

Youth, agency and social change: objectives and results of the UP2YOUTH project

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Outline



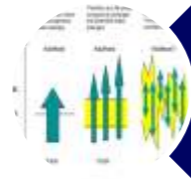
The research project UP2YOUTH



Transition regimes as heuristic tool



Youth and social change



Youth and changes in the life course



Agency in comparative perspective



Conclusions

Coordinated Action - FP 6

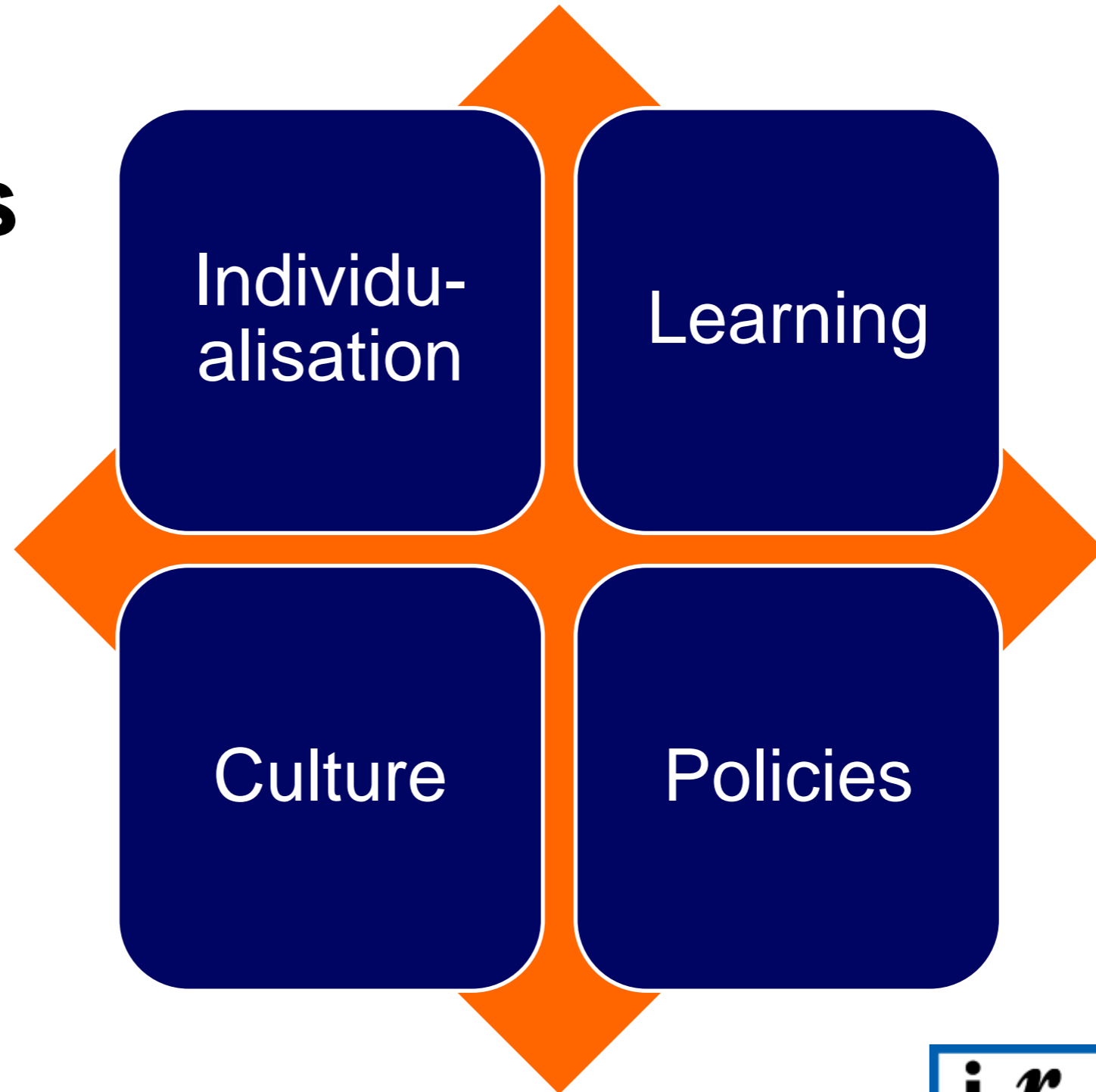
18 teams - 15 countries

3 strands:

