

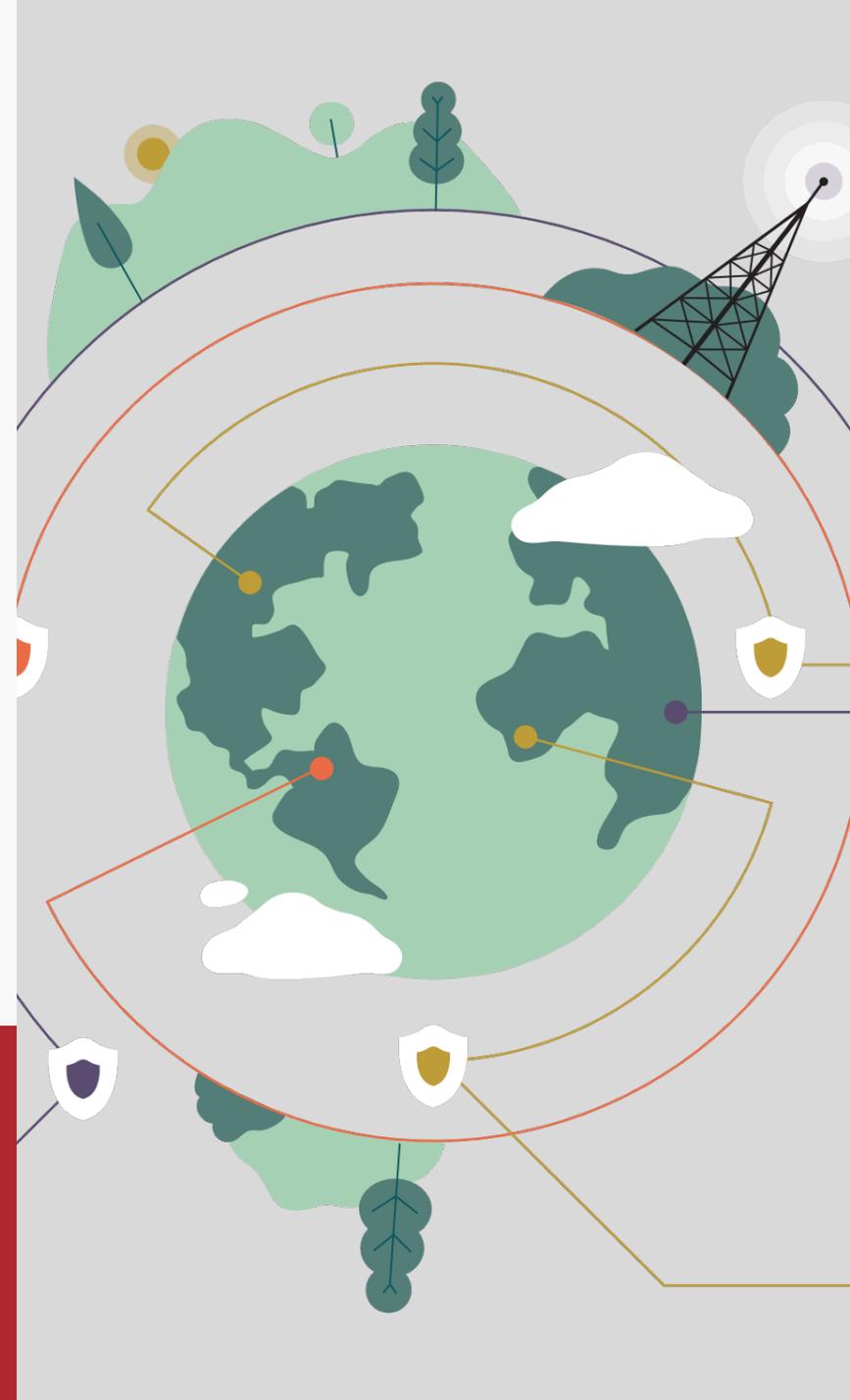
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## Analysing coherence and integration in policies for adapting to cross-border impacts of climate change

