

- Aim of the topic is understanding the importance of stakeholders and how they fit into a business.
- Expected learning outcomes: being able to create a step by step strategy in how to approach stakeholders.

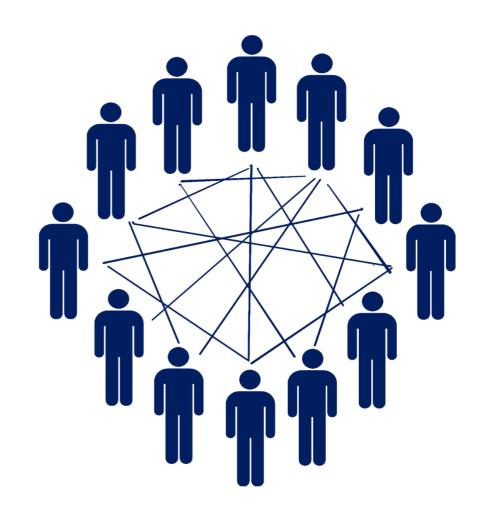
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# STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholders are groups or organizations interested in or directly affected by the your product/service/organization. They can be affected by organization's actions, objectives, etc. To understand who are the stakeholders, they are divided into two groups.

Internal stakeholders: employees, managers, owners.

External stakeholders: customers, suppliers, society, government, creditors shareholders.



# STAKEHOLDERS

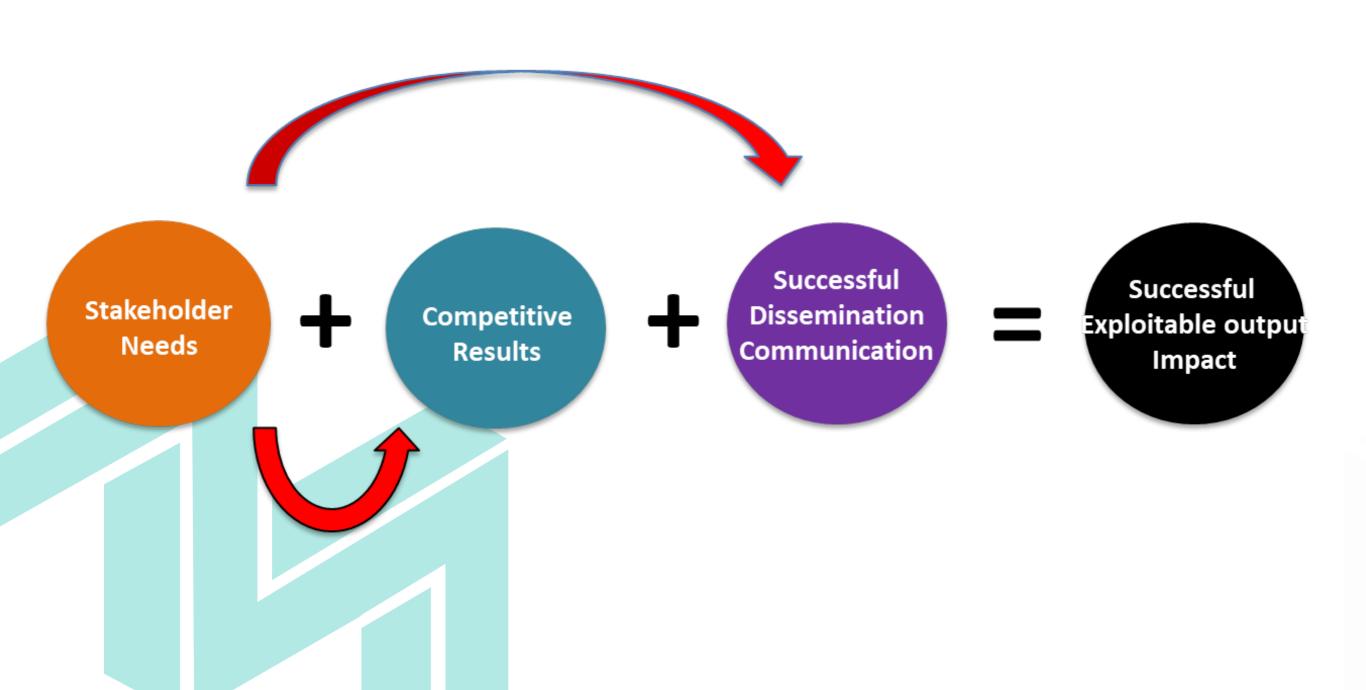
The objectives of stakeholders are different amongst the stakeholder groups.

For internal stakeholders, the objectives are security, business growth, regular payment, contracts of employment and job satisfaction.

