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## Rural's Multi-functionality

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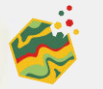
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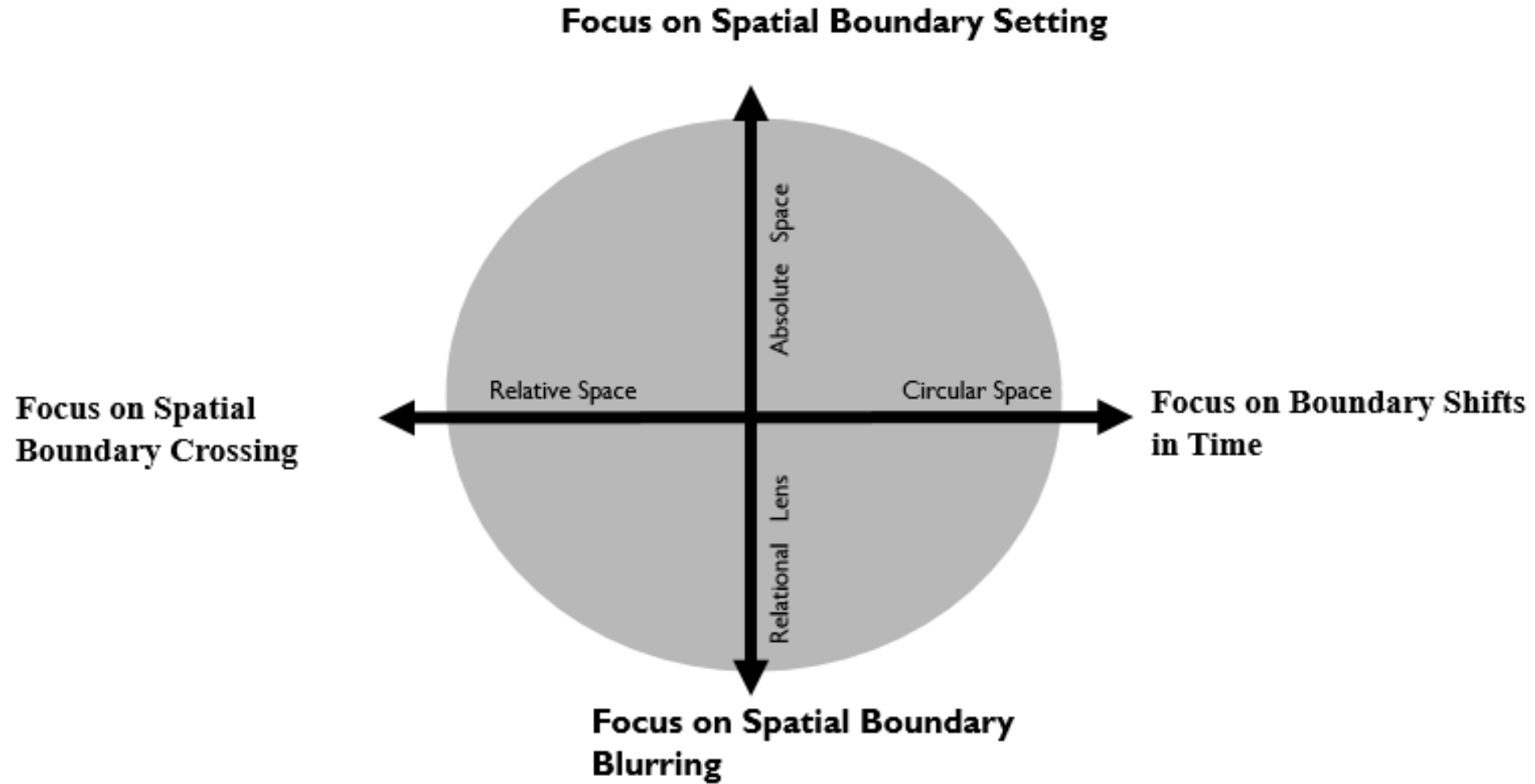
# WHAT?