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# Policy coherence

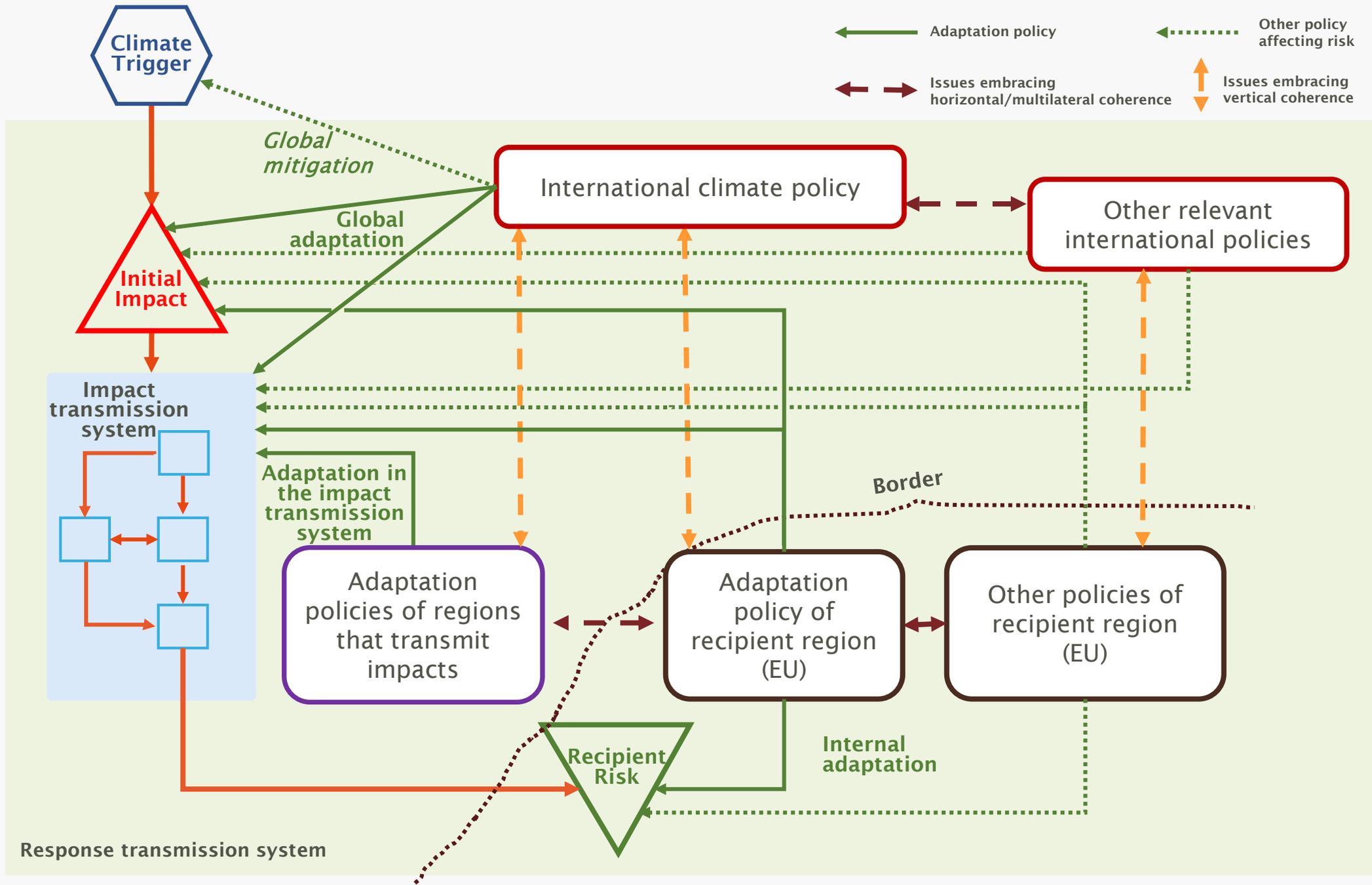
**“an attribute of policy that systematically reduces conflicts and promotes synergies between and within different policy areas to achieve the outcomes associated with jointly agreed policy objectives.” (Nilsson et al. 2012)**

## **Different forms of policy coherence:**

- (1)horizontal (between policy sub-systems/domains)
- (2)vertical (e.g. between the EU and member states),
- (3)internal (consistency of objectives within a policy sub-system)
- (4)multilateral (interaction between international organizations)

*“Coherence is not a natural state of affairs in bureaucratic political systems, whether at national administration or the EU level”*

(Furness and Gänzle, 2017:478)

