



Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies

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We have to start measuring welfare, not just output

- Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary General, 2007

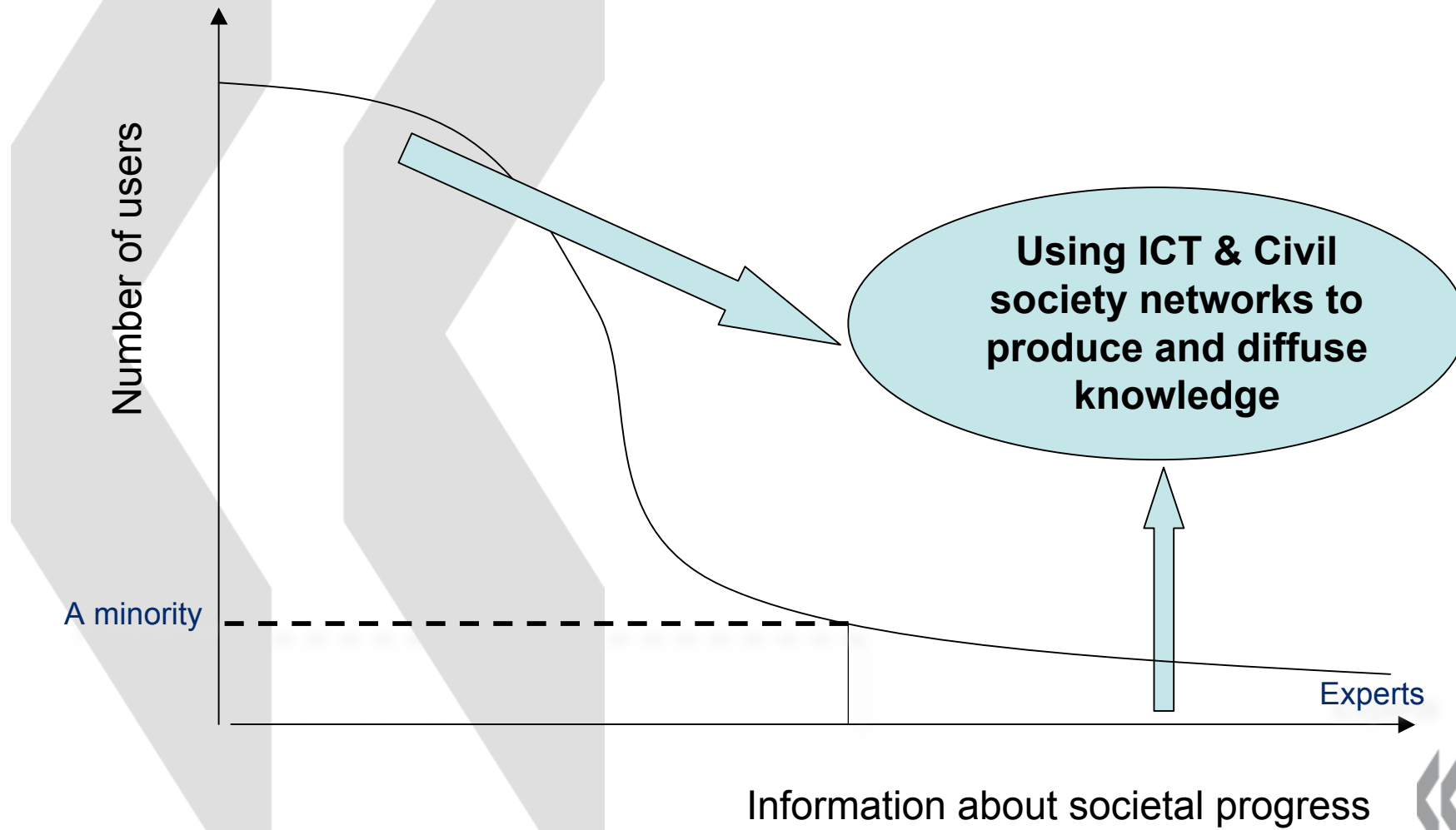
Today we are bombarded by information

- Jean Claude Trichet, President of the European Central Bank, 2005

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- **A new approach**
 - From output to welfare
 - From “information providers” to “knowledge builders”
 - From top-down to bottom-up
- **Four pillars**
 - Statistical research
 - Development of ICT tools to help in transforming statistics into knowledge
 - Advocacy and institutional building
 - Development of a global infrastructure about progress
- **Time frame: 2007 - 2011**

Building knowledge



The Istanbul Declaration, 2007

- A **culture of evidence-based decision making** has to be promoted at all levels of government
- We affirm **our commitment to measuring and fostering the progress of societies** in all their dimensions and to supporting initiatives at the country level.
- We **urge statistical offices, public and private organisations, and academic experts** to work alongside representatives of their communities to produce high-quality, fact-based information that can be used by all of society to form a shared view of societal well-being and its evolution over time.

Implementation 2008-2009

- Official launch of the Global Project
- Implementation of programmes of work and production of expected deliverables
- Meeting of regional and thematic working groups
- Establishments of national roundtables on measuring progress
- Establish criteria for approving sets of measures of progress
- **3RD OECD WORLD FORUM ON MEASURING PROGRESS AND EVALUATION OF RESULTS**
(October 2009)

Key Outputs 2008-2009

- **Develop best practices to measure progress**
 - Taxonomy of societal progress dimensions
 - Handbook on Measuring Progress
 - Guidelines on how to measure particular dimensions of progress
 - Launch the Journal of the Progress of Societies
- **Promote the establishment of national roundtables for measuring progress**
 - Global Project web site and development of the other communication tools
 - Promote regional working groups
 - Regional and thematic conferences with experts, policy makers, civil society, etc
 - Guidelines on how to build progress roundtables at local and national levels

Key Outputs 2008-2009 (cont'd)

- **Provide assistance on initiatives to measure progress**

- Training materials and courses

- Report on what makes a set of key indicators successful

- Release and promotion of ICT tools to communicate data and indicators

- Best practice for developing data visualisation tools

Expected Impacts

- **Improving statistical capacity**

A better measurement of economic, social and environmental outcomes, of their interrelation and shared data to advocate necessary reforms and evaluate their impact on societal welfare

- **Improvement of citizen's numeracy**

Improve citizens knowledge giving them the opportunity to improve their decision making processes and to become more aware of the risks and challenges of today`s world

- **Improving policy making**

Through greater accountability and more joined-up government

- **Better assessment of societal progress** not simply based on the economic point of view, but with the appropriate emphasis on social, cultural an environmental dimensions

Thank you!