

# Discussion – Social outcomes

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# Reflection 1

## Existing frameworks

- clear convergence towards common principles in measuring well-being
  - focus on multiple aspects that matter to people's lives
  - measuring outcomes rather than inputs and outputs that might be used to deliver those outcomes
  - distinguish between current well-being (outcomes of the present generation) and future well-being (resources for future generations; sustainability)
- question **how** well-being outcomes are produced: process involving drivers and determinants

- The addition of social outcomes to the CF-SPSS is very important:
  - For completeness of social statistics
  - For answering many open policy questions of how to generate well-being // getting at a theory of change

# Reflection 2

## Selection and classification

- Which components need to be described in the CF-SPSS? Do we only include outcomes or also determinants?
- Where are we going to draw boundaries? What is ‘social’?
- Which classifications do we need?
  - a comprehensive catalogue of actors
  - dimensions of well-being
  - resources (stocks of capital)
  - etc.

## Scope

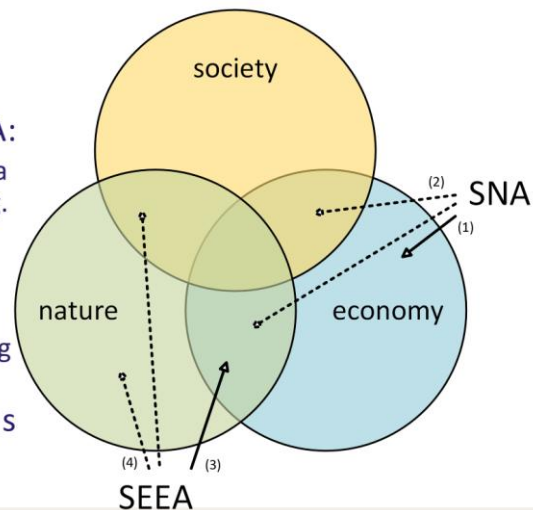
### CF-SPSS versus SNA and SEEA:

- how to deal with phenomena that occur in the overlap (e.g. work)?

### CF-SPSS vs FISW:

- which aspects of social outcomes (well-being) belong in CF-SPSS and in FISW?

What happens where systems interact?



- What is “social” is a critical classification question at this stage

→ Everything that is not yet covered in SNA and SEEA?

→ Everything that matters to people’s lives?

# Reflection 3

- How do we handle normative issues?
  - Social statistics are not an exception (e.g. GDP...)
  - Stakeholders consensus on what matters, and what does not
  - Debate should be informed by science

- Are we already working towards a hierarchy of social outcomes or is this part of the next steps as theory of change are tested?

