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PASSENGER

**Pilot Action for Securing a Sustainable European
Next Generation of Efficient RE-free magnets**

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CONSORTIUM
MEMBERS

13

INDUSTRY
PARTNERS

8

EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES

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PILOT PLANS

Duration:
2021 – 2025

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About us



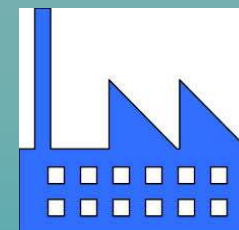
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Our mission



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Our goal



Programme:

Horizon 2020 Framework Programme



Work programme part:

Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials

Call:

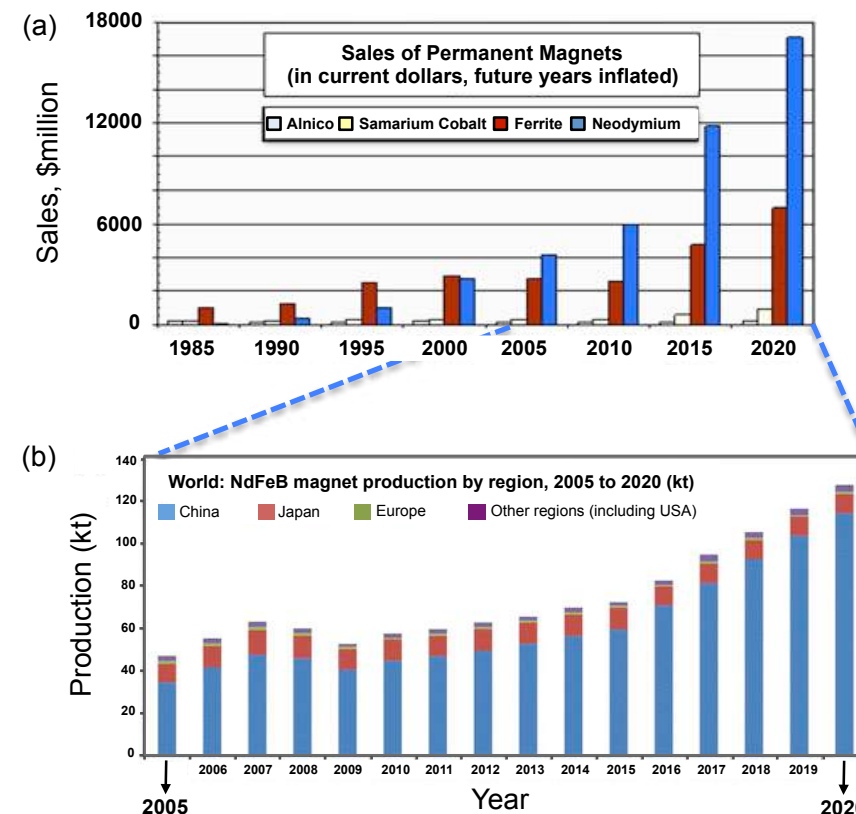
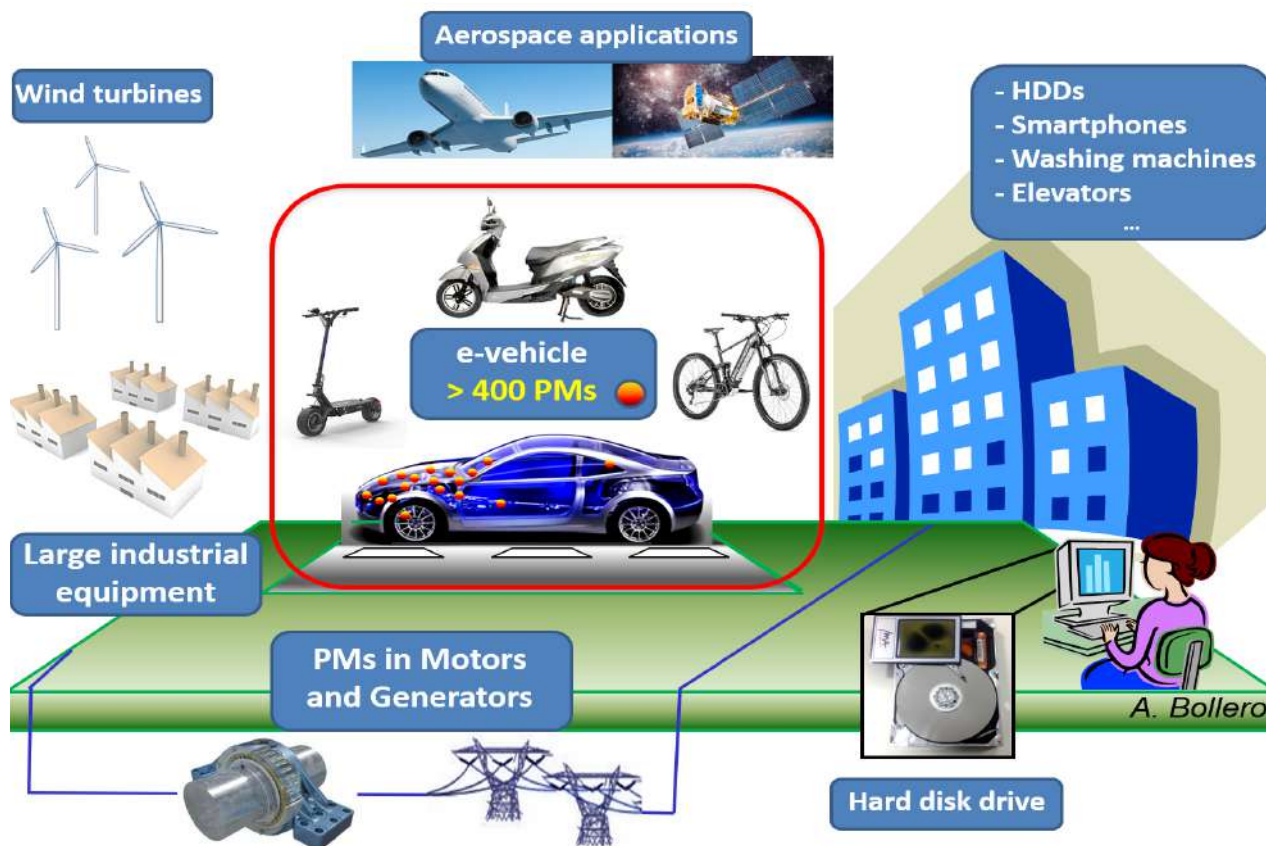
Greening the economy in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
(H2020-SC5-2018-2019-2020)

Topic:

SC5-10-2020: Raw materials innovation actions: exploration and Earth observation in support of sustainable mining
d) Pilots on substitution of critical and scarce raw materials



