

# NETGREEN

Network for Green Economy Indicators

## Pathways to a green economy

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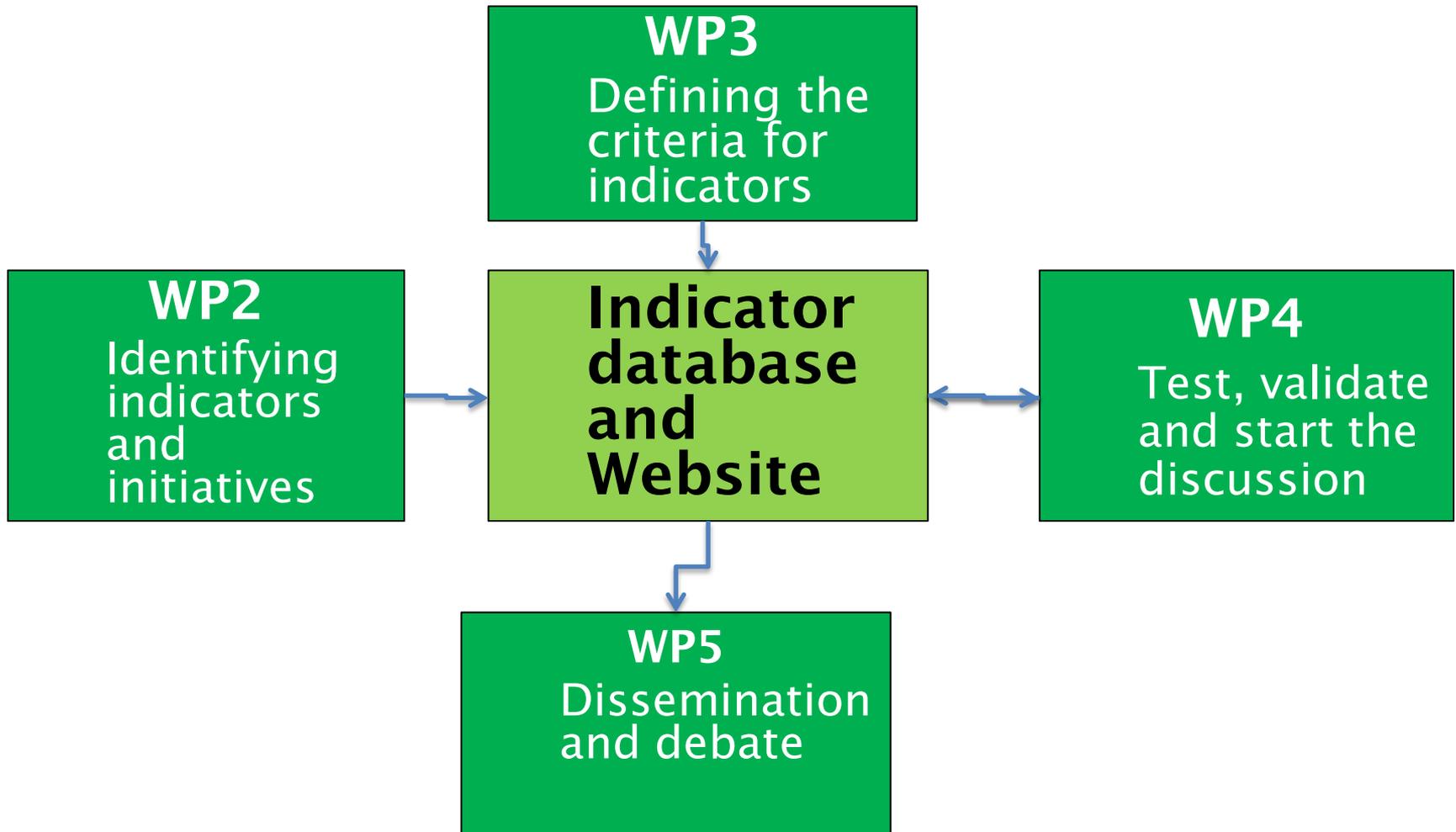
# NETGREEN is creating a tool

- NETGREEN is an EC FP7 funded project
- It is intended to facilitate policies that will advance progress towards a green economy
- The most important output will be a searchable database of indicators that measure this progress
- With descriptions – but not with the data!
- It will be designed for diverse users
  - policy makers and those seeking to influence policy makers
  - users with a range of views on what the green economy is and how best to achieve it.

# Purpose and vision of the database

- Many existing indicators measure aspects of the green economy
  - Indicator sets (sustainable development, green growth and many more)
  - Aggregated welfare indicators (among them indicators that transgress the different dimensions of green economy)
  - Single indicators on specific issues of green growth
- The discussion and the indicator landscape is dominated by specialists and fragmented
- NETGREEN is about developing an easier entry point into the discussion for
  - Policy makers without specialist knowledge on the subject
  - Specialists which want to understand the trade offs and synergies of their field with other relevant fields

# What NETGREEN does



# The process of NETGREEN



# The indicators

- Choice of indicators on the basis of
  - Which indicators are needed to describe the progress on the identified “pathways to a green economy”?
  - Which indicators will be missed if not part of the database (currently “successful” indicators)?
  - How many indicators do we need to show the full complexity of the task?
  - How many indicators can the users of the database understand and process?
  - How many indicators can NETGREEN cope with?

# The criteria

## Policy Question

How to measure the progress of the transition to a green economy?

What trade offs and synergies need to be taken into account?

What objectives and targets do I value and how much?

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## Criteria and Attributes

Statistical Quality

Coverage

Methodology

Limitations and Strengths

Use in the policy process

Political topic

Political Objective

Pitfalls of Interpretation

Trade offs and Synergies with other indicators

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## Indicator Choice

Choice of indicators (usefulness)

Relationship of indicators

Transparency of choice

Understanding of quality of indicators

Understanding of interpretation and pitfalls

Link between indicators and political processes

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# Structure

## Morning session

- Test our findings on the different views of how we will reach a green economy, highlighting:
  - Agreement
  - Disagreement
  - Where there is disagreement, the reasons why

## After lunch session

- Discussion of the implications of these views Implications in terms of indicators to be included in the NETGREEN database

## Final session

- Test our work on indicator selection and the search mechanism (selection criteria) for the database