

EU SUPPORT MECHANISMS for localizing global and European agendas

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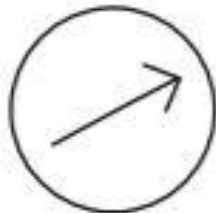
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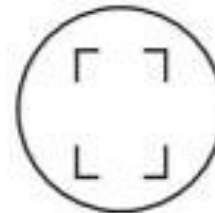
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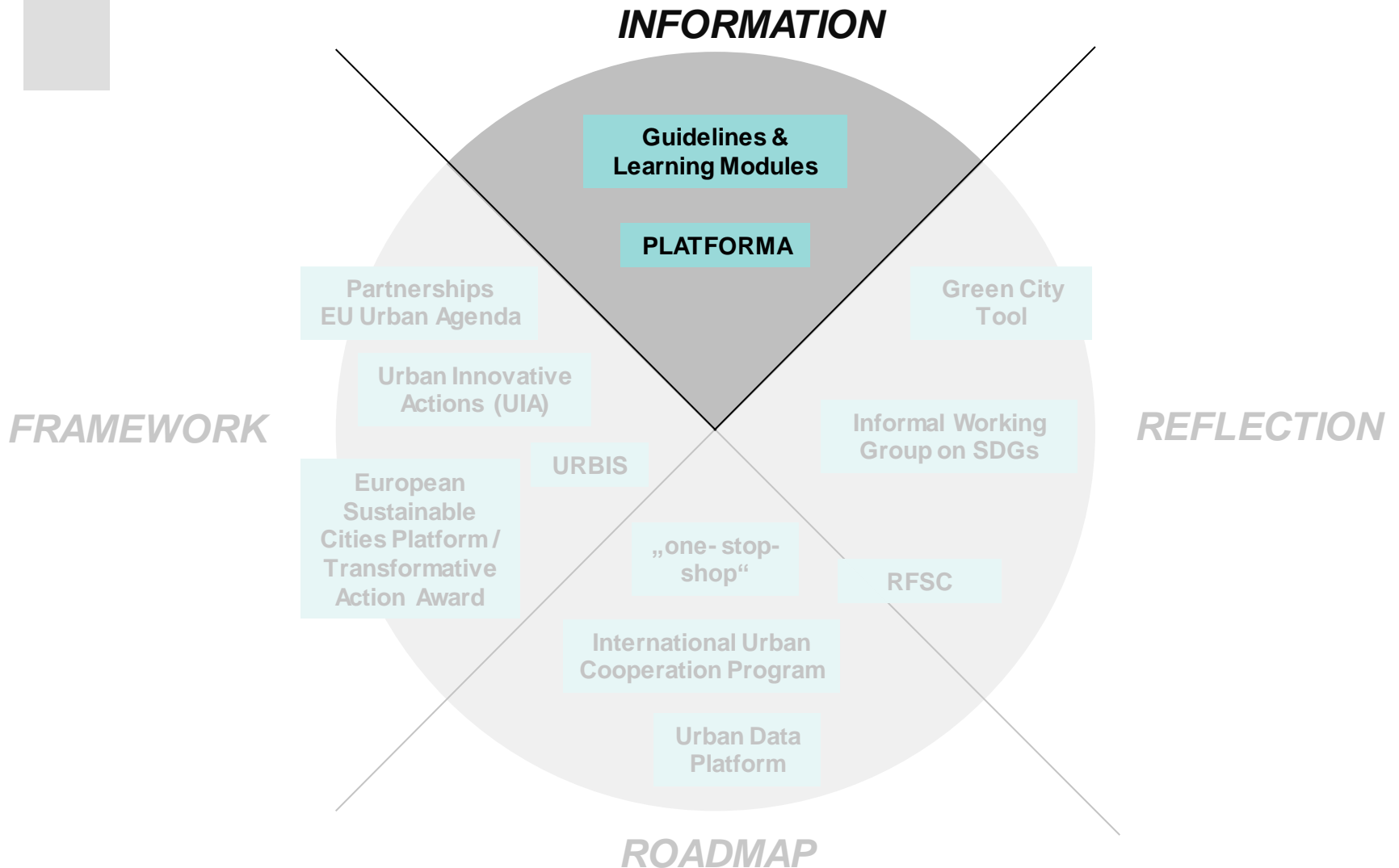
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INFORMATION

