

CAPTURE

TOGETHER WE BECOME CIRCULAR

CENTRE FOR **A**DVANCED **P**ROCESS **T**ECHNOLOGY FOR **U**RBAN RESOURCE **R**ECOVERY

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WHAT IS **CAPTURE** ?



"CAPTURE is a **research platform** that wants to deliver a disruptive contribution to the circular economy.



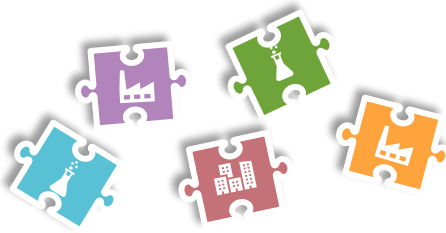
Its main focus is **on technological innovations** in the field of sustainable resource recovery, driven by multidisciplinary collaboration between stakeholders.



That is why our tagline is **#Together We Become Circular.**"

Scattered approach in the field of circular economy:

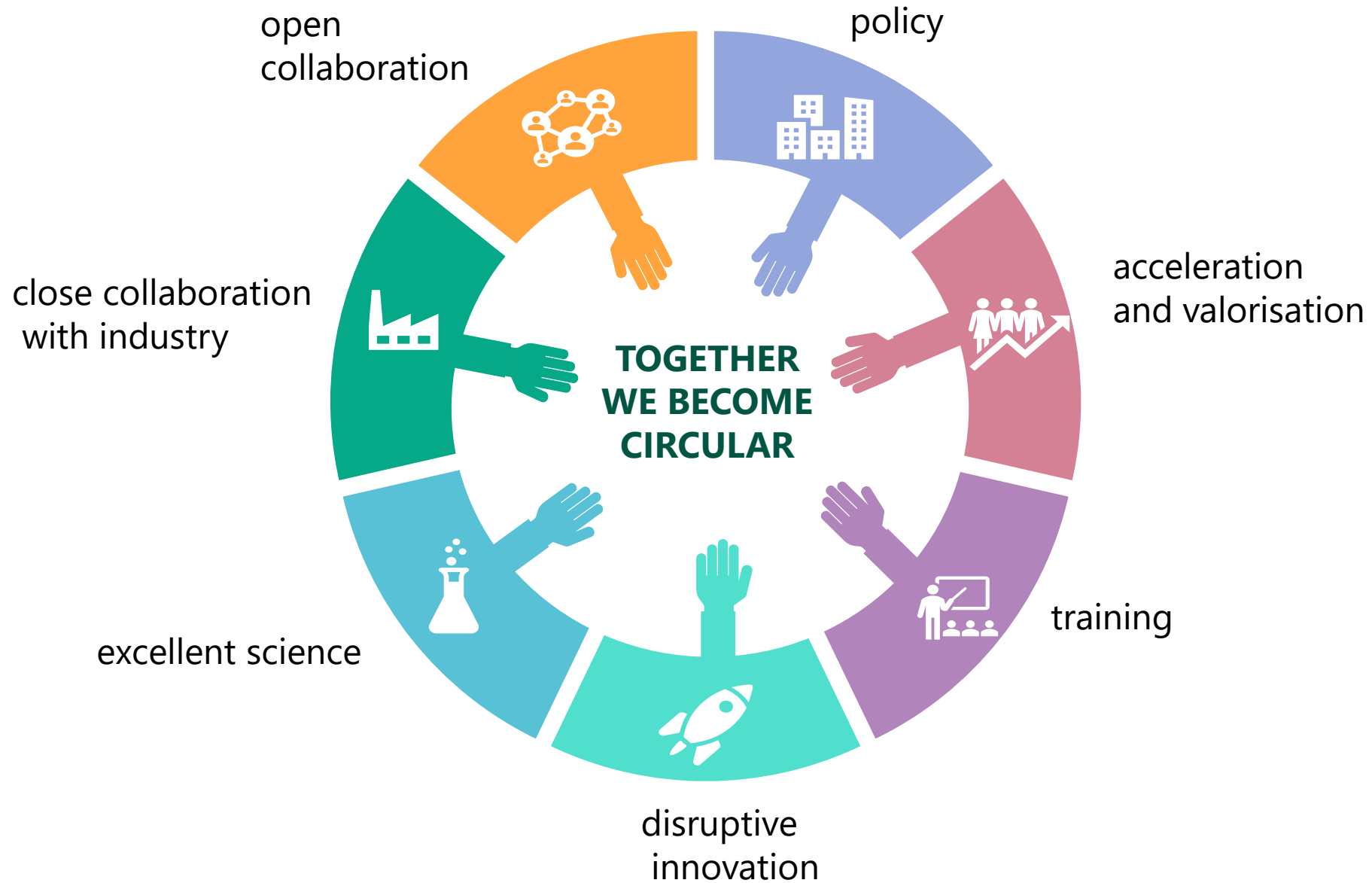
- Research institutes and industrial stakeholders (and hence supply and demand) are **not aligned**, both internally and externally.
- Inefficient and ineffective use of capacities
- Slow process of **identifying market needs and valorizing new technology developments**.

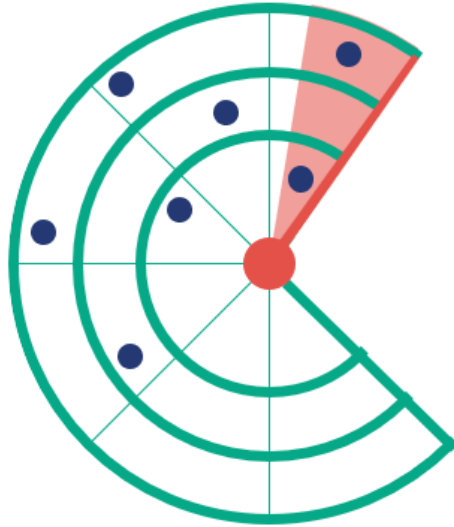


Need for an efficient and effective **open market place**, resulting in:

- **Open collaborations** between researchers (not hindered by institutional boundaries) and industrial stakeholders **is key**
- Creation of **common vision on re-use of resources**
- A one-stop-shop for policy and industry offering the latest insights on re-use of **water, CO₂ and plastics** with a core of **excellent integrated researchers**







CAPTURE as a radar

INFORMATION

- Direction/trends;
- Research intelligence;
- Funding feedback;
- Collaboration contacts
- Talent

INFLUENCE

- Research projects;
- Insight discussions;
- Talent;
- Collaboration contacts.

TRAINING

- Courses
- Seminars
- Workshops



Level 1+ 2: Technology Accelerator (Testing facilities, benches and chairs)

Level 3 + 4: Business Accelerator

**TECHNOLOGY –
ACCELERATOR:**
4.157 m² BVO

**BUSINESS –
ACCELERATOR:**
3.036 m² BVO

Level 0: Tech Hall: upscaling & demonstration



open innovation and training hub
for potential entrepreneurs and innovators
from knowledge institutions, large and
smaller industries.

- Labs (2000 m²): Top-notch range of utilities available
- Pilot facility (400 m²): from lab-scale to production – ceiling height up to 7m
- Offices: flex desks for researchers and companies
- Meeting/conference rooms: collaborations in a professional environment

Water as a resource



- Chemical analysis
- Ecotoxicological analysis
- Waste water treatment
- Recovery of nutrients and precious materials
- Internet of water

Carbon Capture and Utilization



- Material and catalyst development
- Electrochemistry
- Plasma technology
- Chemical reactor technology
- Process control (AI...)

