

**Bridging Vision to Action**

# **Pioneering Strategic Narratives**

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Support the development of more **robust models** that foster companies' **adaptability** when it comes to **future**.

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# 1 - Rethinking Future Strategy: Designing New Approaches



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# A gap between possible futures and companies' current vision and actions.

How might we **invent** when our reflexes  
are to think of the future as a simple  
**continuation of the present?**

What kind of **approaches** to **prepare** for  
a **possible future?**

**How** to evolve, becoming **resilient enough** to be  
**part of the future?**

# Future can no longer be approached using conventional tools

They generate :

Bland

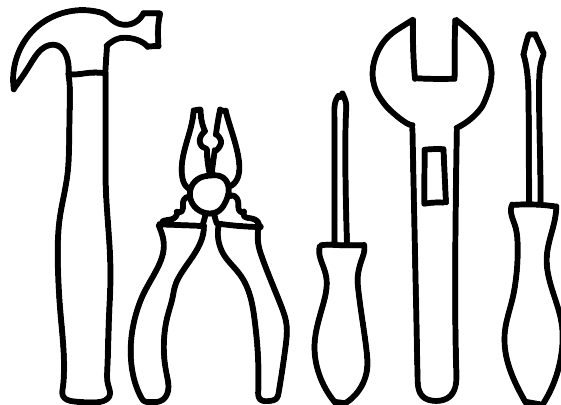
Unoriginal

Predictable

visions

in very **uninviting** formats

→ which go straight into the pile of expensive documents gathering dust.



# Future thinking is calling for a shift, still it's humanly hard to acknowledge

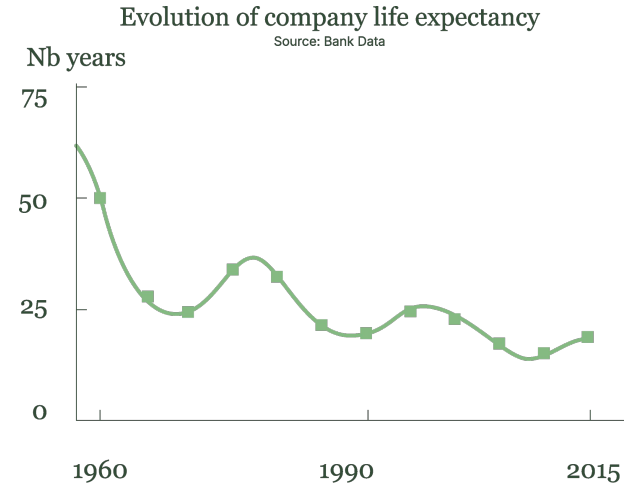
How businesses can balance **short-term imperatives**  
with **long-term resilience**?

Why it's time to **challenge** outdated economic  
**assumptions**?



# Why spend time and resources optimizing outdated models?

Do we continue improving systems that are becoming **obsolete**, or do we **prepare for real transition?**



## **2 - Strategic Narratives® as a Navigation Framework**



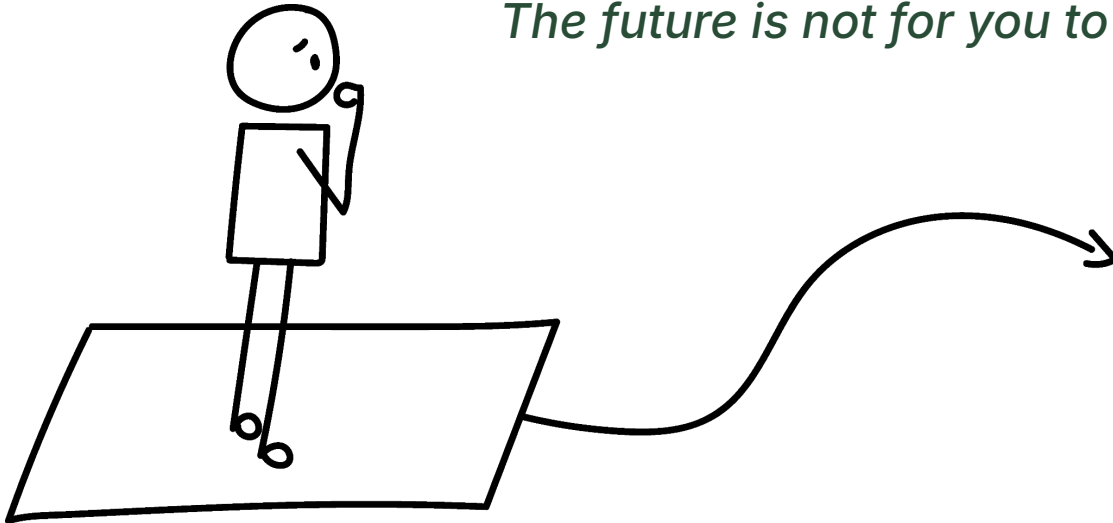
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# The future is not a roadmap

