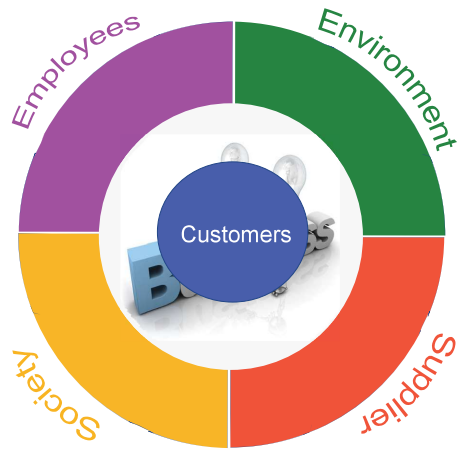


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## Info Text

- While describing the *"problem"* apply the *"so what"* technic to dig down to the actual *"problem"*.

- In *"cause of the problems"* try to do a *"minimal"* system analysis: which institution is causing the current problem? Some aspects might be empty as well ...

\*In subcategories some places can stay empty.

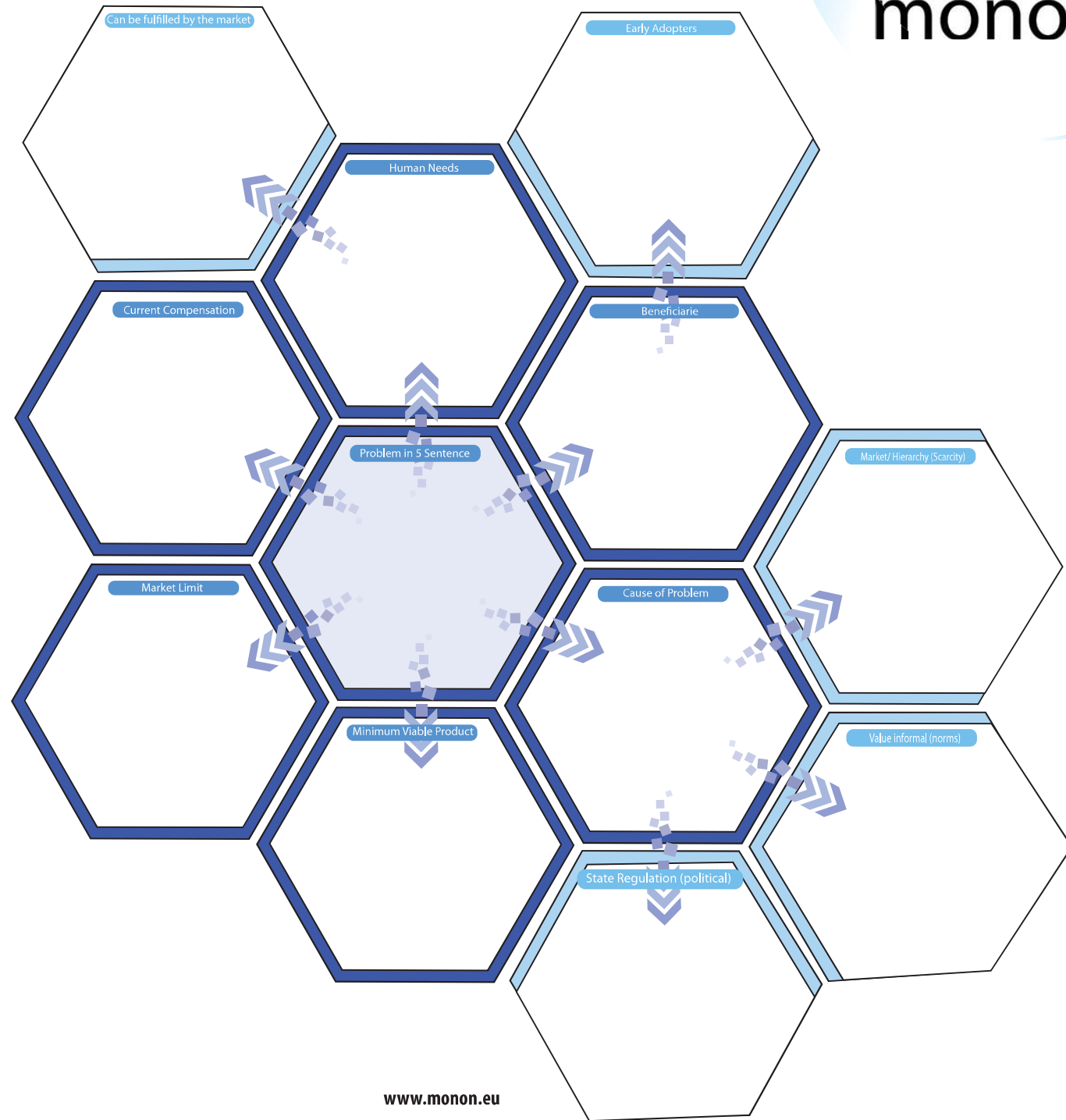
- In *"beneficiaries"* describe whom your product helps. If your group of beneficiaries is rather big (i.e. woman between the age of 15 and 45 in Austria) use the area to describe the group which is most likely to be an early adapter of your solutions

