The integrated approach

Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms

Regional authorities

Energy · Agro-Food · Digital Growth · **Industrial Modernisation** · (Health) · (Circular Economy)

Businesses

Value chain · Value chain · Value chain · **Joint actions and investments** · Digital transformation · KETs · Ressource efficiency · Service innovation · Value chain · Value chain · Value chain · Value chain · Value chain · Value chain · Value chain · ...

European Strategic Cluster Partnerships
for smart specialisation investments
& other business networks and partnerships

Cluster organisations
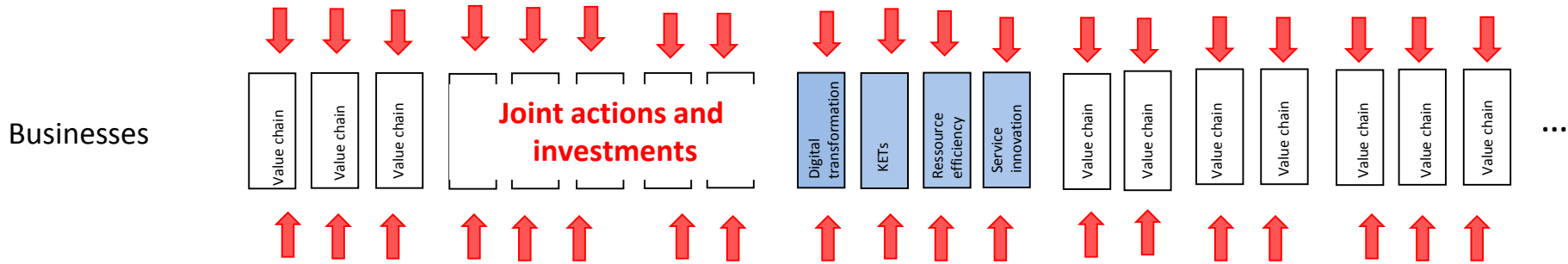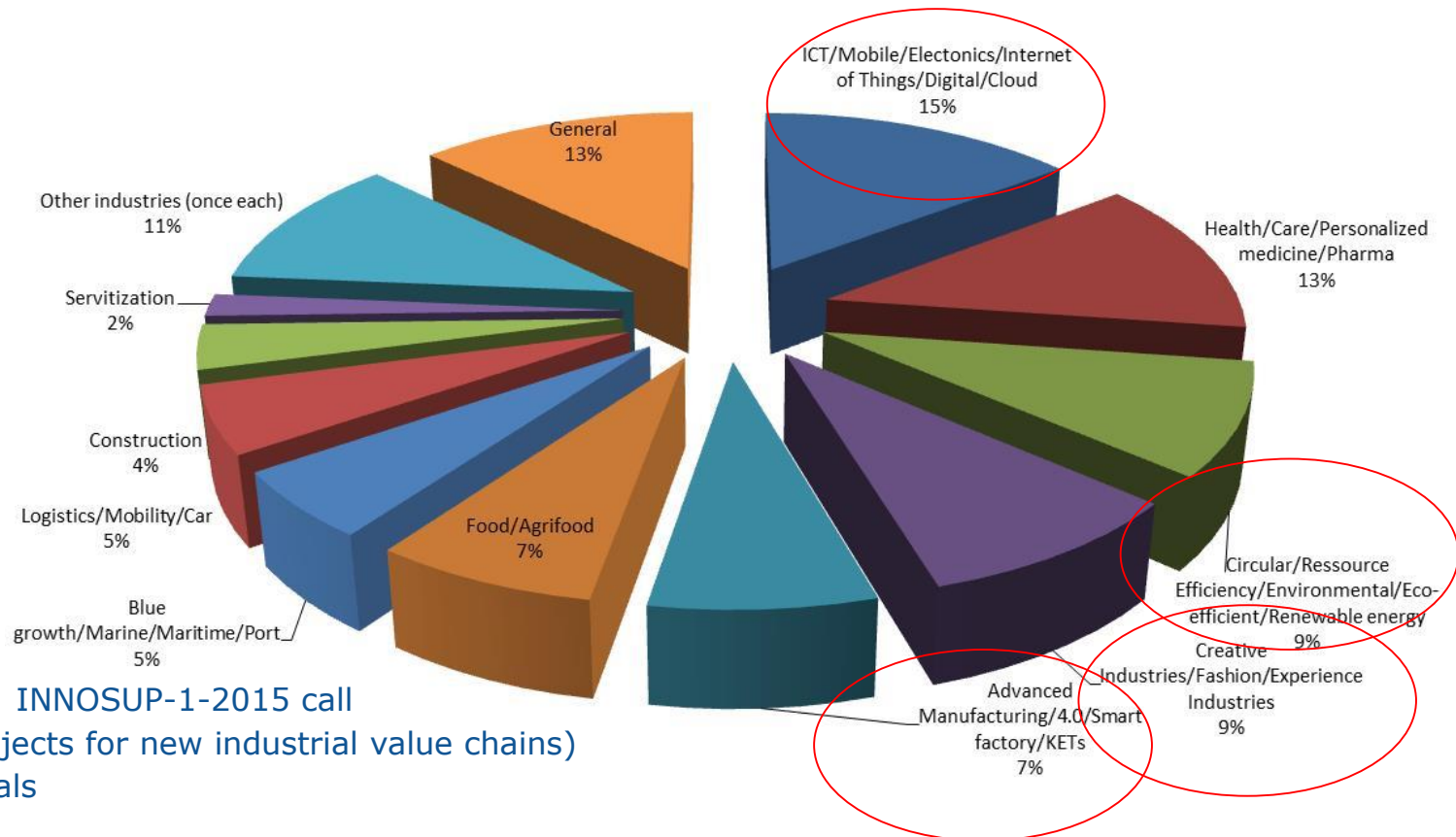
Strong interest in using clusters to facilitate industrial transformation