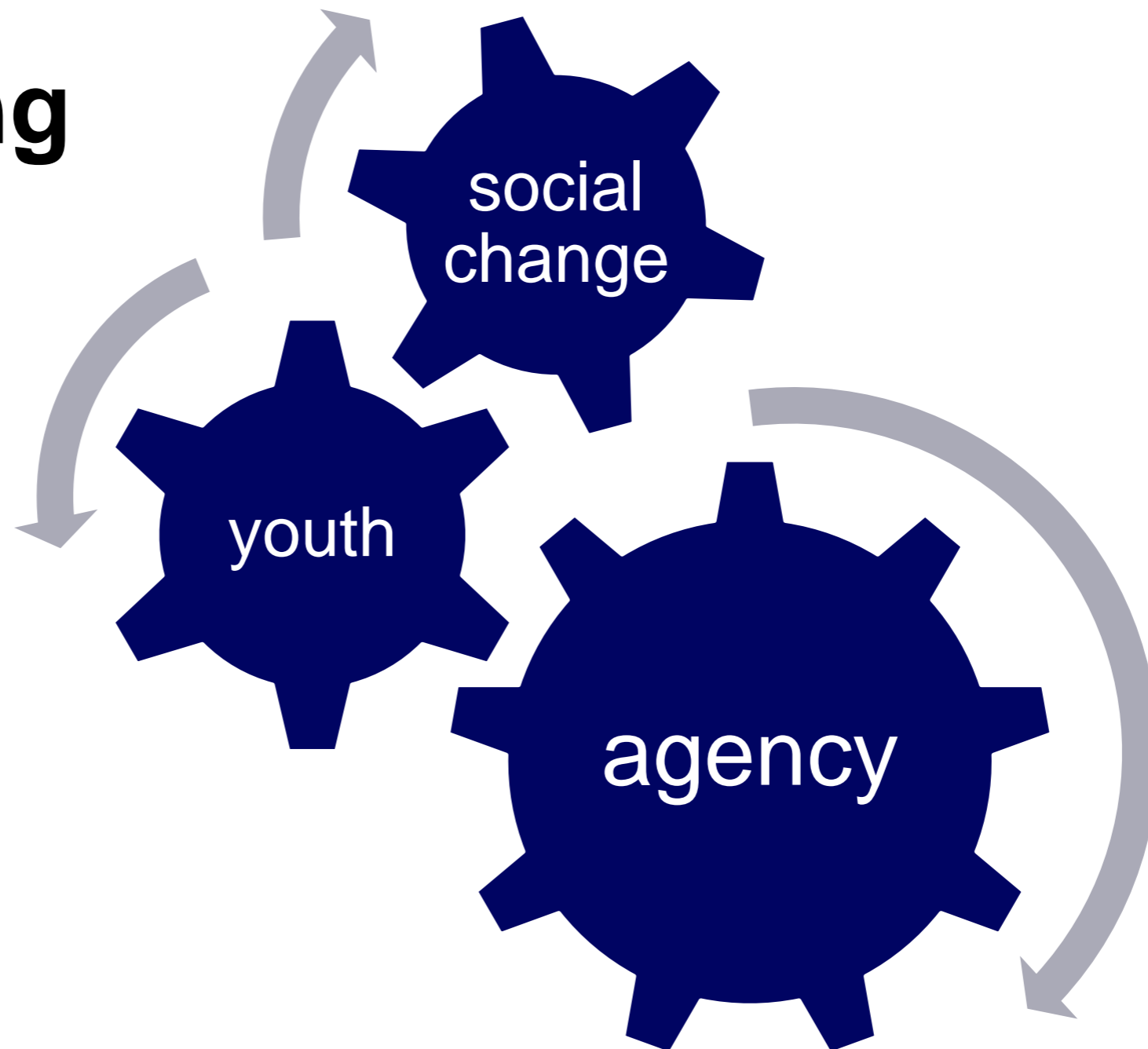
- Young parenthood
- Civic participation
- Transitions of young people from an ethnic minority or migration background