- In *"human needs"* describe unfulfilled human needs. Then focus on describing those, which can be solved through a market transaction.

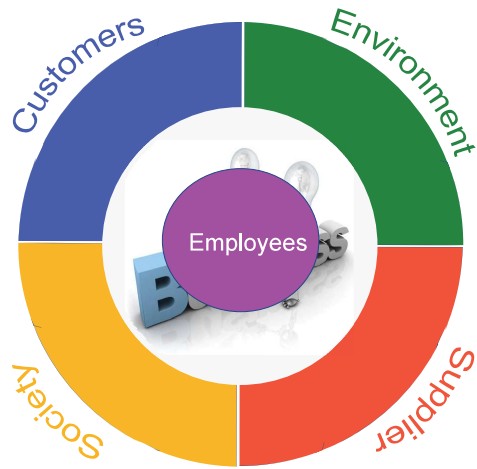
- In *"Current compensation"* describe how the beneficiaries cope with the problem now.

- In *"Market limitations"* think about which limitations your future clients / beneficiaries have: are they characterized by especially low income or immobility, etc.?

- In *"Minimum Viable"* think about the slimmest product design you can imagine (least investment required) that would solve your beneficiaries need



Type A: Customer Oriented Social Business



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## Info Text

Start in the centre describing why your business will be a social business hiring people and not just a business hiring people. What are the aspects, which make you social?

-In *"How many people you hire"* describe how many people as a full time equivalent you will be able to hire once your business is up and running.

-In *"affected group"* and effects please describe who particularly is affected and what the effects of this unemployment of their live are.

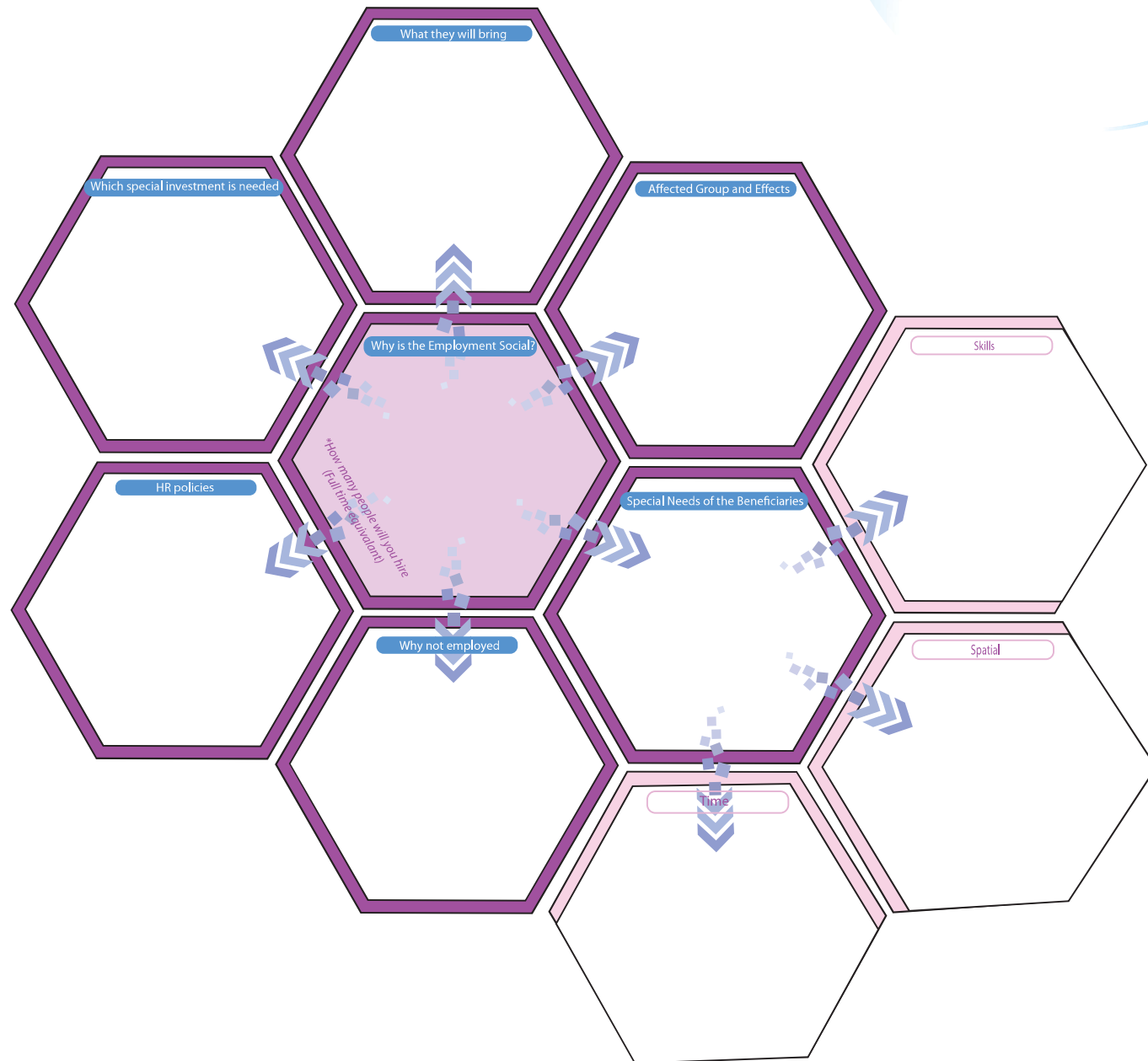
-In *"why not employed"* please describe why this group has a hard time to find an employment?

