# How do we get to a carbon neutral world?







15 years



**Carbon Neutral** 

# Our View

Students who engage with high-quality climate education build empathy, learn to combine facts, reflect critically and know how to transform their thoughts into actions.

#### I Team Introduction









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#### I Research



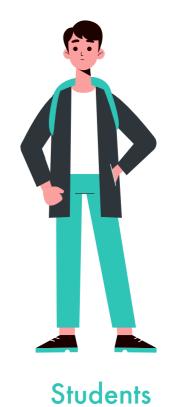
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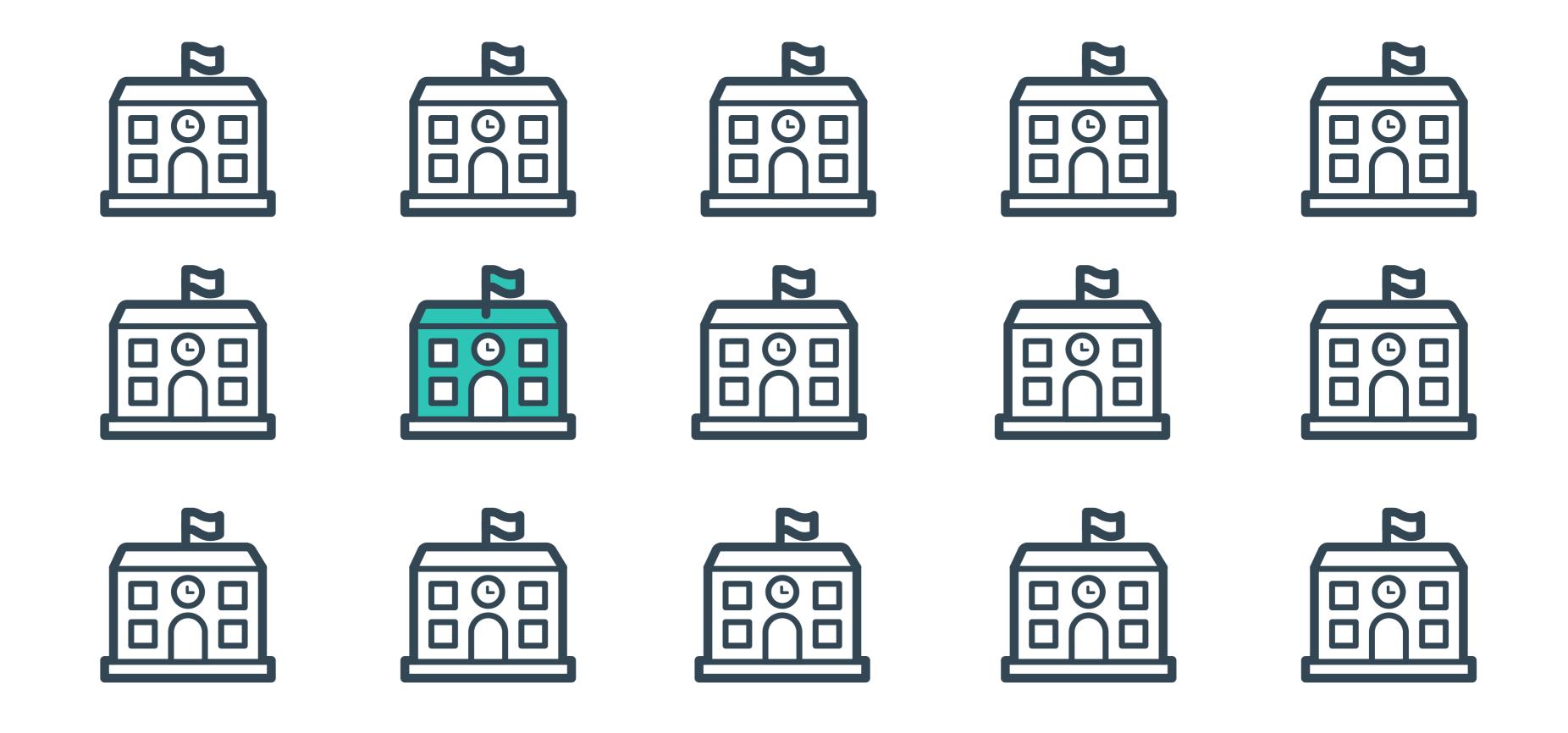




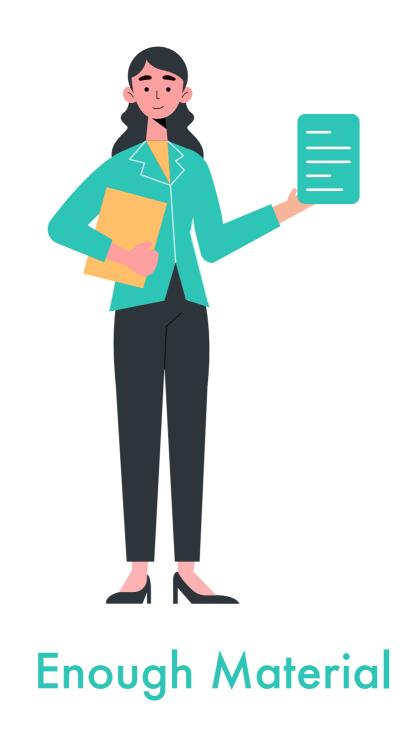


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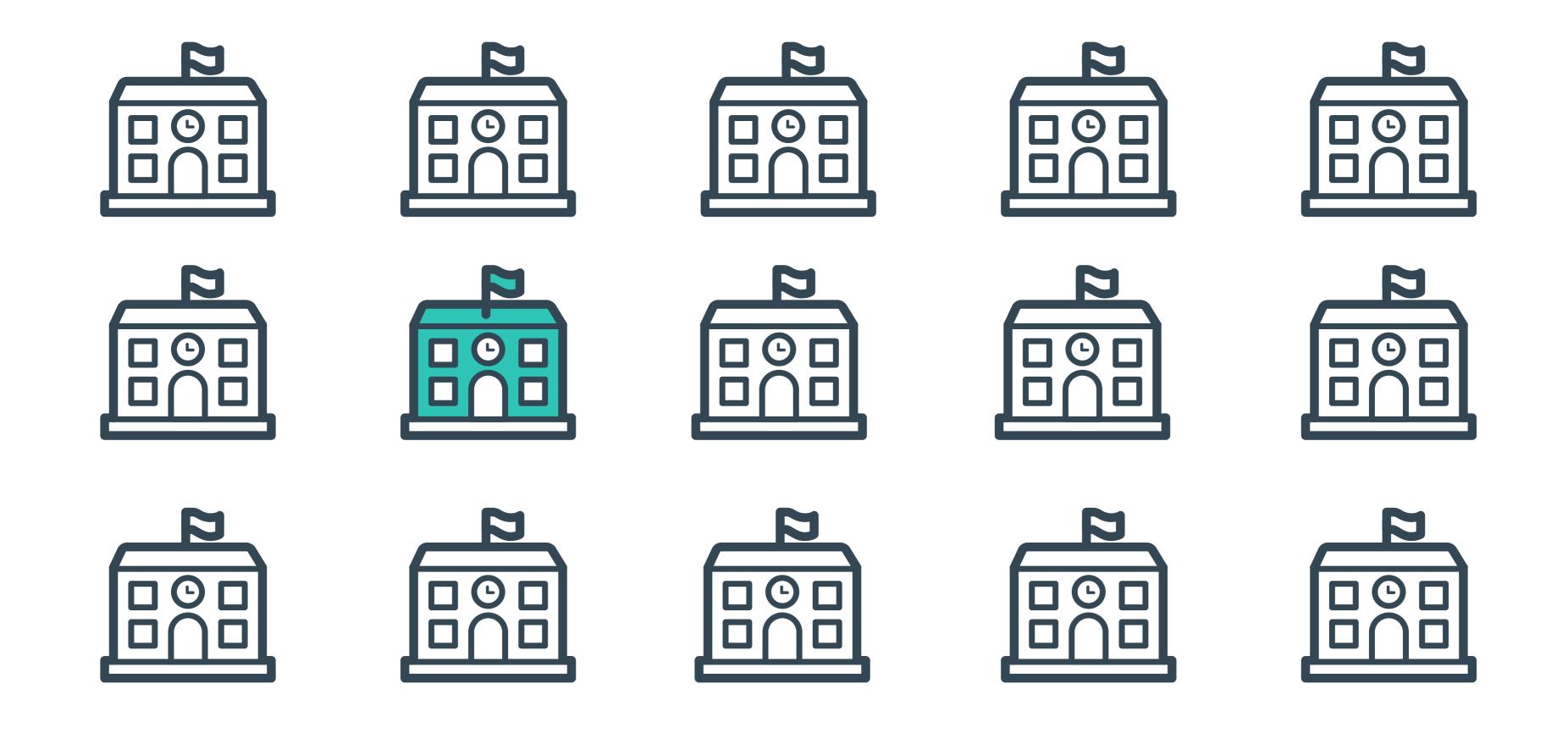








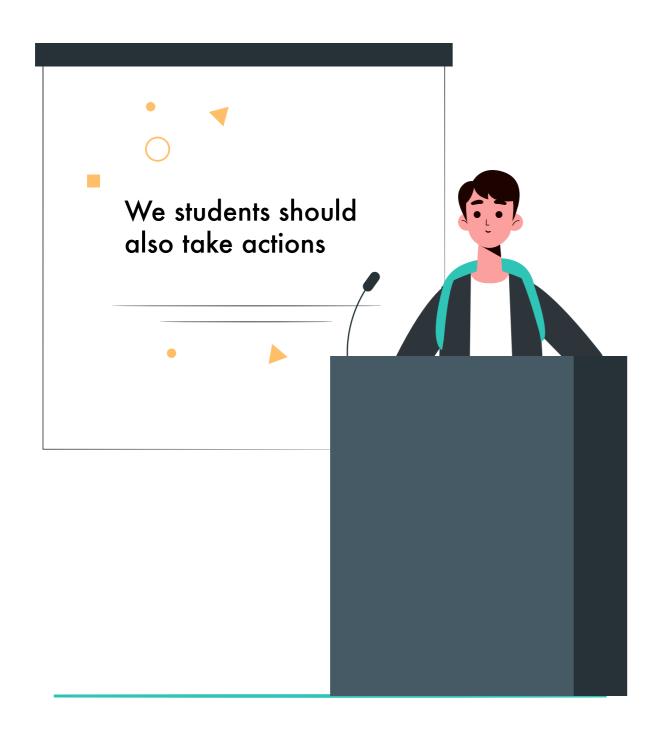
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# Ministry perspective

#### I Active Citizenship



Active Citizenship

"Climate Active citizenship is engaging in a broad range of activities to consciously participate in democratic processes and shape society."

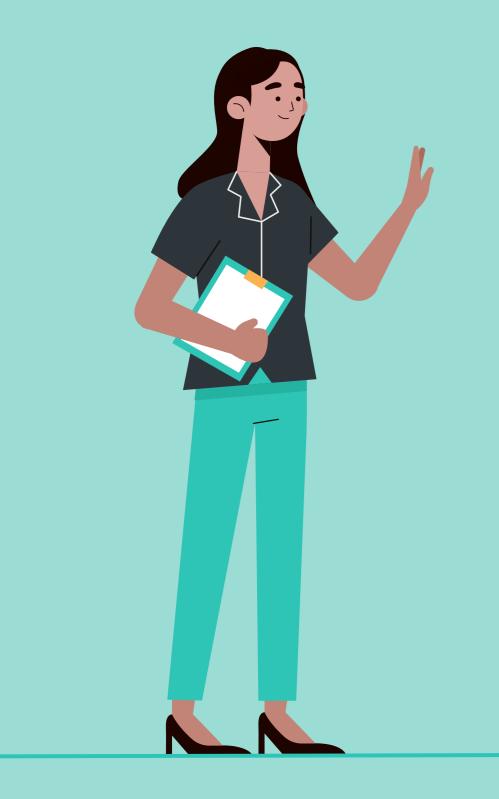
#### **I** Active Citizenship



Conscious Consumer

"Some teachers only focus on the conscious consumer side, and totally lack this active citizenship side."

