

# Municipal Revenue Maximization

**WORKSHOP DOCUMENT**

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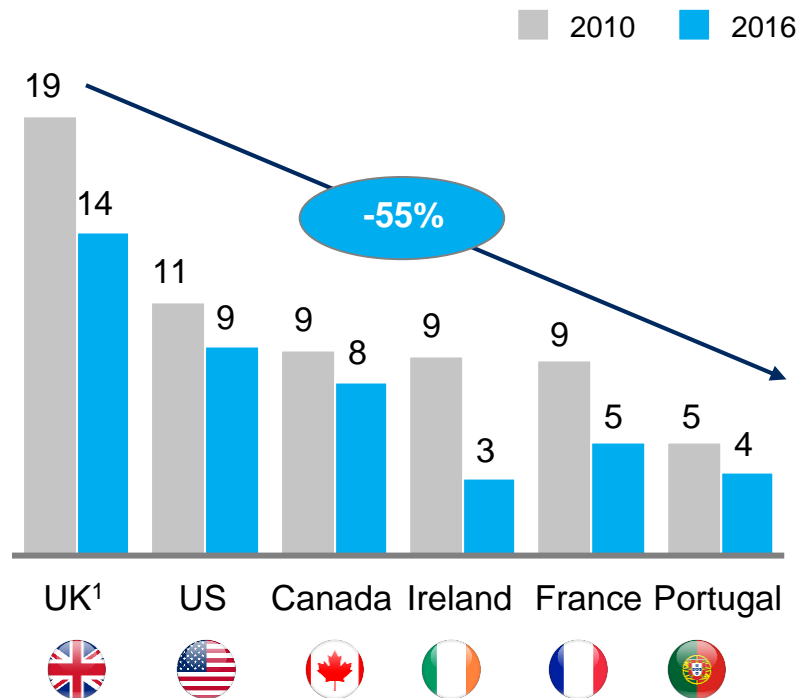
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# Context and problem statement

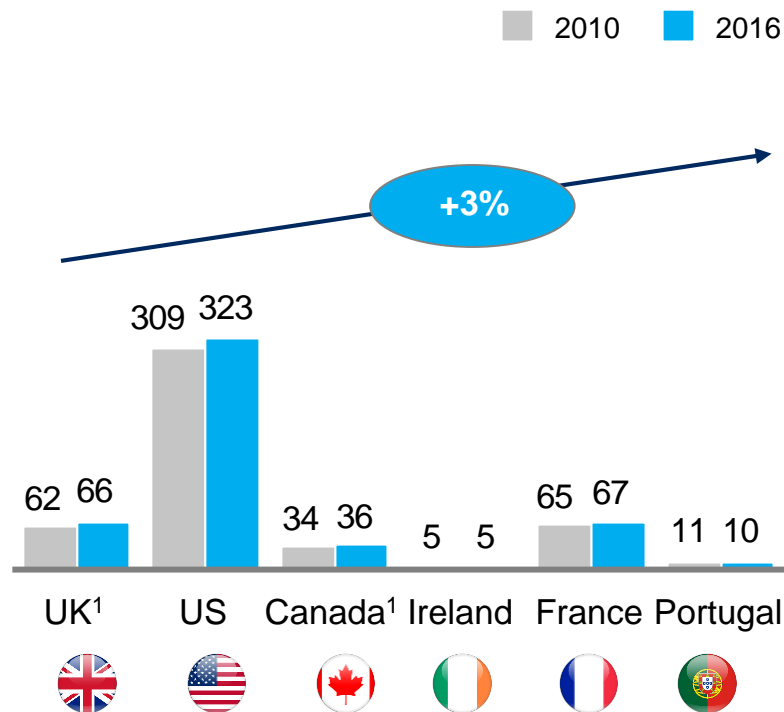
Central government funding for municipalities is decreasing...

