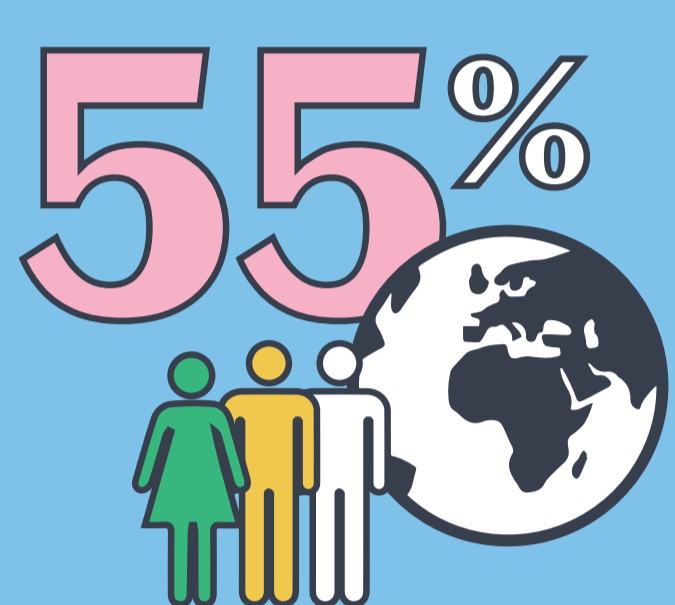


Urban resilience is the measurable ability of any urban system, with its inhabitants, to maintain continuity through all shocks and stresses, while positively adapting and transforming toward sustainability.

A **resilient city** evaluates, plans and acts to prepare and respond to threats in order to protect and improve the lives of people, to ensure development, foster an investment environment and drive positive change.

Why urban metropolitan resilience?



More than **55%** of the world's population lives in cities. By 2050, it will rise to **70%**.

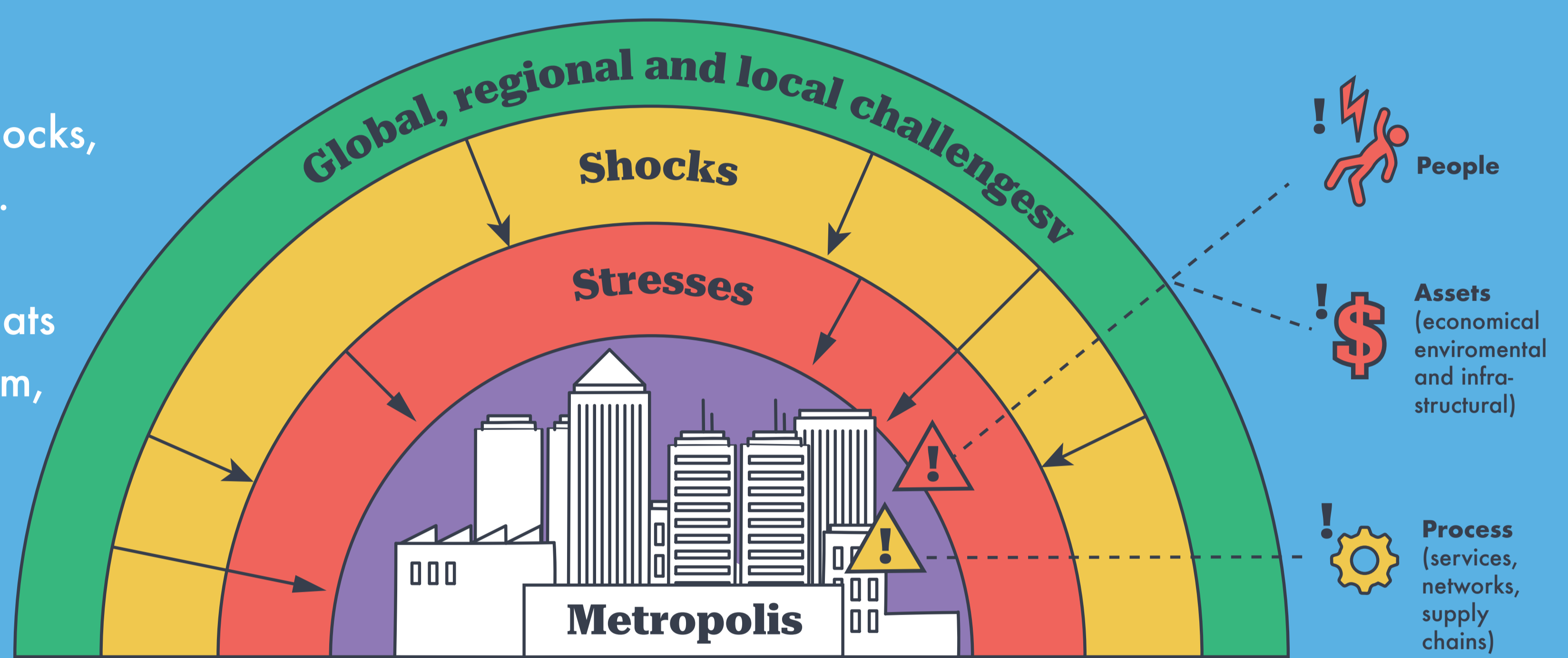
Cities are places where people, assets and economic activity are concentrated and are at risk.



