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## Design-Led approaches for socially sustainable SMEs

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Cultivating Social Innovation within Corporate Culture

## Reflections in group

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## Reflections on my research topic

### Day 1

How our **objects' personal significance** could influence others, transcending its physical realm, becoming more than objects.

People has the power to amplify the personal significance of objects by creating meaningful **interactions.**

### Design for Intangibility

Design as a tool for creating meaningful and transformative interactions between different backgrounds.

### Day 2

**The concept of waste** and how ecological and social consequences embedded in design decisions transform our reality.

Shifting the perception of waste and harnessing its **potential**, to drive positive change towards sustainability.

### Design for Transformation

Design as a tool for understanding the social impact and transformative potential of corporate sustainability initiatives.

### Day 3

The **challenging action of repairing** objects to deal with obsolescence and waste nowadays.

Redefining our relationship with the objects we own, encouraging a more mindful and **responsible approach** to consumption.

### Design for Sustainability

Designers as facilitators for promoting behavioral change, of responsible practices, towards more ethical and sustainable businesses.

### Day 4

**Experiences enrich our daily lives.** Design as a catalyst for exploration, discovery, and a more profound connection with the world

Interactions should be designed to be transcendent, to create **engagement** and to have a "meaning".

### Design beyond surface-level Functionality

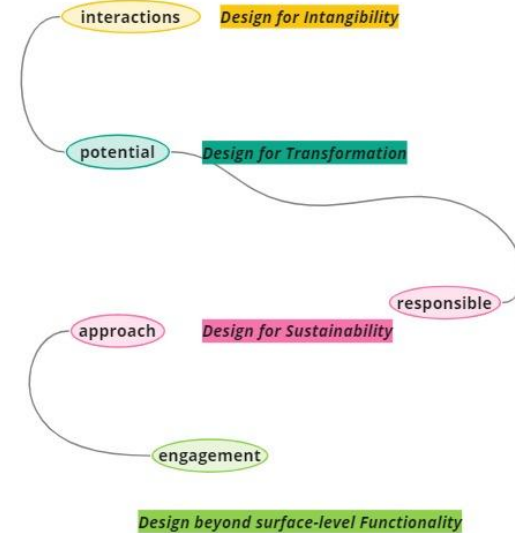
Design processes created to embrace the complexity of different environments. The role of design for a deeper understanding of corporate experiences and societal needs.

## Research topic

### Design-led Approaches for Socially Sustainable SMEs

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This research explores from a design perspective, the possible approaches to **measure social innovation inside a corporate environment**, specifically **SMEs**. The investigation aims to apply **participatory design principles** to develop strategies that are in line with **corporate environment and needs**, to help analyze and measure **how social innovation could support responsible transformation through design**.

