

FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION IN THE CONTEXT OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



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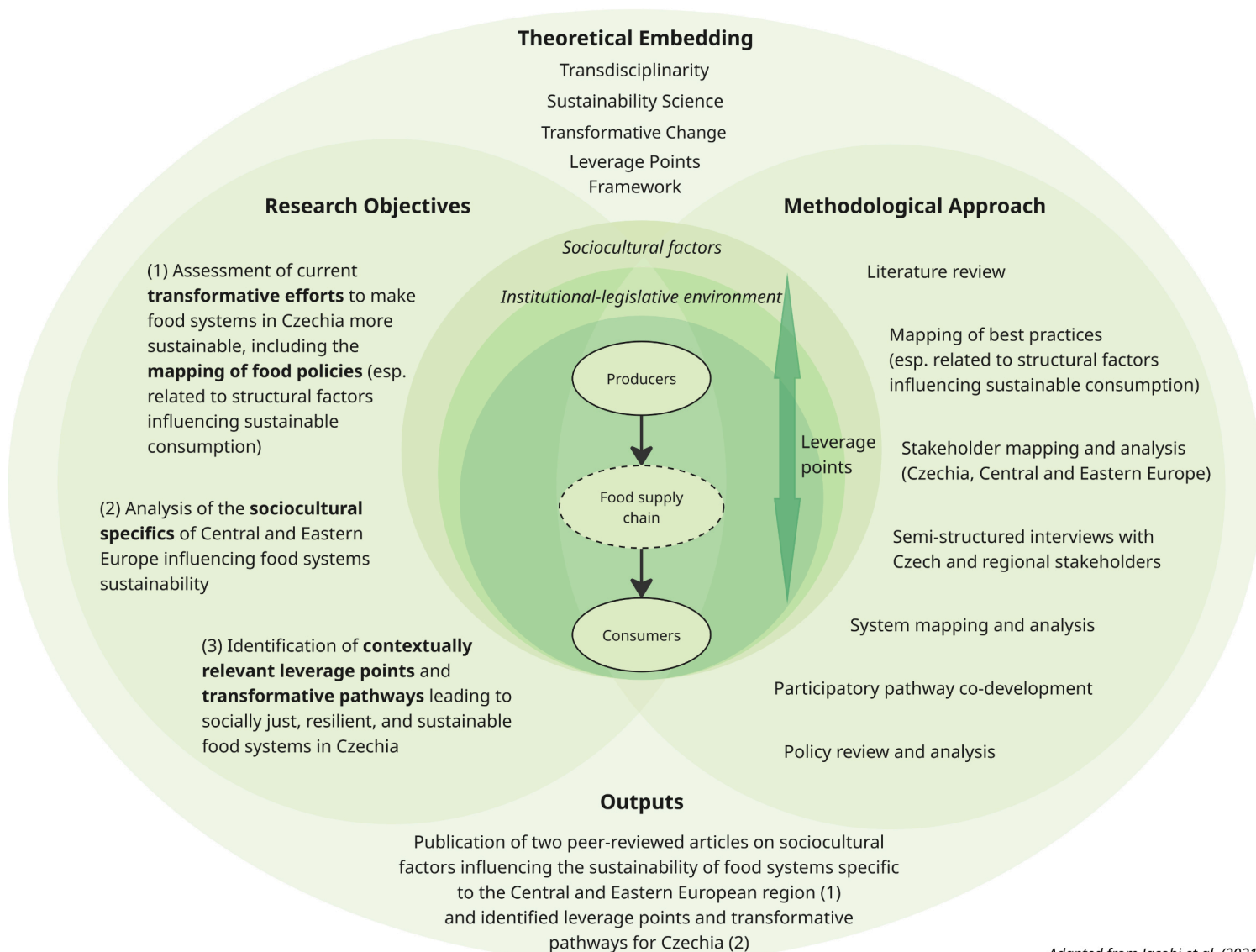
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About the Project

This research project responds to the urgent **need to transform current food systems**, which contribute significantly to climate change and biodiversity loss and negatively impact public health. However, the **development of legislation** and recommendations supporting the sustainability of food systems is based primarily on Western European experience and thus often **fails to account for the specific** historical, social, and cultural **conditions of Central and Eastern Europe**. This mismatch consequently leads to the prevailing public resistance to the proposed measures in this region. Particularly neglected is the area of **structural (especially sociocultural) factors** that influence sustainable consumption in society through its institutional environment. The project aims to address this significant research gap by **identifying leverage points** and **transformative pathways** that have the potential to create **context-specific solutions** for a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable food system in Czechia and the broader Central and Eastern European region.



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