

The NonHazCity followers: Strategic approaches of the partner cities

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Background: oblique spotting of HS in cities

- By chance HS are identified within project activities (universities, research)
- On occasional grounds the municipality staff gets information and knowledge about HS
- City Development strategies & strategic development plans set objectives on sustainability and environment:

Consideration of sustainability criteria in all public tenders from 2013 onwards [Turku City]

A safe and clean environment: programmes for improvement of environment quality [Kaunas City Municipality]

Good environmental quality: ensure the quality and protection of water resources [Riga City]



NonHazCity supports strategic approaches and shares experience from front-runners



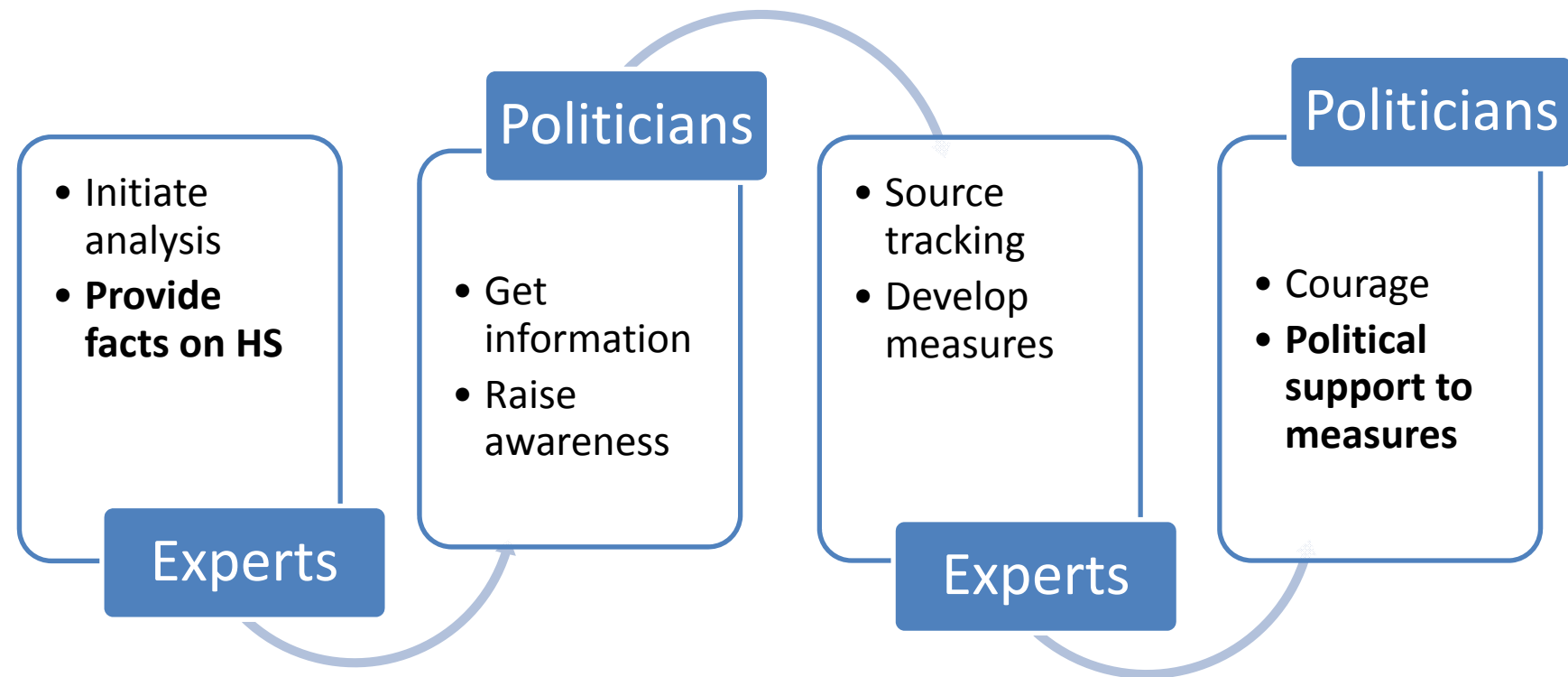
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- Municipalities around the Baltic Sea
- Various size of cities in range of inhabitants:
~5,000 (Silale, LT) up to ~900,000 (Stockholm, SE)
- Different extent of current HS activities:
 - Limited: Latvia (Riga), Estonia (Parnu), Lithuania (Kaunas, Silale), Poland (Gdansk)
 - Specific focus: Finland (Turku), Germany (Hamburg)
 - Comprehensive: Sweden (Stockholm, Vasteras)

 **Different cities – common approach**



Strategic take-up of the HS problems at municipalities



Setting the *play-ground* for measures

- **Chemicals Action Plan** – a strategic tool to support municipal actions
 - Targeted to the local situation (environmental state, local emission sources & priority substances)
 - Indicated action areas of focus & stakeholders addressed
 - Developed activities under each action area
 - Included verification aims & indicators
 - Indicated follow-up and evaluation mechanisms