Central government funding as the share of total municipal revenue<sup>1</sup>, %



... and population growth is adding a cost burden to municipalities

Total population, mn



Need for municipalities to become more financially sustainable

There are two ways for municipalities to establish financial sustainability:

1 Revenue maximization

2 Cost optimization

<sup>1</sup> Based on OECD report on intergovernmental transfers; internally consolidated between the Central and Social Security sectors only

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# Exercise: identify top 10 revenue levers in your city and allocate them to framework

NON-EXHAUSTIVE

	Service fees 	Fines 	Charges/taxes 	Assets/ Investments 
Revenue levers 				










# Solution space: potential revenue levers

NON-EXHAUSTIVE

	Service fees 	Fines 	Charges/taxes 	Assets/ Investments 
<b>Revenue levers</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Toll road fees</li><li>▪ Business licenses fees</li><li>▪ Construction permit fees</li><li>▪ Development permit fees</li><li>▪ Land registration fees</li><li>▪ Excavation fee</li><li>▪ Telco tower</li><li>▪ Waste fees</li><li>▪ Public parking fees</li><li>▪ Public toilet fees</li><li>▪ Public Wifi fees</li><li>▪ Funeral fees</li><li>▪ Pet licensing fee</li><li>▪ Universal municipal services fee</li><li>▪ Utility fees</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Building license violation</li><li>▪ Gardens and public parks violation</li><li>▪ Public health violation</li><li>▪ Residential units and real estate violations</li><li>▪ Roads and infrastructure violations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Congestion charge</li><li>▪ Property (municipal) tax</li><li>▪ Land transfer tax</li><li>▪ Vacant land tax</li><li>▪ Betterment levies</li><li>▪ Advertisements tax</li><li>▪ Hotel occupancy tax</li><li>▪ Municipal sales tax</li><li>▪ Recycling tax (e.g. bottled water tax)</li><li>▪ Municipal vehicle/carbon tax</li><li>▪ Municipal alcohol tax</li><li>▪ Other excise taxes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Naming rights</li><li>▪ Billboards &amp; Signs</li><li>▪ Municipal vacant land</li><li>▪ Municipal data</li><li>▪ Parks</li><li>▪ Beaches</li><li>▪ Mountain resorts</li><li>▪ Housing units</li><li>▪ Commercial units</li><li>▪ Slaughterhouses</li><li>▪ Public markets</li><li>▪ Returns from equity and bond investments</li></ul>

# Solution space: potential interventions

## Revenue streams

Interventions 		Service fees 	Fines 	Charges 	Assets/ Investments 
Charge More 	Market Prices	Increase pricing based on benchmarks and/or associated cost to serve wherever applicable			
	Differentiated Levels	Revise pricing model leveraging differentiating factors specific to each revenue lever category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examples of differentiating factors include size, location, validity period etc.</li> </ul>			
	Fees for Convenience	Increase pricing by providing faster processing time and/or higher quality service			
Increase number of transactions 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase quantity of service offerings and/or assets/investments</li> <li>• Increase surveillance/inspection for selected fine sources to maximize detection of violations</li> </ul>			
Improve collection 		Optimize collection and audit process to increase collection rate and minimize leakage			
Introduce new revenue levers 		Introduce new types of service fees, fines and charges			

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# A four step approach could help municipalities to have a robust and efficient revenue optimization program

 Detailed next



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## Preparatory work

- A Finalize **data collection of current revenue baseline**
- B Develop and **run a citizen sentiment survey** to understand receptiveness of citizens to changes in fees and charges



II

## Gap analysis and opportunity sizing

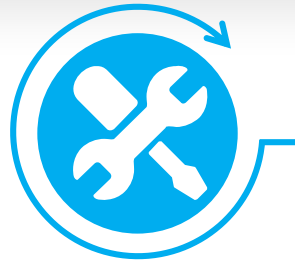
- C Analyse **revenue baseline** for municipalities across all streams
- D Conduct **benchmarking across all streams** and identify potential gaps
- E Determine **revenue generation levers with initial adjustment for relevance and size the potential revenue impact**



III

## Opportunity Prioritization

- F Assess the **feasibility of each lever along three dimensions**:
  - **Social acceptance**: Citizens & businesses receptiveness
  - **Impact on economy**: Impact on inflation, GDP and ranking on global competitiveness indices
  - **Ease of implementation**: Technical feasibility & readiness
- G Prioritize **the levers along revenue impact and feasibility dimensions**

