

# Thinking outside the box:

A creative approach to  
studying human-  
environment relations

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# Structure

- An integrated “environmental issue”
- My research
- Positive effects
- Challenges
- Which skills did I need?





An integrated “environmental issue”: estate management in upland Scotland



**Cross-disciplinary  
research**

# My research

Developing a framework for  
defining and monitoring  
sustainable estate management

# My research

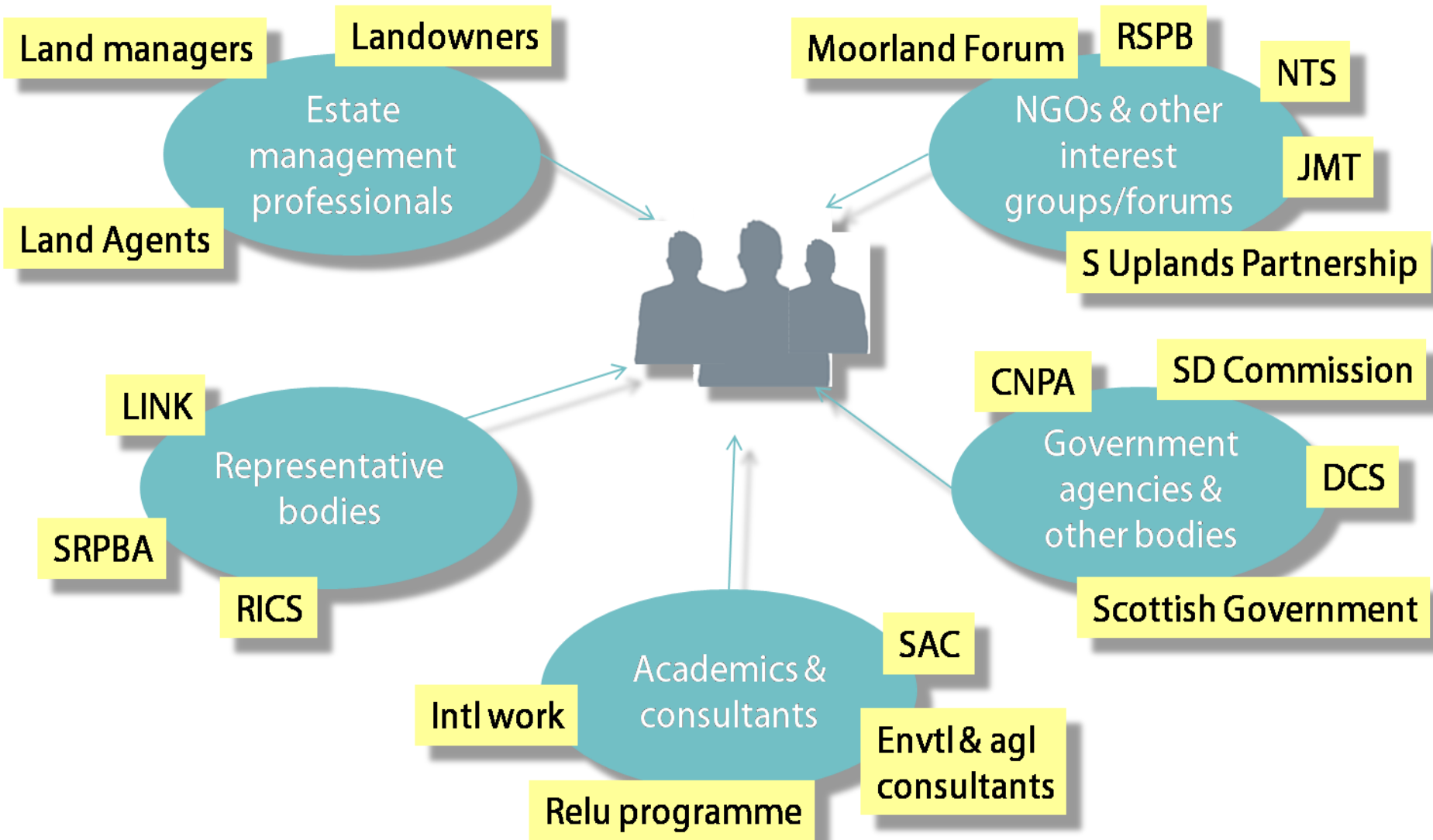
- Working with a range of knowledges and experience
- Participation: seeking common ground and new ideas
- A creative approach