Hydrogen



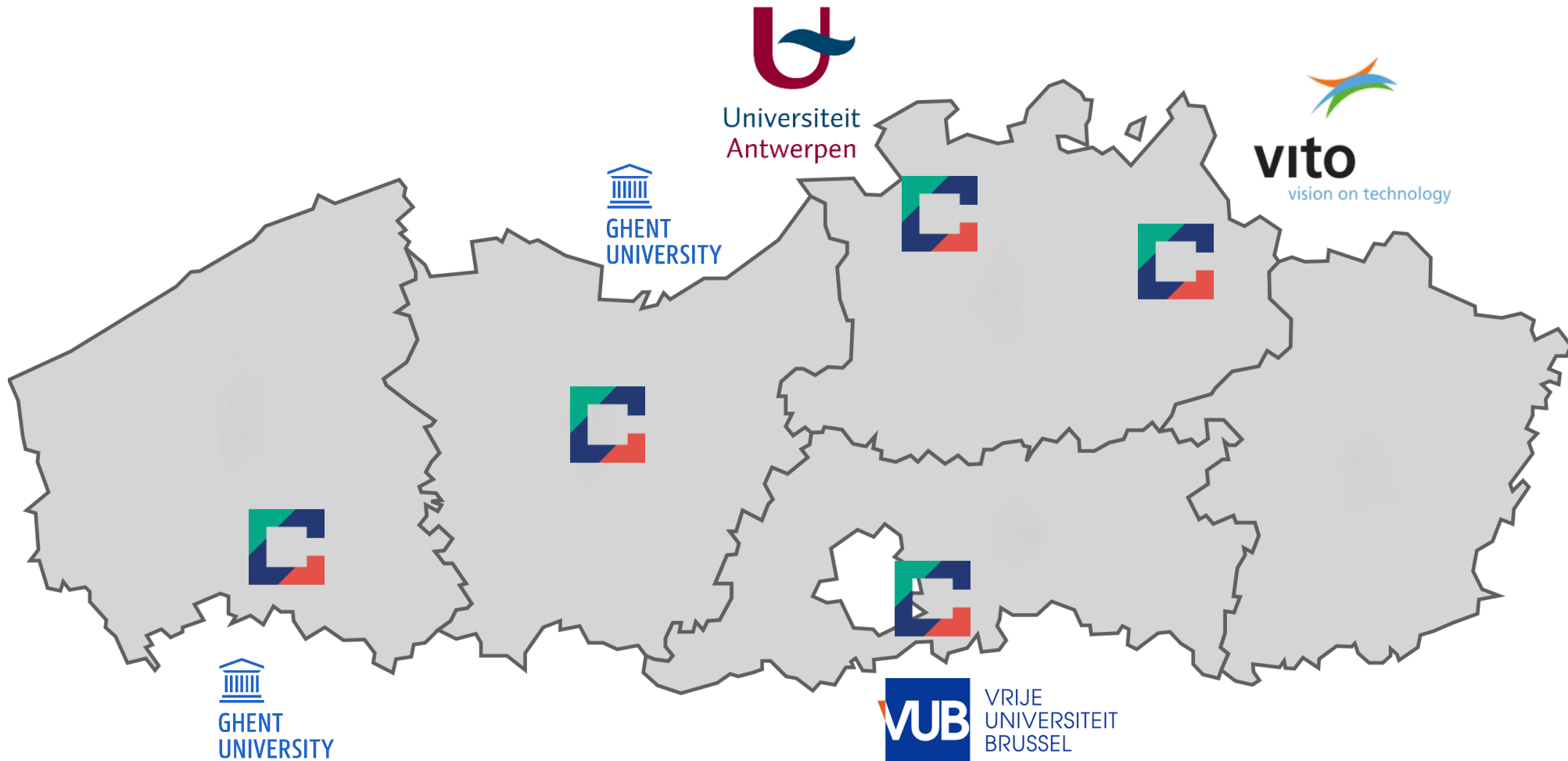
- Production
 - Photocatalysis
 - Electrochemistry
 - Plasma chemistry
- Transport and storage
 - Reactor technology for hydrogen release

Air quality

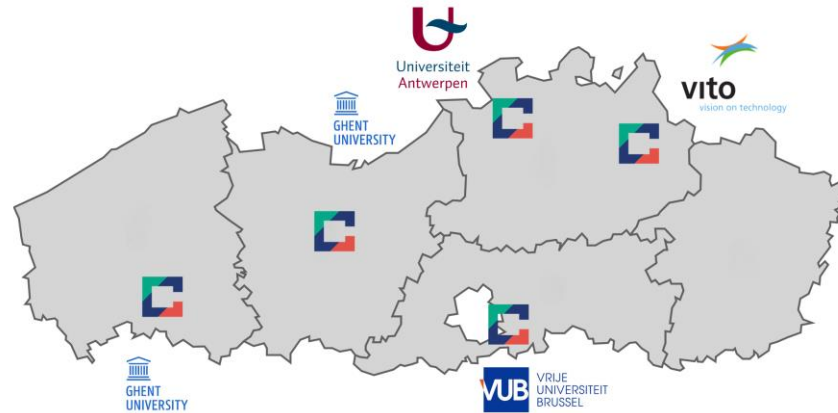


- Indoor and outdoor
- Analysis
 - Chemical (VOC...)
 - Biological
- Sensoring/monitoring
- Air purification
 - Photocatalysis

WHERE IS **CAPTURE** ?



