Eurovision Song Contest 2020 as a catalyst for urban renewal

A research about short-term cultural events to increase positive impacts for the city and local communities

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## INTRODUCTION

## **Background information**







New developments and urban renewal



Stronger economy Increase competitiveness Improve livability and attractiveness

## **Problem statement**



Urban renewal as answer to urbanisation and competitiveness





NPRZ as initiative for Rotterdam-Zuid



Economic improvement but too little benefits for local residents





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Major event as catalysor

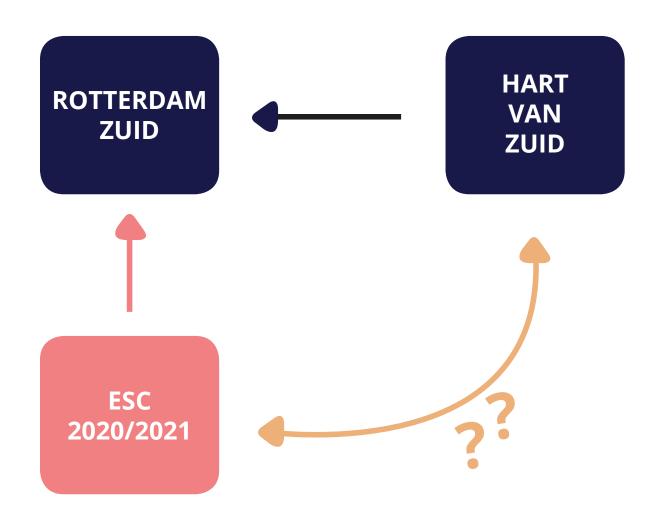
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## Goal

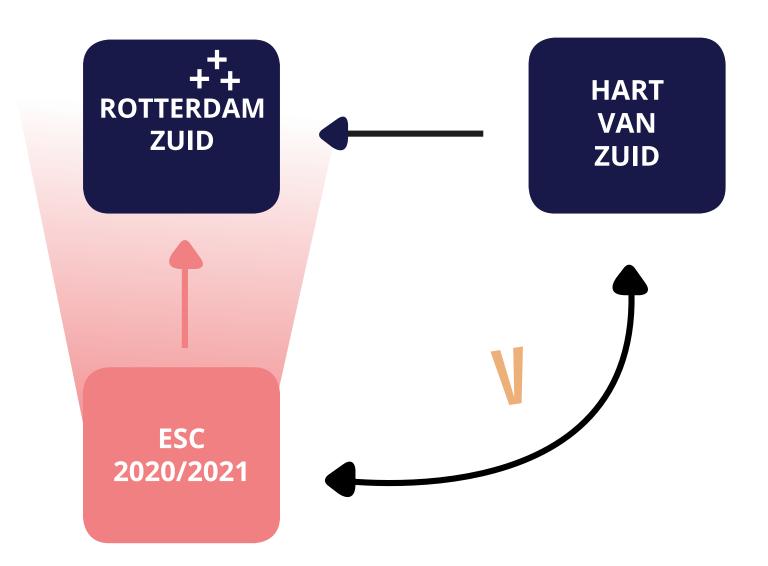
To explore and understand the benefits of hosting cultural events, like the Eurovision Song Contest, in relation to their contribution to urban renewal.

This is done by....

## Goal



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## Research question

Which elements when hosting a cultural great event could positively impact and catalyse urban renewal?

## Sub questions

#### Case related

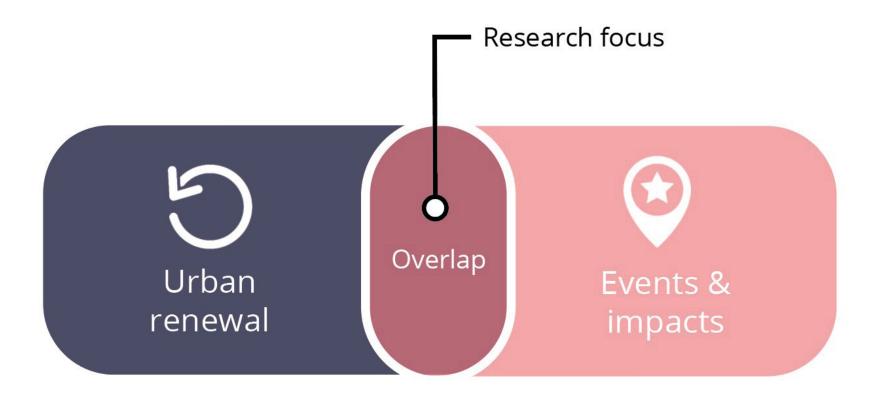
- What are the current hosting goals of the municipality of Rotterdam for hosting the Eurovision Song Contest 2020 and how did they achieve this?
- What is the relation between the Eurovision Song Contest 2020 and Hart van Zuid?
- What are the created opportunities in the area of Hart van Zuid, as a result of hosting the Eurovision Song Contest 2020?

#### Non-case related

- What are important measures and elements of an event in relation to urban renewal in general?
- What are the main components of urban renewal?

# LITERATURE REVIEW

## Research concepts



## **Urban renewal**



Social

Involvement of local community



Economic

Attract investment Create job opportunities

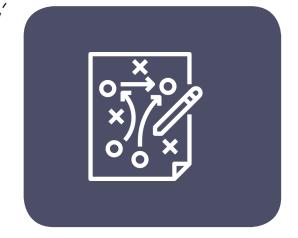


Physical

Physical appearance

Environmental quality

## Placemaking



Strategic placemaking

Attraction of talented workers



Creative placemaking

Adding vitality and by arts and cultural activities



Tactical placemaking

Quality improvements by save short-term activities spread of over a long period of time

**Creating quality places** 

## **Event types**



## **Event types**

#### Large events



**Great** event



Mega event



Major event

Occasional event of international scale
Different location per edition
Objective: image improvement



Hallmark event

Periodic

Same location

Objective: Benefit local/host community and tourism



Regional event

Local event

Main focus on local communities and cultures

Outsiders are rarely found

### **Great event**



- International participants and media coverage
- International and national audience
- Periodic
- Each edition on a different location
- Dramatic character
- International prestige and magnitude
- Improve host image and city brand by creating awareness