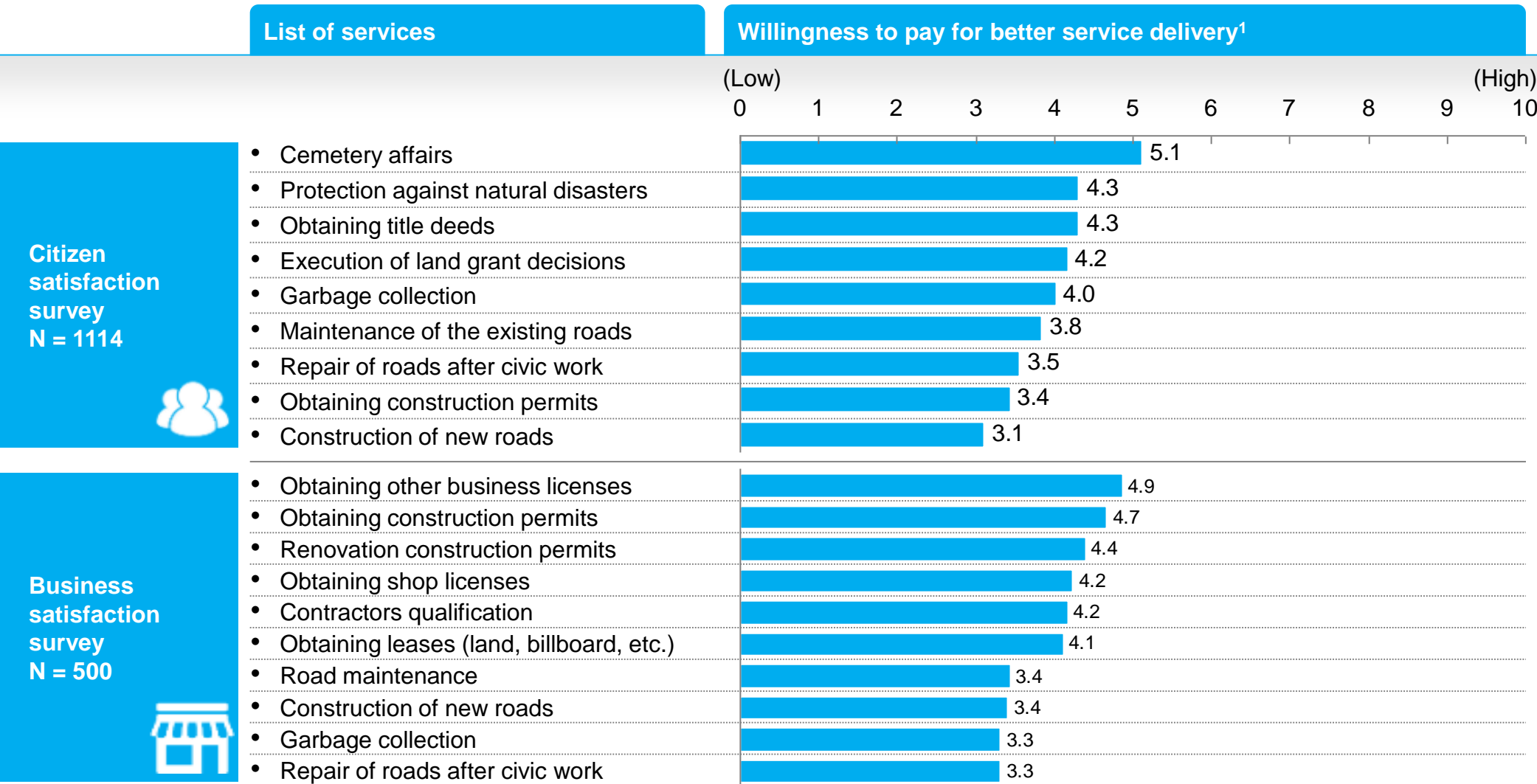


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## Implementation planning and detailing

- H Develop **implementation plan for prioritized levers** with needed intervention
- I Review the **current regulations and identify the regulatory changes** that need to be made

