



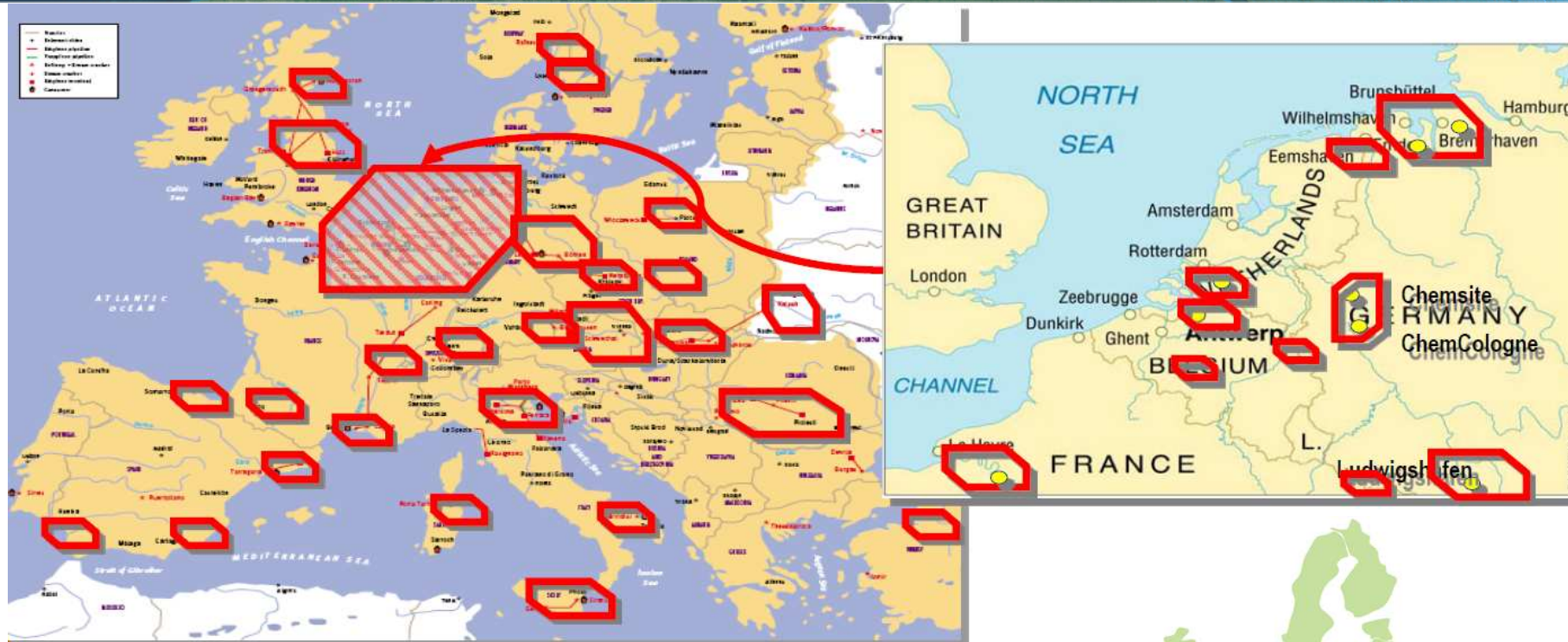
Bioeconomy cross border collaboration between Flanders, Netherlands and NordRhine Westphalia