- Ministry employee

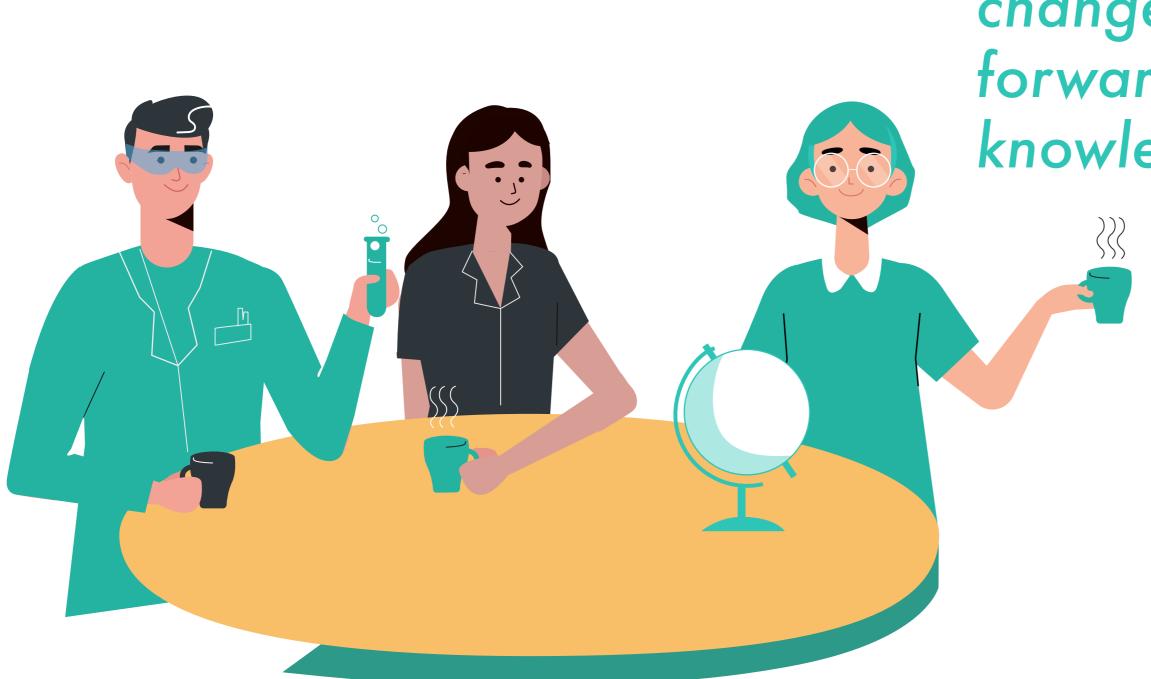


# Teacher perspective



"Teachers tell me they are worried about climate anxiety and they want tools and ways to deal with emotions."

- Climate Educator



"Teachers who have access to a multidisciplinary group of teachers are more comfortable when approaching climate change as they can always forward the question to a more knowledgeable teacher."

- Climate Educator

# I Teacher Type S









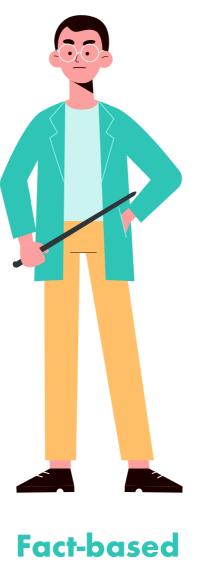


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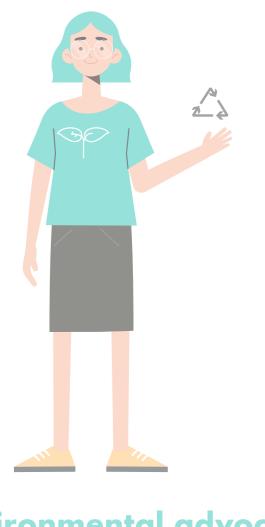
# I Teacher Types











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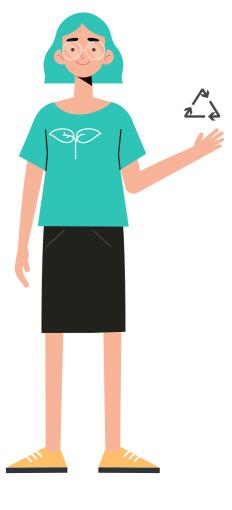
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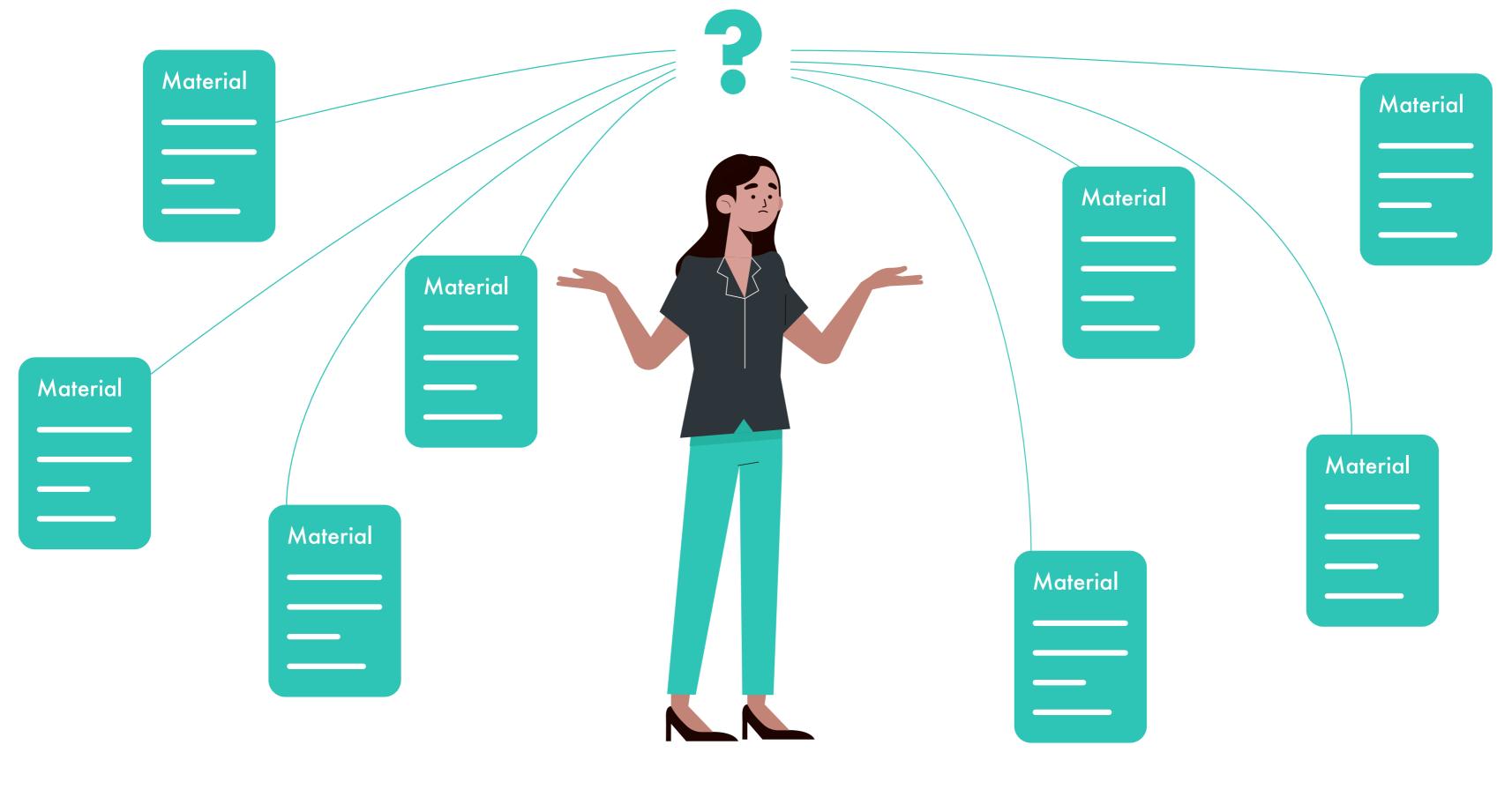