Guidelines & Learning Modules

- City networks such as ICLEI and UCLG offer orientation with guidelines and learning modules such as *'Roadmap for localizing the SDGs'* or *'Learning Modules for Localizing the SDGs'*

PLATFORMA

- The pan-European coalition publishes good-practice examples for localizing the SDGs (*'How Europe's towns and regions are taking the lead'*) and conducts trainings and workshops to create awareness among local gov. for SDGs and NUA

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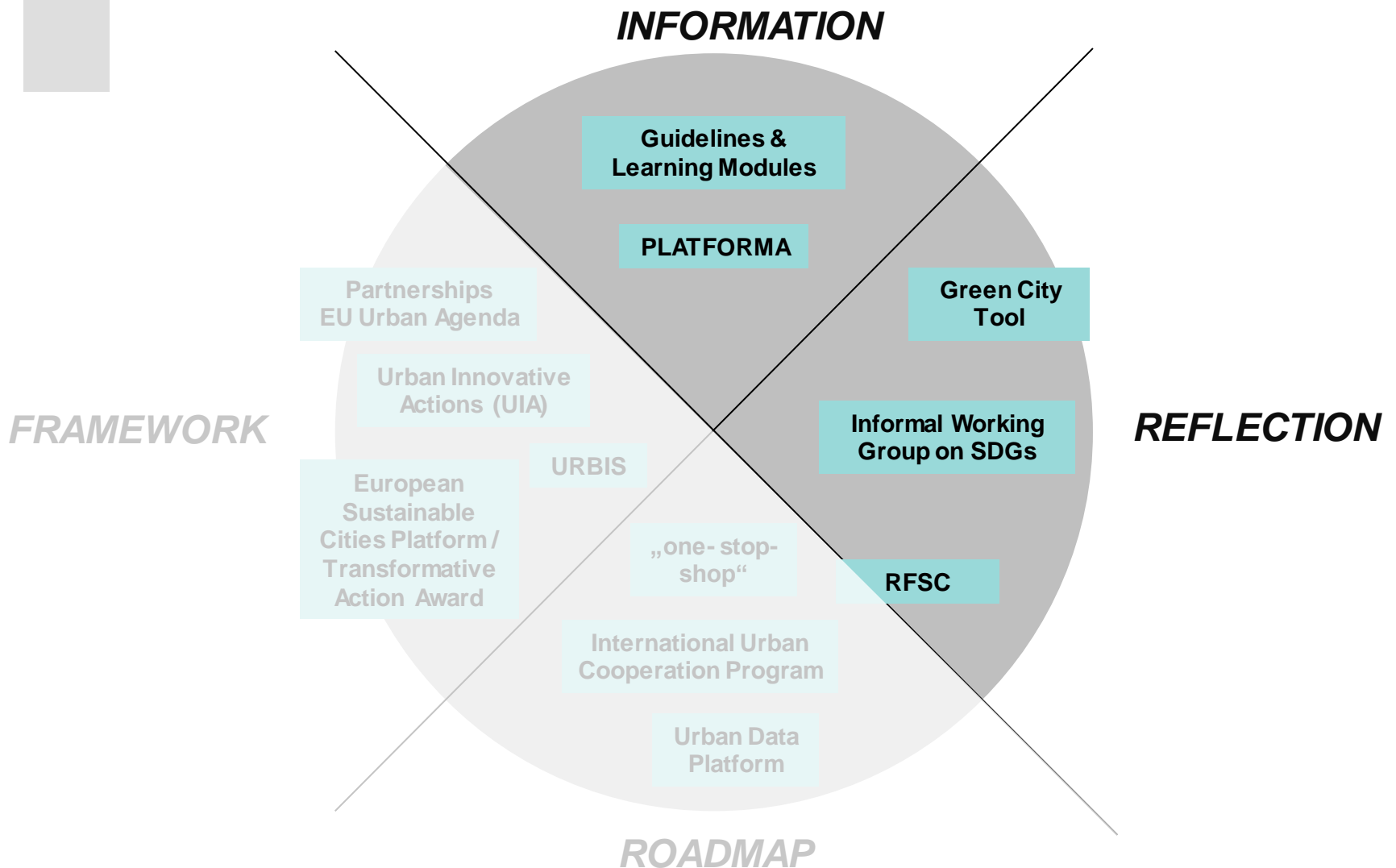
Example Germany