Ludo Diels, U-Antwerp, Vito

S3 Platform Peer Review Workshop, Cross border collaboration

Baiona, 6 - 7 November 2014

Many chemical clusters, one mega-cluster

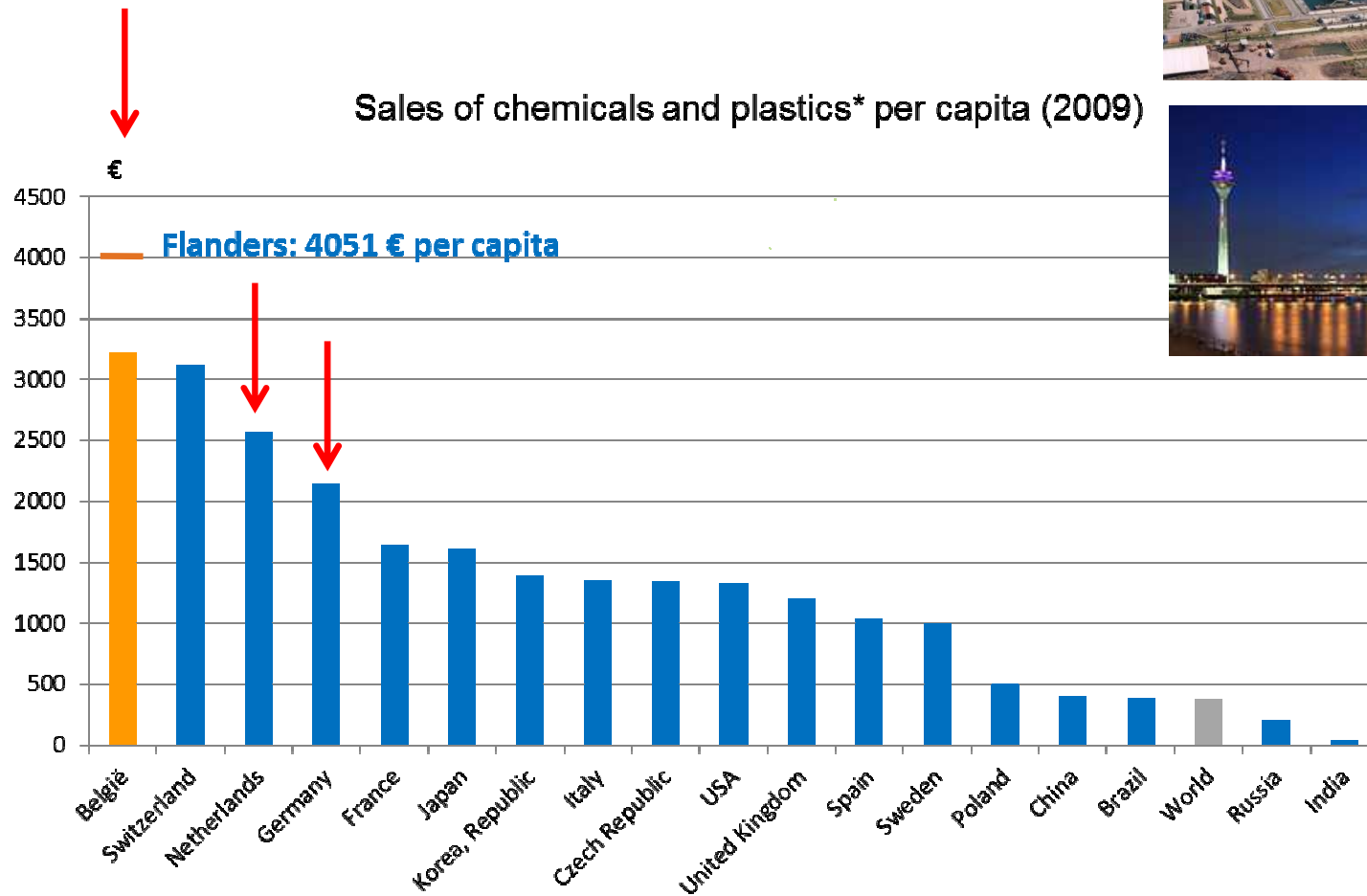


Fred du Plessis, (Executive Advisor, Sabic)

Mega-cluster: NL-NRW-FI



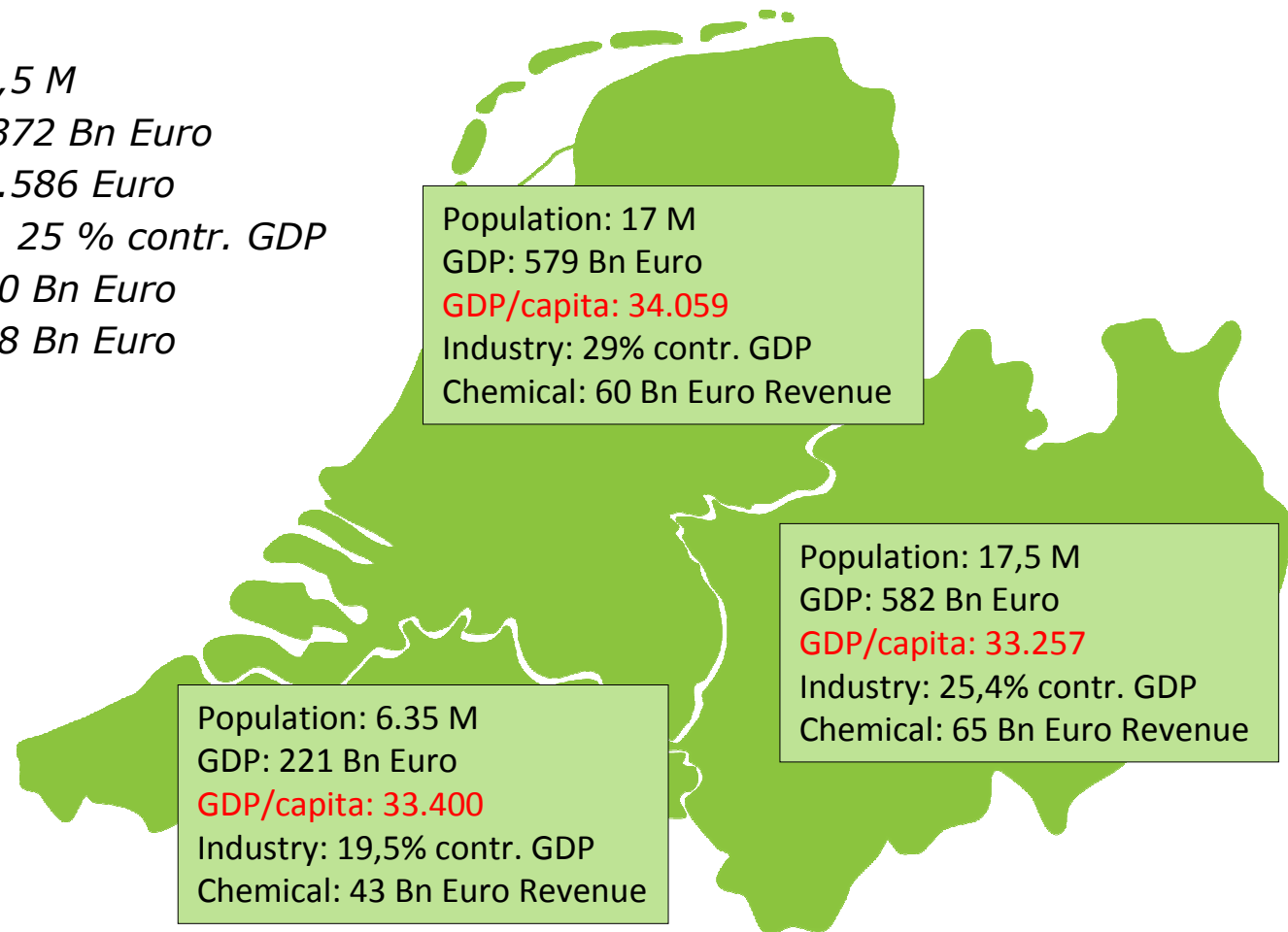
Chemistry per capita



Source: Feri Q12010, NIS
2009 Figures
* exclusive life sciences

The leading industrial mega-cluster

Population: 40,5 M
GDP: 1.372 Bn Euro
GDP/capita: 33.586 Euro
Industry: ca. 25 % contr. GDP
Agro&Food: 150 Bn Euro
Chemical: 168 Bn Euro



Mega clusters chemical industry in the world



Outline

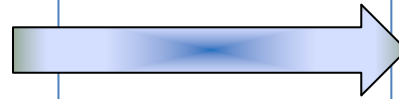
- NL-NRW-FI: Megaccluster in chemistry
- Smart specialisation to new feedstock
- What is our plan?



