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*Turning Conflict into Cooperation: What
can Protected Area managers do?*

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Who we are:

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Why we are here:

Can Protected Areas and Farmers be allies?

How can we improve our skills and approaches to prevent and manage conflicts, and establish and strengthen dialogue?



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Questions :

- 1. Why, relating to our topic is it relevant to find long-term harmony and fulfilling the UN Sustainable Development Goals?**
2. How can we, personally and together, change our behaviour and act on regional, national and European level to find this harmony?
3. What lessons have we learned from past policies and measures in regards to the impact on the European Landscape?

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AGRICULTURE IS
CONNECTE DIRECTLY
AND INDIRECTLY TO
ALL SDGs

Special comments about
some SDGs:

- n. 9: Innovation in Agriculture is important to improve sustainability
- n. 11: Connection between farmland and cities is crucial
- n. 14: Unsustainable agriculture affects rivers and sea
- n. 16: Hunger causes wars

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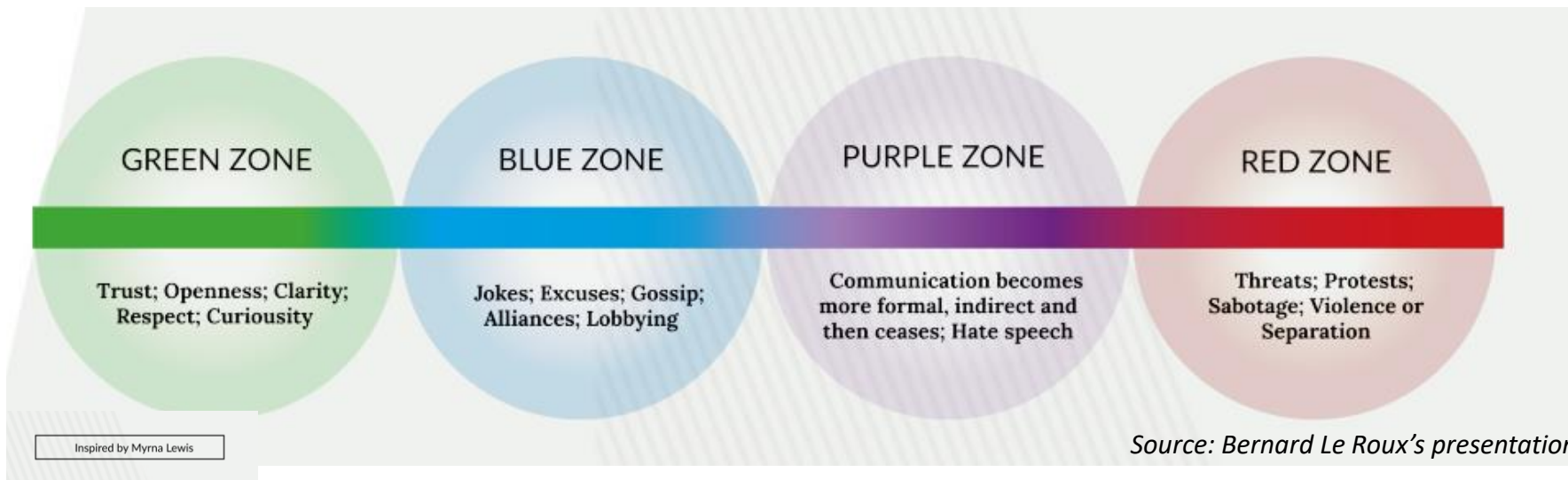


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In complex territories as the Protected Areas, **harmony** means collaboration, tolerance, comprehension, mutual understanding, be able to change behaviours and **Transform Conflict into Cooperation**. For that, some steps, some tools and some knowledges are necessities.



