



Financing Sustainable Cities

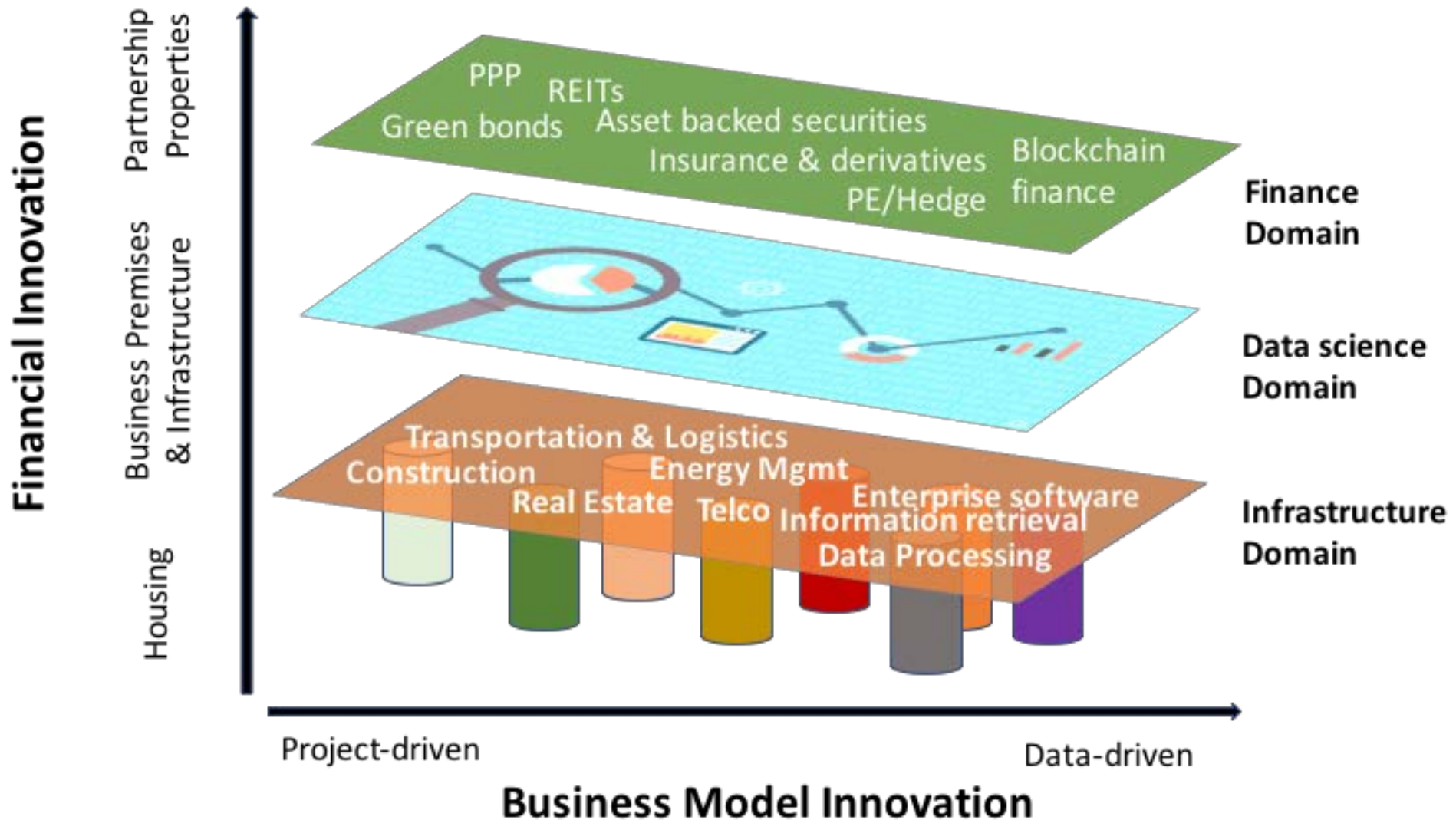
Plenty of money – Lack of Investment Models

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Investment in Sustainable Cities: Financial and Business Model Innovation





Sustainable Cities and Communities: Investment Impediments & Challenges

The 'real asset':

Sustainability projects are very bespoke, difficult to aggregate, lack track records of performance and management, and uncertain cash flows.

→ *Limited scale of investments in sustainability*

The 'financial asset':

Developmental finance is below market rate' Blended finance is insufficient.

→ *Limited engagement of mainstream finance*

The 'human resource asset':

Development financiers background in banking or public finance institutions.

→ *Limited exposure to investment models relevant to 'smart infra'*



Recommendations and Learnings

Systemic economic development instead of projects

Leveraging in-country assets to build up sustainable industry ecosystems.

→ *Global CleanTech Cluster Association digital hubs (e.g. IDB agreement)*

Align financing mechanisms with the systemic ('cluster') model

Economic, environmental and capacity-building at market returns to attract mainstream investors

→ *Multi-Asset Renewal Fund (MARFs) model (e.g. Great Lakes, Finland)*

Retraining and re-education of development finance professionals

Integrate financial know-how with business model know-how for infrastructure deployment

→ *New Professional Programs on Financing Sustainable Infrastructure*



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