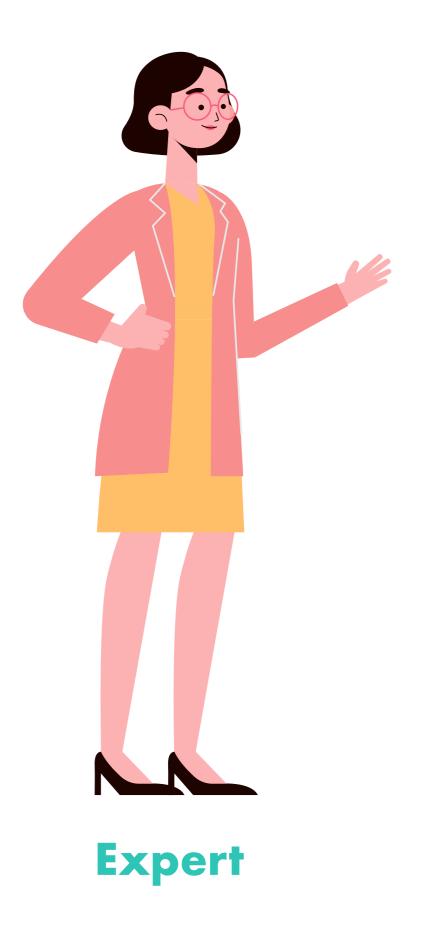


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## I Selecting Material



#### I Teacher Education





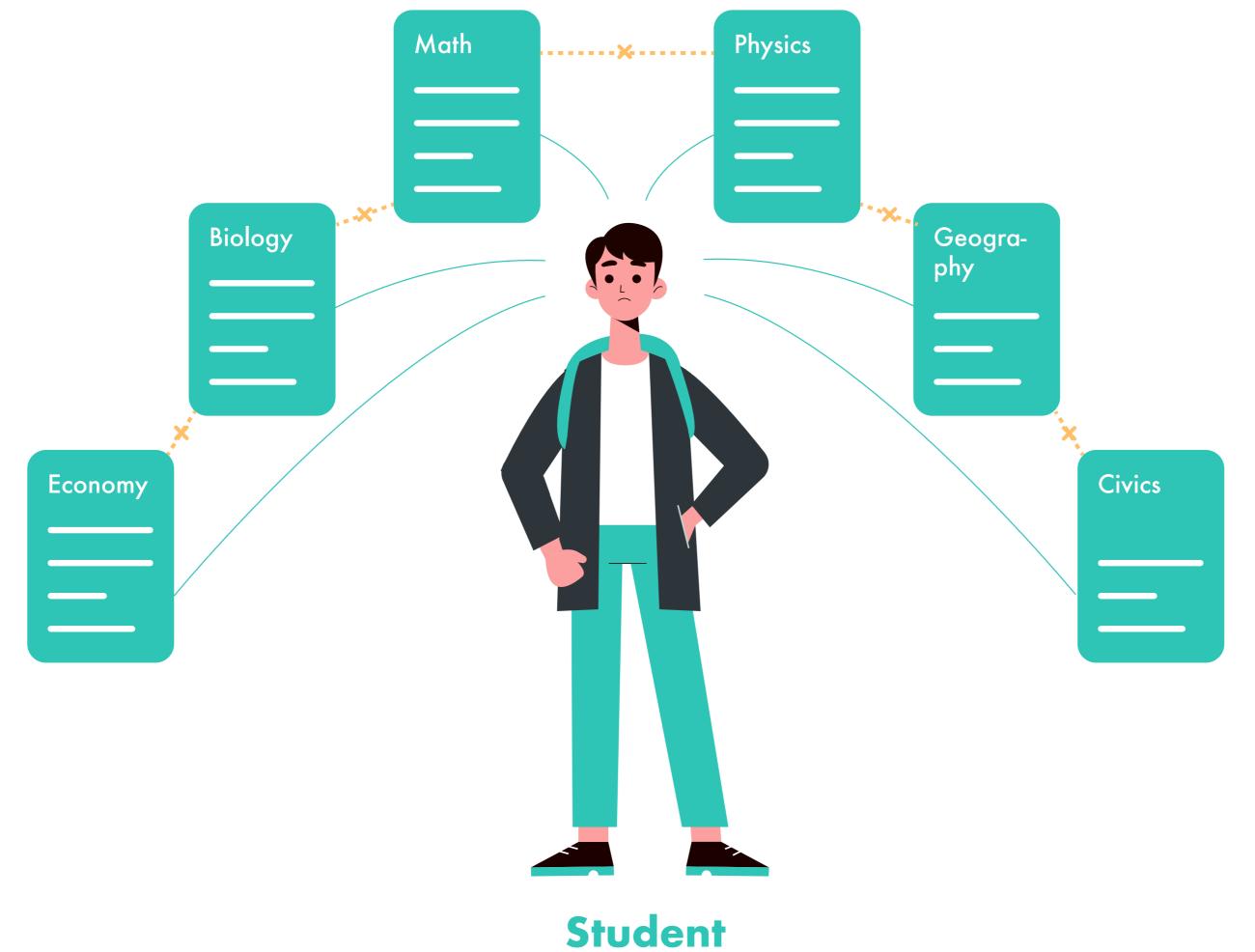


**Teacher** 



# Student perspective

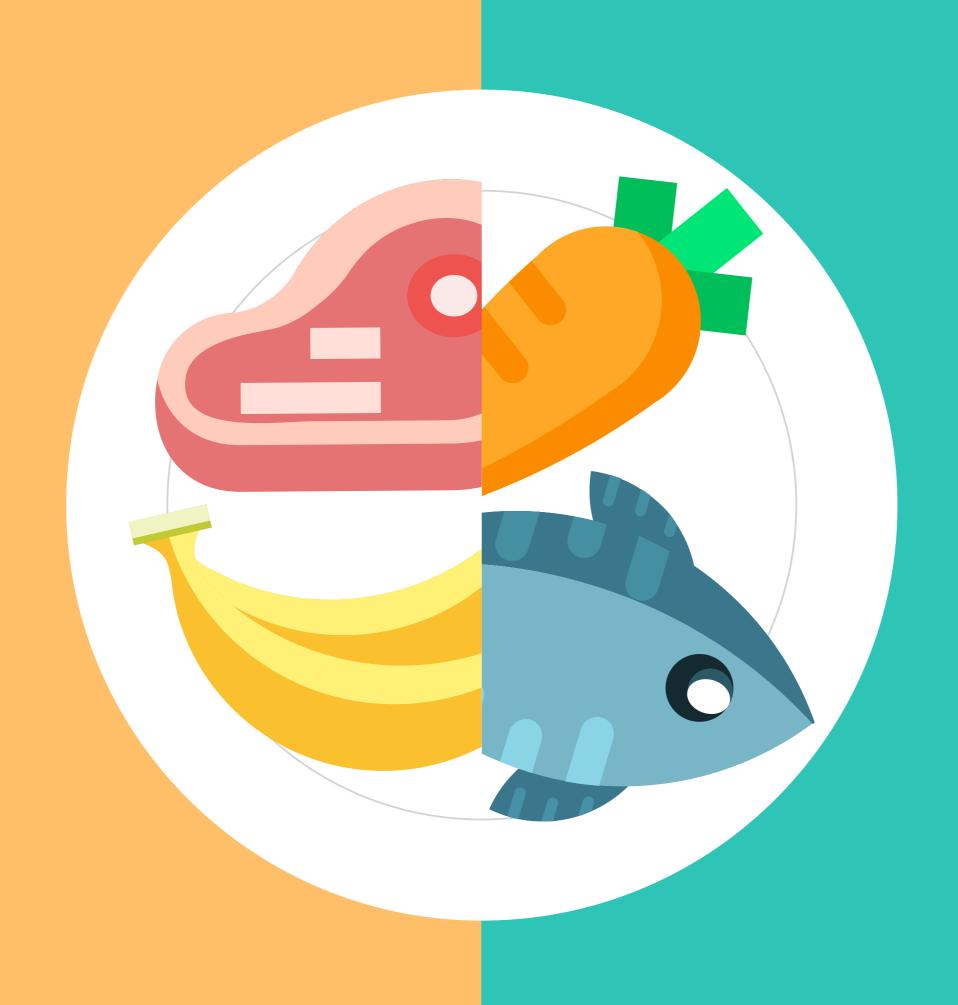
# I Holistic Perspective



"When the students came back from the climate strike, they are all over the stage. We had to give them time to talk about their feelings."

- Headmaster





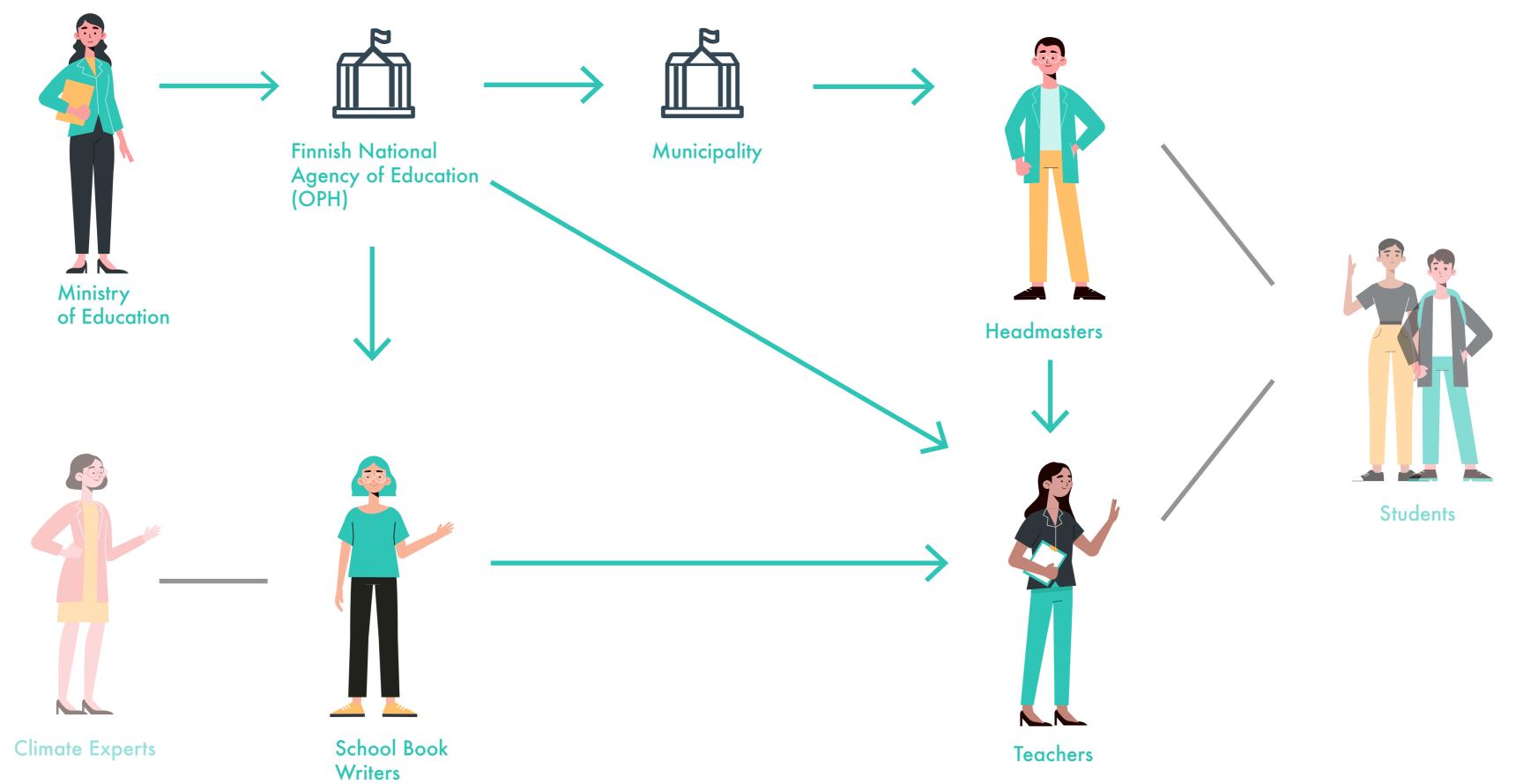


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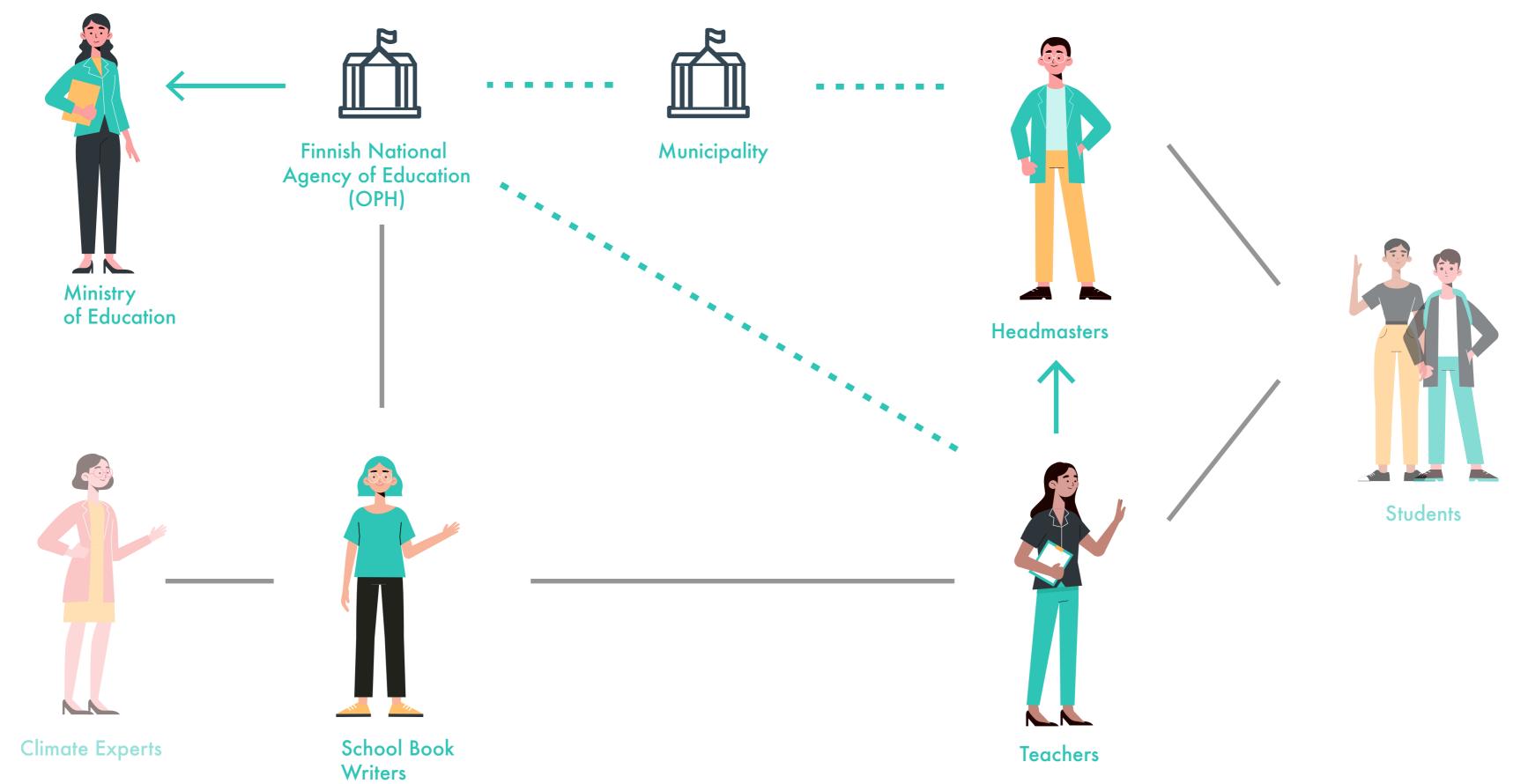




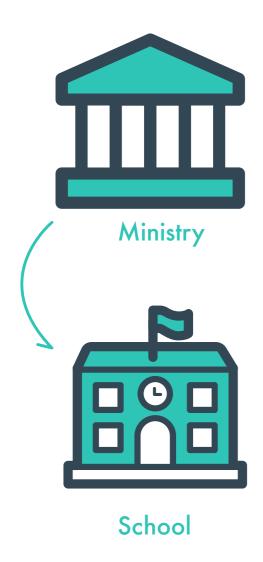
# I Top-down communication



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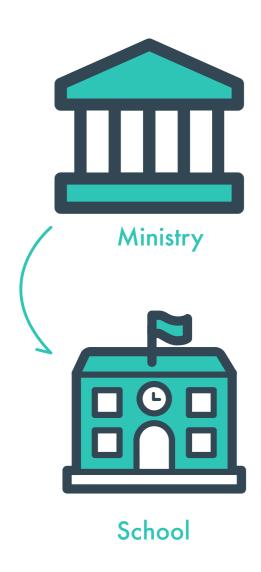
## I Problem Summary



Lack of feedback loop

Lack of active citizenship

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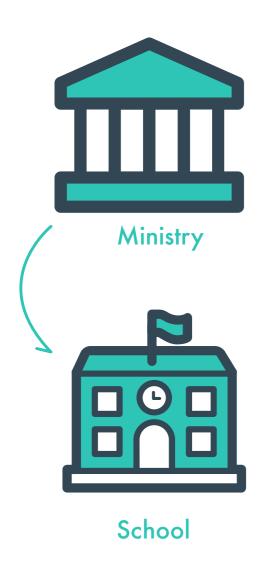






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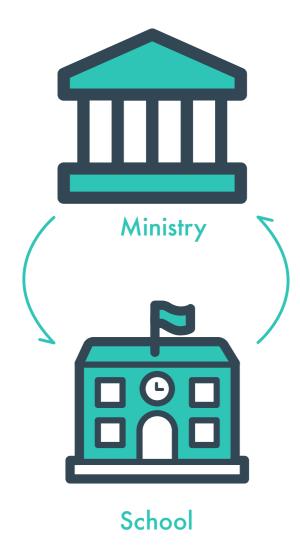


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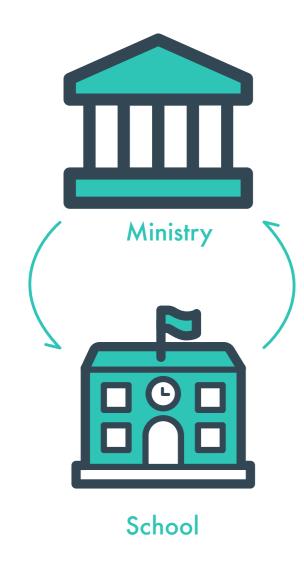
Need holistic perspective Need active citizenship experience