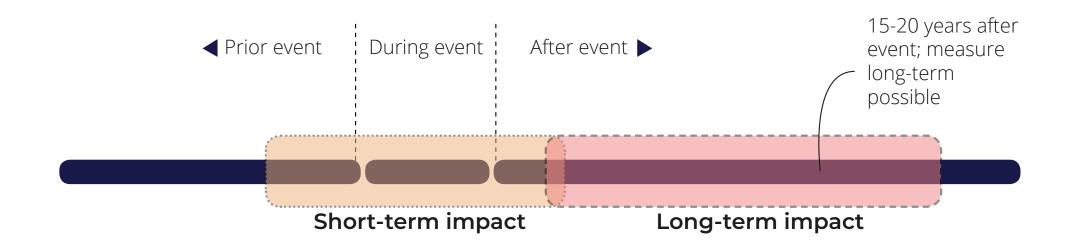
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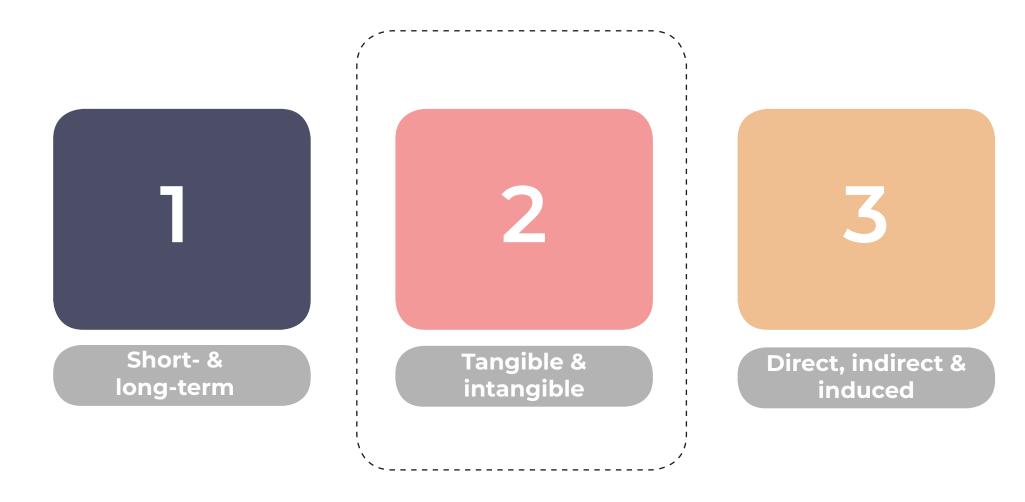
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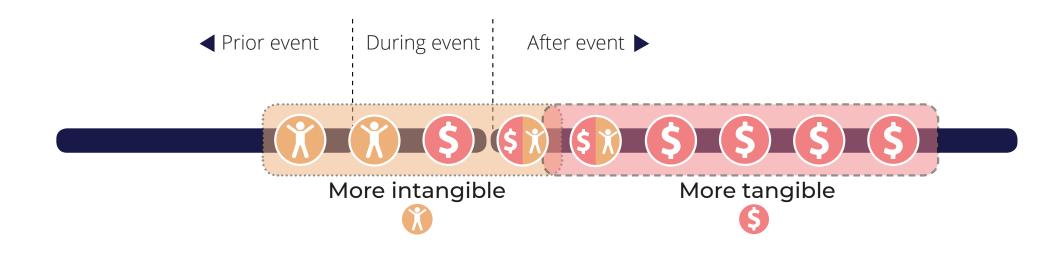
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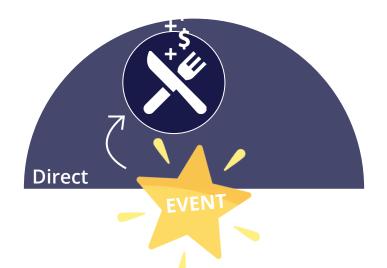
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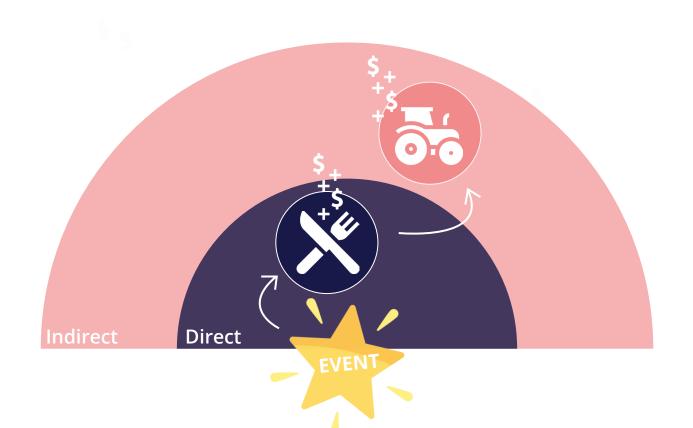
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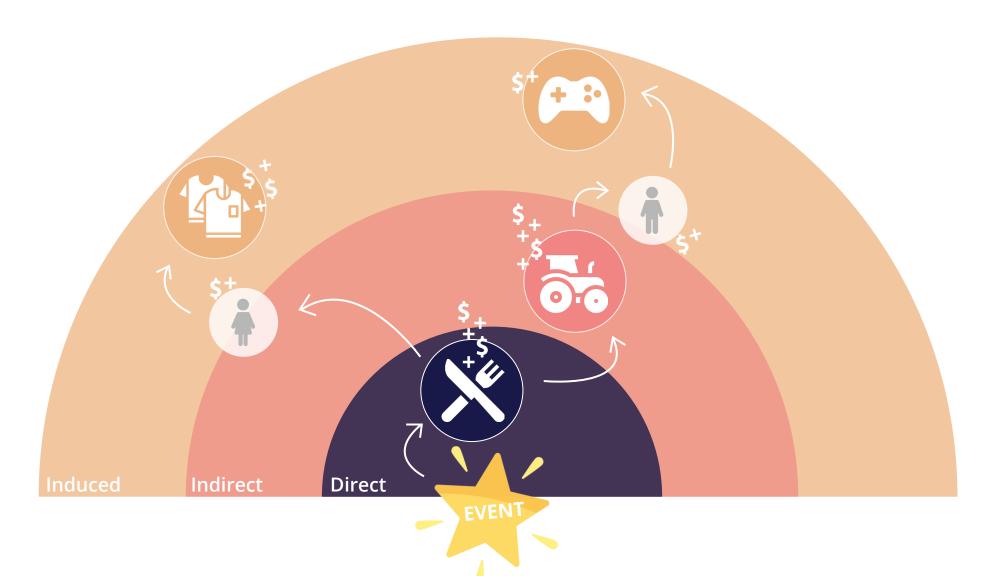
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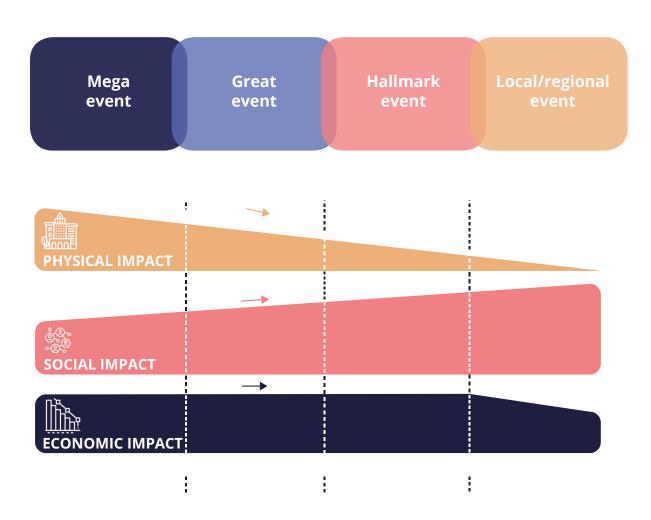
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## The impacts per event type



## METHODOLOGY

## Research steps

## Phase 01

Problem statement

<u>Literature review</u>

Methodology

#### Phase 02

Explorative interviews

Case study interviews

#### Phase 03

Synthesis

Conclusion

Recommendation 8 discussion

# EMPERICAL RESEARCH

#### Case study



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#### **Eurovision Song Contest**

- Annual tv-show, festival and competition of songs between countries.
- 60 editions and 1,500 songs created by 50 participating countries
- Social aim to unite and increase the social cohesion
- An event of unity, which breaks taboos (gay fanbase) and confronts political sensitive topics

#### **Eurovision Song Contest 2020**

- Bid phase between cities
- 65th edition in Rotterdam Ahoy
- Responsibilities
- Cancellation

## **Objective municipality**

A Rotterdams ESC, which contributes to the international position of the city, whereby Rotterdammers (residents, visitors and companies) feel included and the projectteam works on a diverse, inclusive, united, connected and hospitable city.



International position of the city/good host city



Festivity of the resident; involved residents, companies and visitors



Possibility for topdown shows



Show that the city can organise and host these kind of international events in an integral way

#### Return for the city



Let Rotterdam(-Zuid) benefit



City wide involvement:
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entrepeneurs,
businesses and
residents

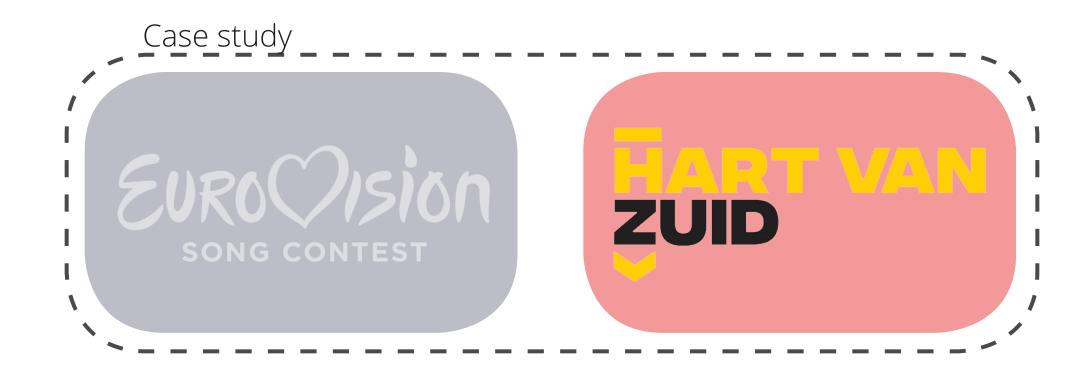


Make core values of bidbook visible: diverse, raw, innovative and creative



Sustainable effect/legacy

#### Case study







#### **Pillars**



Economic driver for Zuid

Strenghtens social economic position

Expanding its cultural and leisure supply will benefit the area



Attractive environment, buidlings, public space and parks

HvZ is the new centre to visit, work and live



Improvement of education, job opportunities and health

The jobs that Hvz and the developement create should be available for locals.

Starting businessen and artists can find a place a HvZ.



#### **URBAN JUNCTION**

HvZ will be part of a regional, urban and local public transport hub.

Slow driving network

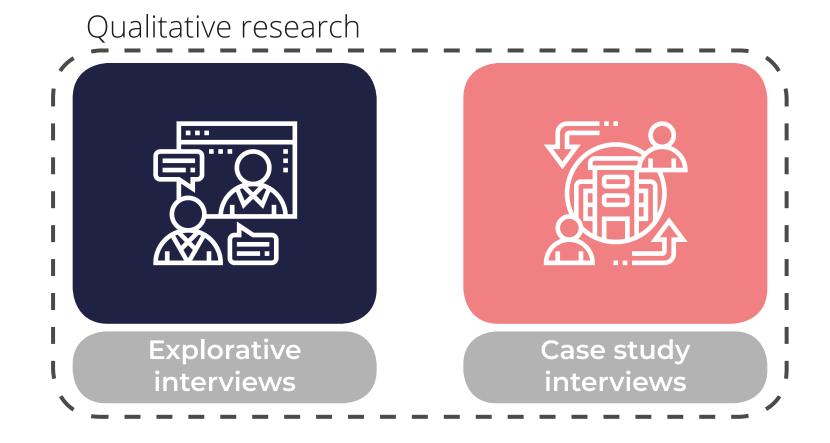


Contribute to the climate targets

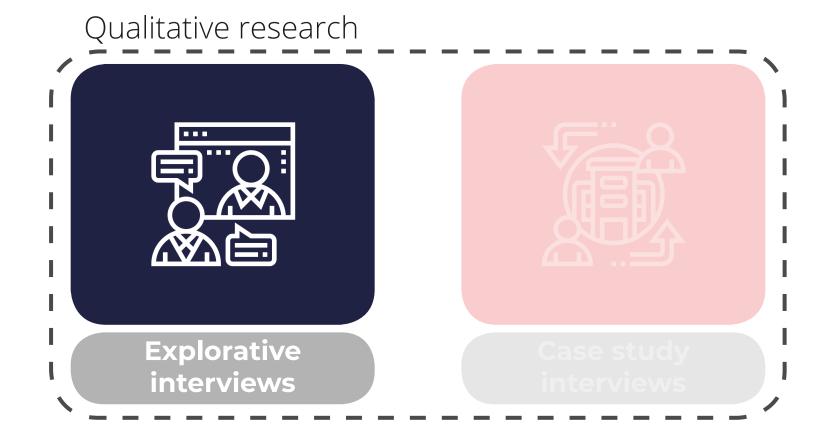
Implementing as much as possible energy saving elements and measures