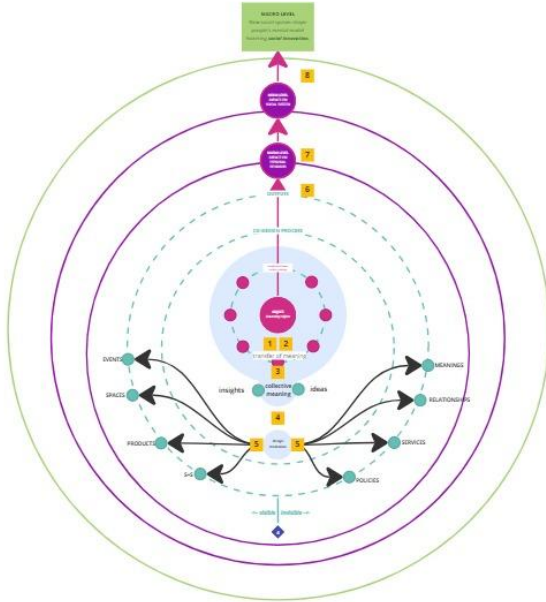


## Reflection outcome: Visualization & Reflection Tool for Field research

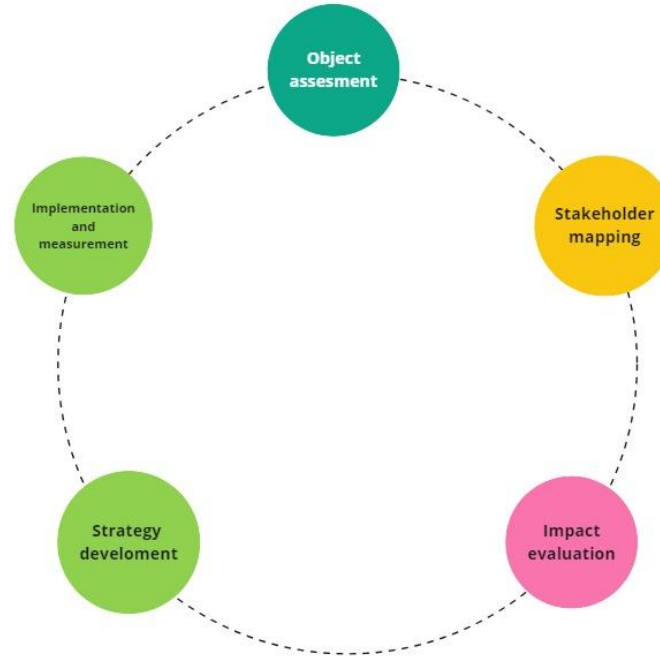
### Design for Social Innovation Impact Matrix

To assess and enhance the social innovation impact of design initiatives within a corporate culture.

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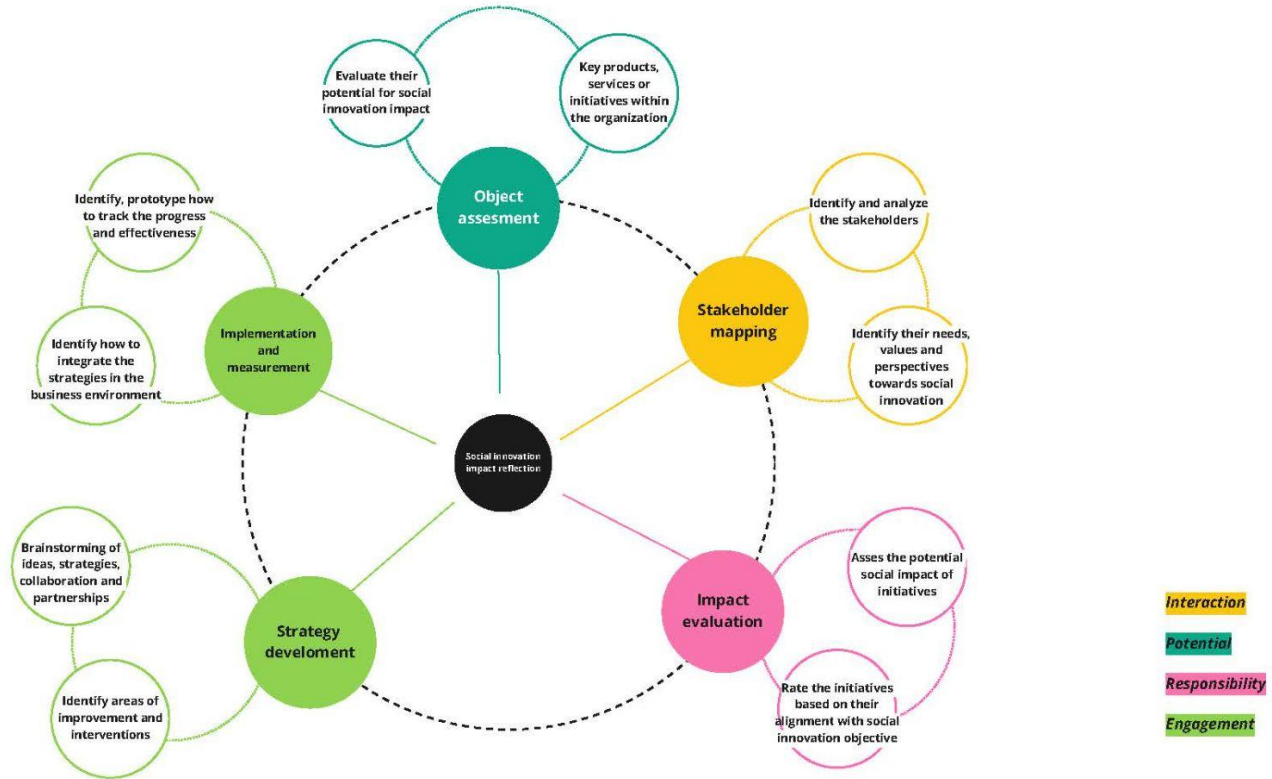


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## Design for Social Innovation Impact Matrix

By focusing on key design projects, stakeholders, and impact evaluation, the tool enables organizations to strategically align their design efforts with social innovation objectives and drive positive change.





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