- Key aspects of GRANULAR's theorizing of rurality
- GRANULAR's Prototype Rural Diversity Compass
- Empirical Illustration from Dutch Living Lab Setting
- Some Conclusions

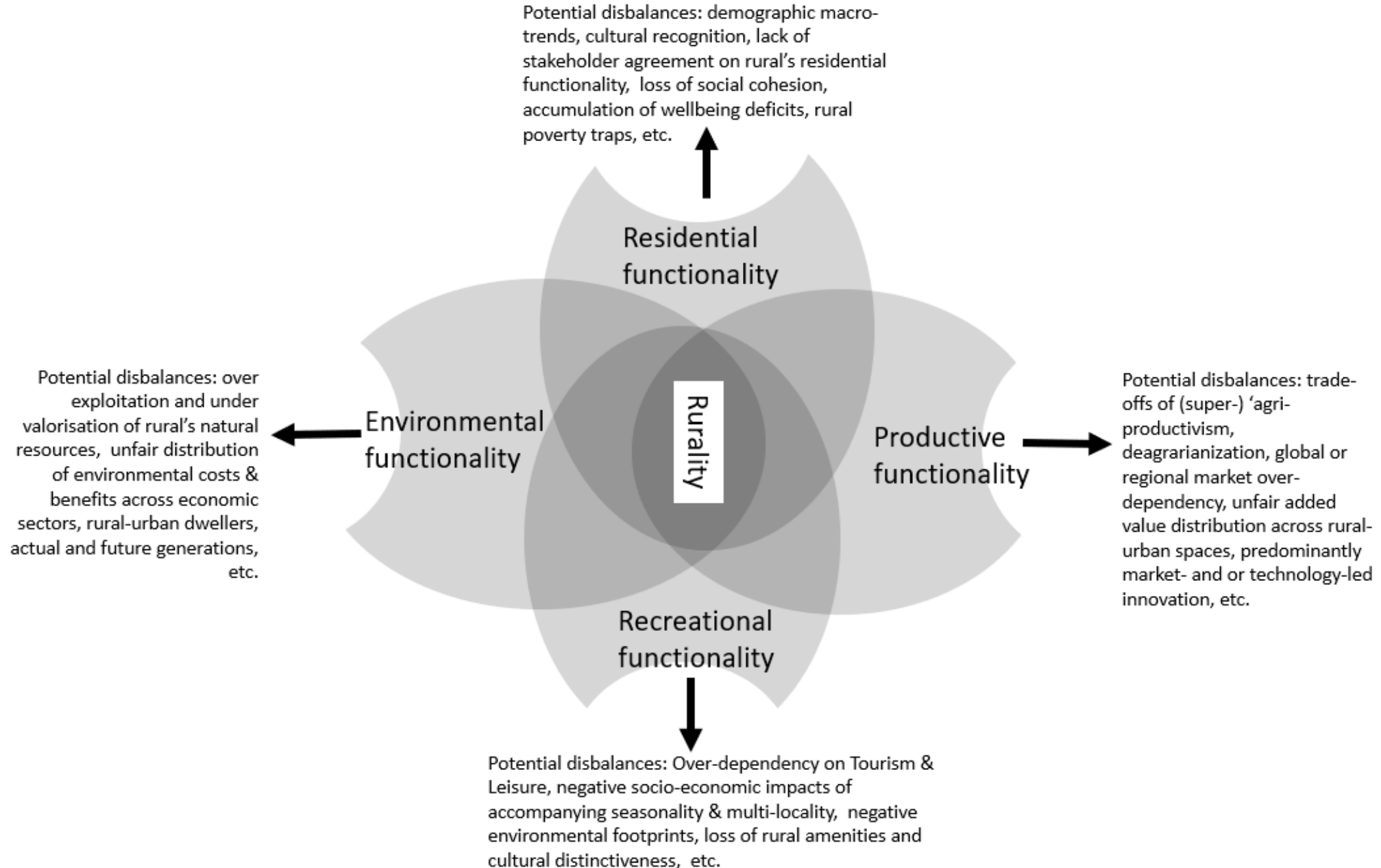
