency
- Make economic incentives and environmental impact coincide
- Use innovation procurement based on life cycle energy performance

Act as catalysts for system innovation

- Support global initiatives such as standardization, incentives and regulations.
- Create or support forums to discuss governance in supply chains
- Invest in research as well as in education and implementation



Further interest?

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