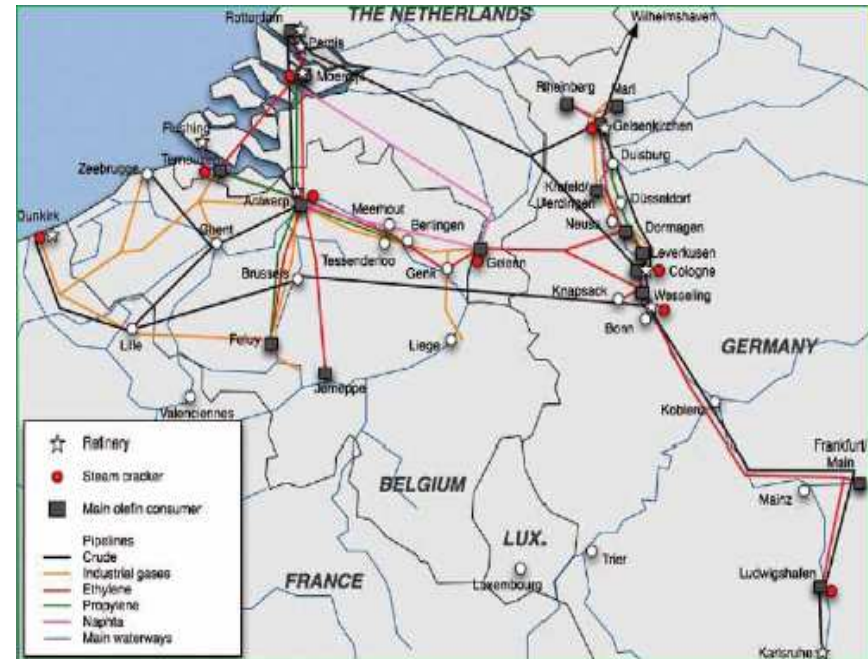
The pillars of competitiveness (1)

Basic requirements

- Institutions
- Infrastructure & labour
- Macroeconomic environment
- Health & primary education



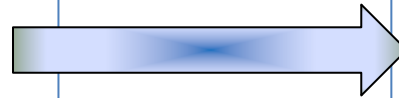
Key for
Factor-driven
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The pillars of competitiveness (2)

Basic requirements

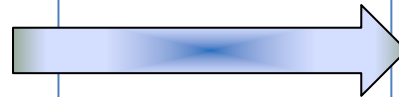
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Key for
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Efficiency enhancers

- Higher education and training
- Goods market efficiency
- Financial market development
- Technological readiness
- Market size



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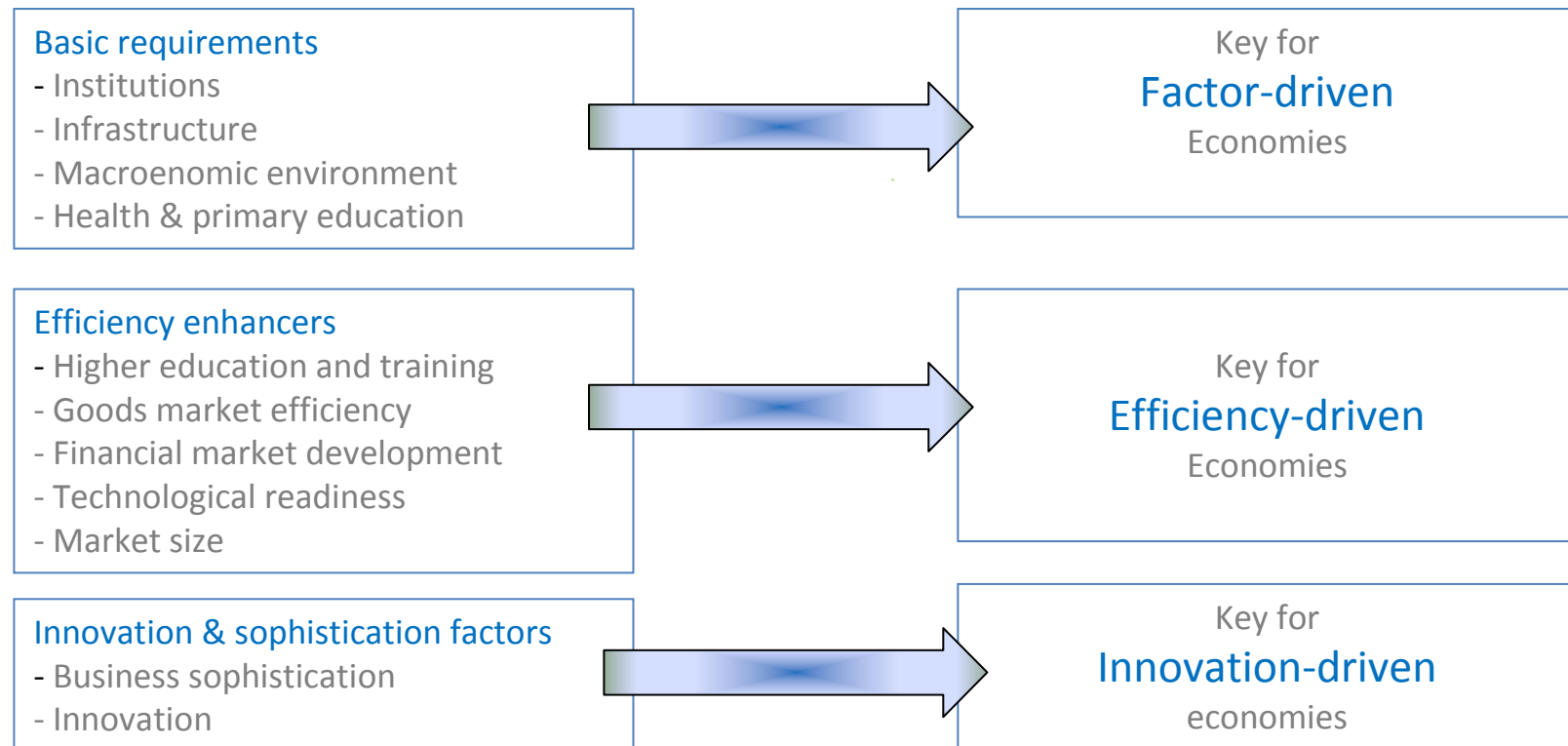
Key universities in NRW-FI-NI