# B A critical part of preparatory work lies in understanding public perception of fees, fines and charges



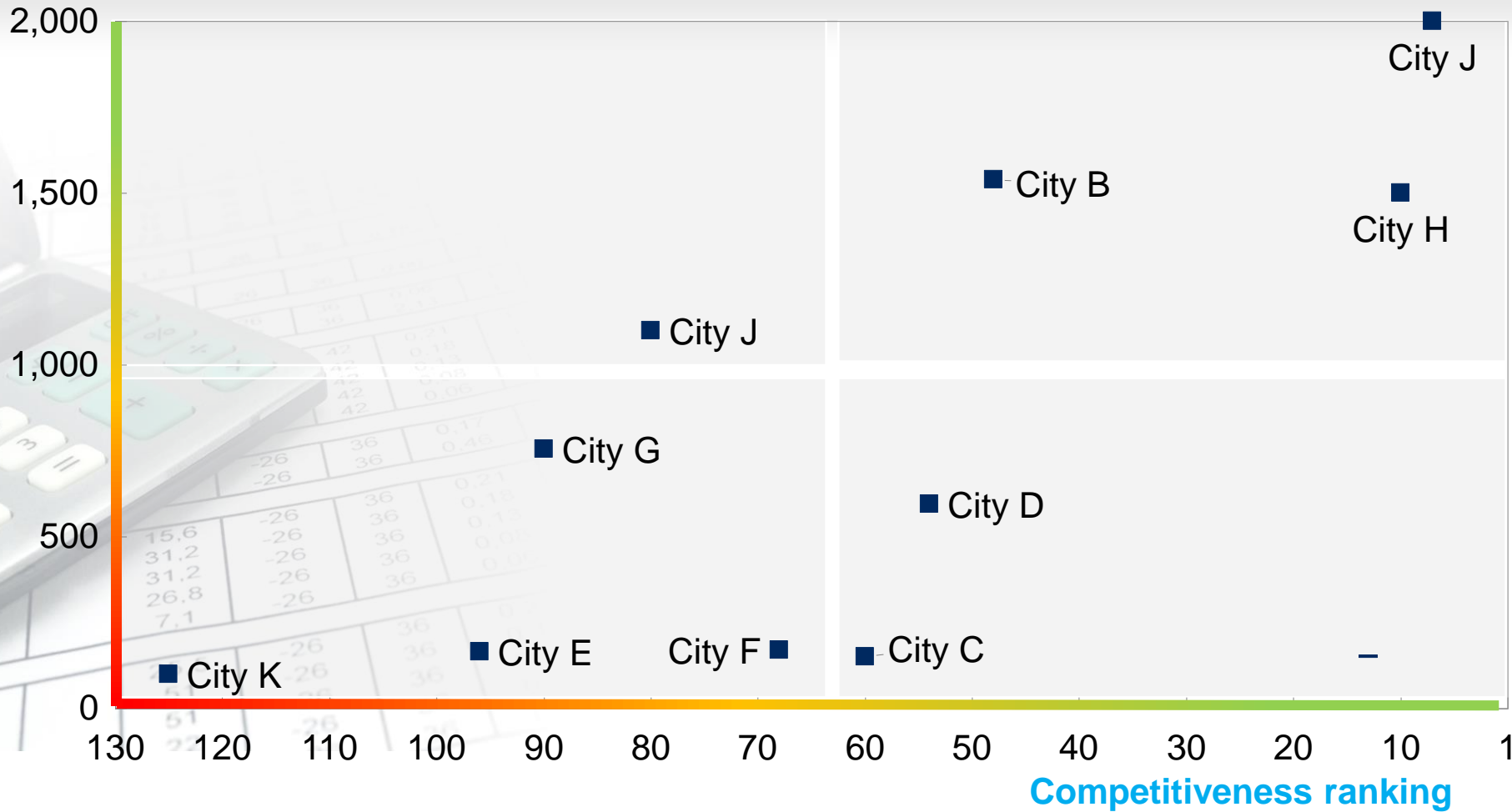
Global case studies indicate that **successful** increases in prices for fees and fines were in turn **compensated by offering higher quality services**

