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>> Decommodified & democratic provisioning is central to realising the agroecological transformation of food systems

>> Initiatives towards this are already underway

1. One food system, multiple crises.
2. Food justice, food sovereignty & agroecology as holistic responses to food system crises.
3. The importance of decommodification and democratisation of food provisioning to realising these.
5. Actually existing pathways towards decommodified, democratic food provisioning.

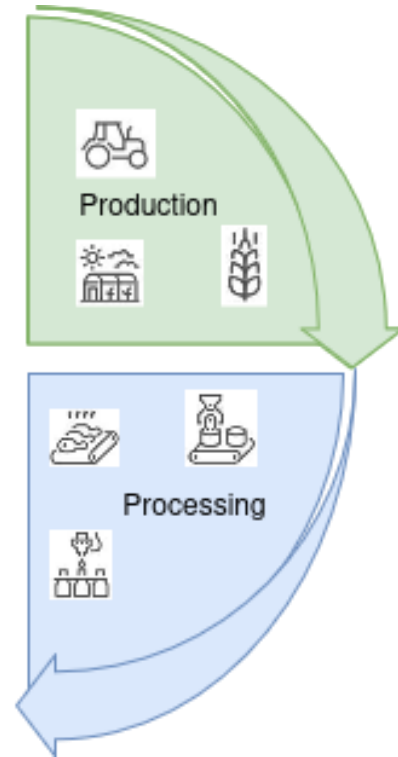
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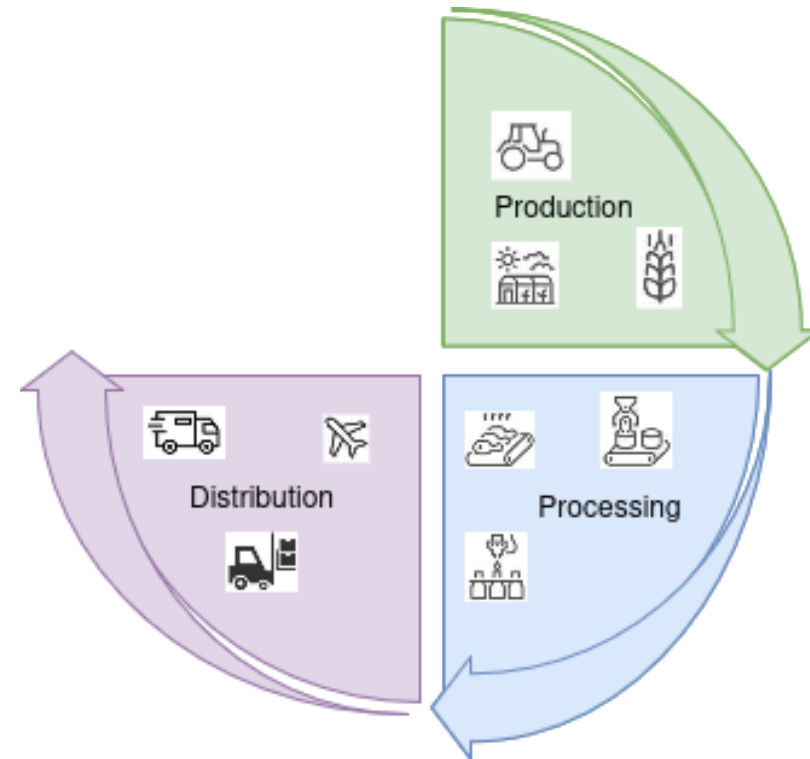
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Who gets what kind of food, how and why?