# I Solution space



Close the feedback loop

### I Solution space

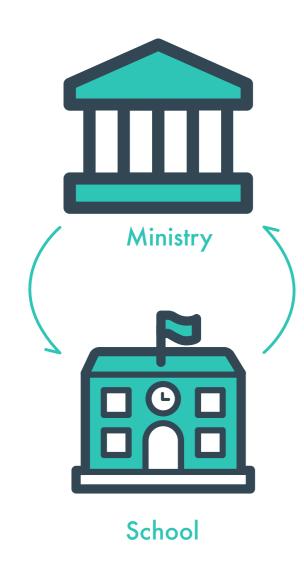


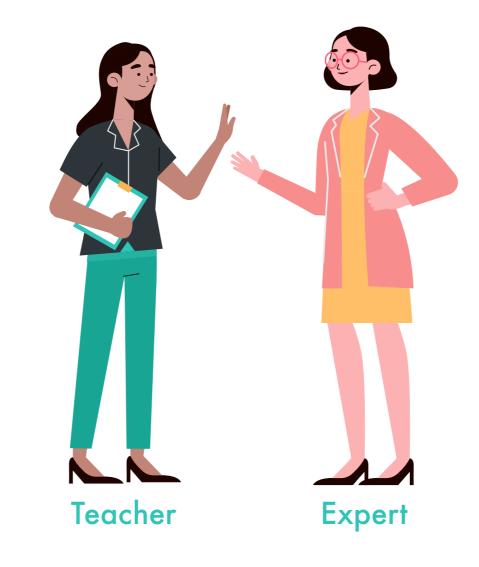


Close the feedback loop

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#### I Solution space







Close the feedback loop

Provide teacher support

Active citizenship experience

# HINKO

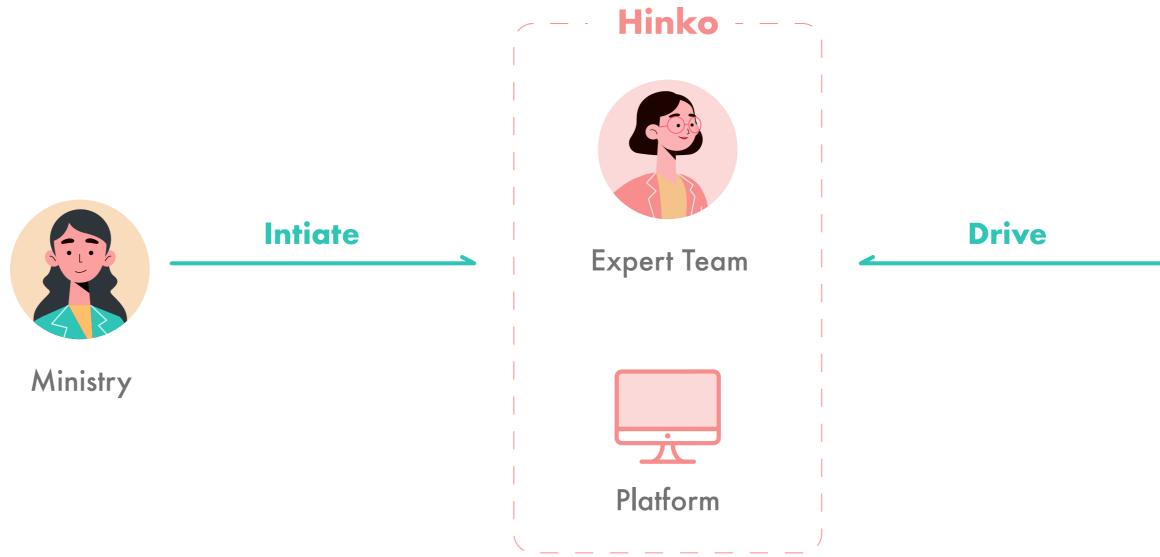
Climate education module & network



## Hinko

Led by the government, driven by schools.

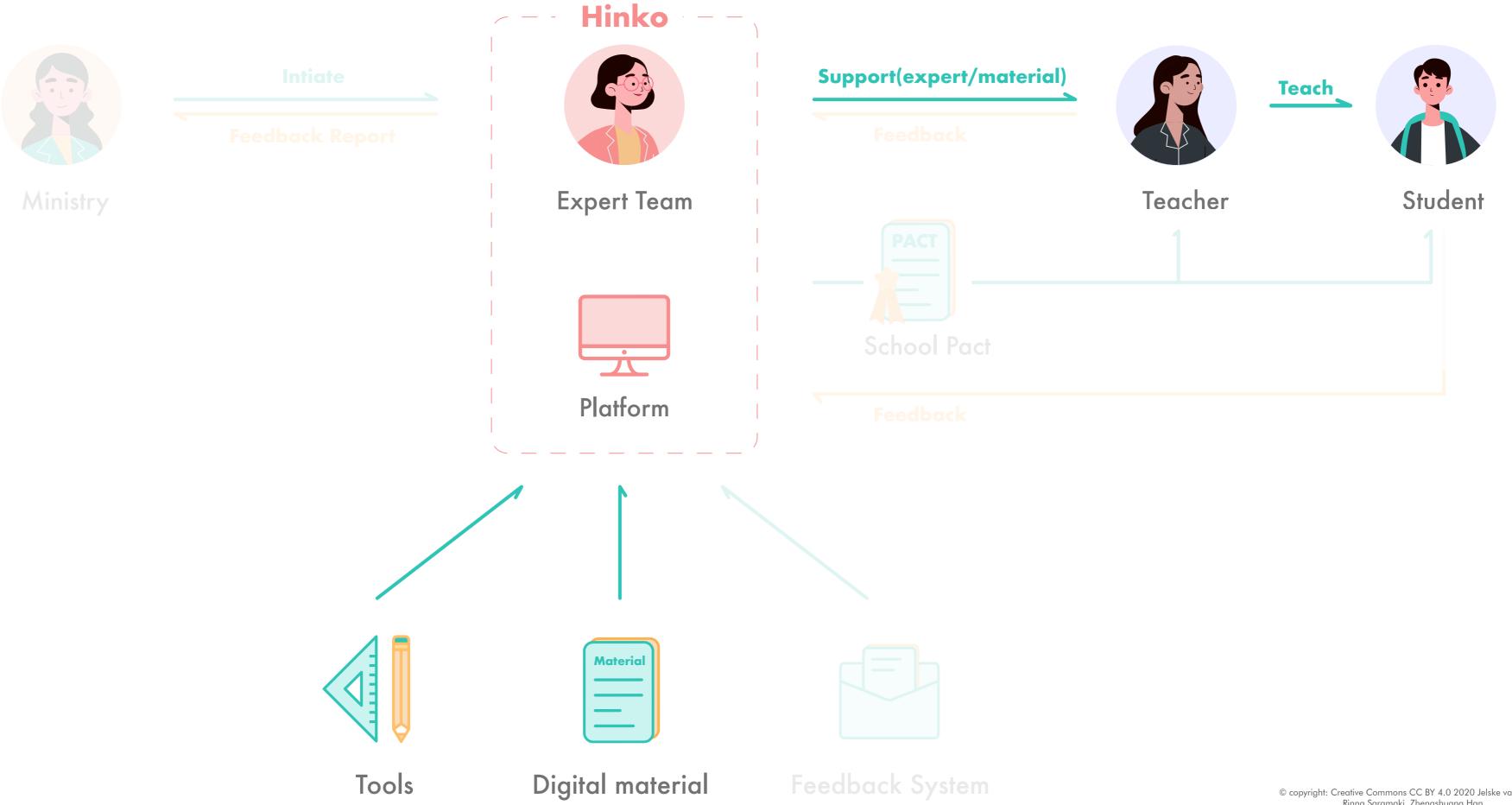
Transforming knowledge into action.



