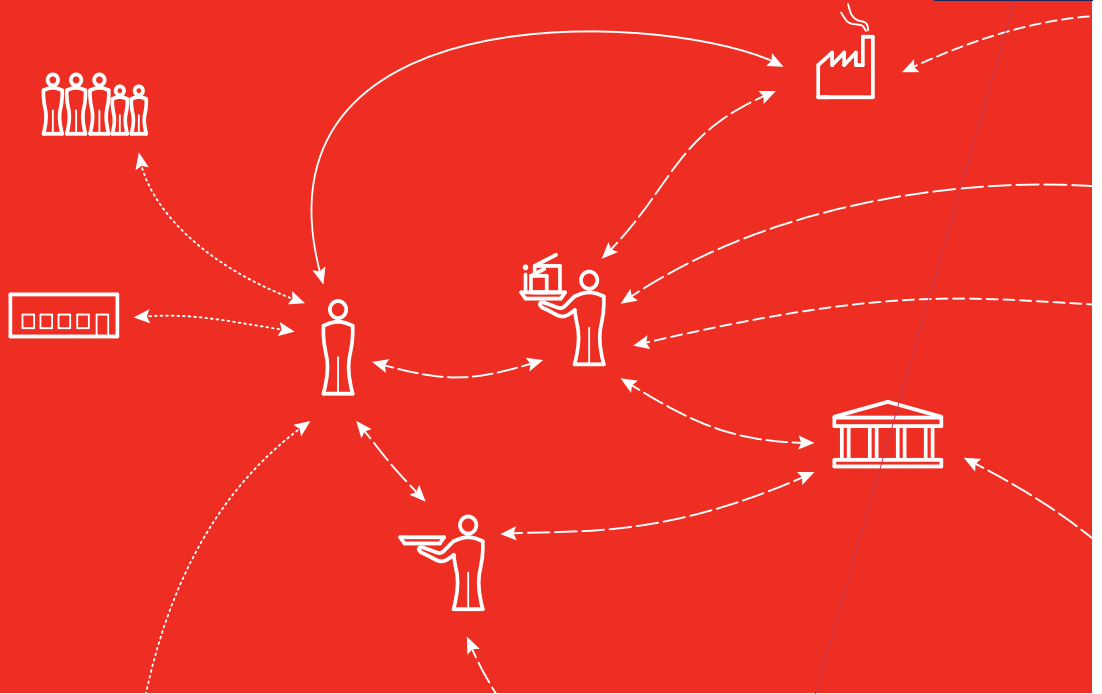


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# Value models for meaningful innovations

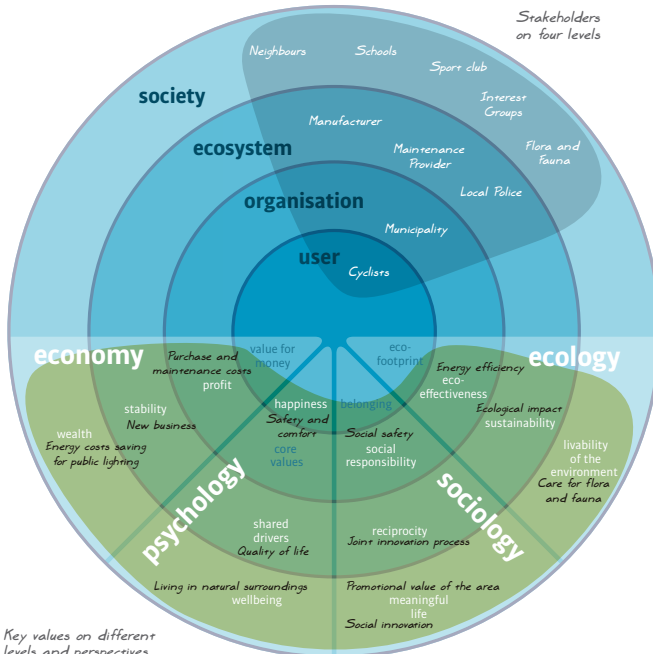
Creating value for people, organisations and society at large in smart city ecosystems

# Creating meaningful innovations

The world is currently facing a number of tremendous societal challenges for which traditional approaches to innovation no longer work. We're squandering our planet's resources and violating nature. In the pursuit of wealth, people at all levels take decisions that seem to mainly address their own interests. So pessimists warn us: we're racing full speed ahead on a dead-end track. However, optimists view the abundance of opportunities that these multiple crises bring as a way to really make a difference; not just for philanthropic actions, but for sound business. Innovations for smart lighting and smart cities aim at just that: solutions to increase quality of life.

