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Igniting Interest, Powering Change: Engaging Citizens in Bioenergy

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Challenges to bioenergy engagement

Gaps in inclusivity, fairness, and gender representation, limiting the effectiveness and equity of decision-making;

Differences in sustainability criteria, subsidies for biofuels, and regulatory frameworks across EU member states;

Insufficient market incentive for bioenergy and biofuels compared to fossil fuels and another RES;

Lack of integration between policies and key sectors such as agriculture, waste management, and forestry.

Toward a resilient and inclusive bioenergy future

1. Prioritize fair market competition, clear and consistent sustainability criteria, and a stable policy framework.
2. A comprehensive and coordinated approach to sustainability across all applications of bio-based products to ensure that bioenergy aligns with environmental and social objectives.
3. Fostering inclusive, socially fair, and gender-responsive stakeholder engagement to maintain public trust and create a more resilient, and equitable energy system.
4. Aligning bioenergy policies with broader economic and climate goals will not only enhance the sector's competitiveness but also equitable energy future.

Accelerating the social acceptance of bioenergy

Build long-term public trust at societal level.

Impact on innovation agenda, policy, and market adoption of a technological innovation.

Inform and engage citizens with the topic of bioenergy, it's opportunities and challenges.

Create a participatory process to build a bridge between all stakeholders.

Citizen Visions on Science, Technology and Innovation (CIVISTI)

Objectives:

1. Review the existing governance models of bioenergy-related R&I activities in different EU countries.
2. Address key barriers to reaching R&I targets for bioenergy related to societal transformation, just transition and social acceptance of cutting-edge technologies.
3. Debunk bioenergy myths through well-established social engagement methods.

Focus “perspectives”:

1. Just transition and social innovation.
2. Bioenergy, agriculture and forestry.

Key takeaways

Credibility is crucial to build trust and effective communication.

To improve credibility, a stakeholder engagement process should have clear objectives, use the most appropriate people and methods, but avoid exclusion of those with opposing views, and be transparent; the view that others have of the process is also important.

Communication for bioenergy should consider relevance as a key element.

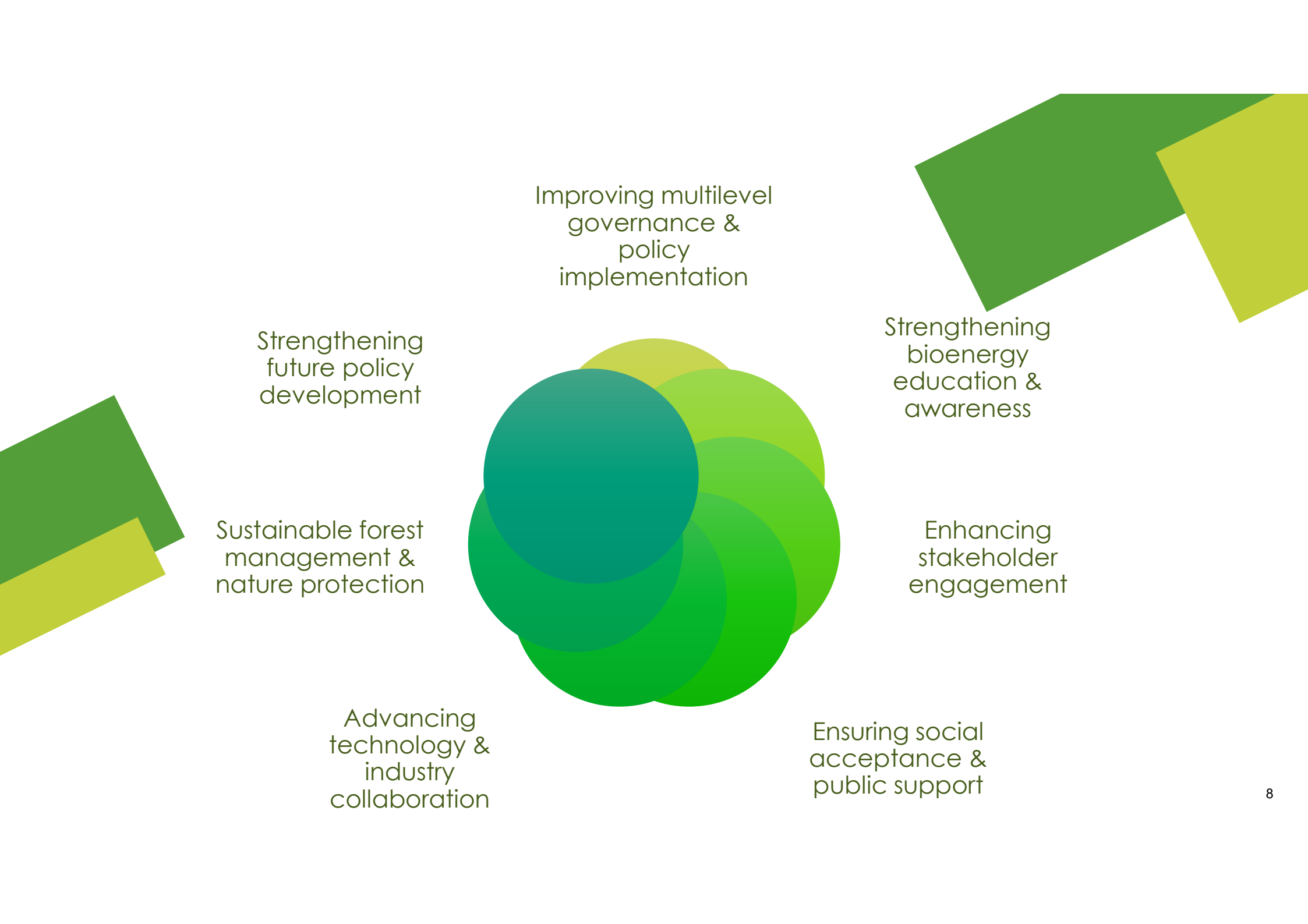
Enhancing relevance through adopting understandable language for different stakeholder groups; ensuring the timing and particularly the outcomes of the engagement, adapting to changing circumstances.

Consider perceived fairness and balance of the stakeholder engagement.

A clearly stated, appropriate and agreed stakeholder engagement process, along with appropriate methods, can help manage conflict and dissent, and therefore, enhance legitimacy.



Guidelines for inclusive, socially fair and gender-responsive stakeholder engagement





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