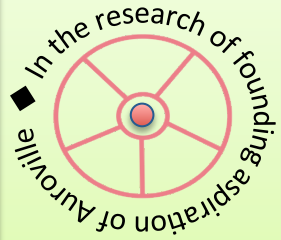


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Proposal for new economical steps for Auroville

One PROGRESSIVE INTEGRAL ECONOMY "POUR TOUS"



First part



THE IDEAL AXIS

Towards an IDEAL of the Auroville economy

Aim:

To provide daily needs to all Aurovilians and assimilated*

Mostly:

- ❖ oriented towards the present and the near future
- ❖ fed by units and services

**AN ECONOMY ALWAYS IN
BALANCE WITH THE NUMBER
OF RESIDANTS**

The
economy
of self-
sufficiency

Aim:

To finance the development beyond the self-sufficiency

Mostly:

- ❖ oriented towards the future development
- ❖ fund by industries and the major donors

**AN HEAVY ECONOMY
EXTERNALLY SUBSIDIZED**

The
economy of
development

Stakes:

- to create the **conditions of INDEPENDANCE** to ensure the perennality of Auroville
- to create the **conditions of MATERIAL JUSTNESS** to respond to the rational, ethical and aesthetical affirmations of the being therefor allowing the spiritual being to culminate
- to create the **conditions of COLLECTIVE IMPULSION** in balance with individual instinct

Stakes:

- to create the Auroville's **conditions of EVOLUTION**:
 - ✓ acquirement and protection of lands
 - ✓ big scale projects of infrastructure
 - ✓ transports in Auroville, etc.
- to create the **conditions of RADIANCE** of Auroville:
 - ✓ of research and its applications
 - ✓ of spiritual activities and researches

* Aurovilians and assimilated: *Aurovilians, Newcomers, volunteers, relatives, friends of Auroville...*



IDEALLY

UNITS

INDUSTRIES

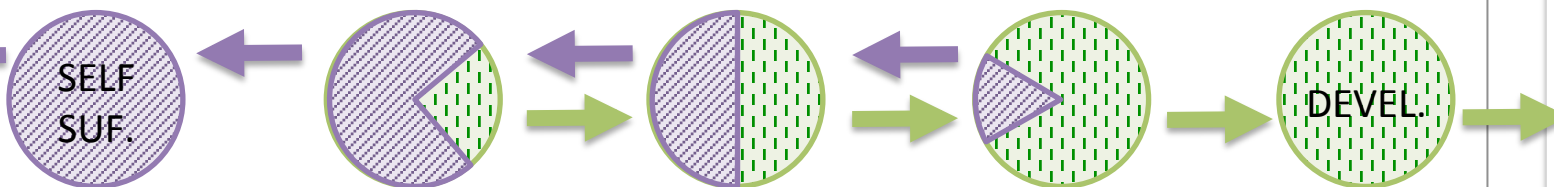
**Small and medium production
by and for Aurovilians**

**« Large production » possibly
assisted by external work force**

Aurovilians and visitors needs
(+ prototyping for large scale production)

In/external steep demands
(on the bio-region or for exportation)

Distinct Entities : separation of work, internal needs and production



**inside
Auroville**



ideal move



**rather outside
Auroville**

Net surplus¹ put back in full to Auroville² except special agreements

¹ after purchase and production costs, wages, taxes and investments

² to *Prosperity Fund* or *Central Fund* for redistribution

**INTERNAL
SERVICES**

supported
by units

supported
by industries

**EXTERNAL
SERVICES**

Economy of self-sufficiency

Economy of development

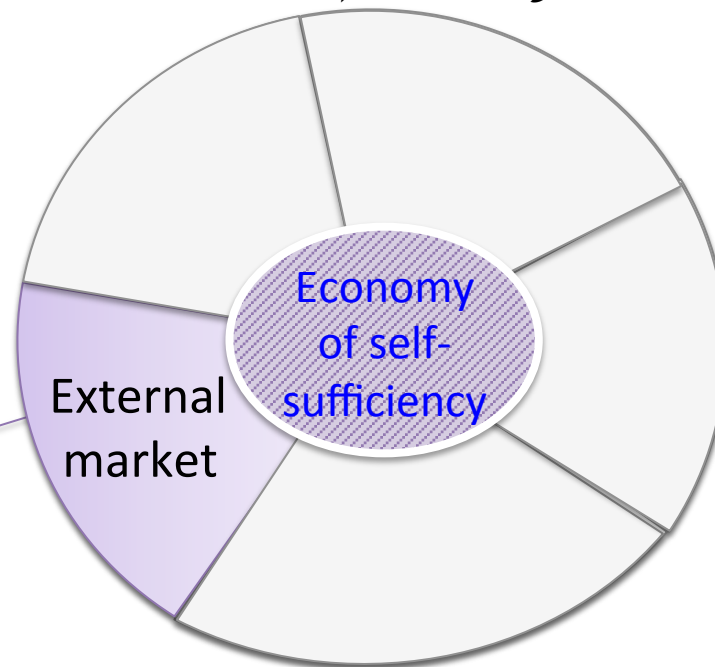
second part



STAKES AND KEYS

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self-sufficiency economy

*Key points & stakes
to « reconquer money »*



...because a total
self-sufficiency
is not possible



Local market

v/s

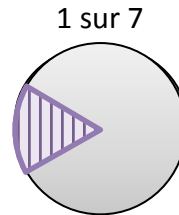
External market



*1 productive Aurovilian on 10
uses 1 local resource on 20
to satisfy 1 Aurovilian on 7*

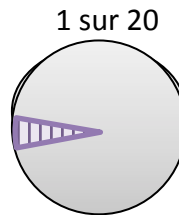
We have to
**rebalance the
situation.**

15% of self-sufficiency
in basic needs
(all-inclusive of local production)



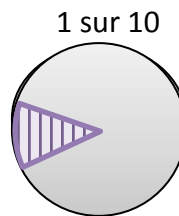
85% of basic needs
satisfied on the external market
(imported production)

5% of local resources
engaged in production
(material, energy, work ...)



95% of external resources
engaged in production
(material, energy, work ...)

10% of human energy
of production expended
for the Aurovilians
(essentially in
food, health and education)



90% of human energy
of production expended
for the outside
25% for export
65% for visitors

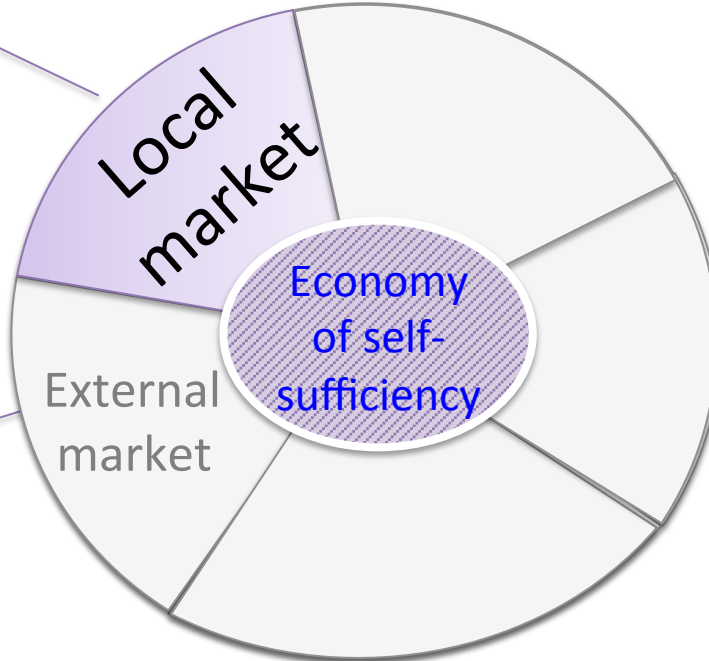


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existence**
to the local market



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The local Market in Auroville

Economical definition

The local market contains:

- the **Aurovilian production** of goods or services **aimed at the Aurovilians**
- as well as **the local exchanges**.

By extension

It also includes:

- the **imported products** by Auroville (processed or not)
- the **production and sales aimed at visitors**

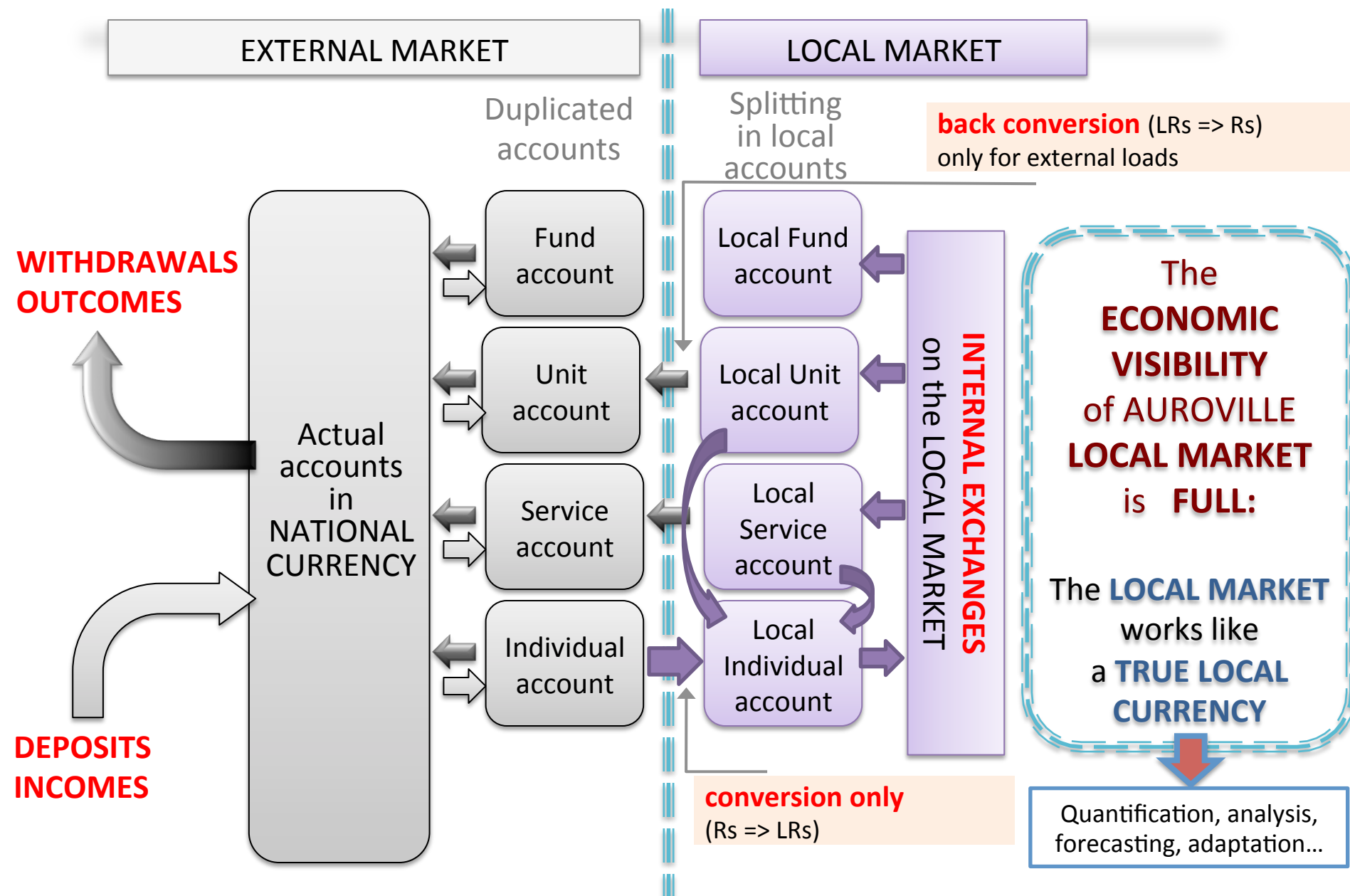
At a higher level

The local market means:

- **supply and demand** of products and services,
- **units and services** of Auroville,
- and the **economical principles** that drive it.