***LightHouse uses the Value Framework to address shared value creation and to show how societal challenges provide opportunities for meaningful innovations.***

## The Value Framework

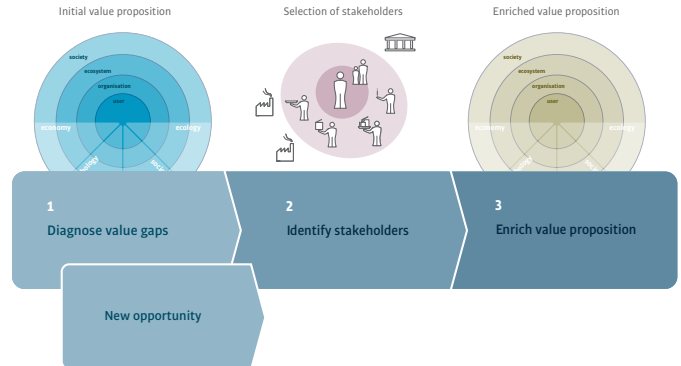


Key values on different levels and perspectives  
The Value Framework

The Value Framework is a method that supports the creation of shared value for people, organisations and society at large. When designing solutions for societal challenges it is important to understand the issues at a user level, organisational level, as well as understanding the context at societal level in an extended network of stakeholders. No organisation has all the relevant knowledge and experience available itself, so collaboration is needed between different organisations: public and private, nonprofit and for-profit, large and small etc..

The Value Framework combines different perspectives on value from economy, psychology, sociology and ecology, and visualises opportunities for value creation.

The method can be used in brainstorming sessions with stakeholders to define new value propositions, as well as to analyse the value of initial value propositions and enrich them. As shown below, the method can be applied in a stepwise approach to create shared value with stakeholders.



Steps in creating shared value

The models presented here are based on the methods described in 'Innovation Design: Creating Value for People, Organisations and Society', by Elke den Ouden. The book is published by Springer Science+Business Media B.V. in 2012.

A brief description of the tools is also available in 'Advanced design methods for successful innovation' Bont, C. de, Ouden, P.H. den, Schifferstein, R., Smulders, F.E.H.M. & Voort, M. van der (Eds.). Published in 2013 by Design United, Den Haag.

# Building sustainable innovation ecosystems

Enhancing quality of life in cities requires collaboration between different organisations to combine different expertise areas and experiences into a new value proposition. Moreover, the resulting value propositions are often a combination of products and services from different organisations, rather than a single product or service. Hence, apart from the products and services themselves, a total ecosystem needs to be designed. This should include all the relevant social and economic actors required for a successful launch of the product or service on the market, as well as provide for sustained service in the long term. The design of the ecosystem needs to ensure a return on investment of both tangible and intangible value for all the business parties and other stakeholders involved.

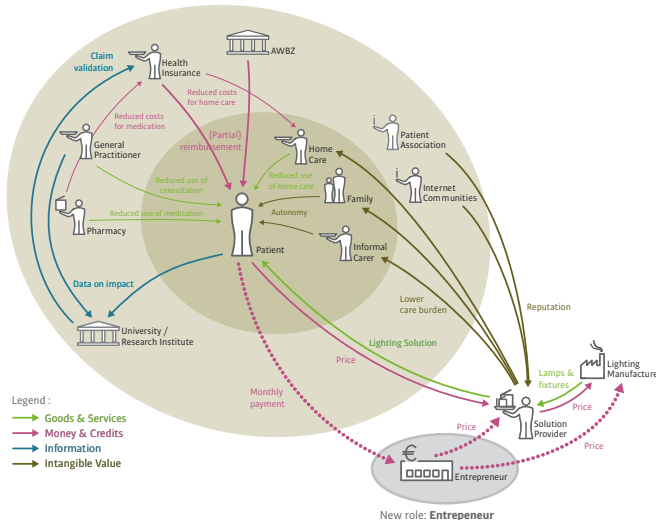
***LightHouse applies the Value Flow Model as a method of identifying the relevant stakeholders and the values that are important to each of them, and to balance these values in the total system.***

The Value Flow Model visualises specific interactions in the network to provide a perspective for understanding value-creating roles and relationships, and offers a dynamic view of how both financial and non-financial assets are converted into value. The main elements of the model are the actors who play the different roles in the ecosystem and the value flows in the ecosystem.