Initiative „Welt vor Ort“

- Initiated 2017 by the German Association of Towns and Municipalities
- Creates awareness among local authorities for global agendas and helps translating the SDGs into local realities (What does it mean? What is the added value?)
- Information materials, events, workshops etc.



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REFLECTION

Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities (RFSC)

- Online Toolkit, developed under French EU presidency, that helps local authorities to reflect sustainability strategies, assess local projects and to monitor progress (within a RFSC or SDG framework)

Informal Working Group on SDGs

- EURO CITIES members Utrecht, Ghent, Stuttgart, Malmö and Bonn exchange on their work on the SDGs in informal working group (good practices, how to set up local targets and indicators, how to engage local communities)

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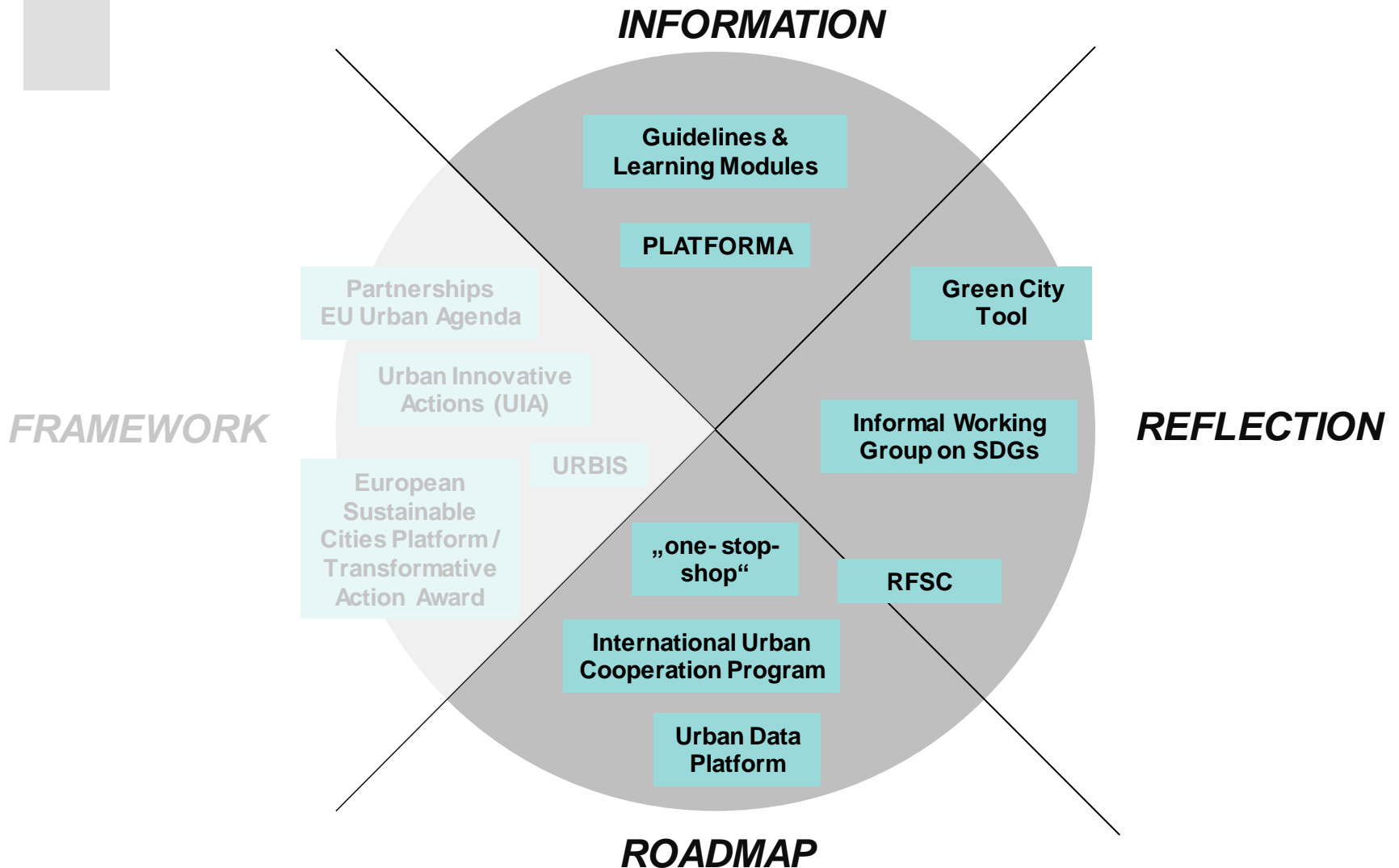
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„Monitor Nachhaltige Kommune“