## RESULTS

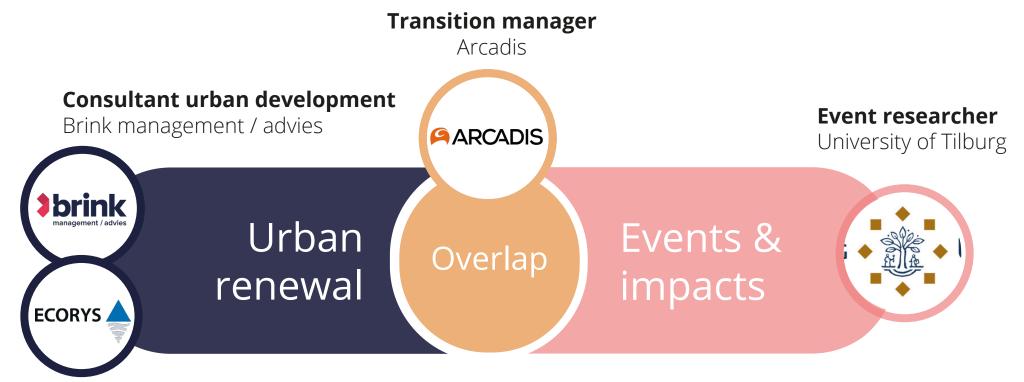
#### The interviews



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#### **Explorative interviews**



**Principle consultant real estate** Ecorys

#### Results



Social objectives



Role of municipality



Locals stakeholders



Connection new and existing



Storytelling



**Side-events** 



**Catalysing effect** 



**Economic aspects** 



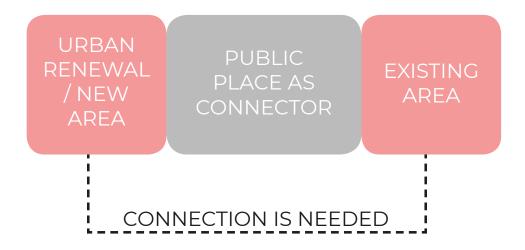
**Physical aspects** 



Interaction social, economic, physical

#### Conclusion

- Social impact
- Economic impact
- Physical impact

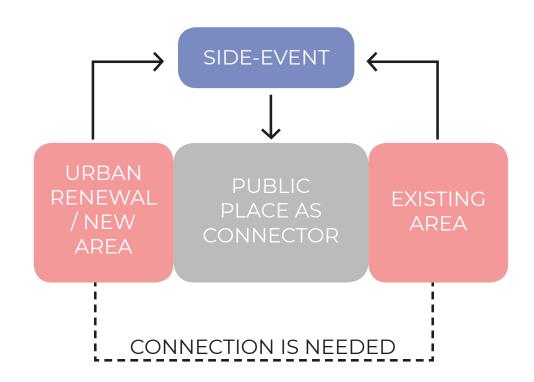


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CATALYSATOR

RESULT

MEANS NECESSARY

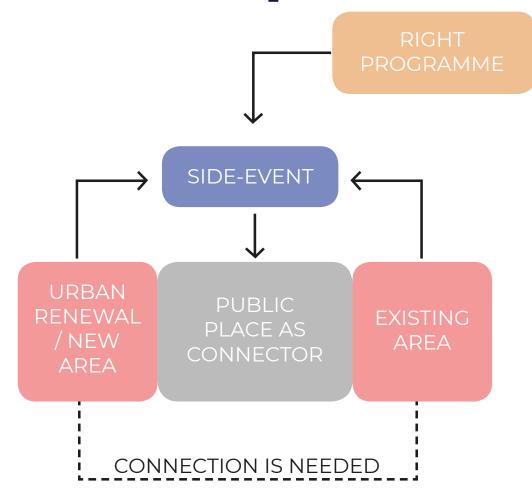




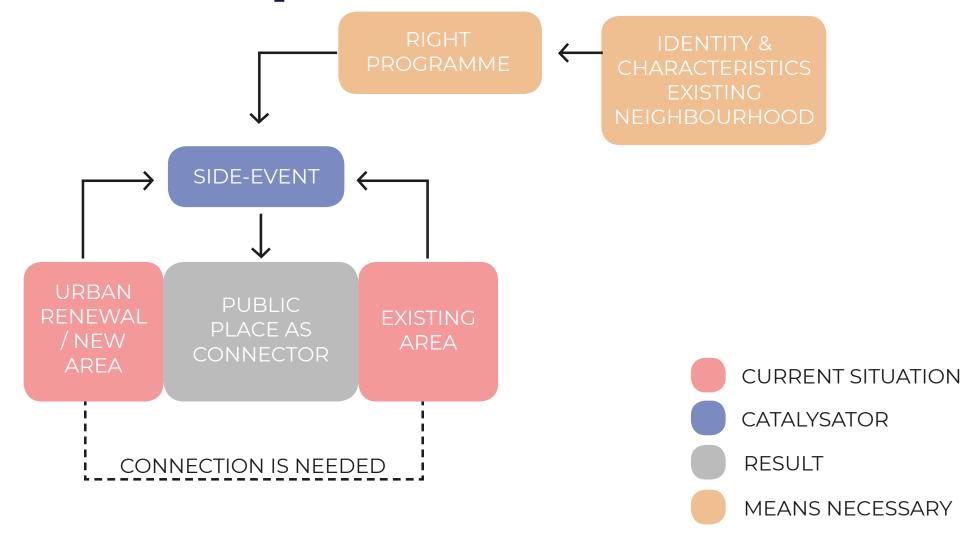


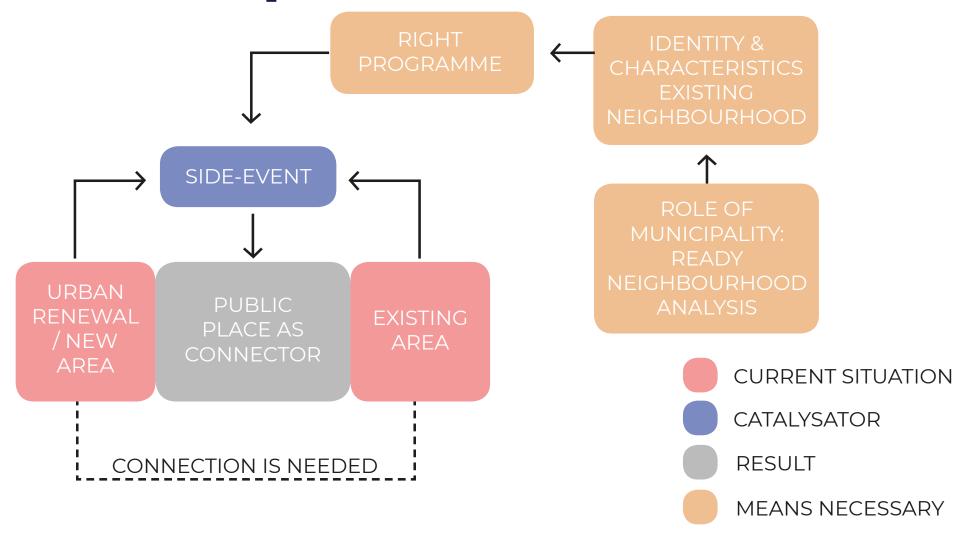
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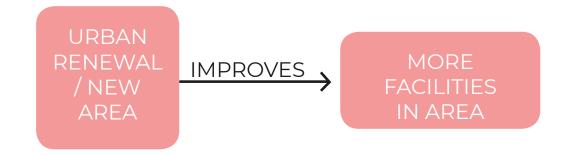


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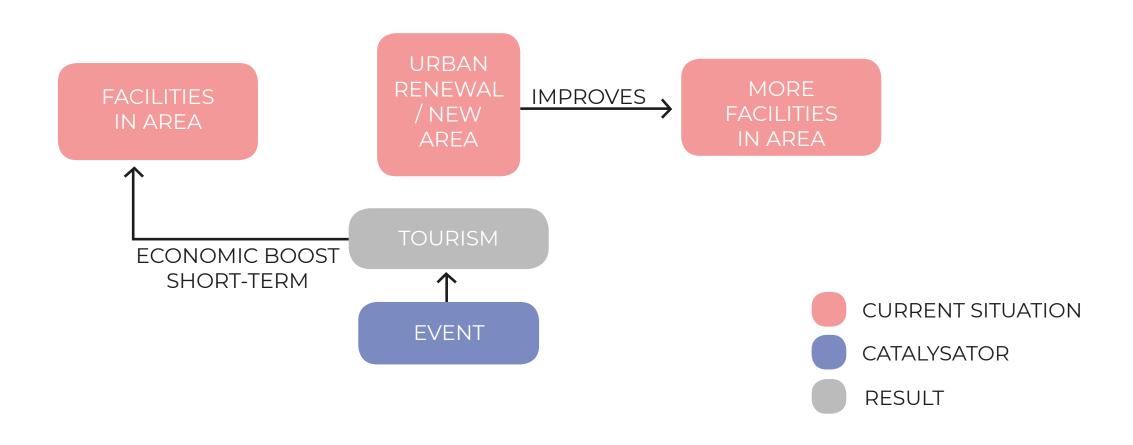
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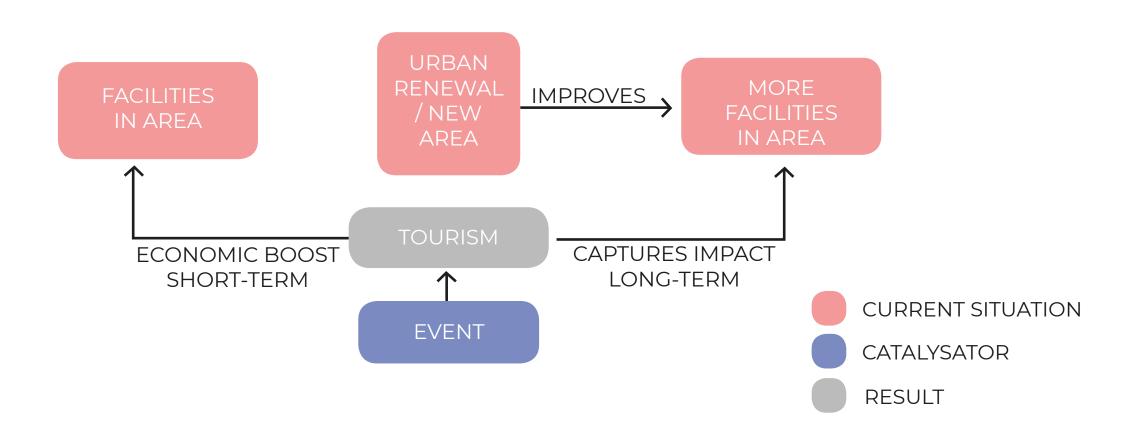