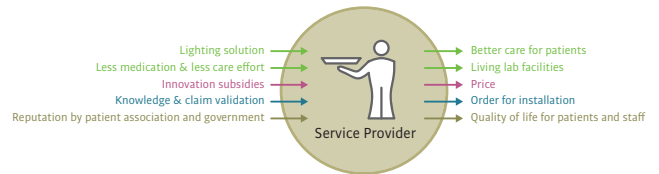
The goal of the ecosystem is not only to realise the new value proposition, but also to ensure a vital economic system to support the further development and continuous innovation. It is important to ensure a sustainable business on two levels: the total system should be in balance, and each party should have a fair balance in incoming and outgoing value.

With various interviews and workshops LightHouse facilitates the process as an independent mediator and helps to create understanding for the different perspectives, roles and requirements in the ecosystem.

## The Value Flow Model



Example of a Value Flow Model to develop sustainable ecosystems



Balancing value for stakeholders

The method has proved valuable in enriching value propositions, as well as in gaining commitment from the different business actors to make the investments required for implementation

## Recent projects

- **Zilverackers:** assessing stakeholder value for innovative lighting on a bicycle path in an ecological zone.
- **Stratumseind:** creating a sustainable ecosystem for smart lighting solutions in an entertainment district.
- **S-mart Strijp-S:** defining sustainable business models for an open smart lighting platform and services.



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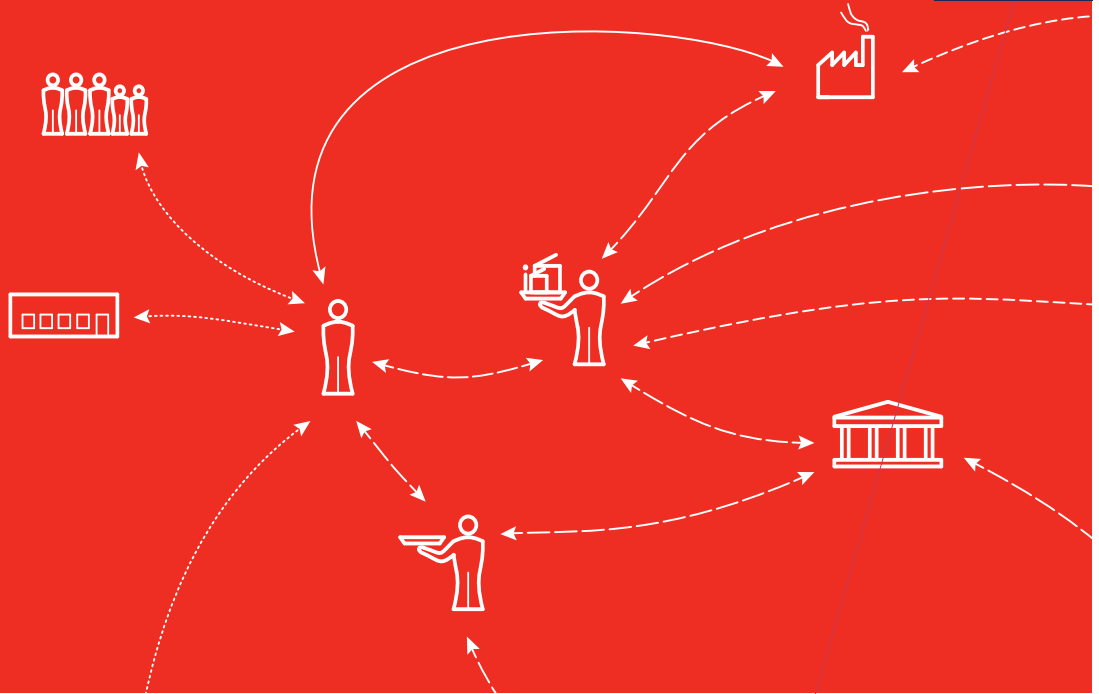
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