1 Based on 1-10 scale; 1 (Will not pay) - 10 (High willingness to pay)

# D A comparative perspective assessing city performance vs. international benchmarks could help to define the upside potential













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Per capita per annum municipal revenue, USD



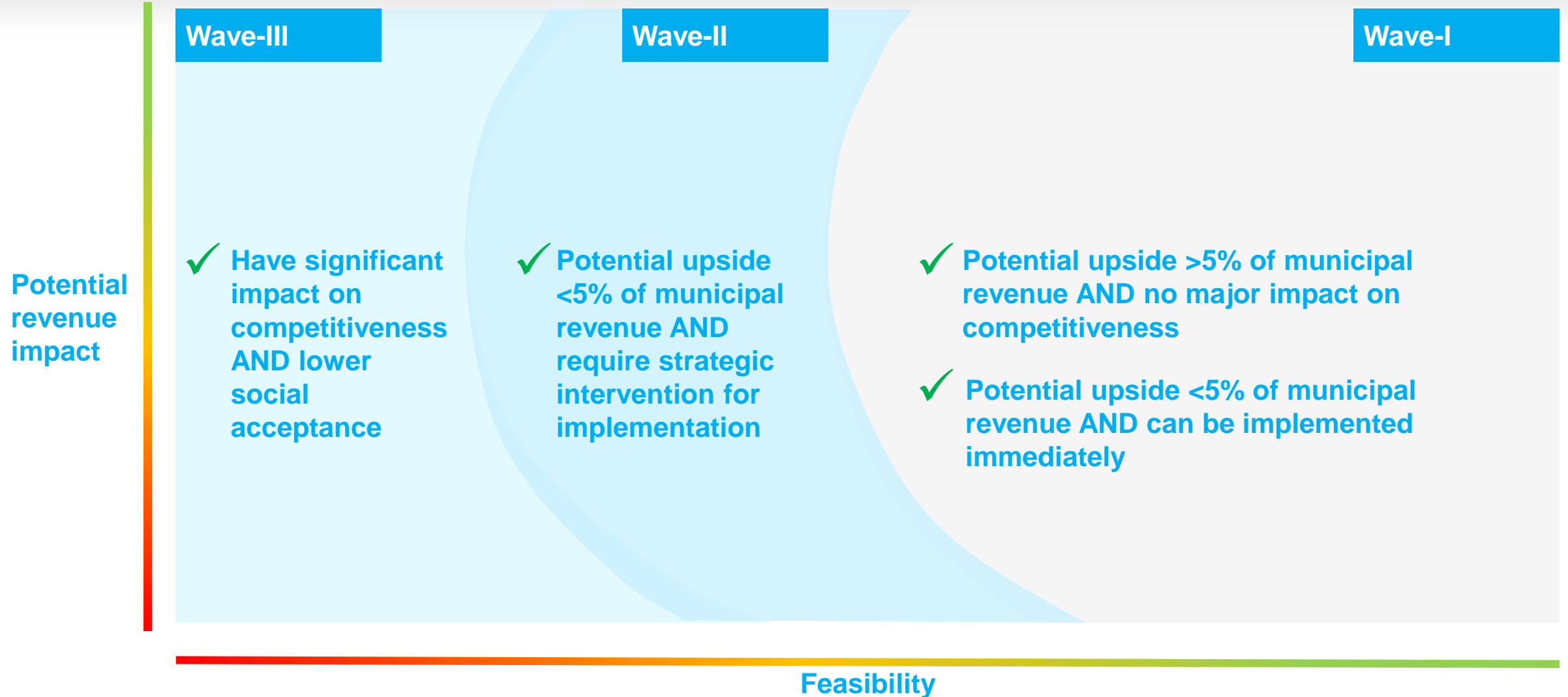
Comparative perspective could help municipalities to **determine top-down upside potential** based on the revenue generated by the cities with similar competitiveness ranking