-In *"what will they bring"* please describe which special ability or willingness they bring to their job

-In *"special needs"* please describe if in comparison to other employees they have special needs in terms of time, spatial aspects or training they need.

-In *"investment"* describe on which extra investment (activities, machines etc.) you will have to make to hire the described group.

-In *"HR policies"* describe which "out of the ordinary" HR policies (i.e. staff hearing while hiring, shares for everybody, etc.)

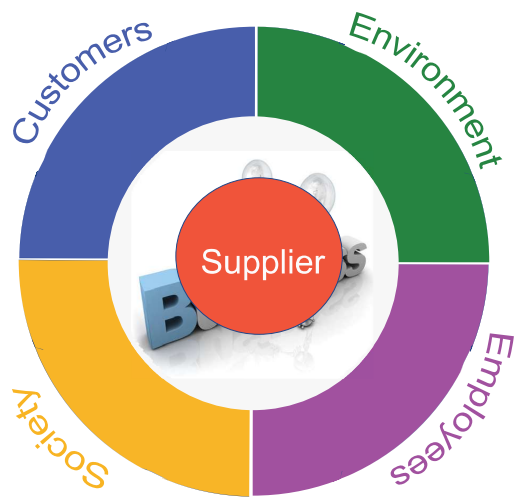


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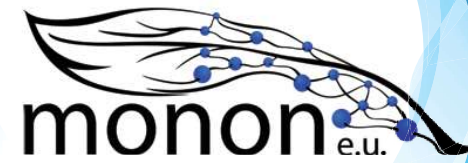


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Start in the middle and describe the problems in 5 sentences.

-In *"disadvantage of suppliers"* describe why the suppliers are disadvantaged currently? Think about the principle-agent theory chain

