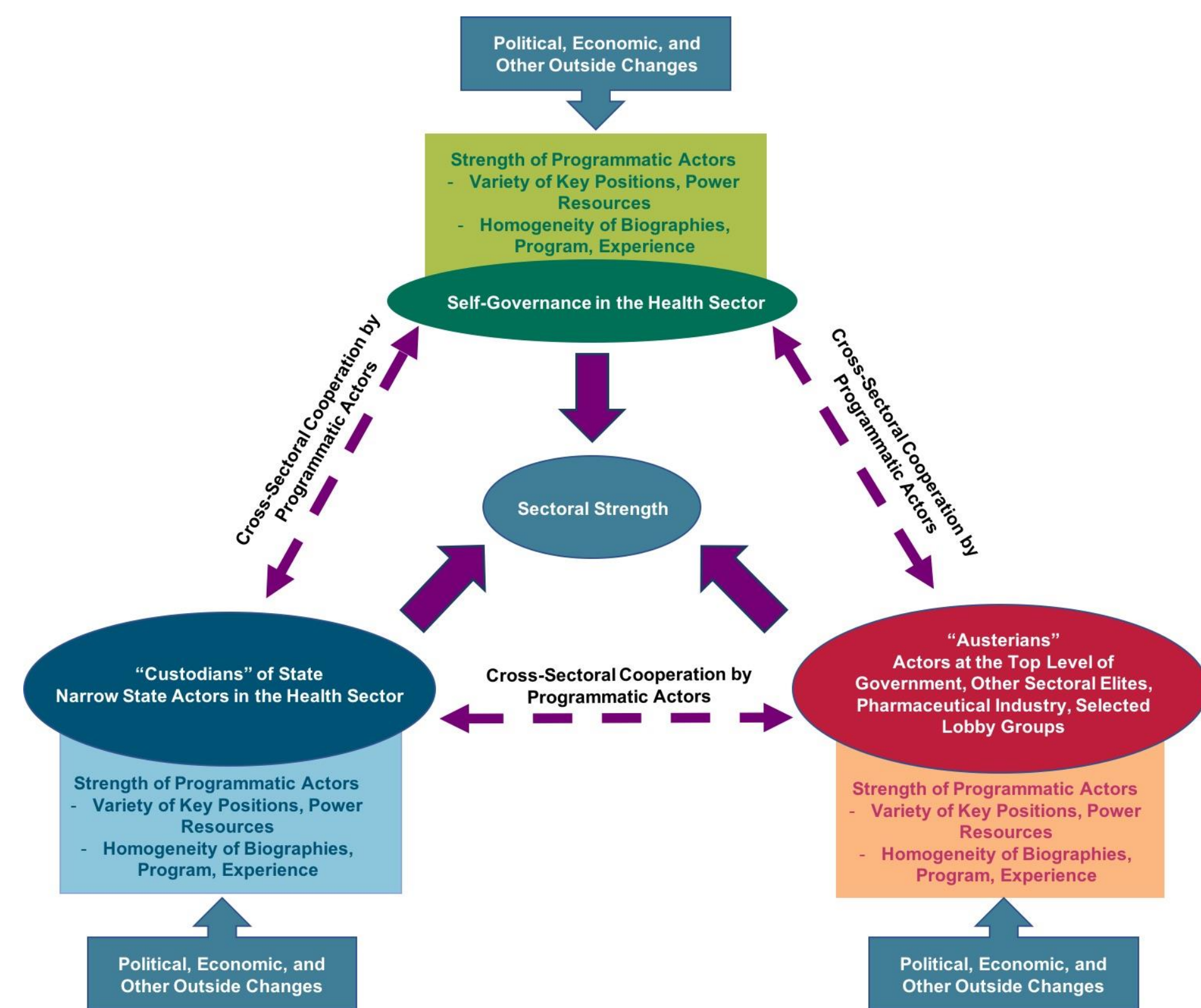


Programmatic groups can be identified in different policy fields. In addition to the existence of programmatic identities in French and German health policy, the project team has also investigated other policy areas and other social identities to explain policy processes and, in particular, the preferences and behavior of political actors. An innovative approach is to supplement established theoretical models based on rational action or belief systems (stable beliefs) with a perspective that explains inconsistent and sometimes contradictory behavior of political actors through the salience of a social identity and related attitudes and action patterns.