*"Preparing for the future is only founding the present.  
There is never anything but the present to put in order.  
What's the point of discussing this heritage?  
The future is not for you to foresee, but to allow".*

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry



# Strategic Narratives as a Blueprint for Business Adaptability

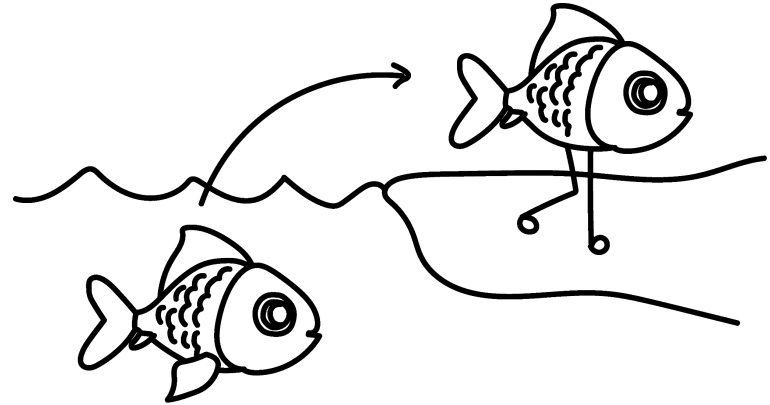
- Focuses on **strategic decisions** to prepare for permanent conditions and challenges.
- The goal :

Robust

Adaptable

Ecological

Social



- It is grounded on **Considered Future Scenarios** and the **paths** to adapt to them.

# Our Approach (1/2)

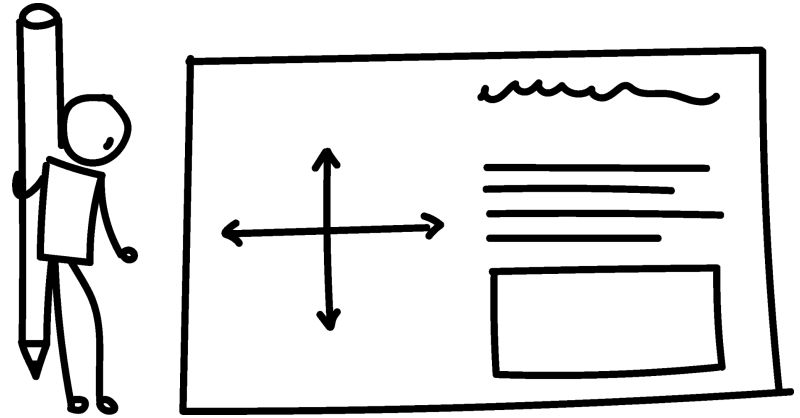
## How do we do it?

- We build

Considered Future  
Scenarios

*What will tomorrow's constraints be,  
what will be the invariables and variants  
in these futures?*

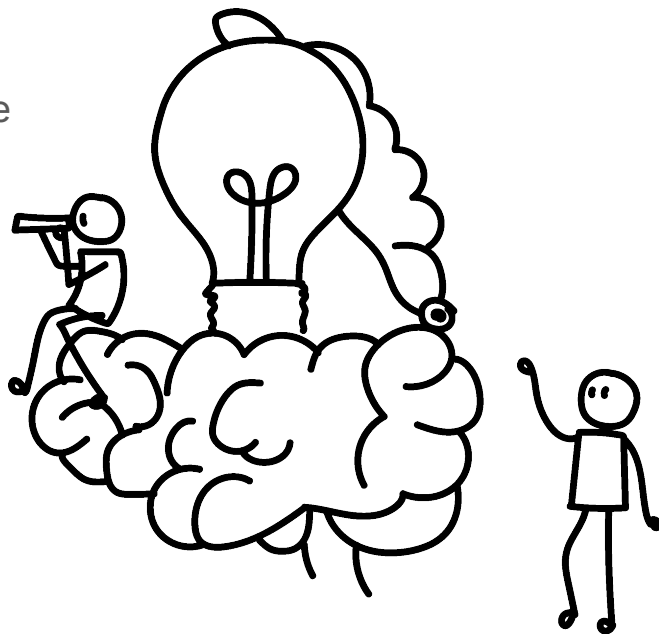
- What **path** must the organization take to **adapt to the new paradigms** of these contexts?