For the external stakeholder groups, the objectives can vary from reliable and safe of the products and services, price reflecting the quality, improved employment, social responsibility as well as environmental impact.

All the stakeholders have their own aims and objectives, so it is important not to forget that sometimes the objectives might not match and the conflict can occur.

# FORMULA FOR SUCCESSFUL EXPLOITATION AND IMPACT

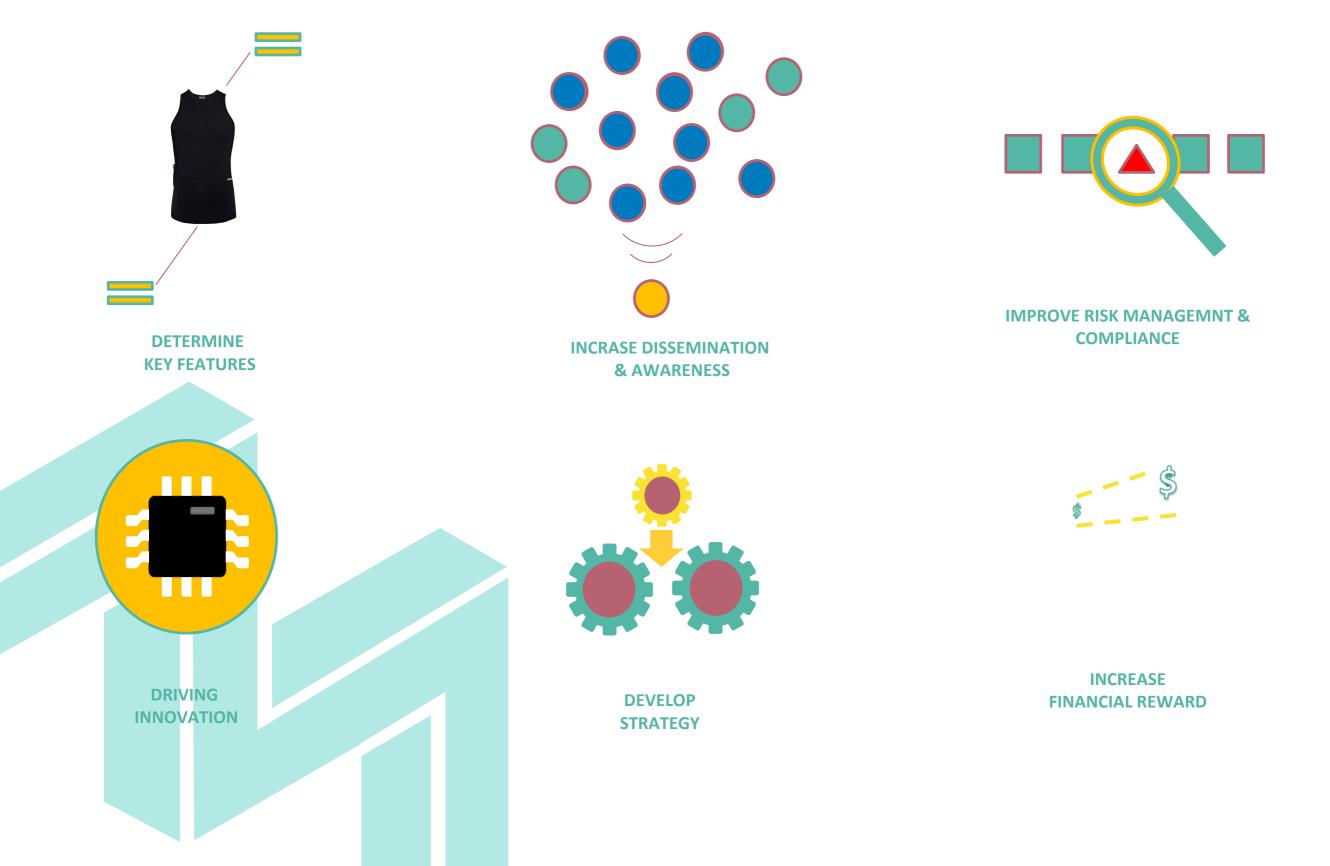


## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Successful stakeholder engagement follows a step-by-step guide.