# RURALITY AS MULTIPLE BOUNDARY ORIENTATIONS



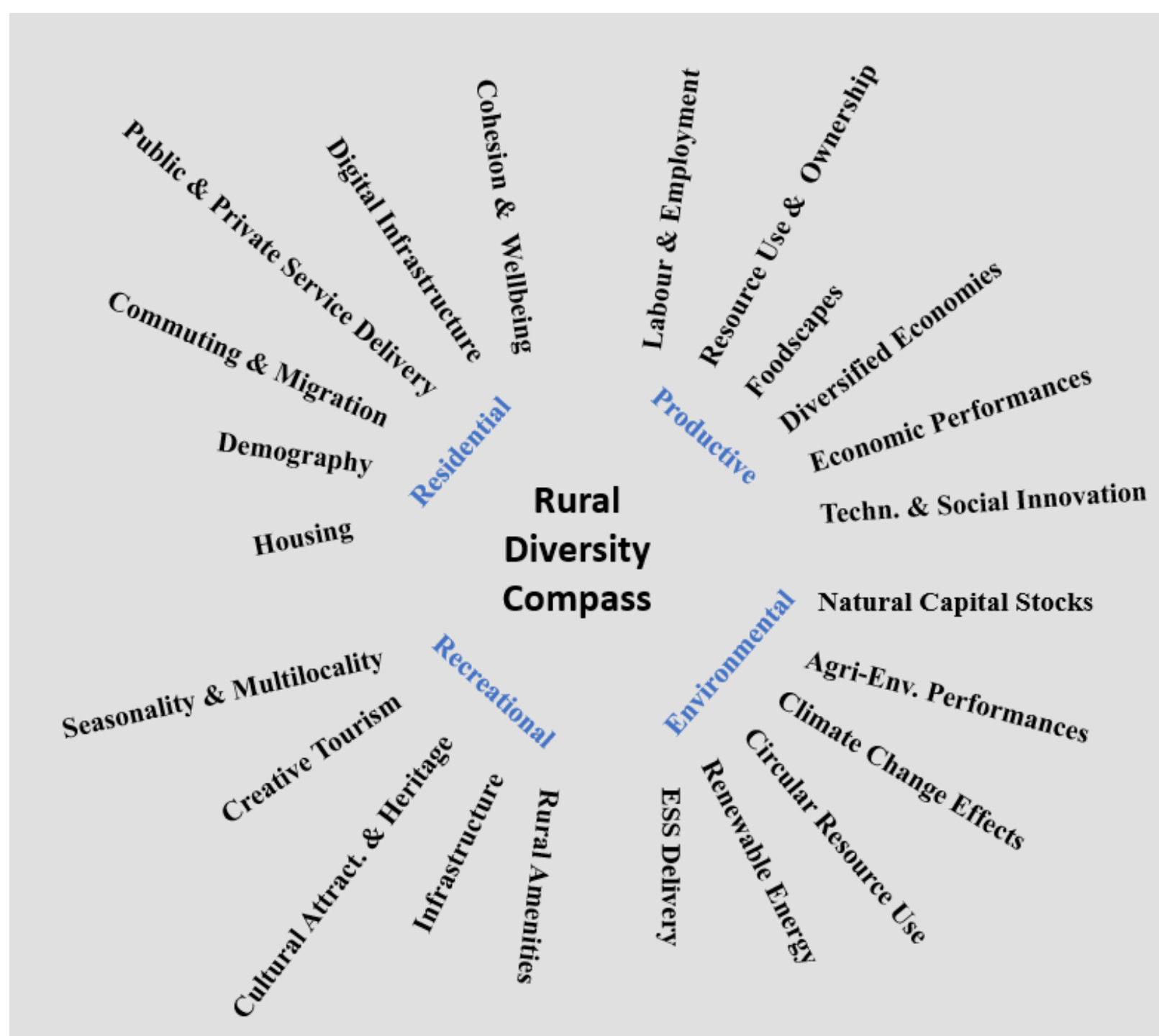
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# RURILITY AS MULTI-FUNCTIONAL