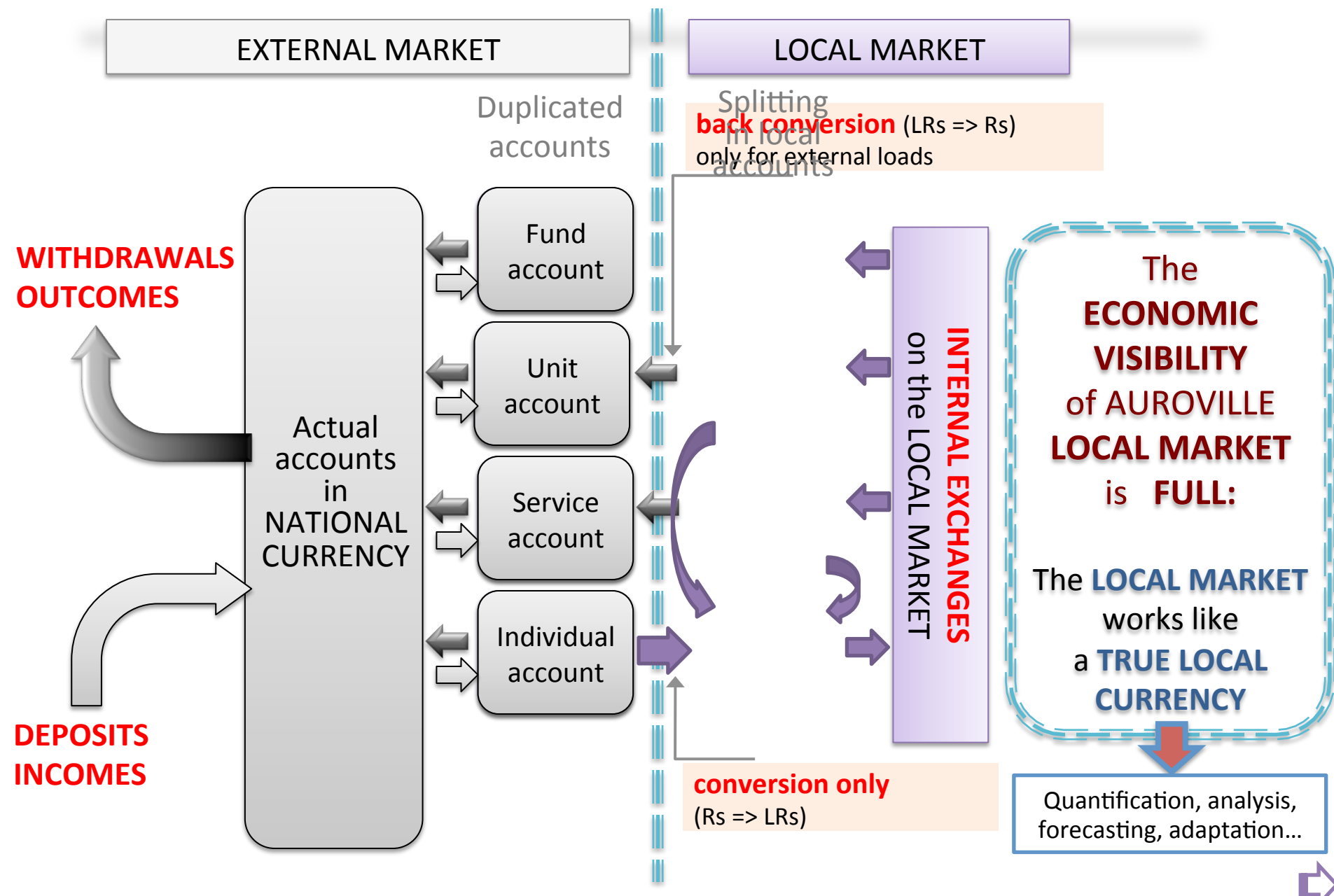


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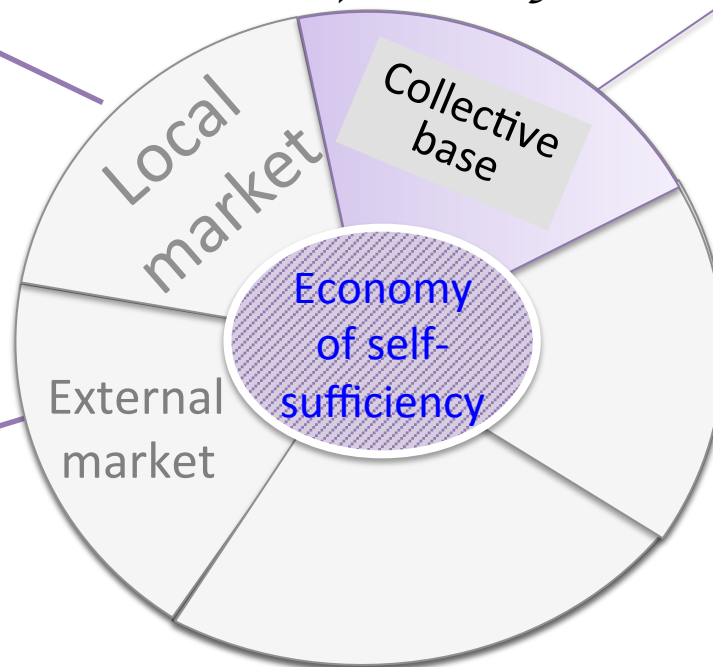
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Collective base

Ideally

Auroville local economy must **progress** towards a **collective base of participation...**

...stated as:

- **work**
- **in-kind**
- **money**

As a matter of fact, the situation is at a standstill

Economically, we can see that:

- Nothing **innovative has happened**
for more than 10 years !!!

and we could add that:

- Nothing **innovative may happen**
in the next 10 years !!!

Why ?

Because, **more and more**
and even in the family circle,
we depend on

INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS

If we let these accounts take roots
longer we will not meet

a fraternal sharing economy

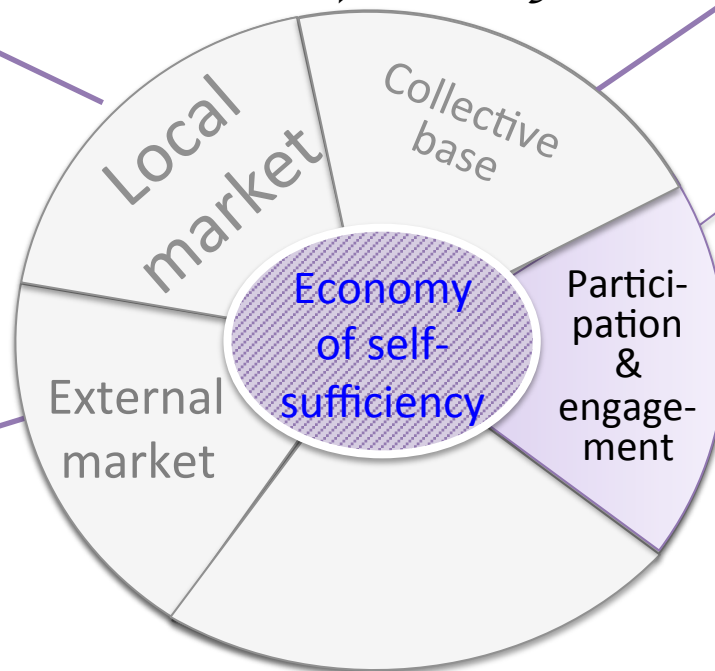


We must reintroduce
progressive means of
collective sharing



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Notions of participation and engagement

AUROVILLE AUROVILLE AUROVILLE AUROVILLE AUROVILLE AUROVILLE	REGISTERED VISITORS	EXTERNAL WORKERS	AUROVILIANS UNDER MAINTENANCE	SELF-SUPPORTING AUROVILIANS	STAKES
TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORK OF COLLECTIVE NATURE...	NO	YES	YES	YES ³	...TO BENEFIT FROM A SPACE TO SERVE AUROVILLE
TO PARTICIPATE BY THE CONTRIBUTION IN AUROVILLE...	YES	NO	YES ¹	YES ³	...TO MAINTAIN COLLECTIVE SERVICES
TO ENGAGE ONESELF to a MINIMUM OF CONSUMPTION...	NO	NO	YES ²	YES NO	...TO STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL MARKET

¹ Contribution is included in maintenance

² « in-kind »

³ With exception (age, disability ...)



Because it seems abnormal
to live / serve Auroville
without consuming on the
local market ...

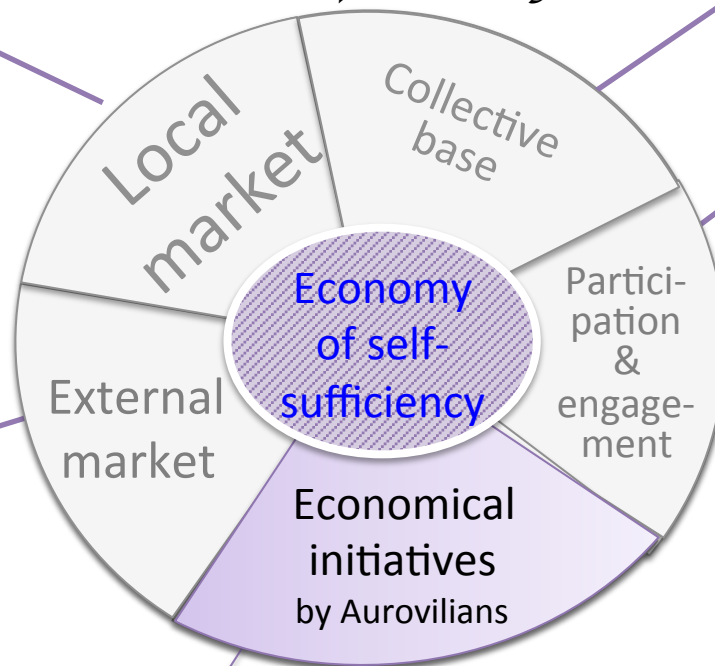
**...Generalization of the engagement
to consume locally**

