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• ***Why do rural communities opt for climate action?***

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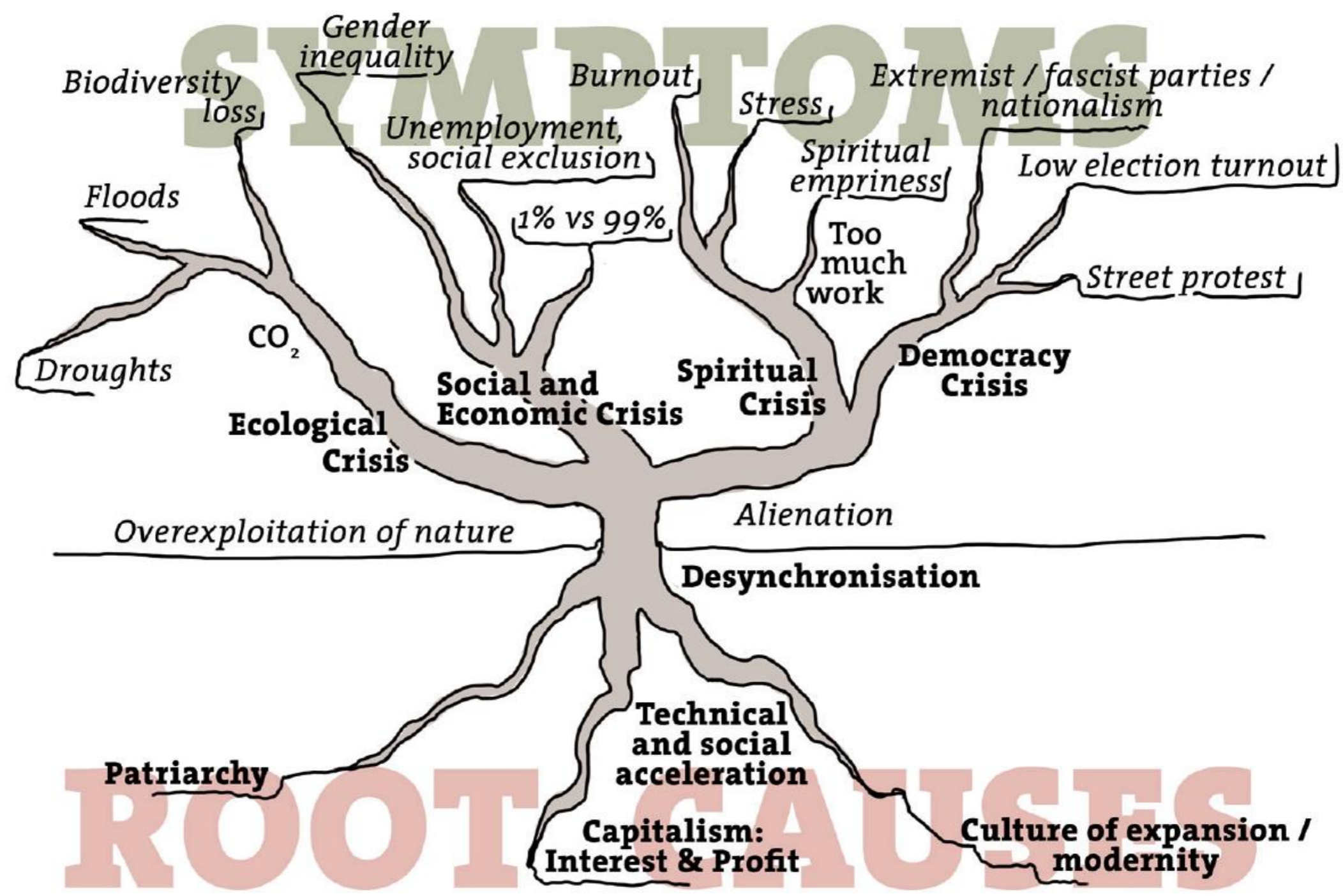
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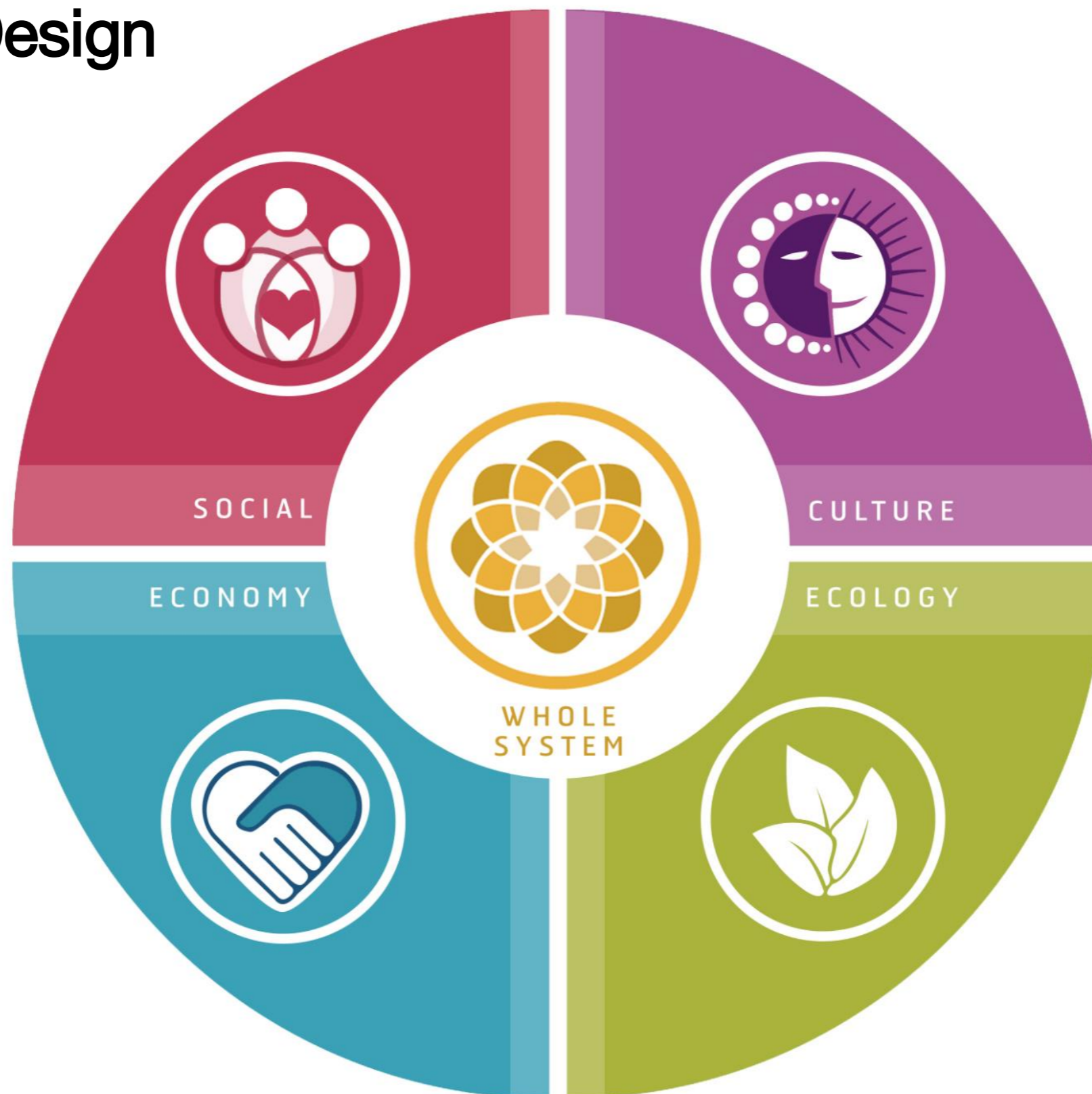
Planetary boundaries