Key Knowledge Institutes & Pilot Plants



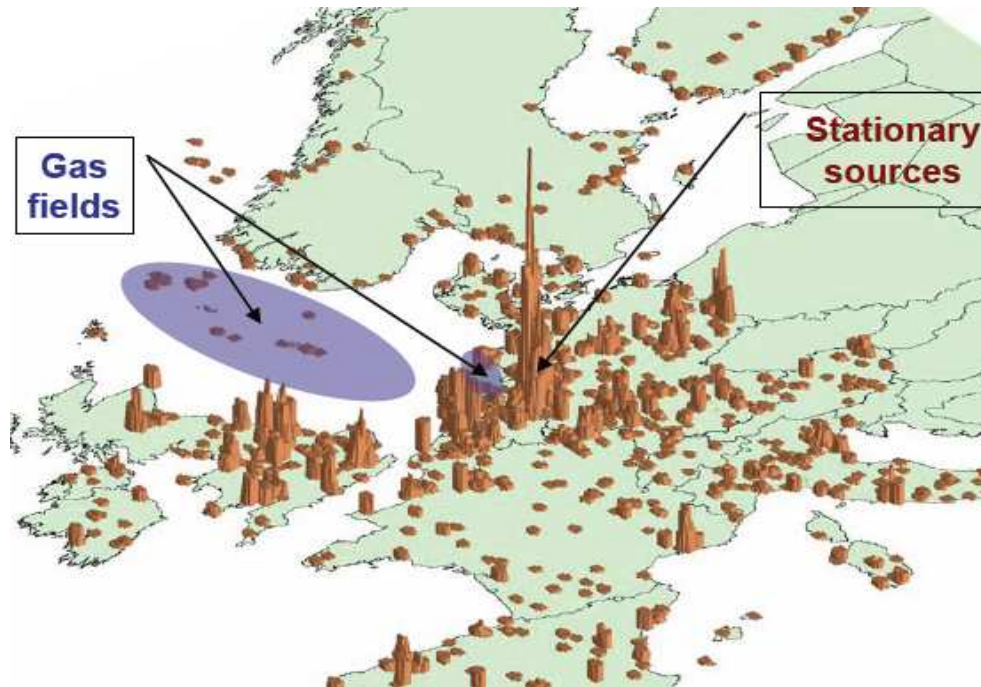
The pillars of competitiveness (3)



Source: partially WEF

Industrialised and urbanised regions

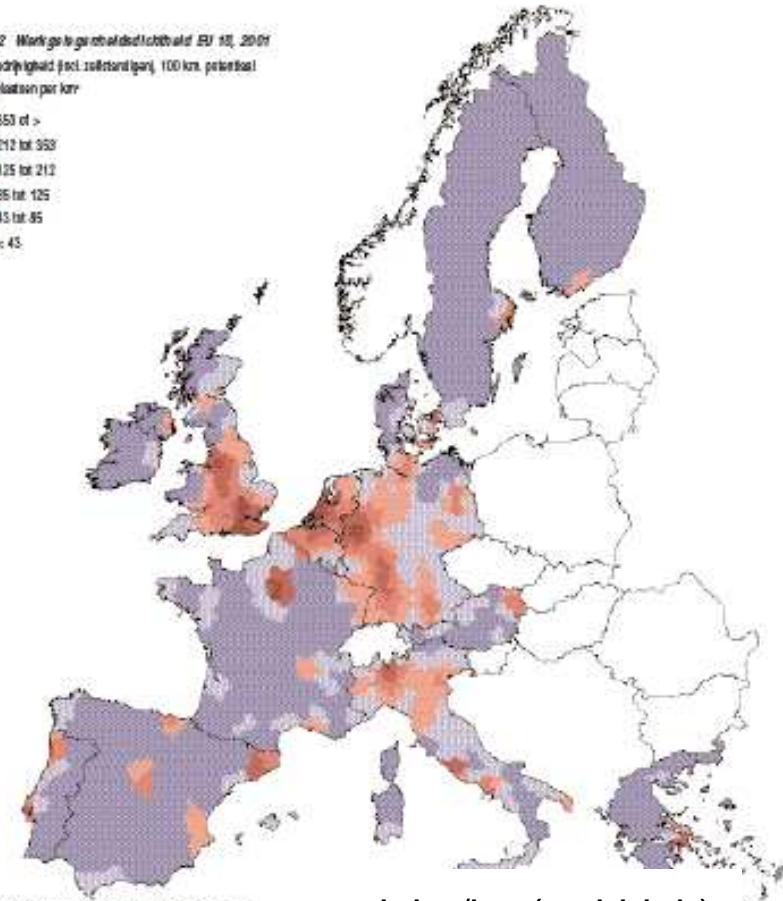
CO2



CO2/ha/yr

Jobs (Rhine Corridor)