The commitment to a minimum of local
consumption boosts the local market



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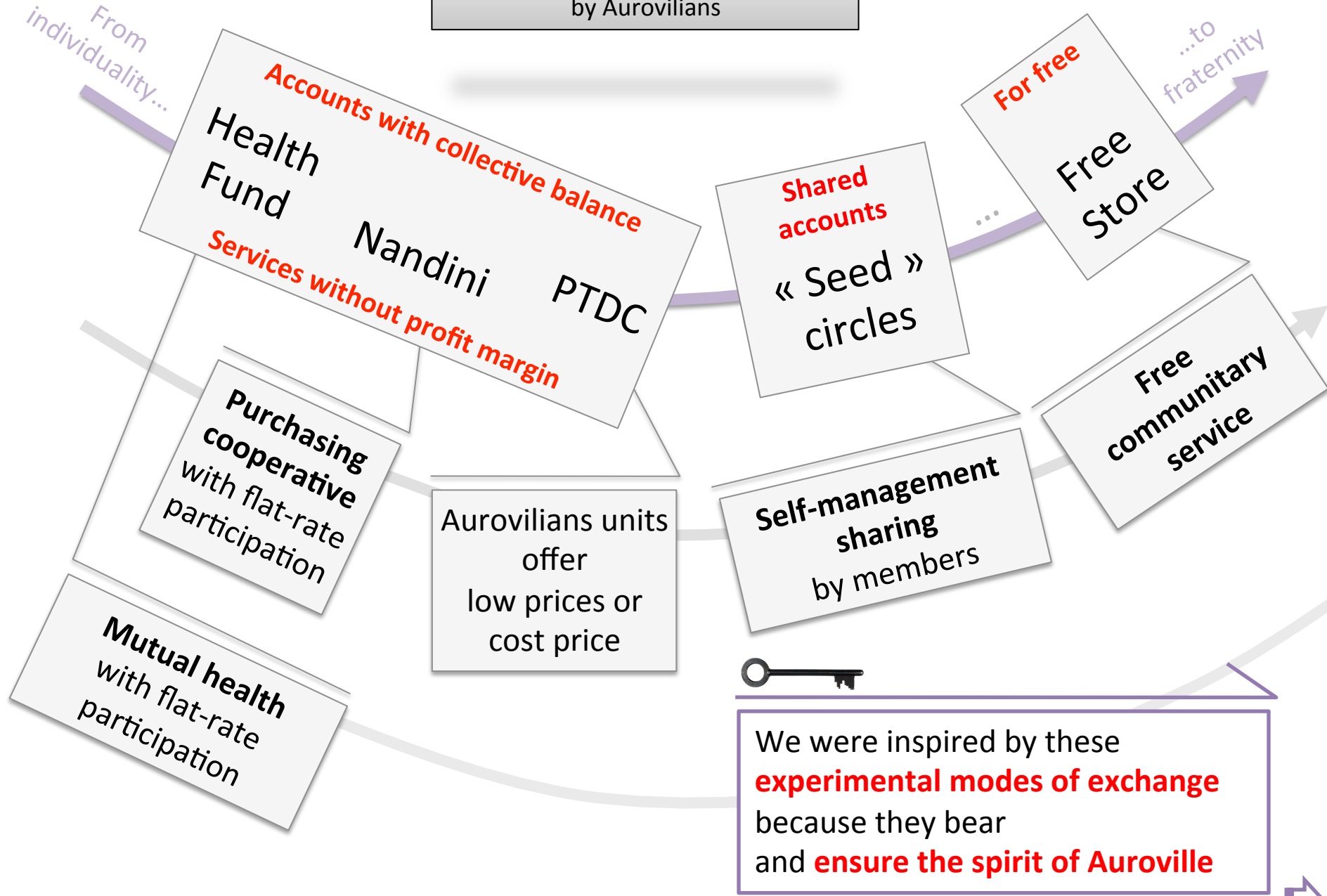
...because a total
**self-sufficiency
is not possible**

...because **exchange modes carrying the Auroville spirit**
emerged from Aurovilians,
this proposal is mostly inspired by them



Economical initiatives

by Aurovilians



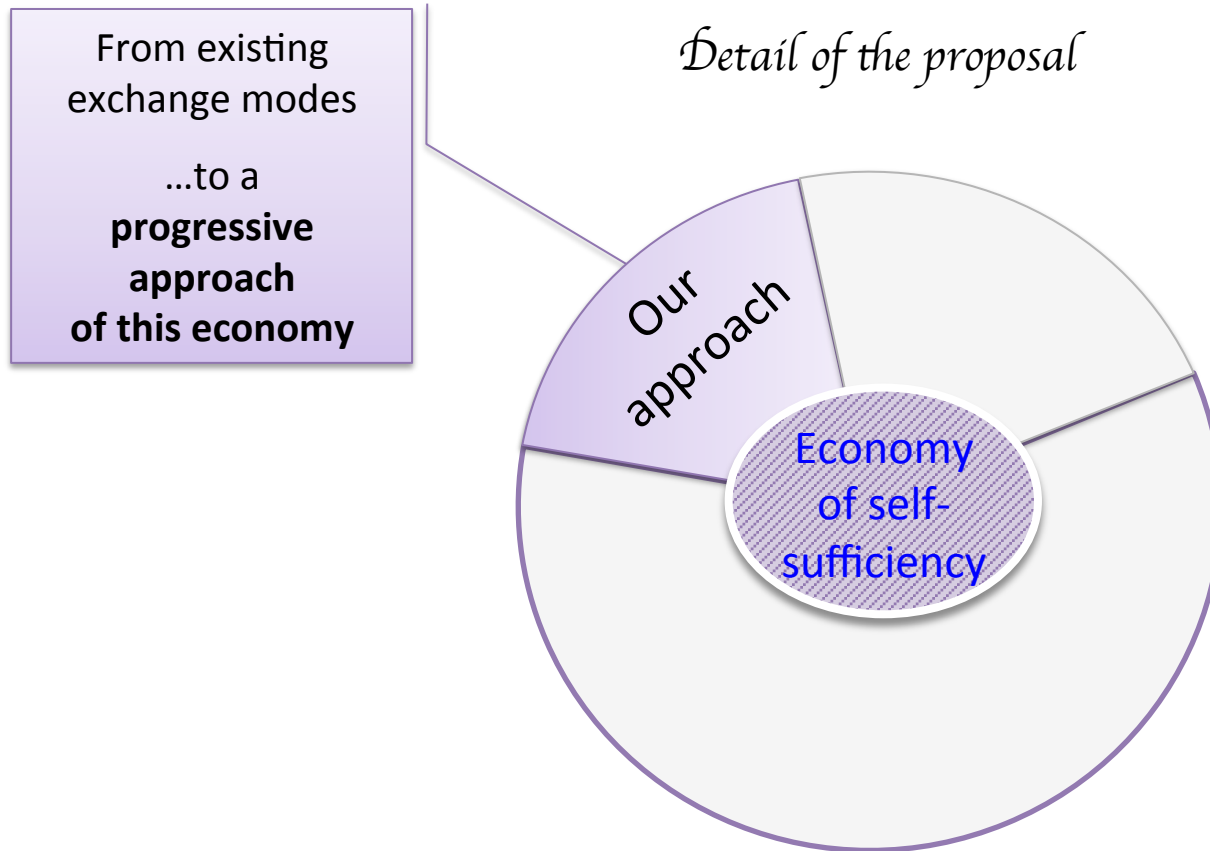
Third part

The
economy
of self-
sufficiency



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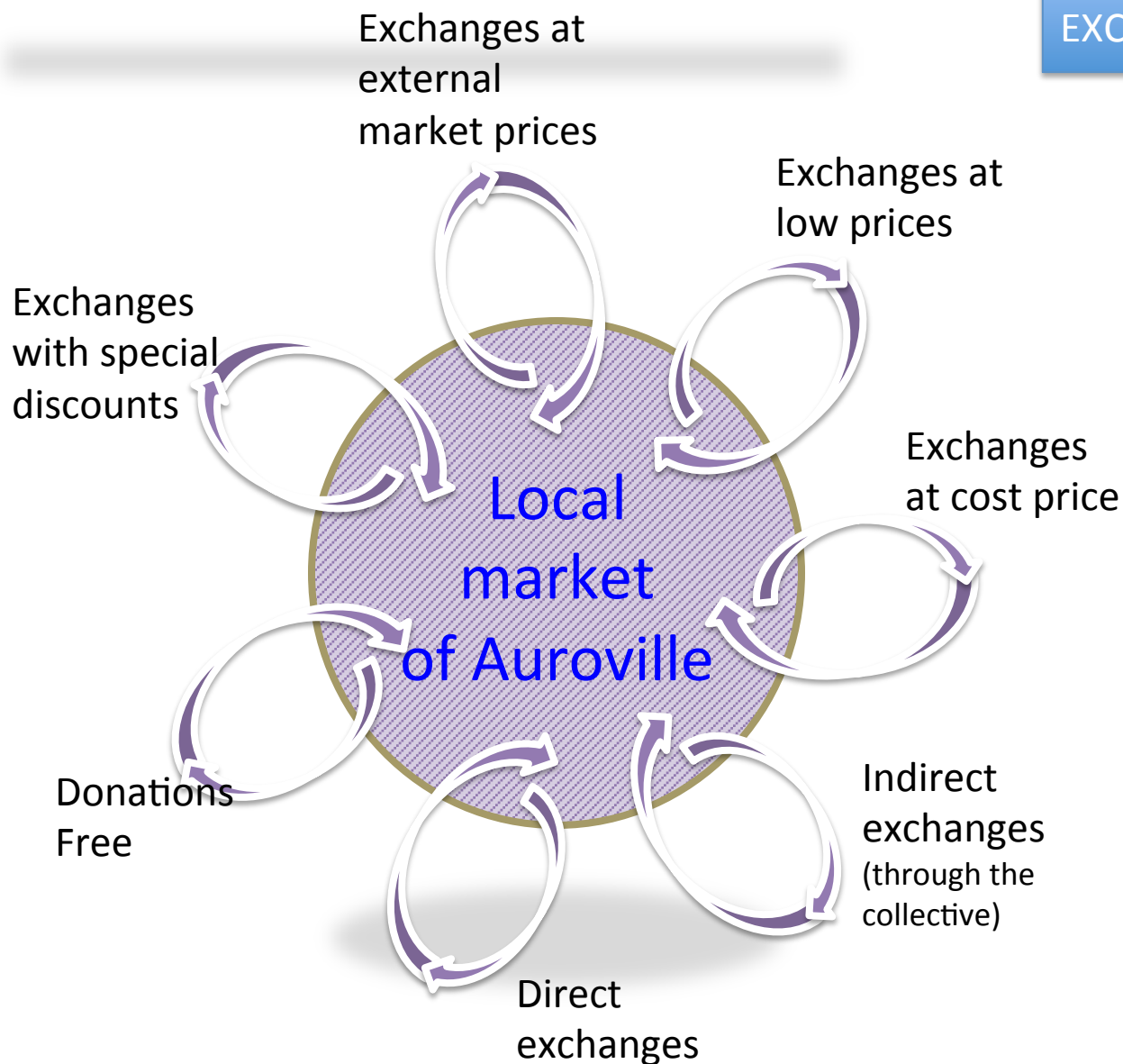
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Our approach inspired by existing modes of exchange

