

Role and Potential of IYGU Regional Action Centers

The Regional Action Center of Mação - Coimbra for Portugal and Spain

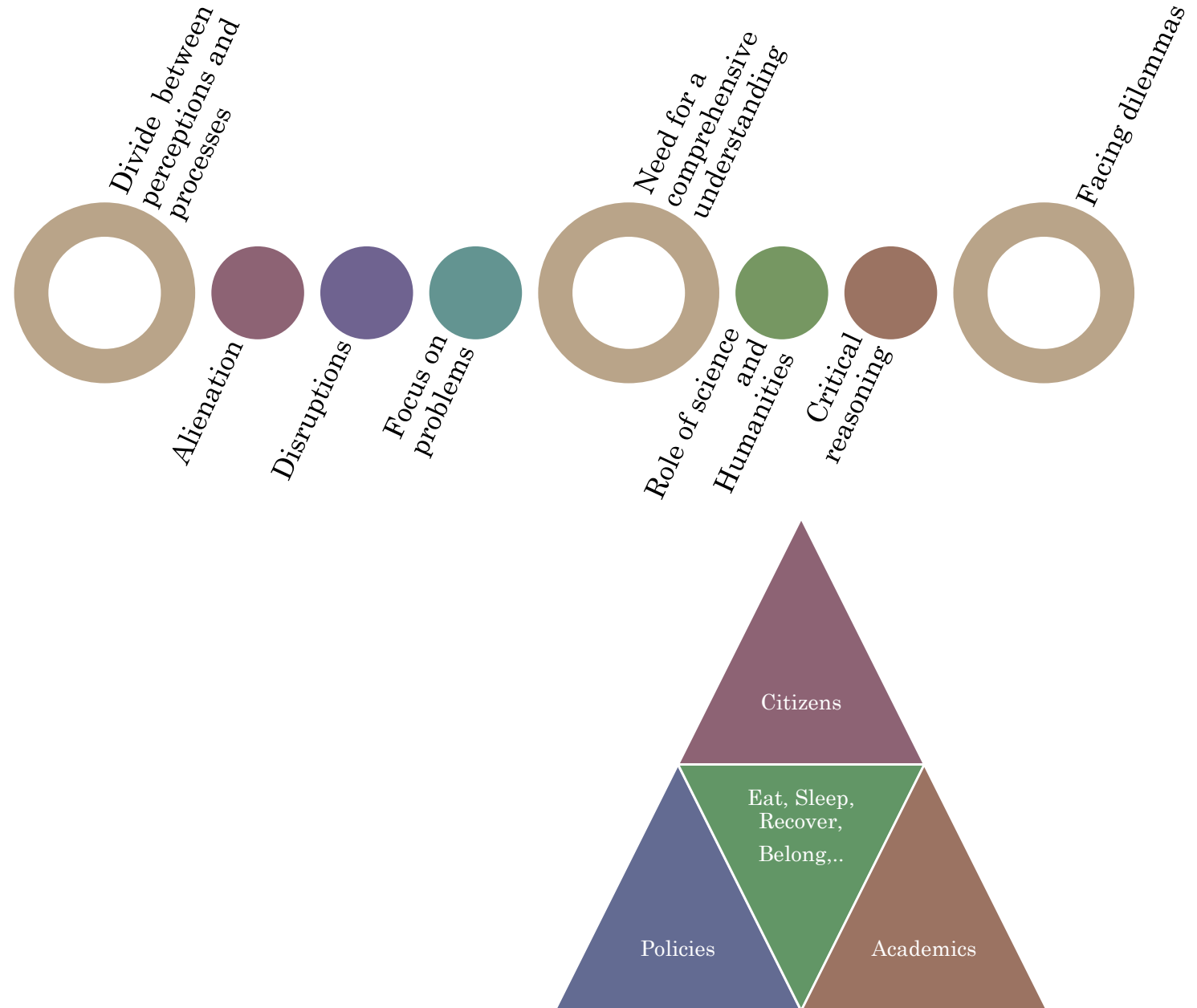
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Why?

IYGU is a strategic tool that brings together academics and citizens through a common framework driven by a series of basic living needs (eating, dwelling, etc.) and a converging common but not homogenous urge (to understand the nature and relevance of local/global interaction).