# F Assessment along three dimensions for each lever could help determine the feasibility

Dimensions	Factors	Assessment Questions
1  Social Acceptance	 Visibility	Is the <b>magnitude of change significant</b> , hence <b>visible for citizens and businesses</b> ?
	 Potential public benefit	Does the <b>revenue lever induce positive behavior</b> and/or does it have a <b>clear public benefit</b> ?
	 Price against benchmarks	Is the level of fees, fines or charges <b>higher or lower compared to regional benchmarks</b> ?
2  Economic impact	 Impact on GDP	What will be the <b>impact of lever on GDP</b> ?
	 Impact on inflation	What will be the <b>impact of lever on inflation</b> ?
	 Impact on competitiveness	How does the lever <b>affect the position of city on various competitiveness indices</b> ?
3  Ease of implementation	 Technical readiness	Is municipality <b>technically ready</b> to introduce the selected lever?
	 Resources requirements	What <b>kind of additional resources</b> does the lever require?
	 Alignment with government agenda	Is the lever <b>in line with government agenda/ roadmap</b> for the corresponding area?

# G Municipalities could leverage revenue-feasibility matrix to prioritize levers

High Medium Low



# Guiding principles for revenue maximization programs

## 1 Fix the home

A significant upside can be generated from (A) enhancing collections and (B) enhancing asset monetization

## 2 Cover cost to serve whenever possible

For direct fees, ensure fee levels **cover at least the cost to serve**

## 3 Introduce innovative fees / charges

- Offer **new charges only** if they **induce positive behaviour and/or have a clear public benefit**
- Offer **VIP services** where higher fee levels come with higher quality

## 4 Close remaining revenue gap with a bundled charge(s)

**Limited number of charges/taxes** ensures **higher social acceptance and minimal collection leakage**

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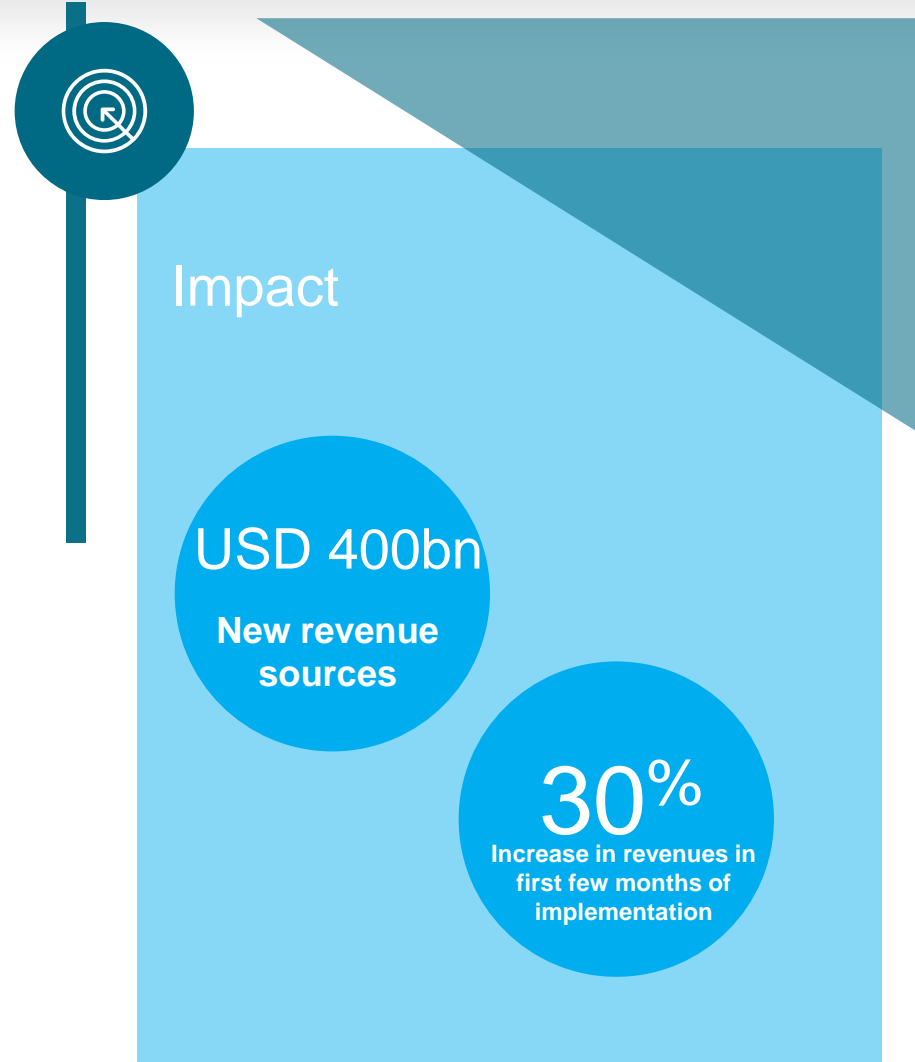
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## Approach