- Project initiated by Bertelsmann Stiftung and German Institute of Urban Affairs (Difu)
- Contributes to the development of a universally applicable sustainability monitoring system at the municipal level that also includes references to the SDGs (indicator catalogue)
- Testing and further development in close cooperation with German municipalities



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ROADMAP

„One-stop Shop“ for Cities

- Online portal, initiated by EU Commission, that works as single access point guiding actors through EU policies, regulations and financing opportunities under different EU funding instruments that address cities as well as events and initiatives related to urban development

Urban Data Platform

- JRC and DG-Regio initiative that provides access to common indicators on the status and trends of more than 800 European cities. Allows local authorities to explore, visualise and compare data on topics such as environment, housing etc.

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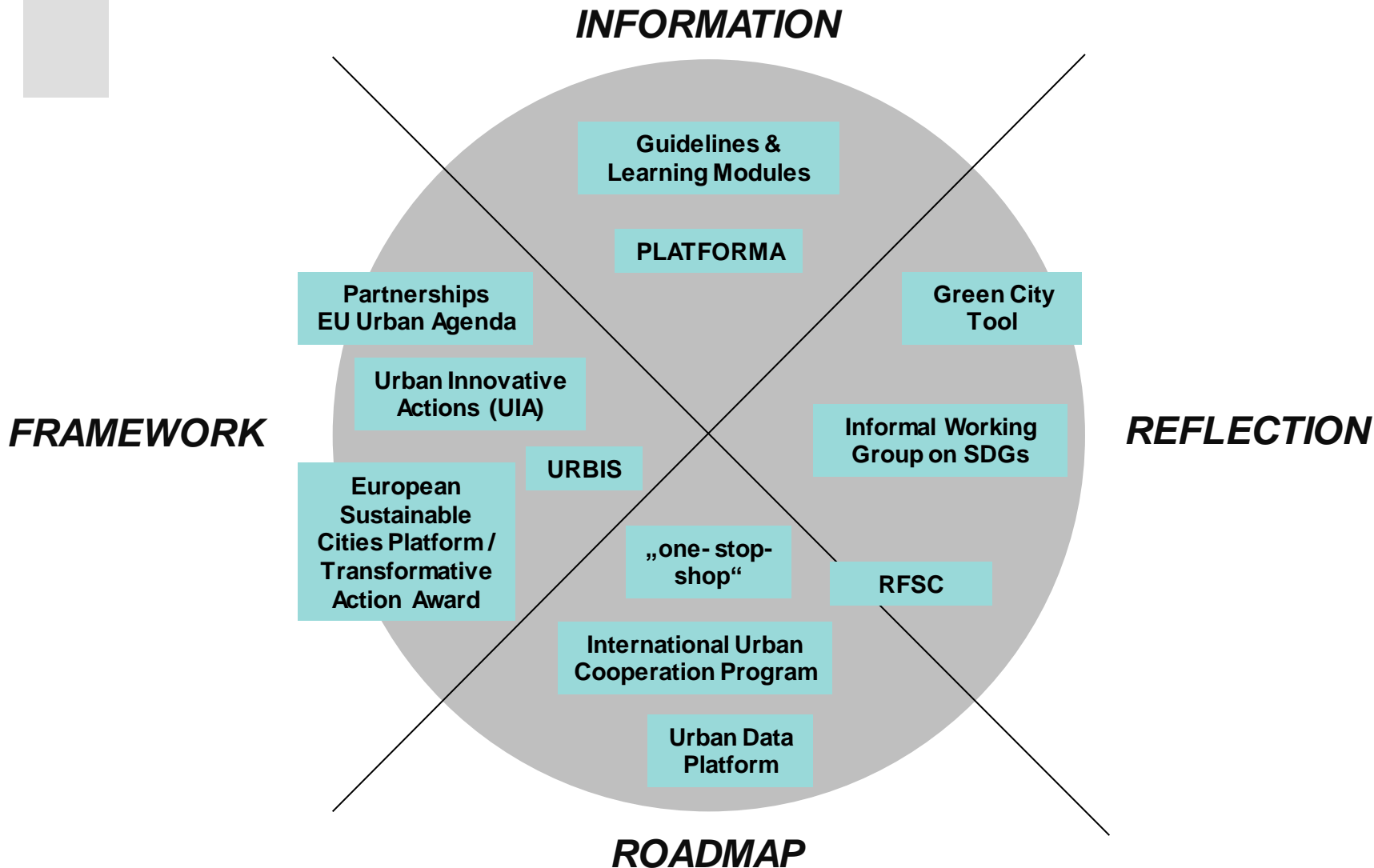
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Globale Nachhaltigkeitspartnerschaften