Figuur 2: Werkgelegenheidsdichtheid EU 15, 2001
Totale bedrijvigheid (incl. zelfstandigen), 100 km. per hectaar
Arbeidsplaatsen per hectaar

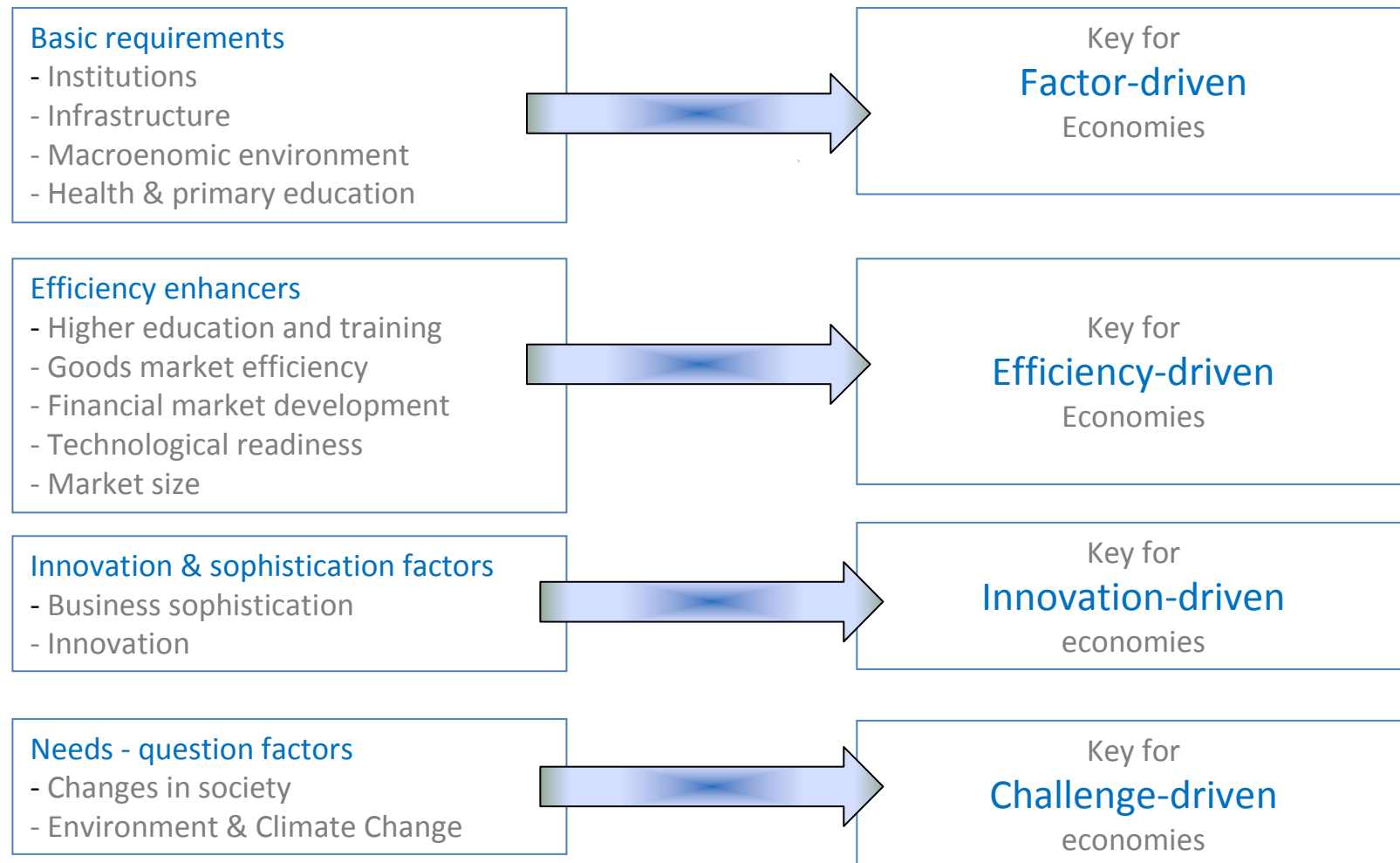


jobs/ha (red-high)

Innovation initiatives



Pillars of competitiveness (4)



