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Background:

Sofi (Science Advice Initiative of Finland) was an experimental national initiative focusing on building next generation science advice operating models in Finland (2019-2021)

The experimental work continues at the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters (2022-)



A Key challenge in the science policy ecosystem in Finland

• Rigid science advice operating models built around question & answer logic are not sufficient for complex policy topics



What is scientific red teaming?

Explorative dialogic space for policy-drafters and scientists

- Testing of early hypotheses in policy-drafting by utilising insights from scientists
- Co-designing pathways forward in policy-drafting



The use of scientific red teaming:

- Challenge definitions
- Policy objectives
- Ex ante impact assessment
- Impact assessment frameworks and tools
- Evidence gaps



Case examples:

- Climate regulatory impact assessment
- Nature Conservation Act
- Public Sector Strategy
- National Transportation Plan
- Roadmap to Fossil-Free Transportation
- Architectural Policy Program
- National Climate Adaptation Plan



THANK YOU!

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