Core dimensions



Sensitizing Concepts



Transition Regimes

Derived from
“welfare
regimes”
typologies

Heuristic
rather than
descriptive
tool

‘Gestalt’
approach:
socio-
economic
foundations,
institutional
rationales,
cultural
patterns

De-
constructing
‘normalities’

Dimensions of Transition Regimes

Structures of welfare policies

Education and training systems

Labour markets

Policies against youth unemployment

Mechanisms of doing gender

Representations of 'youth'

Liberal

- Anglo-Saxon countries

Universalistic

- Nordic countries

Sub-protective

- Mediterranean countries

Employment-centred

- Continental countries

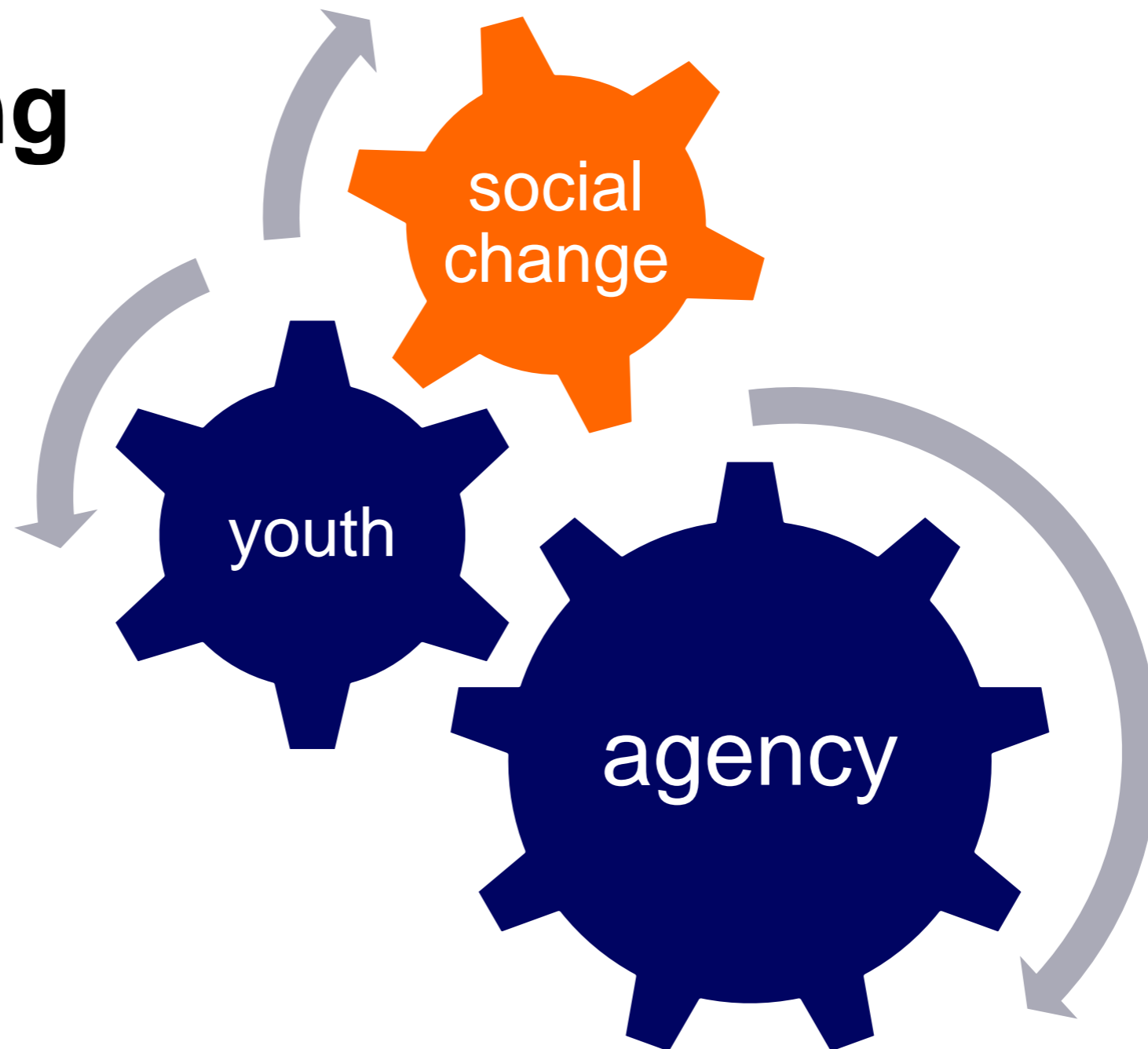
Post-socialist

- Central and Eastern Europe

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Young parenthood	Civic participation	Transitions of ethnic minority youth