Powered by



3 Pipelines

14 Programs

>65 research group leaders

>45 research groups

>300 researchers involved

2 business platforms

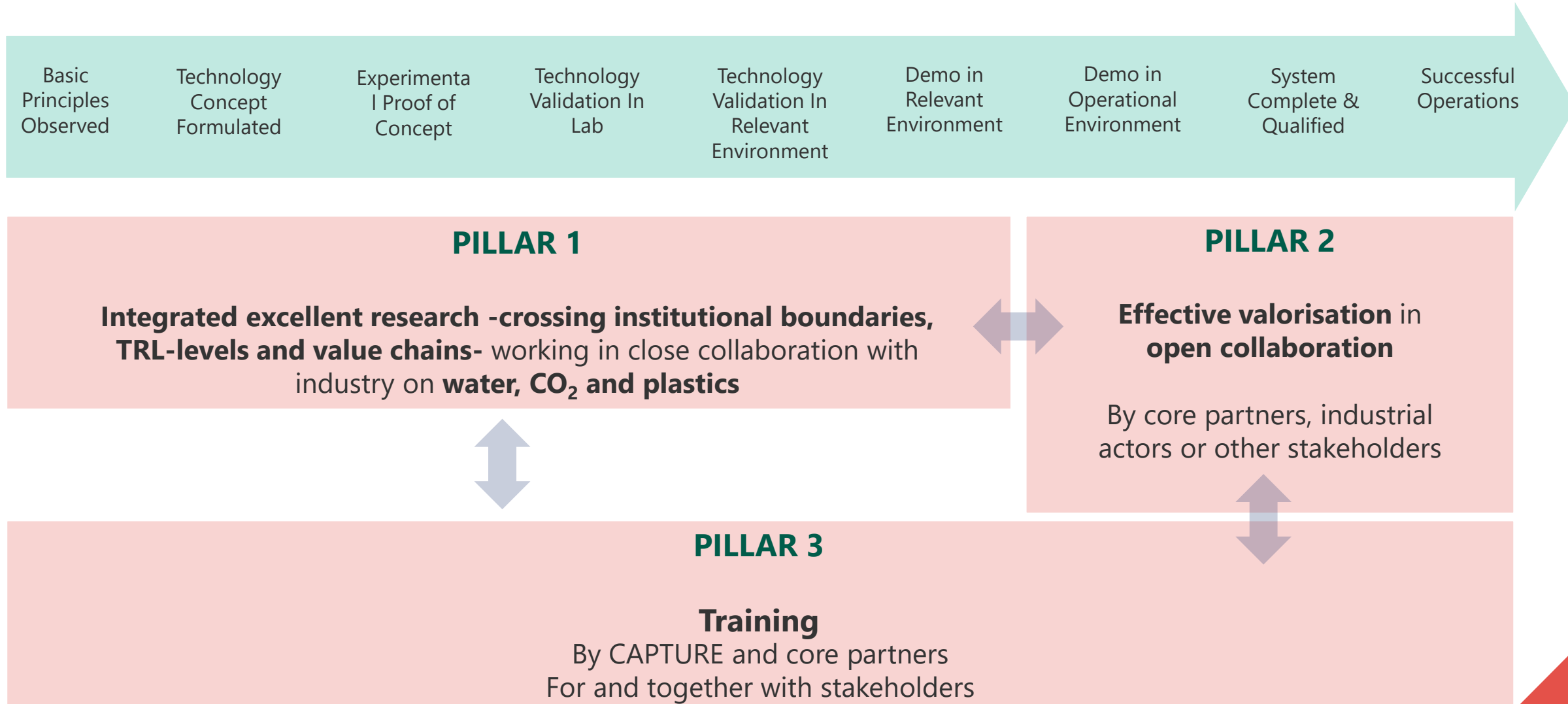
>25 business members

>100 companies we work with

11 staff members

22 supporting members


6 business developers



Pipelines

 CO₂ to product

CO₂ PIPELINE

 Water 'fit for use'

WATER PIPELINE

 Plastics to resource

PLASTICS PIPELINE

Pillars



RESEARCH



TRAINING

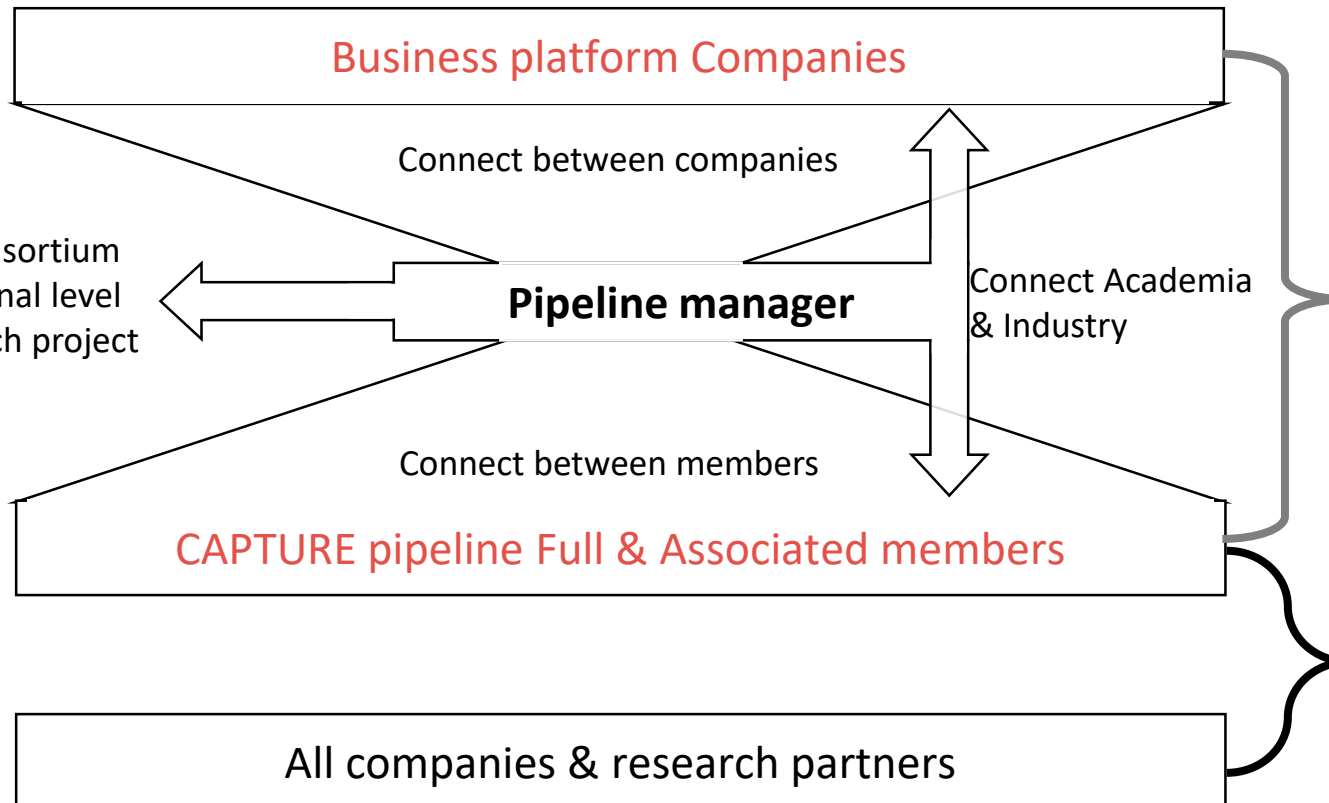


VALORIZATION

CAPTURE PIPELINE MANAGER



- Represent consortium at (inter)national level
- Define research project opportunities



- ☐ Detailed disclosure
- ☐ Collaborative, open development
- ☐ confidentiality within consortium

- ☐ Disclosure of publically available info
- ☐ no details of bi-lateral research are communicated to consortium
- ☐ IP is protected

