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**Good practices from Germany:
ideas, not cookie cutters!**



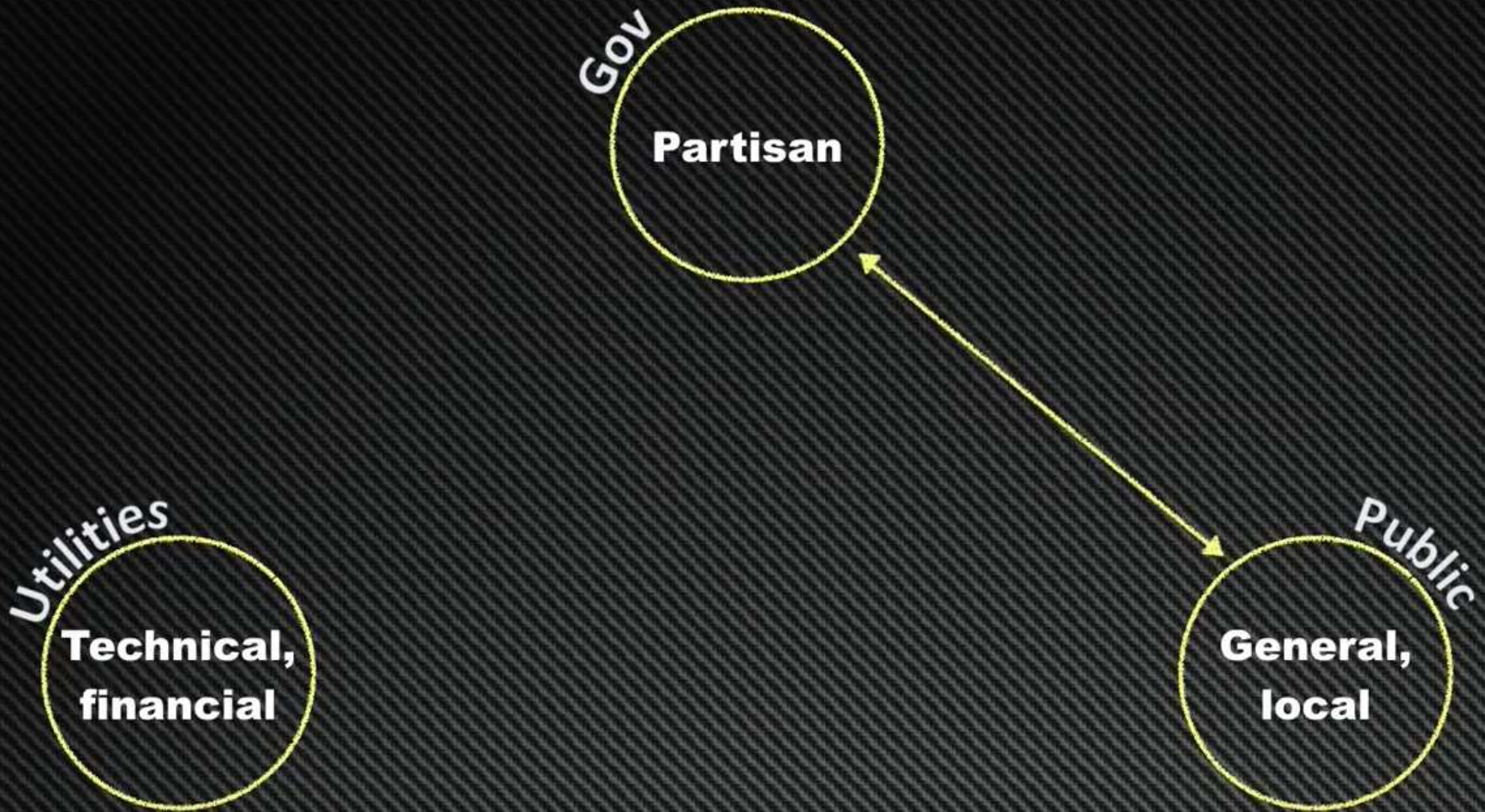
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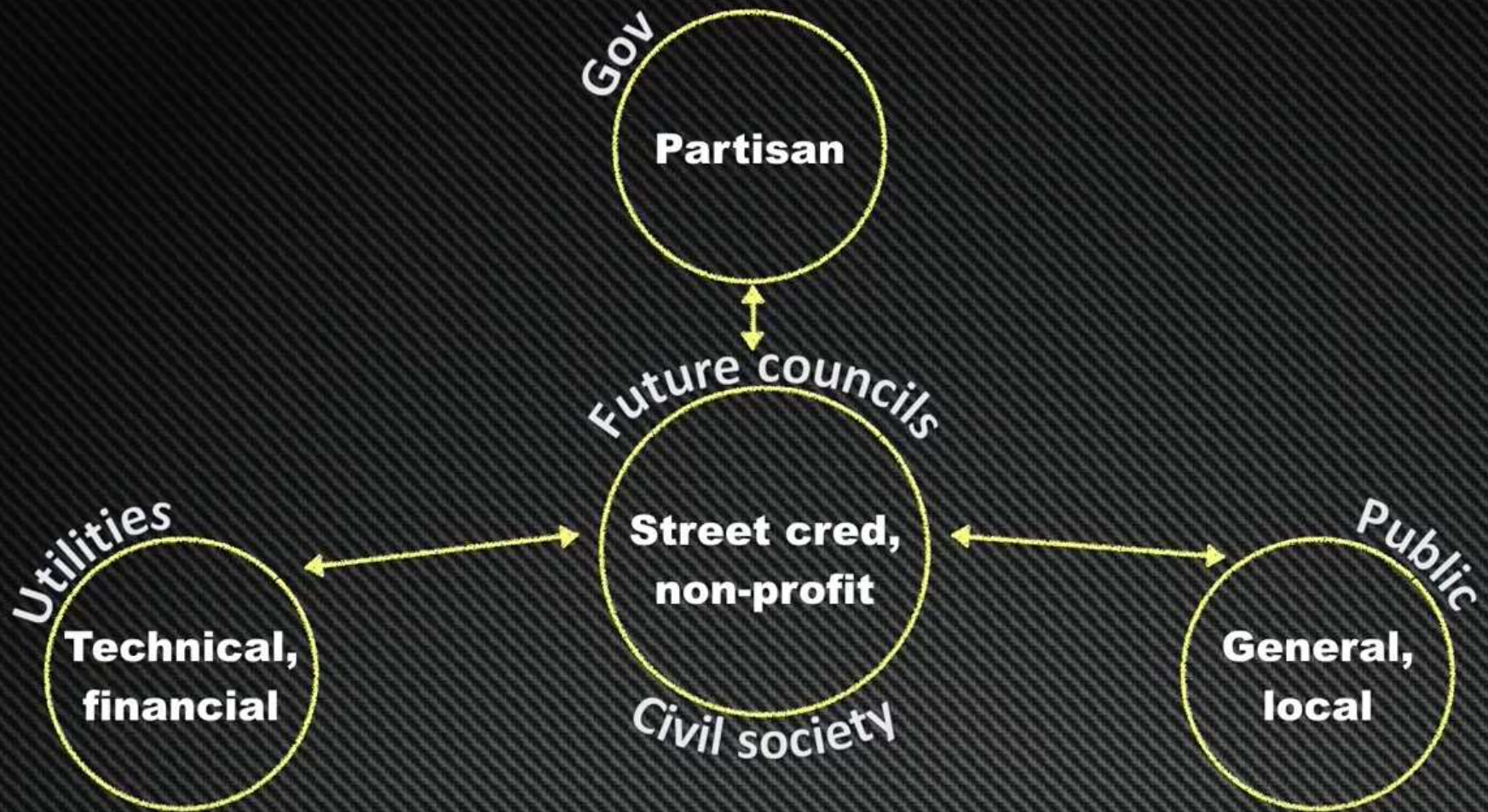
The usual starting point