Source: partially WEF

In 2000 Global chemistry around two centres



...Then years later, strong competition from BRIC countries



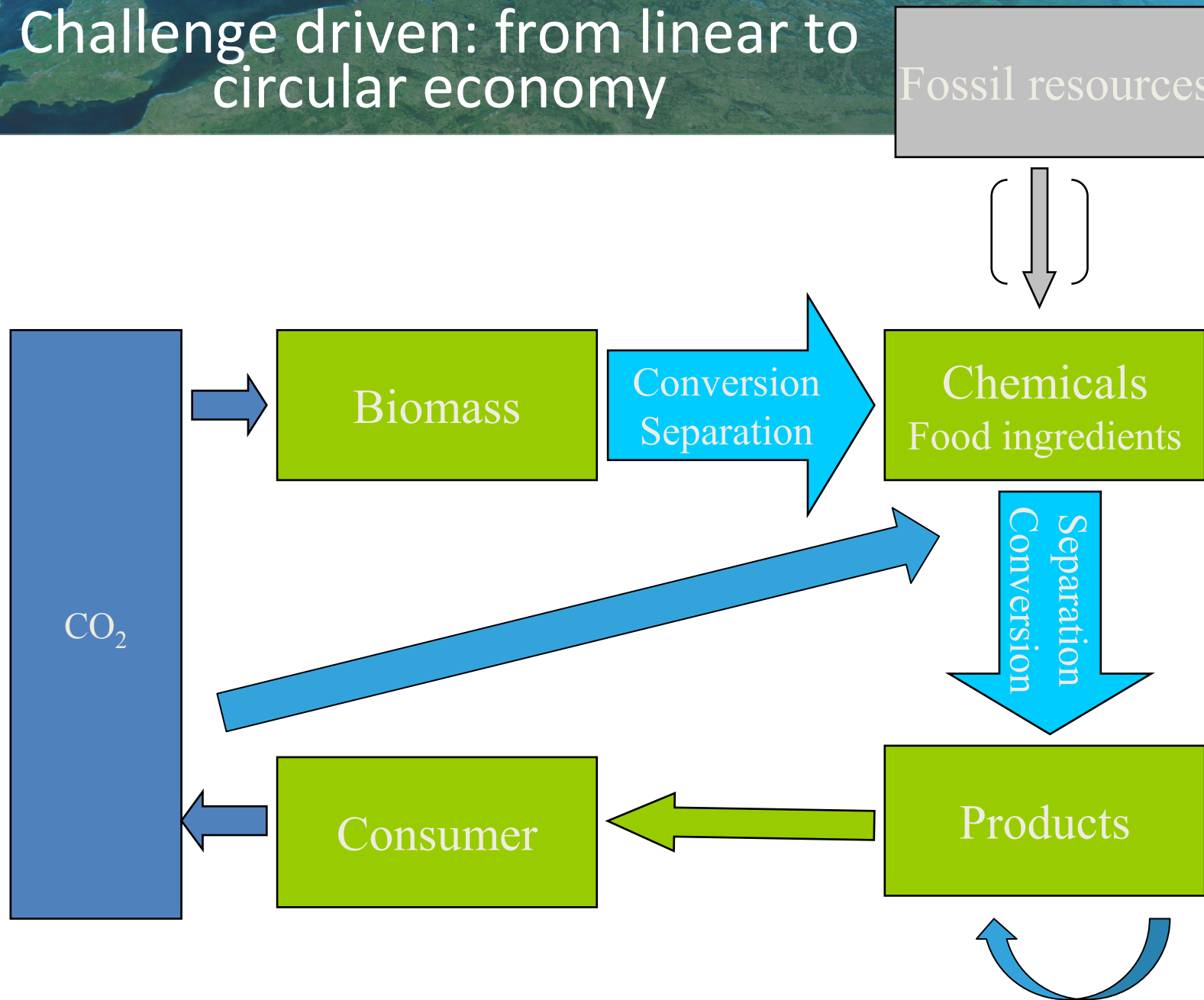
How to renew Industrial Production in Europe?

Boundary conditions & Solution

- Europe has no access to cheap energy and resources
 - Europe has a strong concern about climate change
 - Grand societal challenges!
 - European agriculture and rural areas are under transition
- ➔ BioEconomy and biobased economy may be a challenge for Europe

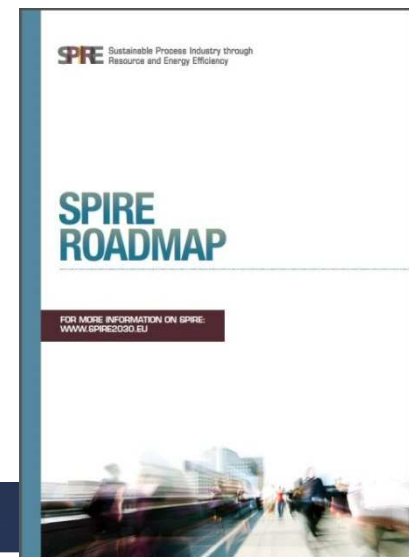
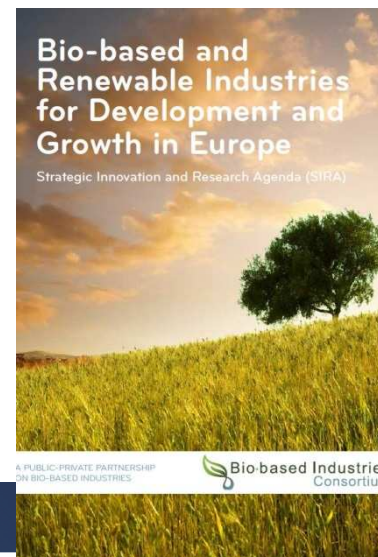


Challenge driven: from linear to circular economy



How to realise this?

- Need for Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)
 - Reduce risks
 - Set up a value chain (based on road map)
 - Supported by regulations and standardisation
 - Value chain up to NEW materials (Performance)
 - Collaborations: Universities – Authorities – Industry
 - Investments in:
 - Pilots
 - Demonstrations
 - Flagships

