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French local authorities in the Energy Transition

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Outline

1. Institutional framework
2. How do local authorities intervene?
 - Policy instruments
 - Key features
3. The road ahead: what are the obstacles to overcome?



1. French local authorities: who does what?

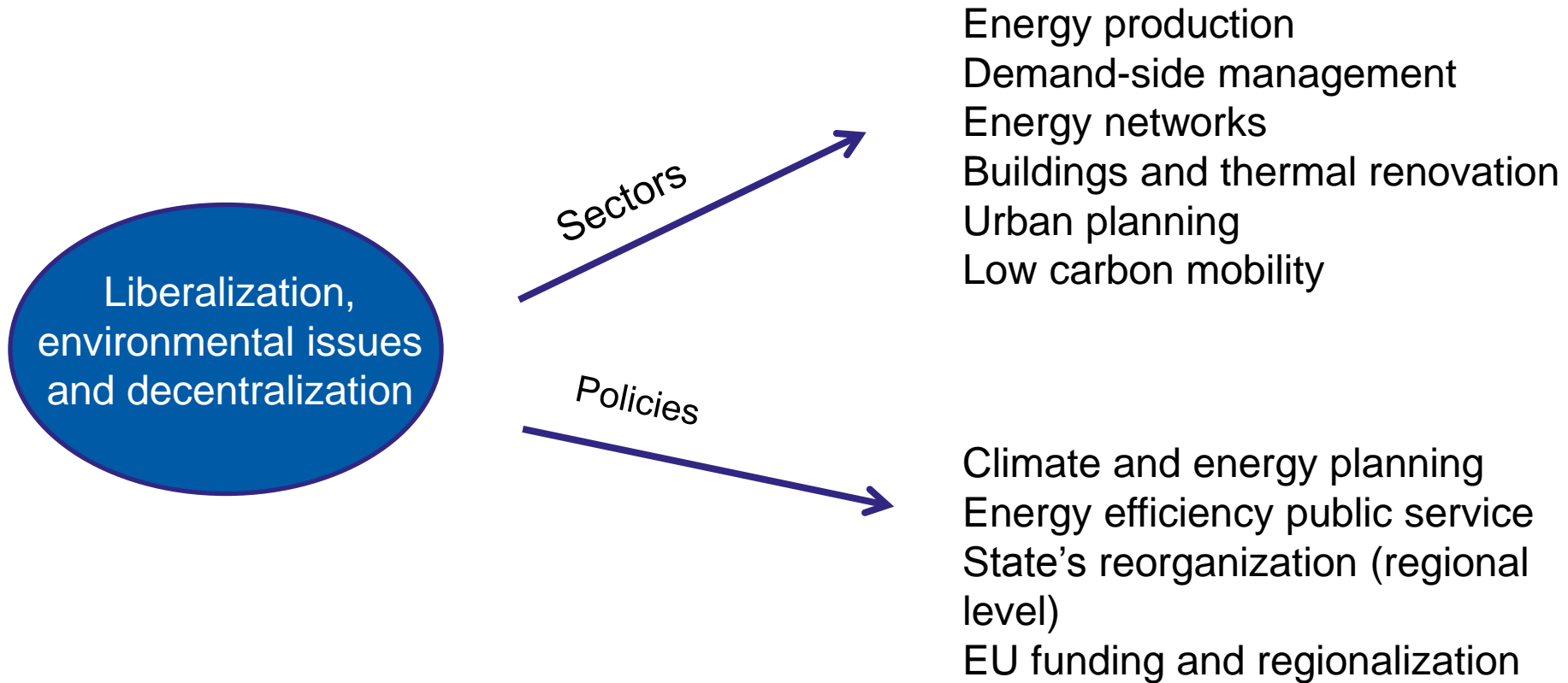
State intervention and path dependency

Within the framework of EU law and international agreements, the French state is in charge of:

- Energy transition planning and climate goals (investments, infrastructures, energy mix)
- Economic and regulatory framework: ex. finance bill: carbon tax, tax credits, renewable energy tenders, etc.



A growing role for local authorities



2. How do local authorities intervene? 1/2 Key instruments

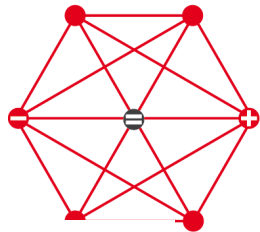
Climate and Energy plans

- Assess emissions, energy needs and resources
- Set targets and objectives
- Measures
- A new framework of action and vision

Regions: general guidelines, organization of public action

Intercommunalities: operationalization

Mandatory and voluntary action plans



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2. How do local authorities intervene? 2/2 Key elements

The need for a vision, the role of storytelling

Political commitment

An economic issue

Inclusion of stakeholders and private companies



2. How do local authorities intervene? 2/2 Key elements

Dedicated institutions:

- Data collection and analysis
- (Semi)publicly-owned funds and companies
- Policy evaluation and discussion



EU as a partner, inspiration and forum to share lessons learned



3. The road ahead: obstacles and perspectives

Lack of **coherence** between:

- different levels of action (vertical)
- similar levels of action (horizontal)
- public policies (inclusion of climate goals)

The need for harmonization of **data** and for **capacity building** (data collection, analysis, policy definition)

Implementation and evaluation

Empowerment

- Progress is being made and can be observed since the first initiatives
 - Knowledge acquisition
 - Awareness and cooperation between stakeholders
 - Cross-sectoral coordination

Taking into account these issues is essential if a low carbon transition is to be achieved





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Thank you for your attention

