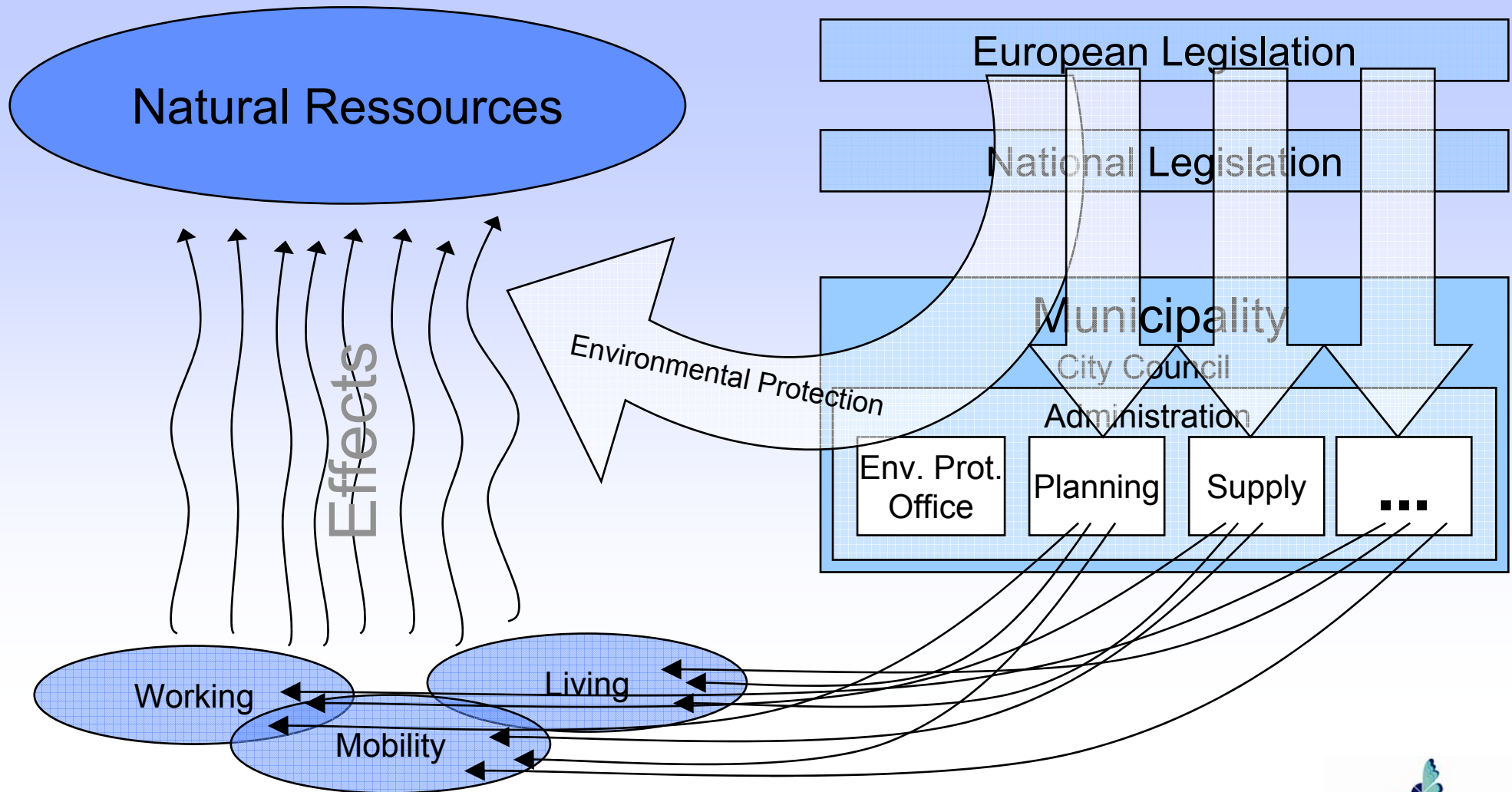
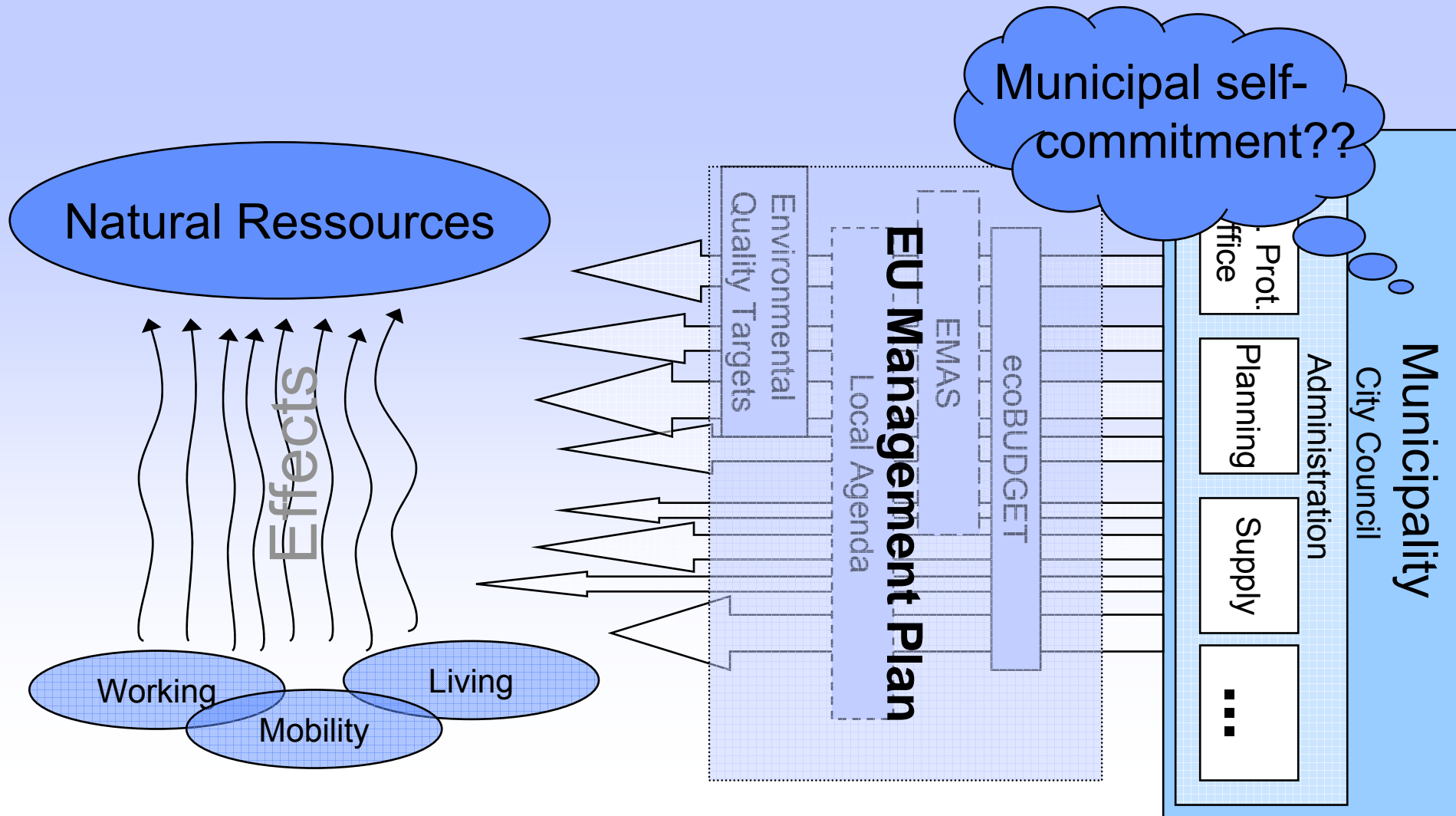


IDEMS: Basic Conditions



IDEMS: How to deal with?



Possible Reference for Environmental Action: Existing Law

Advantage:

- targets, procedures, responsibilities defined by law;
- commitment and action guaranteed;
- legal compliance guaranteed;
- existing law in some areas of action very ambitious,

But:

- No reason for an own management procedure!

Example:

- European legislation on air quality;
→ targets can hardly be exceeded voluntarily!

Possible Reference for Environmental Action: Voluntary Self-Commitment

Advantage:

- Targets, procedures, responsibilities may be self-defined;

But:

- only voluntary commitment, action not guaranteed;
- legal compliance has to be checked to avoid conflicts.

Example:

- Climate protection: Existing (voluntary) targets (CCP, Energiecités etc.) had to be adjusted, when it was obvious that it could not be reached.

Conclusion

High expectations at interested municipalities:

Due to the integrated approach combining different EMS, IDEMS will demonstrate IF and HOW an „Urban Environmental Management Plan“ - as stated by the European Commission Communication “Towards a Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment” - could look like!