

## Co-creation and protective spaces dialogues with municipalities and service providers

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## Approach: dialogues with municipalities and service providers

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- Workshop activities online and hosted by KTH with municipalities and service providers (2021-22, and 2024).
- Mistra SAMS research activities WP Market and WP Futures
- Co-working spaces and mobility services





#### Questions and context

- How do local planning actors perceive barriers and opportunities for change that would enable development and adoption of mobility services?
- Service-providers' experiences from Living lab Riksten (2024): Learning processes: between regulatory hurdles and visions
- Context: reduce dependence of on private car-ownership in semi-urban areas, experiences from municipalities and mobility service-providers in the Stockholm region



#### Sustainable transitions and protective spaces

Studies of processes of shielding, nurturing and empowerment of pathbreaking innovations (Smith and Raven 2012). Examples of research of satellite programs developing Photovoltaics (PV) creating protective space for technology and PV applications

#### **Empowerment**

Fit-and-conform: processes that make niche innovations competitive within *unchanged* selection environments

Stretch-and-transform: processes that <u>contribute to *changes*</u> in mainstream selection environments in ways favourable to a path-breaking niche innovation



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**3)** A blind spot for more distant mobility services futures? Workshop with stakeholders on effects of mobility services challenges for participants to envision the long-term horizon (Berg Mårtensson, Larsen and Höjer 2023)



# Your reflections and questions for discussion

Expectations on municipalities: creating an infrastructure for mobility services – new mandates for municipalities?

New spaces opening-up facilitating learning between service providers and users – mediated by mobility service platforms?

Remedy for pilot project fragmentation? (Learning from pilot projects, fragmented processes, short time-horizons). Enough to fit-and-conform or need to stretch-and-transform the market to develop and adopt mobility services?

#### Thanks! Katarina Larsen, Larsen@kth.se



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