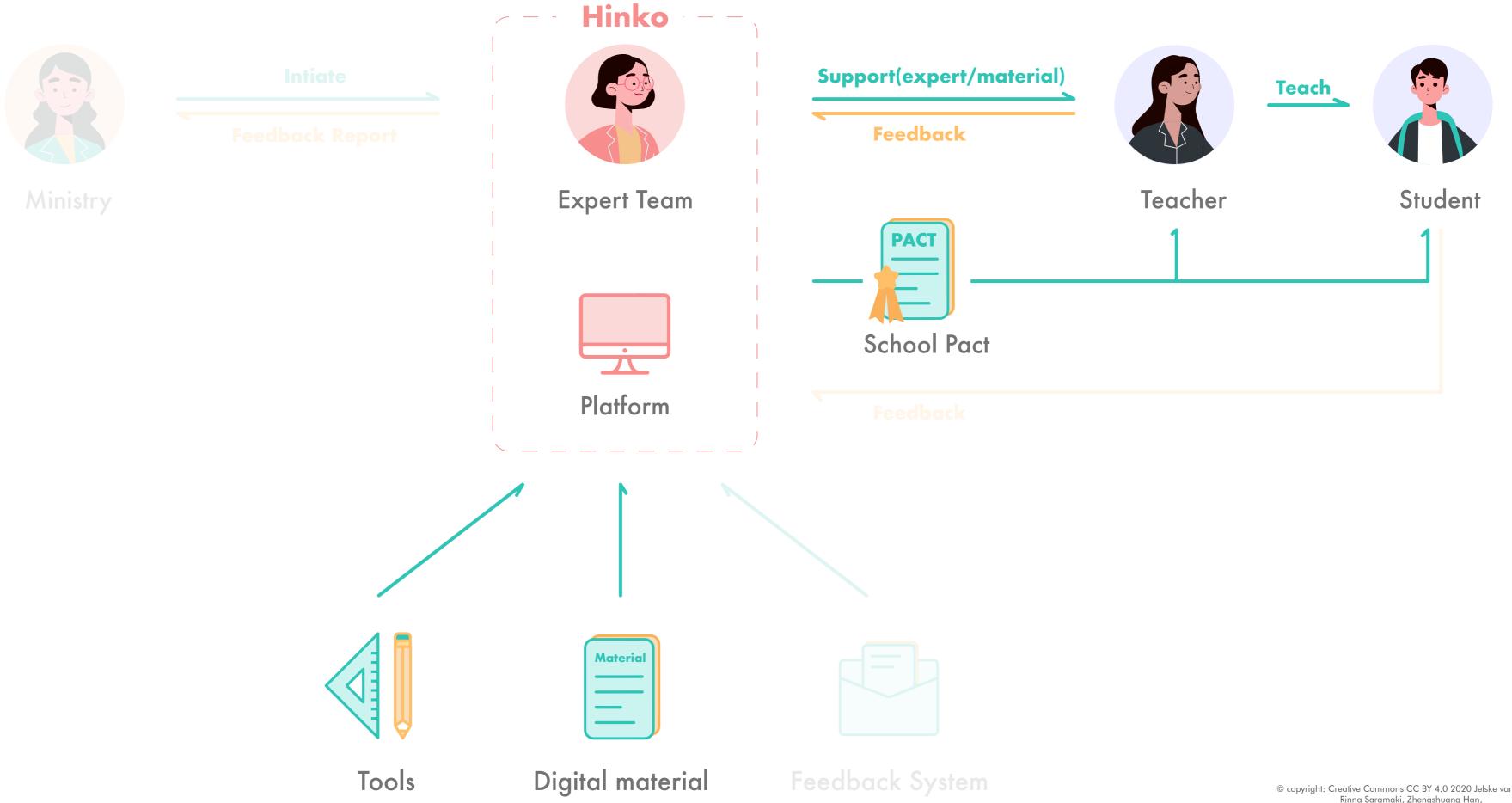
**Teacher** 

Student

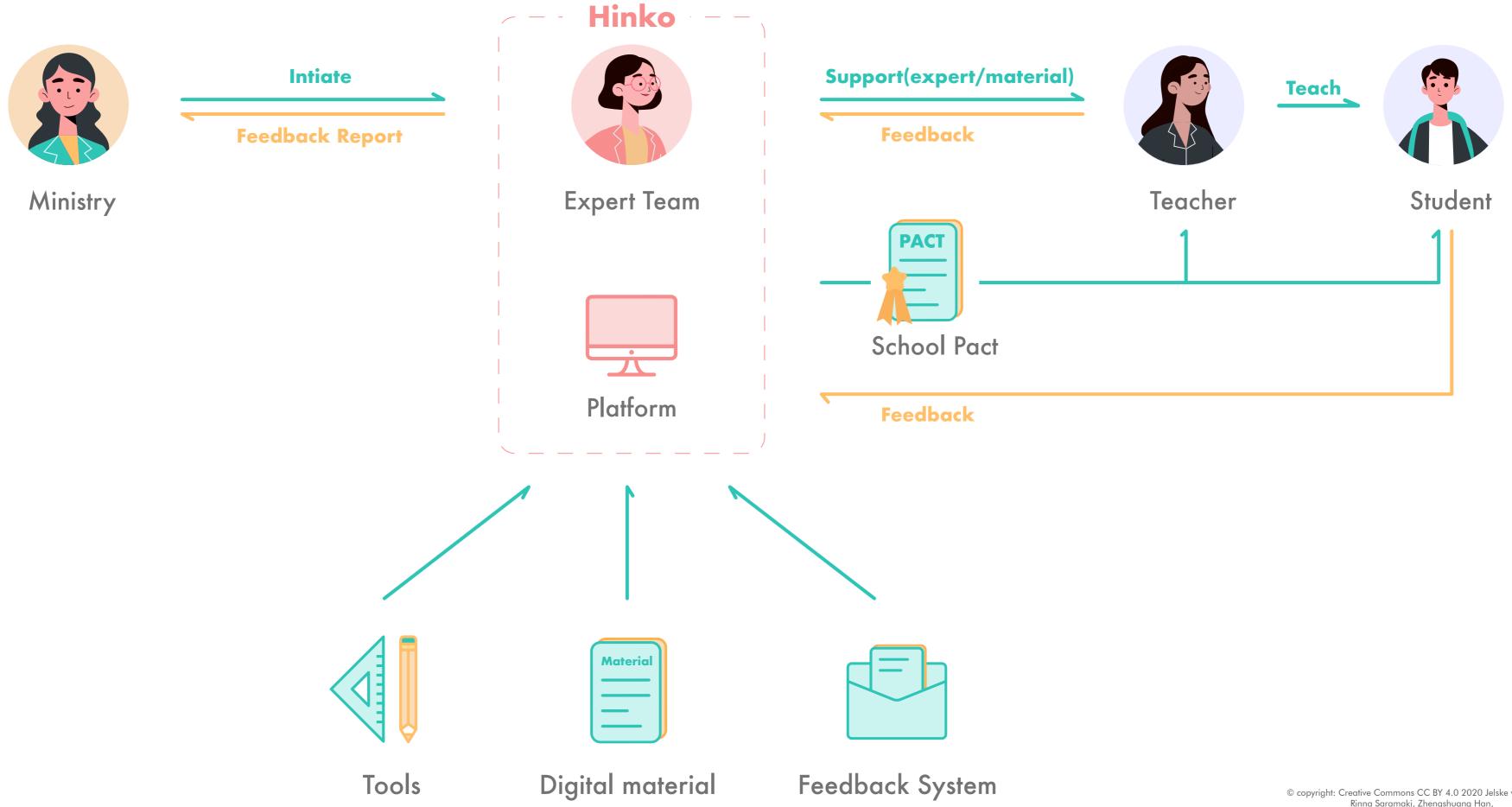
#### I Hinko module and network



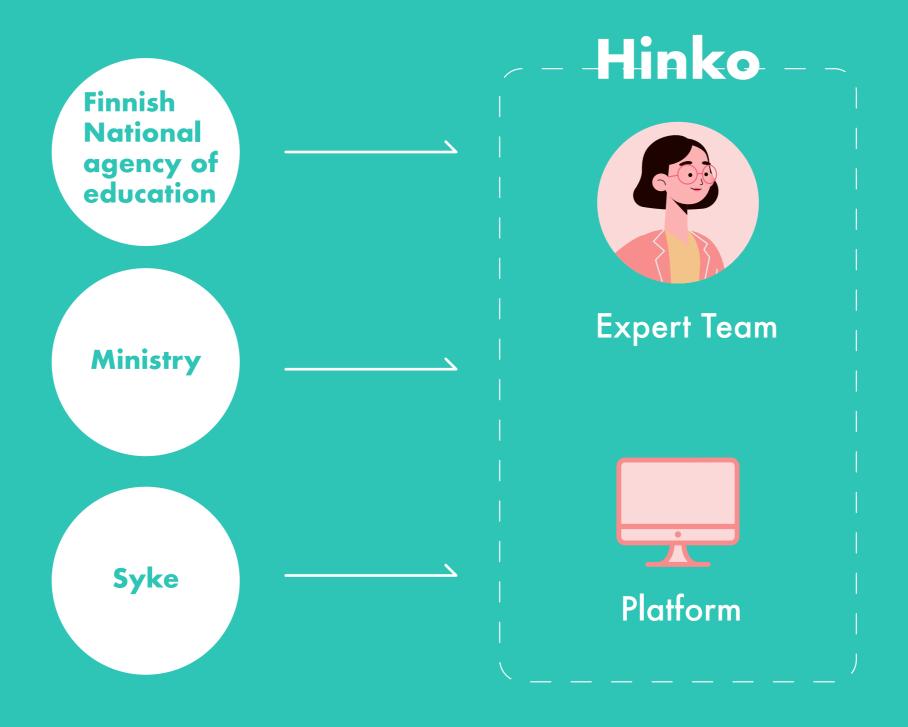
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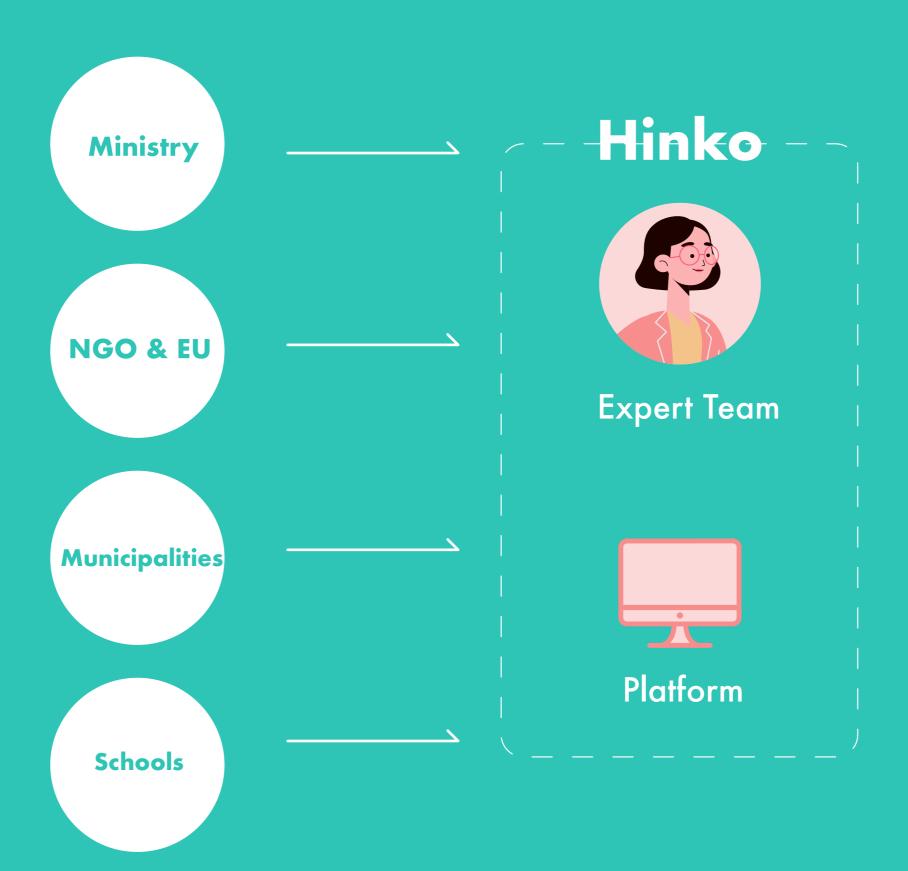
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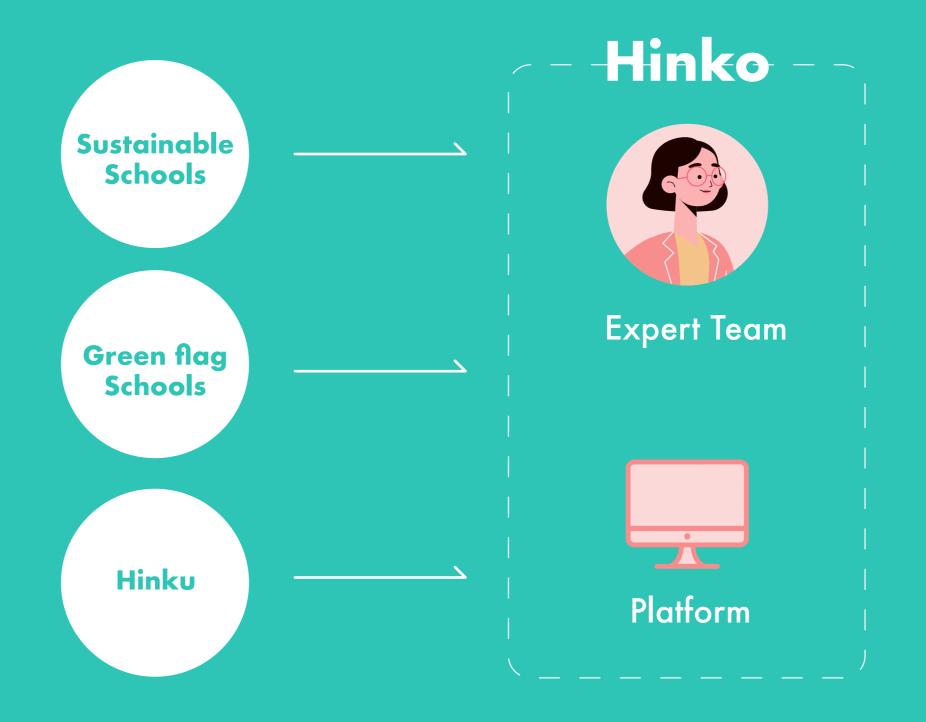
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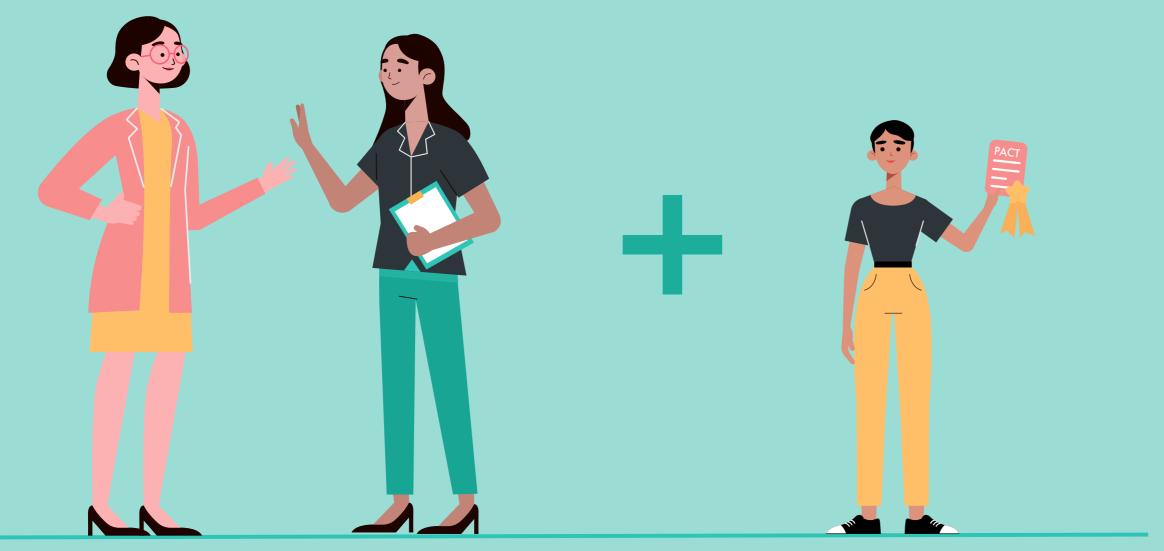
## Who is funding Hinko?



## Cooperation opportunities?



# Hinko in practice



**Training** 

**Action pact** 

# Hinko in practice

Part 1: Teacher Training



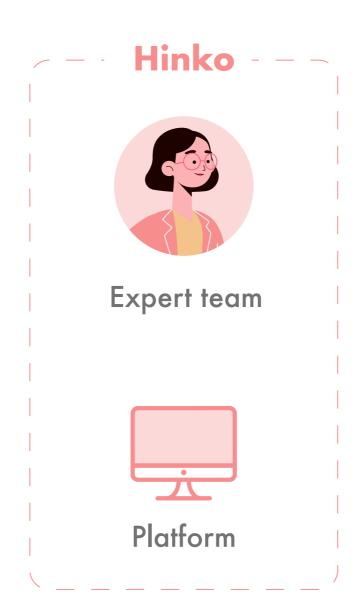
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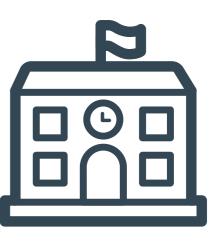
Action pact

#### **Contact**

Initiating school pact and joining the Hinko program.