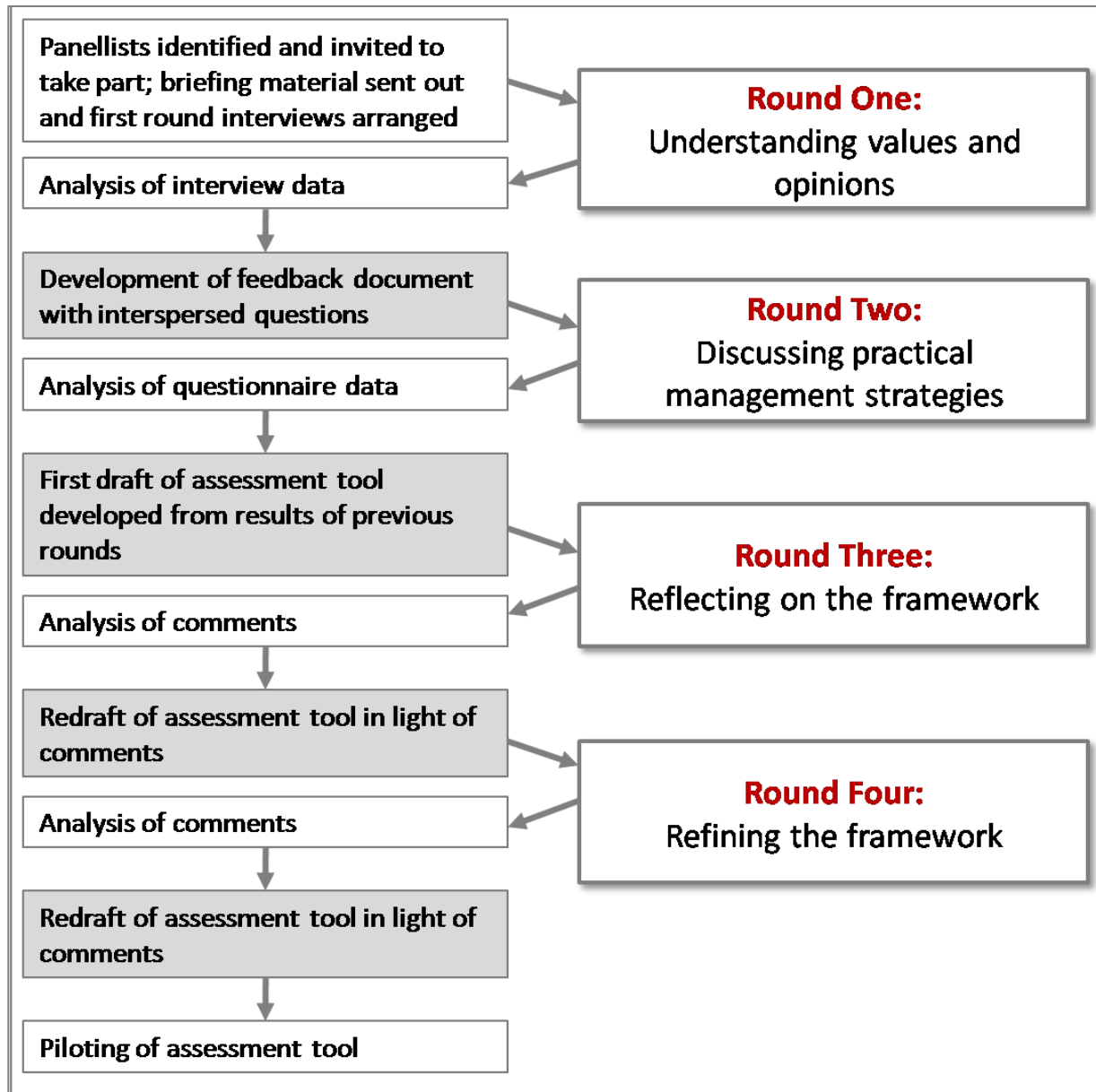
A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range. The foreground shows a rocky, grassy slope with several patches of snow. In the middle ground, a large, dark, rocky mountain peak rises, also featuring snow patches. The background consists of more distant, lower mountain ranges under a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The overall scene is a high-altitude, rugged environment.