 **Addressing HS bundled in one document!**

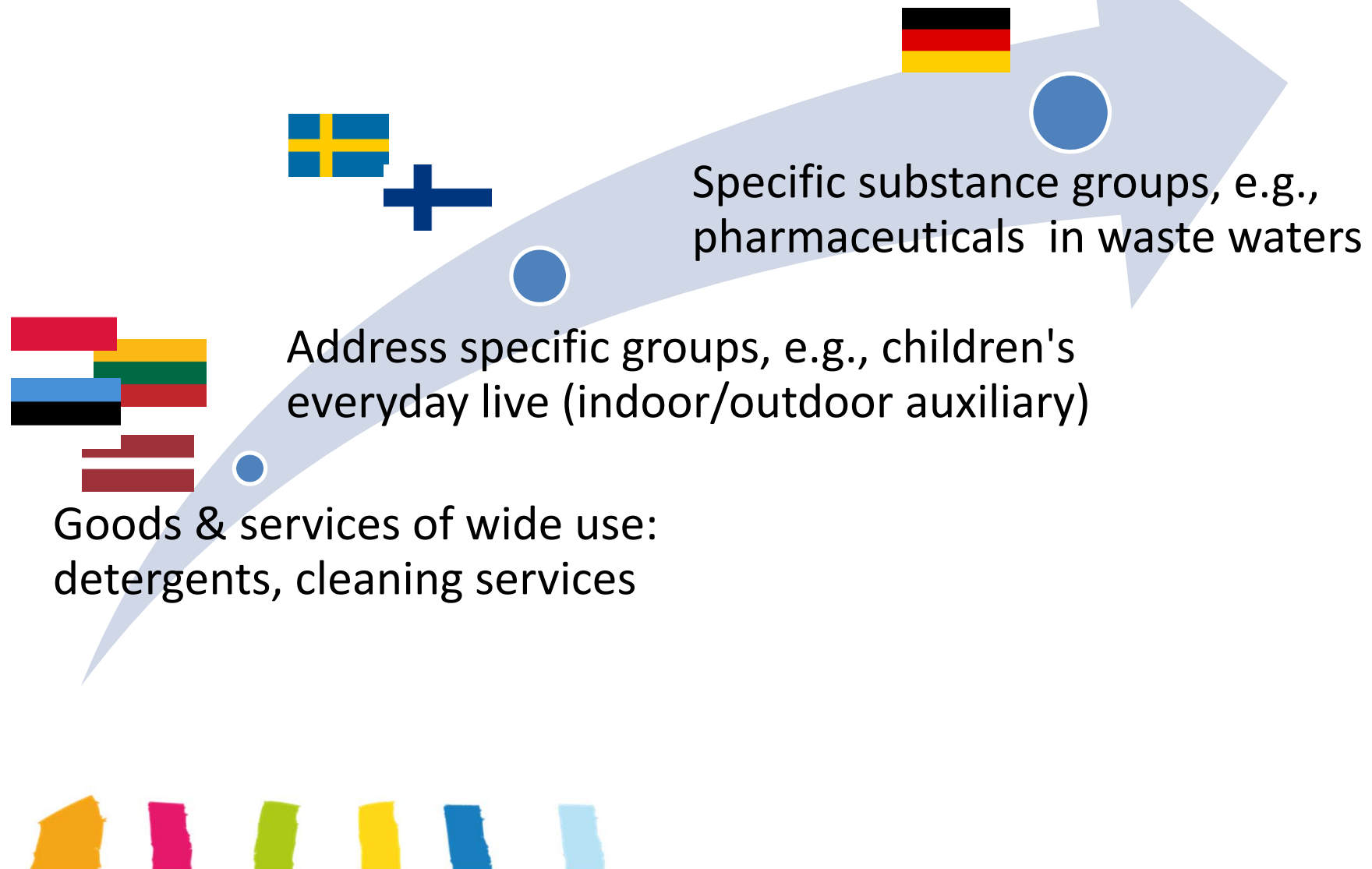


A key to implementation - targeted actions

- Aimed to initiate practical & easy-to-implement HS emission reduction at local level
- Areas for potential actions:
 - Procurement, supply
 - Waste water treatment
- A set of activities to back-up the implementation:
 - Training of relevant staff & stakeholders
 - Indicating best choices for selected types of articles or services
 - Setting/ applying standards to avoid HS in purchases
 - *etc.*



Focus to priority areas (by NonHazCity partner municipalities)



Main aspects of strategic approach:

- **Bundling** of HS in one strategy – Chemicals Action Plan – approved by local politicians
- Building on **synergies** of actions at priority areas
- **Mainstreaming** – wide range of HS actions at different settings (municipal entities, local businesses and by local inhabitants)
- **Networking** – exchange of experience, learning from front-runners
- **Customized communication** to inhabitants, local business, municipality staff, activated feed-backing loops



Thank you!

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