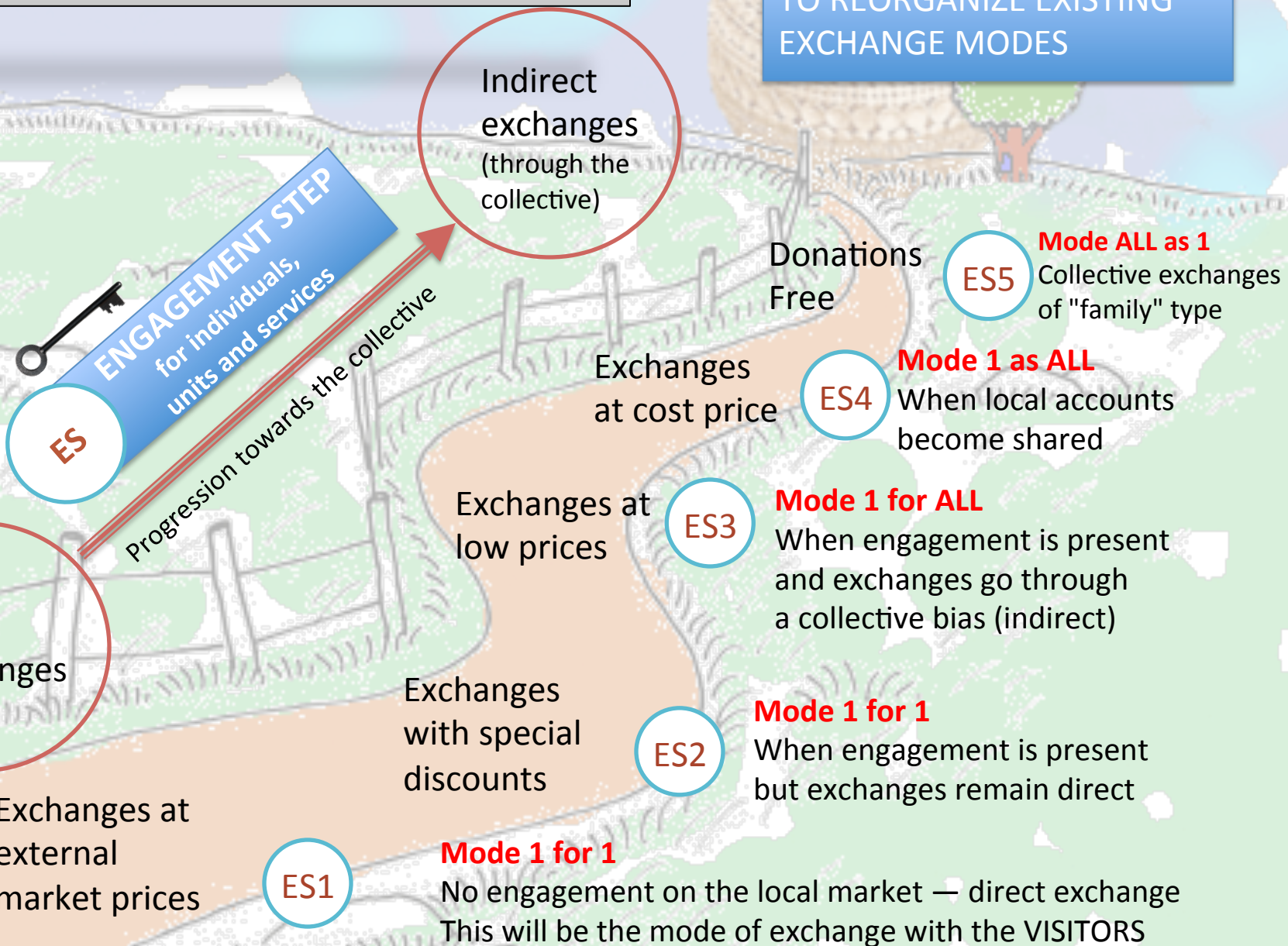


TO REORGANIZE EXISTING
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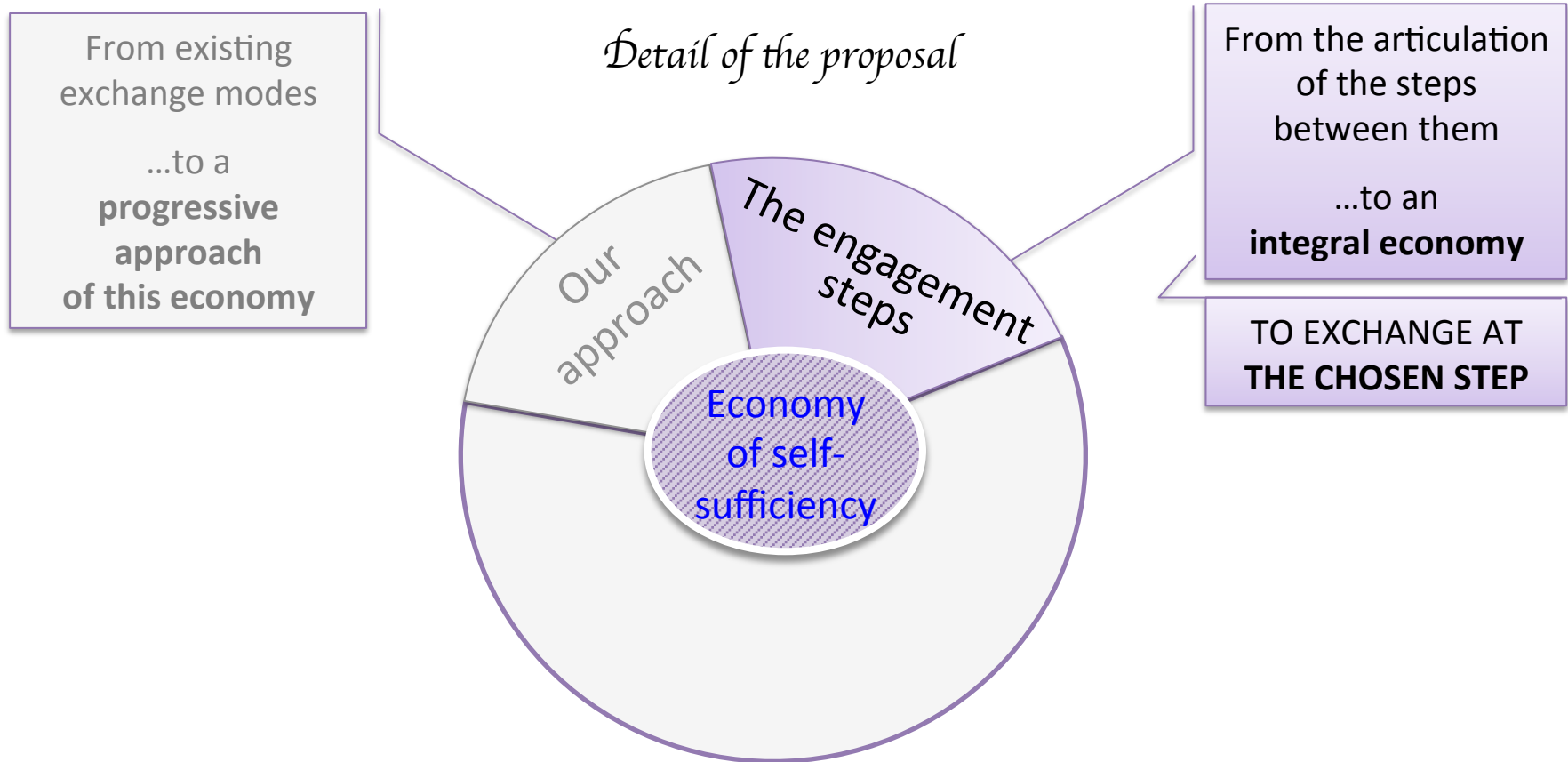


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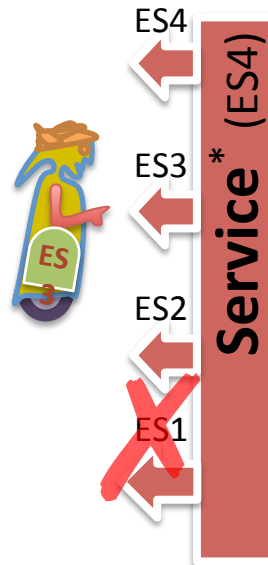
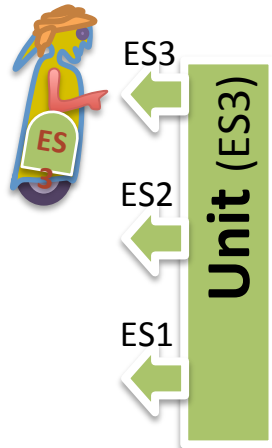
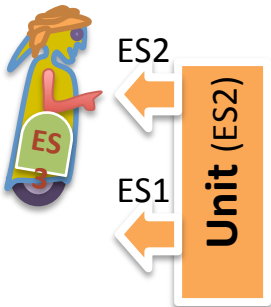


Exchange at the step of one's choice



Individuals choose freely their engagement-step ...

...It is the mode of exchange in which they wish to position themselves.



Allow individuals, units and services to exchange at the step of their choice.

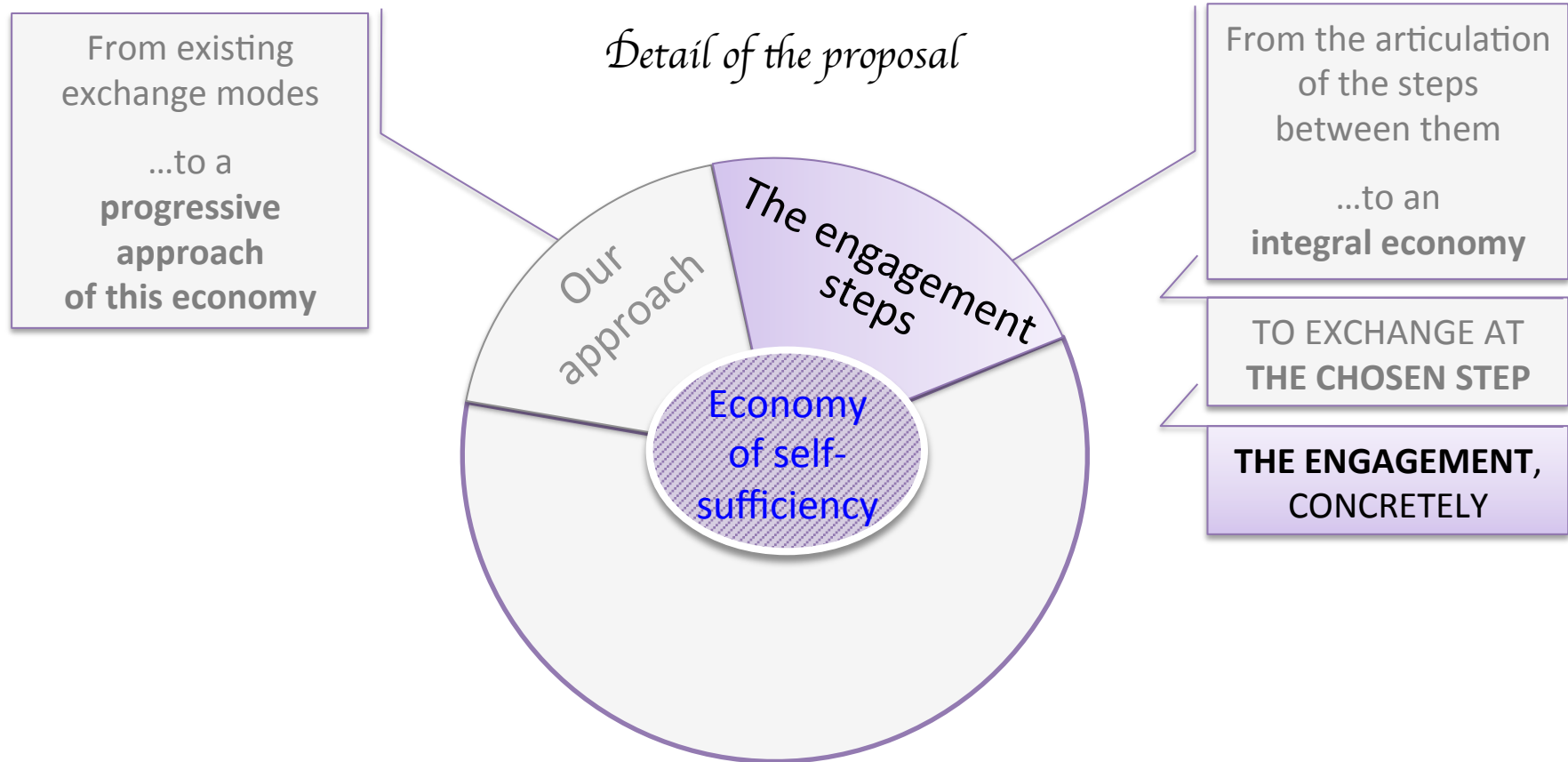
Units and **services** choose freely their engagement-step ...