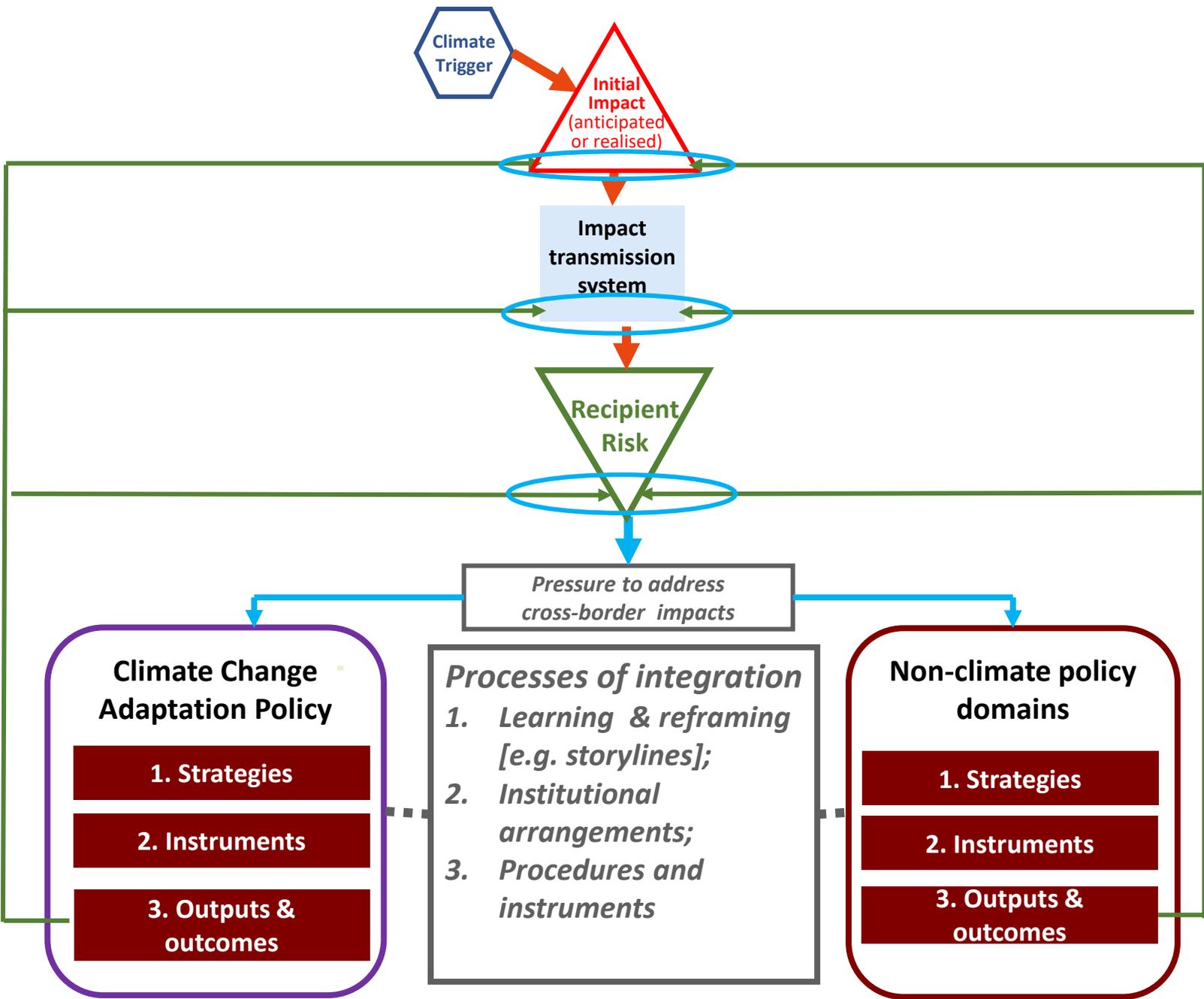
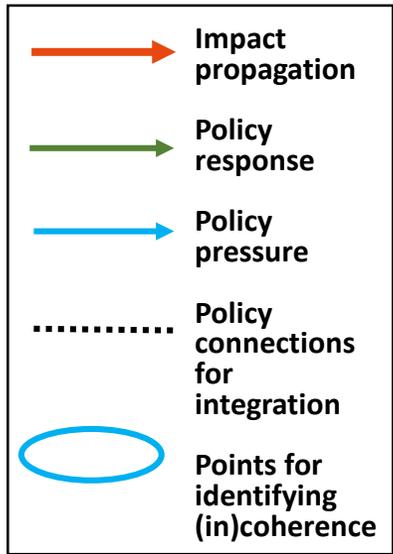