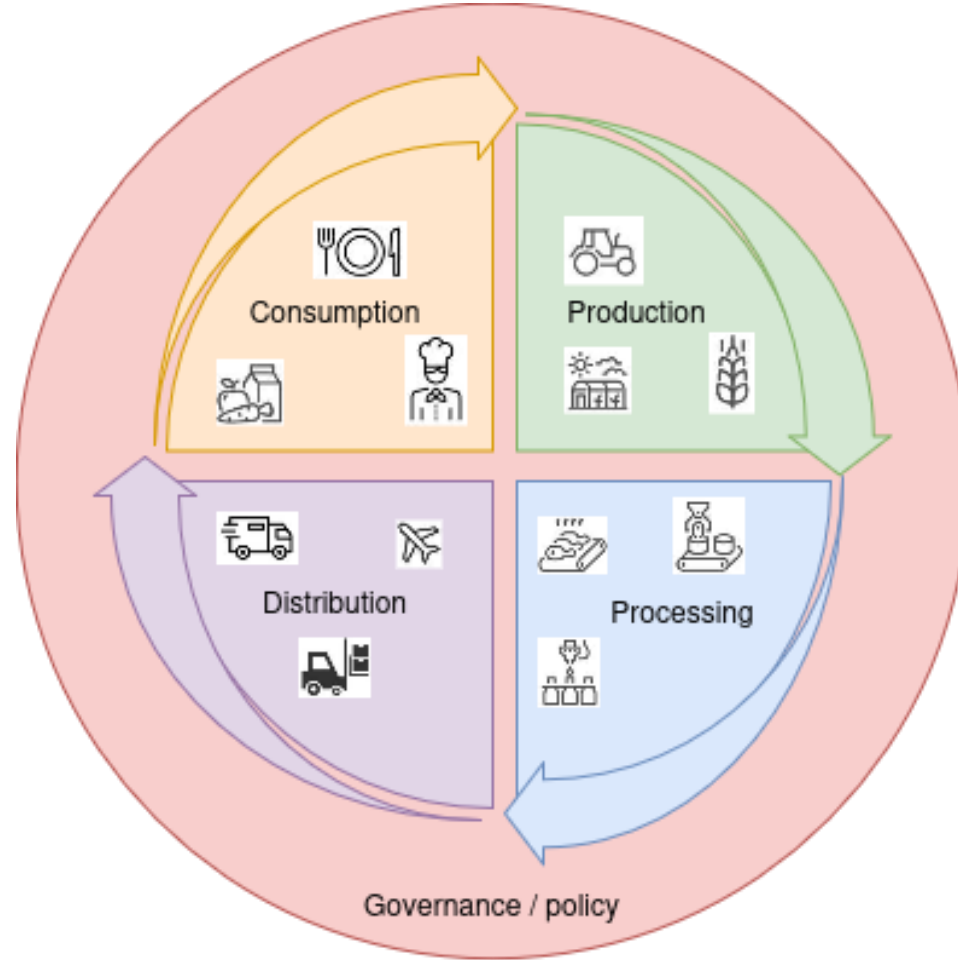


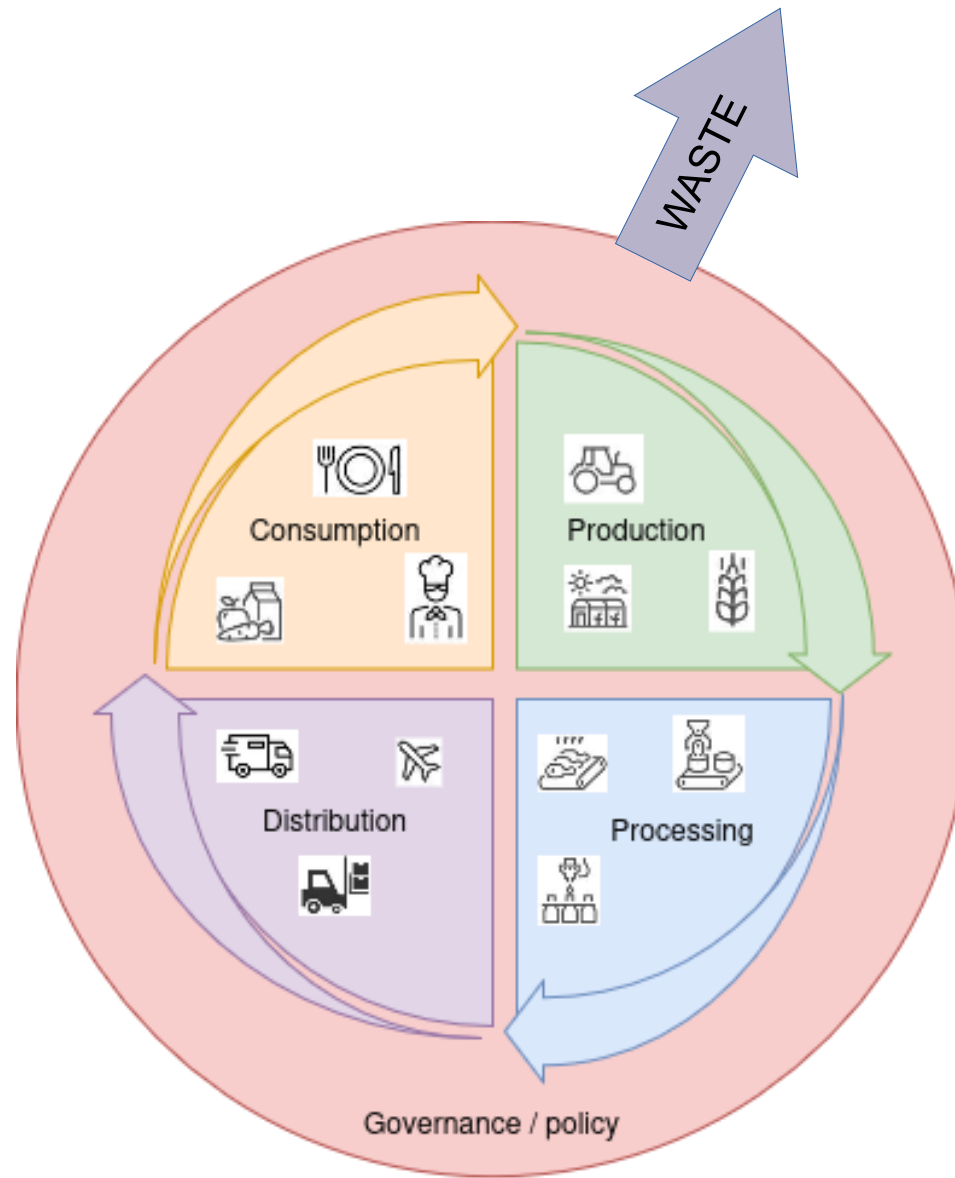


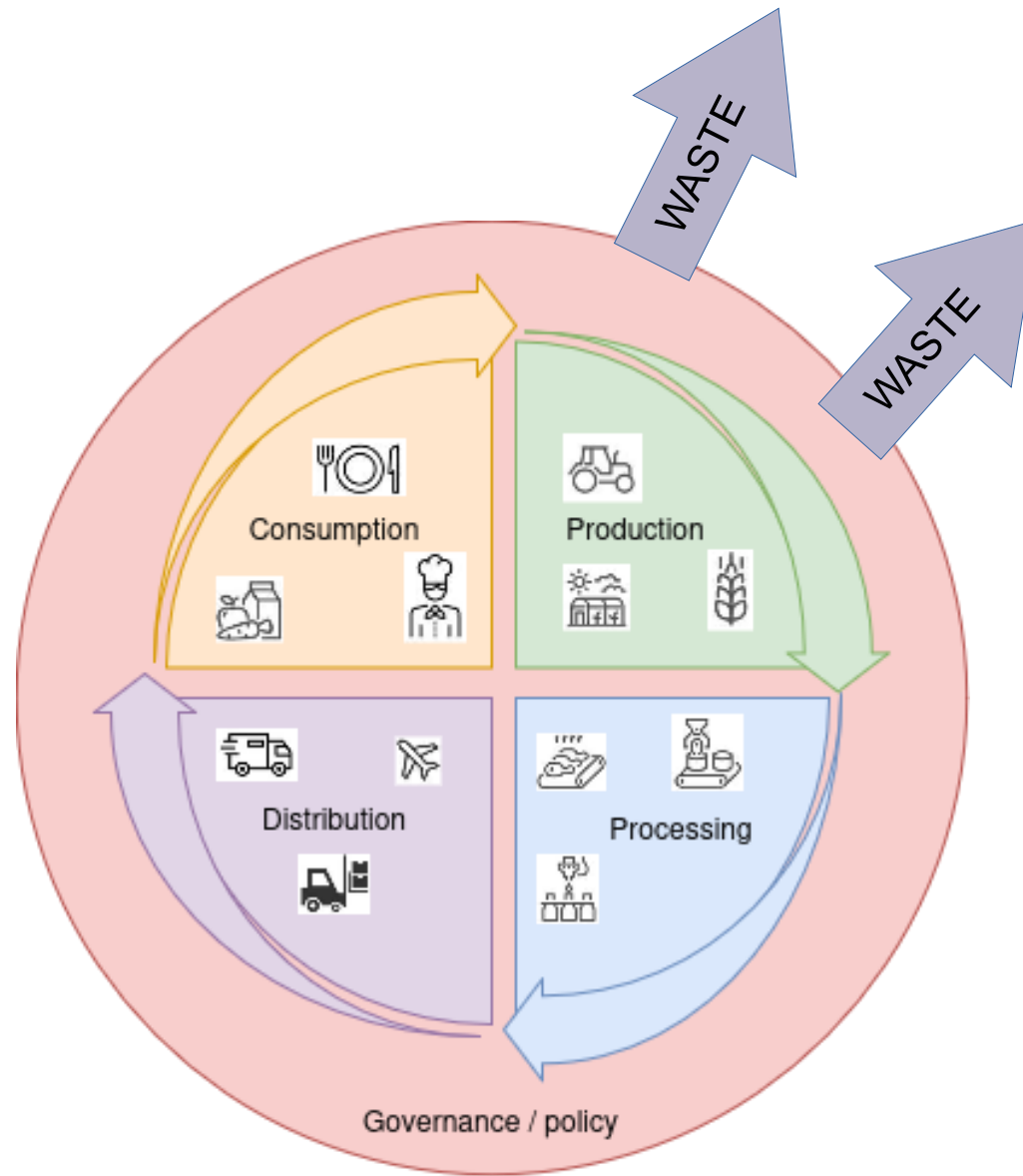


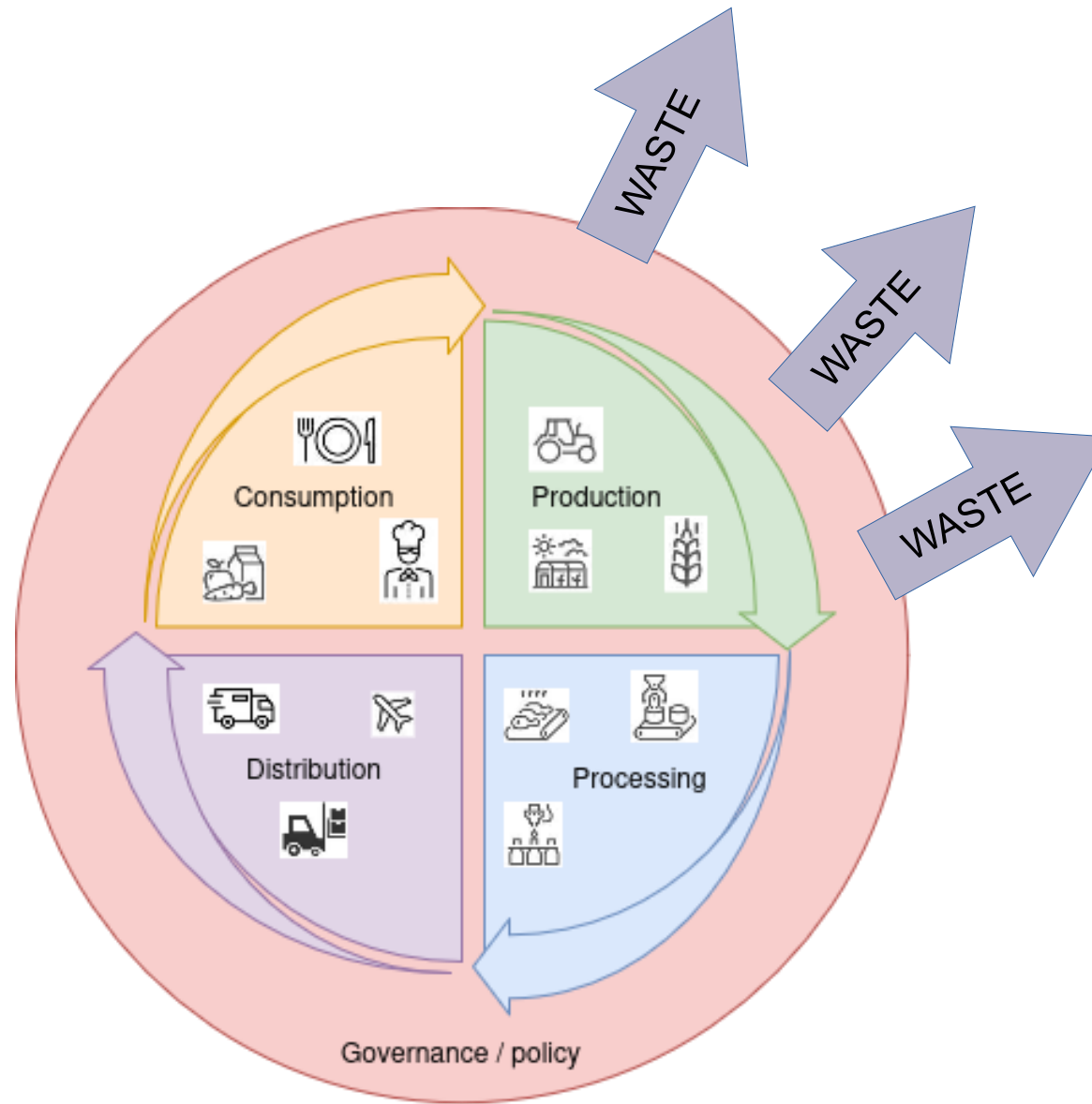


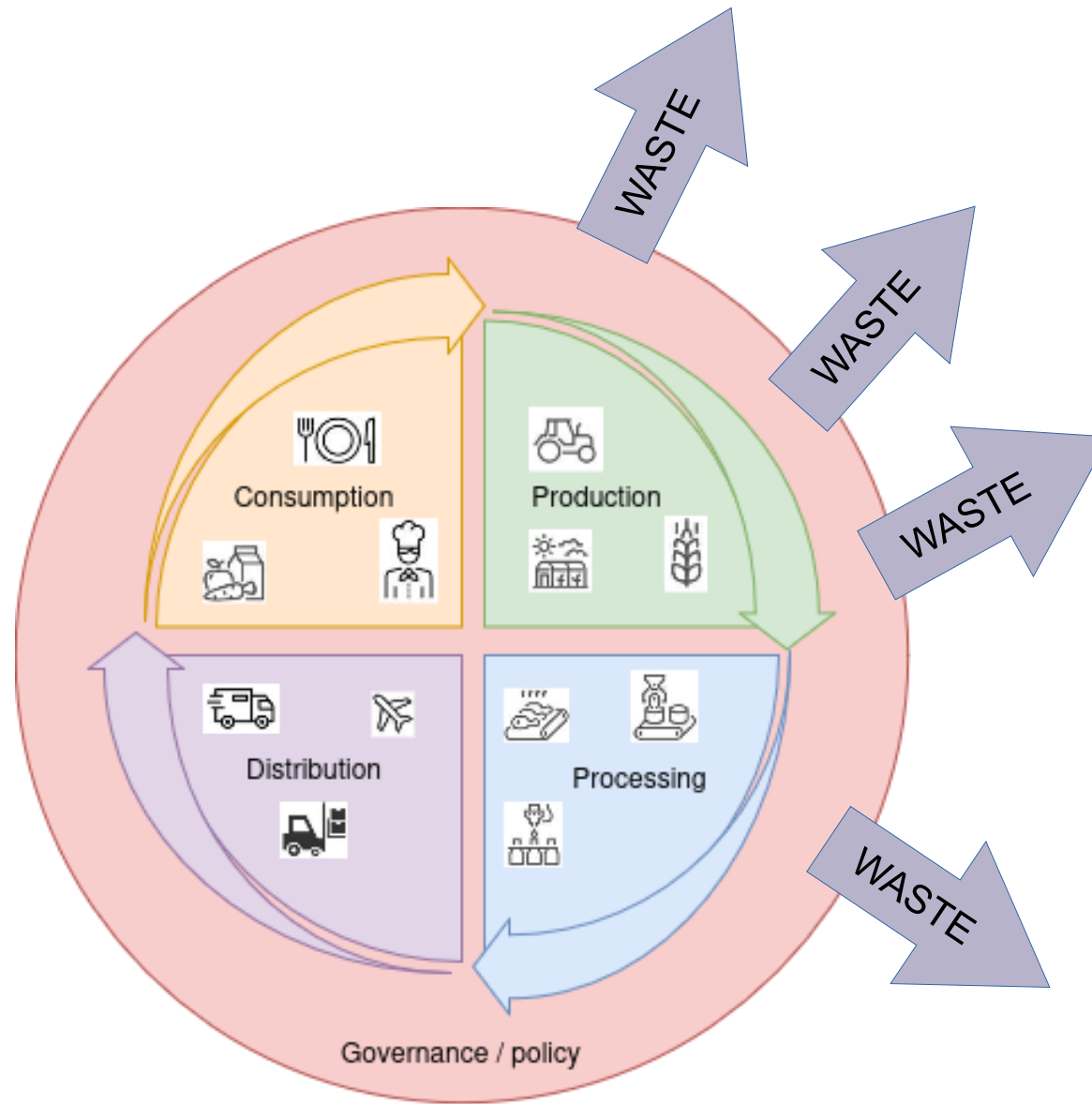


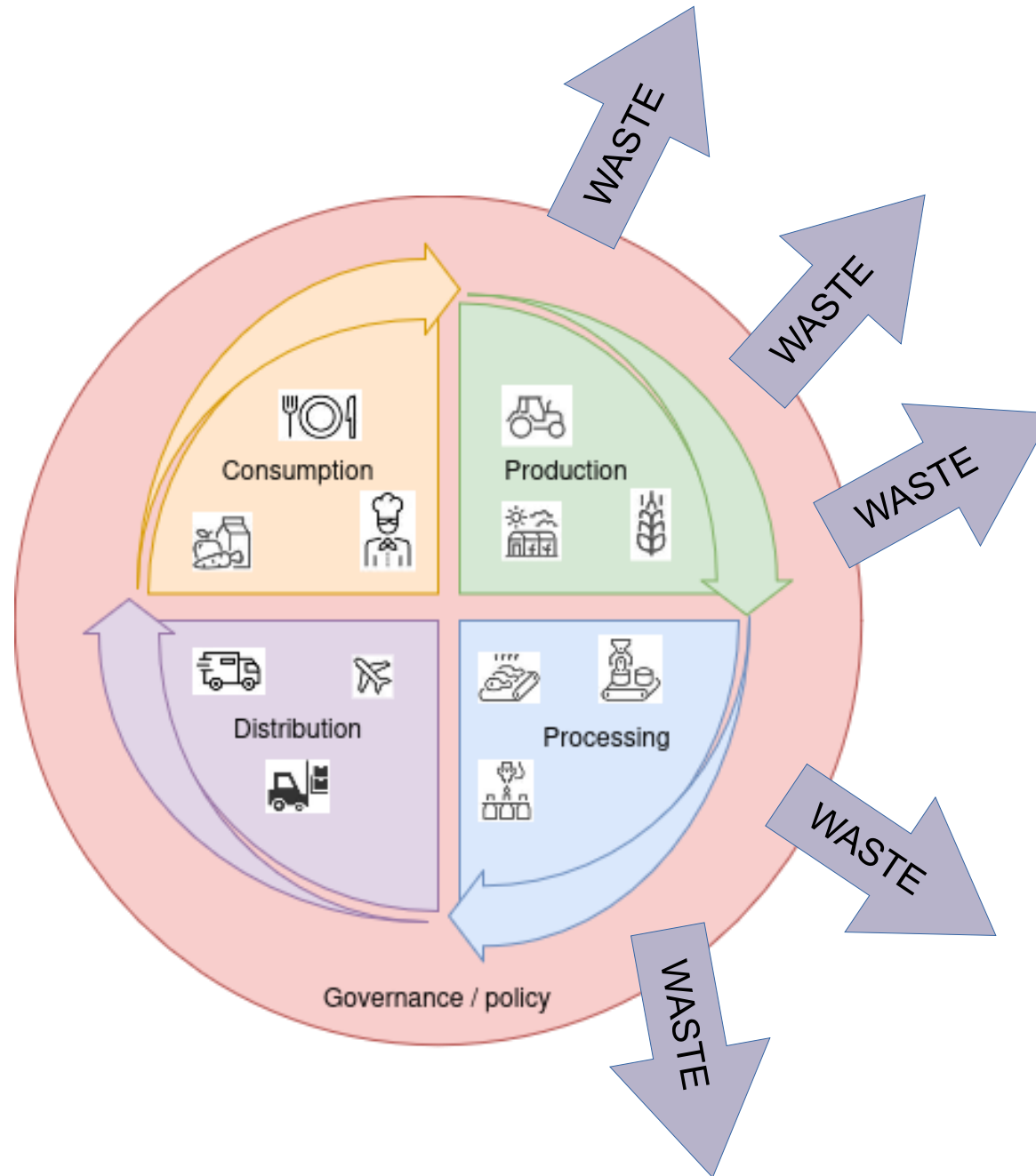


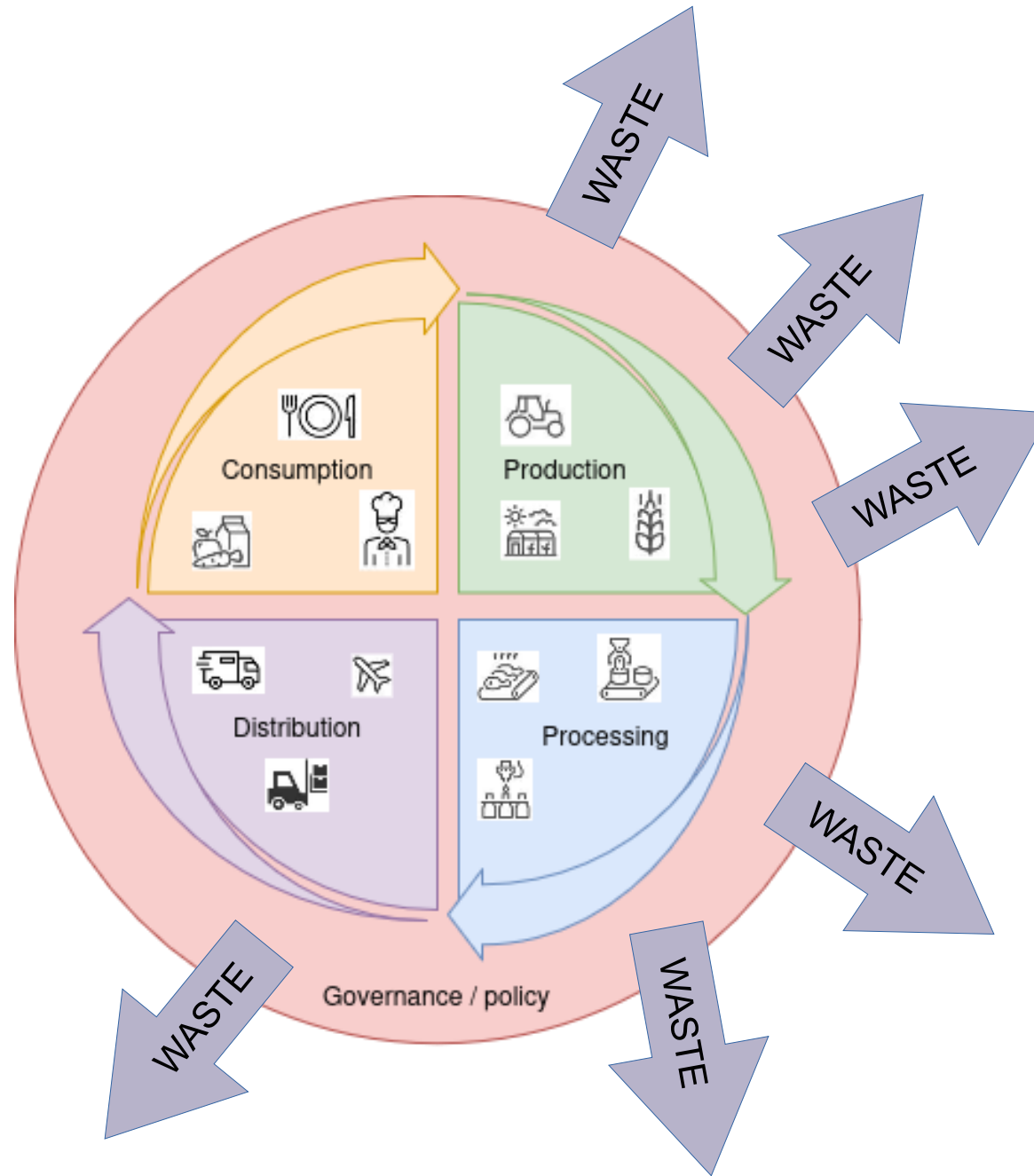


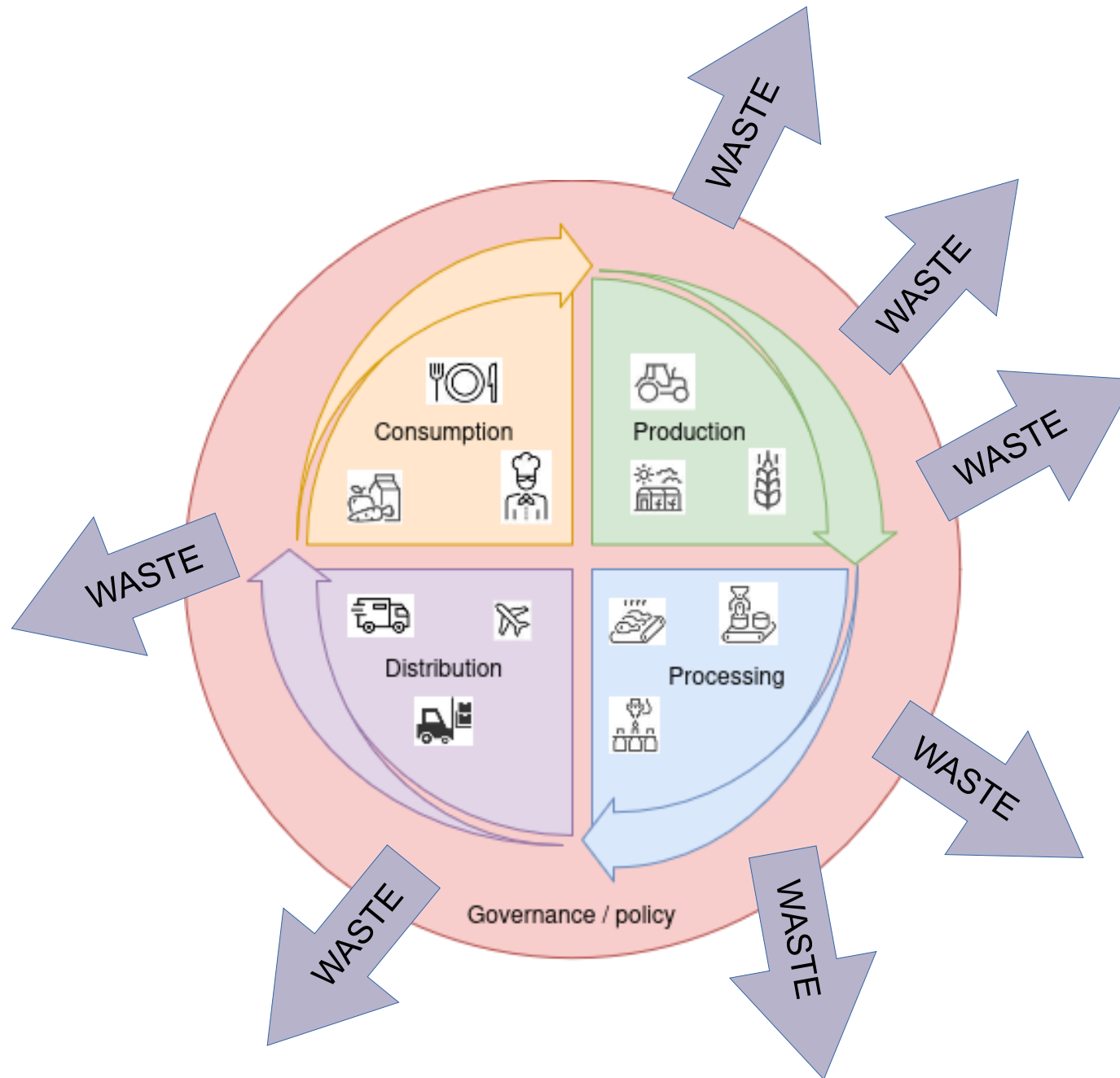


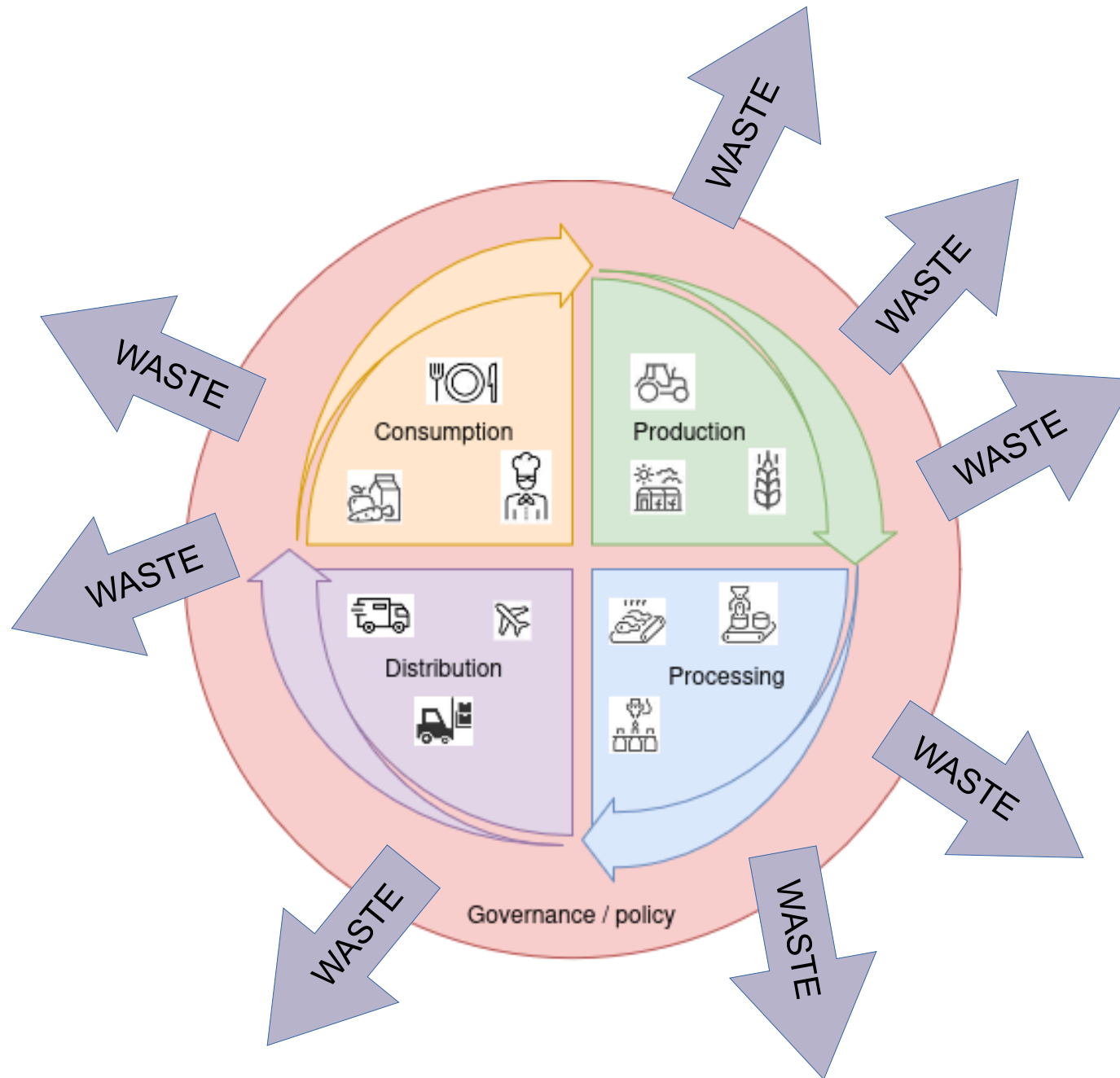


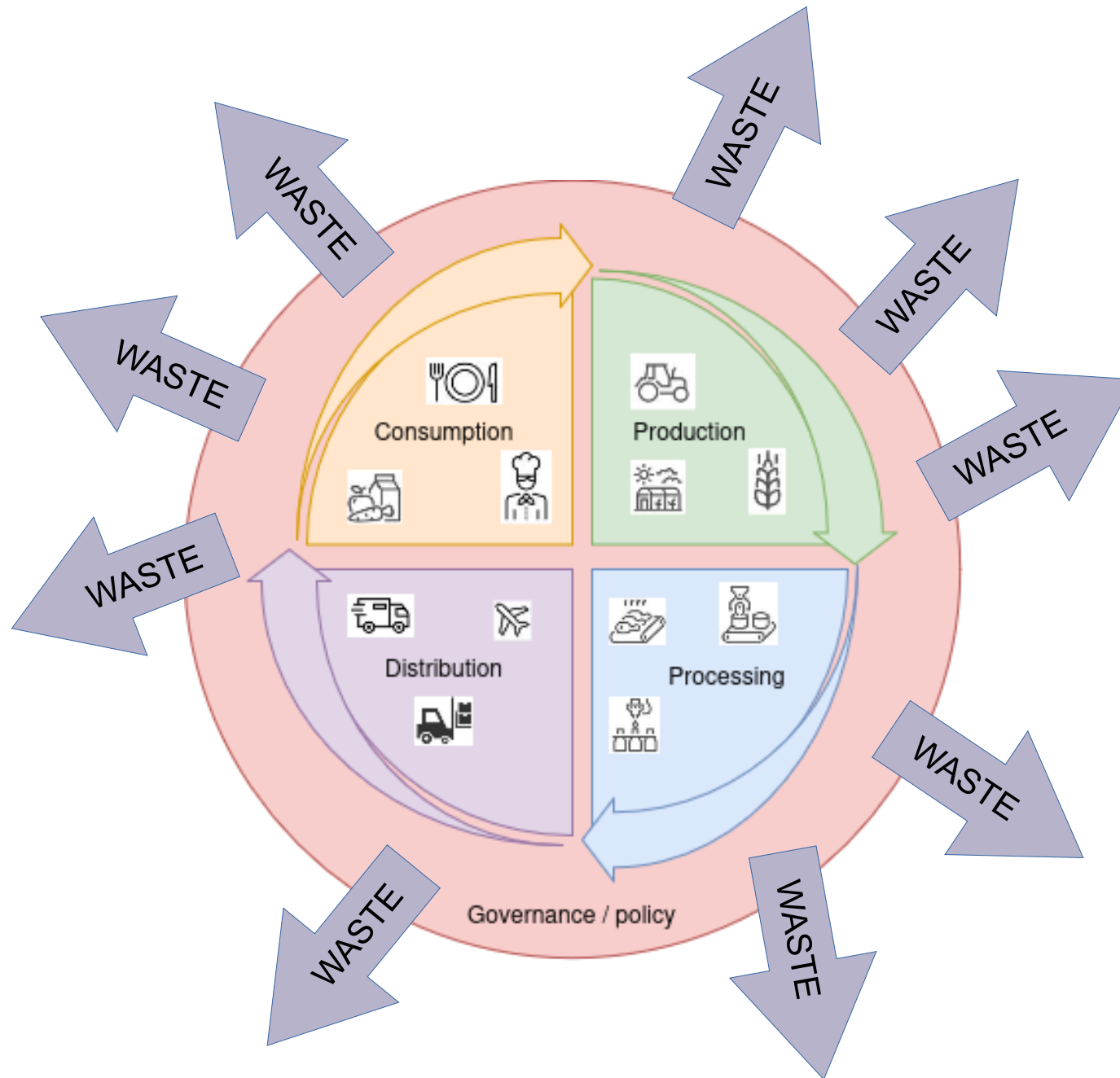












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...and costs 35 billion \$ a day in hidden health and environmental harms!

Food poverty

Diet-related ill health

Producer precarity

Ecological degradation & climate
change

Wastefulness

>> These are not separate problems,