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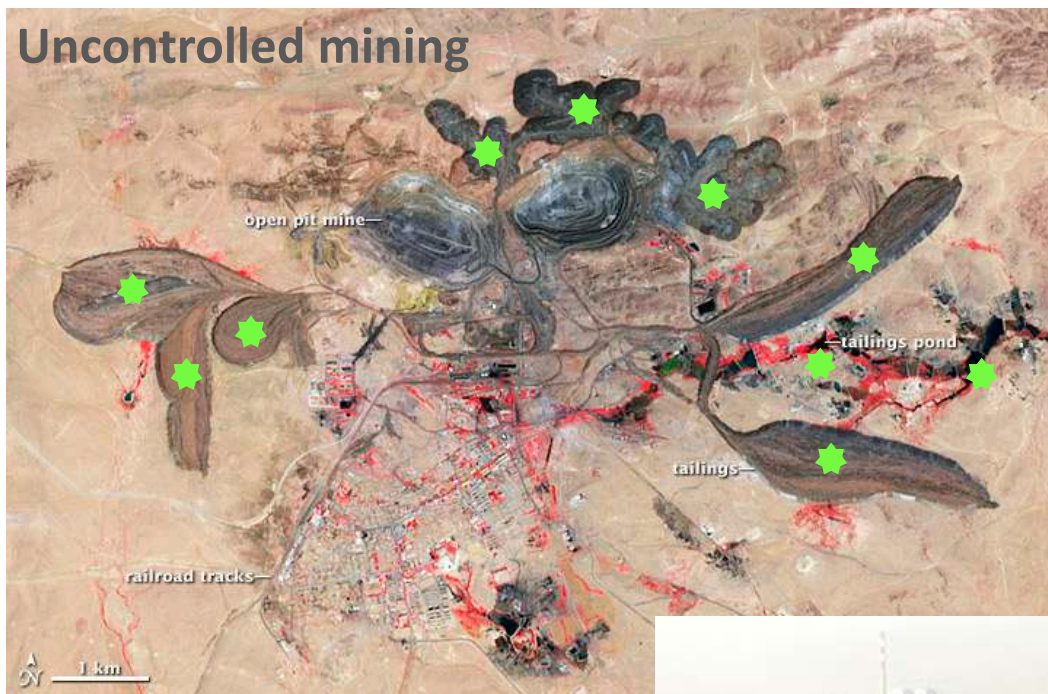
PMs present in a broad spectrum of technological applications



Problem asks for the search of alternatives to controversial REE-based PMs

The Topic: Permanent Magnets

Uncontrolled mining



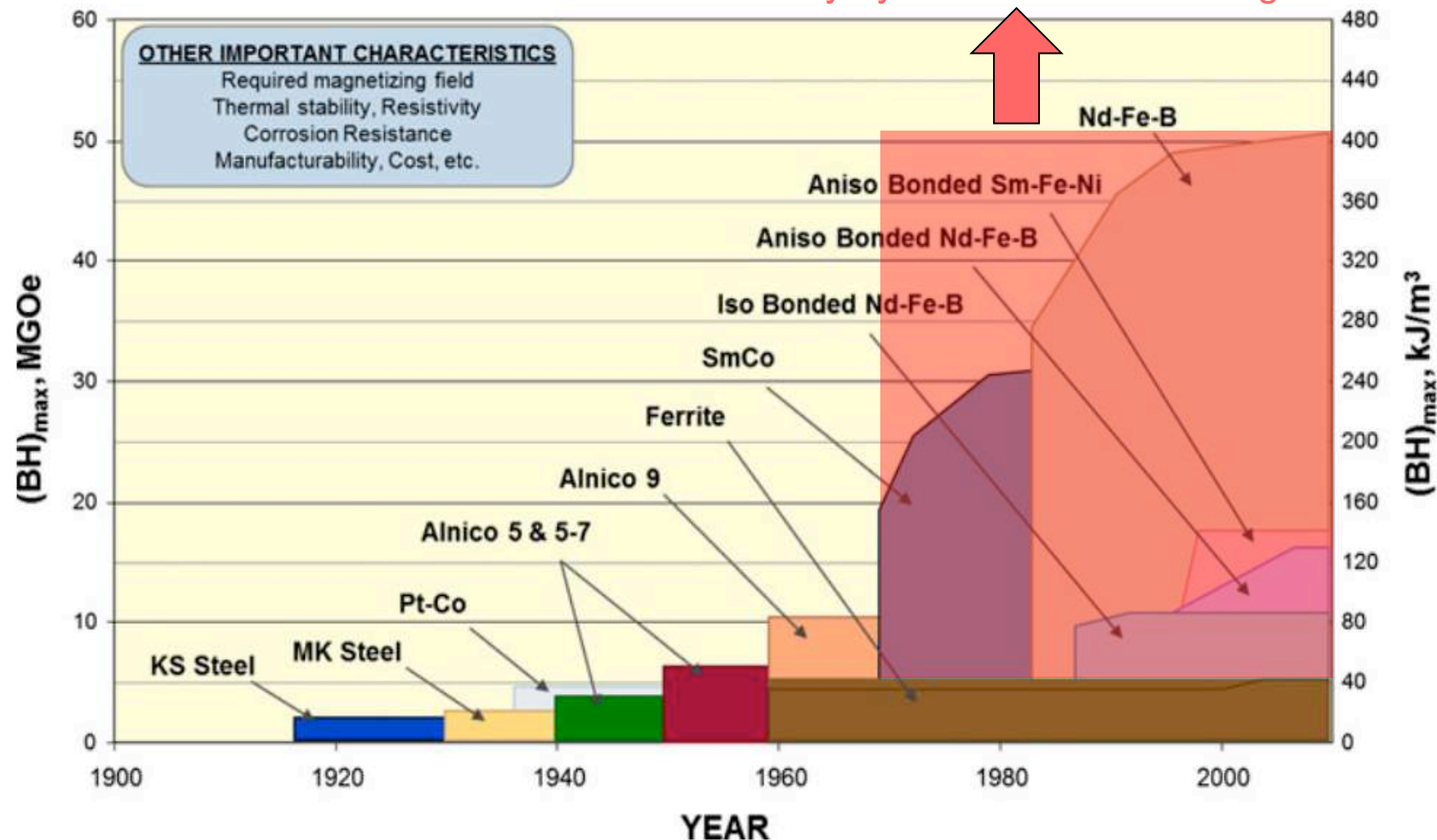
Environmental impact from extraction and refinement of the rare-earth elements



Globalization means **“WE”**:
Impact on You brings Impact on Me



Complete performance region covered exclusively by rare earth-based magnets



The historical evolution of permanent magnets shows that there is a huge performance gap between ferrites and rare earth-based magnets (since NdFeB discovery in 1983).

Source: M.J. Kramer, W. McCallum, A. Anderson, and S. Constantinides, JOM **64**, 752 (2012).



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Novel materials

New combination of elements to result in novel REE-free magnets

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Exploring new phenomena

Exploring enhanced/new phenomena (e.g. *nanometer scale*) in existing alloys.

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Engineering structures

Engineering nanostructures for optimized (reduced) use of CRMs.

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Diversification of PM materials

