



Children's rights monitoring in Poland - critique and proposals

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Committee on the Rights of the Child on monitoring in Poland (2002) and Polish response

- Committee recommended that Poland should:
 - “establish a **comprehensive system for monitoring and self-evaluation of the implementation of the Convention** both at the national and local level”
 - “**collaborate with non-governmental and civil society organizations in monitoring children’s rights and policies** both at the national and local level”
- Polish government response (2012) is that Poland implemented this recommendation by:
 - Ministries submit periodically reports on their programs concerning children
 - Ministries collaborate with NGOs in designing and performing public programs
 - Supreme Chamber of Control submit reports on public activities concerning children
 - Ombudsperson for Children’s Rights submit reports on its activities

Some questions on Polish government response to Committee recommendation

- Has Poland a **comprehensive strategy for implementation of children's rights**?
 - If yes, where we can find that document?
 - If that document does not exist, is a loose set of policies and programs concerning children a comprehensive strategy for implementation their rights?
- How is it possible to have comprehensive system for monitoring and self-evaluation of the implementation of children's rights without strategy to implement them?
- Are **standard procedures for reporting on policies and programs concerning children** a comprehensive system of monitoring and self-evaluation of the implementation of children's rights?

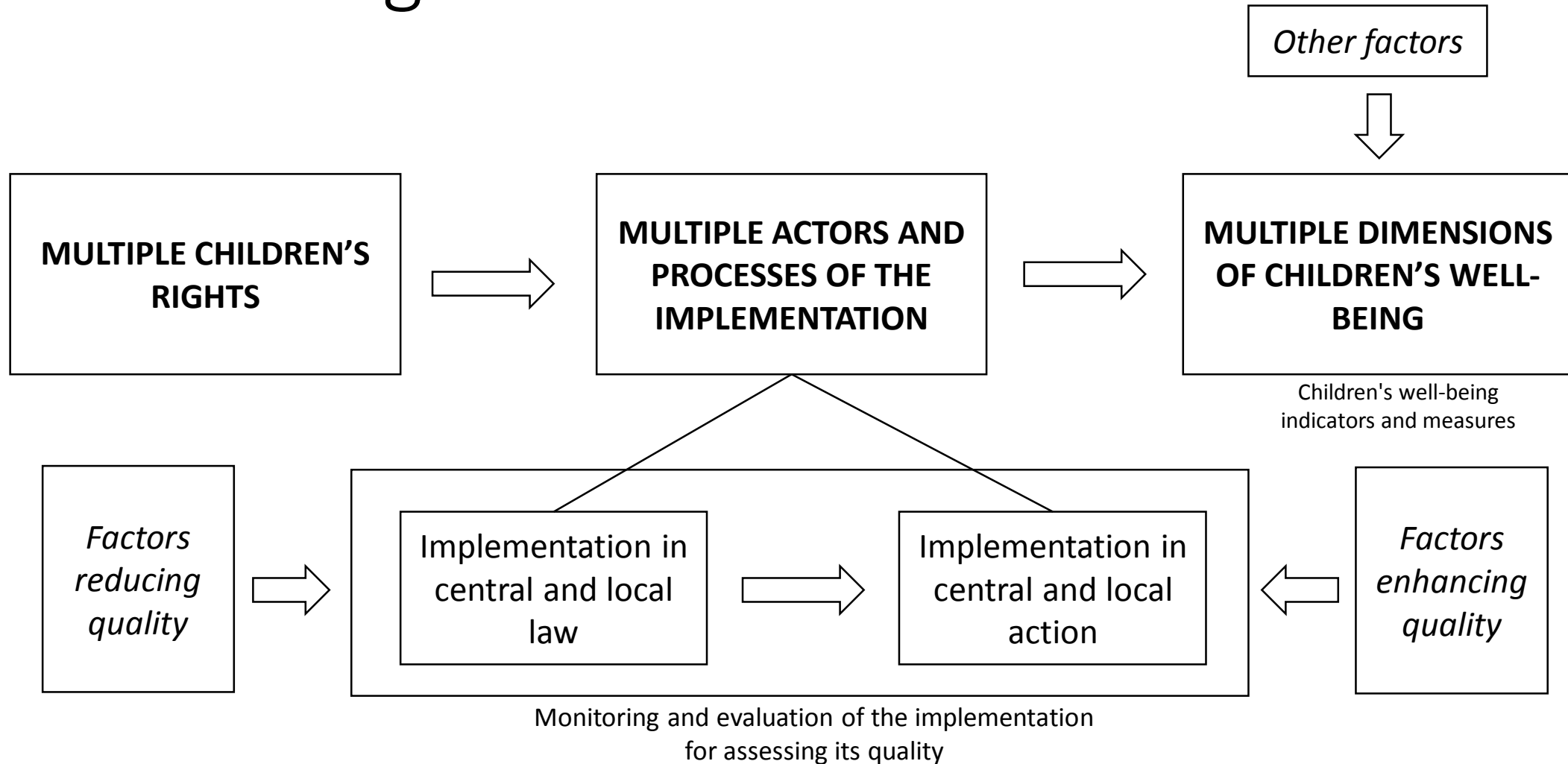
Two other arguments that Poland has no comprehensive system of monitoring