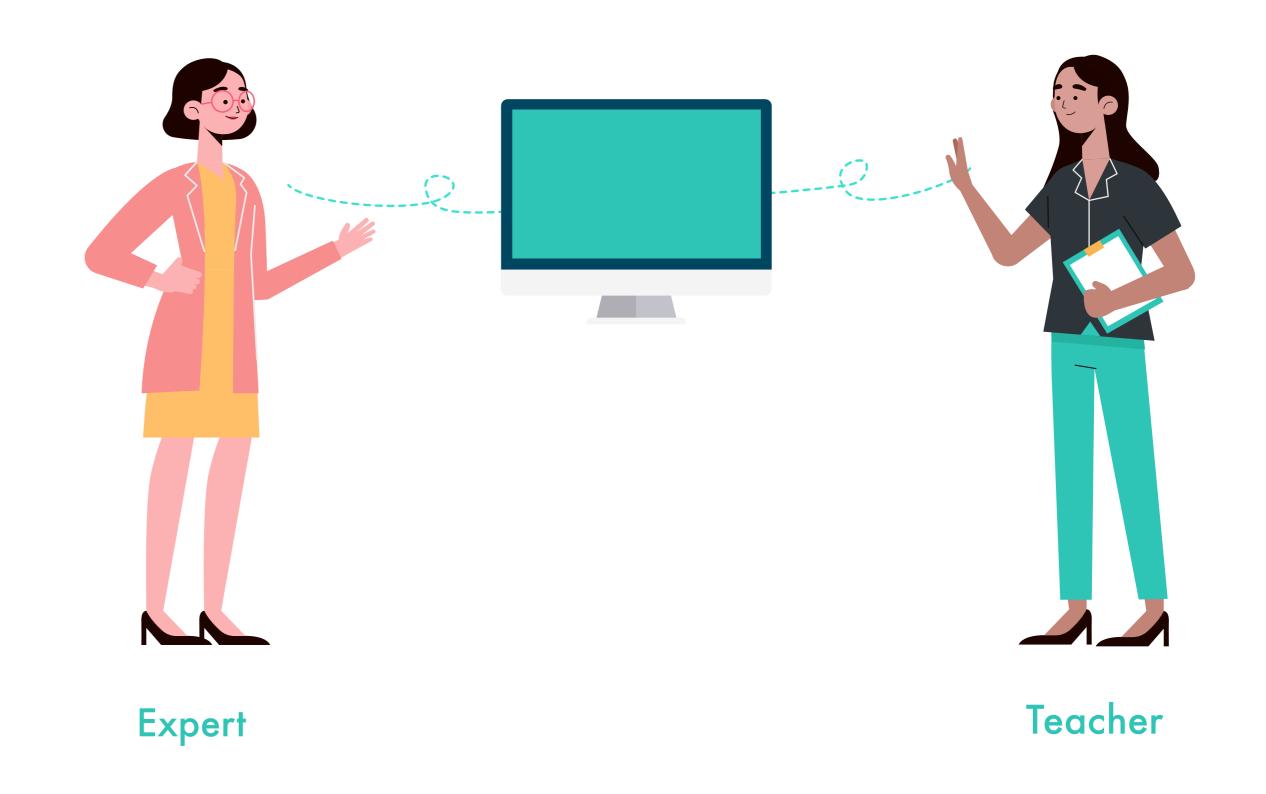




#### Train & Teach

Expert helps teacher to prepare lessons with climate focus.

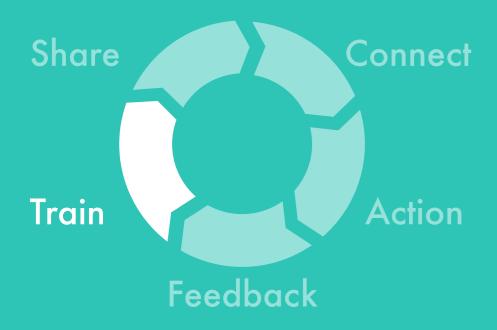


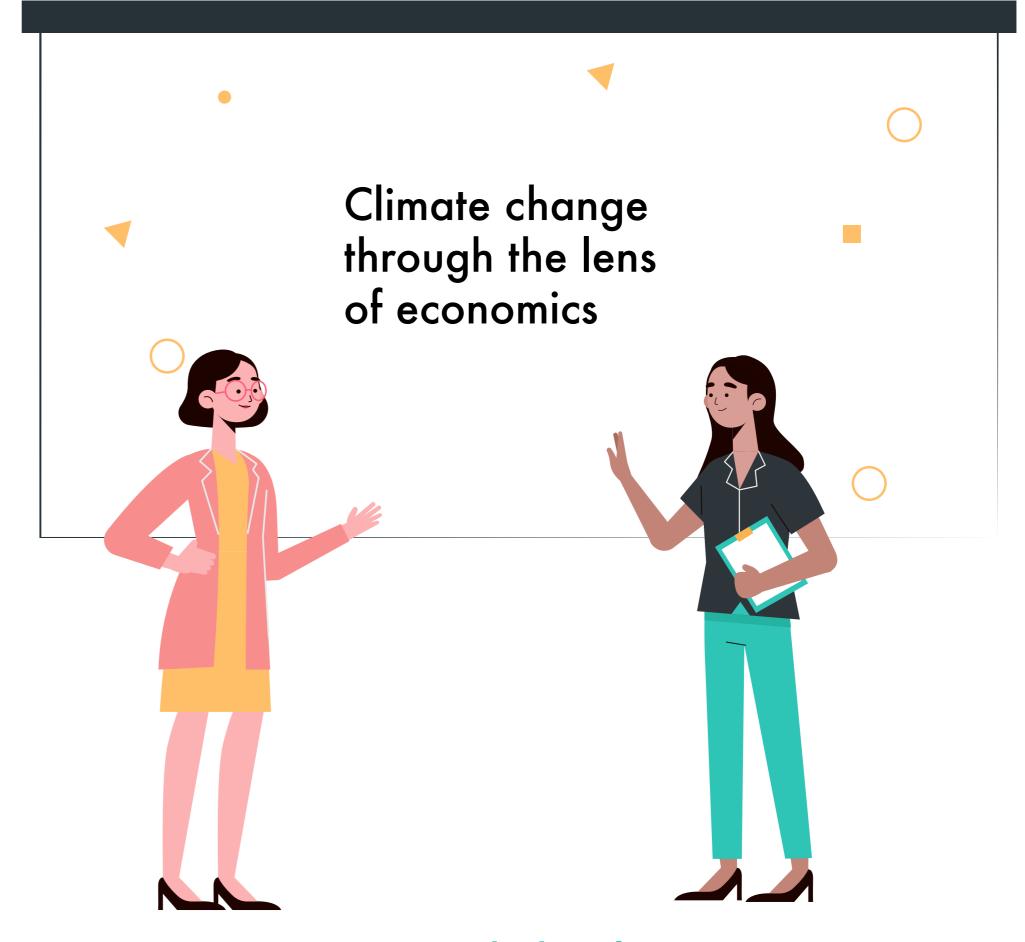


#### Train & Teach

Teacher and expert co-teach class.

Teacher gets direct support to face difficult emotions.



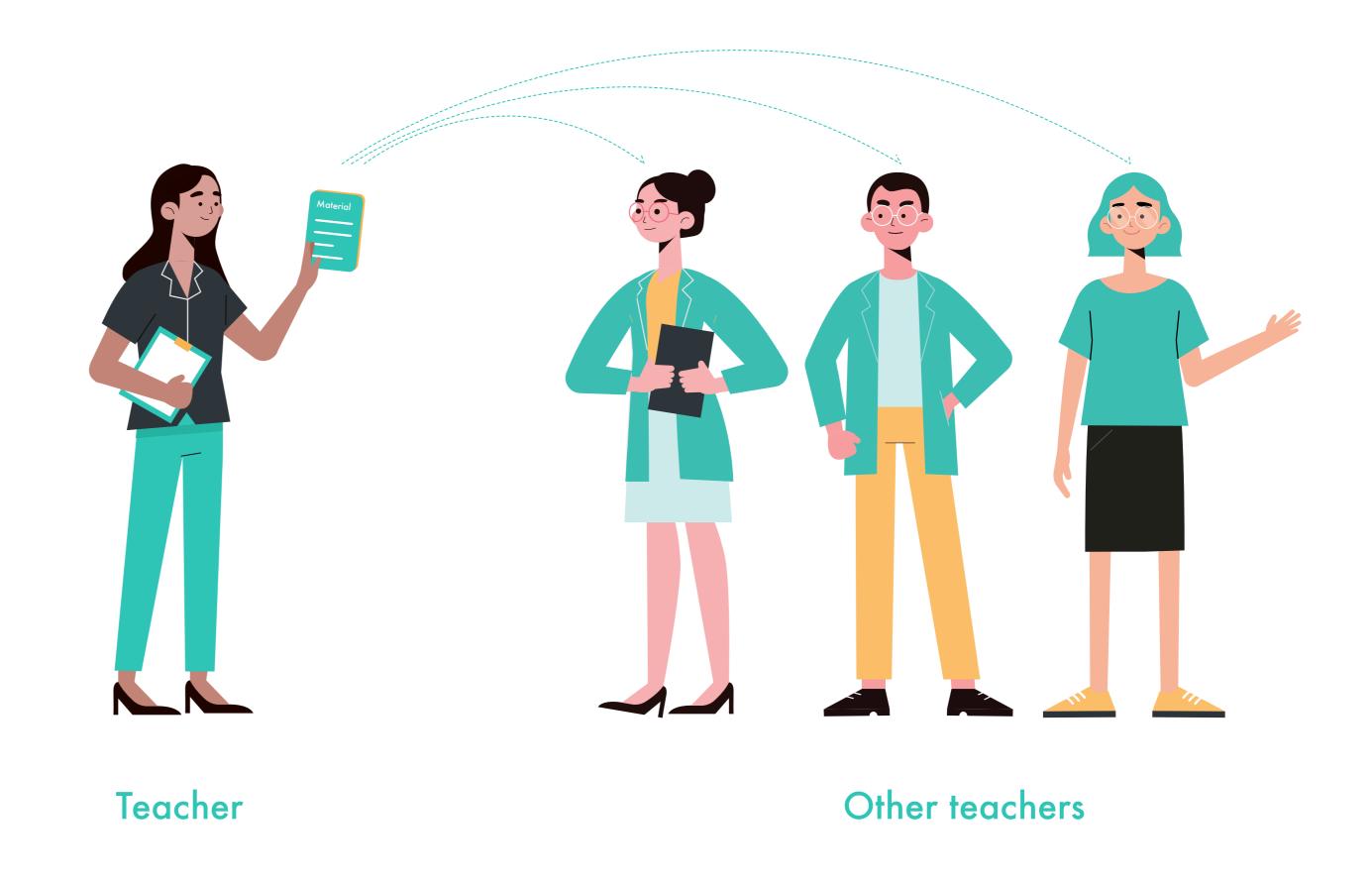


Co-teach the class

#### **Share & Support**

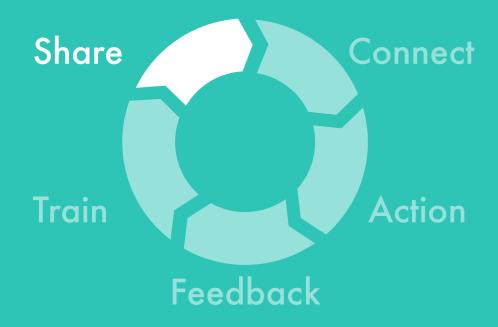
Teacher shares new knowledge and skills with other teachers.

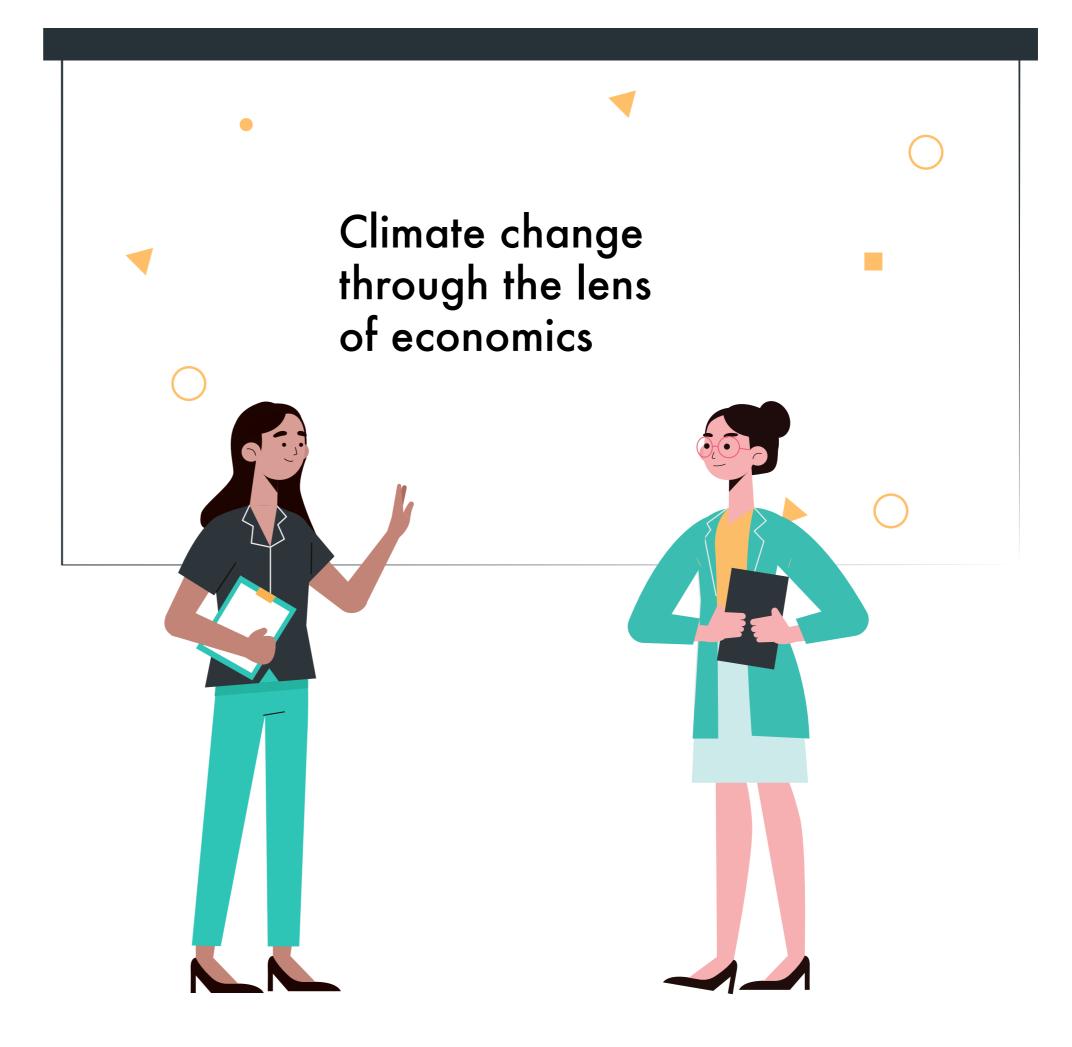




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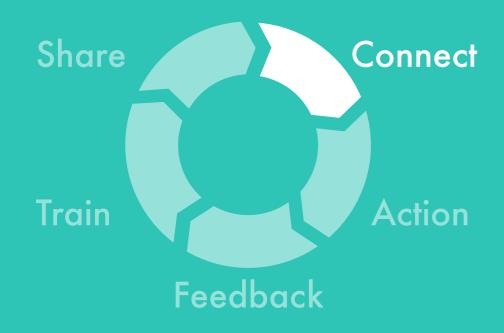
Hinko-trained teacher co-teaches classes with other teachers to share support and skills.