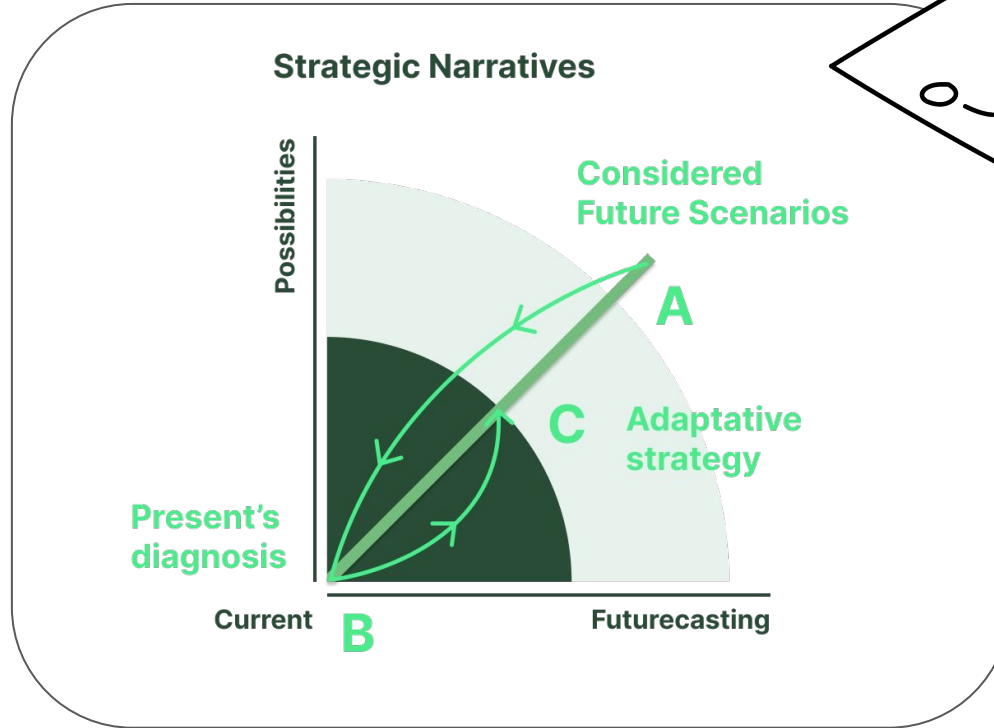
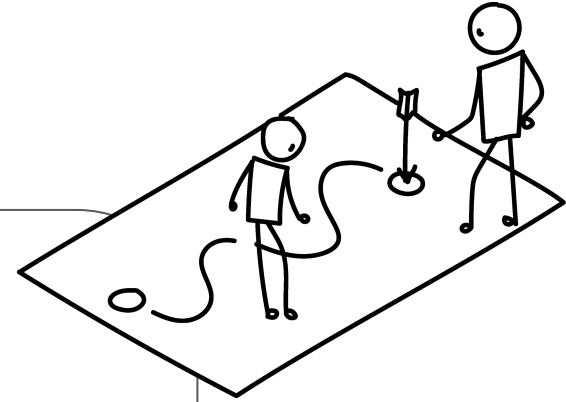
# Our Approach (2/2)

## What's new?

- **Strategic, forward-looking content** to inspire organizations and enable them to **anticipate** their future
- **Business models** for a **changing and uncertain** environment
- Products and services **adapted to** today's and tomorrow's **contexts**



# An Evolution Path



# Considered Future Scenarios



Mountains in  
2050



Eating in  
2050



Working  
Tomorrow



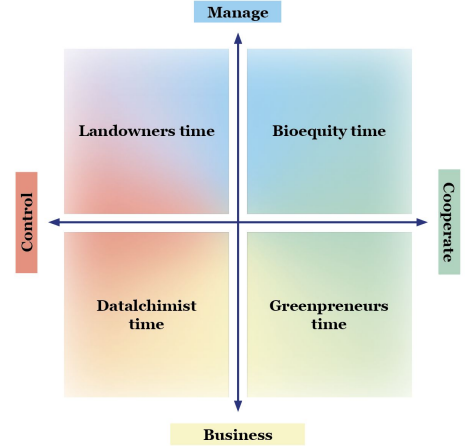
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# Business & Biodiversity



Here, our project is mapping the potential evolutionary trajectories of organizations based on their integration of the principle of biodiversity into their operational models.