... while remaining open to exchange in the previous steps*

... which will be advantageous for them.

- The previous steps are not mandatory (many services don't want to exchange with visitors at ES1 for example)

Towards one progressive integral economy



The engagement, concretely



Committing
to support
the local
market is:



INDIVIDUAL

To choose an
ENGAGEMENT-STEP

To feed his
LOCAL ACCOUNT (in Local Rs)

UNIT or SERVICE

To choose an
ENGAGEMENT-STEP

To be opened to ALL
PREVIOUS
ENGAGEMENT-STEPS

To accept only
payments in
LOCAL CURRENCY (in Local Rs)

To promote trade in
"LOCAL CURRENCY"
(in Local Rs)

The monthly basis will depend on:

- An equal **reference participation** (P_{ref}) for all (ex: 5000 Rs)
- A **correction** of this reference participation according to **age** (PC_{ref})

A **MONTHLY BASIS** of participation

defines the engagement (B_m) on the local market (in Local Rs)

Paid automatically in the

beginning of the month through:

- a part of **maintenance** (in Local Rs)
- or an **external account** (Rs => Local Rs)

Back conversion is
always possible for
units

For the **payment of
loads** in national
currency
(Local Rs => Rs)

Except singularities

For all products and services
on the local market

To pay a part of maintenance in
"local currency"

To search for partners
from local units
(suppliers, transformers, broadcasters)

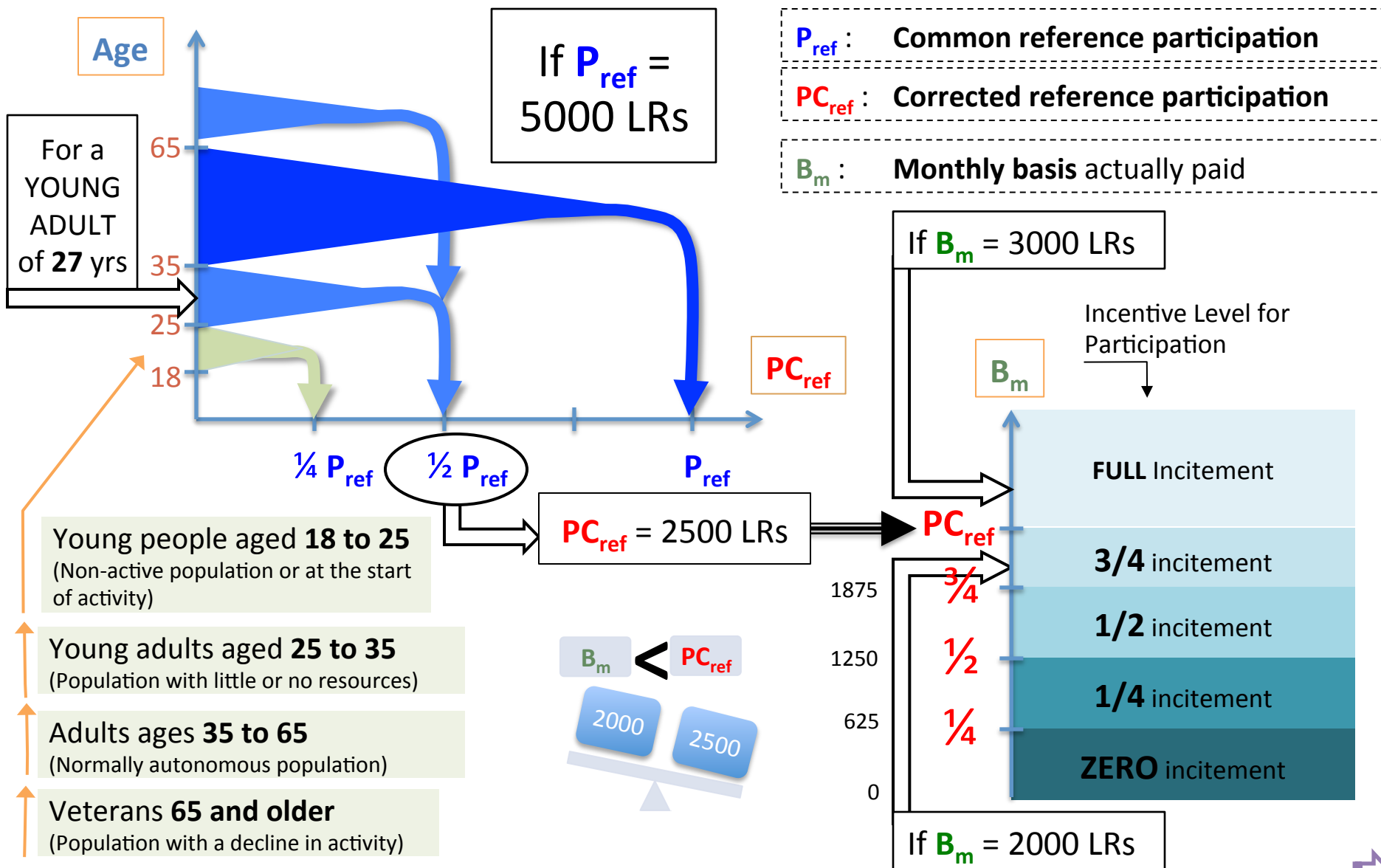




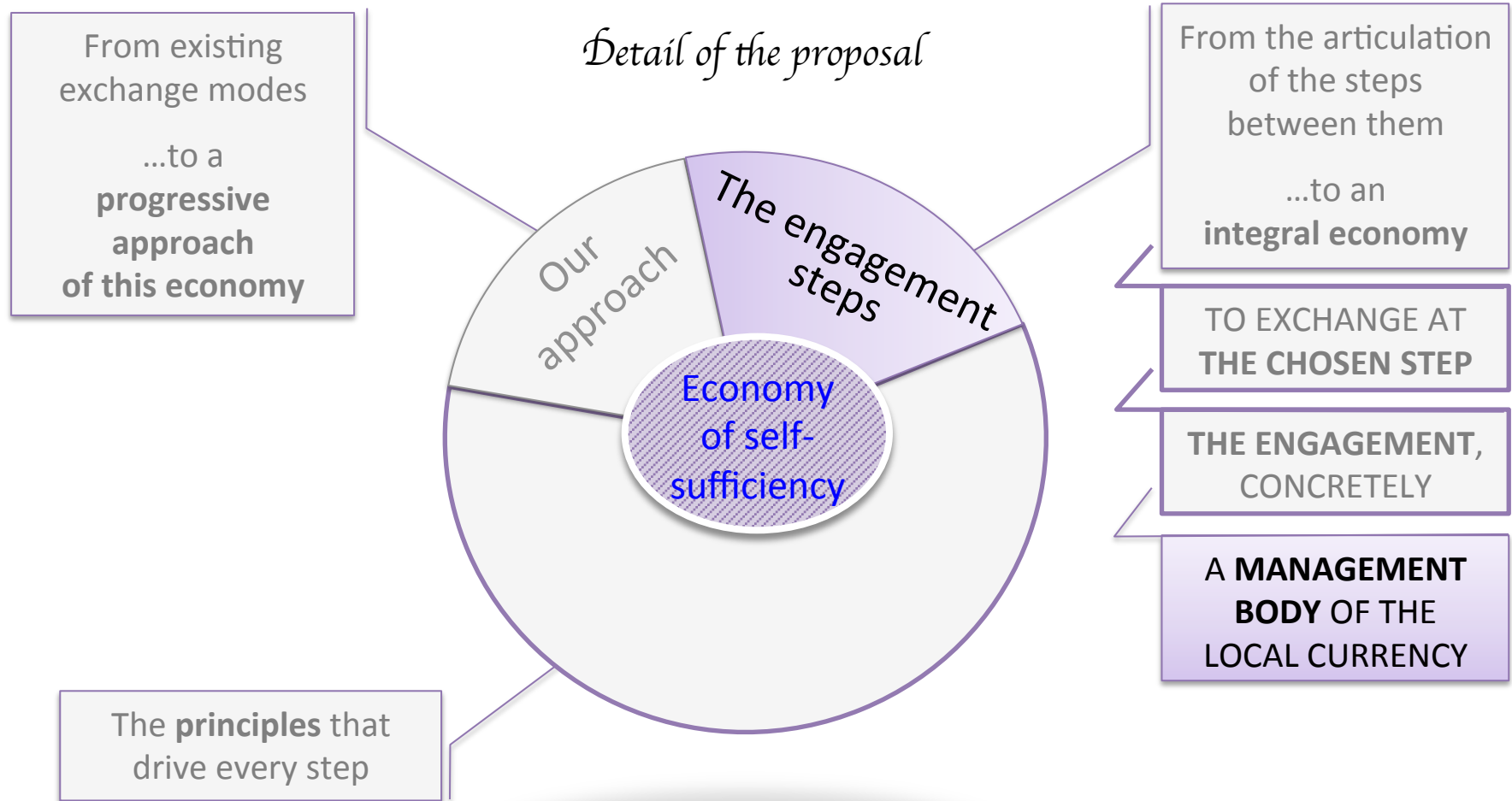
Age-adjusted reference participation



Incitements adjusted with a quota



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A management body of the local currency



To simplify the day-to-day management of accounts for all users

- Automatic monthly payments (monthly basis)
- Automatic transactions according to the implied steps
- Simplified labelling of "extra" expenditures
- Setting up accounts through web pages (Auronet / FS)
- Providing separate and consolidated local and external accounts for units and services (to simplify taxation)