- Pilot project, initiated by the Service Agency: Communities in One World (SKEW) (2017)
- Promote strategic cooperation for the implementation of SDGs and the exchange of experiences and local solutions between cities
- Network meetings, financing “expert exchange”, financing events and pilot actions



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FRAMEWORK

Partnerships EU Urban Agenda

- Multi-level working method promoting cooperation between member states, cities, EU Commission and other stakeholders. 14 partnerships develop action plans in specific thematic areas, formulating proposals for better EU regulation, funding and knowledge

Urban Innovative Actions (UIA)

- EU-initiative (article 8 of ERDF) that provides cities with resources to test innovative and unproven solutions to address urban challenges (linked to priority fields of EU Urban Agenda)

URBIS - Urban Investment Support

- Platform that provides advisory support to local authorities to facilitate, accelerate and unlock urban investment projects and programmes

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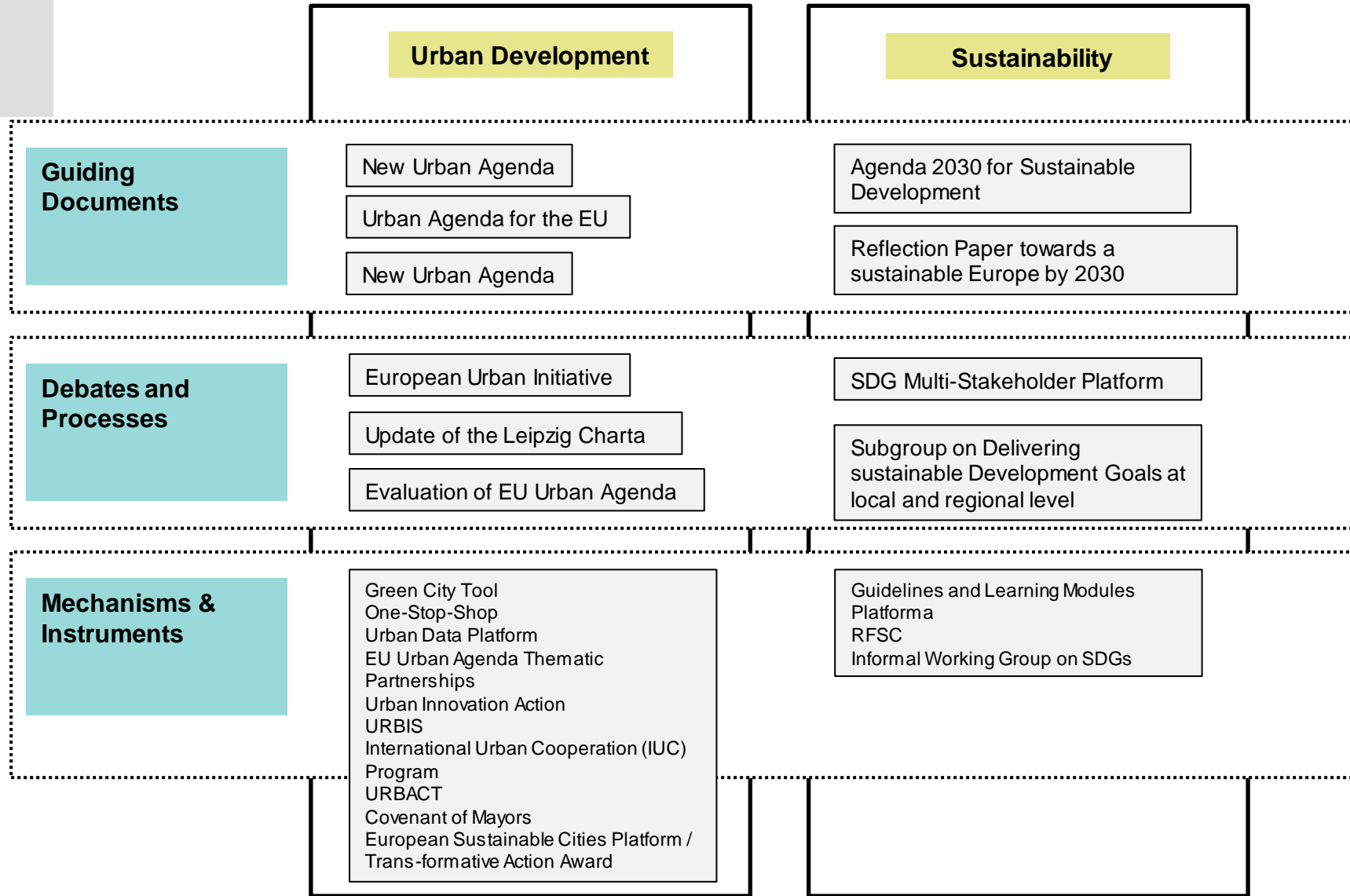
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„Global Nachhaltige Kommune“

- Initiated by the Service Agency: Communities in One World (SKEW)
- Supports municipalities in the development and implementation of municipal sustainability strategies and provides start-up aid for a (stronger) development and sustainability policy commitment
- started with 15 model municipalities in North Rhine-Westphalia and was extended to several other federal states



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LEIPZIG CHARTA

- Principles of the Leipzig Charter need to be revised in light of changing framework conditions as well as emerging trends and current challenges
