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Driving Urban Transitions

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Vulnerable communities driving innovation and governance for sustainable food systems in European cities – FEED4FOOD

How can Urban Innovation & Integrated Policies Improve Food Access

- In cities where food prices **rise faster** than incomes
- **Vulnerable** households remain food **insecure**
- Because **urban policy** has long separated agriculture, social care, & land-use planning
- Making it difficult to deploy inclusive, **circular** urban food **infrastructure**



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Living Labs, Learning Hub, Transition Strategy

- Three interconnected components:
- **Urban Agriculture Living Labs** as on-the-ground experimentation (Greece, Cyprus, Romania)
- **Central Knowledge & Learning Hub** that aggregates data and performance insights
- **Transition Strategy** that supports co-learning, mentoring, and long-term viability



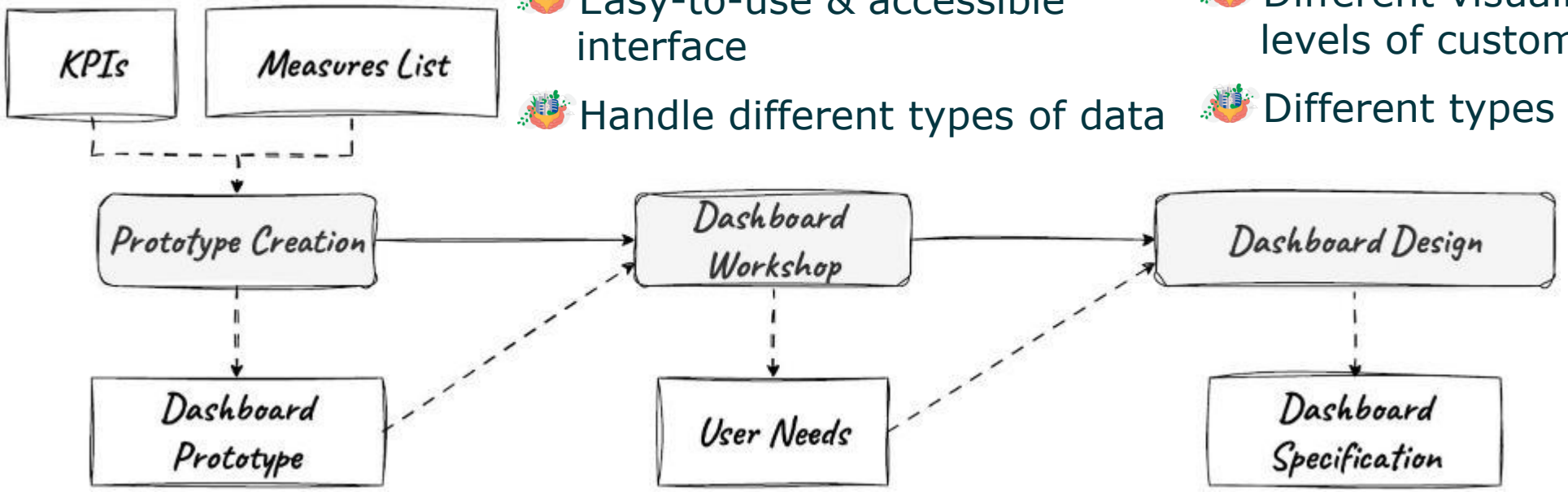
Living Labs - Dashboard

Data gathering:

- Easy-to-use & accessible interface
- Handle different types of data

Data visualization:

- Different visualizations & levels of customization
- Different types of users



- Data Collection Protocol
- Each LL

Home Gardening – Vulnerable Groups














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POLICY - Urban Agriculture Living Labs

- Institutionalize **Urban Agriculture Living Labs** as a core element of urban food policy, integrating social inclusion, circular practices, and local food production into standard city planning
- **Level of governance**: Local (municipal) → enabled and scaled by national and EU frameworks
- **Policy instrument**: Planning standard combined with targeted public funding mechanisms
- **What should change**: Municipalities formally recognize & fund them; National governments & EU should align funding streams

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