

Assessment

Reflective questions for group reflection

After Step 3

- What interdependencies did we notice within the current system (e.g., between actors, institutions, infrastructures)?
- What do these interdependencies entail for the strengths and weaknesses of the current system?
- Which actors or institutions seem to reinforce the status quo, and how?
- What strategies are used to maintain the current system, and which of these could be challenged or redirected?
- What strategies to maintain the current system are likely to be used in the future?
- Which strategies seem most powerful, and which most vulnerable to disruption?

After Step 4

- What makes the niche system fragile or promising in relation to the incumbent system?
- Where do we see tensions or alignments between the two systems?
- Which actors are active in both the incumbent and niche systems?
- Which actors need to change their roles to make the niche a reality?
- Which actors are most likely to resist change?
- Which strategies are most important to influence the incumbent system?
- What missing elements or resources would be needed to make the niche strategies effective?
- Which actor should be responsible for which strategy?

After Step 5

- Which external developments (e.g. war, COVID, cultural changes, economic trends) provide windows of opportunity for the niche system?
- What did we change in our TMC based on new insights, and what does that say about the dynamic nature of systems?
- How do small shifts in one part of the system affect the bigger picture?
- What information do we need to improve our understanding of the transition?
- How confident do I feel in identifying leverage points for change in this system?
- What information about either system do I need to research to improve the analysis?
- What is one concrete insight I take away about how to influence transitions through systemic thinking?