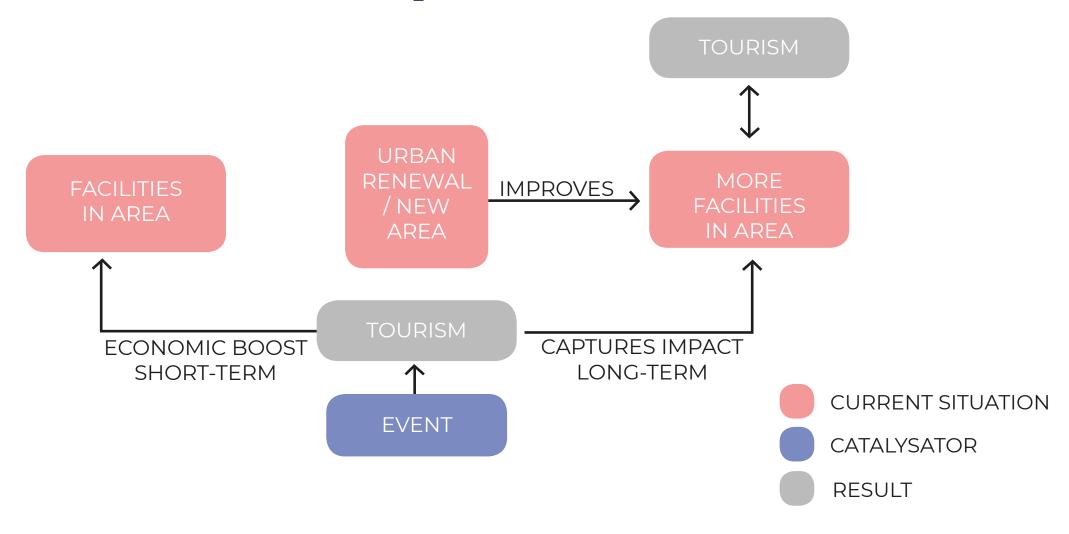
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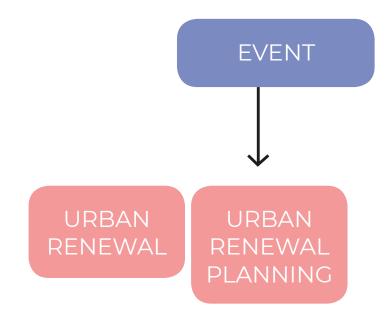
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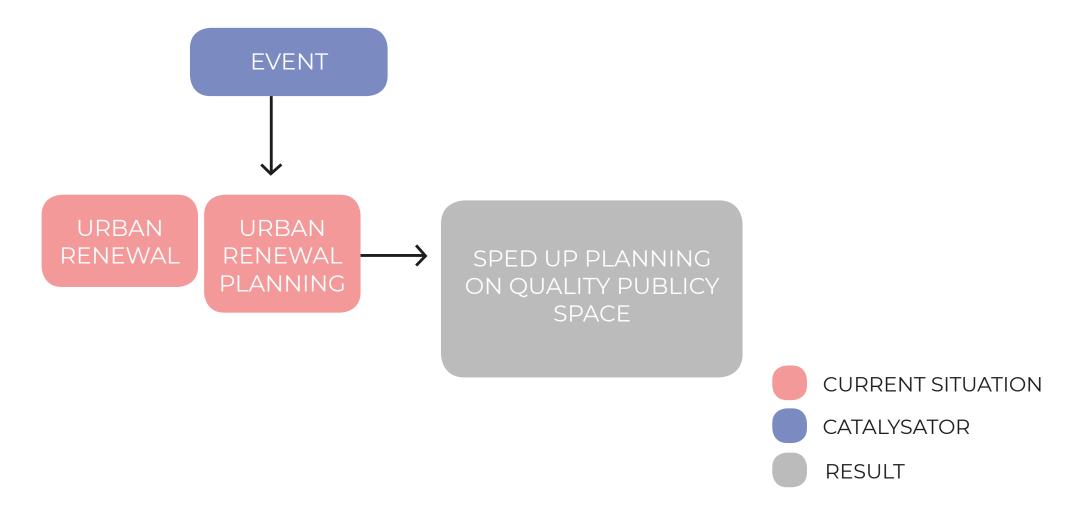




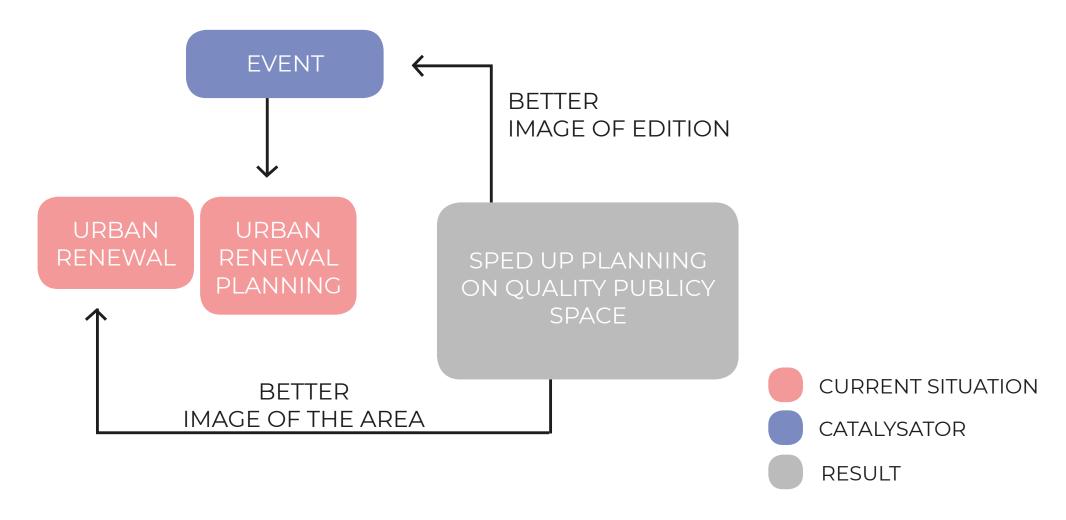
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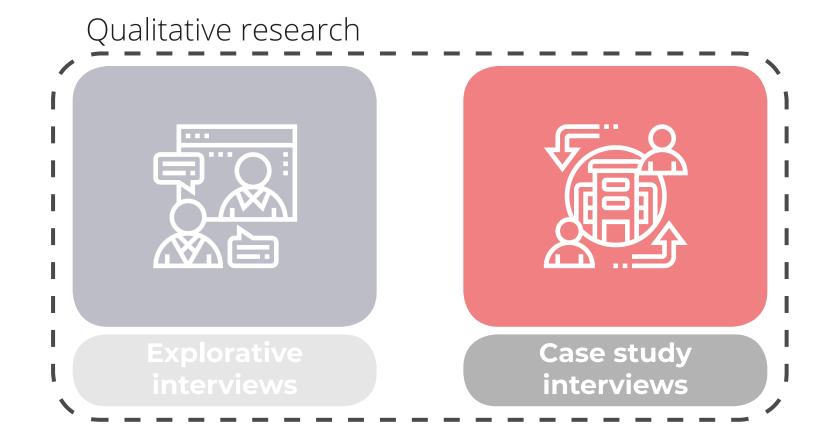
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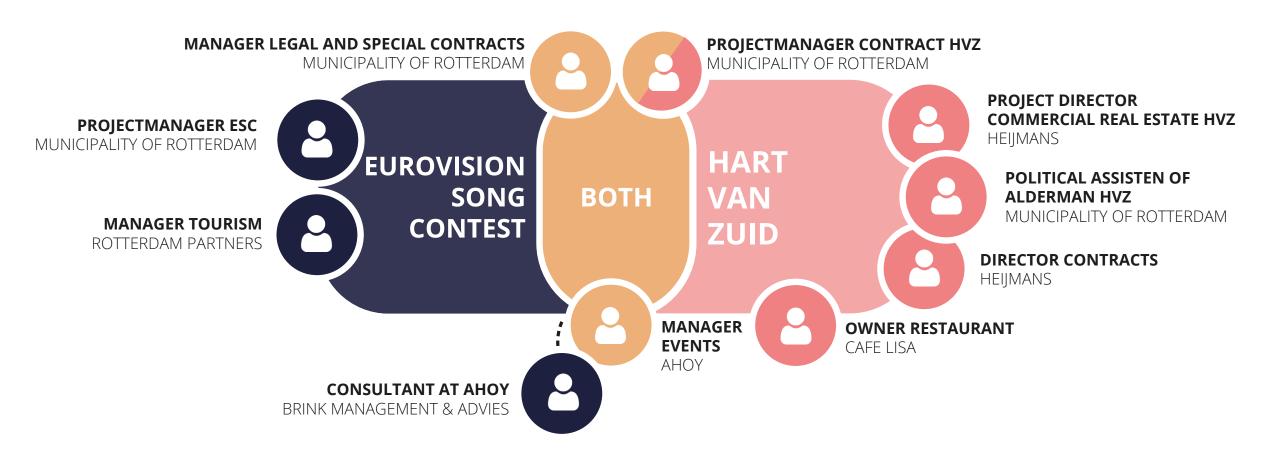
### Physical impact