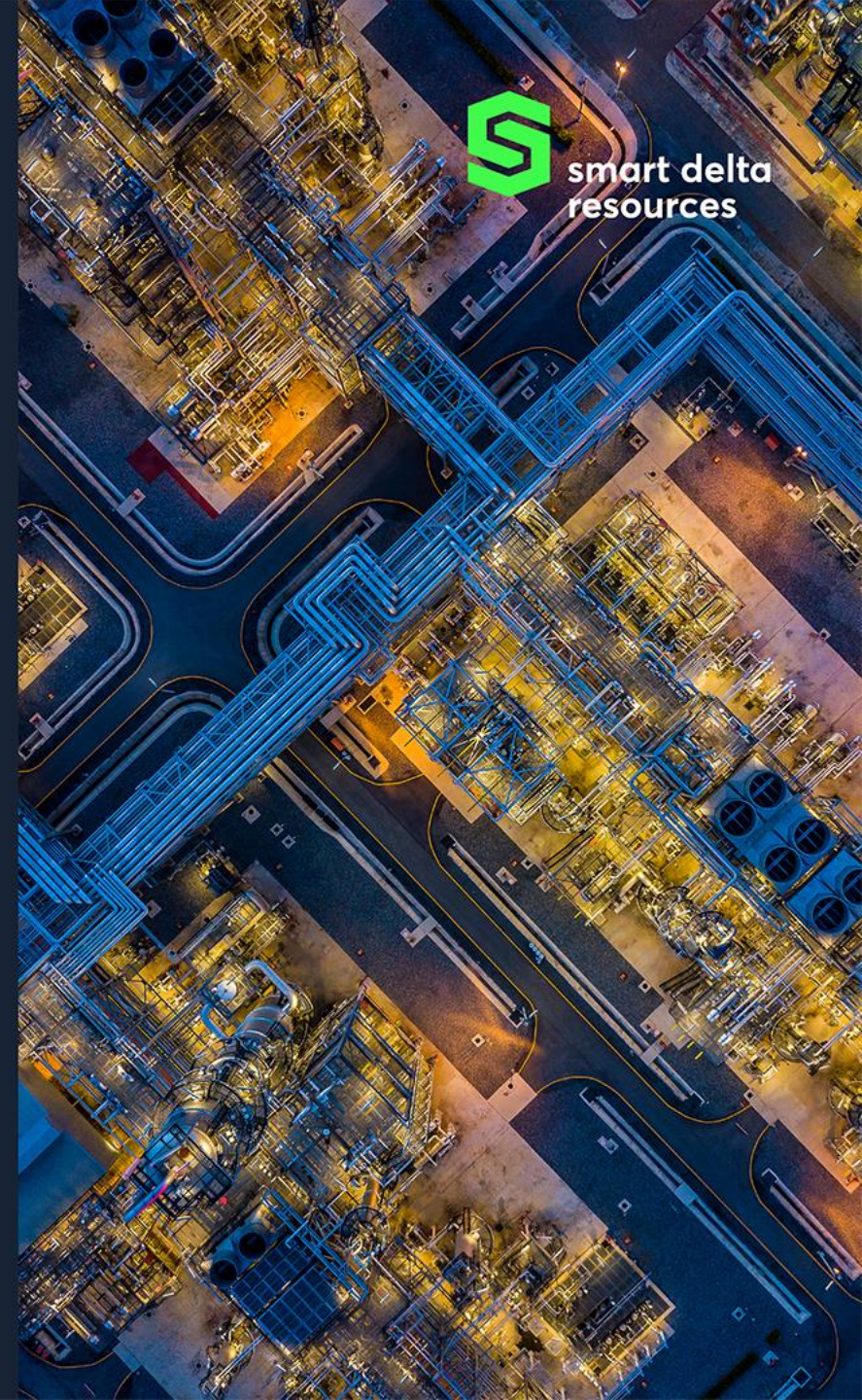
Smart Delta Resources Flanders

Goal: Regional triple helix coördinaten
for implementation & demo projects

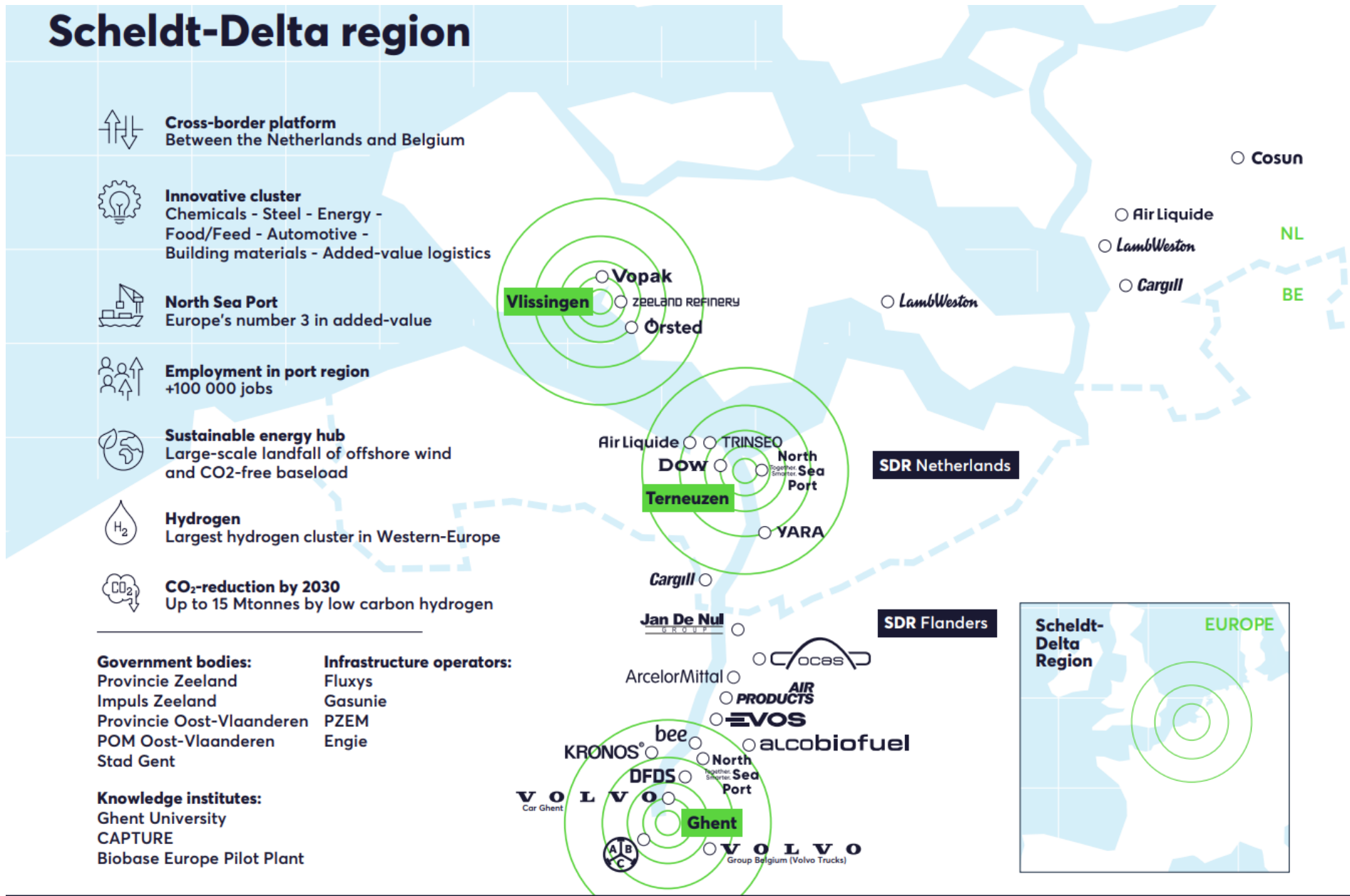
—Together for a
future proof industry



smart delta
resources



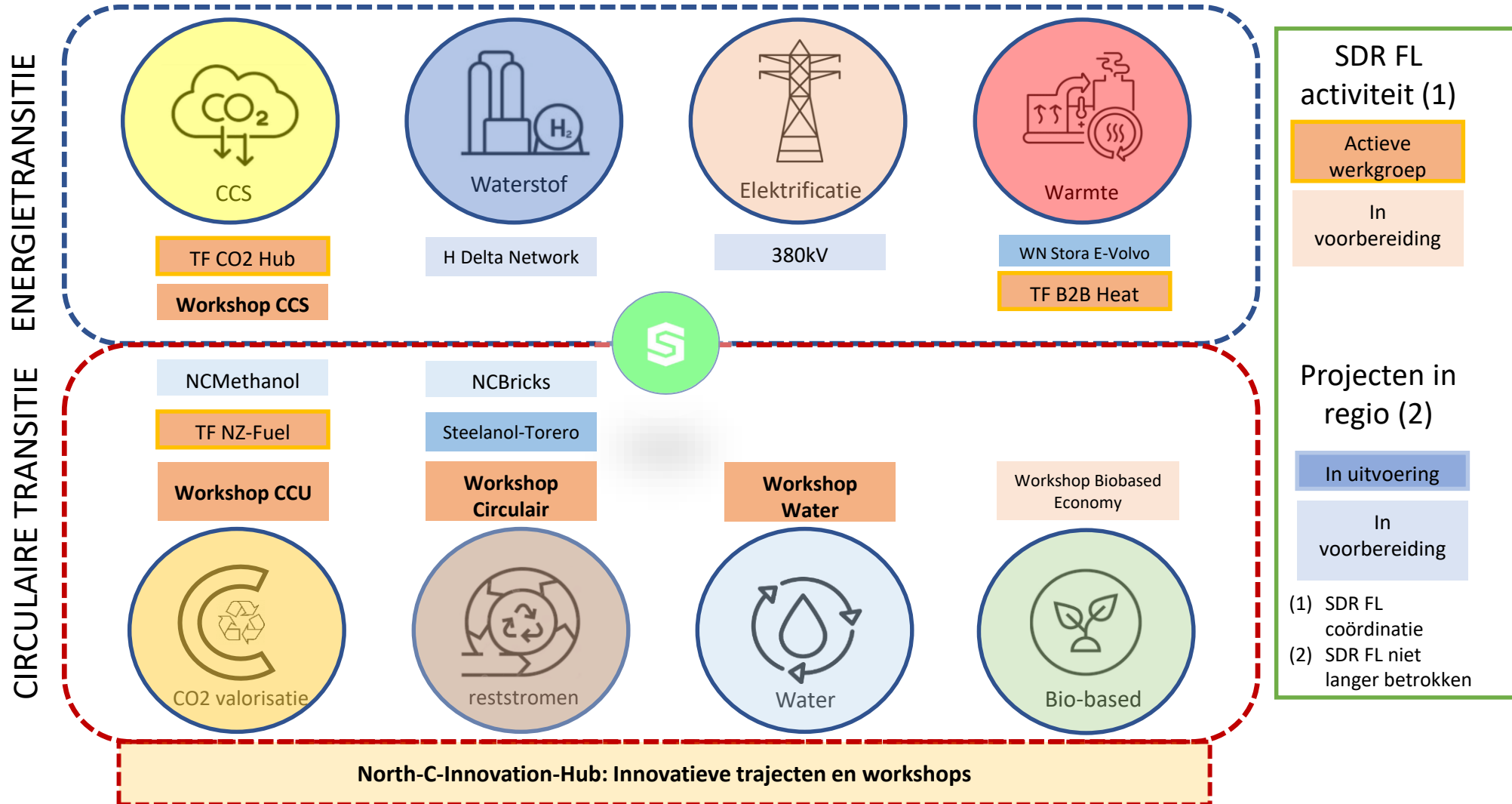
REGIONAL TRIPLE HELIX COORDINATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS



SDR FLANDERS THEMATICS



SDR Flanders Focus: create taskforces to enable demo & implementation project in the region.



Communication is essential when bringing together and updating all members and stakeholders