To accompany users in every step of engagement

- Helping users to define a suitable monthly basis
- Simulating the passage of users to the next step
- Informing the users before a deficit
- Accompanying units looking for local suppliers
- Accompanying the units in reconversions (LRs -> Rs)

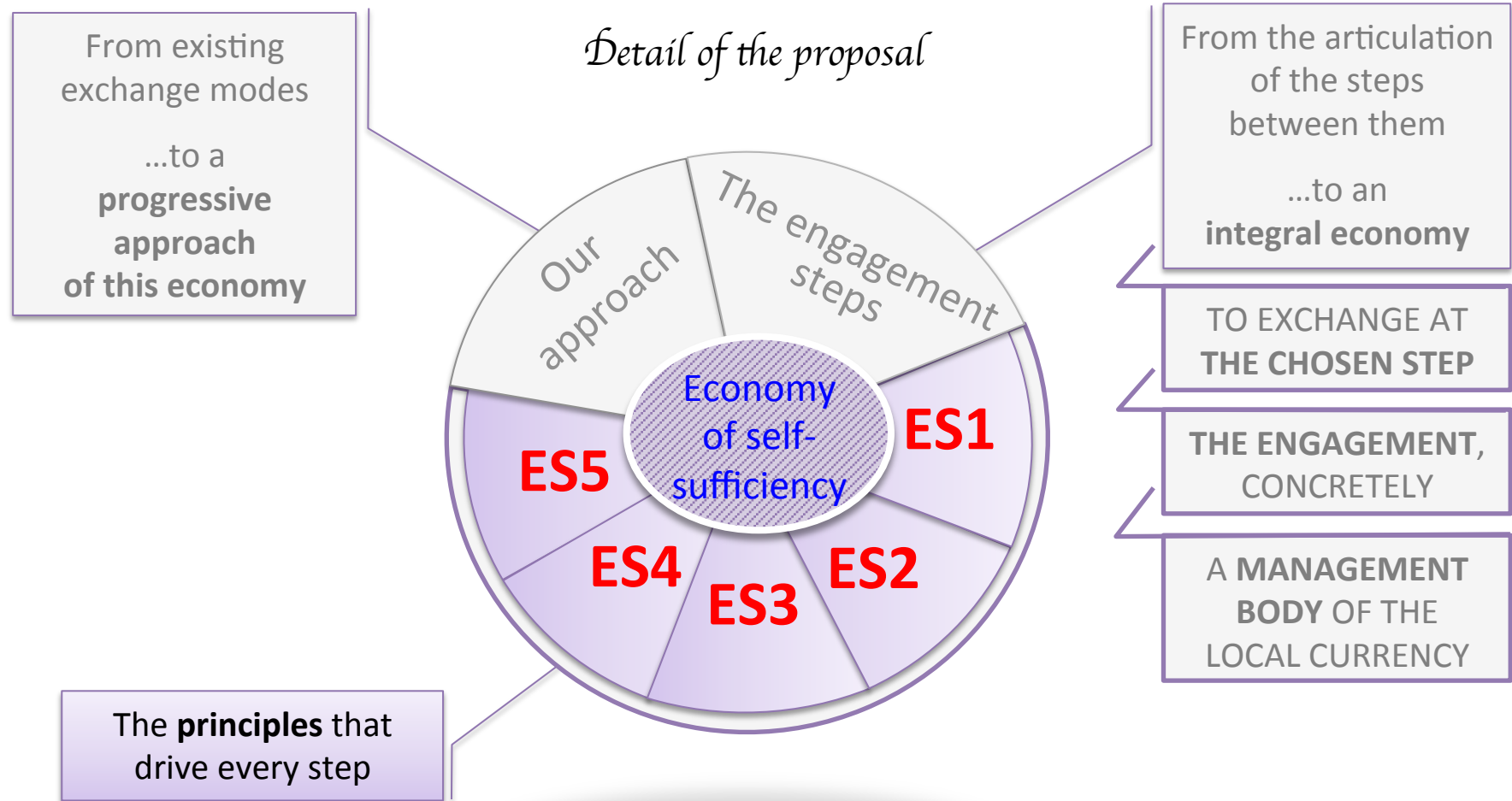


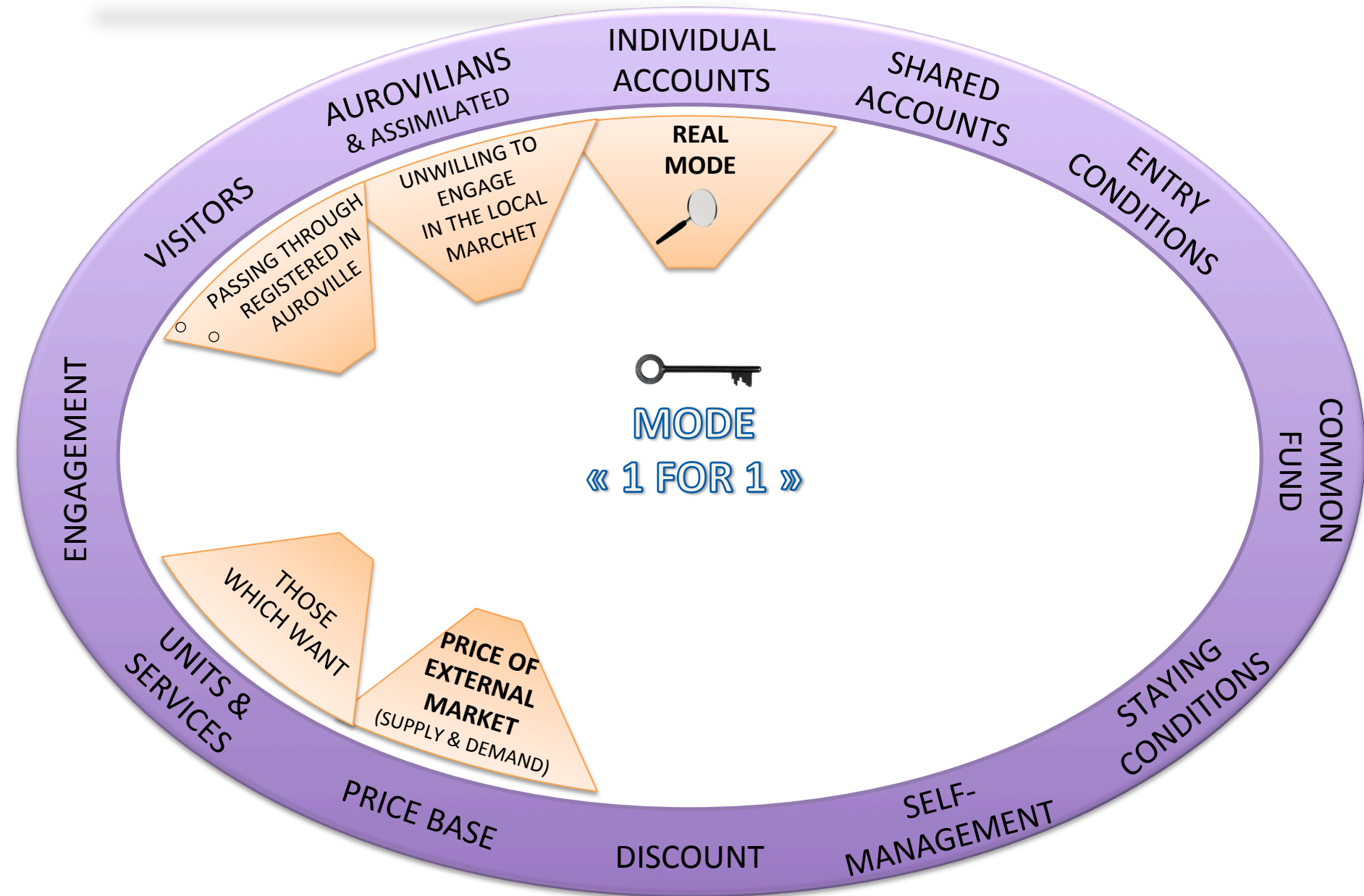
To communicate actions and forecasts to users

- Incorporating additional information (collective participation rate ...)
- Communicating the detailed monthly balance sheet of the local market
- Communicating actions supported by mutual funds
- Communicating the decisions of evolution taken by the members of the self-managed steps