Often, a city's most intransigent shocks and stresses transcend municipal boundaries and must be examined, explored and managed with **metropolitan lenses**.

Cities and metropolitan spaces face different shocks, stresses and challenges.

When one of these threats impacts the urban system, it affects people, assets and processes



By building urban resilience, we prepare urban systems for shocks & reduce chronic stresses.

The building blocks of a resilient urban future are:

- A Economic resilience** with new fiscal sustainability frameworks.
- B Social resilience** with universal social protection schemes.
- C Climate resilience** with greener investments and stronger multilevel collaboration to confront future shocks.



In order to enhance urban resilience cities and metropolitan spaces have to:

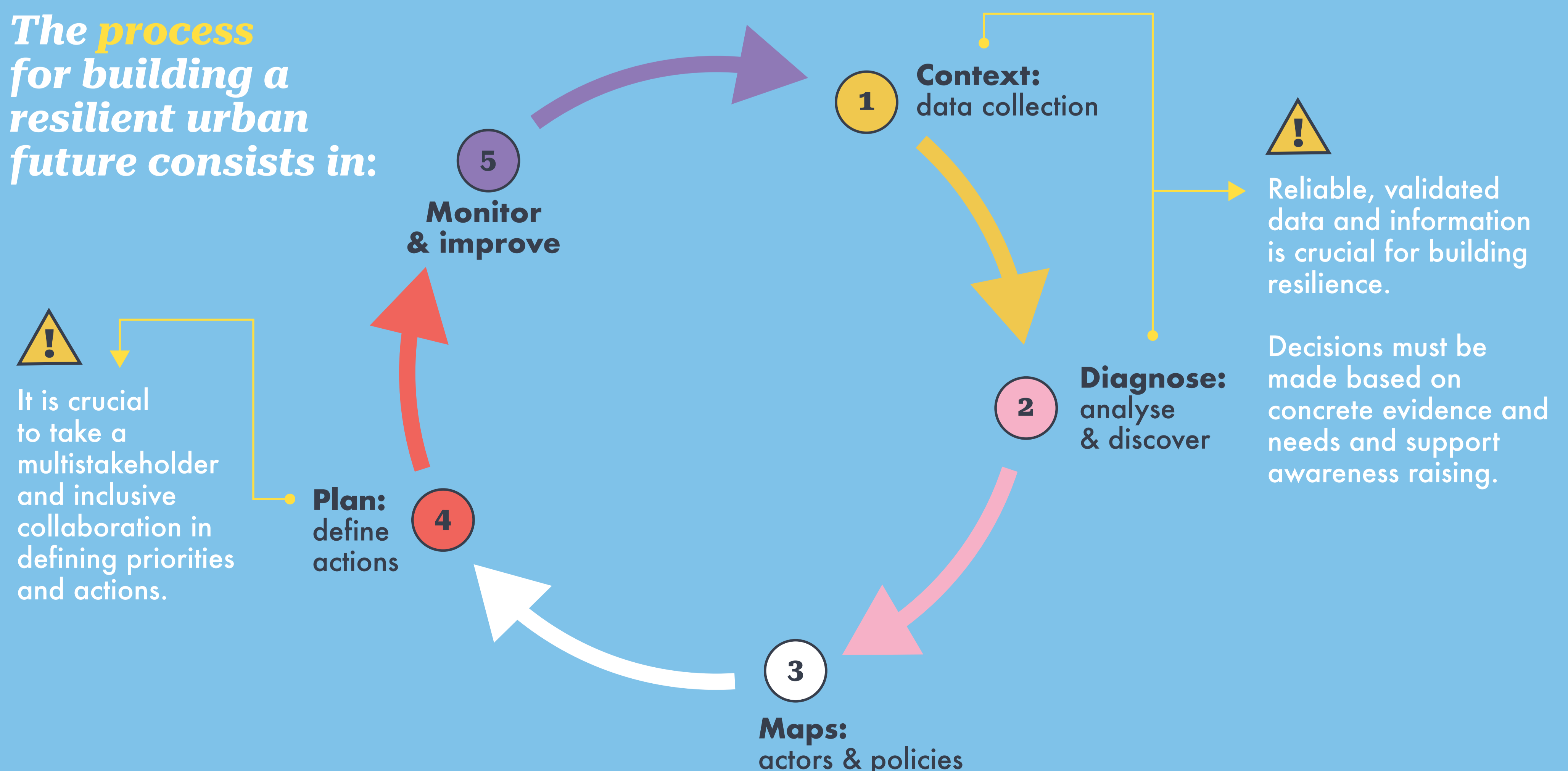
- Implement**
 - Humanitarian action
 - Human rights-based approach as well as a perspective that leaves no one behind.
 - Gender-sensitive policies
 - A perspective that protects local identity
 - Special attention on the most vulnerable segments of the population.
 - New Urban Agenda (NUA) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Agenda.

- Reduce**
 - Informality
 - Poor infrastructure
 - Lack of access to land and land tenure
 - Gender gap

- Foster**
 - Inter-city cooperation for risk reduction and resilience building.



The process for building a resilient urban future consists in:



Recent global shocks such as COVID-19 evidence the multidimensional impact of risks, underlining the need to prepare and strengthen urban systems for faster response and recovery.