The public's gripes are often with the government



Who should be the mediator?



The “consultative”: future councils



1. Legislative

2. Judiciary

3. Executive

4. “Consultative”

✦ Laypeople

✦ Not dedicated activists

✦ Regular meetings at local level

✦ Pyramid structure to funnel feedback to politics

✦ Members should receive some compensation

“National Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Storage”



- Nine members, three laypeople (picked “randomly” from 160 candidates):
 - Marketing expert
 - Law student
 - Professor of Industrial Ecology
- Four women, five men (“minority” representation)
- Reports to Final Repository Commission
- No foregone conclusions (“white map”)
- Friends of the Earth Germany (BUND) represented
- No one (else) from anti-nuclear movement included (they are disgruntled)

http://www.nationales-begleitgremium.de/DE/Home/home_node.html

Other options



- Citizens council in Baden-Württemberg: 8-12 people chosen from 100-200 contacted
- Moderator ensures everyone is treated equally, summarizes results in four categories:
 - Problems,
 - Solutions,
 - Concerns about solutions,
 - Data and facts.
- Scenario workshops, citizen forums, hearings, round tables, surveys, and online comments.

- Copied in two Germany states (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Thüringen)
- People left out still have interests
- Share raised to 46% as a result in one Danish project
- Fundamental concerns remain (from Danish protest group):

“We want to be known for how the municipality and wind project developer can work with local people and give them a say when it plans to erect wind turbines. Thus, if you choose to install wind turbines, they are not only a nuisance, but also help to build the community up.”

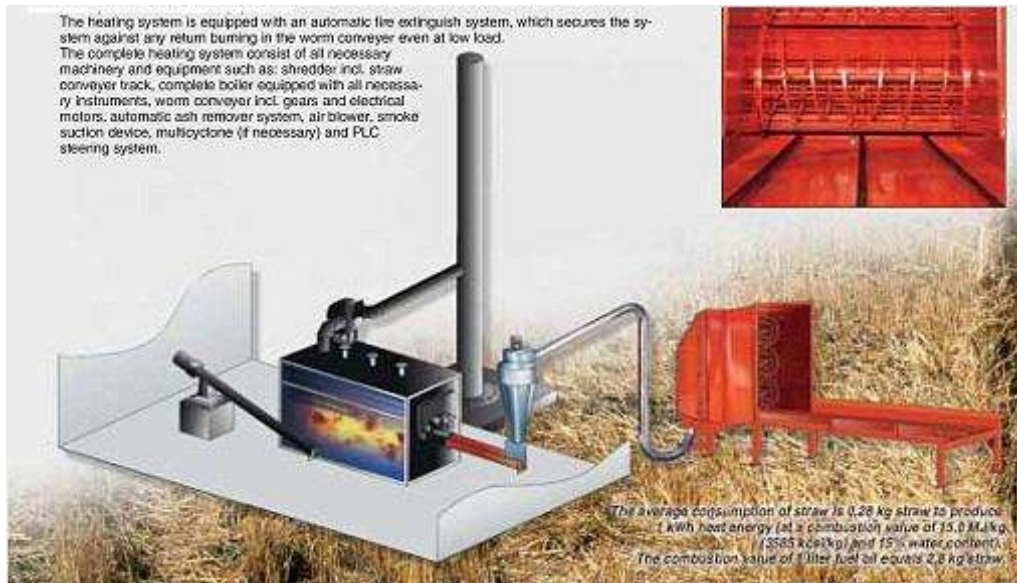
100% renewable villages around the world



Waste often burned without recovery



Waste recovery crucial for biomass



Thanks for your attention!

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