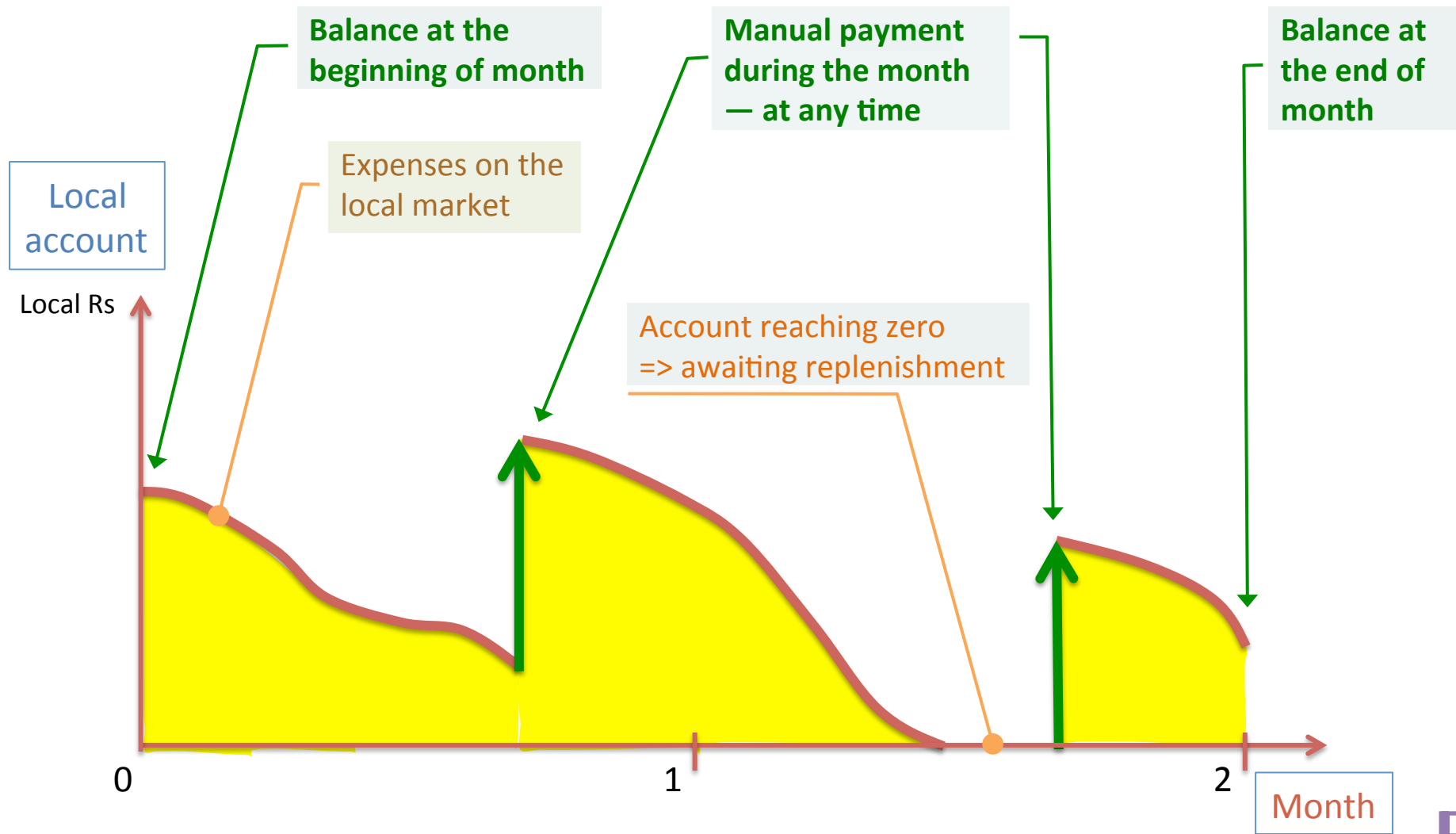


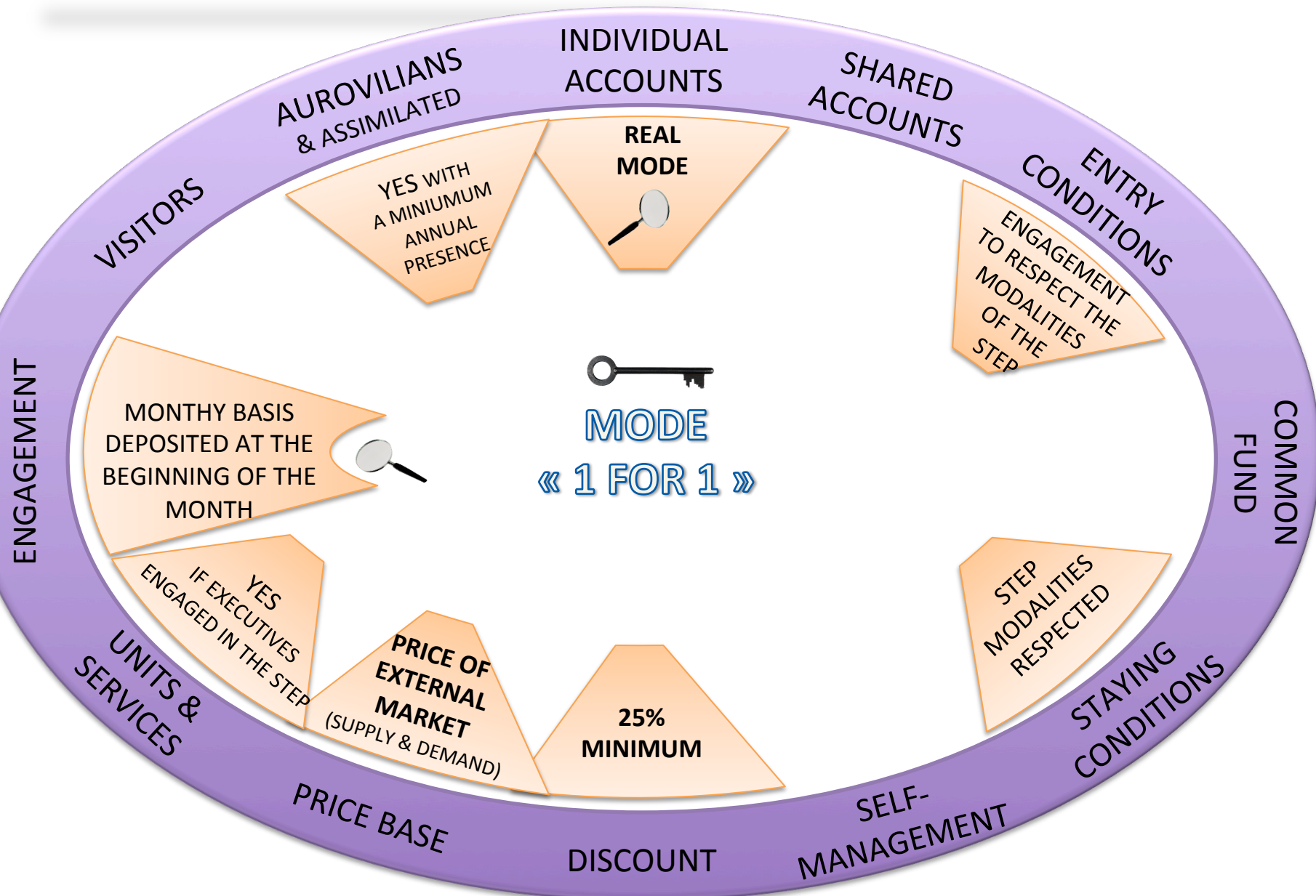
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Local account in real-mode WITHOUT ENGAGEMENT

