



ANPED Northern Alliance
for Sustainability



Degrowth

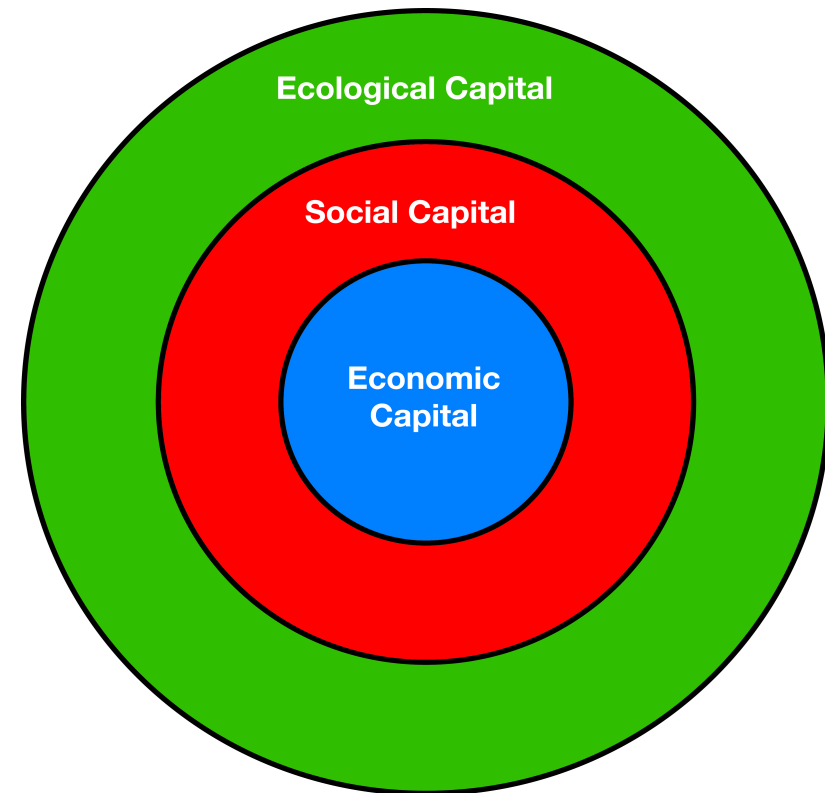
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Sustainable development

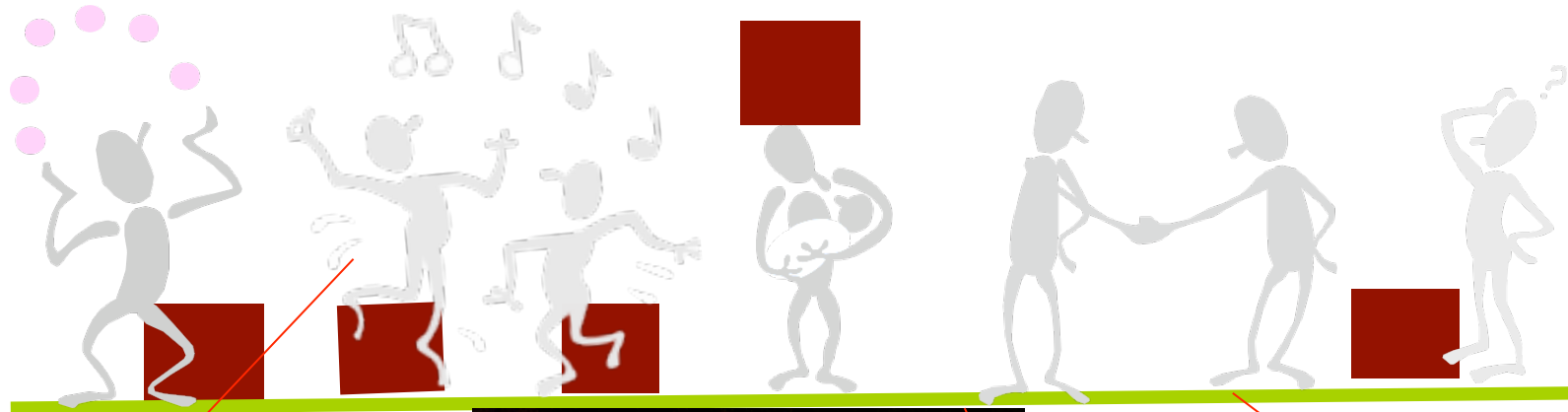
- Need for capital approach instead of the “pillar approach”
- **Recognition of limits** '70 : Club of Rome, Nicolas Georgescu-Roegen, Herman Daly, ..)



Logical consequences

- All economic activities, even the green ones, the decoupled ones, need natural resources.
- Decoupling the economy and technical solutions are good, but not enough
- Rebound effect !
- So : green growth, green new deal, sustainable growth, cleaner technologies, alone are not adequate for achieving a sustainable society worldwide.

Fair and sustainable economy !