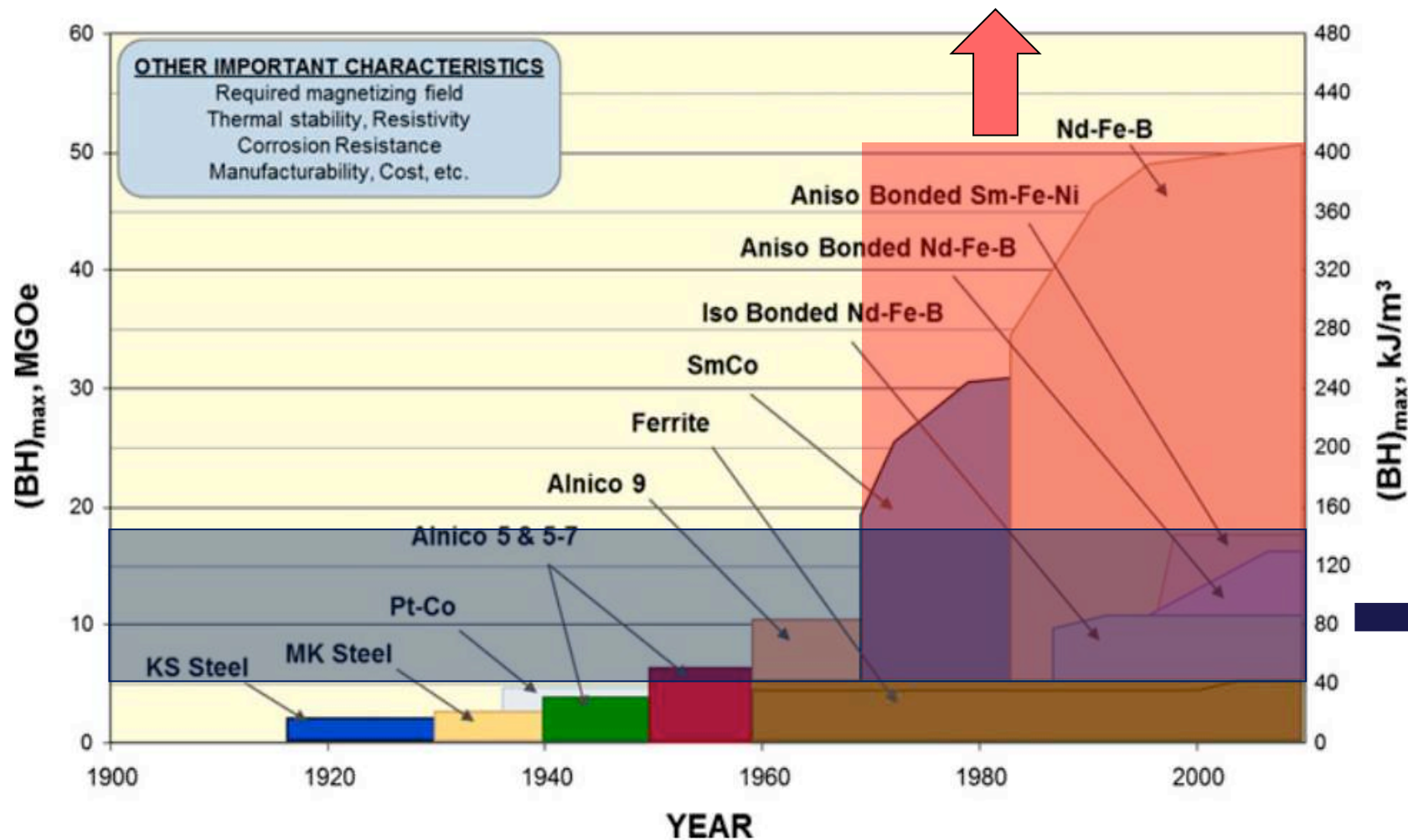
Efficient / selective use of the different REE-based materials according to applications.

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Reuse and recycling

Increased sustainability through reuse and recycling.