- Author of that presentation was appointed in 2014 by Ombudsperson for Children's Rights to **advise on establishing the monitoring system** for five children's rights defined in the law describing Ombudsperson responsibilities
- In the draft shadow report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child developed under the leadership of the UNICEF Poland we can find following statement:
„Despite of the Committee recommendation from 2002 **the system of monitoring and self-evaluation of the implementation of the Convention was not established**”

Preliminary conclusions and several important questions

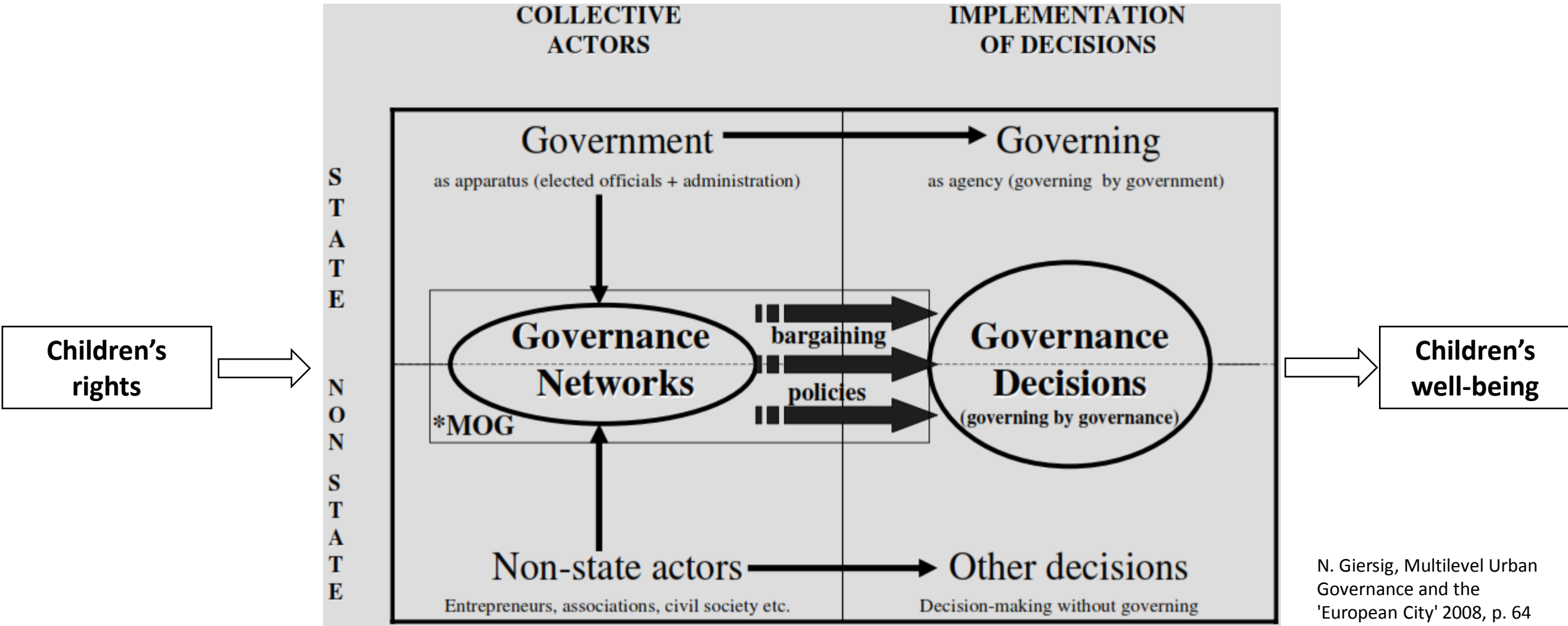
- We have no comprehensive system for monitoring and self-evaluation of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- There is a need to design such a system and putting it into practice, but:
 1. on what frameworks and principles that system should be based?
 2. who should be involved in designing it?
 3. whose responsibility will be its implementation?
 4. how to implement it?
 5. what are expected outputs, outcomes and impacts of putting it into practice?
 6. how we would know that we achieve the expected outcomes and impacts?

