

Unwrapping influences on transition work

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Transition work

- The term transition work has been mentioned by several scholars (e.g. Löhr et al. 2022, Poland et al. 2019, Skjølsvold et al. 2018, Sørensen et al. 2018)
- **All deliberate and purposeful activities aimed at progressing sustainability transitions (Bjerkan 2022)**
- Technological work, governance and policy work, reflexive work, visionary work, political work, and relational work (Bjerkan, 2022).



Aim:

Unwrap evolving transformative processes in the Norwegian port sector and enhance our knowledge of how transition work might evolve in different directions, in different socio-technical context.



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Port of Borg



Port of Kristiansand

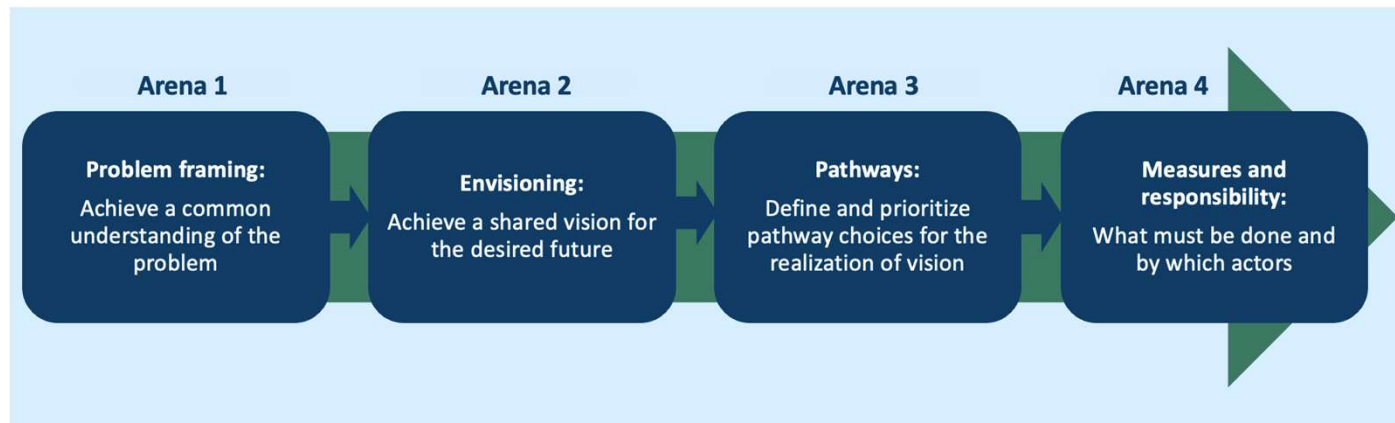


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Methods: Transition Management and more

- Interviews
- Socio-technical analysis
- Arena meetings (4 in each port)
- Follow-up webinar



A myriad of transition work in the ports

- Testing of new technologies
- Intermediation including dialogue with central stakeholders and governmental or municipal bodies
- Acquisition of new competence
- Learning across ports
- Development of shared visions
- Influencing political agendas
- Uniting actors in specific projects etc.



How do the socio-technical contexts of ports influence the transition work of port actors?



Influences on transition work in the ports

- Landscape pressures
- Ownership (one or several municipalities)
- Political decisions and development
- Collaboration among port actors
- Nature and surrounding actors
- Involvement in R&D



Socio-technical contexts influence transition work in ports

- This study adds to empirical research on agencies in sustainability transitions, and in particular agencies in incumbents that push for transformation from within the current regimes.
- **Activities aimed at progressing sustainability transitions** in ports are influenced by the particular socio-technical context of the port.



Want to hear more about transition work in Norwegian ports?



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Thanks for listening!



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