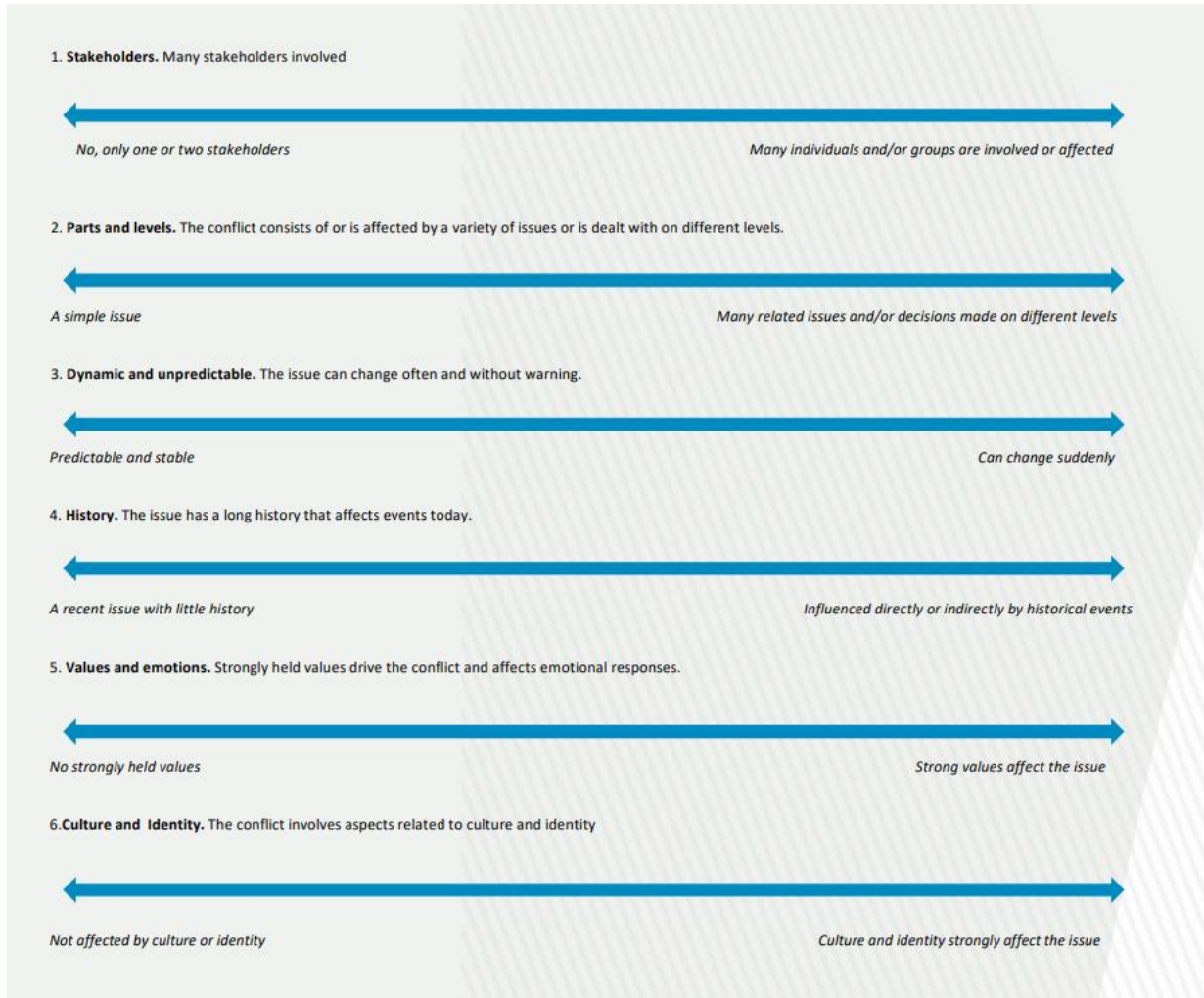
Analysis:

“Triange”:

How is today the relation ?
How serious is the conflict?



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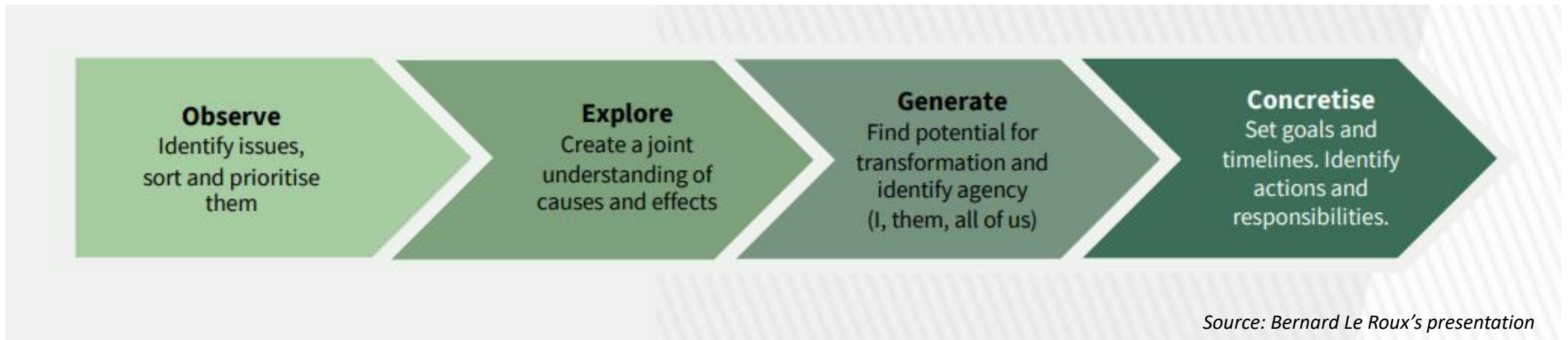


Source: Bernard Le Roux's presentation

Analysis:

“Level of complexity”:
of the conflict

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Do not jump from observation to actions: to better manage a dialogue, go deeper before to act



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CAP, Farm to Fork Strategy, Biodiversity Restoration law: all these policy debates, that impact landscape, have seen a big polarization in the last period.

Dialogue and attention to the others' visions are necessary, today more than ever, also to avoid political exploitation and manipulation.

But also in the past, things were not easier...

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