## 4 scenarios for rethinking our organizations with biodiversity



### Landowners time

*What if, tomorrow, life were nothing more than a deposit for the benefit of big corp ?*



### Bioequity time

*What if, tomorrow, living beings were the majority shareholders of big corp ?*



### Datalchemist time

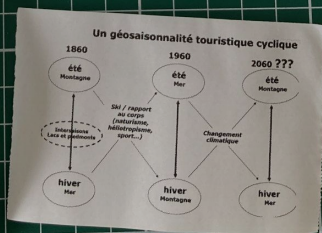
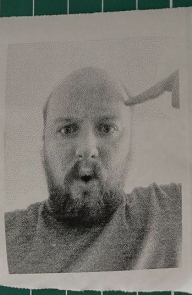
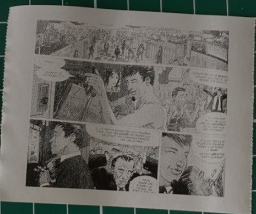
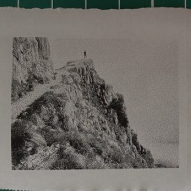
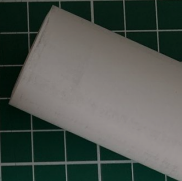
*What if, tomorrow, big corporations decided to do without living beings?*



### Greenpreneurs time

*What if, tomorrow, protecting life were part of the big corp ?*

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## Explore, plan and design

### Talk

Inspire your teams at a conference

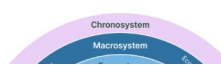
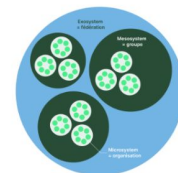
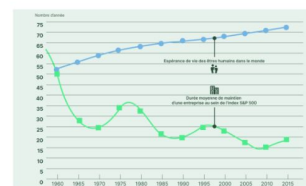
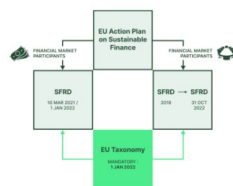
### Workshop

Design your own scenarios to develop your strategies

### Projet

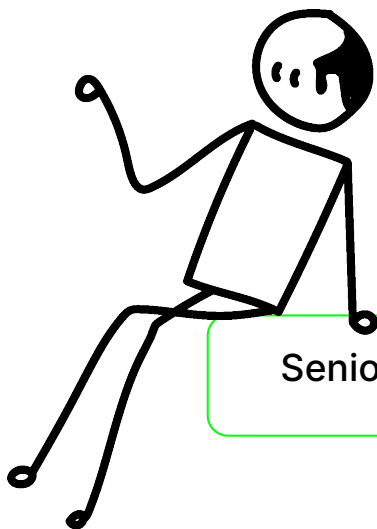
Adopt a new approach to innovation

## Discover our tools and scenarios in different formats





# Case Study: Narratives Driving Transformation on Key Topics



Seniors 2040

受限制的  
目前状况

张乐海 (张乐海/张乐海/1980)

母体数量

姓名	出生日期
张乐海	1978.04.22
姓氏	出生地点
辉纳美味利	齐克哈尔

N°56439872  
2045.07.23

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07.23 2K45 齐子江社区

0568 入境

花园的启示

## Meet Hui Na...



AGE: 67 years old  
ADDRESS: Lives alone in a flat, moved from the country side (Qiqihar) to the city (suburban Shanghai)  
EXODUS JOB: Shop keeper and Brotherhood member  
FAMILY SITUATION: Widowed, One daughter who lives in Munich

STATUS

PROBLEMS

- She starts to lose a bit of mobility, but remains active through the Brotherhood
- She lives with people at the Exodus but misses her Shanghai friends and her husband.
- She is quite poor and was afraid she would become a burden to her daughter.

HER STORY

...citizen to ever...  
...first month of...  
...helped the care...  
...who lived in the...  
...she joined the...  
...the feeling of joy came...  
...throughout the day.

She also works with robot-helpers to distribute meals at the end of the day. In a second step, she decided to open her store to increase her income.