- Supporting our academic and industrial members
- Quarterly newsletter
- Active on LinkedIn and Twitter
- Sharing presentations and information through YouTube





Training coordinator

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Massive open online courses (MOOC)

- 1 for each pipeline coming years



Regular courses

- Summer courses



- Seminar series on CCU technology

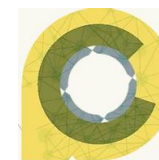
MSc.

- Sustainable and Innovative Natural Resource Management⁺



PhD.

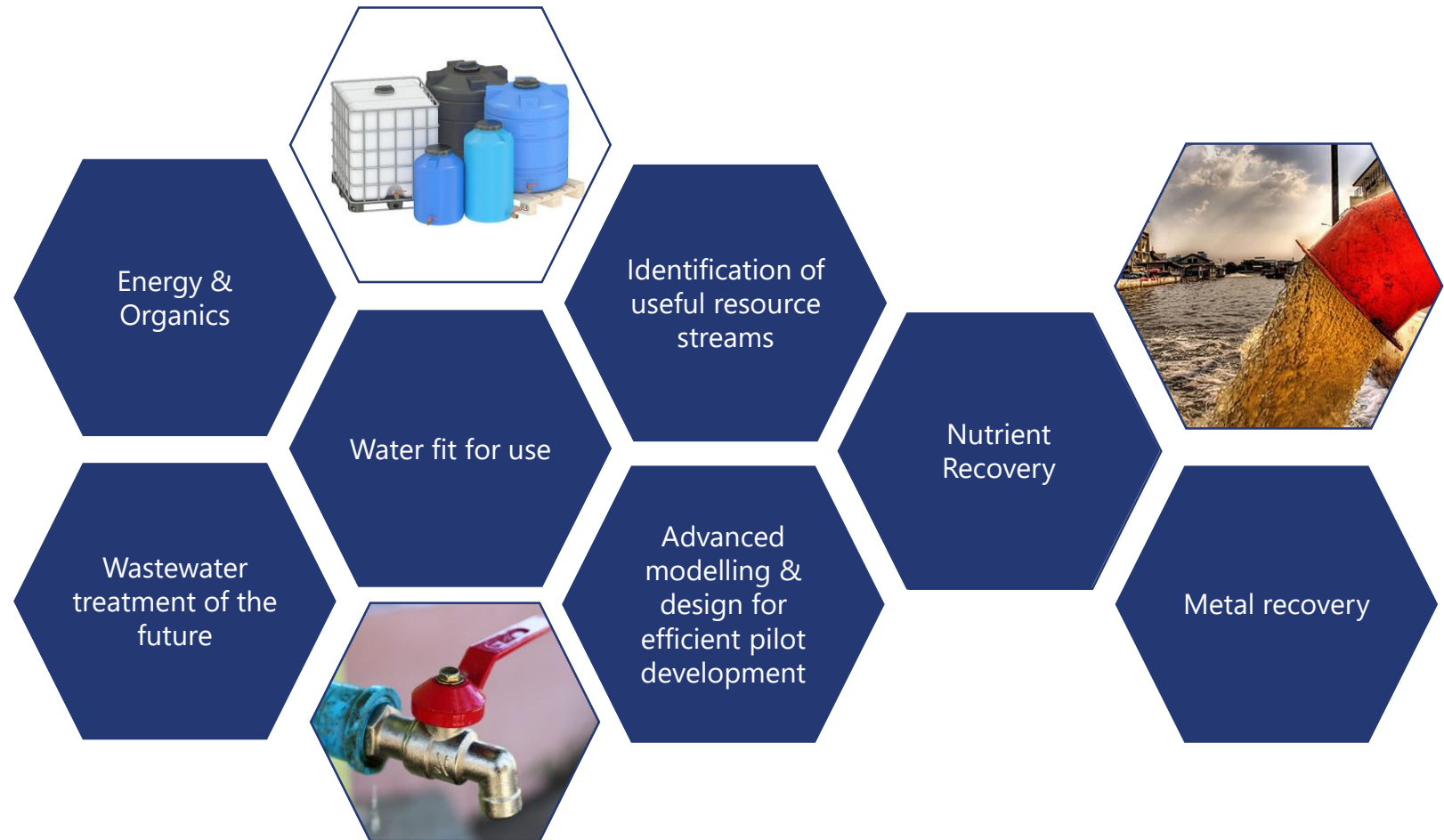
- C-Planet



- Super-W



WATER 'FIT-FOR-USE'