Horizon2020 example: INNOSUP-1-2015 call
(Cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains)
- 119 concept proposals
- 45 full proposals
- 5 project proposals retained for funding (€21.7 million)

https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/6084-innosup-01-2016-2017.html

Call for expression of interest

Towards European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for smart specialisation investments
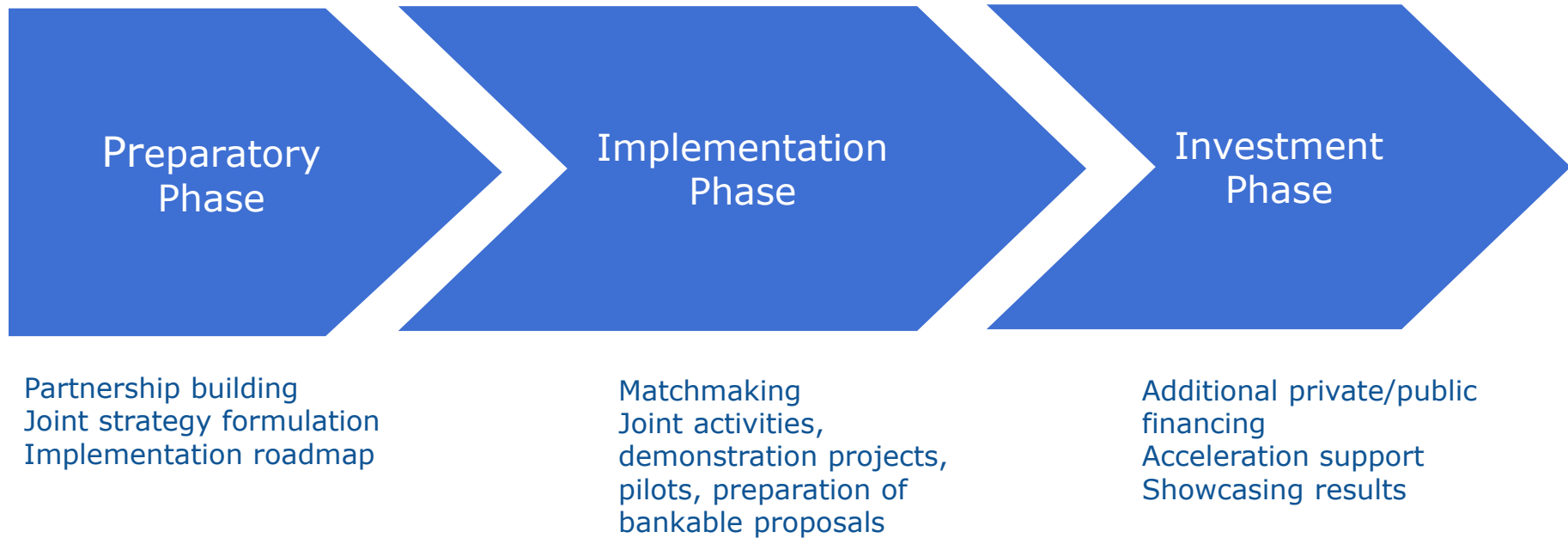
- *aims to strengthen industry participation and inter-regional collaboration in implementation of smart specialisation strategies*
- *addressed to cluster organisations, other business network organisations, technology centres and science parks*
- *focuses on industrial modernisation*
- *open partnering process until end of 2016 via*

http://www.clustercollaboration.eu/news/call-expression-interest-towards-european-strategic-cluster-partnerships