but interconnected outcomes of the
same food system.

Access to food depends on purchasing
power & production of food on
competitive markets.

These markets are structured by
corporate power and by policies
& infrastructures that reward scale,
specialisation and cost externalisation.

Human health, livelihoods and ecological reproduction figure as costs to be
externalised or constraints to be overcome.

Food aid addresses the failure to provision adequate food to
people, but leaves the organisation of provisioning intact.

Food justice

From social movements struggles over land & sustenance

>> Hunger, unhealthy diets and precarity are outcomes of how land, labour, risk and decision-making power are organised across the food system.

>> aims to transform the social relations that produce food insecurity, exploitation and unequal control over food provisioning.

Food sovereignty

La Vía Campesina, World Food Summit 1996

Nyéléni Forum 2007

Peasant & Indigenous movement

>> as a response to food security not addressing who controls land, seeds, knowledge

>> aims for democratic provisioning grounded in territorial autonomy, ecological regeneration and dignified livelihoods.

Food justice: are food, resources, harms distributed fairly?

Food sovereignty: who has the power to decide over the food system?

>> democratise the food system

Agroecology

Based on traditional practices

Term first used in 1920s

UN & EU recognition & strategy since 2010s

>> a conceptual framework, practical approach and social movement for fundamental food-system transformation

>> aims for changes through which ecological regeneration, adequate diets and dignified livelihoods reinforce one another rather than being traded off against one another.

>> provides the wider framework through which the right to food, food justice & food sovereignty can be realised.

>> requires moving towards democratic, increasingly decommodified provisioning

Decommodified food provisioning

>> changes the organising logic of provisioning

>> moves from market exchange and accumulation towards meeting needs