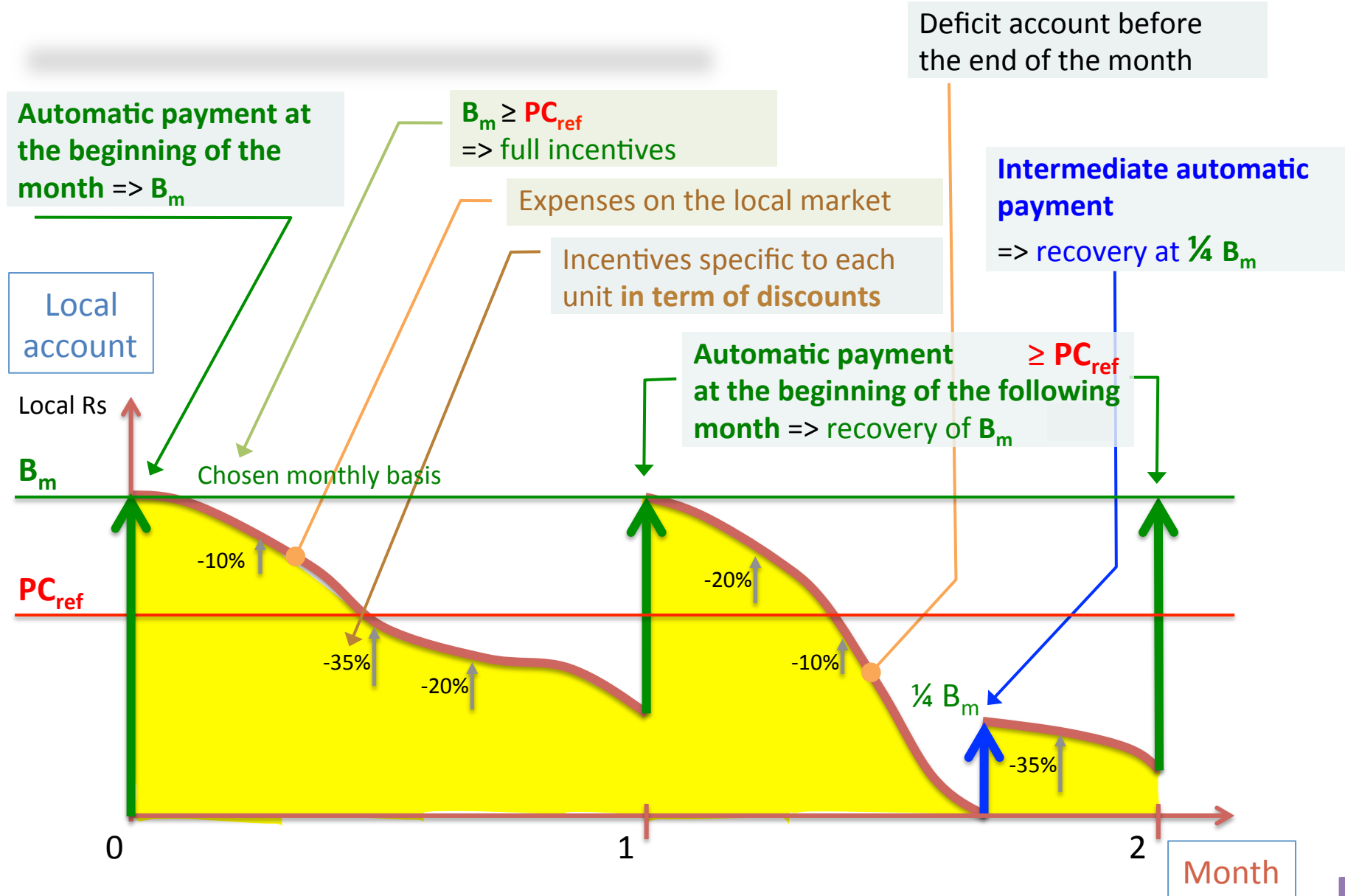


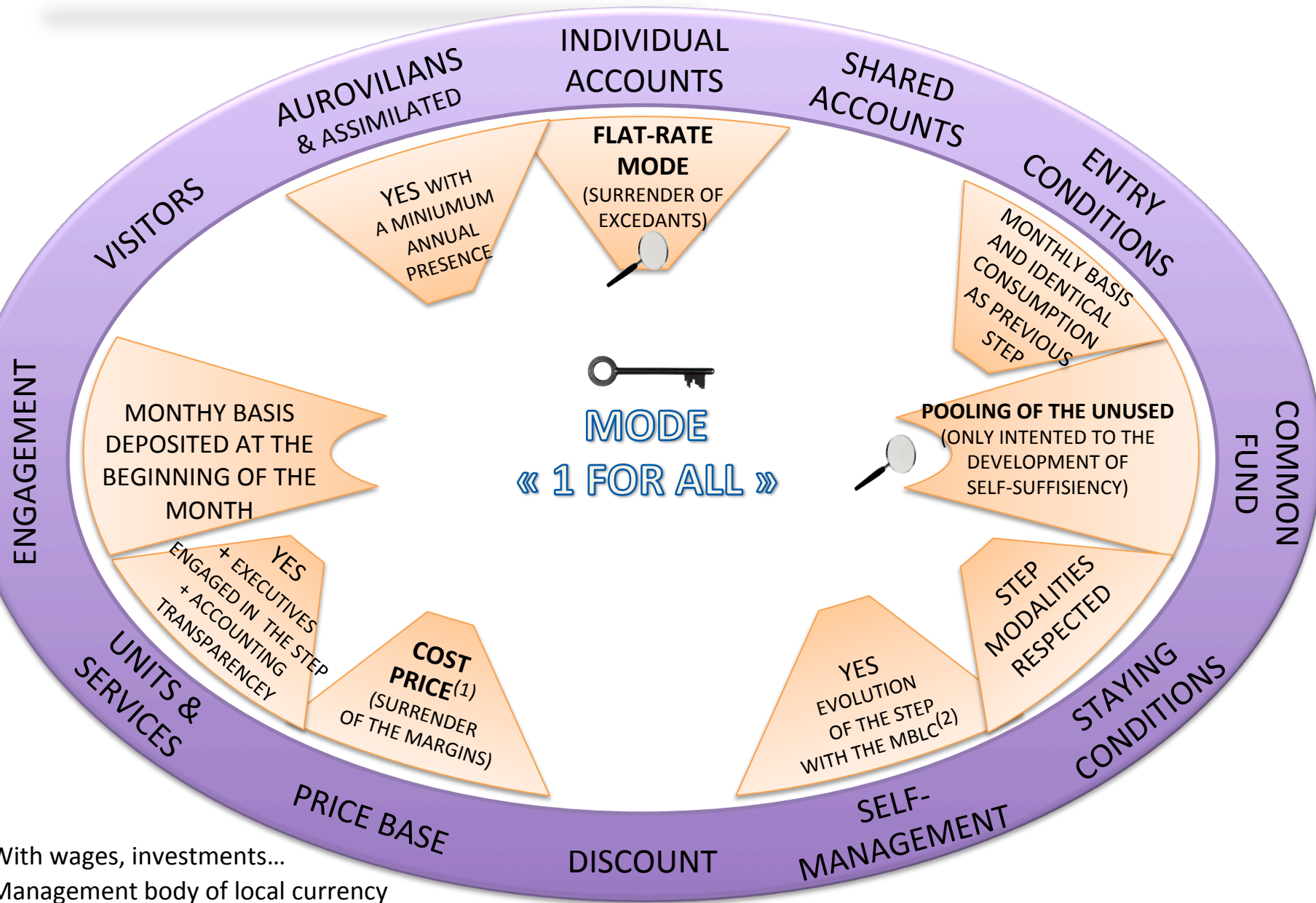


Local account in real-mode WITH ENGAGEMENT



Current predominant functioning

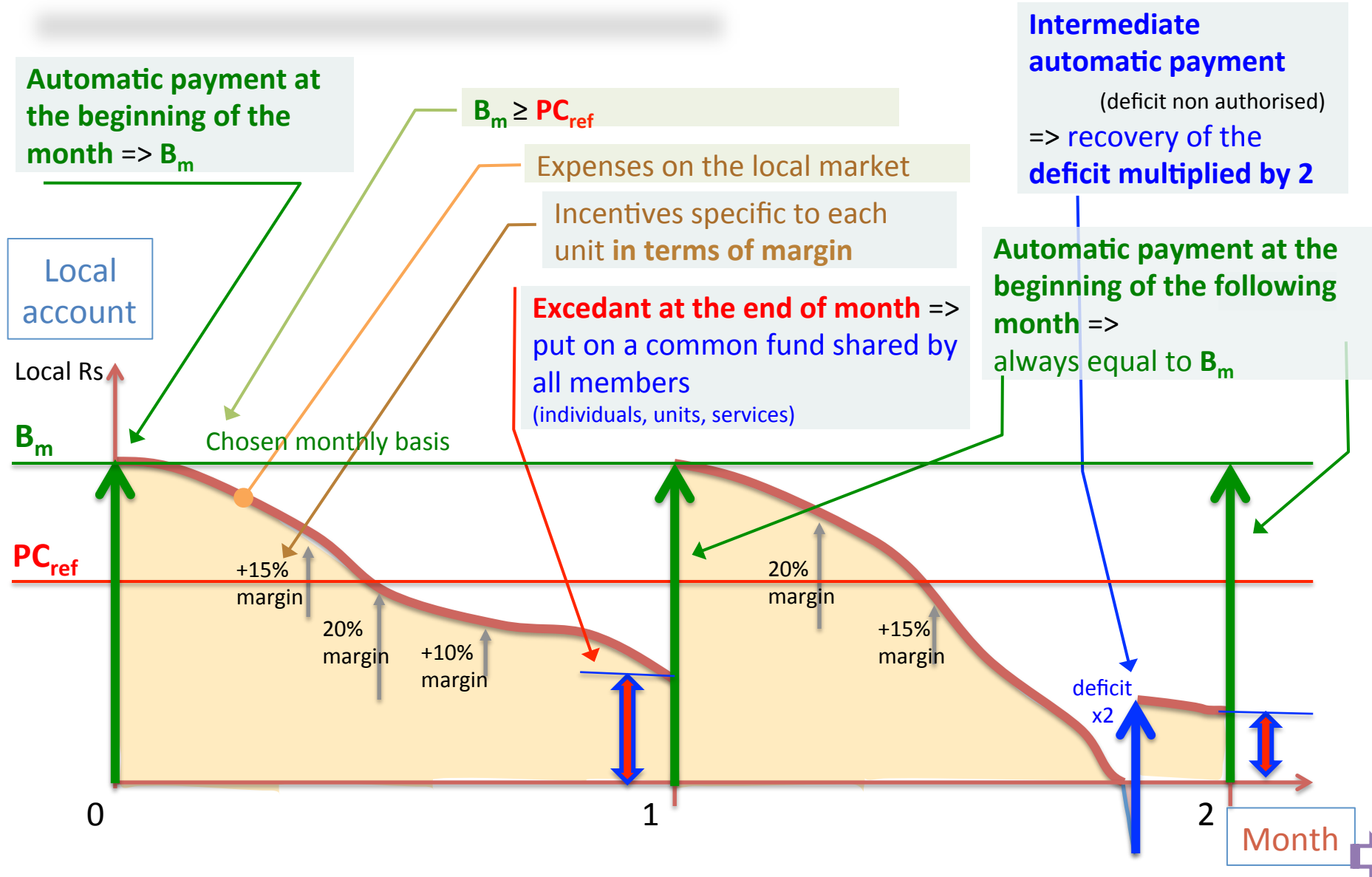




Local account in flat-rate mode WITH ENGAGEMENT

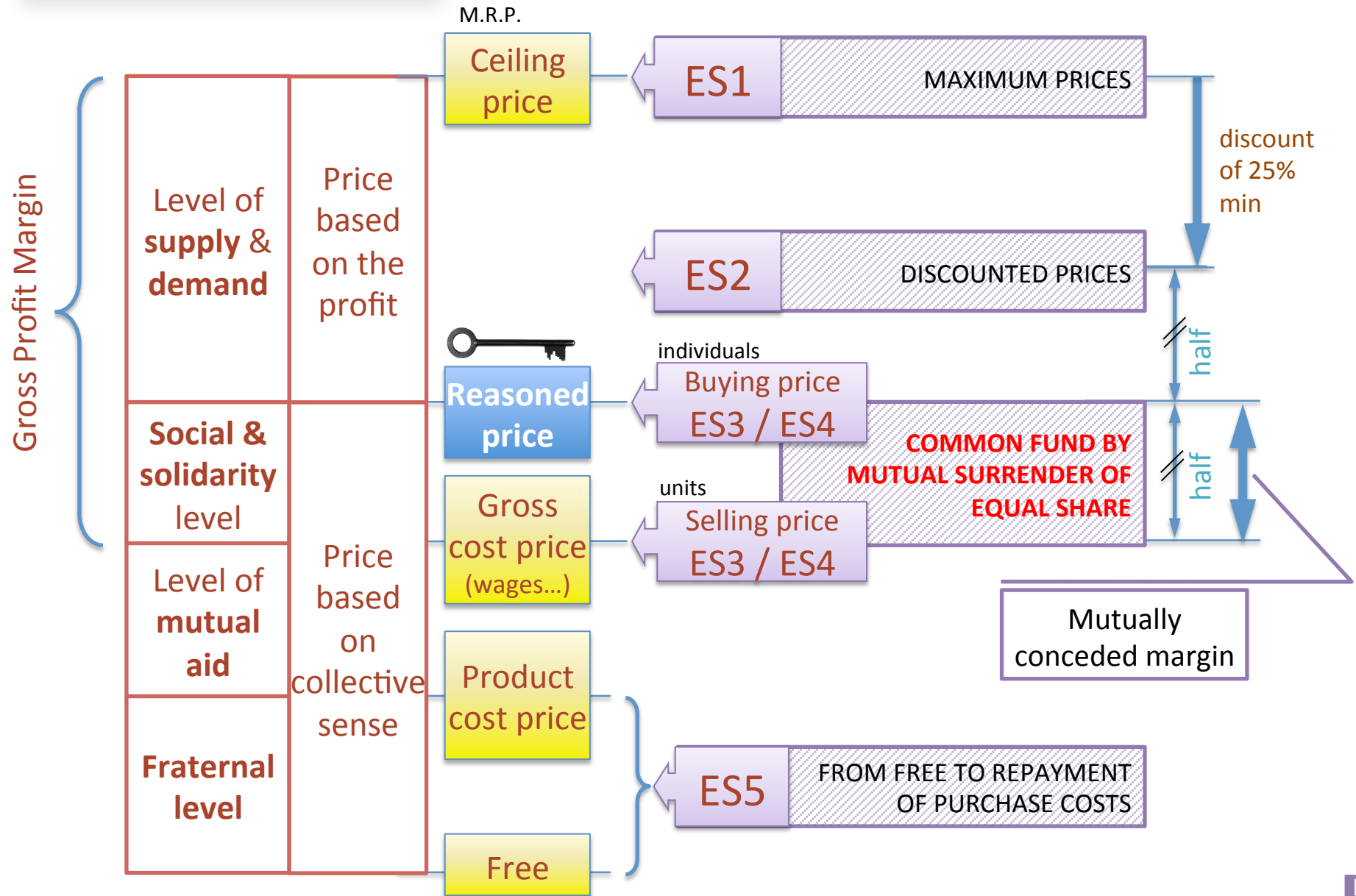


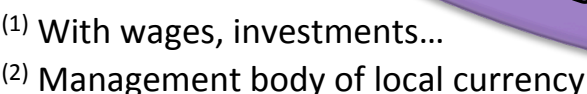
Accounts generating a common fund



Price Levels

Creating a common fund







MODE « ALL AS 1 »

Mode of wealth sharing based on family model

This step is not completely defined because it needs to be designed by the community members

- It is the equivalent of the **family model** but at a community level

EXTERNAL MARKET

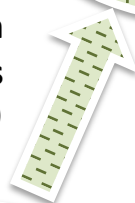
Expenditures
(raw products...)



A part of the benefits are:

- reinvested for **local production**
- used for **collective needs** (education, health...)

Small/medium
production
UNITS



Sales



Incomes



Large
production
INDUSTRIES

Surplus



DONATIONS



LOCAL MARKET

FOR VISITORS



Saling at external market price

FOR AUROVILIANS



Products' distribution for all

- freely** (for basic needs)
- at expenditure cost price** (for extra needs)

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

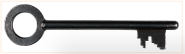
Put on **common funds**
for the development of
AUROVILLE



SUMMURY OF THE 14 PROPOSED KEYS



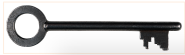
To revive the SELF-SUFFICIENCY to a desirable level



To give an ECONOMICAL EXISTANCE to the local market



To contain the PROGRESSION OF INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS



To generalized the notion of engagement to CONSUME LOCALLY



To be inspired by PAST EXPERIMENTS already in place



Reorganized the EXISTING MODE of EXCHANGE within a progression



To create PROGRESSIVE STEPS ARTICULATED BETWEEN THEM



To allow individuals TO POSITION THEMSELVES AT A DESIRED STEP



To allow units TO POSITION THEMSELVES ON SEVERAL STEPS



To introduce a PARTICIPATION OF REFERENCE, age-adjusted



To create a MANAGEMENT BODY FOR THE LOCAL CURRENCY



TO SIMPLIFY transactions, TO ACCOMPANY & INFORM the users



To introduce ACCOUNTS GENERATING MUTUAL FUNDS



To allow THE SELF-MANAGEMENT OF STEPS by members

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