- Preparations for updating of LC under the German EU Council Presidency in 2020 are in full swing
- LC shall be adopted as a revised strategic document for integrated European urban development. The new edition of the EU Urban Agenda could function as an implementation mechanism for the LC
- To allow for a stronger link with the implementation level, the LC will include a chapter on how to strengthen cities capacity for action

Ongoing Debates & Processes at EU level

EU URBAN AGENDA

- Considered to be the EU's central implementation mechanism of the New Urban Agenda and SDG 11
- EU Urban Agenda and the thematic partnerships are currently being evaluated with regards to achievement of objectives, experiences, challenges, success factors and effectiveness
- Various ongoing discussions on the future of the EU Urban Agenda
- EU Commissions proposes the European Urban Initiative (EUI) as new European umbrella structure for urban affairs that unites various urban initiatives and support programmes such as URBACT, UIA, Urban Agenda for the EU or the Urban Development Network.

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AGENDA 2030 and SDGs

- “SDG-Multi-Stakeholder Platform” was initiated in 2017 by the EU commission as Exchange and Advisory Body for the implementation of the SDGs at all level – considerations to continue this platform
- Subgroup "Delivering sustainable Development Goals at local and regional level" allows to exchange and reflect on the role and experience of the local and regional level in the SDG implementation process
 - has put together a catalogue of recommendations on how to ensure/strengthen the successful implementation of the SDGs at local and regional level
 - Identified need to map available methods and toolkits for local and regional SDG implementation in the EU