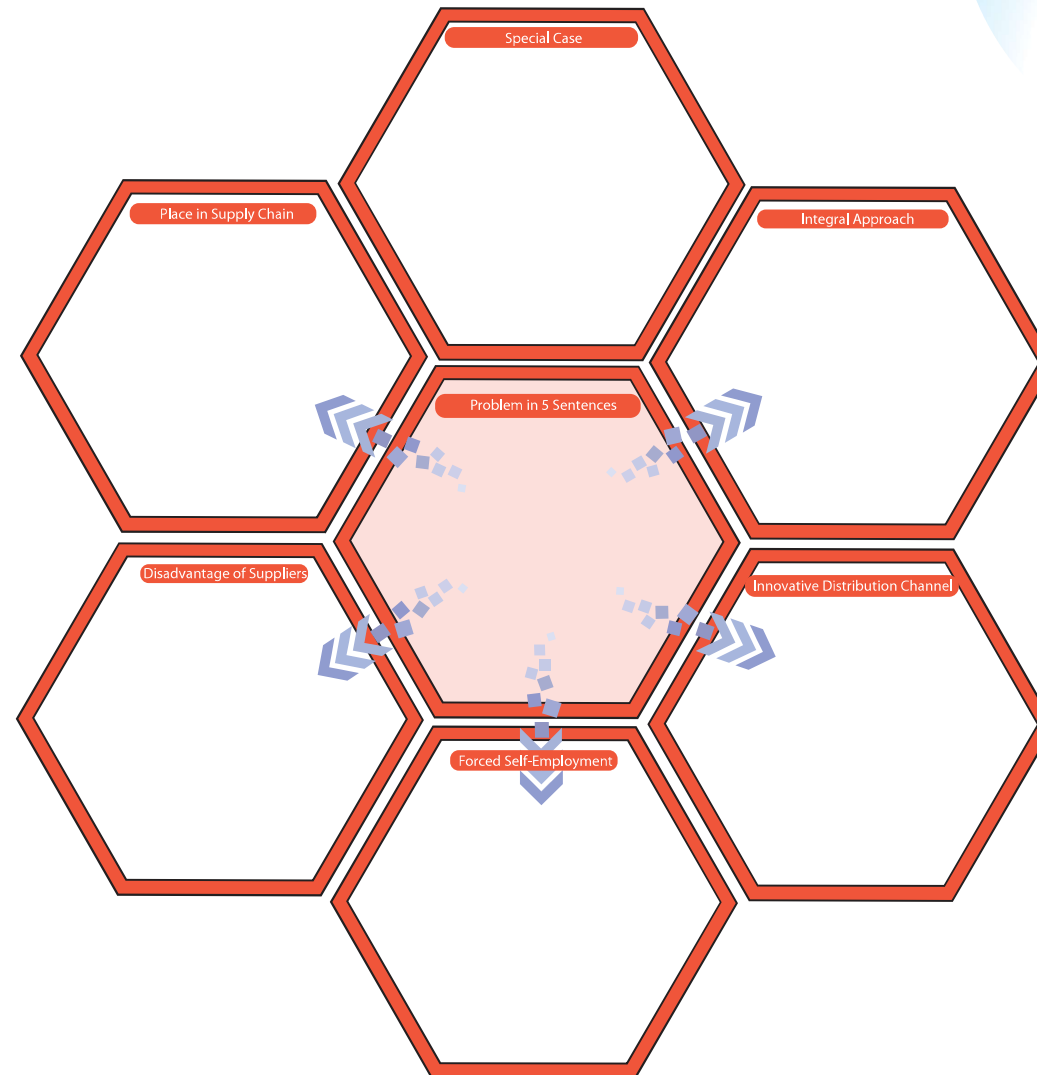
-In *"integral approach"* describe how you will build a relationship beyond the economical exchange with the suppliers.

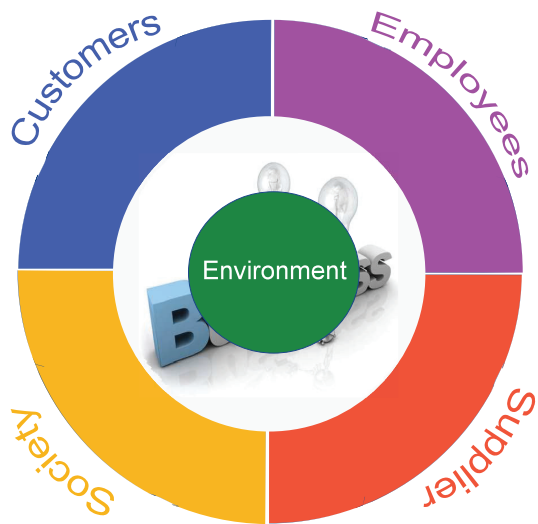
-In *"forced self-employment"* describe how you will avoid that you have people in involuntary or forced self-employment

-In *"supply chain"* describe where in the supply chain you will make the biggest impact and how your supply chain is different from a typical supply chain in this sector

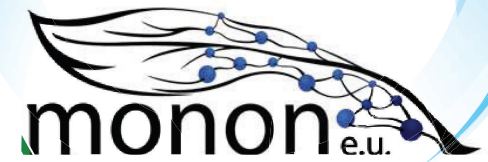
-In *"innovative distribution channels"* describe how you plan to have different distribution channels than the traditional economy.

