



Co-creating local missions

S3 Summit, Azores

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Mission-oriented Innovation Policy Observatory

- Conceptualisation of missions and MIPs
- Comparison of different missions and MIPs
- Reviewing policy adoption and effects

With and for policy practitioners

- Webinars/workshops
- Dialogues
- Commissioned studies (e.g. EZK/OECD; JRC)
- Training for professionals



Content

- Workshop objectives
- Mission-oriented innovation policy (recap)
- Mission scoping / formulation Task 1: Developing a theory of change
- Mission governance, policy, and evaluation (+example) Task 2: Designing a mission
- Peer learning panel



Workshop objectives

Enhancing your **understanding** of...

... what missions and mission-oriented innovation policy (MIP) are
... on what accounts there is variety, and why that matters
... which strategic considerations could apply when developing MIP
... how missions can be scoped/formulated and designed
(including governance, policy instrumentation, evaluation)

Get you to **practice** with some analyses; develop **your MIP** (Azores)

Support **critical thinking** regarding the (im)possibilities of MIPs



Mission-oriented innovation policy



Mission-oriented innovation policy (OECD)

Figure 2. Synthetic view of the MOIP definition and the three MOIP dimensions



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Mission-oriented innovation policy: variety

- Accelerator vs. Transformer missions
- Economic growth vs Challenge-oriented
- Closed vs. Open
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Differences in motivation/interpretation hold important implications for governance, policy instrumentation, monitoring, etc.!



Missions at the interface as different policy traditions



Degree of demand pull ———



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Janssen Wesseling Torrens Weber Penna & Klerkx (2023) in SPP – Missions as boundary objects for transformative change

In sum

Missions can be regarded as:

- Goals
- An innovation policy approach (governance + instruments)
- A process ...
 - … for discovery and coordination/convergence (→ ODP)
 - ... for capacity building / policy transformation



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Some additional strategic considerations (1)

What is the remit of MIP?

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Some additional strategic considerations (2)

- Some ambiguity on the 'why' might be good for stability
- Missions are a coordination mechanism, but not everything can and should be orchestrated. Missions can also help to interlinking different approaches / communities ('boundary object')
- Development: a mission approach can evolve
 (e.g. in terms of budget, narrow/wide scoping, open/closed nature).
 → This also provides an opportunity for capacity building!



Let's start!





Figure 1: Interaction of different toolbox elements (for mission owners and evaluators)

An operative model of the functions and tasks required for a successful implementation of missions



Let's start!



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Remainder of the programme

S3 and societal challenges in Azores (Fábio Vieira, ANI)

Mission scoping / formulation

- Co-developing shared agendas (Tatiana Fernandez, Gen. Catalunya)
- Co-creating a theory of change (Matthijs Janssen, UU) \rightarrow Task 1

Mission design

- Governance, policy, evaluation (Matthijs Janssen, UU) \rightarrow Task 2

Peer learning panel (Luísa Henriques, FCT)



Mission scoping / formulation



Mission scoping / formulation

- Defining the **mission goal**: year, geographic boundary, ambition level, (sub)problem, (partial) solution(s).

"A carbon free built-environment by 2050"

- The **process** of co-creating visions and agendas
- The **strategy** of linking local problems and strengths to global developments/opportunities
- The analysis of possibilities to drive change through intervention → Theory of change



A theory of change for missions

Theory of change: description of how interventions, through a series of steps, lead to a desired outcome.



Purpose: reflecting on what causal mechanisms can be set in motion, which variety of interventions this requires, and how different interventions / causal paths interrelate.