Democratic food provisioning

>> changes the distribution of power

>> gives affected communities authority over rules and purposes of provisioning

Actually existing pathways towards democratic provisioning and beyond food as a commodity

Redirecting public resources

Socialising the conditions of production

Socialising access and provisioning

Redirecting public resources

Transformative public procurement → Copenhagen: using the purchasing power of the public kitchen



Redirecting public resources

Universal, transformative meals → Brazil's National School Food Programme: creating a public market around a social right



Redirecting public resources

Direct institutional production → Mouans-Sartoux: growing vegetables as a municipal public service



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Socialising the conditions of production

Guaranteed producer livelihoods → A basic income for farmers: securing the capacity to refuse



SOWING THE SEEDS OF STABILITY:

The case for a
basic income
for farmers,
farmworkers and
food producers in
the UK

March 2024



Socialising the conditions of
production

Land commoning → Andelsgaarde: taking farmland out of
speculative circulation



Besøg vores gårde

Vi er i øjeblikket i gang på 7 gårde. Når den næste gård
er hjemme, sætter vi jagten ind på endnu en. Og sådan
fortsætter vi!



Socialising the conditions of production

Solidarity farming → Buschberghof: financing the farm rather than buying its products



Socialising access and provisioning

Community food infrastructure → Landed Community Kitchens: rebuilding relations around the kitchen table



Socialising access and provisioning

Food social security → Montpellier's Common Food Fund: from food aid to collective entitlement



Socialising access and
provisioning

Universal Basic Food Services: A proposal (and an agroecological
extension)



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A proposal for Universal Basic Services



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EDUCATION



DEMOCRACY +
LEGAL SERVICES



SHELTER



FOOD



TRANSPORT



INFORMATION

Thank you!