-In *"special case"* if applicable describe if your intended social business is any special type such as a cooperative or a sharing platform.





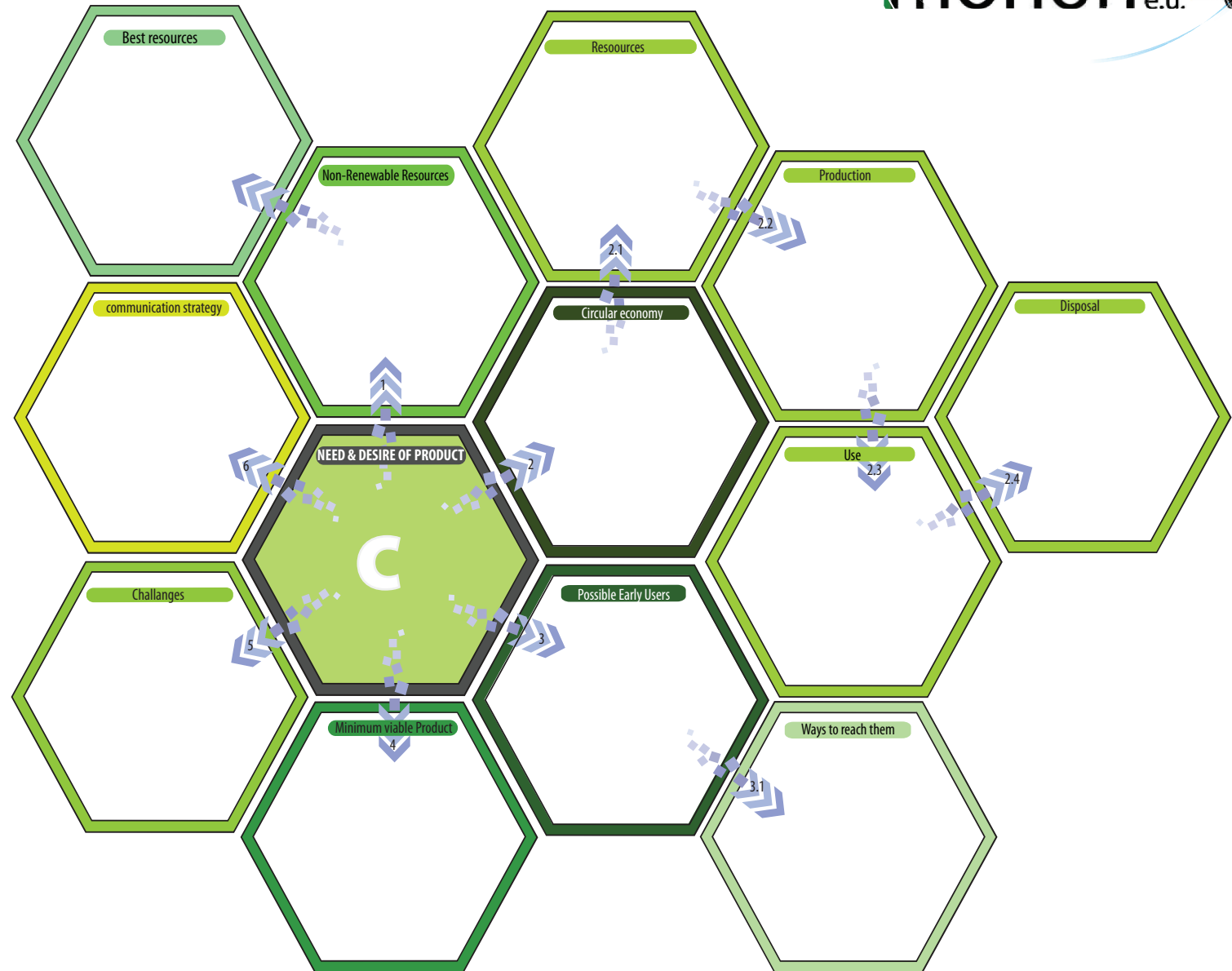
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## Info Text

Center: What is the need / desire satisfied with the product you have in mind?