Rare earth-based magnets

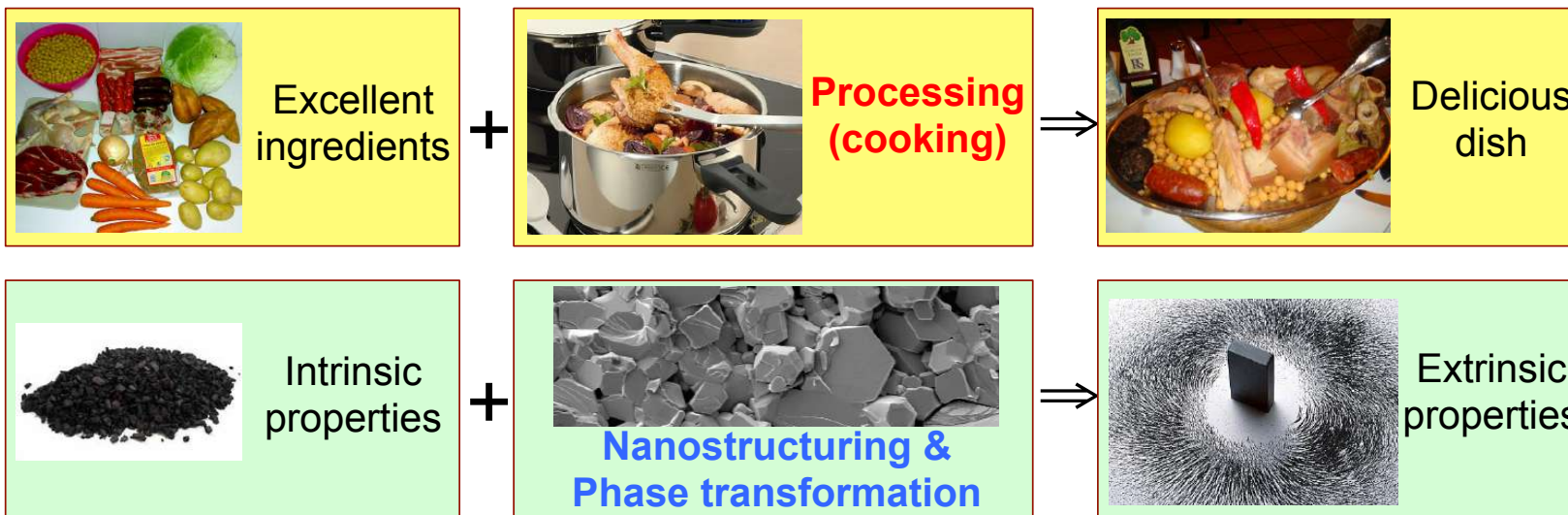


Objective

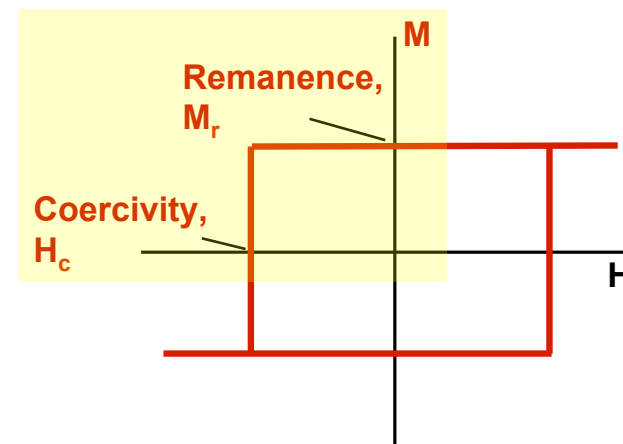
Substitution

Filling an area currently covered exclusively by REE-based PMs

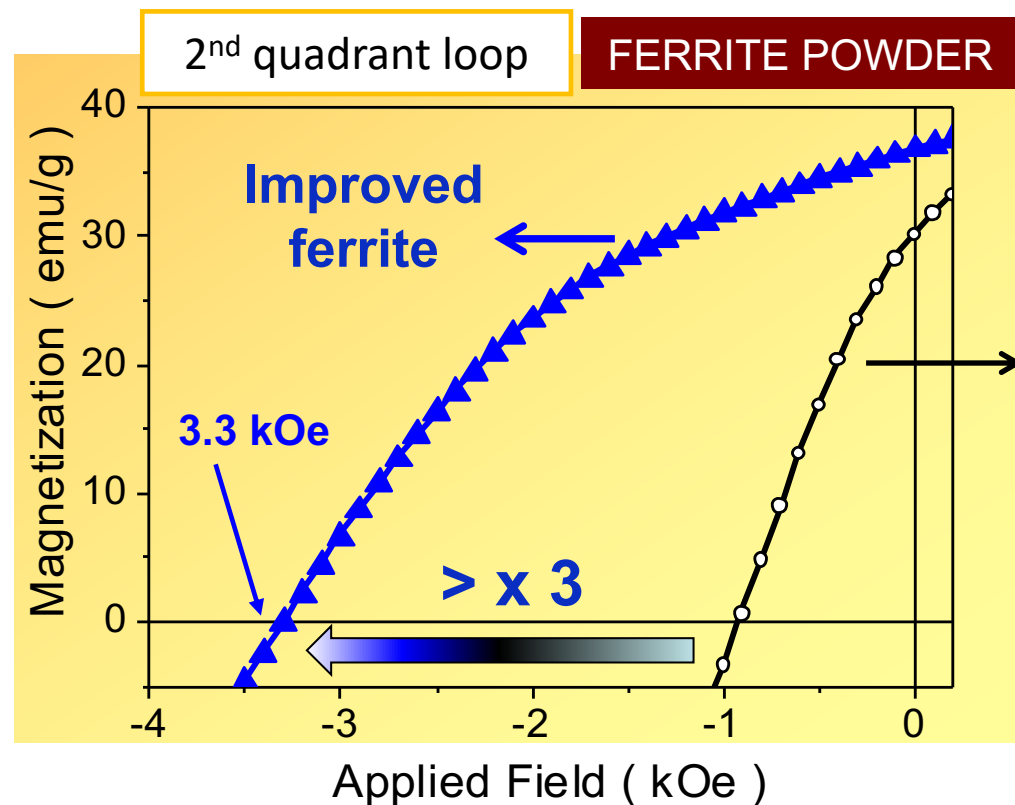
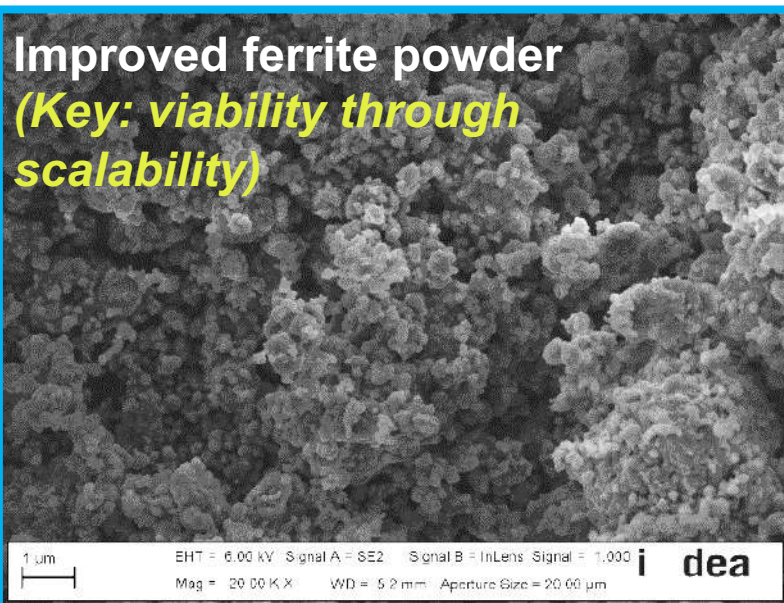
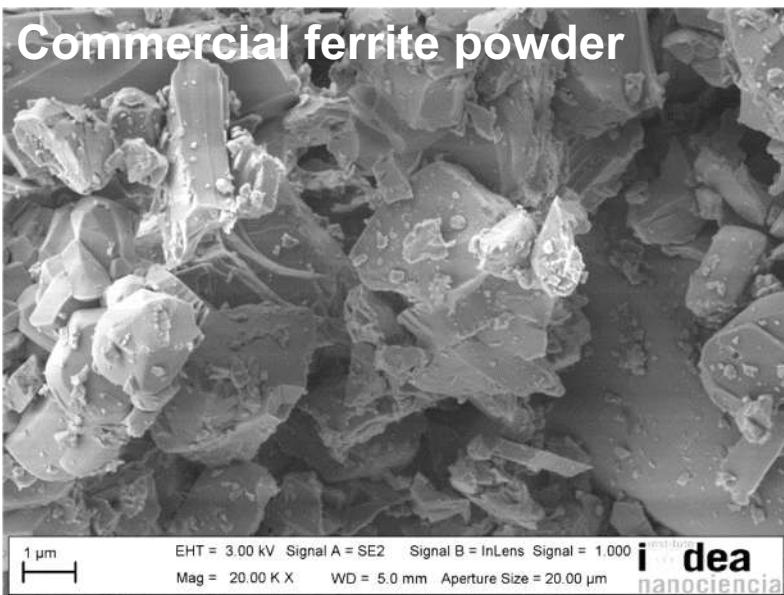
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Magnetic response (“Magnet ID”):



We can control it by proper choice of the preparation/processing parameters



Starting material
(commercial ferrite)

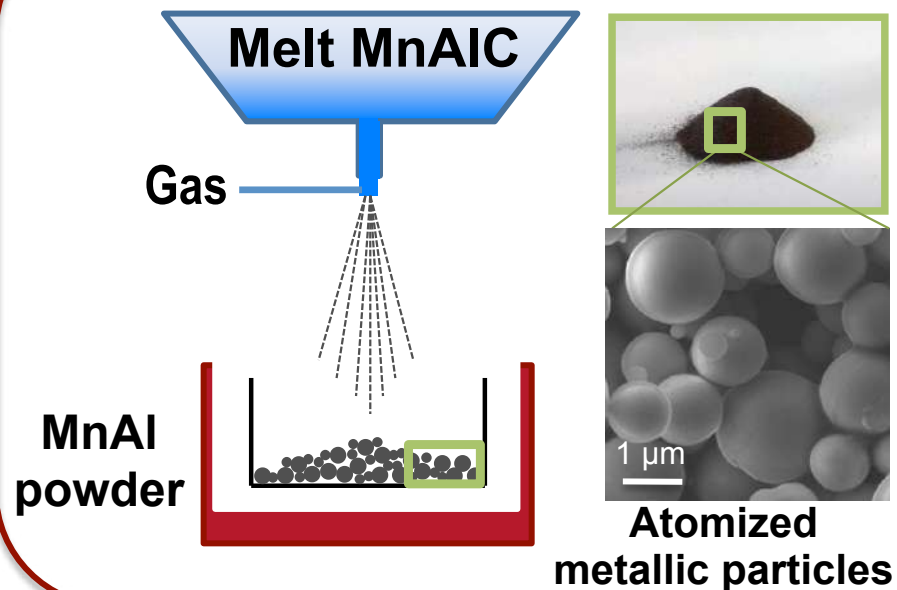


Do you find good this three-fold increase?