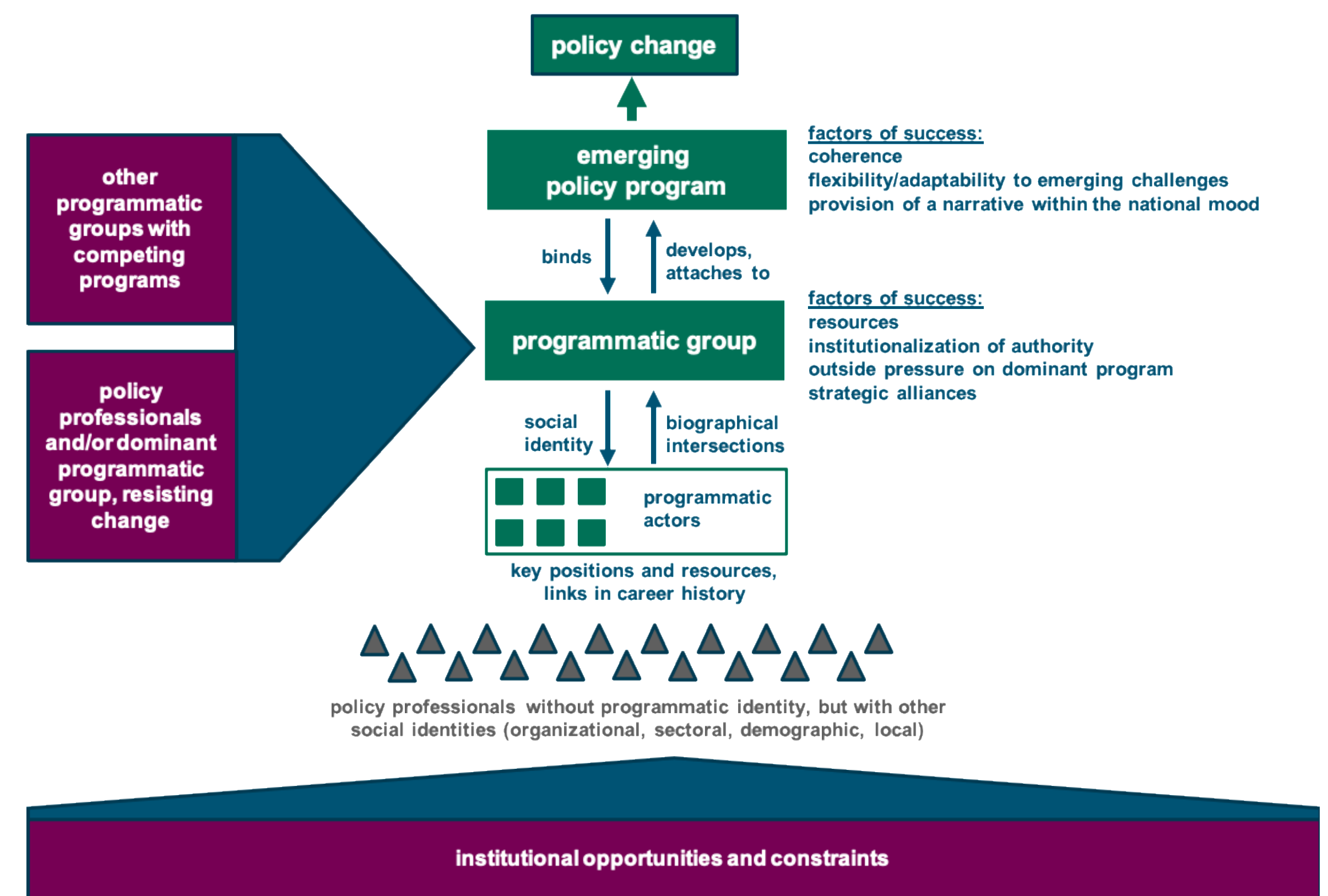


ProAcTA Programmatic Action in Times of Austerity

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Project

This Franco-German research project examines health policy developments in Germany, France, Great Britain and the USA over the past ten years from a comparative perspective. It does so by applying the emerging Programmatic Action Framework (PAF) as a complementary theoretical perspective in policy process research, which is further developed in the course of the research project.



The PAF starts from a group-theoretical perspective on policy actors' preferences and behavior. It assumes policy change as a result of joint action of policy actors (programmatic action) that are bound by their shared biographies and career trajectories, for example through regular exchange and cooperation in committees, and driven by their aim for increased authority and resources connected to career advancement. The core of these actor groups is a jointly promoted policy program that coins the policy actors' social identity (programmatic identity) and is used as a means to achieve the above formulated aims.



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