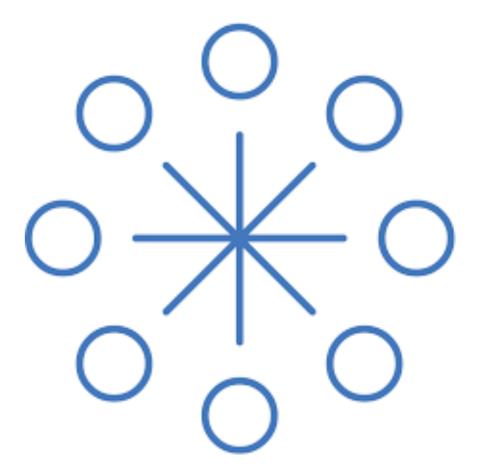
### Step 1: Key reasons to engage with stakeholders



### Step 2: Stakeholder mapping

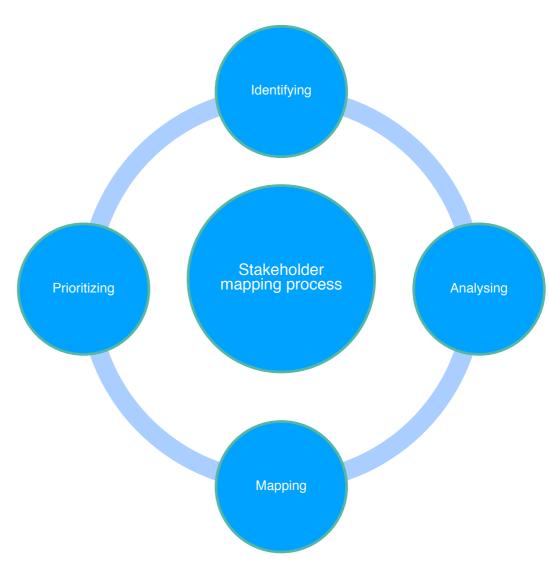
Stakeholder mapping process is an important action to determine who your key stakeholders are, where they are coming from and what are their goals in relationship to your business

Stakeholder mapping includes research, debate and discussion that allows to determine a key list of stakeholders from different perspectives.



Mapping as a process can be divided in to 4 phases:

- Identifying
- Analysing
- Mapping
- Prioritizing



### Identification phase

In this phase you should brainstorm a list of potential stakeholders, including everyone who can have an interest in your objectives today and who may have one tomorrow. Be flexible and diverse, to cover all the possible stakeholder options, including individuals.



#### **Analysis**

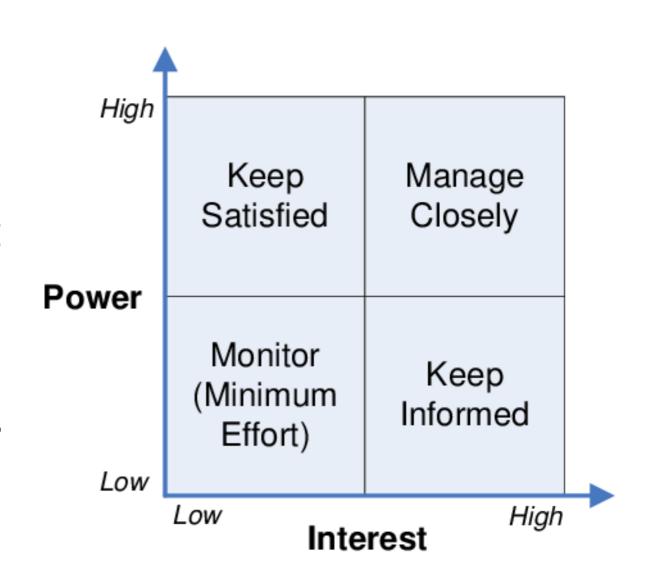
In this step you should make further analysis to understand the relevance of stakeholders and perspective they offer. You can use the criteria which can help you to analyse identified stakeholder:

- What is the contribution of the stakeholder to the company?
- How legitimate is the stakeholder's claim for engagement?
- Is the future stakeholder willing to engage?
- How influential the stakeholder is (who they will influence, e.g., other companies, consumers)?



#### Mapping

It is a visual exercise and analysis tool that can be used to further determine the exact stakeholder list that are useful the most to engage with. The visual presentation allows you to see where the stakeholder stand evaluated by the same criteria



#### **Prioritizing**

This phase is dedicated to strategic and clear decision making about whom and why you are engaging with. This phase is necessary, since it helps to save the time and money.

Going through all 4 steps will help you to create a relevant, prioritized stakeholders list, though you have to remember that during the different stages of the business, stakeholders can change according to the business's activities.



# CASE STUDY

Case Study: Healthcare sensor device

**PAYERS** 



**HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS** 

**RESEARCH COMMUNITIES** 

### Step 3: Preparation

- Generate a stakeholder contact database
  - Interview or informed

- Prepare questionnaires or survey that can be quantitatively and qualitatively assessed
  - Users
  - Payers
  - Policy makers

### Step 4: Engagement

The stakeholder engagement is extremely important for the future project delivery, thus businesses need to put some efforts that can be very beneficial.