Quality of life

Carrying capacity

Participation
and
democracy

justice



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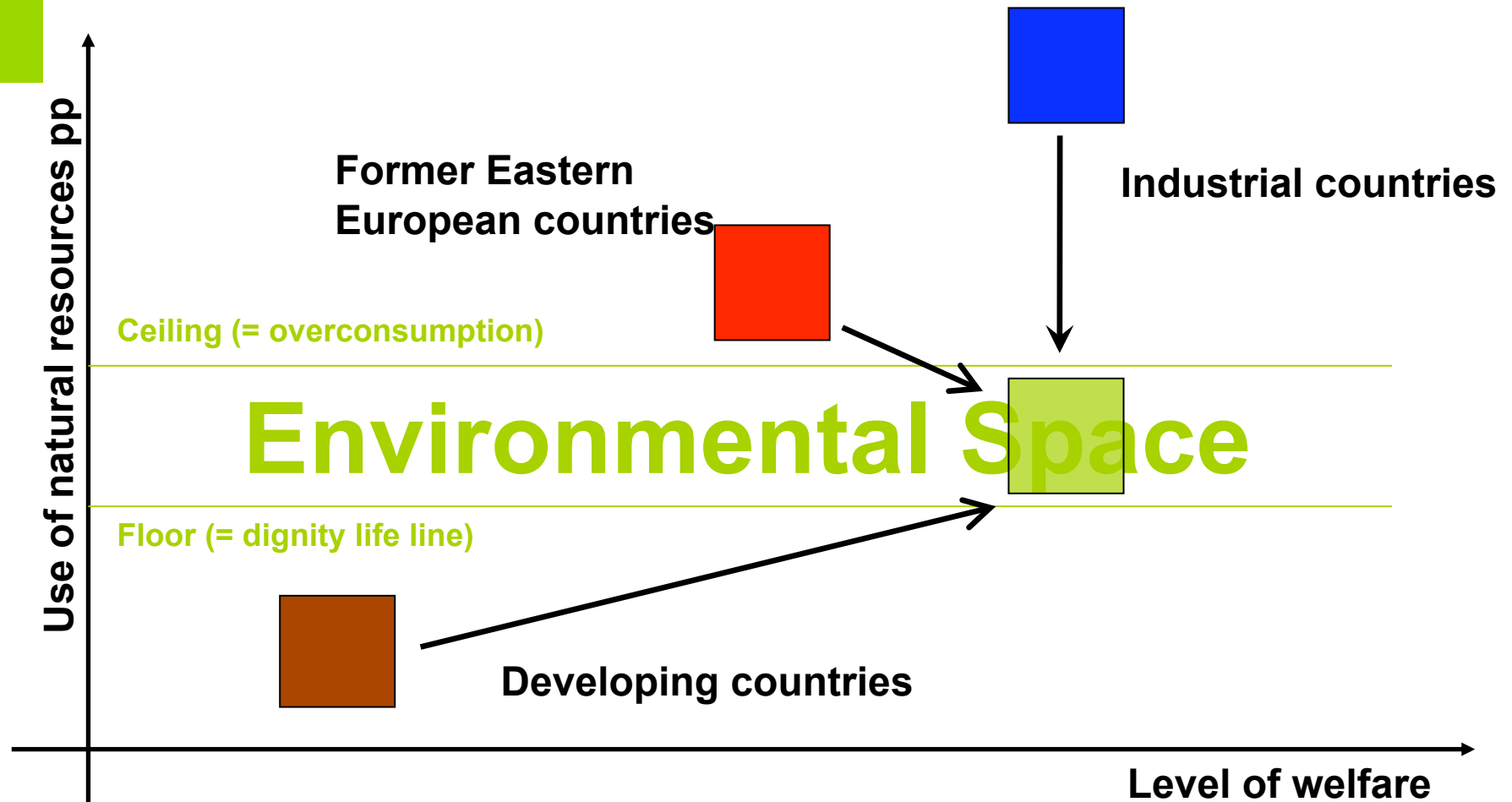


Social and environmental justice

- Fair share of use of natural resources
- Fair share of “right” to pollute (emissions of CO₂)
- Overconsumption versus underconsumption
- Redistribution of material and financial wealth



'Contraction and Convergence'



Degrowth

- Reality is that we are already degrowing
- A reduction in absolute amounts of use of natural resources has to be the goal
- Stop “growth obsession”
- Several initiatives – starting the degrowth debate is one
- Still a lot of things to discuss : jobs, social security,

Future scenarios

- The existing future scenarios are all based on what we want (or is needed for employment, social security system, ..), but not what is possible considering the scarcity of natural resources



Threats

- If we deny reality the problems will increase, as well the measures to take
- Leads to more drastic decisions ('war economy')



- Threat for democracy
- Social dramas – for most the vulnerable groups

Challenge

- To design a planned and guided degrowth path
- Based on future scenarios of economic activities, social and environmental possibilities and desires
- Degrowth strategies with participation of civil societies

Polyp

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\$\$ECONOMIC GROWTH

A political cartoon by Polyp. A boat labeled '\$\$ECONOMIC GROWTH' is shown sailing over a cliff edge. Inside the boat are three men and one woman. The woman is pointing and shouting. The men are looking back at her with various expressions. A speech bubble from the woman says 'DO SOMETHING, YOU BUNCH OF MANIACS!'. A speech bubble from the first man says 'WELL! IT'S EASY TO JUST CRITICIZE, YOUNG LADY...'. A speech bubble from the second man says '...AND I SUPPOSE YOU'VE GOT AN ALTERNATIVE ALL WORKED OUT, HAVE YOU?'. A speech bubble from the third man says 'HYSTERICAL ECO-FANATICS! ALWAYS TELLING PEOPLE HOW TO LIVE...'. A speech bubble from the woman says 'GET YOURSELF A PROPER JOB!'. The boat is carrying a flag with a dollar sign. The cliff is a large, dark rock formation. The background shows a sea and a horizon line.