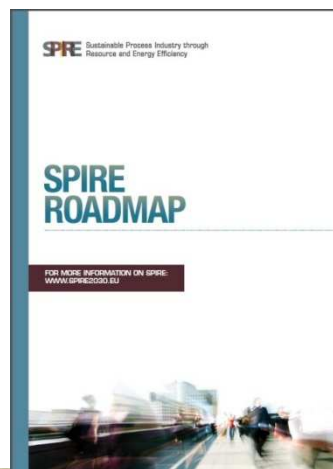
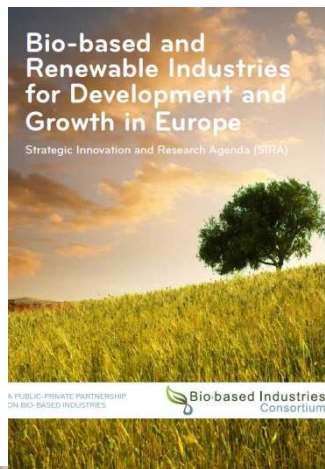
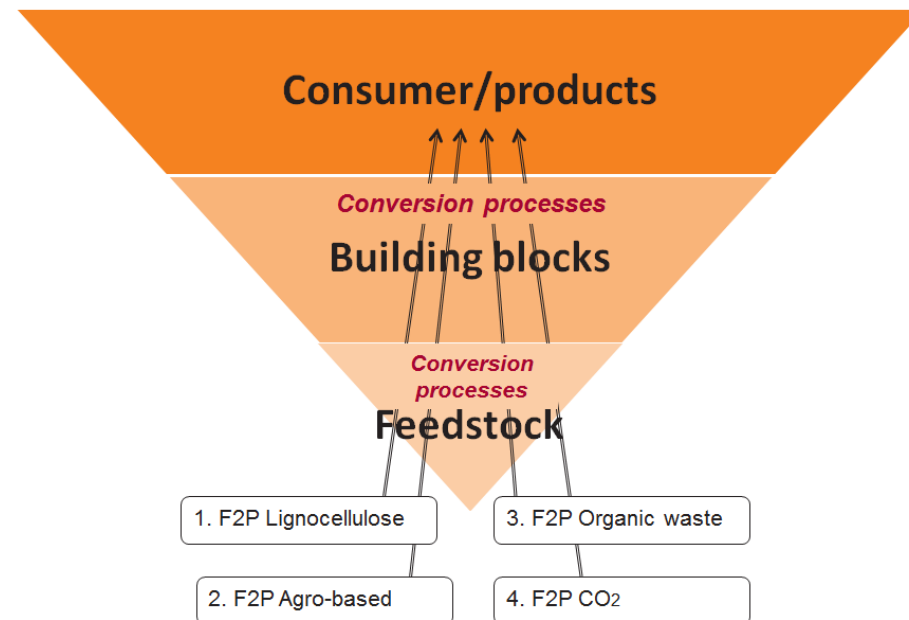


Flagships 2 Products

Biobased Feedstock

1. Woody Biomass
2. Agricultural Biomass
3. Municipal Waste
4. Industrial Side Streams
incl. CO/CO₂

4 Biobased Value Chains

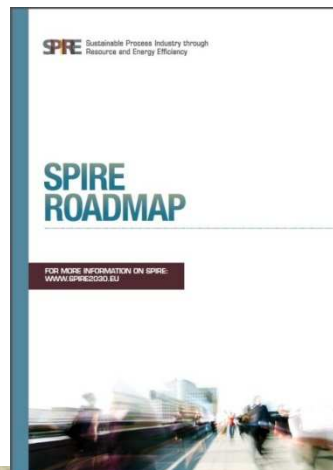
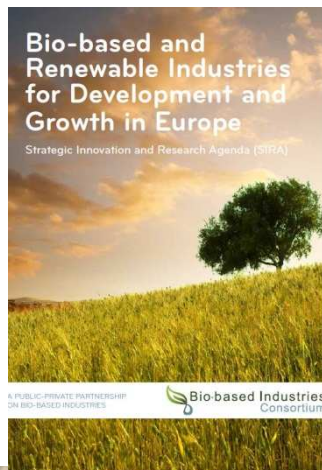
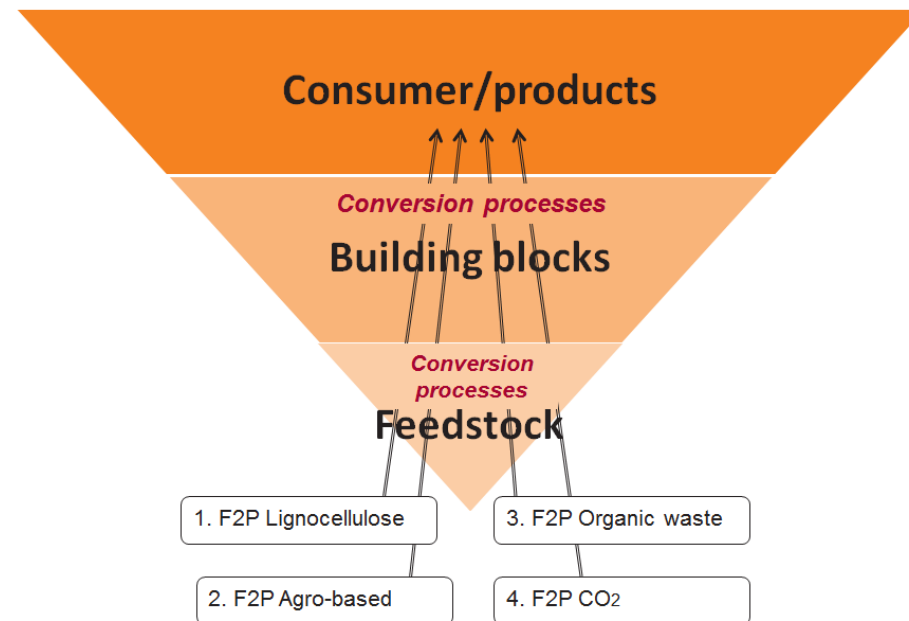