University of Leiden (NL)	National School of Public Health (FR)	University of Copenhagen (DK)
University of Milano-Bicocca (IT) NEC, Plovdiv (BG) University of Dresden (DE) University of Ljubljana (SI) University of Belfast (UK)	University College Cork (IRL) Austrian Youth Research Institute (AT) University of Trnava (SK) University of Bologna (IT)	German Youth Institute (DE) AREA Valencia (ES) ANSIT, Bucharest (RO) University of Helsinki (FI) Institute for Social Sciences, Lisbon (PT)

Sensitizing Concepts



Youth and social change

Multi-faceted
societal changes



Changing modes of
social integration

Youth and changes in the life course

De-
standardi-
sation

Frag-
mentation

Diversificati
on of life
course
transitions

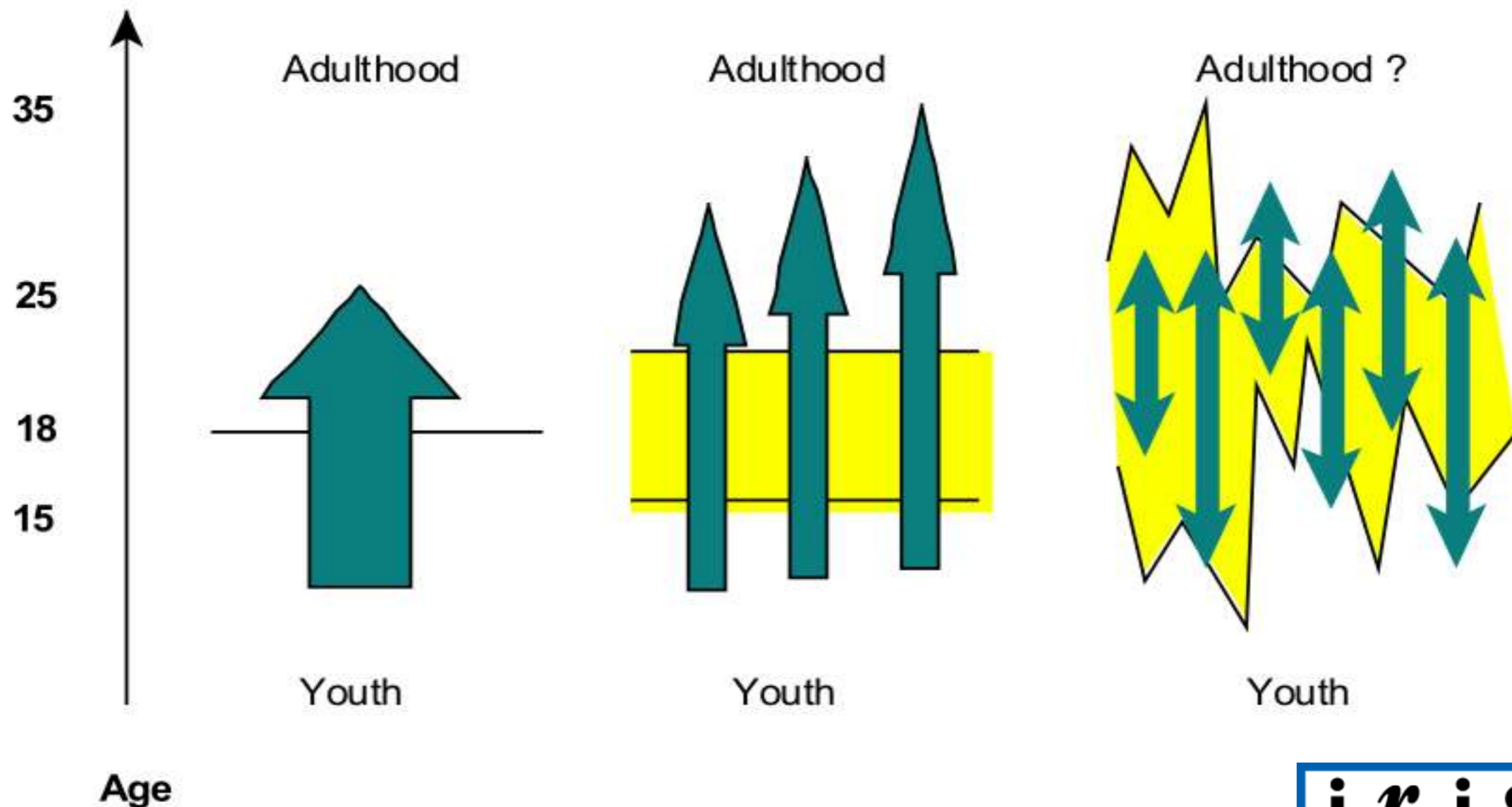
Dis-
appearance
of
adulthood?