7 domains translated into dedicated programs

1. High Quality Drinking Water
2. Secure Water for industry / process intensification
3. Microbial proteins
4. Digital Twins
5. Electrification
6. Metal/organics separation
7. Microfluidics



CAPTURE

WATER FIT FOR USE

GHENT UNIVERSITY



Korneel RABAEY
electrification
biotechnology



Arne VERLIEFDE
Phys/chem WWT
Membrane technology



Jan VERWAEREN
Artificial intelligence



Stijn LUCA
Statistical analysis



Eveline VOLCKE
Biological domestic wwt
Monitoring & control



Steven DE MEESTER
Sustainable design



Filip TACK
Trace elements
analytics



Di Wu
Saline water
Sulfur-cycle biotech



Ingmar NOPENS
CFD Modelling
Advanced modelling



Gijs Du Laing
Trace Elements
sorbentia



Nico BOON
Drinking Water
Microbiology



Kristof DEMEESTERE
Micropollutants
Trace organics



Bart DEGUSSEME
Drinking water
Technology



Frederik RONSSE
Gassification
pyrolysis



Jo DE VRIEZE
Anaerobic Digestion
Molecular Biology



Tom DEPOVER
Metal corrosion
Hydrogen embrittlement



Kim VERBEKEN
corrosion



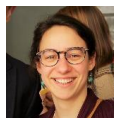
Ramon GANIGUÉ
biocatalysis
gas fermentation



Stijn VAN HULLE
Advanced oxidation
Nutrient removal



Emile CORNELISSEN
Membrane technology



Elena TORFS
Ontologies



Siegfried VLAEMINCK
Nutrient valorization
microbial env. tech



Iris CORNET
Fermentation
Phenolics valorization



Karolien DE Wael
Sensors
Electrochemistry



Jan Dries
Industrial WWT
Granular systems



Pegie COOL
Photocatalysis
sorbentia



Marc SPILLER
Technology assessment
Material flow (N, P, protein)

VITO



Inge GENNÉ
General Water Roadmap



Janelcy CASTANO
Data Science
Digital Water



Piet SEUNTJENS
Digital Water
IoT monitoring



Dores CIRNE
Bioprocesses
(waste)water

VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL (VUB)



Wim De MALSCHÉ
Microfluidics



Heidi OTTEVAERE
Photonic sensors



Ann VAN GRIENSVEN
Hydrological modelling

WATER BUSINESS PLATFORM



Aim:

Develop long-lasting relationships to build develop **future water technology** solutions with focus on **pre-competitive research** so companies are more eager to interact openly.

19 companies

- 3 drinking water
- 3 WWT
- 3 Large industry
- 9 technology providers
- 6 consulting
- 4 small
- 4 SME
- 11 Large



BI●STABLE

safe drinking water now and in the future

Nico Boon, Bart De Gusseme (UGent)
Flemish drinking water companies



Advancing Sustainability of Process Industries through Digital and Circular Water Use Innovations

Arne Verliefde (UGent)
Evides Industriewater, Dow



Seeking out corrosion

Kim Verbeken, Korneel Rabaey (UGent)
Evides Industriewater
Lead by Antwerp Maritime Academy



Demonstration of circular biofertilisers and implementation of optimized fertiliser strategies and value chains in rural communities

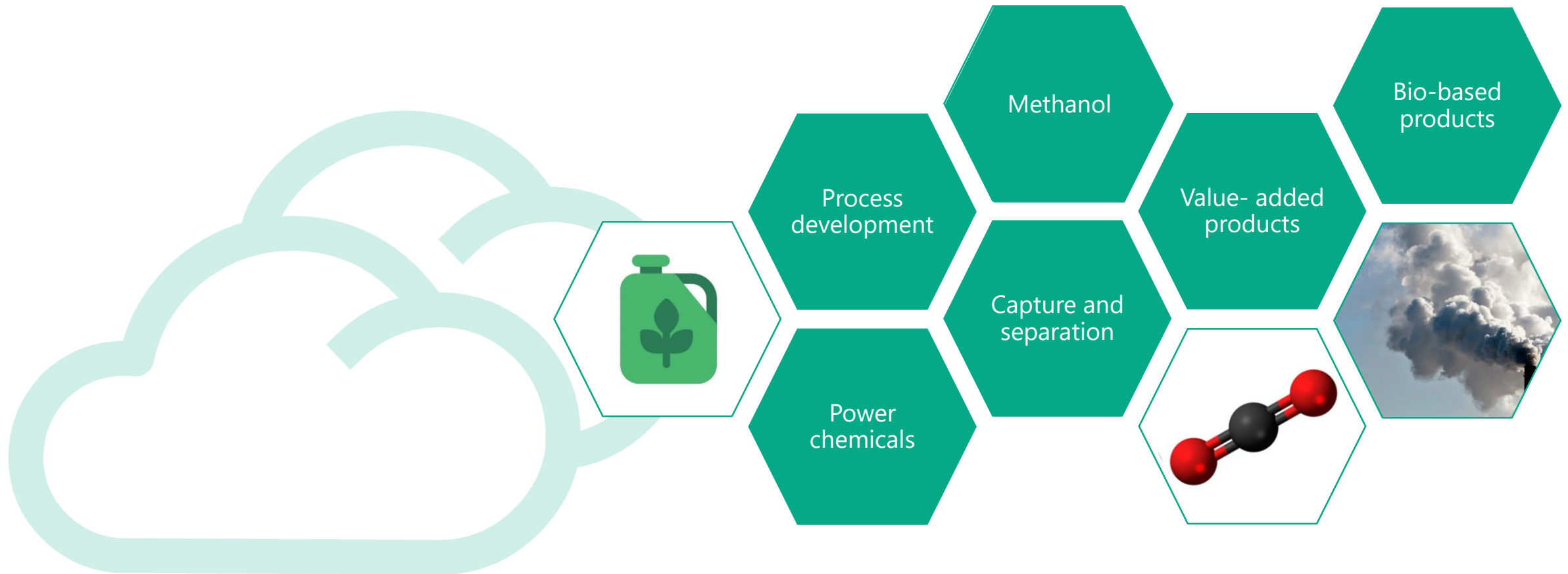
Emile Cornelissen (UGent)
Avecom, Dranco