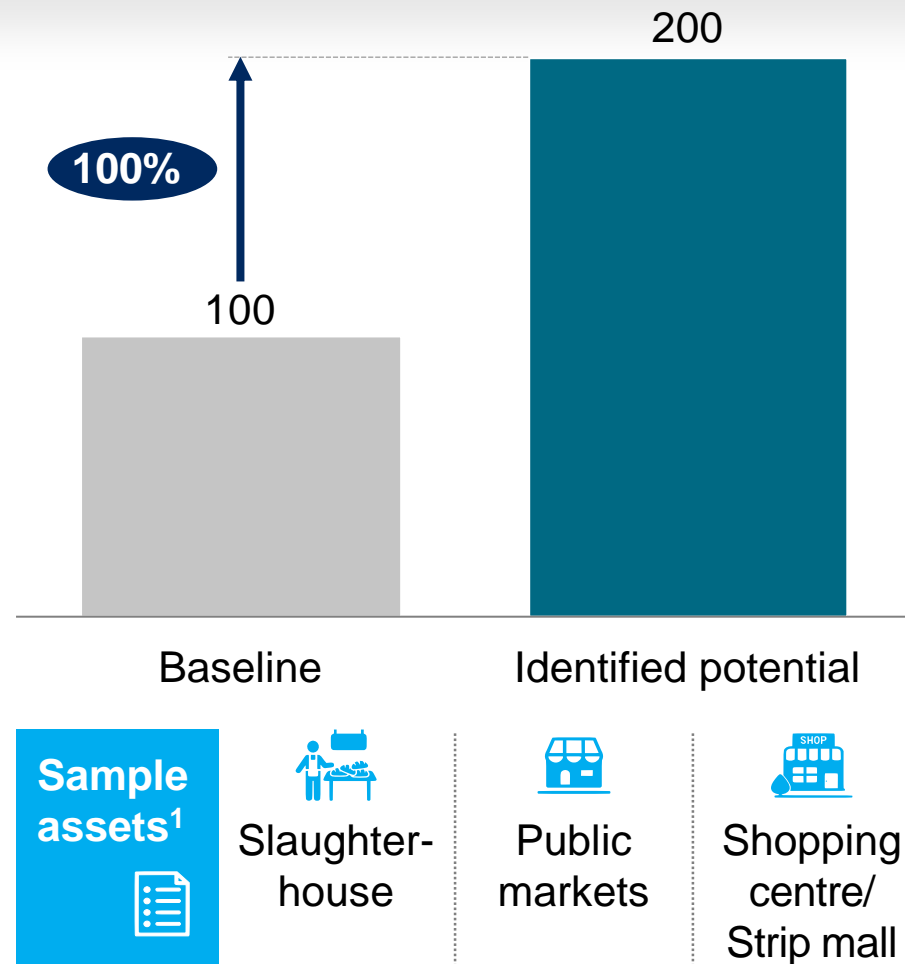
- **Identify revenues increase opportunities** from new fees and services (e.g., hotel occupancy fees, commercial waste fees, excavation fees)
- **Define and approve all regulatory** requirements needed to launch the new fees and fines
- Design and implement **performance management** tools and process and governance model





# Successful case study: deep-dive on land monetization for income-generating assets

## Baseline revenue indexed to 100



## Key optimization levers

- Alignment to market value
- Providing incentives
  - Increased FAR
  - Increased duration
  - Violations
- Enhancing contract terms (e.g. payment terms)
- Modifying plot usage