A theory of change for missions: Example



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A theory of change for missions: Example



TASK 1: Develop a theory of change

- 1. Form 3 groups (self-selection): one per challenge
- 2. Define a goal
- 3. Reason back from impact to input: see *log-frame template*



- 4. Which policy 'impulses' are needed for achieving the goal?
 - Funding / resources (R&D, demo, ...) → calls; Living Labs
 - Infrastructure / information → harmonized monitoring
 - Organizing / networking → soil advisory networks
 - Engagement / visibility → mission in laws / schemes

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Mission design



Governance models



Inside-out

Outside-in



Transformative tasks

Creating legitimacy and leadership	Multi-level, multi-actor and multi-instrumental coordination and alignment	Reflexivity, learning and experimenting	Resolving conflicts
Identifying and demonstrating transformative failures (Weber & Rohracher, 2012) Acknowledging and managing the normativity of innovation policies for societal challenges (Uyarra et al., 2019; Schlaile et al., 2017) Accountability mechanisms (Rogge & Reichardt, 2016)	Vertical and horizontal policy coordination (Weber & Rohracher, 2012; OECD 2020) Multi-instrumental policy approaches / Policy mix (Rogge & Reichardt, 2016) Focus on multi-disciplinarity beyond epistemological boundaries (Cagnin et al., 2012)	Reflexive governance (Weber and Rohracher, 2012) Adaptability (Janssen, 2019) Experimental/ tentative governance (Torrens & Schot, 2017; Kuhlmann & Rip, 2018) Formative evaluation (Molas-Gallart et al., 2020) Second-order learning (TIPc, 2017) Consideration of system-level impact (TIPc, 2017)	Destruction policies / deliberate decline / destabilization / exnovation / phasing out (Rogge et al., 2020 ; Hekkert et al., 2020; Klerx & Begemann, 2020) Embracing contestation (Wanzenböck et al., 2020) "Conflict vs Consensus"/anticipatory deliberation (TIPc, 2017; Schot & Steinmueller, 2018) Establish corridors of acceptable development pathways (Schot & Steinmueller, 2018) Tilting the playing field (Kattel & Mazzucato, 2018)

Transformative tasks * Governance models

	Transformative innovation policy governance task:				
Governance	Creating legitimacy and	Coordinating across multiple	Reflexivity, learning and	Resolving	
modes:	leadership	levels, actors and instruments	experimenting	conflicts	
Administration- based governance	 Show commitment from high political levels Create an independent policy unit 	 Change of innovation funding priorities Targeting multiple (existing) instruments, actors or policy fields at prioritized topics 	 Policy mapping across different departments New monitoring and evaluation procedures beyond abstract inputs/outputs 	-	
Network-based governance	 Engage in partnerships based on shared leadership and collective agendas 	 Involve representative key stakeholders in agenda-setting Shared ownership between policy partners 	 Adapt policies based on network signals Evaluate formatively, with participative deliberation 	 Community building and community management 	
Society-based governance	 Create a vision around perceived problem urgency Emphasize community- based problem-solving 	 Establish a hub-like transition team outside government Reinforce bottom-up initiatives Inspire and instruct policy makers 	 Learning-by-doing (stocktaking) Monitor project outcomes for initiative re-orientation 	 Install a field- level working group 	



Policy instruments



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Evaluation

Formative evaluation



Summative evaluation

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Janssen Wesseling Bergek (2022) in PLOS Sustainability and Transitions -Evaluating systemic innovation and transition programmes



Example: Dutch 'Mission-oriented Topsector and innovation policy'