PLASTIC TO RESOURCES



PLASTICS INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATIONS





CO₂ CAPTURE AND CONVERSION



GHENT UNIVERSITY



Korneel RABAEY

electrification
biotechnology



Mark SAEYS

heterogeneous catalysis



An VERBERCKMOES

catalyst and material
development



Steven NOLAN

homogeneous catalysis



Vladimir GALVITA

heterogeneous catalysis
chemical looping



Ramon GANIGUÉ

biocatalysis
gas fermentation



Catherine CAZIN

homogenous catalysis
green chemistry



Pascal VAN DER VOORT

porous materials,
sorbents, catalysis



Veronique VAN SPEYBROECK

supramolecular systems
nanoporous materials

UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP



Annemie BOGAERTS

plasma catalysis for CO₂



Tom BREUGELMANS

electrochemical reduction of
CO₂



Vera MEYNEN

materials and
catalytic CO₂ conversion



Pegie COOL

materials and catalytic
CO₂ conversion



Shoubhik DAS

organic synthesis
catalysis



Sammy VERBRUGGEN

photocatalysis



Silvia LENAERTS

sustainable energy
photocatalysis



Patrice Perreault

sustainable energy
photocatalysis

FREE UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS (VUB)



Joeri DENAYER

capture and separation of CO₂,
heterogeneous catalysis,
microreactor technology



Tomas WYNS

European and
international
climate policy

VITO



Heleen DE WEVER

gas fermentation
biocatalysis
biotechnology



Marleen ROMBOUTS

material science, porous materials
for heterogeneous catalysis and
sorption



Jan VAES

electrochemical process
development and
engineering



Deepak PANT

bioelectrochemistry



Miet VAN DAEL

applied economic
sciences

[illegible]



CAPTURE AND SEPARATION

- CO₂ sorption technologies to capture CO₂ from point sources (chemistry, steel, waste and waste incineration, energy production; both post- and pre-combustion capture)
- direct air capture;
- efficiently coupling to subsequent conversion;
- GAS SORPTION & SEPARATION (SOLID AND LIQUID TECHNOLOGY) AND CHEMICAL LOOPING.

CO₂ ACTIVATION TO C1-C2

- molecular level insights, catalyst design, process development, separation development, integration of technologies.
- ELECTROCHEMISTRY;
- HOMO- AND HETEROGENEOUS CATALYSIS;
- PLASMA WITH/WITHOUT CATALYSIS
- PHOTOCATALYSIS









E-FUELS

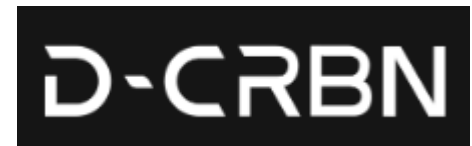
- the renewable production of methanol from CO₂
- Improve the competitiveness of existing and new CO₂ to methanol plants,
- HETEROGENEOUS AND HOMOGNEOUS CATALYSIS; ELECTROCHEMICAL AND PHOTOCATALYSIS

FROM C1 TO MULTICARBON PRODUCTS

- conversion of CO₂-derived methanol into >C₄ products
- carboxylation and carbonylation reactions, starting from already multicarbon building blocks
- production of >C₄ products starting directly from CO₂
- BIOTECHNOLOGY; ELECTRIFICATION; BIOCATALYSIS, CATALYSIS, GAS FERMENTATION



	Program	Leader/Coordinator	Contributors
1	Capture and separation	 Marleen ROMBOUTS material science, porous materials for heterogeneous catalysis and sorption, Plasma catalysis, chemical looping  Joeri DENAYER capture and separation of CO ₂ , heterogeneous catalysis, microreactor technology	Vladimir Galvita Pascal Vandervoort Pegie Cool Miet van Dael Vera Meynen Jan Vaes Deepak Pant
2	Methanol	 Mark SAEYS heterogeneous catalysis	Tom Breugelmans Marleen Rombouts An Verberckmoes Pegie Cool Vera Meynen Annemie Bogaerts
3	CO₂ activation to C1-C2 products	 Steven NOLAN homogeneous catalysis  Tom BREUGELMANS Electrocatalysis & Electrochemical Engineering  Jan VAES electrochemical process development and engineering	Catherine Cazin Vladimir Galvita Pascal Vandervoort An Verberckmoes Pegie Cool Sammy Verbruggen Shoubhik Das Deepak Pant Annemie Bogaerts Vera Meynen Mark Saeys
4	From C1 to multicarbon products	 Korneel RABAEY electrification biotechnology  Heleen DE WEVER gas fermentation biocatalysis biotechnology	Marleen Rombouts Deepak Pant Ramon Ganigué Shoubhik Das Steven Nolan



CO₂ PROJECTS EXAMPLES

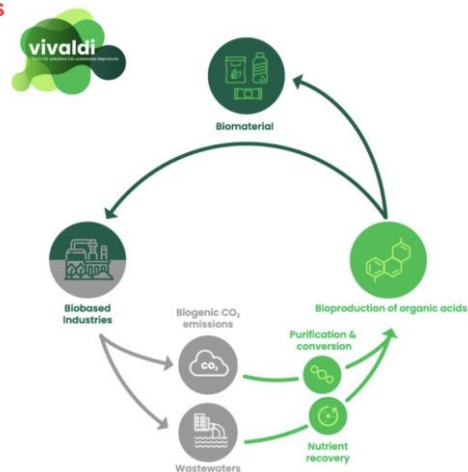


VIVALDI

innoVative bio-based chains for CO₂ VALorisation as aDded-value organic acids

EU Horizon 2020 project

June 2021



T-REX

The transition to more renewable energy in power-to-X applications

[Energy Transition Fund](#)

1/11/2021 - 31/10/2026

VITO, UAntwerp



Threading-CO₂

VALORISATION OF CO₂ WASTE STREAMS INTO POLYESTER FOR A SUSTAINABLE CIRCULAR TEXTILE INDUSTRY

HORIZON-CL4-2022-TWIN-TRANSITION

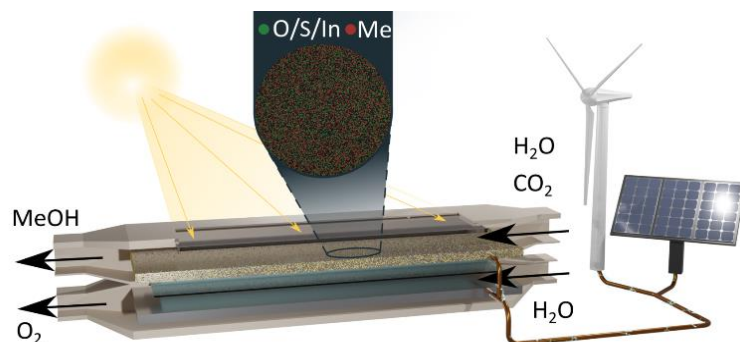
2022 - 2026

SYN CAT

cSBO in MOT3 Electrification & Radical Process Transformation
Synergetic Design of Catalytic Materials for Integrated Photo- and Electrochemical CO₂ Conversion

March 2021

UAntwerp, Ugent, VUB



COBICAT

COupling Blocatalysis and heterogeneous CATalysis for the production of aviation fuel from renewable resources

Regional and community funding: Special Research Fund

01 October 2022 → 30 September 2026

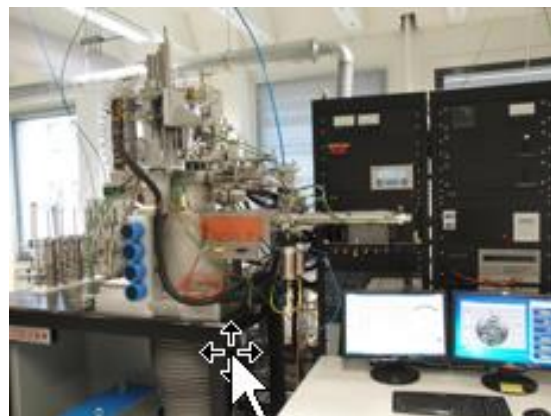
Novel microbial protein-based polymers produced from CO₂ and CO derivatives

VITO successfully optimised biopolymer production from C1 feedstocks in the [VLAIO-Intercluster project](#)

[Prometheus](#) and will now broaden this work in the [FWO Bioeconomy project PROMIPOL](#).