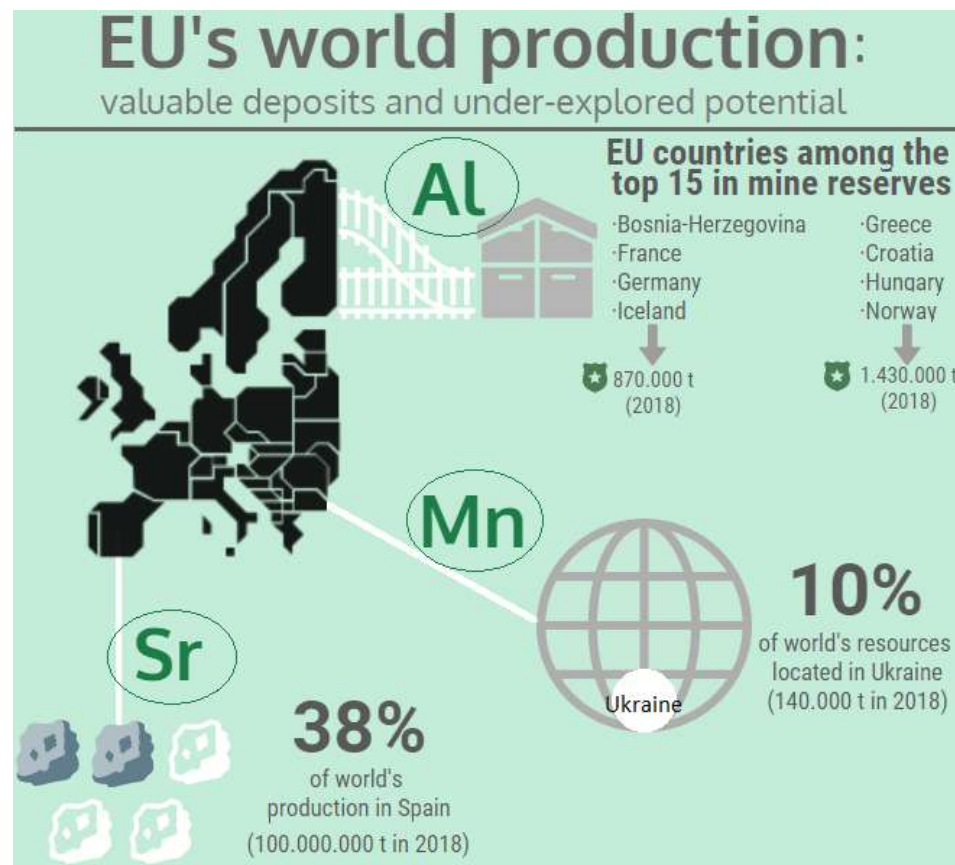
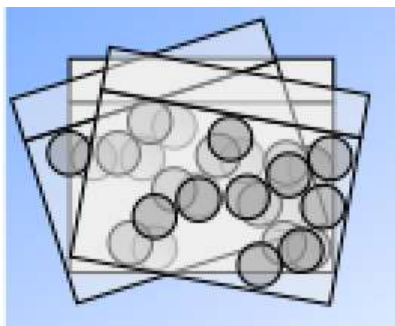
We have already surpass it in **PASSENGER** by achieving a coercivity **above 6 kOe (!!!)** → Good PM candidate to improve functionality (e.g. when decreasing operation temperature motors)

+ Incorporation of a New Player: Mn-Al-C

Gas-atomization (synthesis)



Flash-milling nanostructuration + controlled phase transformation



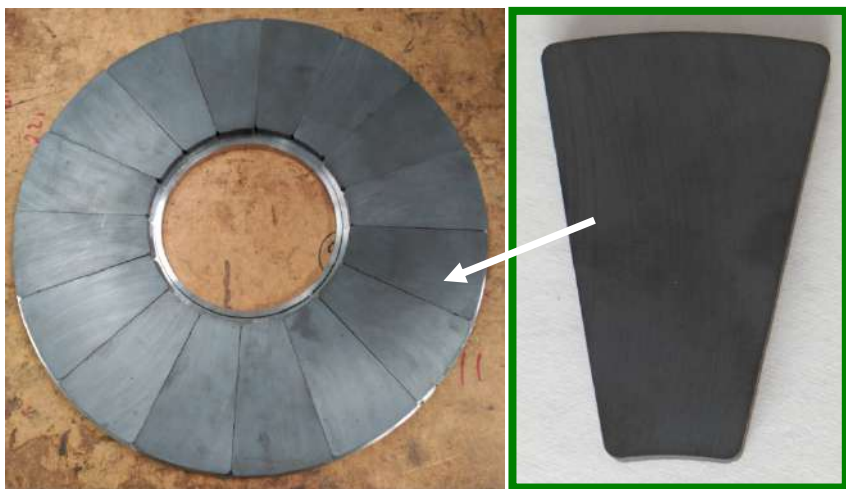
- Excellent permanent magnet properties with European resources.
- Possibility of producing low-density magnets with high performance (e.g.: advantage on reduced fuel consumption).
- Synthesis by industrial casting and atomization techniques.
- Magnets fabrication by diverse industrial techniques.



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Is this objective realistic?



Fabrication of rotor with 32 (16x2)
ferrite magnets

Prototype scooter with an electric ferrite-based motor designed and constructed in the frame of the ended EU FP7 “NANOPYME” project (Ref: 310516/ Coordinator: IMDEA Nanociencia).



⚡ Expert partners involved in the different steps of the whole value chain.

⚡ Possibility of exploring different industrial approaches to achieve efficiency in:

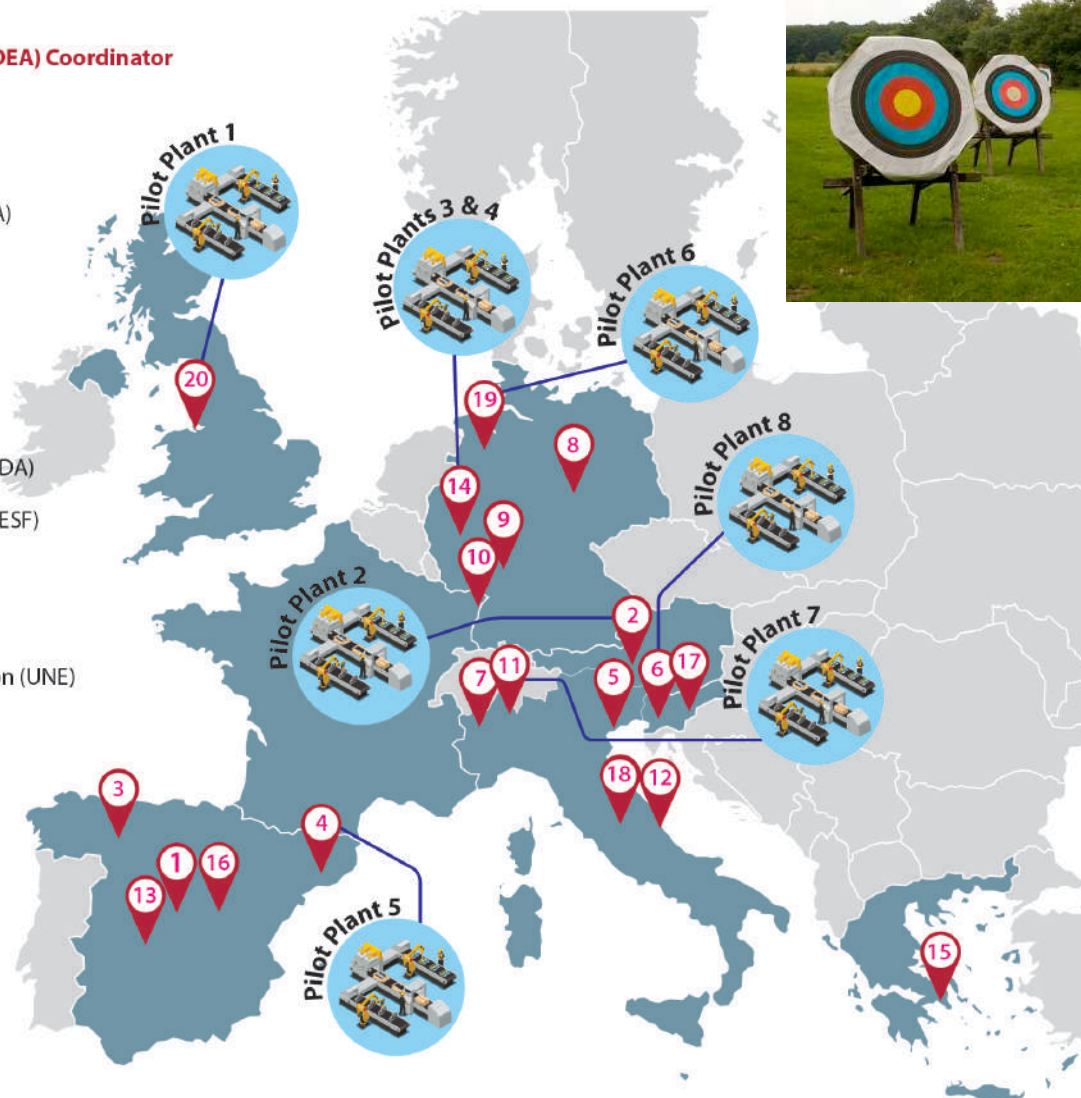
- Production.
- Implementation.
- Sustainability.