YOYO transitions

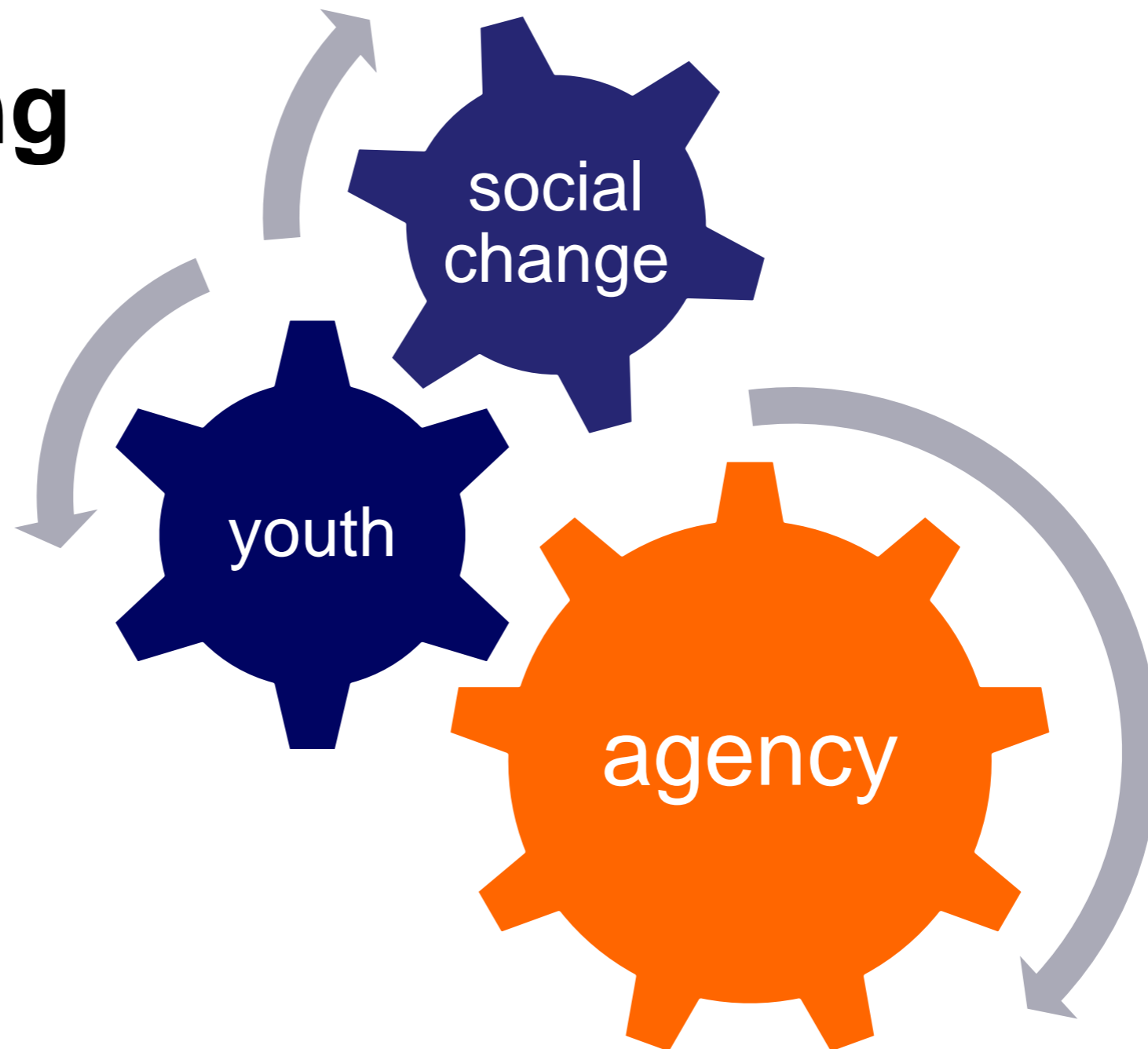
Transition as a linear and homogeneous status passage

Transition as a life phase composed of prolonged and diversified status passages

Reversible and fragmented Yo-yo-transitions with uncertain perspectives



Sensitizing Concepts



Agency in youth research and – policy:

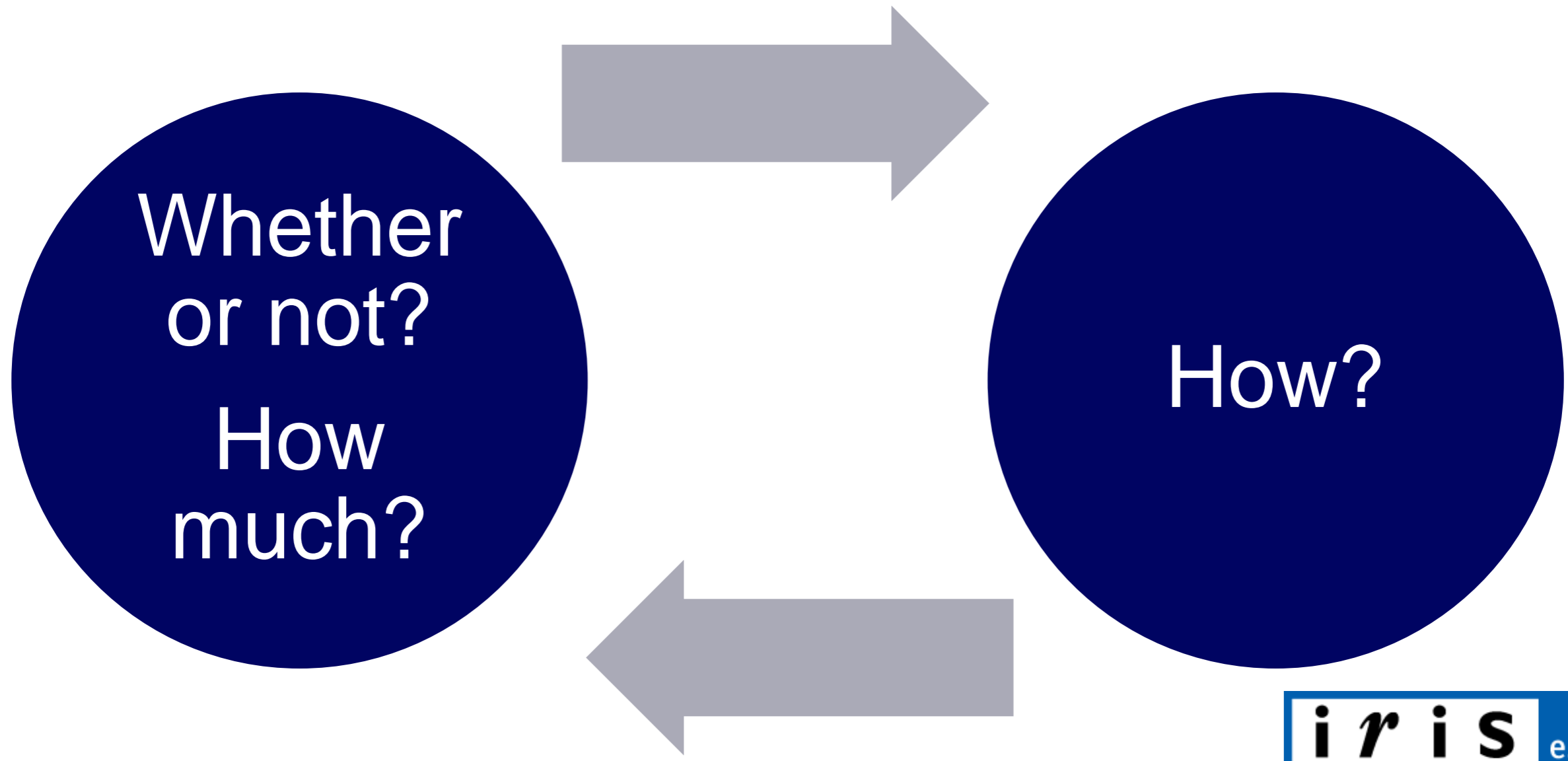


Structure-
angle



Choice-
angle

Agency as an integrative concept



Culture and learning as keys to agency

Culture

- partly shaping, partly resulting from young people's agency

Learning

- situated, inventive, often related to risk-management

Conclusions 1: Benefits for research

- Subjectivity has gained so much importance for social integration processes that it cannot be separated from the more structure related strands of youth research

Conclusions 2: Integrated Transition Policies

- Youth as a life phase on its own
- Securing experimenting
- No target group containers
- Reflexivity and participation

The screenshot shows the UP2YOUTH website with a blue header containing the logo and tagline. A navigation menu on the left lists categories like HOME, NEWS, and YOUNG PARENTS. The main content area features a welcome message and a section for a thematic workshop in Lisbon. A newsletter sign-up form is on the right. The footer includes a funding notice and technical details.

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Youth - actor of social change

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Welcome to the UP2YOUTH Internet Portal

UP2YOUTH is an EU-funded research project concerned with the agency of young people in the context of social change. While their transitions to adulthood are structured by risk and uncertainty young men and women develop coping strategies which in turn affect social structures. This regards especially work, family and citizenship which are the key topics of UP2YOUTH. However, it depends on the scope of action that state policies provide them whether these strategies contribute both to social integration and for subjectively meaningful biographical perspectives.

The UP2YOUTH Internet Portal not only serves to document the structure, progress and results of the project, but also to provide the European youth research community a platform for information and networking.

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Thematic Workshop, 1-4 November, Lisbon

From 1 to 4 November 2007 the second UP2YOUTH thematic workshop will take place in Lisbon (Portugal). Researchers from all over Europe are invited to present their findings and to discuss them with regard to the reserach questions of UP2YOUTH and the draft thematic reports. A keynote speech will be given by Ann Phoenix (Open University, UK).

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