# Policy integration

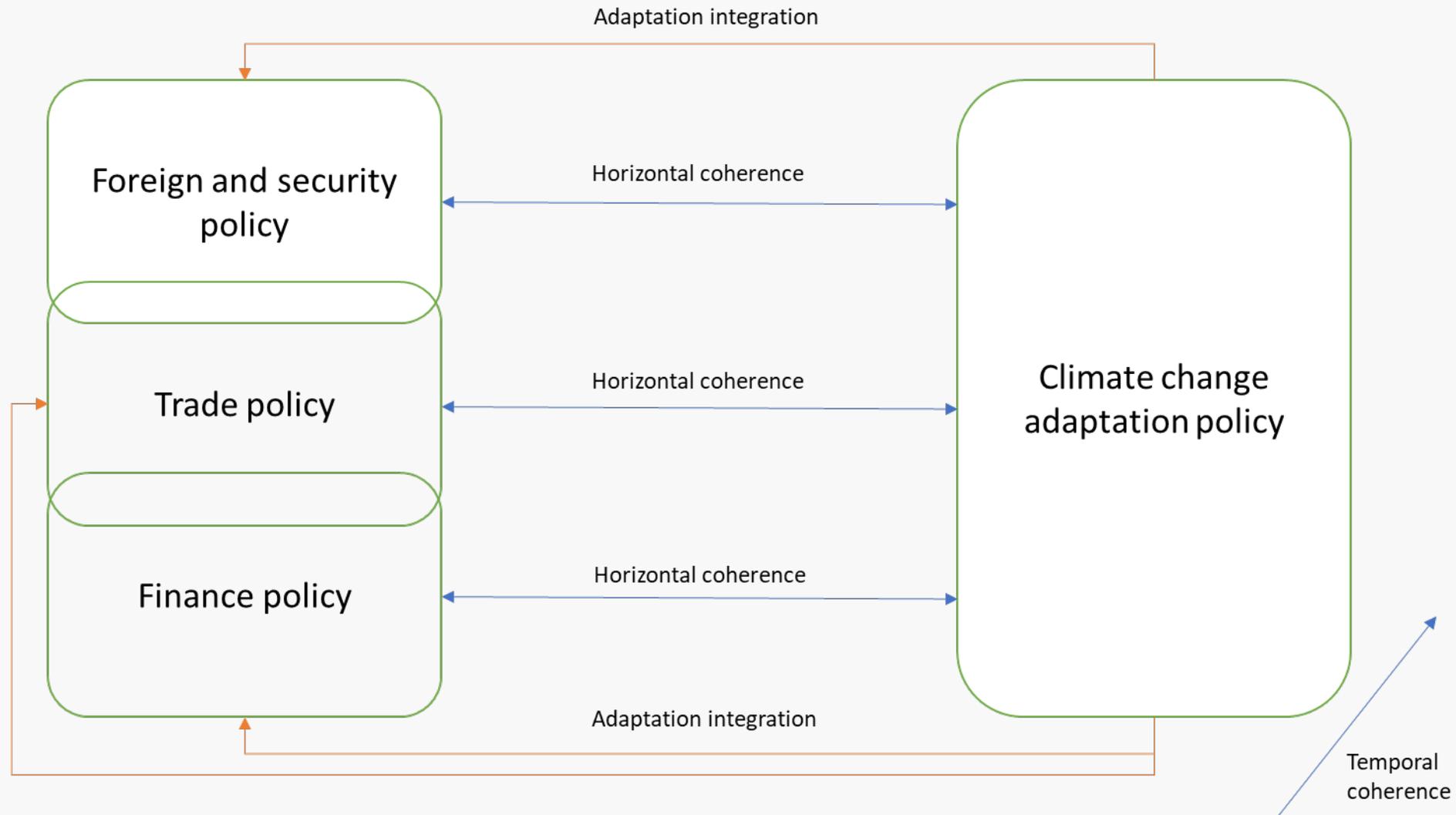
= certain policy goals and principles associated with one policy sub-system are adopted also in another policy sub-system

**Climate adaptation policy integration** can be defined as “the incorporation of climate adaptation objectives and principles into all stages of policymaking in non-climate policy sectors”

This will include (a) building long-term adaptation capacity, and (b) preparing for sudden impacts of climate change [see Cascades Policy Recommendations].

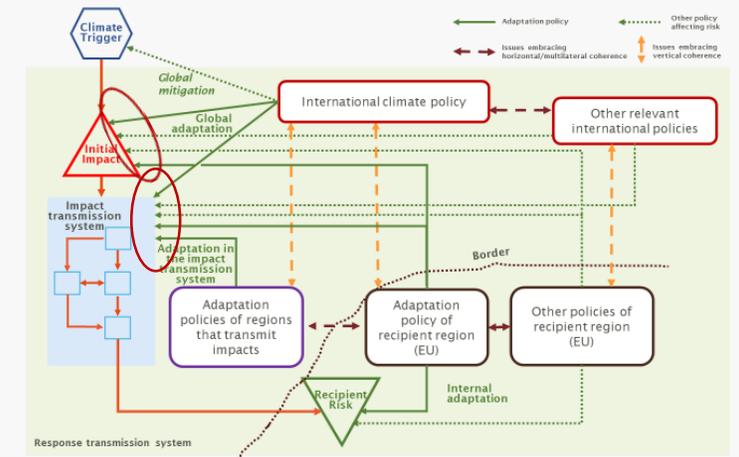


# In Cascades many relevant links have been explored



# The dynamic nature of both climate impacts and other drivers demands "flexible integration"

- In a cross-border context, **different elements may develop over time at different speeds or even in opposite directions.** Integration at a strategic level does not guarantee coherence of actions;
- Also weak integration, such a mere recognition of adaptation policy action by other domains, can improve coherence of adaptation to cross-border impacts;
- To develop wider coherent responses to cross-border impacts adaptation policy needs to be supported by 'adaptation diplomacy' that brings together policy domains on a transnational level for concerted actions [see also Cascades Strategic recommendations for European resilience.]



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