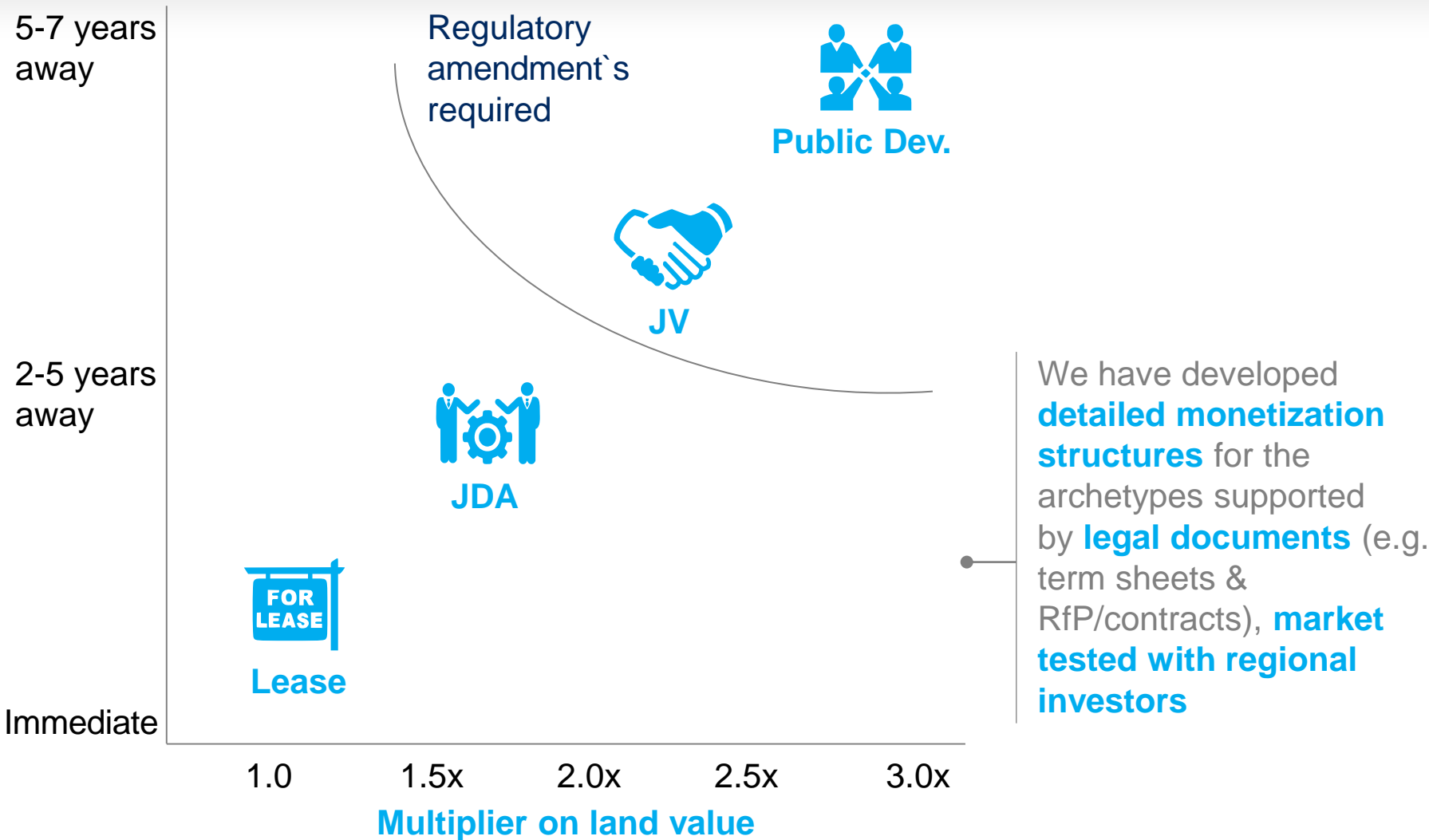
## Key enablers

- Fact based negotiations supported by detailed fact packs
- Training & capability building program
  - Negotiations
  - Basics of valuation

**Key success factor:**  
in the first stage,  
focus on 10-20% of  
the assets that  
generate around  
80% of the total  
value

**No need for a  
lengthy asset  
register building  
exercise upfront...**

# Successful case study: deep-dive on land monetization for non-income generating assets



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