

BARRIERS AND INCENTIVES TO URBAN SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

Work Package 7

RATIONALE

Assessment of urban sustainability is a means to an end in that it is intended to guide design and planning decisions in a way that contributes to sustainable development. The impact of assessment mechanisms towards this goal depends on the level of use and adoption of sustainability assessment tools. The determinants of usage and adoption of tools are complex and include legal, institutional and regulatory frameworks, as well as factors specific to organisations and systems for which the assessment tools are designed.

RESEARCH AIM

It is the aim of this Work Package to investigate and identify the barriers to sustainability assessment and the adoption of assessment tools; and assess the potential impact of various approaches and incentives to overcome them.

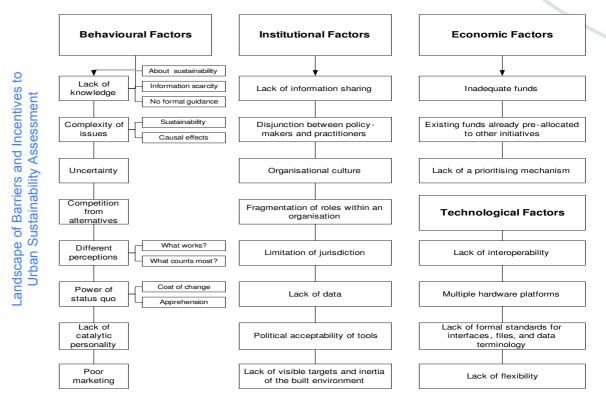
KEY TASKS OF THE RESEARCH

Investigate and identify the various barriers to sustainability assessment

Investigate and identify incentives that can facilitate and encourage sustainability assessment and the adoption of requisite tools

Develop processes and approaches to overcome the identified barriers to adoption of sustainability assessment tools and integrate these into the ISAT development process

Provide advice and recommendations to industry and government regarding the potential impact of different types of incentives for more robust and transparent urban sustainability assessments



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