She has the habit of writing regularly to her daughter and granddaughter, following the rules of the community to not to reveal everything. Being in the Brotherhood, she has the opportunity to offer Anah a momm's holiday at the Exodus, where she would be part of her class and help her with her daily chores. The goal is to help children reconnect with their families by staying for two weeks and participating to the Exodus' life.

Finally, each family in a community is offered specific vacations to visit their family. The returns trips are paid for by the China government, and it is possible to keep the children during their school vacations to take the pressure off the parents.

Older adults do not prefer ageing in place in suburban area

Thanks to the Garden exodus, the family unit is preserved: Children and grandchildren can visit their parents/grandparents easily and for free. It will help to keep the family social link and remove the mental load from parents.

New villages aim to protect and take away from the pollution of its Chinese citizens: The seniors move to these villages and return to a more harmonious life in contact with nature: to work the land, and restore the bread basket of China. A new future for megacities: With the urban exodus, the megacities is becoming less congested and their quality of life is increasing.

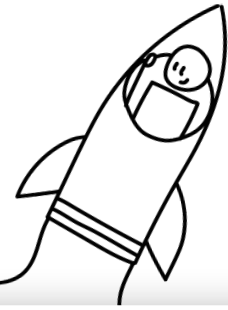
More and more criticized by the European media, the Garden Exodus project is accused of being liberticide with too strict rules.

Urban older people  
78%  
were willing to help other older adults




Design Fiction 2024

# Create tailored narratives that resonate and inspire action



How will we work tomorrow?



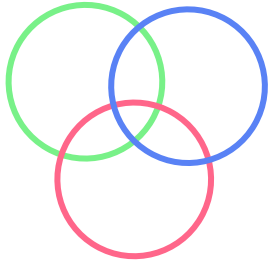
How will we consume media tomorrow, and what are the areas of opportunity that TV could use to adapt?



What are the challenges of the world's ageing population that we will have to adapt to tomorrow?

# IV. Leveraging EDGY

Existing diagram



**Where are we?**

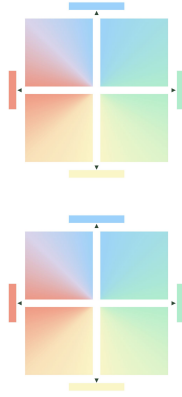
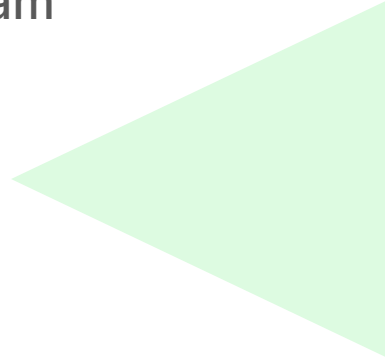
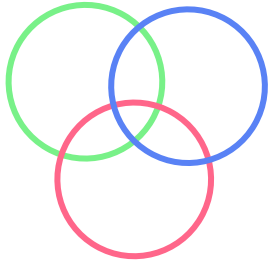
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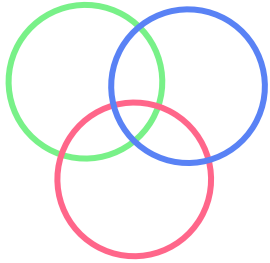
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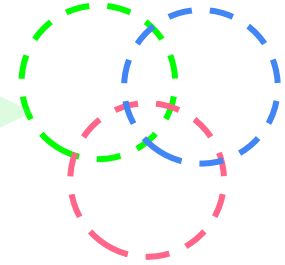
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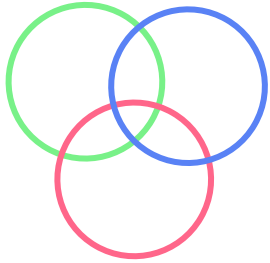
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*Defining an adaptability path*

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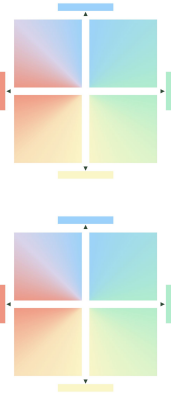
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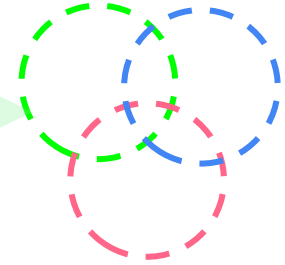


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**Thank you**



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