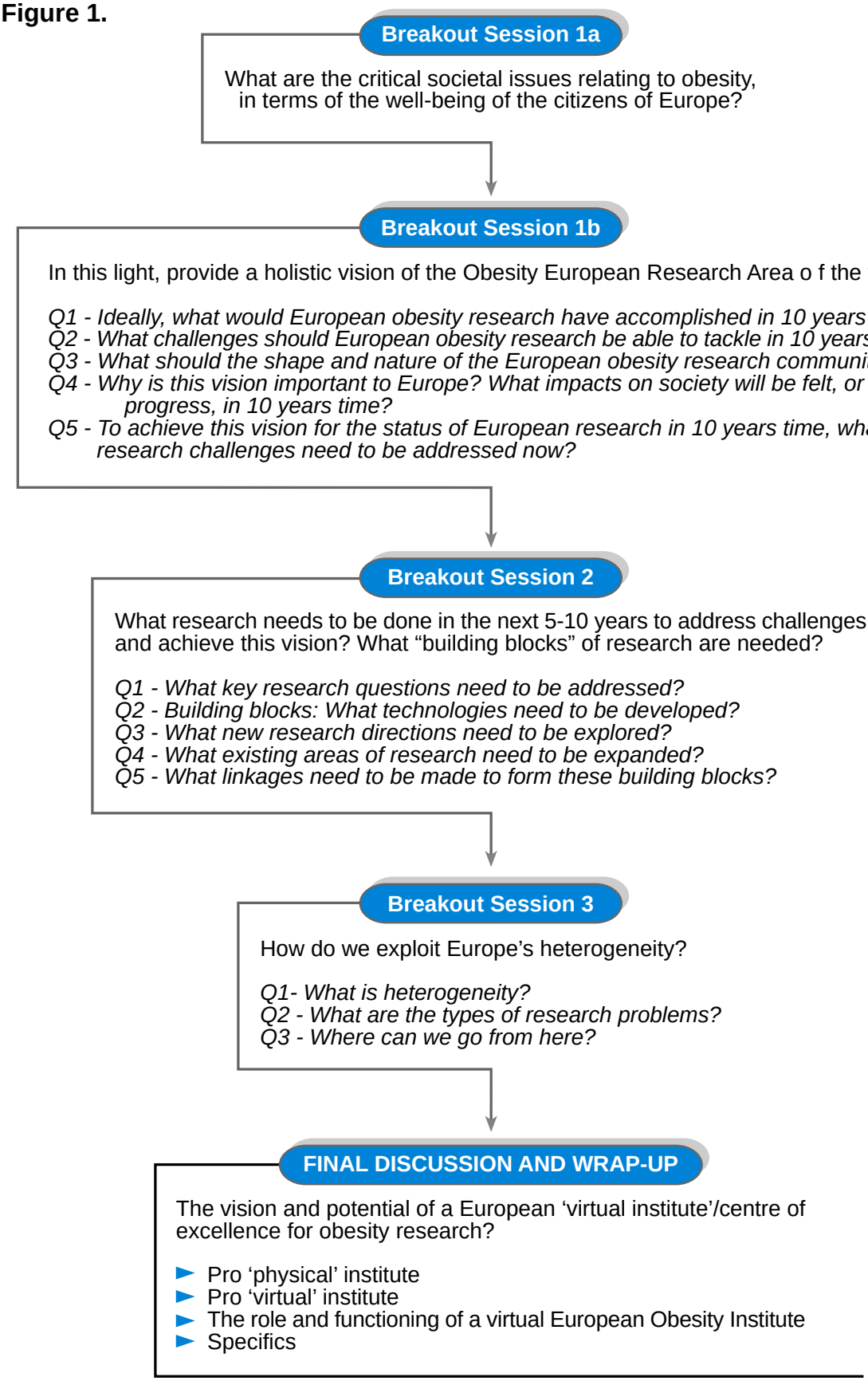
Figure 1.


Breakout Session 1a
What are the critical societal issues relating to obesity, in terms of the well-being of the citizens of Europe?
Breakout Session 1b
In this light, provide a holistic vision of the Obesity European Research Area o f the future.
Q1 - Ideally, what would European obesity research have accomplished in 10 years time?
Q2 - What challenges should European obesity research be able to tackle in 10 years time?
Q3 - What should the shape and nature of the European obesity research community be?
Q4 - Why is this vision important to Europe? What impacts on society will be felt, or in progress, in 10 years time?
Q5 - To achieve this vision for the status of European research in 10 years time, what key research challenges need to be addressed now?
Breakout Session 2
What research needs to be done in the next 5-10 years to address challenges and achieve this vision? What "building blocks" of research are needed?
Q1 - What key research questions need to be addressed?
Q2 - Building blocks: What technologies need to be developed?
Q3 - What new research directions need to be explored?
Q4 - What existing areas of research need to be expanded?
Q5 - What linkages need to be made to form these building blocks?
Breakout Session 3
How do we exploit Europe's heterogeneity?
Q1- What is heterogeneity?
Q2 - What are the types of research problems?
Q3 - Where can we go from here?
FINAL DISCUSSION AND WRAP-UP
The vision and potential of a European 'virtual institute'/centre of excellence for obesity research?
Pro 'physical' institute
Pro 'virtual' institute
The role and functioning of a virtual European Obesity Institute
Specifics