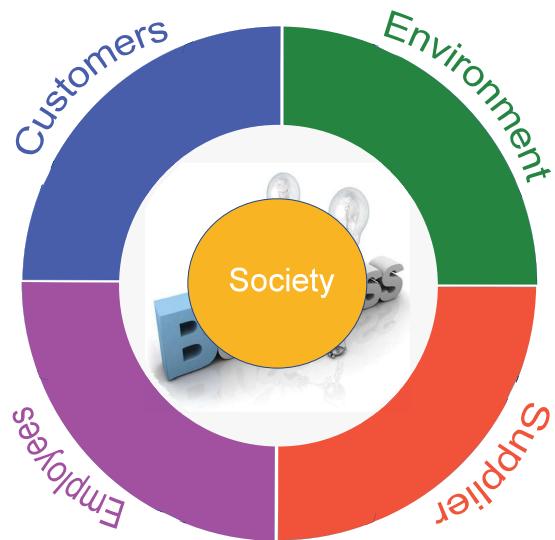
1. Which resources are required to satisfy those needs?  
Mention mainly the critical ones (i.e. non-renewable resources).
  - 1.1. How can you deal with critical resources best?
2. How could a circular economy approach in that context look like?
  - 2.1. Resources
  - 2.2. Production
  - 2.3. Use
  - 2.4. Disposal
3. Who could be early users in a changed system?
  - 3.1. How will you reach out to them?
4. Minimum Viable Product (MVP) ... if you can not approach a circular approach immediately: What could a first step towards a circular economy which you can build upon later?
5. How will you stay competitive with competitors who do not include externalities?
6. What will be the core of your communication strategy?



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Type D: Environment Oriented Social Business





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-In "*Message Integration*" describe how you want to integrate the social message in the business activities.

-In "*Control Organs*" please describe how you want to give a say of the beneficiaries in the business.

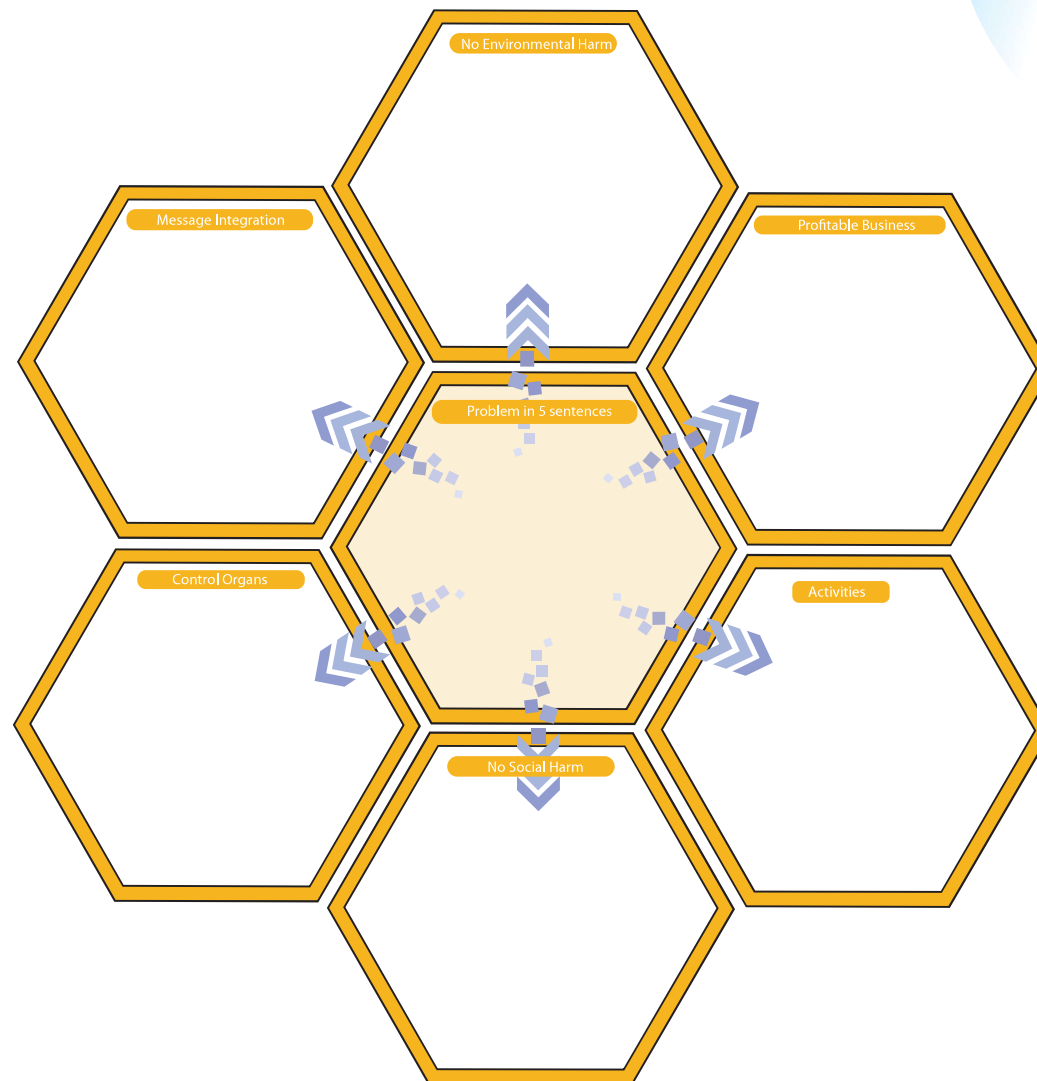
-In "*Profitable Business*" describe which business you want to establish which has a high annual financial yield