As Science publishes updated research 2015, four of nine planetary boundaries have been crossed: climate change, loss of biosphere integrity, land-system change, altered biogeochemical cycles (phosphorus and nitrogen). Image source: F. Pharand-Deschênes /Globaia

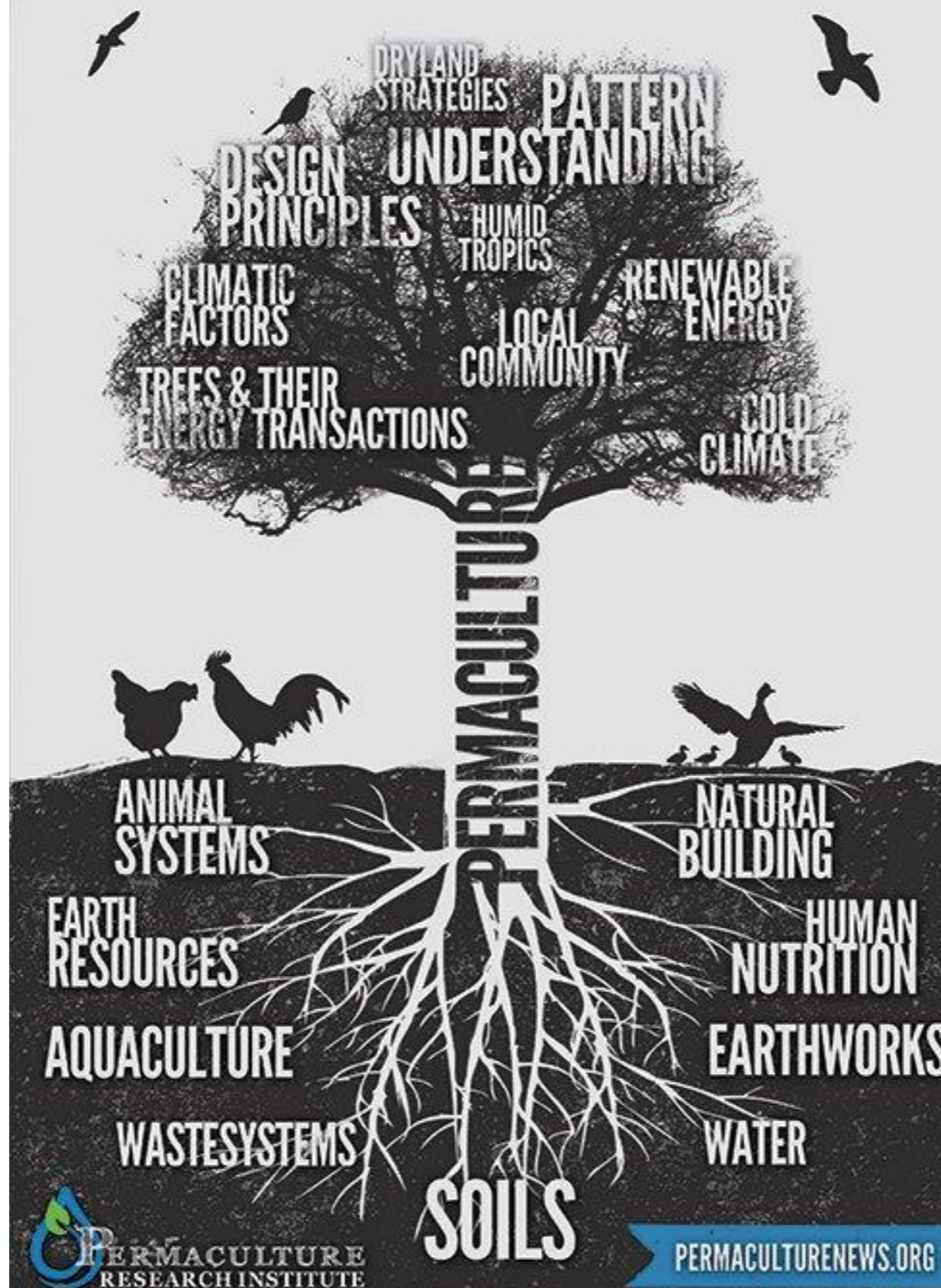


Ecovillage Design



“ A system of design that provides all of the needs for humanity in a way that benefits the environment ”

Geoff Lawton



societal transformation from the bottom up

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Which climate projects?

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If 5% of European citizens engaged as beneficiaries of community-based initiatives similar to the ones sampled, almost 85% of the EU-28 countries would meet the target of reducing GHG emissions by 20% by 2020 (considering the food/agriculture, waste, energy and transport domains).

Source: EU TESS project, 2018

Seven Steps to a Sustainable Europe

Step 1: [Leave "GDP growth" thinking](#)

Step 2: [Restore the Commons](#)

Step 3: [Initiate land regeneration](#)

Step 4: [Promote a social solidarity economy](#)

Step 5: [Enhance participatory decision-making](#)

Step 6: [Enable transformative social innovation](#)

Step 7: [Support community-led initiatives](#)

Source: ECOLISE Status Report 2019

- Big potential for replication and scale-out of local success
- Choose local/distributed participatory solutions, not centralised/concentrated
- Empowering citizens through awareness of their part in the global movement
- Need wider public support for community-led transition

A photograph of people walking in a field with colorful flags and a network overlay. The image shows a group of people walking away from the camera on a grassy path. In the foreground, there are colorful flags on a string. A network of white lines with colored dots is overlaid on the right side of the image. The text 'LOCAL, COMMUNITY-LED: A NEW FUTURE UNFOLDING' is written in white on a purple and green background.

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A celebration of local communities taking action for a zero-carbon
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All catalysing transformation in the face of ecological and climate breakdown are invited to become co-creators of the day.