Overall logic of the implementation with monitoring and evaluation



Implementing children's rights in governance framework

Governing, Government and Governance

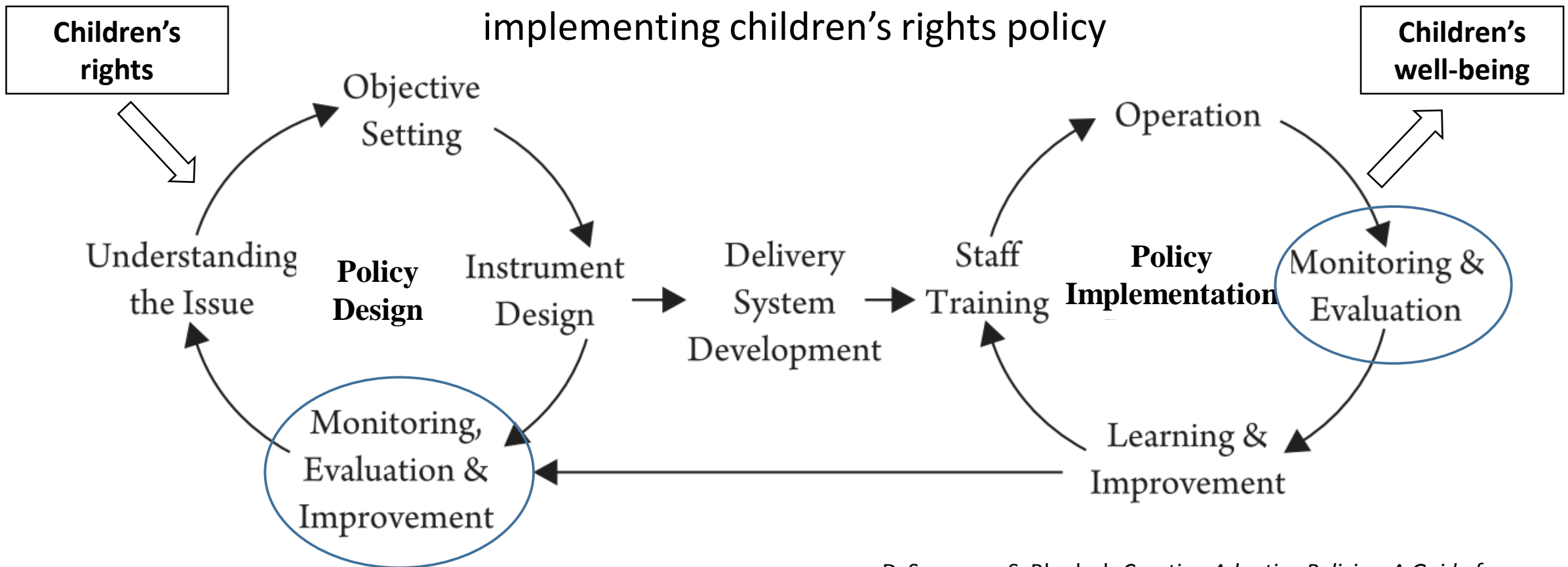


N. Giersig, Multilevel Urban Governance and the 'European City' 2008, p. 64

*MOG modes of governance

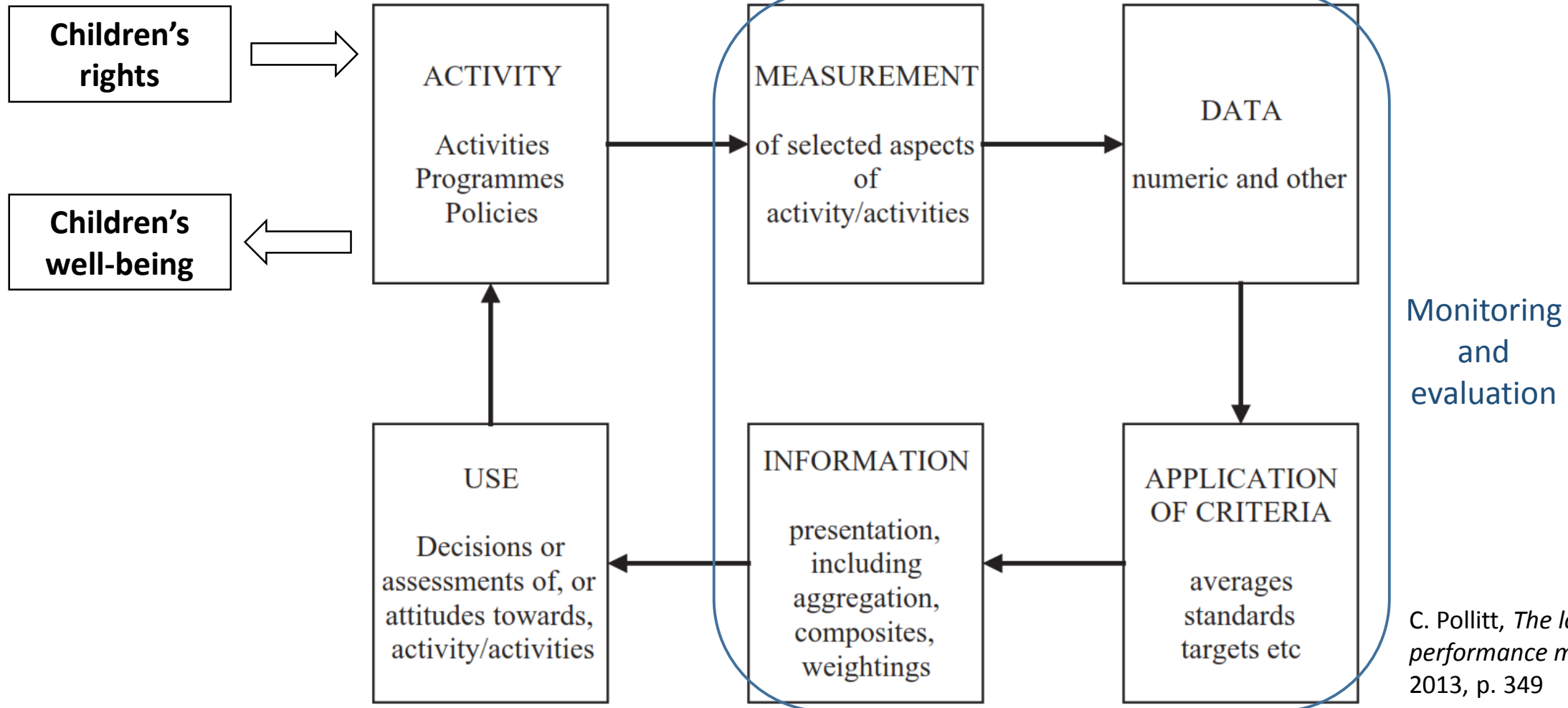
Monitoring and evaluation in public policy process framework

Idealized model of designing and implementing children's rights policy



Monitoring and evaluation in performance management framework

The basic elements of performance management



C. Pollitt, *The logics of performance management* 2013, p. 349

Principles for designing comprehensive system of monitoring and evaluation

- Every right is a separate dimension for monitoring and evaluation
- Every right should be considered from at least three perspectives: protection, respect and realization
- Primary and secondary, quantitative and qualitative data should be applied
- Criteria for the evaluation of performance should be established
- Yearly publication with an event attracting media attention
- Drawing practical conclusions for change
- Applying monitoring and evaluation outputs in policy work

Preliminary list of the next steps

1. Build consortium consisting academics from universities, activists from NGOs working with and for children and children
2. Develop theory of the quality implementation of the children's rights
3. Write project on designing and testing comprehensive monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of children's rights
4. Find EU, Polish or other source for financing the project and win the grant
5. Produce high quality project outputs: opinions, guides, reports etc.
6. Use project's outputs as a lobbying tools for institutionalization of the comprehensive system of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of children's rights in Poland