Themes	Missions			
Energy	- 49% reduction of national greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, aiming for 95% lowe			
transition	emissions by 2050 compared to 1990.			
and	- An entirely carbon-free electricity system by 2050.			
sustainability	- A carbon-free built environment by 2050.			
	- Carbon-neutral industry with reuse of raw materials and products by 2050.			
	- Zero-emission mobility of people and goods by 2050.			
	- A sustainable and completely circular economy by 2050, with resource use halved by 2030.			
Agriculture,	- Reduction of the use of raw and auxiliary materials in agriculture and horticulture by 2030			
water and	and creating the maximum possible value from all end products and residuals by utilising t			
food	as fully as possible (circular agriculture).			
	- By 2050, the agricultural and nature system will be net carbon-neutral.			
	- The Netherlands will be climate-proof and water-resilient by 2050.			
	- By 2030, we will produce and consume healthy, safe and sustainable food, while supply chair			
	partners and farmers get a fair price for their produce.			
	- A sustainable balance between ecological capacity and water management vs. renewable			
	energy, food, fishing and other economic activities, where this balance must be achieved by			
	2030 for marine waters and by 2050 for rivers, lakes and estuaries.			
	- The Netherlands is and will remain the best-protected and most viable delta in the world			
the shift and	with timely future-proof measures implemented at a manageable cost.			
Health and	- By 2040, all Dutch citizens will live at least five years longer in good health, while the health			
health care	inequalities between lowest and highest socio-economic groups will have decreased by 30%.			
	 By 2040, the burden of disease resulting from an unhealthy lifestyle and living environmen 			
	will have decreased by 30%.			
	- By 2030, the extent of care provided to people within their own living environment (rathe			
	than in health-care institutions) will be 50% more than today or such care will be provided			
	50% more frequently than at present.			
	- By 2030, the proportion of people with a chronic disease or lifelong disability who can play			
	an active role in society according to their wishes and capabilities will have increased by 25%			
	- By 2030, quality of life for people with dementia will have improved by 25%.			
Security	- By 2030, organised crime in the Netherlands will have become an excessively high-risk and			
	low-return enterprise, thanks to a better insight into illegal activities and cash flows.			
	- By 2035, the Netherlands will have a navy fit for the future, which will be able to respond			
	flexibly to unpredictable and unforeseen developments.			
	- By 2030, the Netherlands will have operationally deployable space-based capabilities fo			
	defence and security.			
	- Cyber security: the Netherlands will be in a position to capitalise, in a secure manner, on the			
	economic and social opportunities offered by digitisation.			
	- By 2030, the armed forces will be fully networked with other services and through the			
	integration of new technologies, so that they can act faster and more effectively than the			
	opponent.			
	- Supply and demand will come together more quickly to implement successful short-cycle			
	innovations.			
	- By 2030, security organisations will be capable of collecting new and better data, so tha			
	they are always one step ahead of the threat.			
	they are always one step ahead of the threat. - By 2030, the role of security professional will be among the 10 most attractive profession:			



MTIP overall design





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MTIP policy mix



Janssen (2020): Post-commencement assessment of the MTIP

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MTIP policy mix: Built Environment mission



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The MTIP as the latest step in policy evolution



The MTIP as a source of inspiration (?)

Prominent example of 'fully-fledged' mission-oriented innovation policy

- Extensive governance structure for collective directions \rightarrow checks-and-balances
- High-level commitment, but not politically sensitive \rightarrow stability
- Many different stakeholders represented in governance layers \rightarrow inclusiveness
- Leading themes for diverse policy actors, R&D and beyond \rightarrow policy alignment
- Too complex and broad? → lack of convergence / clear directions
- Too much based on previous structure? \rightarrow bias towards growth, technology, variety
- Too much associated with Min. Economic Affairs? \rightarrow passing on responsibilities



Evaluation of Dutch MTIP: Suggestions for summative evaluation



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TASK 2: Design a mission

- 1. What governance structures / role distribution?
 - R&D agency; other agencies/departments; university representatives; business representatives; civil society
- 2. What tasks are needed, and how would you implement them?
 - Low-hanging fruit vs more radical but maybe also impactful options.
- 3. [What challenges do you expect] [What would you monitor?]





<u>Upcoming MIPO events:</u>

Special session EU-SPRI2023 conference (June 2023, Brighton): "Governance and policy processes for transformative research and innovation"

For more info, see: Mission-oriented Innovation policy observatory (MIPO) www.uu.nl/en/research/copernicus-institute-of-sustainabledevelopment/mission-oriented-innovation-policy-observatory

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