#### The interviews



#### Case study interviews



#### Results

- ESC team strong focus on scope
- Initiative of HvZ team
- No ambition for relationship between ESC and HvZ
- No awareness
- Small physical results of necessary relationship

#### Conclusion



#### Connection

- Involvement in the bidding phase and maintain involved by being part of the core team
- Aligned projectstructure
- Mediator between the two projects



**Opportunities** • Quick decision making



#### Social

- Mediator could be part of monitoringsteam
- Make use of network of the development project



#### **Economic**

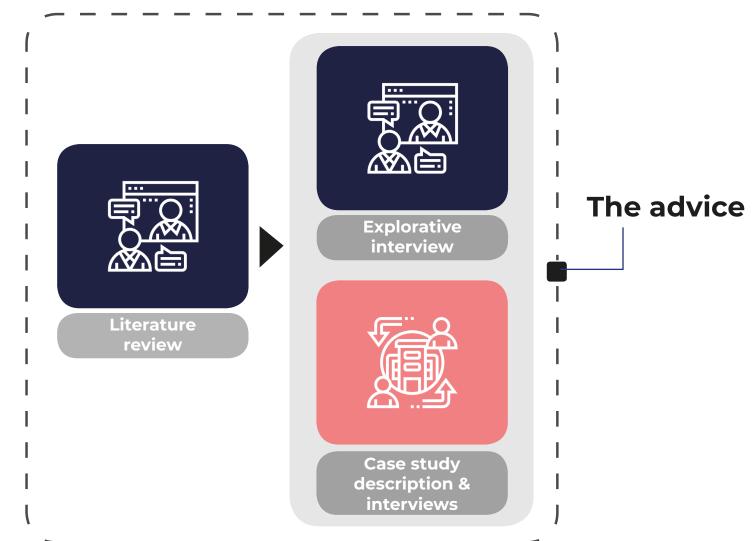
- Attract investors
- Attention of municipal council



#### **Physical**

- Speeded up quality updates for spatial environment that were already planned
- Permanent marker by combining budgets
- City dressing for delivery buildings

## **Synthesis**



#### **Synthesis**

- Goals of the municipality and how they achieved it + advice
- Social impact
- Economic impact
- Physical impact

#### Synthesis: hosting goals



International position of the city/good host city



Festivity of the resident; involved residents, companies and visitors



Possibility for topdown shows



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### Synthesis: general objectives



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# Synthesis: city specific objectives



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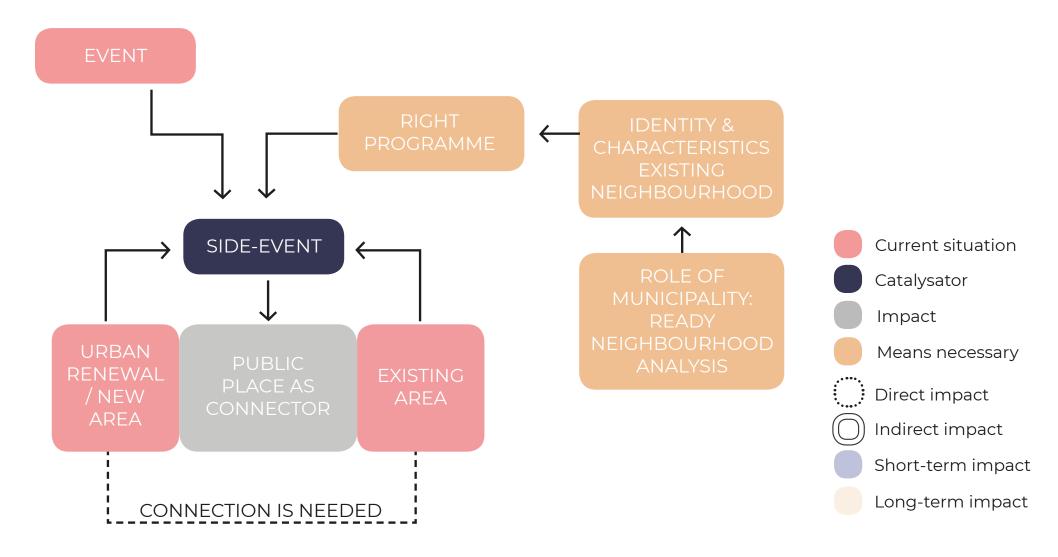
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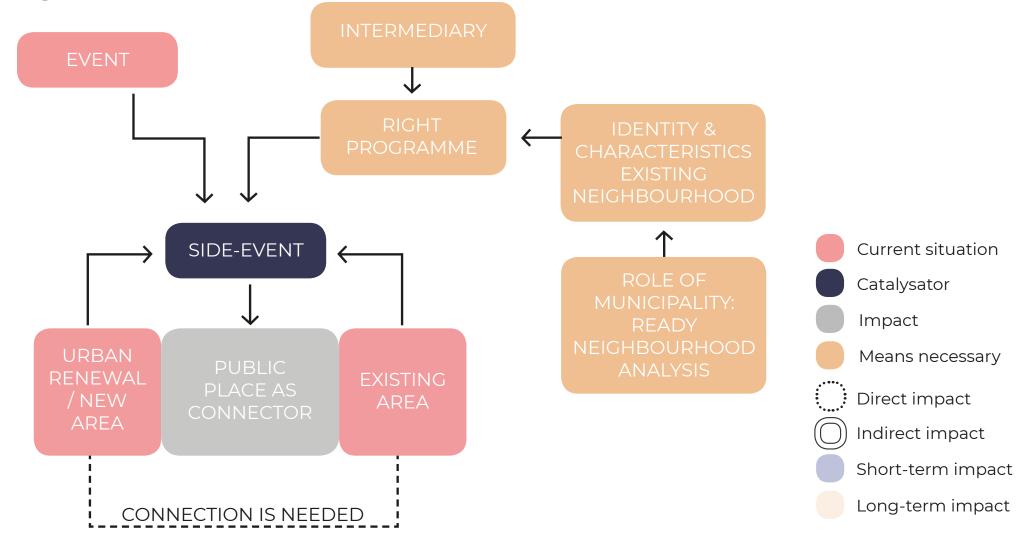


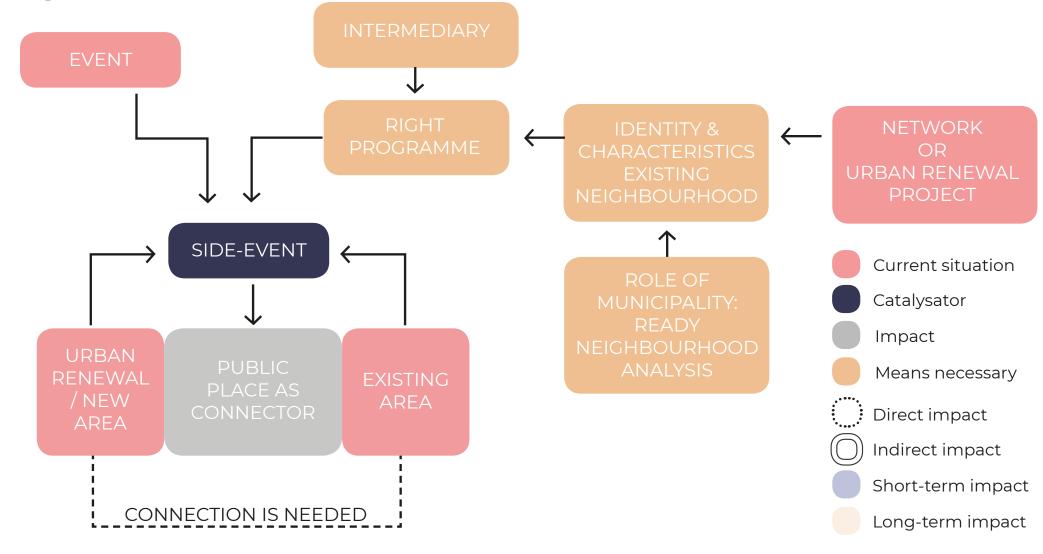
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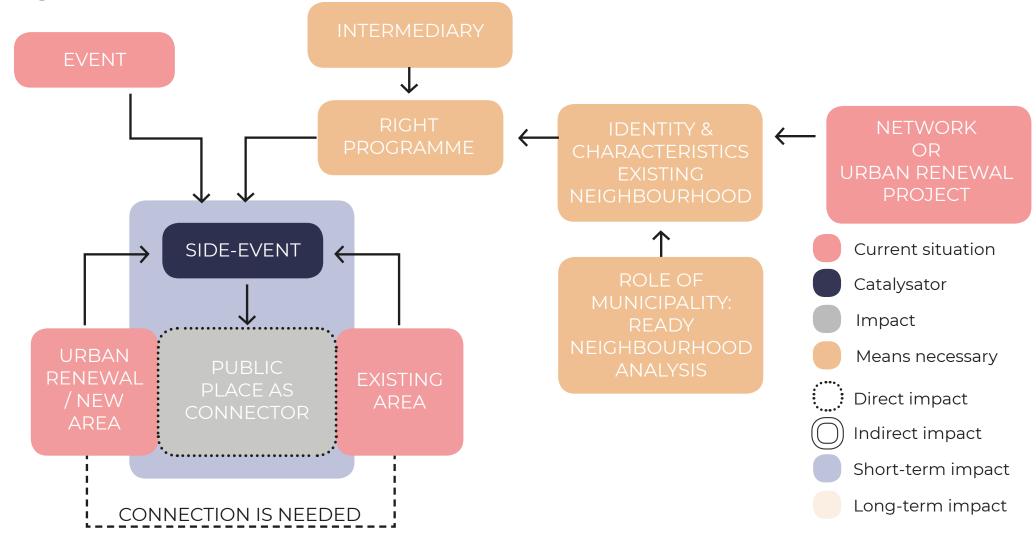