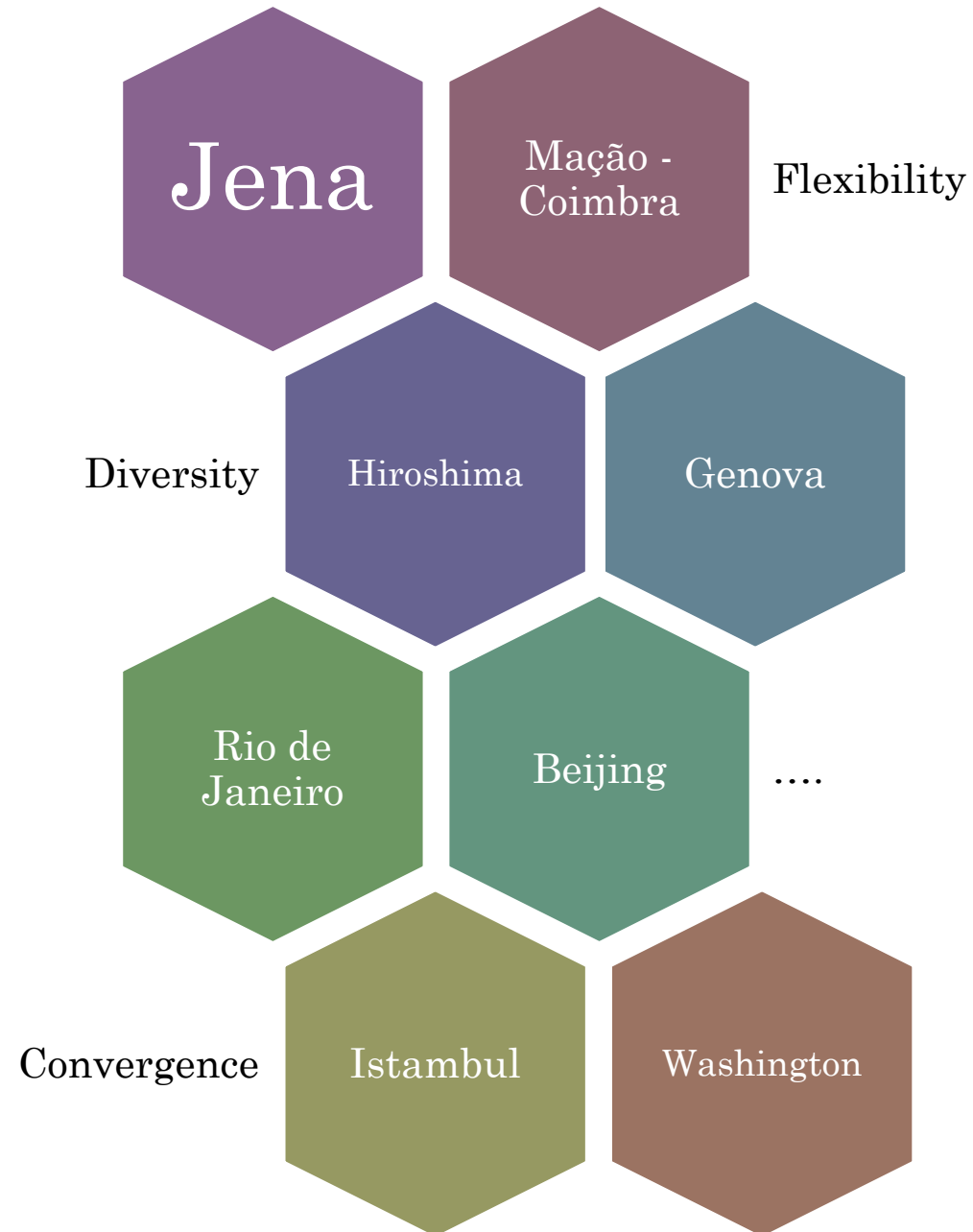
Who?

In fact, IYGU is, to a large extent, the convergence of several international projects, thus building new paradigms on solid ground.



How?

Within this strategy, a network of RACs stands as the most efficient and flexible structure to face the required diversity of cultural responses to these challenges, understanding that convergence requires diversity and not any form of unique thinking.



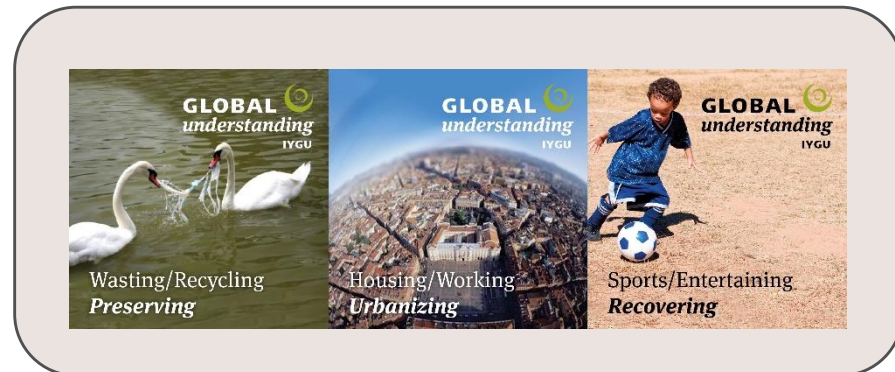
Network of IYGU Regional Action Centers

Where?

A growing network, meant to become a growing bottom-up web.



Global understanding flow



The scope

RACs are tools to federate converging initiatives and foster IYGU and its follow-up.

In what we show ourselves we are ignored

The abyss from soul to soul cannot be bridged
by any skill of thought or trick of seeming.

Unto our very selves we are abridged
when we would utter to our thought our being.

We are our dreams of ourselves souls by gleams,
and each to each other dreams of others' dreams.

F. Pessoa 1918, English Poems