#### **Connect the dots**

Holistic perspective is developed across courses through discussions.





Students discuss with teachers and experts

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# Hinko in practice

Part 2: School pact



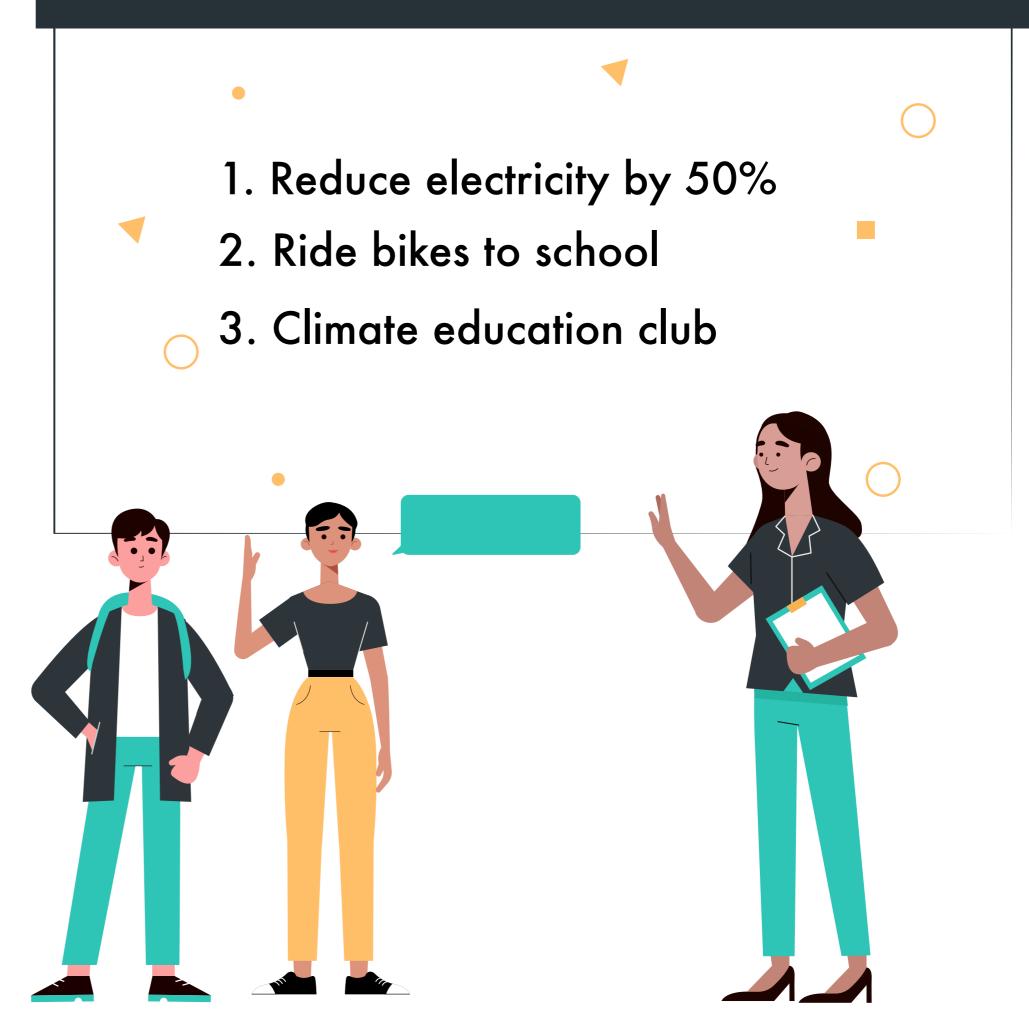
**Training** 

**Action pact** 

#### **School action**

Students propose climate targets
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with teachers, headmaster, school
staff and municipality.

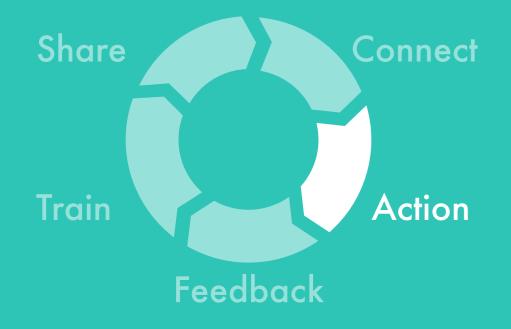




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#### **School action**

Students vote for their favourite targets and these are validated by the school. Targets are put into action!

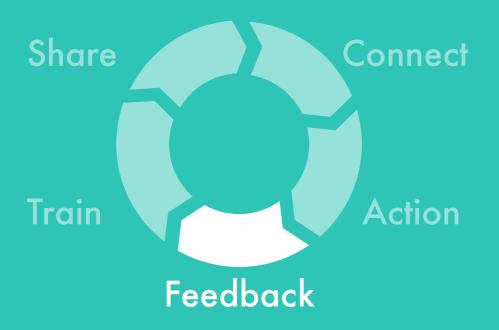




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#### Feedback & Adapt

Teachers, students and experts give feedback during the process.

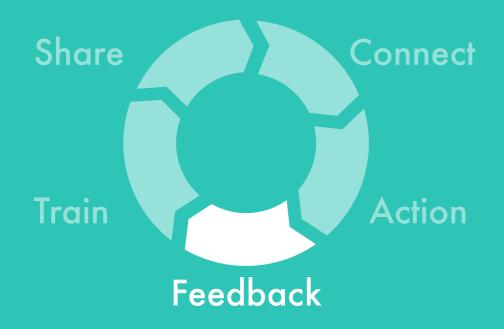


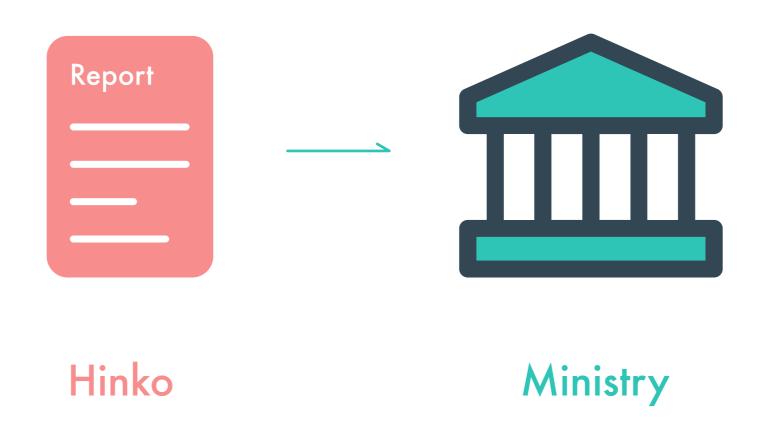


Hinko

#### Feedback & Adapt

Hinko analyses the feedback and forwards this in a report to the ministry.





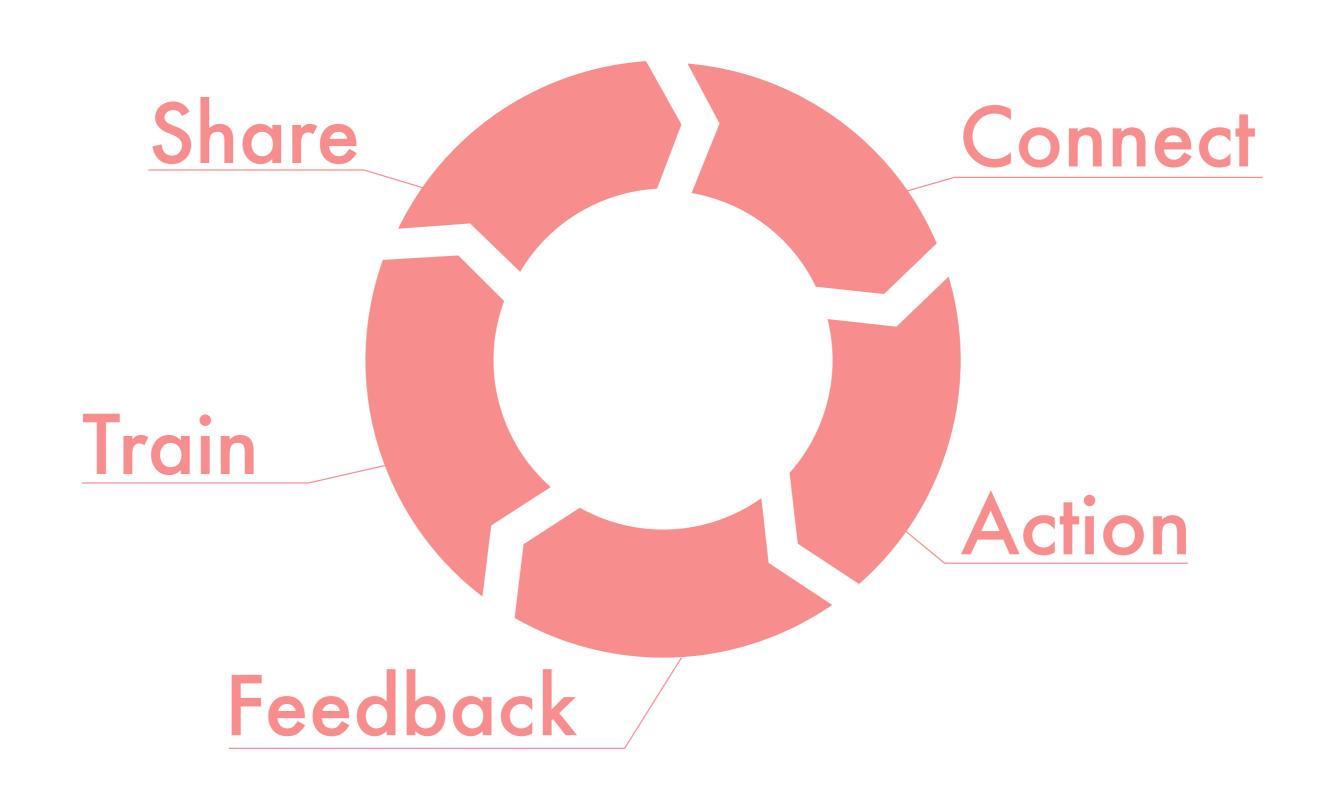
#### Feedback & Adapt

Teachers' reports guide the development of the program and resource allocation.