# Prototype Rural Diversity Compass: Multi-Functionality Characterization with the help of 24 Components

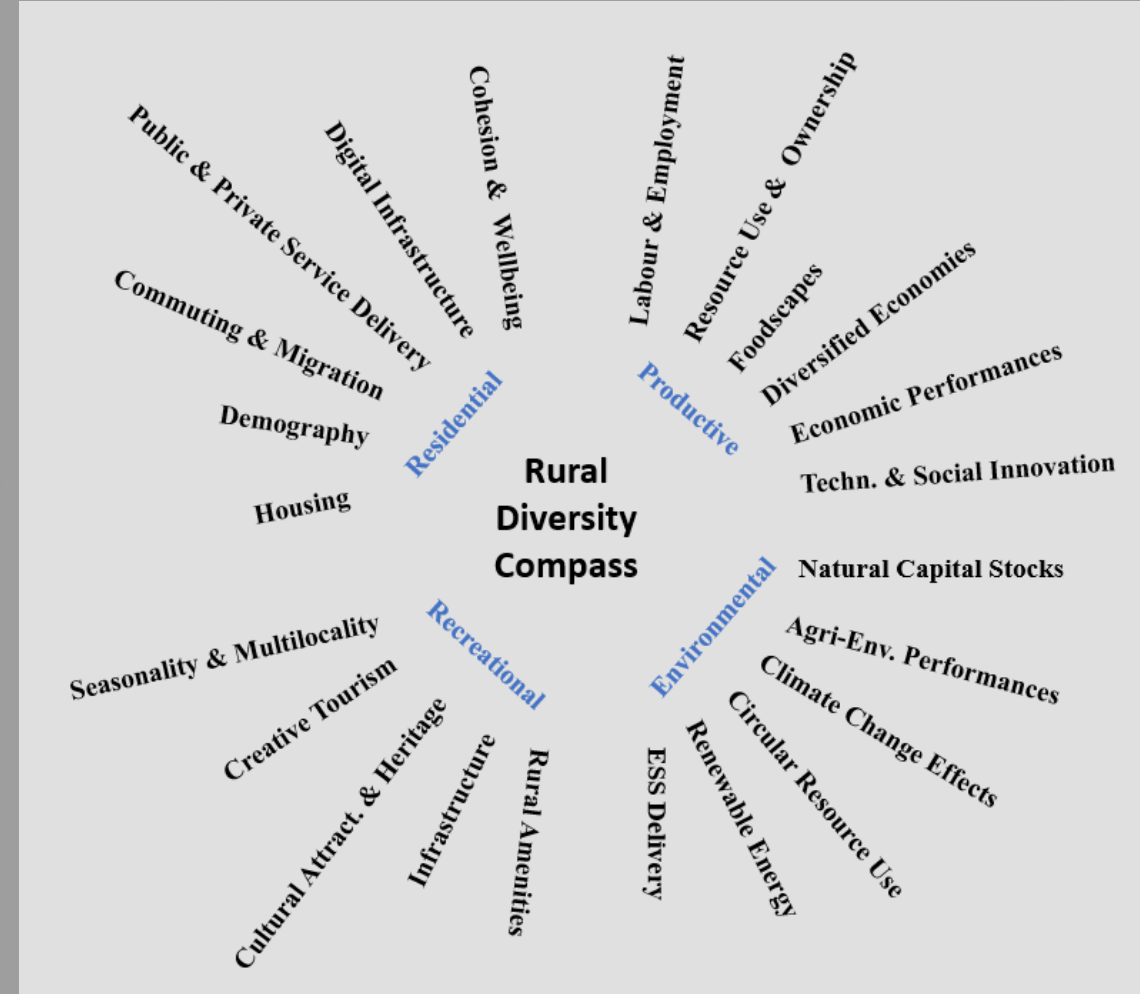




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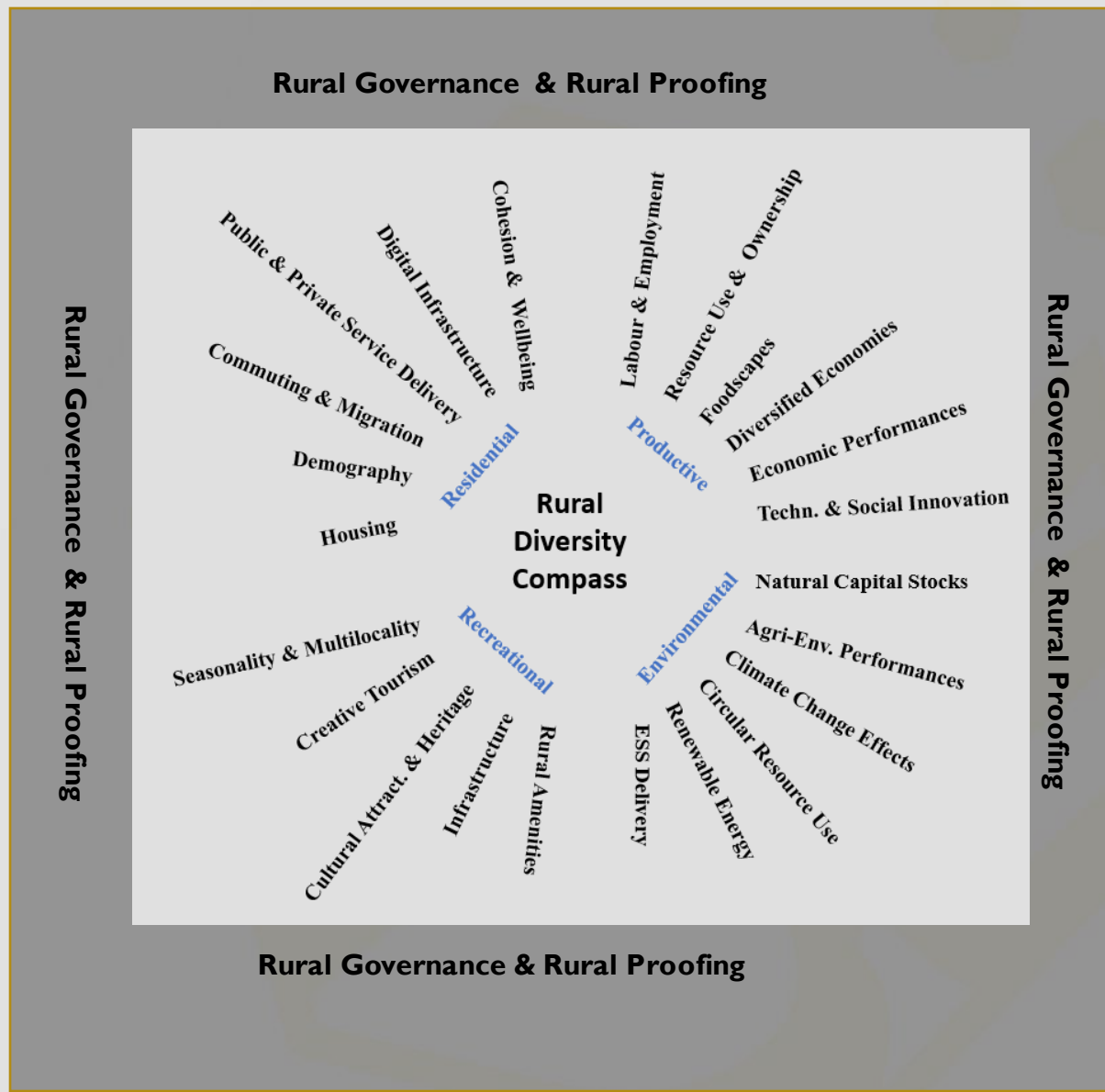
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Eye for the Place-specificity of Contemporary Rural Governance and Rural Proofing Features and Challenges



Spatial Justice

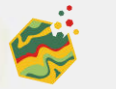
Climate Justice



Social Justice

Rural Resilience

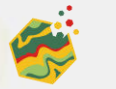
Different Justice Manifestations and Rural Resilience as Overarching Guiding Principles for Policy making



# EMPIRICAL ILLUSTRATION BY DUTCH LIVING LAB SETTING

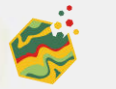
- Prototype Compass tool that enables to:
  - social- spatial- and climate justice issues and controversies;
- Address and specify wellbeing needs and wellbeing contributions of Dutch most rural municipalities;
- Place these in a wider context of manifold claims on scarce rural land resources;
- Explain its accompanying
  - Specify national wider policy questions / dilemmas;





# NATIONAL RURAL POLICY MAKING DILEMMAS

- Which aspirations re global food security contributions?
- Which role for animal production in sustainable food systems?
- Landsparing or Landsharing as basis for rural spatial planning?
- Supra-national exchange of policy objectives or not?
- Further interventions in consumer behaviour policy acceptable / necessary or not?



## IN CONCLUSION:

- GRANULAR's Prototype Rural Diversity Compass: Analytical tool for a better understanding of rural functionality dynamics, drivers and outcomes;
- Supportive tool to characterize the place-specificity of contemporary rural governance and rural proofing challenges (i.e. accommodating rural diversity instead of focussing on urban-rural disparities)
- To be further tested and validated through ongoing and forthcoming GRANULAR activity



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