⚡ Guarantee viability of the approach (environmental impact, LCA, LCC...)

⚡ Connect with citizens → *Make worth the investment, effort and achievements!*



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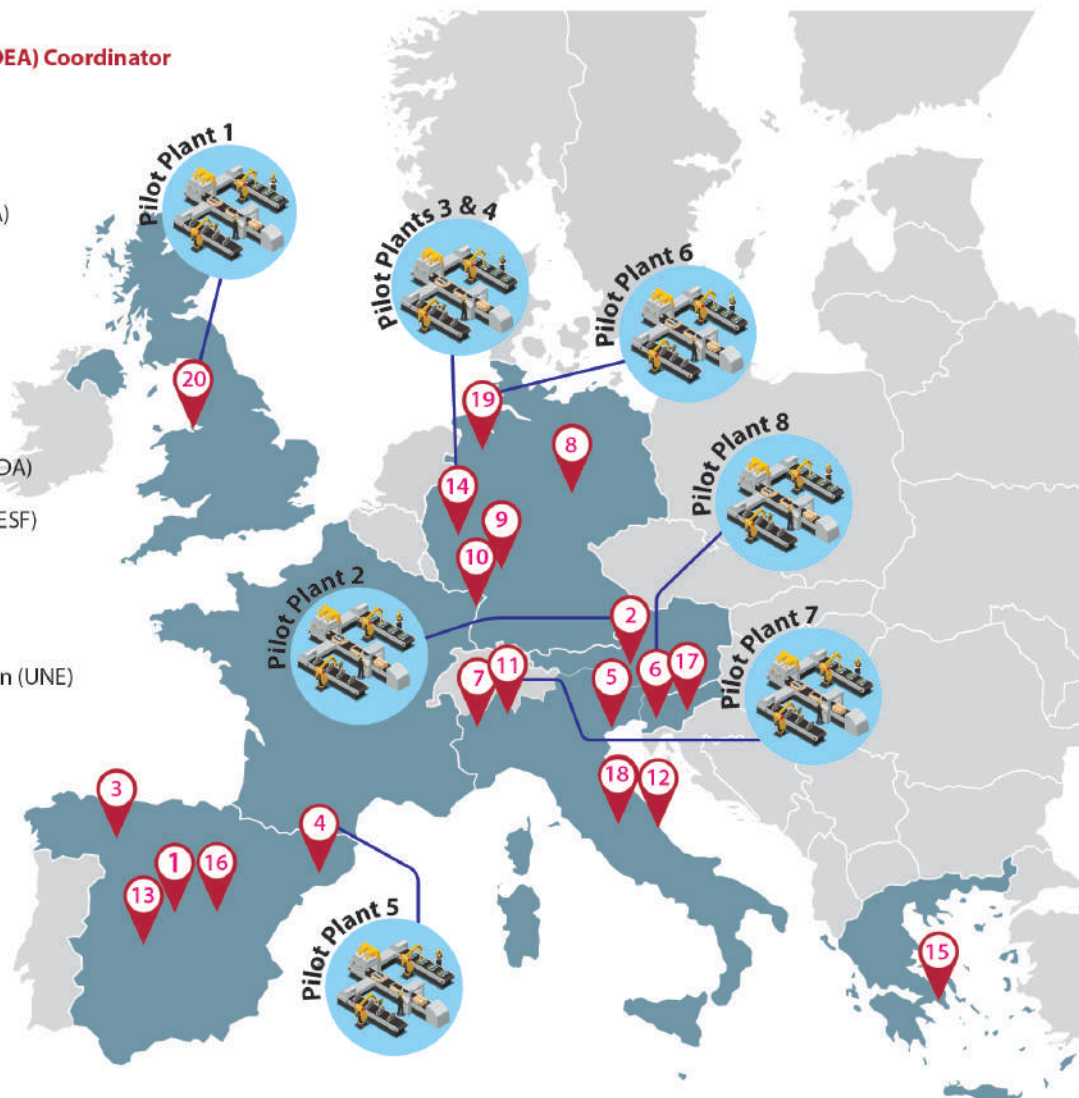


8 Pilot plants:
*Substitution of rare-earths
in permanent magnets
addressing 3 pilot actions*



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PILOT ACTION 1 [Substitution]:

Complete substitution of bonded Nd-Fe-B by Mn-Al-C magnets.

PILOT ACTION 2 [Substitution]:

Partial substitution of bonded Nd-Fe-B by improved Sr-ferrite magnets.

PILOT ACTION 3 [Integration]:

Integration and validation of Mn-Al-C and improved ferrite magnets.





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IMA
KOLEKTOR



*Integration into e-mobility applications
[+ demonstration in pumps (water), actuators...]*



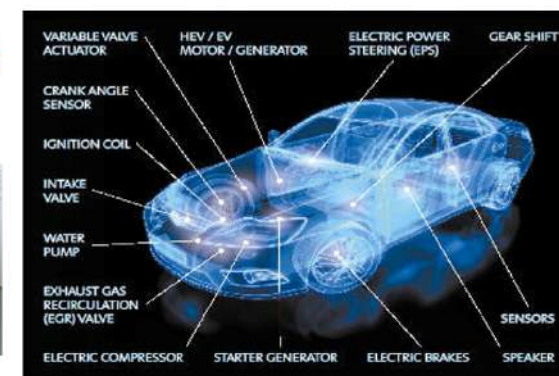
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Electric bikes: Excluding China, global e-bike sales are expected to grow from 3.3 million units annually to some 6.8 million units by 2025, with the majority of this growth coming from Europe. *PASSENGER* aims to substitute in its entirety the NdDyFeB magnets in e-bikes.