There are some key principles of stakeholder engagement to reach the objectives that have been settled.

### Step 5: Action Plan

Following the completion of the interviews and questionnaires, responses are qualitatively and quantitatively analyzed. The findings and insights are then translated into an action plan in order to refine the business strategy, and how it impacts the value chain and exploitable output. It will also influence the planning of future engagement activities aimed to improve the overall process.

### 3.2. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Aim of the topic is learning how to effectively engage with stakeholders in order to meet the needs of the business.
- Expected learning outcomes: understanding of the key principles and benefits of stakeholder engagement.

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### Key principles of stakeholder engagement

#### Communication

It is necessary to consult and talk to stakeholders about the future's vision, scope, risks from the very beginning and it is advised to do it often, so the requirements and needs would meet. Stakeholders need to be involved in problem solving processes ( if there are any) so the solutions would be provided and the process of continuing the project would be ensured.



### Key principles of stakeholder engagement

#### **Planning**

The approach towards the stakeholders should be planned and thought trough. Since the relationships are extremely valuable, the methods to reach out the stakeholders be created in a way, that they can bring the trust and reliability, so the future collaboration would go on successfully.

### Key principles of stakeholder engagement

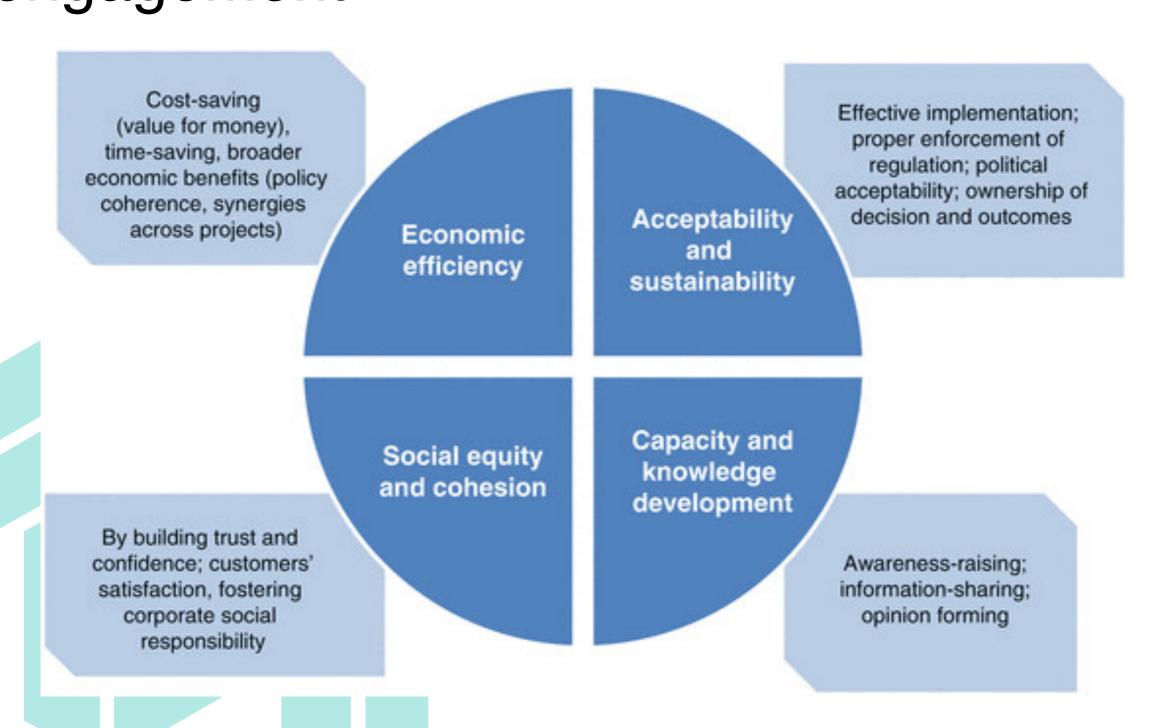
The example of planning process that can be applied to the stakeholder planning phase



### Benefits of stakeholder engagement

- Helps to understand the ever-changing business environment
- Brings the systematic change for sustainable development
- Provide new opportunities
- Helps to drive long term sustainability

# Long term benefits of stakeholder engagement



### **FURTHER LEARNING**

#### What is a Stakeholder?:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IleqIN90dK0

#### Stakeholder analysis:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFHlal9fwkU

#### What is stakeholder engagement?:

https://www.apm.org.uk/resources/find-a-resource/stakeholderengagement/