Laboratory for Chemical Technology

- High-Throughput Intrinsic Kinetics (HTK) Reactor Systems
- Temporal Analysis of Products (TAP) Reactor
- System Steady-State Isotopic-Transient Kinetic Analysis (SSITKA) (technique for the kinetic study of heterogeneous catalytic reactions)
- Step Response Reactor
- lab-scale set ups (more than 10)
- GCxGC (online):5
- Computer resources : Flemish Supercomputer Center (VSC)



Center for Microbial Ecology and Technology

- 60 potentiostat channels (Bio-logic, BANK-IC, Dropsens, IC), RDE, RRDE
- An extensive electrochemical reactor infrastructure including 4 EC ElectroCell Syncells, and 1 ProdCell,
- ~20 in house produced reactors
- Microbial laboratories and molecular biotechnology
- Analytical laboratories including ICs (anion / cation), HPLC, AAS, GCs
- Turnkey plant for microbial CO₂ conversion, 10L scale
- 4 fully automated fermenters, 5L each, that can be used for CO₂ conversion
- Gas flushing system
- Anaerobic chambers

Center for Sustainable Chemistry

- Glovebox
- FT-IR
- solution calorimeters
- gas evolution apparatus

LADCA:

Laboratory for Adsorption and Catalysis

SPECTROSCOPIC TECHNIQUES:

- Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectrometer
- Raman microscope spectroscopy (FT-RAMAN)

SORPTION TECHNIQUES

- Quadrasorb SI ; Autosorb-1-MP; Autosorb-IQ-C; Chemstar: TPX-TPD-TPR; Manual sorption equipment

ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS

- Total organic carbon analyser (TOC)

THERMOGRAVIMETRIC ANALYSIS

- Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)- coupled to Mass spectrometry (MS)/ Differential Scanning calorimetry (DSC)

CATALYSIS

- Photocatalytic lamps
- UV/Visible diffuse reflectance spectroscopy (UV-VIS-DR)
- DBD plasma reactor (shared with PLASMANT)
- Gliding arc plasmatron reactor (shared with PLASMANT)
- Catalytic reactor for automotive gas exhaust conversions
- Transmission and DRIFT measurements

www.uantwerpen.be/en/researchgroups/ladca/research/equipment/

PLASMANT:

Plasma (with / without catalysis)

PLASMA REACTORS USED FOR THE CONVERSION OF GREENHOUSE GASES

- Three home-built dielectric barrier discharge (DBD) plasma reactors, with AFS and TREC power supply
- Reverse vortex-flow gliding arc plasmatron (GAP) reactor
- Rotating gliding arc (RGA) reactor
- Magnetically driven gliding arc (MGA) reactor
- Atmospheric pressure glow discharge (APGD) with fast gas flow
- Electrical characterisation tools for the plasma reactors

EQUIPMENT FOR GAS ANALYSIS (shared with LADCA)

- 3 Gas chromatographs and Mass spectrometer

ELCAT:

Applied Electrochemistry & Catalysis

- Potentiostats and cells for electrodeposition
- Reflux setups, centrifuge and calcination ovens
- ICP-MS metal leaching and initial metal content
- Potentiostats (parstat, biologic autolab) with booster and impedance
- Electrochemical cells both batch (H-cell) and flow-cells for initial and larger scale testing, including oven for temperature control
- In-line GC for gas products analysis
- Off-line HPLC and GC for liquid product analysis
- GC-MS for identifying unknown species
- Polishing setup for electrode cleaning
- Spraying setup for electrocatalyst application to carbon electrode paper
- CNC milling machine and 3D printer for fabrication of in-house designed electrochemical cells

DuEL:

Sustainable Energy, Air & Water Technology

MODELLING RESEARCH

- Modelling of the light-matter interaction, profilometry of coated surfaces

GAS RESEARCH

- fully equipped gas test setup that can accommodate various types of (photo)reactors
- FTIR spectrometer (online VOC detection)
- GC-FID/TCD (VOC (ppb-ppm level concentrations; detection; CO₂ detection)
- GC-PDD (H₂ detection)
- Quantum Cascade Laser (NO, NO₂, N₂O, NH₃, CO and CO₂)
- Reactors (gas phase photocatalytic reactors in batch mode, single pass continuous flow, or multiple pas with gas recirculation)
- Reactor design of both photoreactors and photo-electrochemical cells is entirely performed in-house
- FTIR-ATR and operando FTIR during gas phase (photo)catalysis

MATERIAL RESEARCH

- UV-DRS spectra powder samples
- UV-VIS spectrophotometry of various solutions
- Potentiostat
- Viscosity measurements
- Surface Photovoltage Spectroscopy,

Organic synthesis

- Photocatalytic set up
- NMR machine
- GC-MS
- HPLC machine
- Column chromatography

ELECTROCHEMISTRY

- 9 potentiostats including advanced functions (LSV, CV, impedance)
- 3 multipotentiostats (total 45 channels)
- Current booster up to 20 A for fast electrode processes
- 2 Oscilloscopes
- HIOKI 3560 AC mΩ HiTester to measure internal resistances
- Electrode & membrane production facility
- Vito's electrodes (VITO CoRE®, VITO CasE®)
- Class II certified lab facilities
- ED lab and pilot scale for electro dialysis
- Supporting software (COMSOL, Matlab)
- Supporting characterization infrastructure *
- Supporting analytical infrastructure †

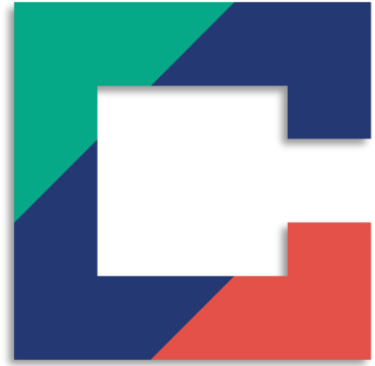
*Ionic resistance, Electronic resistance, Porosity, Absorption rate, Pore size distribution, Specific surface area, SEM

† GC, MS, GC FID, HPLC UV/ELSD, IC, 2D GC, TOC

SCT BIO

- Permit for work with GMOs and at Biosafety level 2
- General purpose bioreactors: 10-15 L working volume
- Integrated membrane separation unit
- Integrated product recovery unit
- Advanced process monitoring and control
- ATEX certified
- High pressure fermentor (up to 10 bars)
- Online GC
- General purpose equipment: (spectrophotometers, centrifuges, growth chambers, sterile hoods, an aerobic chamber)





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