Flagships 2 Products

3 flagships

- 1.CO2 to chemicals
- 2.Biobased Aromatics
- 3.Aviation biofuels

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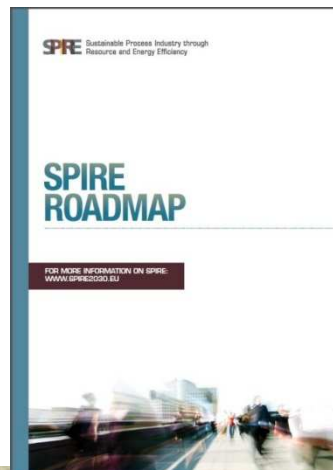
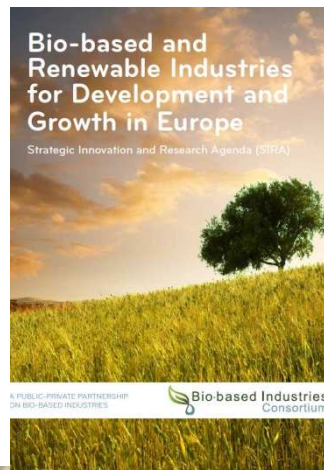


Flagships 2 Products

Border denying collaboration to realise the 3 flagships

- Regional funding (FISCH, CLIB2021, BE-Basic,...)
- H2020 (Societal Challenge, LETs, ...)
- PPPs (SPIRE, BBI)
- Interreg
- Vanguard Initiative

- Private investors



Build

Conversion processes

Feedstock

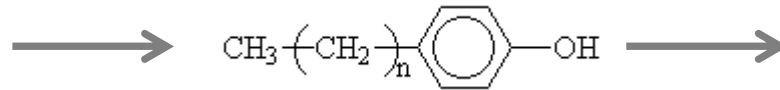
1. F2P Lignocellulose

3. F2P Organic waste

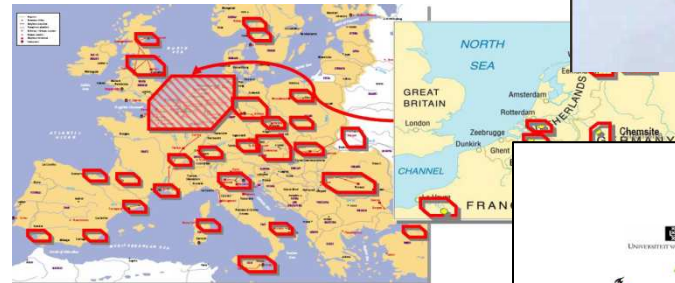
2. F2P Agro-based

4. F2P CO₂

Circular Value chains require Top Specialized Pillars of Competitiveness (1)



- Institutions
- Infrastructure
- Macroeconomic Environment
- Human Capacity Building



Circular Value chains require Top Specialized Pillars of Competitiveness Smart Specialization of all Stakeholders

Industries

Research Institutes

Technical & academic
training and education

Government & Authorities

General Public



- **Share risks**
- **Share budget**
- **Win time (speed up)**

Smart specialisation → Strategic Stakeholder Management

Cross-Border Approaches in top & special

- R&D, Piloting, Flagship Plants
 - Infrastructure, Logistics
 - Financing (private & public)
 - Human Capital Agenda
- Expert Advice to Government, Authorities & General Public





Realistic plan?

- CO₂: abundantly available (even H₂)
- Biomass: present, neighbouring states, ports,...
- Industry: R&D centres, lead plants
- Academics: common pot programs
- World: common representations
- Business: common economic missions
- Authorities: strong political will

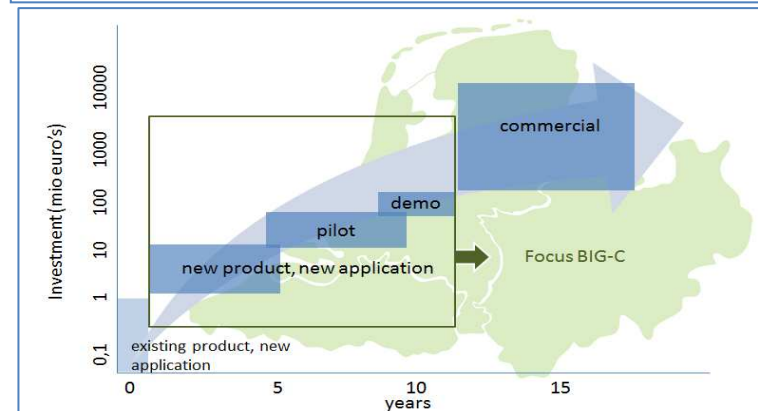
BIG-C brings bioeconomy's power on ground

BIG-C adds value by Regional Smart Specialization

- *building* trust and committment
- *leveraging* Regional USP Synergies
- *synchronzing* EU PPPs & Regional Efforts
- *pushing* Private & Public Investments



Feedstock > Consumer Products



RIS3, Research & Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisations

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International collaboration and innovation

- Clustering of regions (smart specialisation)
 - Links between clusters
 - Create your market (link to your society)
 - Link with other networks in World
 - SAHYOG (EU-India)
 - EU-LAC (EU-Latin America – Caribians)
 - ...
 - Strategic Bioeconomy Platforms for Engaging Society
 - Participative governance of bioeconomy
- ➔ And never forget the full value chain!!!



CEO-summit at i-SUP (1 September 2014, Antwerp) in presence of several chemical companies of the delta

- All companies looking to C1-chemistry
- In biomass everybody speaks about lignocellulose
- ➔ Need for a 'design table' and a small group of chemical companies to make a concrete plan (A. Van Beek, Dow)
- ➔ What fails are realistic roadmaps (W. De Geest, BASF)
- ➔ The world look to Europe for sustainability development (challenge) (R. Pachauri)
- ➔ DNA of your company: 'entrepreneurship + innovation' (J. P. Balkenende)
- ➔ Entrepreneurial and creative risk approach (R. Branson)



BIG-C ins and outs

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