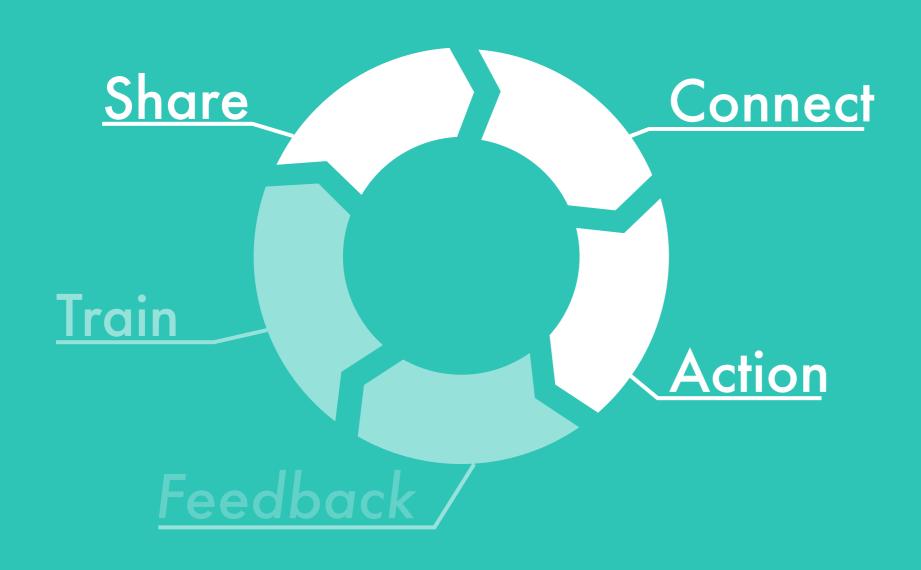
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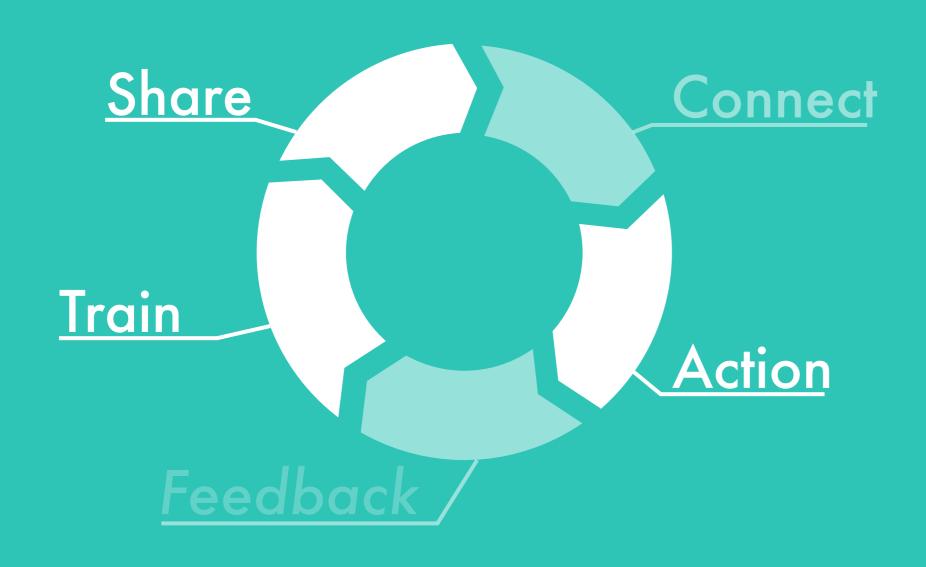
## Ministry

- Feedback loop
- Effective resource allocation
- Accessible and scalable
- Progress towards 2035 goal



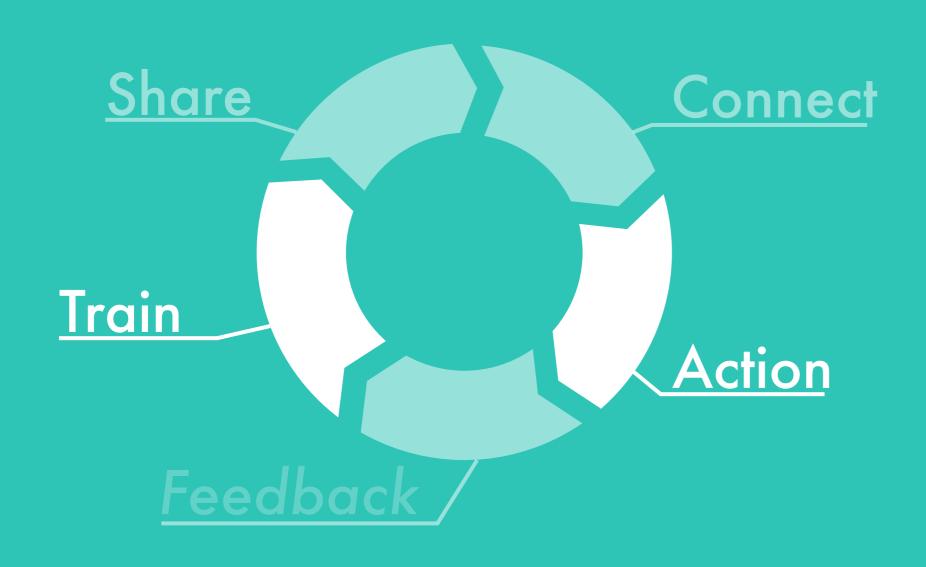
### Students

- Quality climate education
- Holistic perspective
- Active citizenship experiences



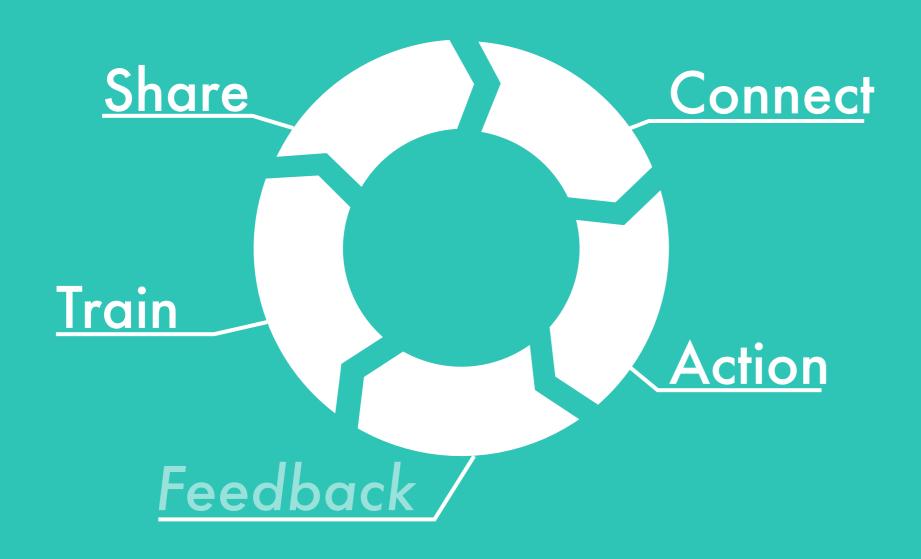
### Teachers

- Confidence
- Peer support
- Facilitating active citizenship



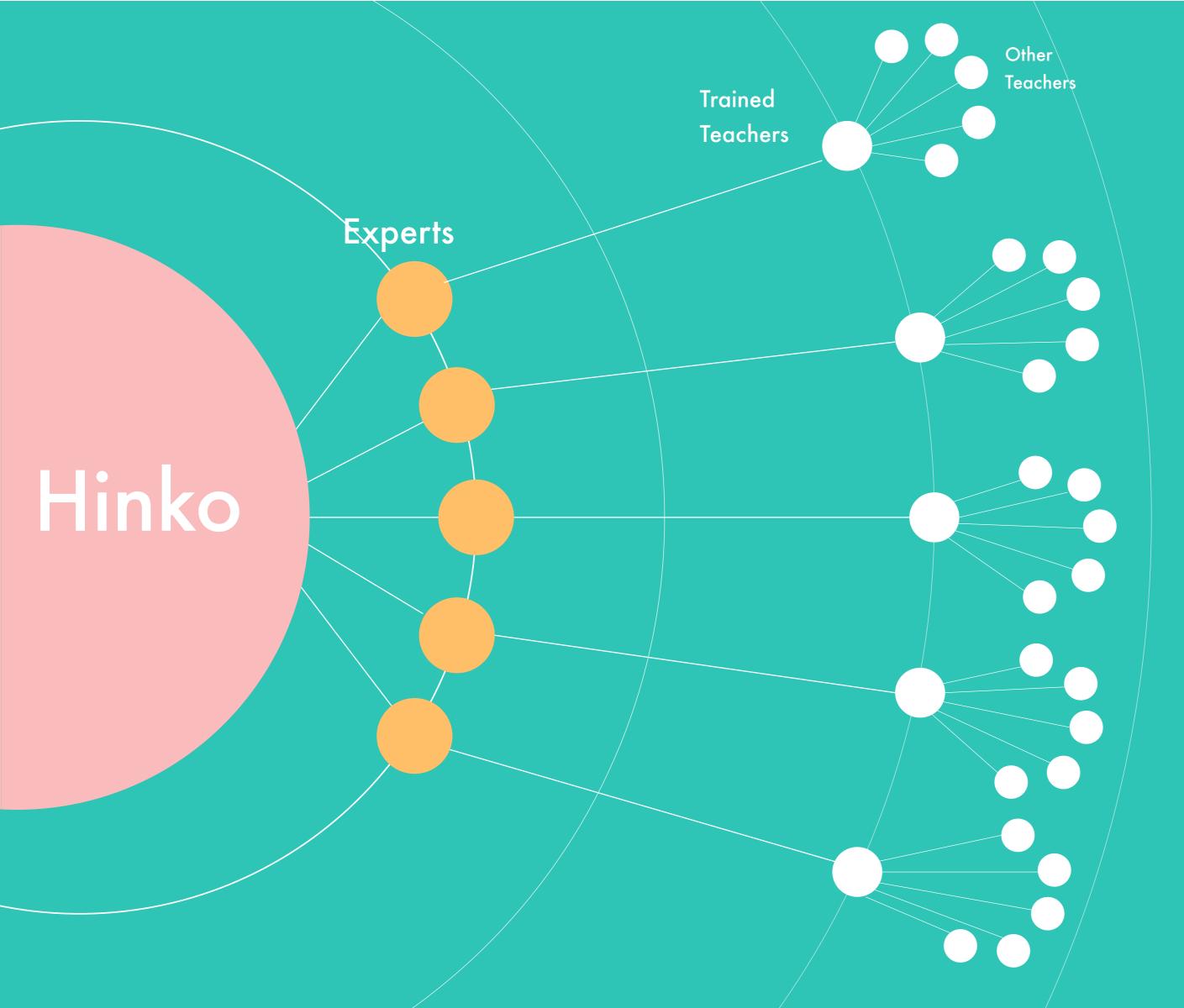
## Schools

- Multidimensional learning project
- Positive publicity
- Possible financial rewards



## Experts

- Opportunity to advance climate education in Finland
- Bridge between schools and ministries
- Meaningful and impactful job



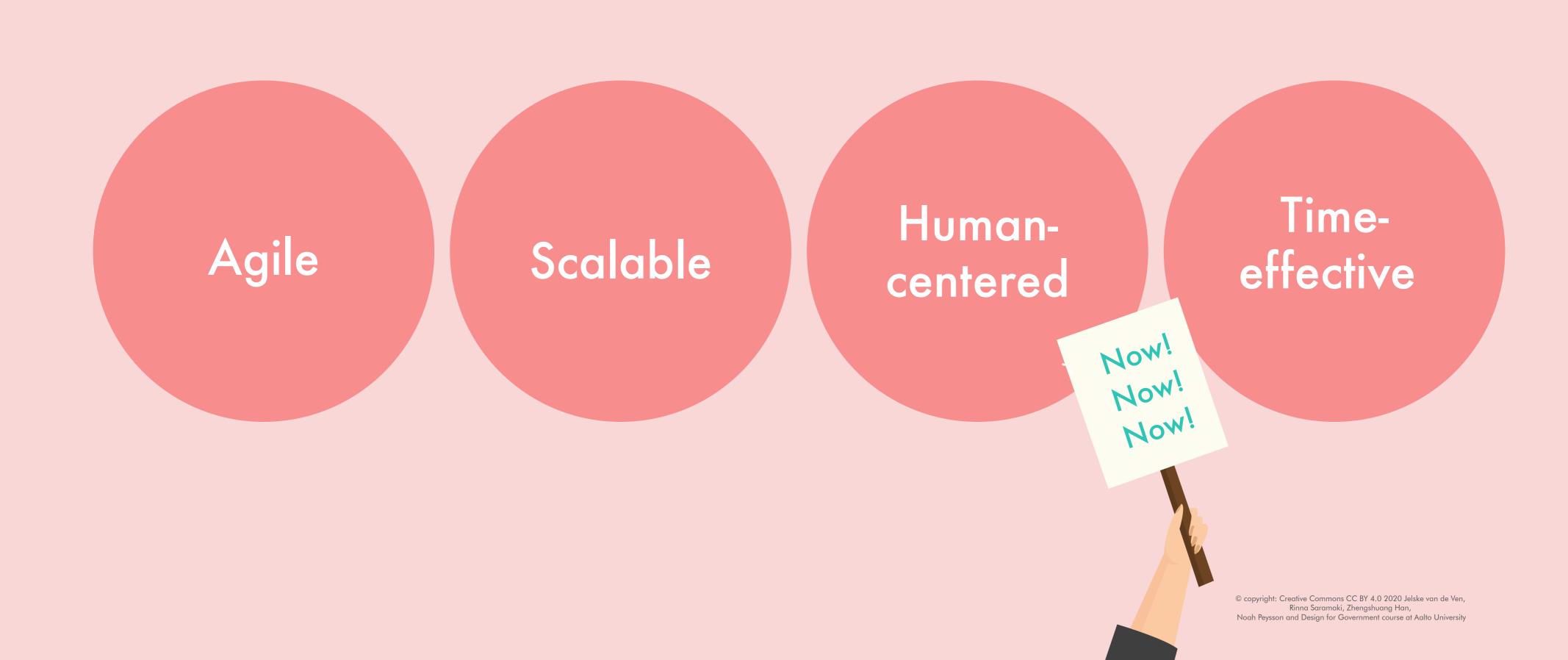
#### Spread the training

By training one teacher with the help of an expert a cumulative effect takes place of spreading teacher knowledge and climate education implementation.

### I Strengths



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#### I External confirmation

"The fastest way to boost climate education would be offering more in-service teacher training"

— Researcher

"We have a lot of teachers with a lot of knowledge, they can be peer tutors to one another."

— Headmaster

#### What we propose

Climate knowledge into schools, active citizenship experiences for students.

#### How it works

Experts support teachers, teachers spread the knowledge, platform assists.

#### Why we think it works

Time is ticking and we thus need to find fast and agile ways to boost climate education in school.

## HINKO

#### Climate education module & network



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