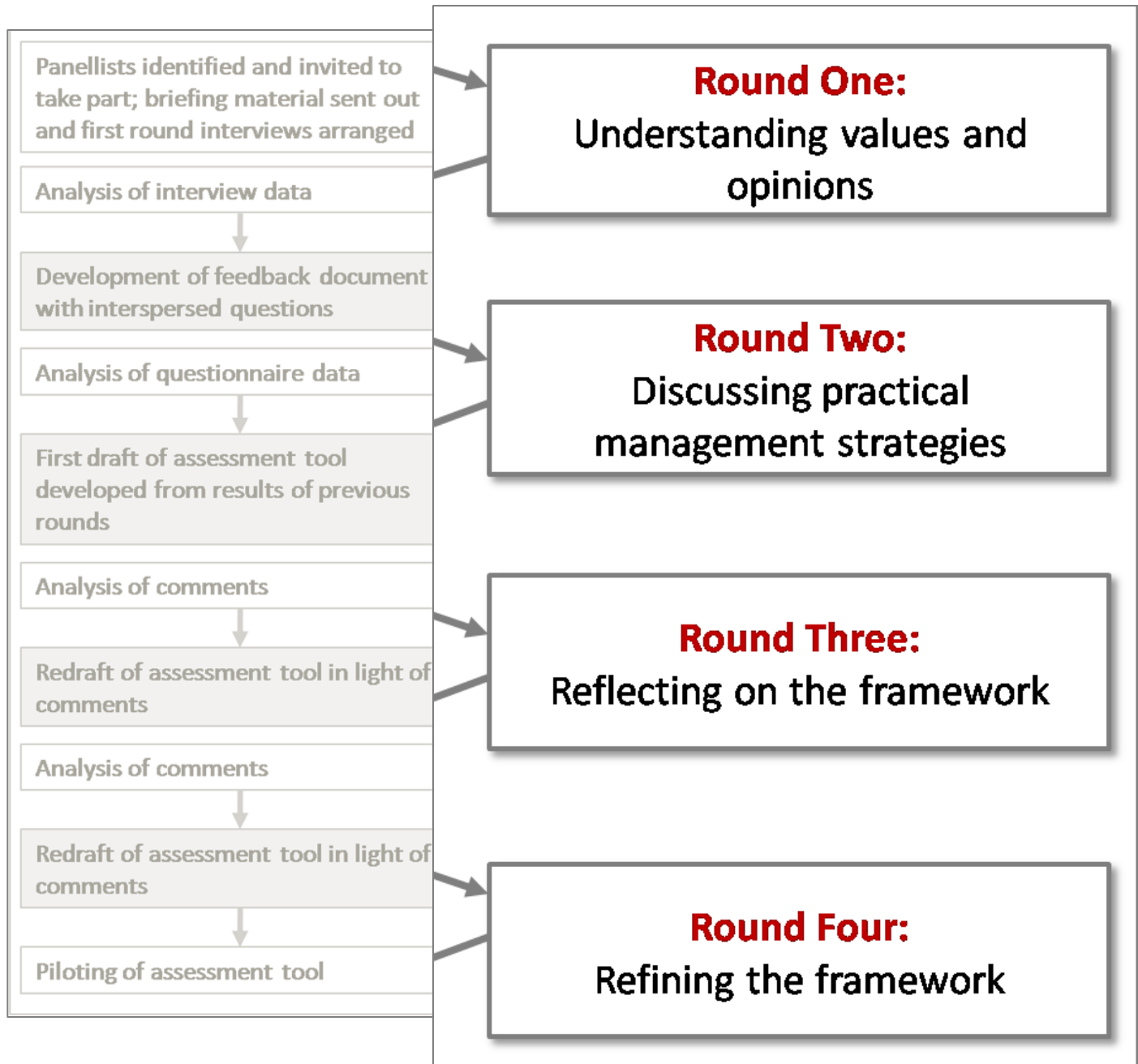
# Adapting the Delphi approach

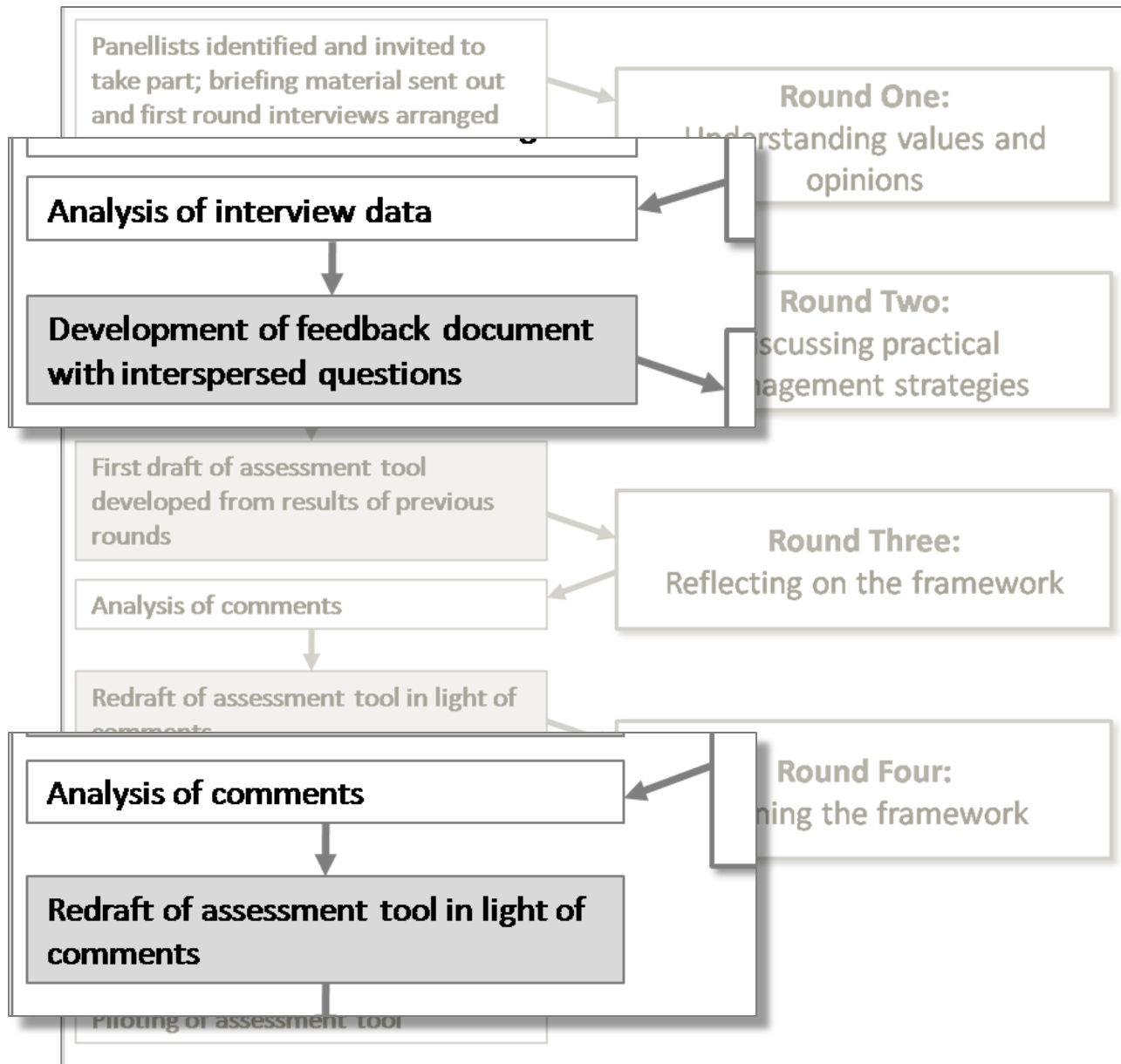
# A range of stakeholders



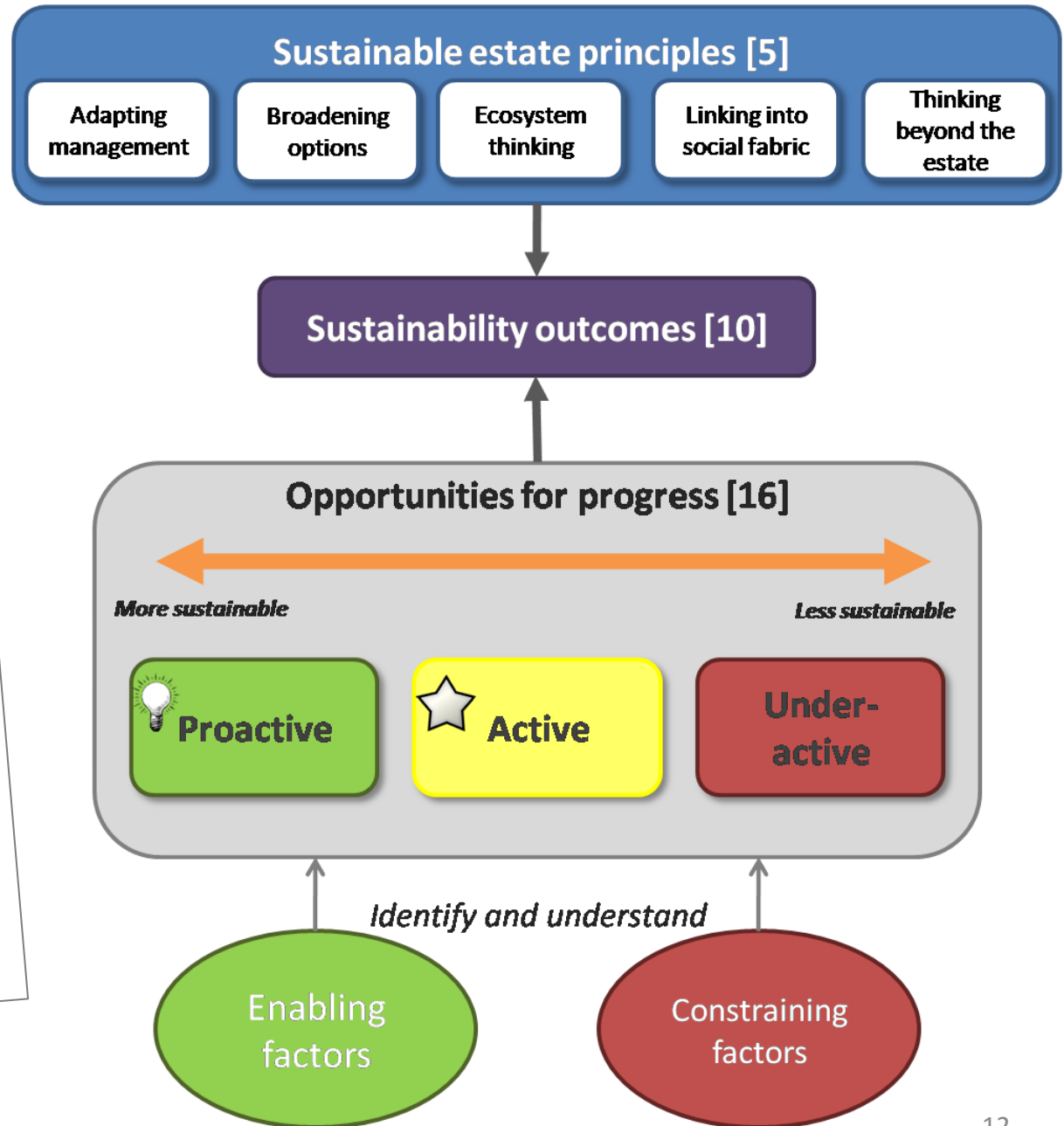
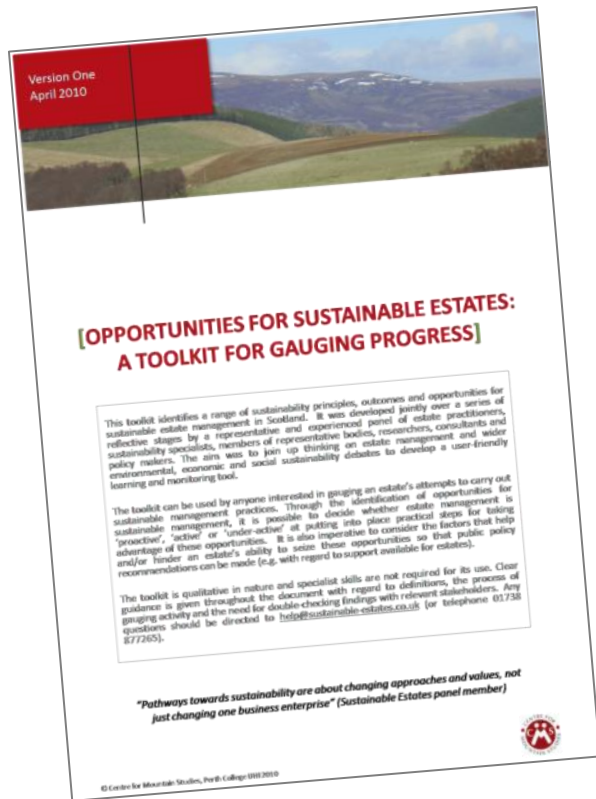
# The process







# The toolkit



# Positive effects

- Constructive dialogue
- High motivation
- Ownership of the process
- Finding common ground and exploring disagreements
- Learning



# Challenges

- Active role in research
- Reframing ideas
- Communicating ideas
- Trust and managing expectations



# Which skills did I need?

- Creativity
- Contacts
- Confidence
- Communication and clarity
- Consensus building





Any  
questions?



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