



Empowering Municipal Councils Macedonia

Case study
Cost-effectiveness and Cost-benefit



Project Goal

Assumption: municipal councils assume their oversight, representation and legislative role effectively and at all stages of the budget cycle.

- ⇒ increased effectiveness and autonomy
- ⇒ increased transparency and accountability of
 - mayors towards the council
 - the municipality as a whole towards the citizens
- ⇒ increased citizen satisfaction with service delivery
- ⇒ improved local governance

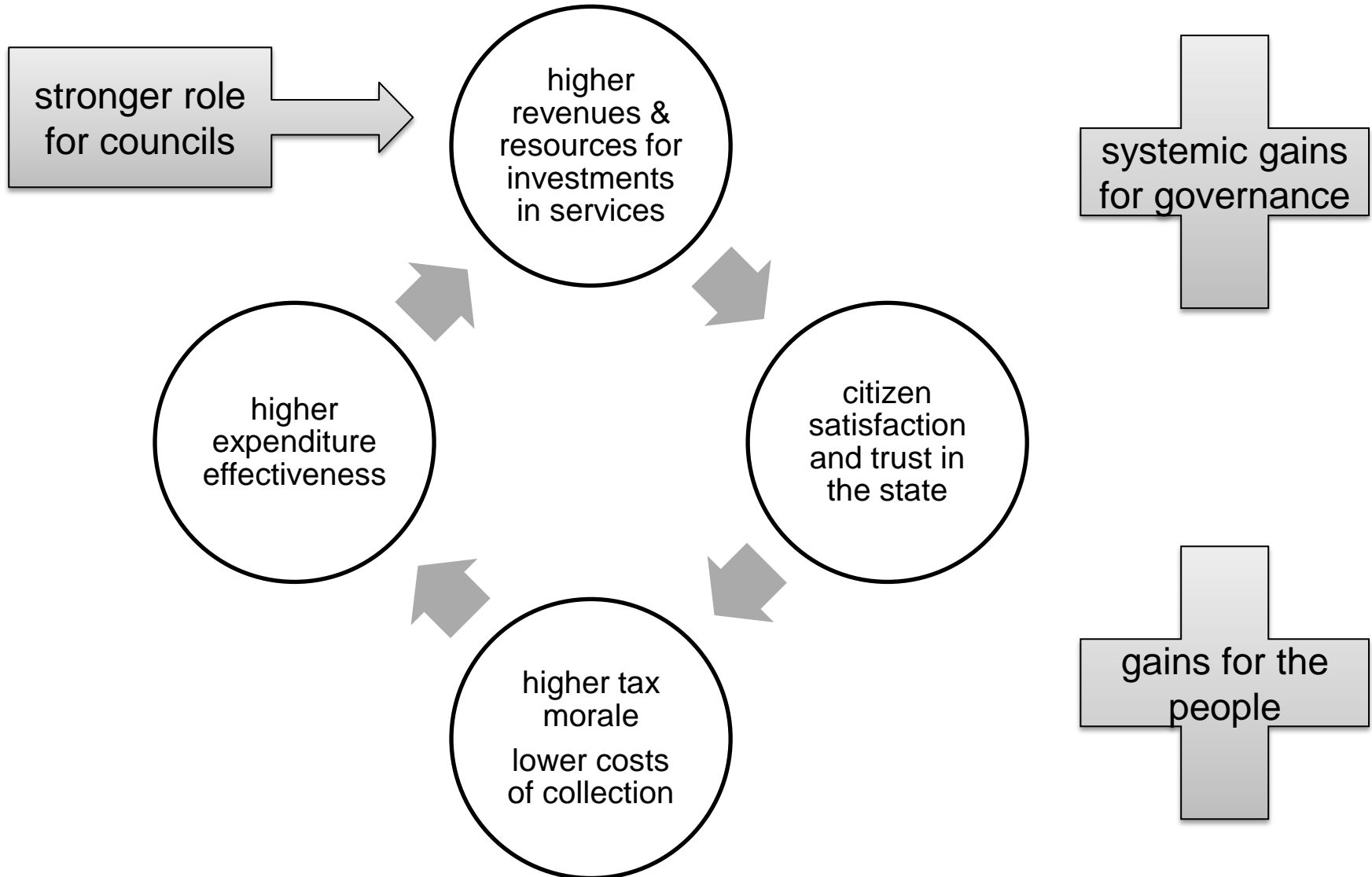


Cost

- Investment: 3.4 m CHF \equiv 1.64 CHF per capita of MK population;
- Minimum wage 117 CHF, municipal per capita expenditures CHF 233.4



Cost Effectiveness





Benefit 1

For the people:

- Better and more inclusive access to municipal services;
- More participation in municipal governance;
- Increase in social/ethnic cohesion.



Benefit 2

Systemic change:

- More effective municipal expenditures;
- More effective councillor participation in municipal governance;
- Innovations in governance, based also on citizen engagement;
- Improved performance by council committees;
- Better networked municipal councils advocating their needs.



Indicator

- Proposal for an indicator, as project document is still work in progress:

Growth of the Basic Budget of the municipalities (municipal own sources of income: taxes and fees)