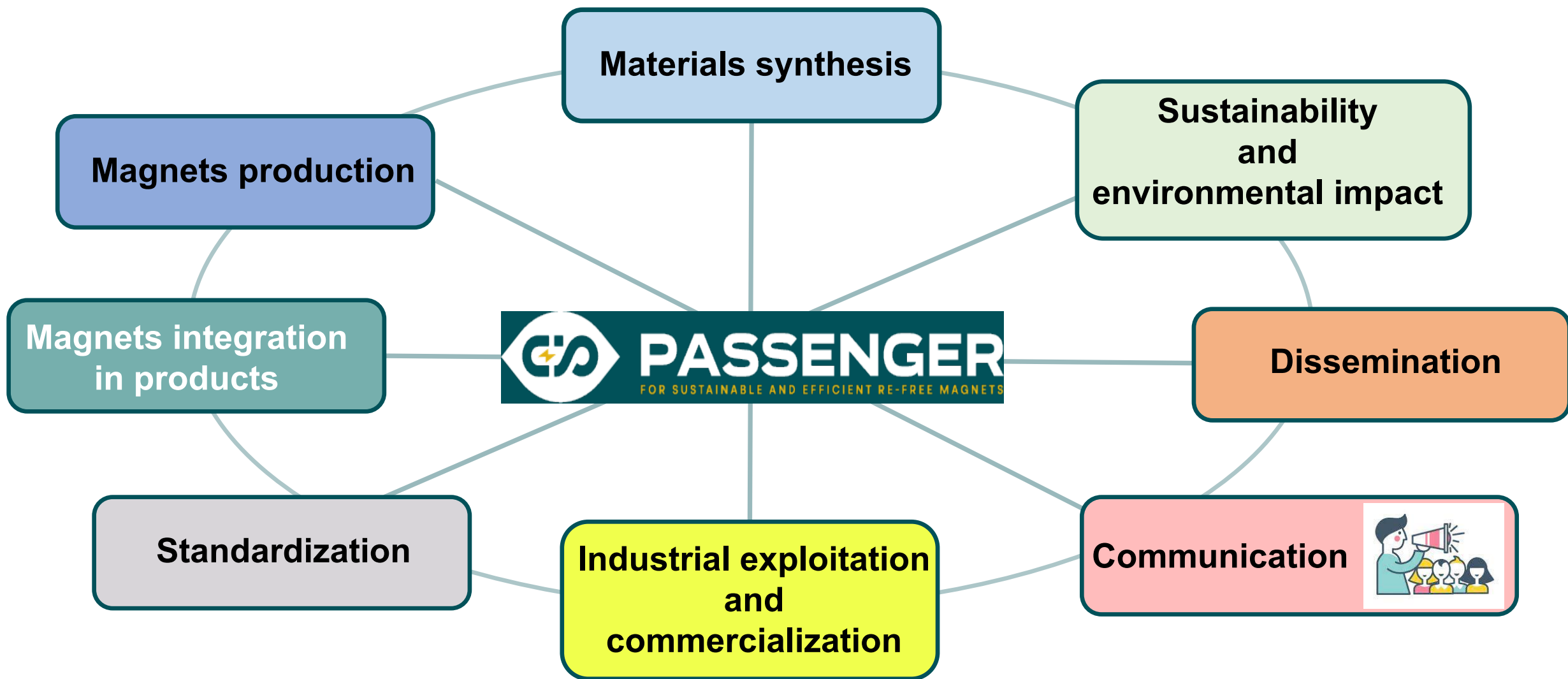


Electric motorbikes: Annual e-motorcycle sales is expected to reach \$6 million by 2023. *PASSENGER* aims to substitute in its entirety NdDyFeB in this sector profiting from an optimized motor design.



Electric cars: Uptake of electric vehicles in Europe is increasing fast. A vehicle may use about 400 g Nd-Fe-B PMs for utilities and accessories (*these numbers without considering the large use of Nd-Fe-B magnets in the driving motor*) → annual incremental demand of 120 t NdPr oxide and Dy for every 1 million vehicles sold.

Weight is an issue in e-cars and the materials considered in *PASSENGER* have a significantly lower density (about 35%) than Nd-Fe-B.



- TO1:** Producing Mn-Al-C permanent magnets as a REE-free substitute.
- TO2:** Producing improved Sr-ferrite ($\text{SrFe}_{12}\text{O}_{19}$) permanent magnets.
- TO3:** Technology implementation and production upscale (5-10 tonne/yr).
- TO4:** Validation of *PASSENGER*'s developments across 8 production and manufacturing pilots involving 8 companies, with key end users (4 additional companies involved in 4 integration/validation pilots).