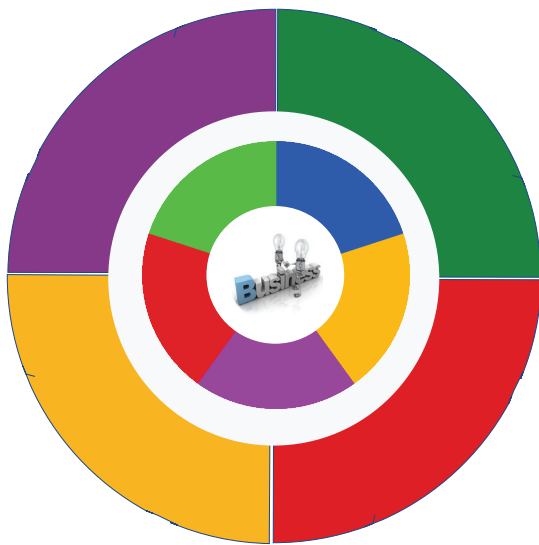
-In "*Activities*" describe which activity will be conducted to mitigate the social problem and to change the structures, which make the problem occur.

-In "*No social Harm*" describe how you ensure along the whole supply chain and in your business to not cause any new harm.

-In "*No environmental harm*" describe how you along the whole supply chain and in your business that do not cause any environmental harm.