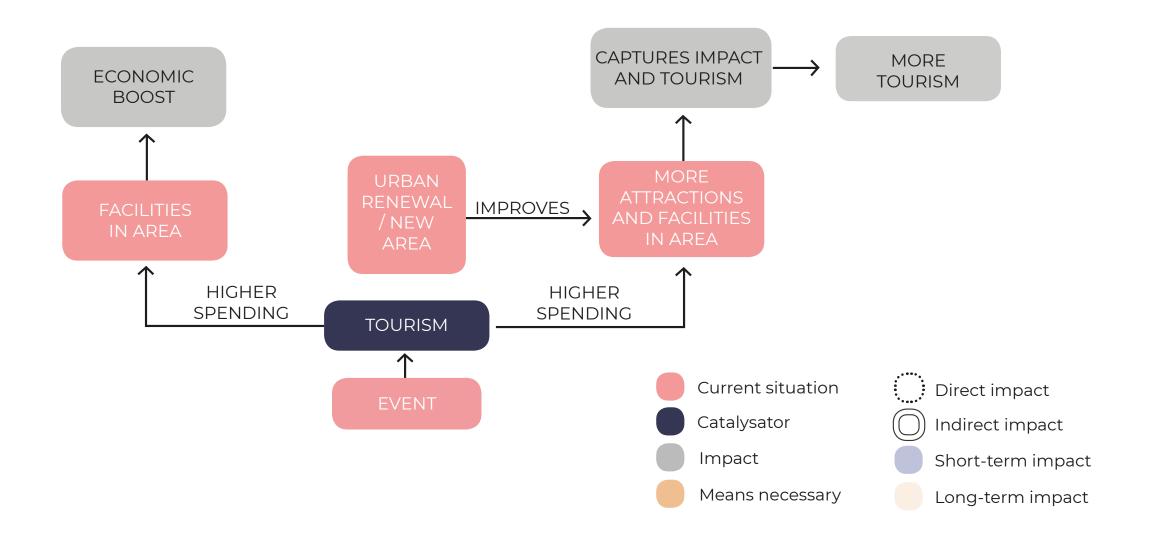
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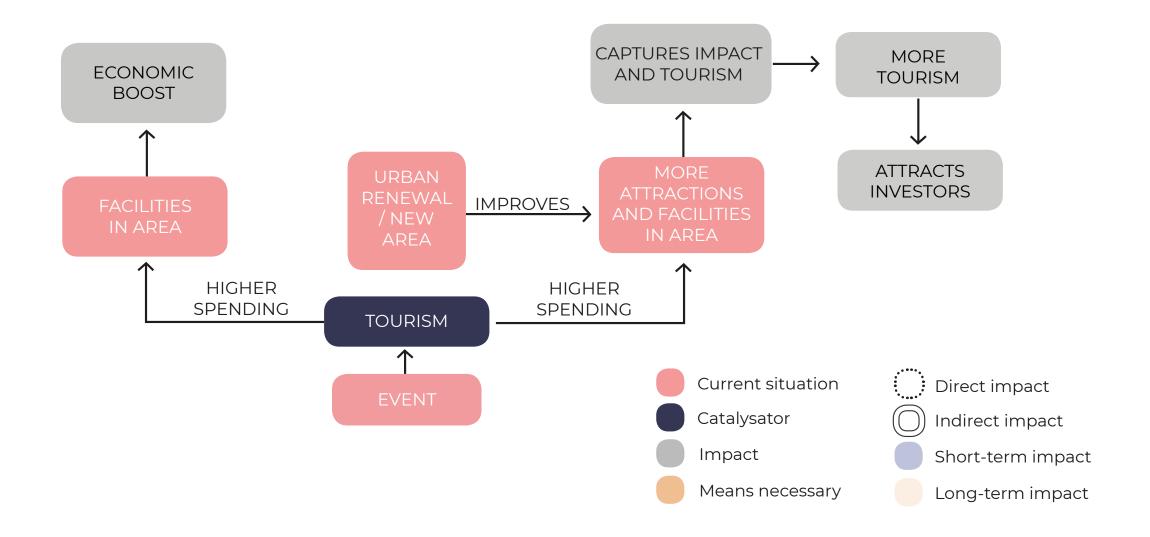