Powder and compounds



MAGNETS

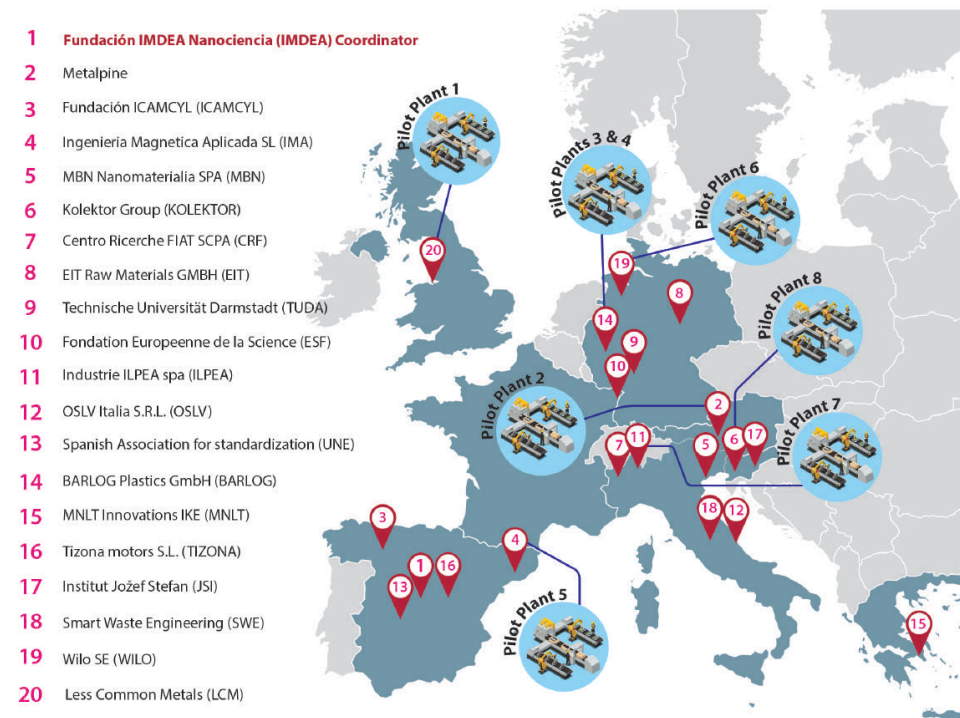


Bonded and Sintered
Magnets

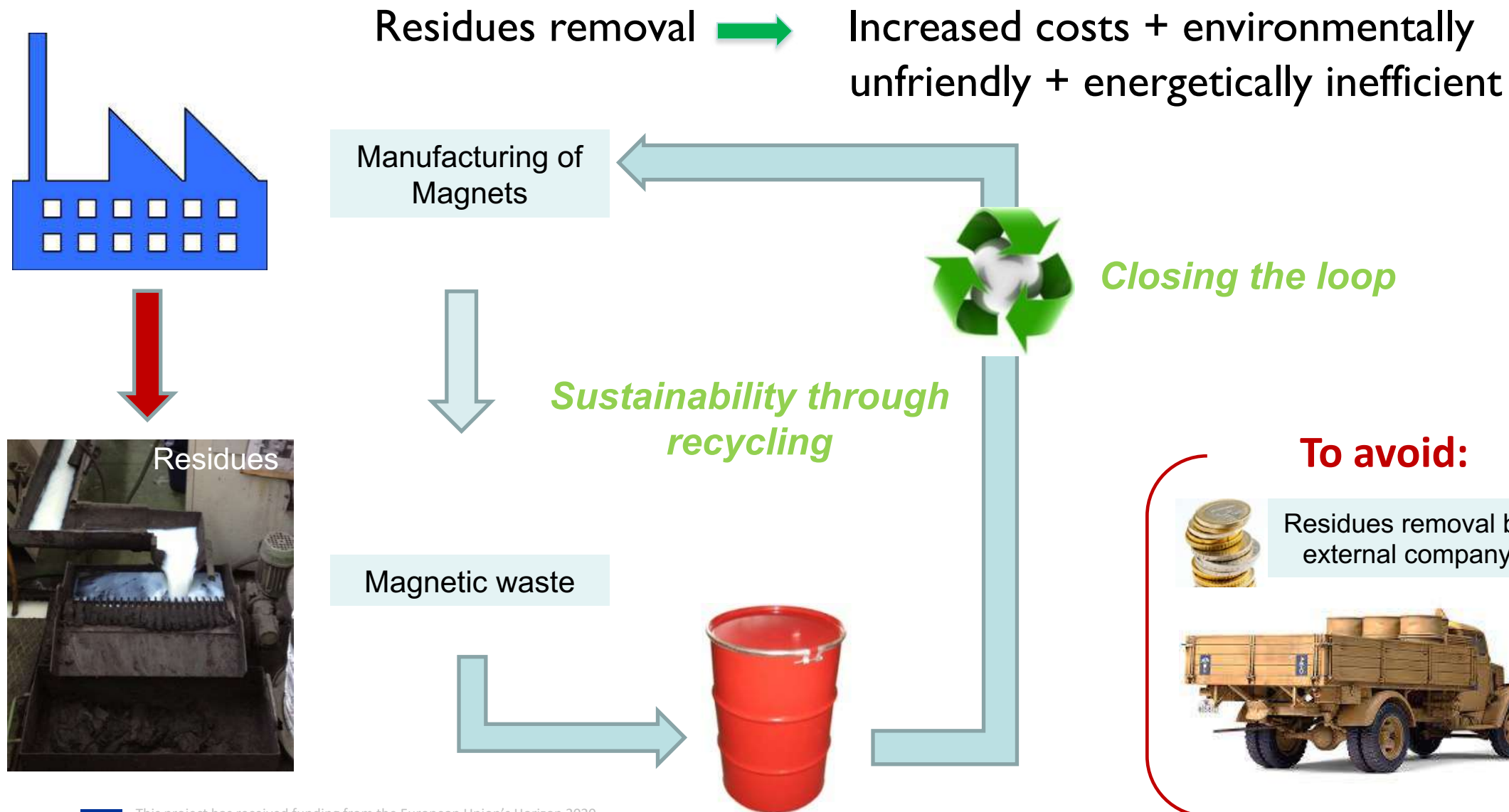
INTEGRATION



EO1: Developing an eco-design and lifecycle analysis (LCA) of *PASSENGER*'s substitution pilot.



EO2: Including an economic lifecycle cost (LCC) assessment, providing an eco-efficiency analysis.

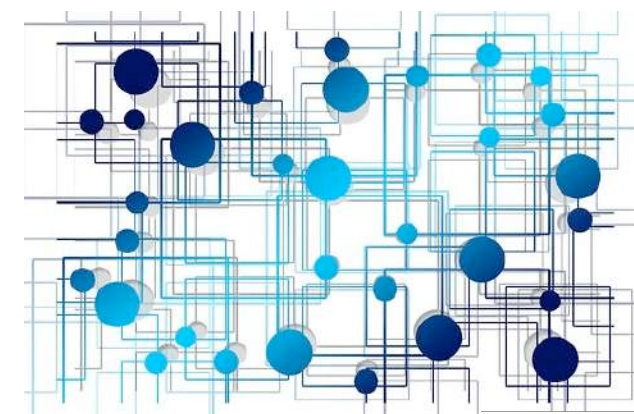


BO1: Quantifying the economics of the different substitution pilots on the premise of a competitive target price per kg. Implement a realistic business plan for the commercialisation of the permanent magnets.



BO2: Transferring the knowledge of integrated substitution solutions on MnAlC and improved ferrite to EU-related projects and platforms. To promote cross-fertilization and clustering activities.

BO3: Exploring policy actions by providing recommendations to national or/and European legislators and advocate for an adaptation of the legislation/directives/new standards where needed, and quantify the social impact of substitution solutions.





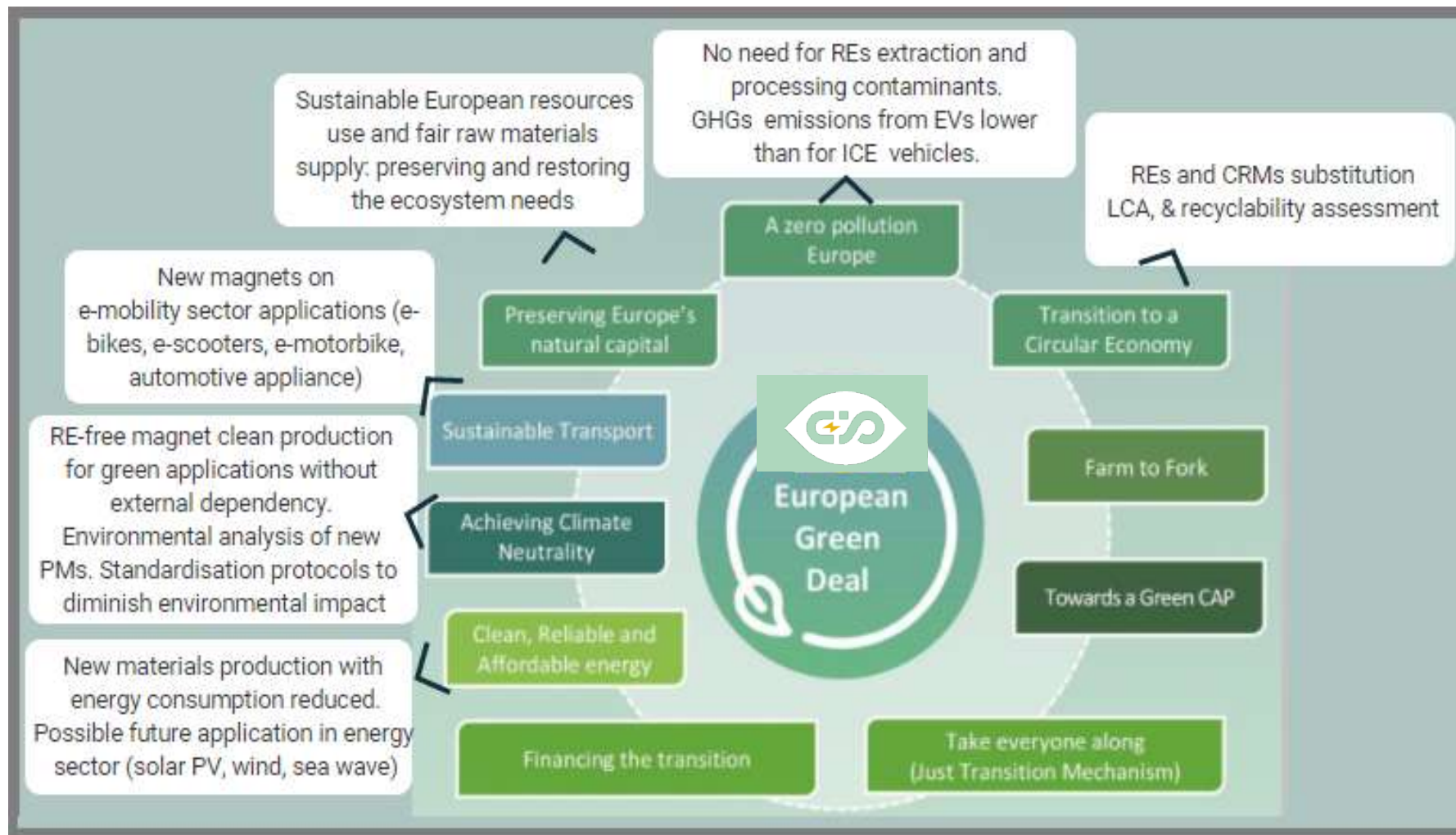
SO1: Raising awareness by communicating findings to the public, university/research/industry, local and national governments and the EC through policy briefs, reports, trainings and a roadshow concept.

SO2: Clustering with related national and H2020 projects, with the EIT KIC raw materials (i.e., lighthouse programmes & zero-waste cluster), non-EU initiatives and global-standards organisations.



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