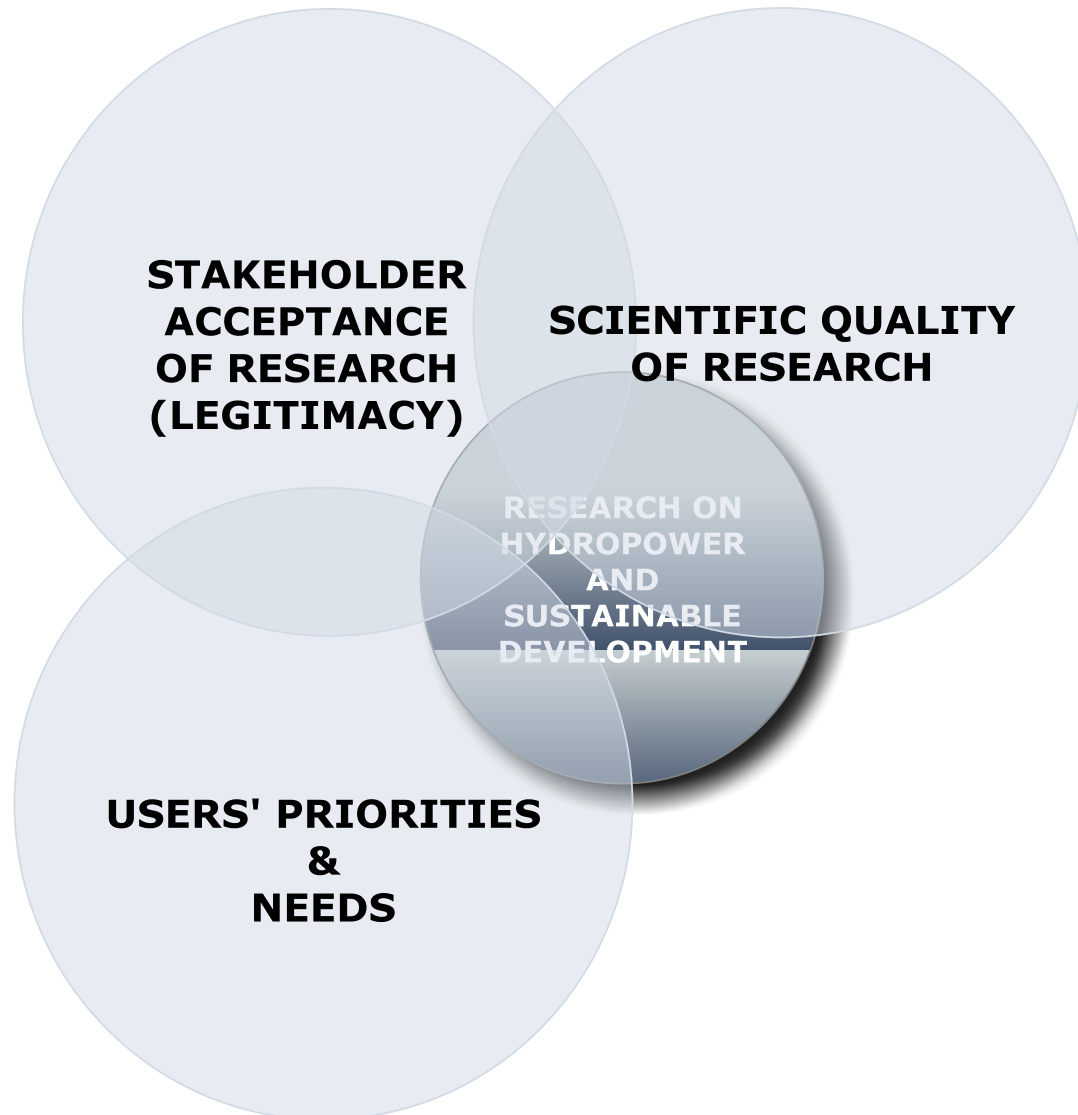


# What is usable knowledge?

## 3 dimensions of knowledge production



# Trade-offs

- Knowledge that is highly technical may have high **scientific quality** but may not meet all users' needs
  - Local languages
  - Policy messages
- Knowledge that has been produced without stakeholder consultation may not be perceived as **legitimate** to those stakeholders
  - Contexts and Stakeholders are diverse
  - Need participatory research
- Knowledge that does not fit with **users' goals & priorities** may be rejected
  - But existing goals & priorities may be part of the problem!

# Sustainable development (also) means . . .

- Re-thinking established processes, priorities, values
  - Producing usable knowledge becomes even more challenging
- Need spaces for dialogue about imagining & designing more sustainable processes
  - Dialogue
  - Case studies
- **CHALLENGE** = Rapid pace of hydropower development

# Can we improve this model of development?