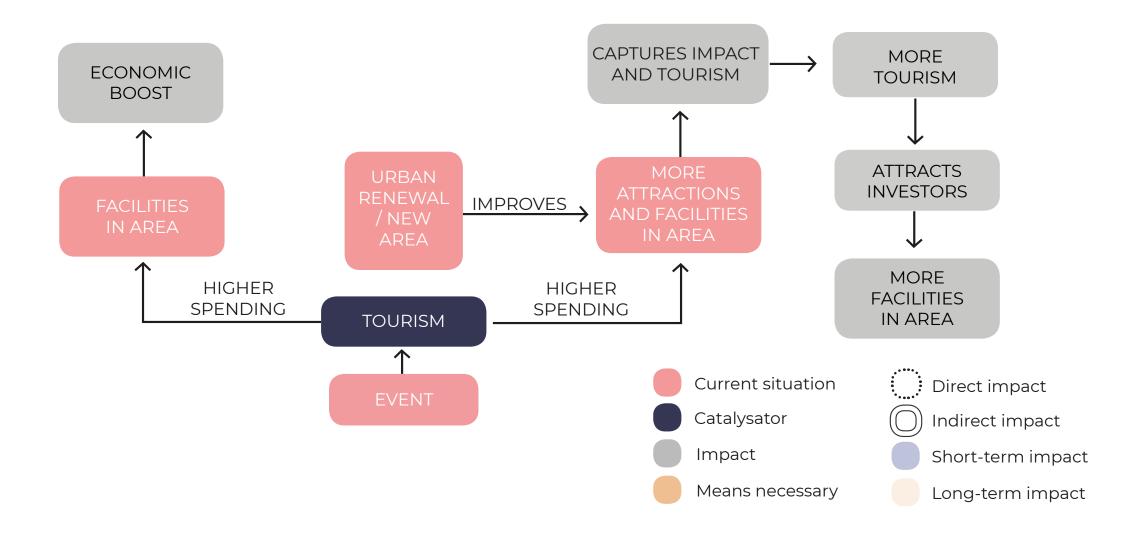


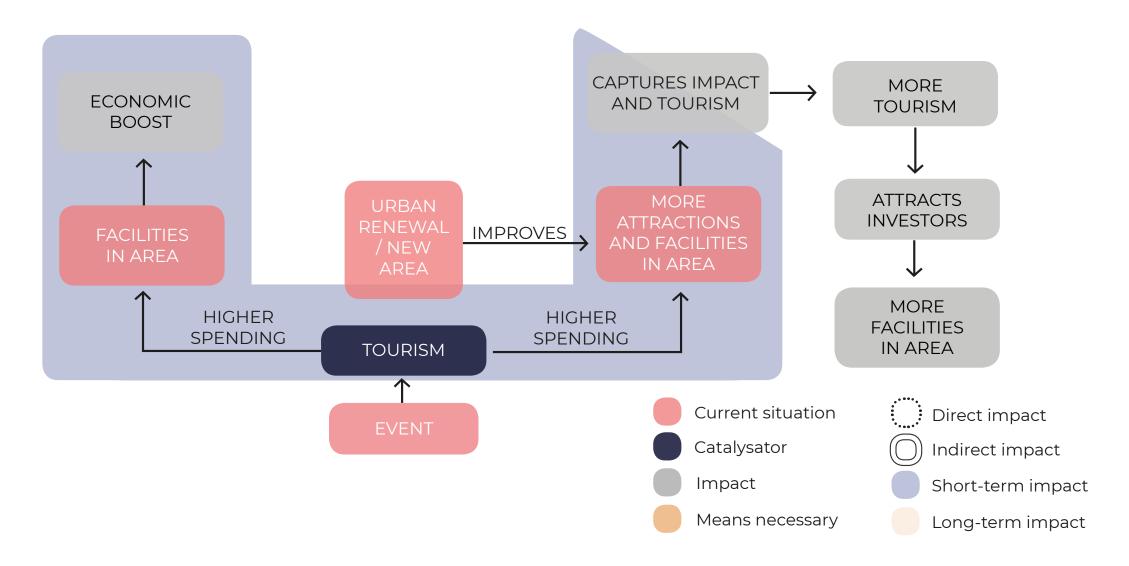


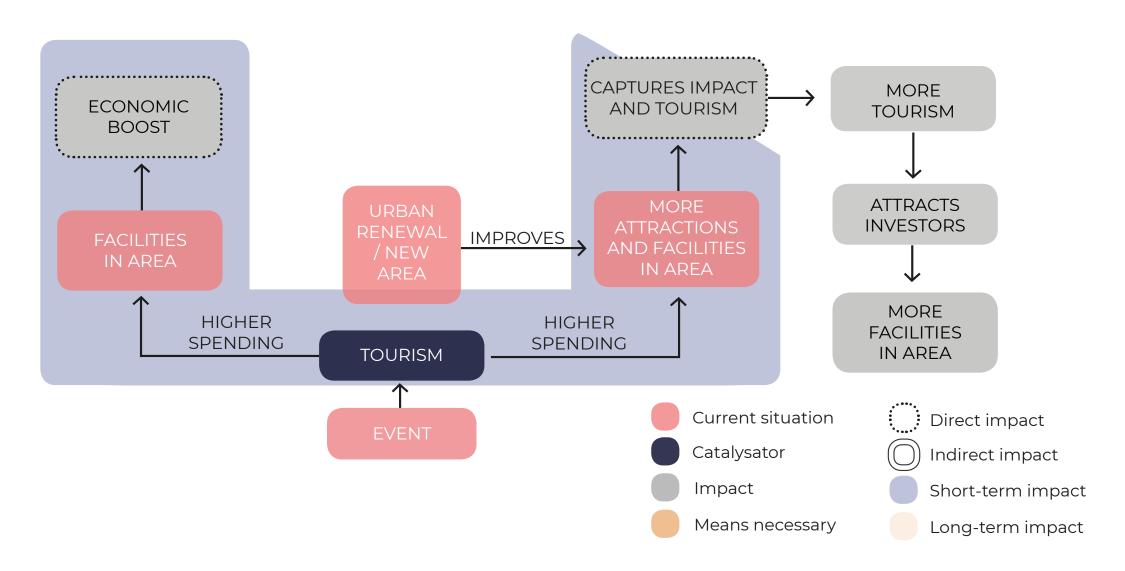


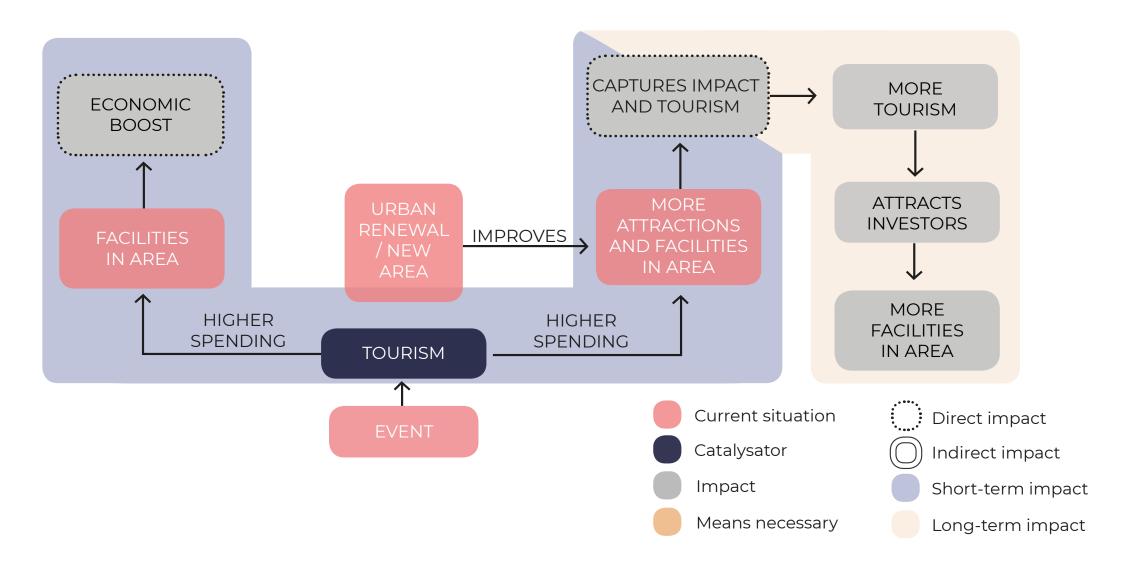


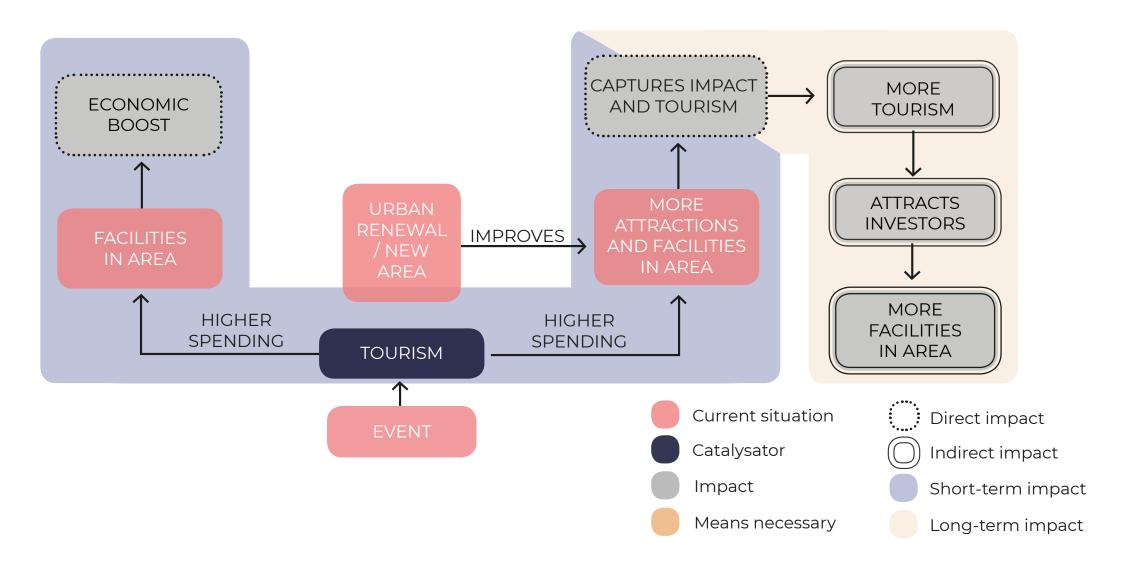


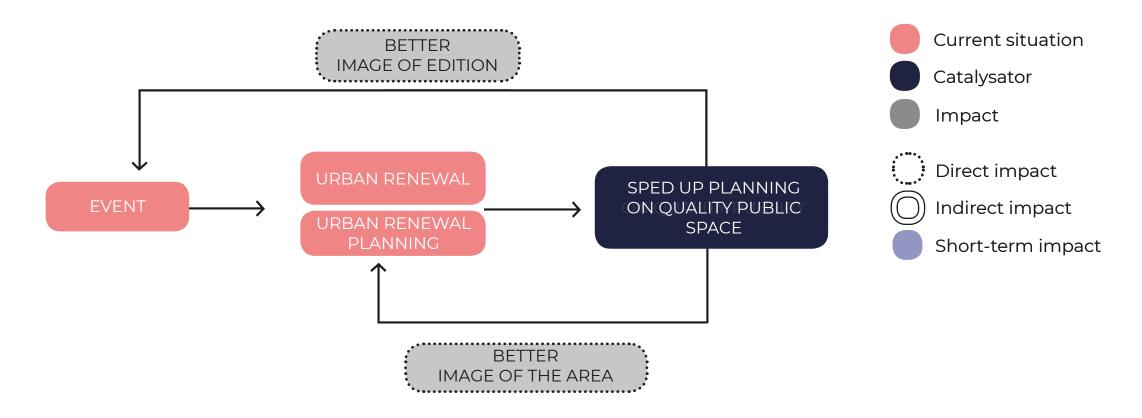


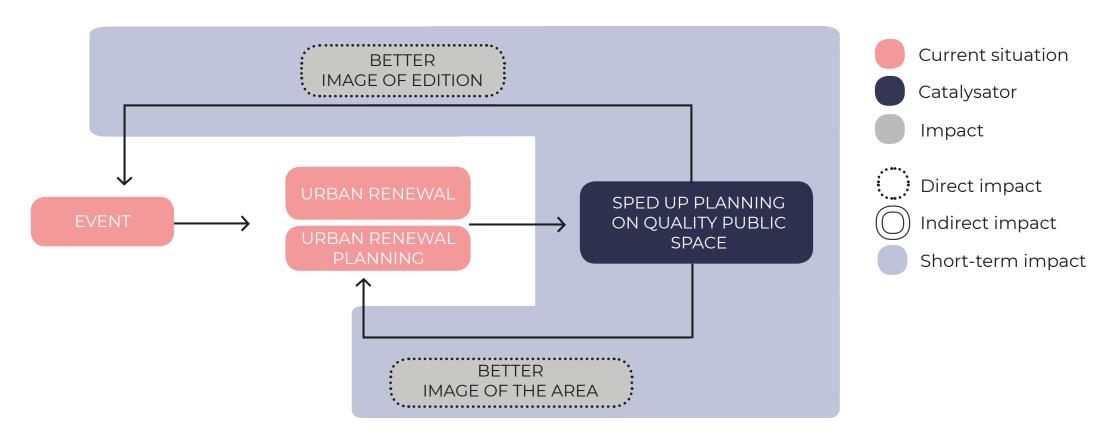












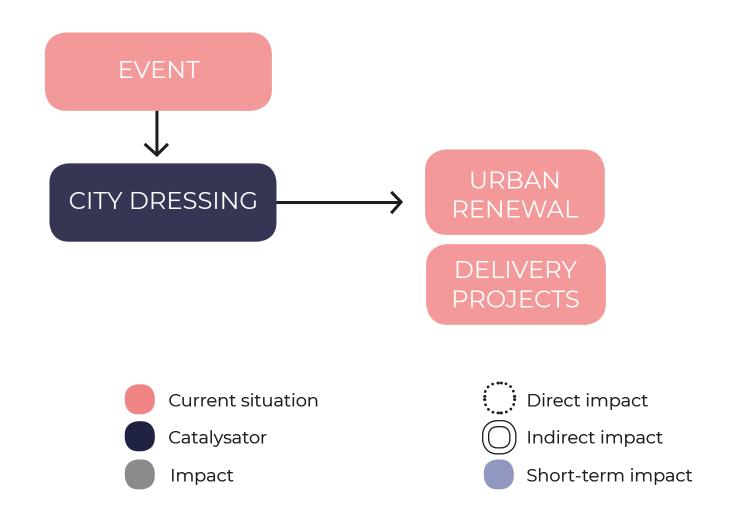
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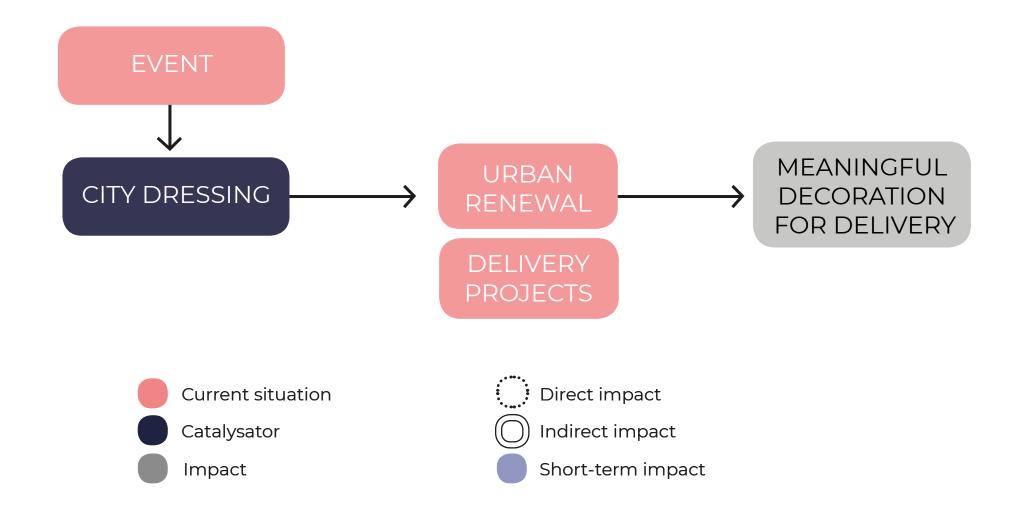
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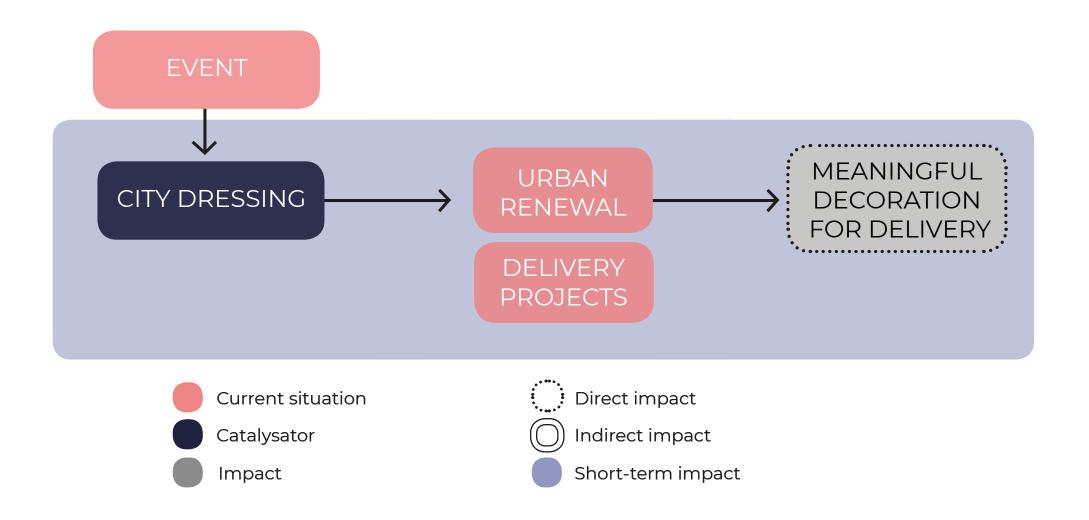
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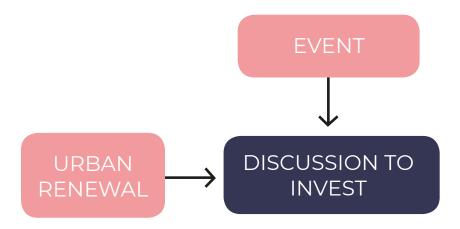
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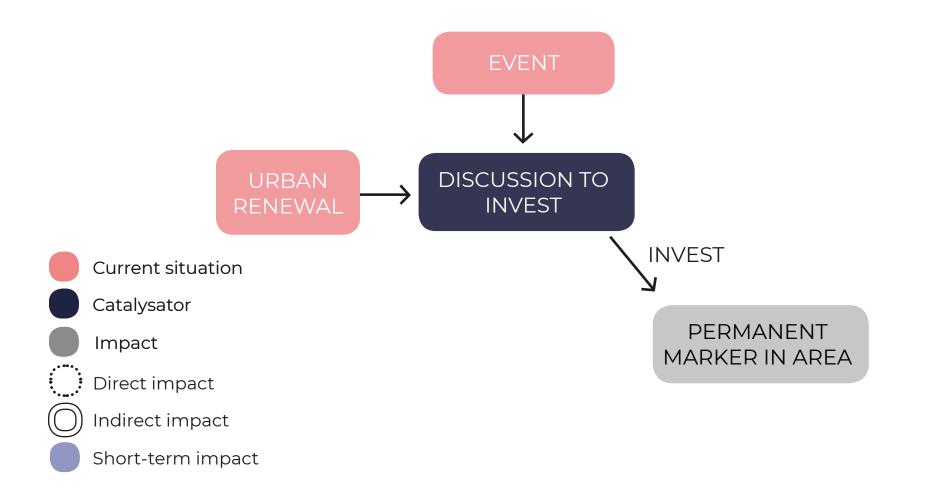


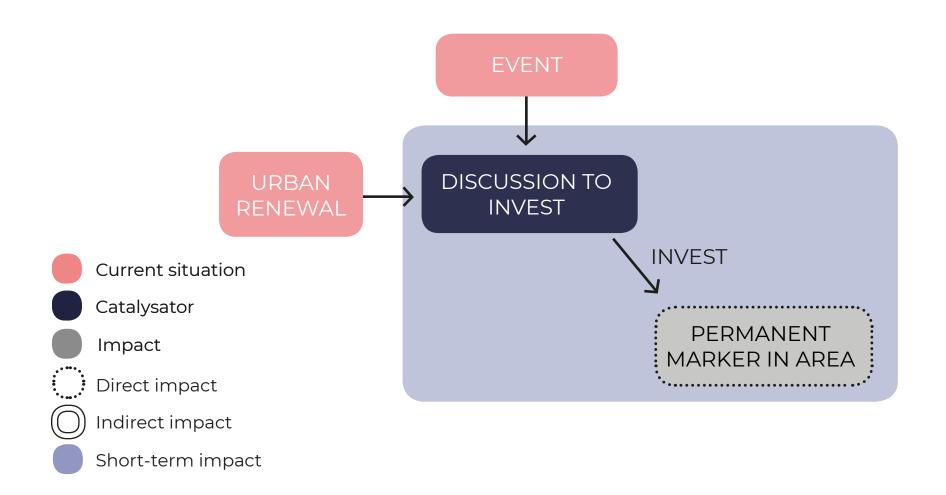






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# Synthesis: advice to municipality



Side-event: city programme

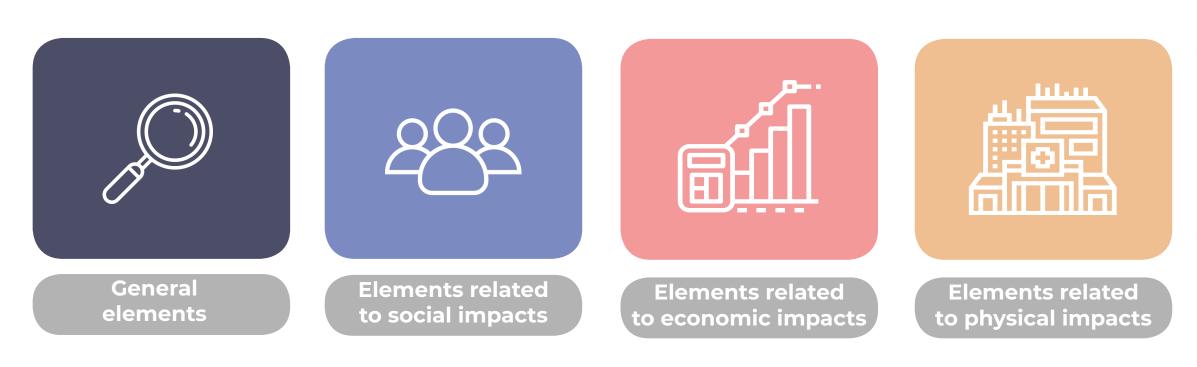


Link between urban renewal and event team

# CONCLUSION

### Answering the main question

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Place in core team of event

Align projectstructures

Appoint a mediator as vital link





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Elements related to physical impact

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Communication for investment

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Communication for speeding up the planning

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### Recommendations

### Recommendations for practise

- Create a relationship between the urban renewal team and event team.
- Organise side events
- Ensure communication between the urban renewal team and event team

### Recommendations for further research

- Involve visitors of the event in the research.
- The connections and interrelations between the different kinds of impact
- The implementation in the strategy (project plan and bidbook) of an event organization
- Conduct a research in a quantitative way
- Look at other great events and their relation to urban renewal.

### Discussion

### Limitations of the research

- Only one case study is used in this research.
- Cancellation event due to the Corona virus
- Incomplete and less sharp answers due to online interviews
- Social, economic and physical impacts are not stand alone elements but interact
- No full access to the data in the first six weeks while writing interview protocols

# Thank you for your attention

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