European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for smart specialisation investments

Preparatory Phase

Implementation Phase

Investment Phase

Partnership building
Joint strategy formulation
Implementation roadmap

Matchmaking
Joint activities,
demonstration projects,
pilots, preparation of
bankable proposals

Additional private/public
financing
Acceleration support
Showcasing results

Support to regions and Partnerships

- *Support and visibility via the Smart Specialisation Platform and European Cluster Collaboration Platform*

- *Support and guidance for interregional cooperation for industrial modernisation (RE-CONFIRM)*

- *Support for networks of regions, cross-regional business partnerships for co-investments & matchmaking for digital transformation & KETs*

- *Advisory support services for Cluster Partnerships (European Observatory for Clusters and Industrial Change)*

- *Possible other support*

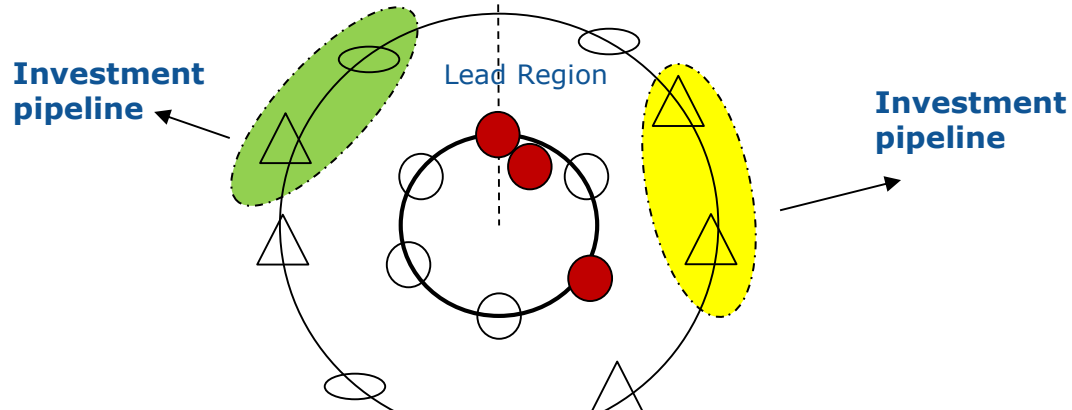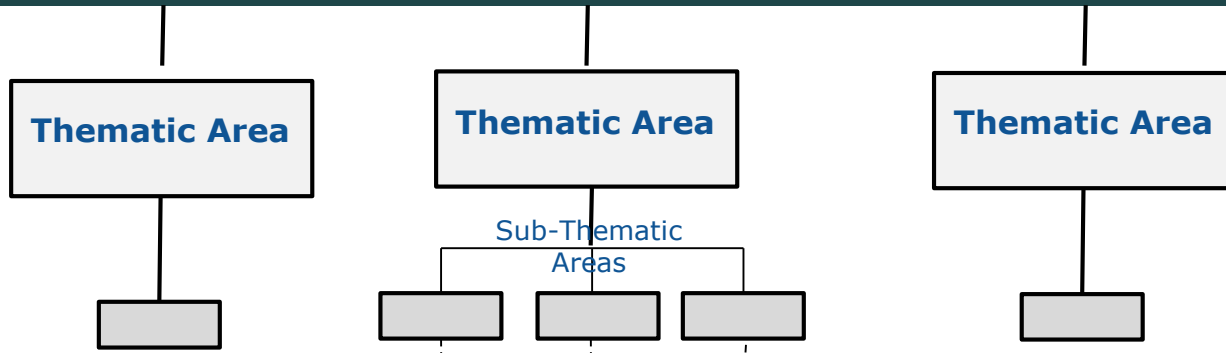# Industrial modernisation focus

Priorities such as

- *Key Enabling Technologies*
- *ICT*
- *service innovation*
- *resource efficiency*

This includes advanced manufacturing, digital transformation/ industry 4.0, digital platforms, big data analytics, space data services, advanced material and disruptive business models and service concepts including in creative industries, textiles & tourism.

Leading Regions (Must have/Will get)

- **Show strong commitment**

- **Ensure appropriate support**

- **Have a plan to involve others**

- **Being the interface for policy discussion**

The process forward (first steps)

- **Initiation of discussions today**

- **Provision of guidelines**

- **Seek for mandate from other regions in June**

- **First group of leading regions identified**

- **Verification process**