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## Info Text

**Center:** Problem in 5 sentences

**1. which problem / business are your clients working on?**

**2. which type of organization are your target groups?**

2.1. How are they involving final beneficiaries? As clients?  
As customers? as citizens?

2.2. What primary drives your clients?

2.3 Who are the decision makers you need to reach?

**3. How will you add / contribute to your clients work?**

3.1. How will you make it more socially sustainable?

3.2. How do you make it more environmentally friendly?

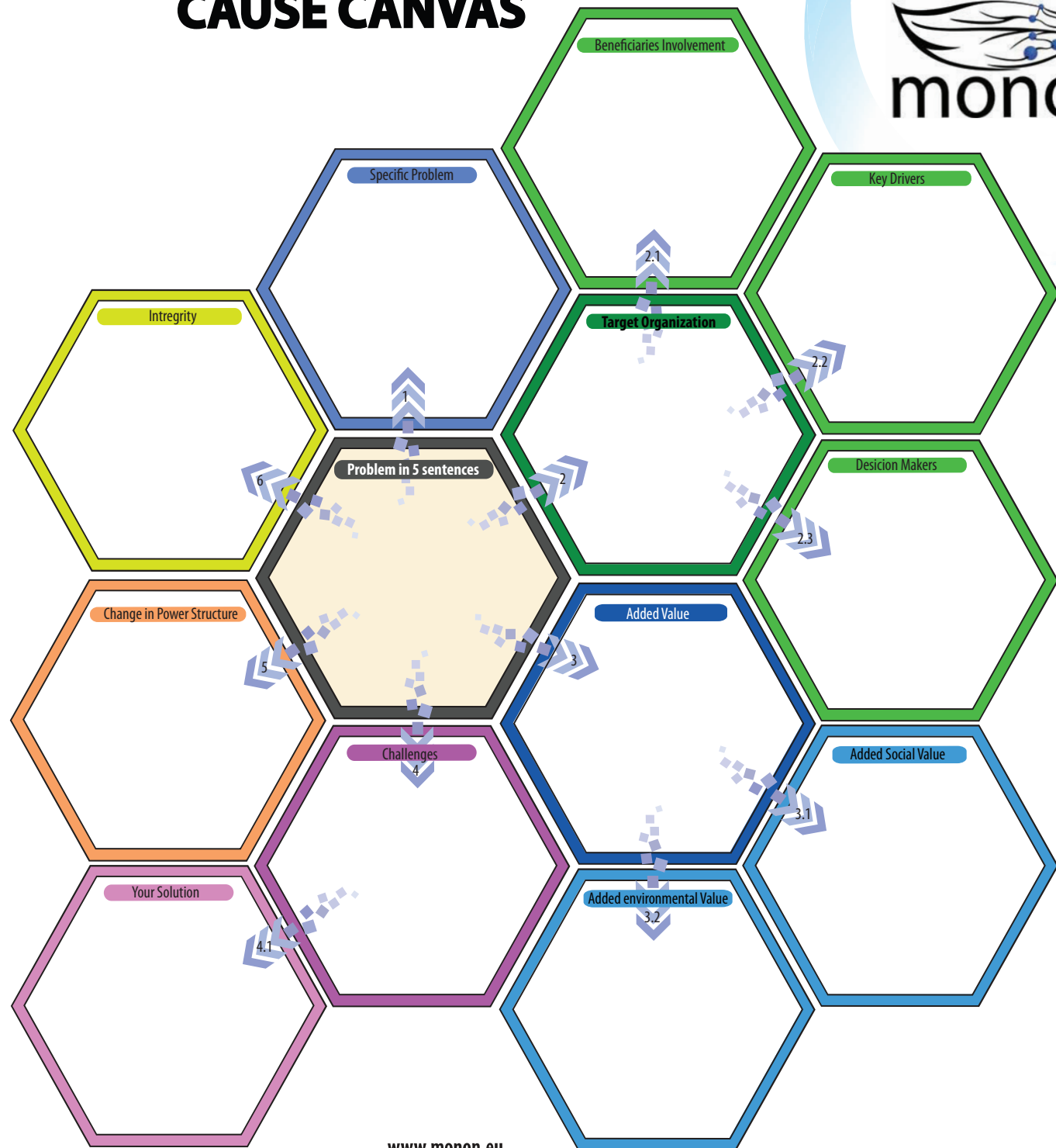
**4. Why would your client use your service / product?**

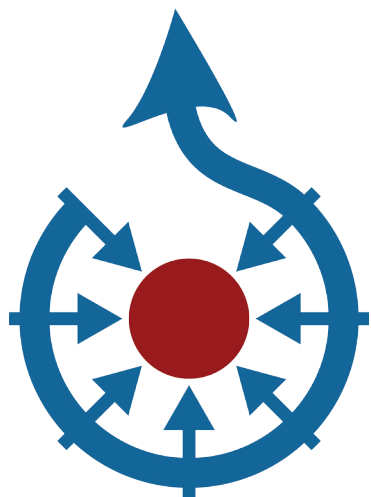
4.1. what are the challenges they face? How do you help them over the challenges?

**5. How is your work changing power structures or existing non-sustainable structures?**

**6. How do you ensure integrity? How do you ensure, that your client is using your service to enhance the impact and not for further profit generation?**

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Center: **Which common are you strengthening?**

### 1. Which community is close to that common?

- 1.1. How will you involve the (affected) community?
- 1.2 how will you help building a relationship between the community and the common?

### 2. Which tools (advocacy, collaborative creation, contracts etc.) will you use to strengthen that common?

### 3. Are you producing any product or service?

- 3.1. Which existing product / service might be competing with you for the commons? which conflict / problem could arise from that?

### 4. How will you "finance" your activities?

- 4.1. Which alternatives to financing (i.e. volunteering, Time banking) do you plan?
- 4.2. Will you rely on funds, grants or PPP?
  - 4.2.1 How do you ensure integrity towards the source of money?

### 5. Which legal regulations do impact your work?

- 5.1 How will you ensure legal compliance?

### 6. which best practice in relation to the commons do you know?

