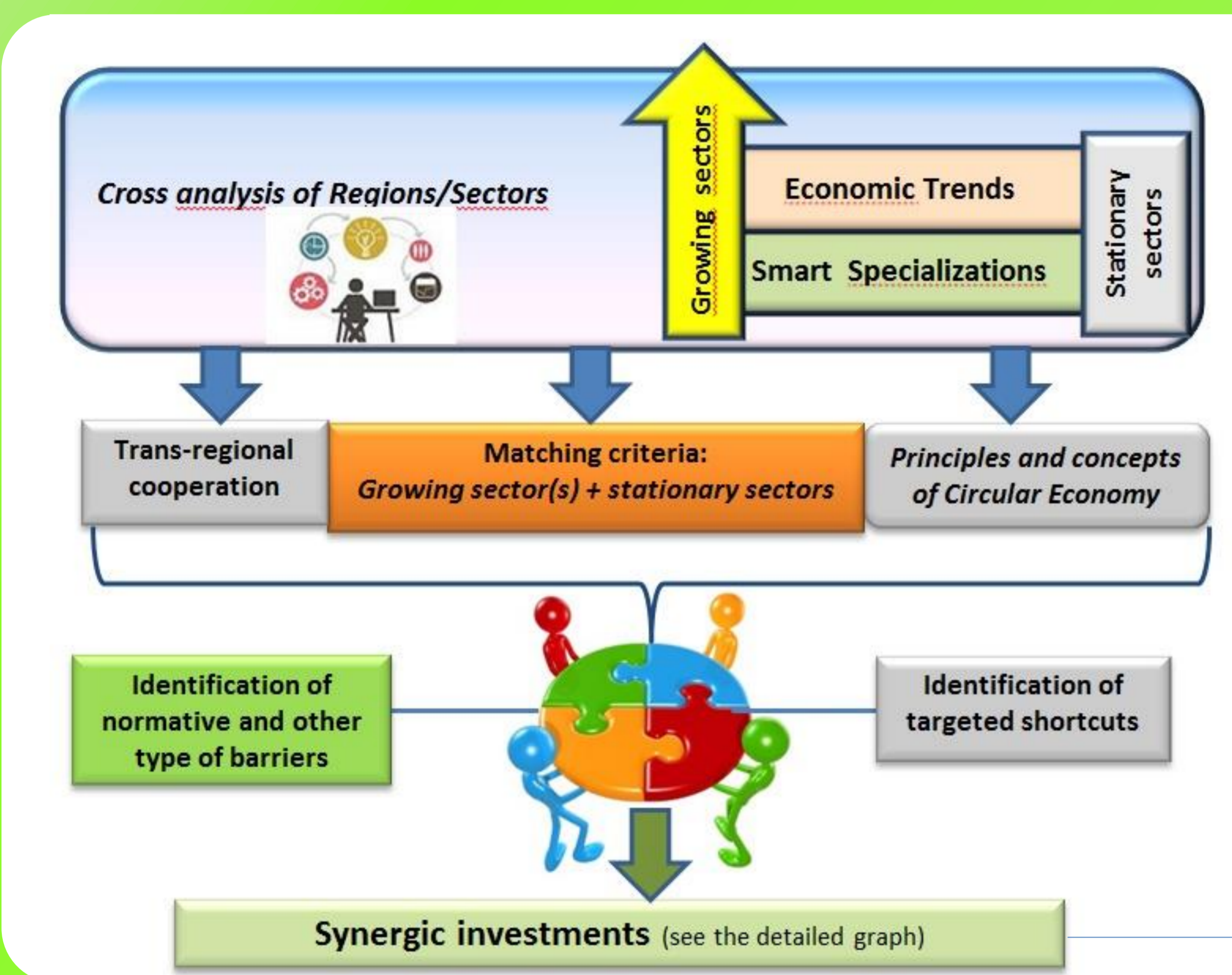




# SCREEN Synergic Circular Economy across European regions

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**SCREEN** aims at the definition of a replicable systemic approach towards a transition to Circular Economy in EU regions within the context of the Smart Specialization Strategy, through the identification and implementation of operational synergies between R&I investments from H2020 and the European Structural and Investment Funds.

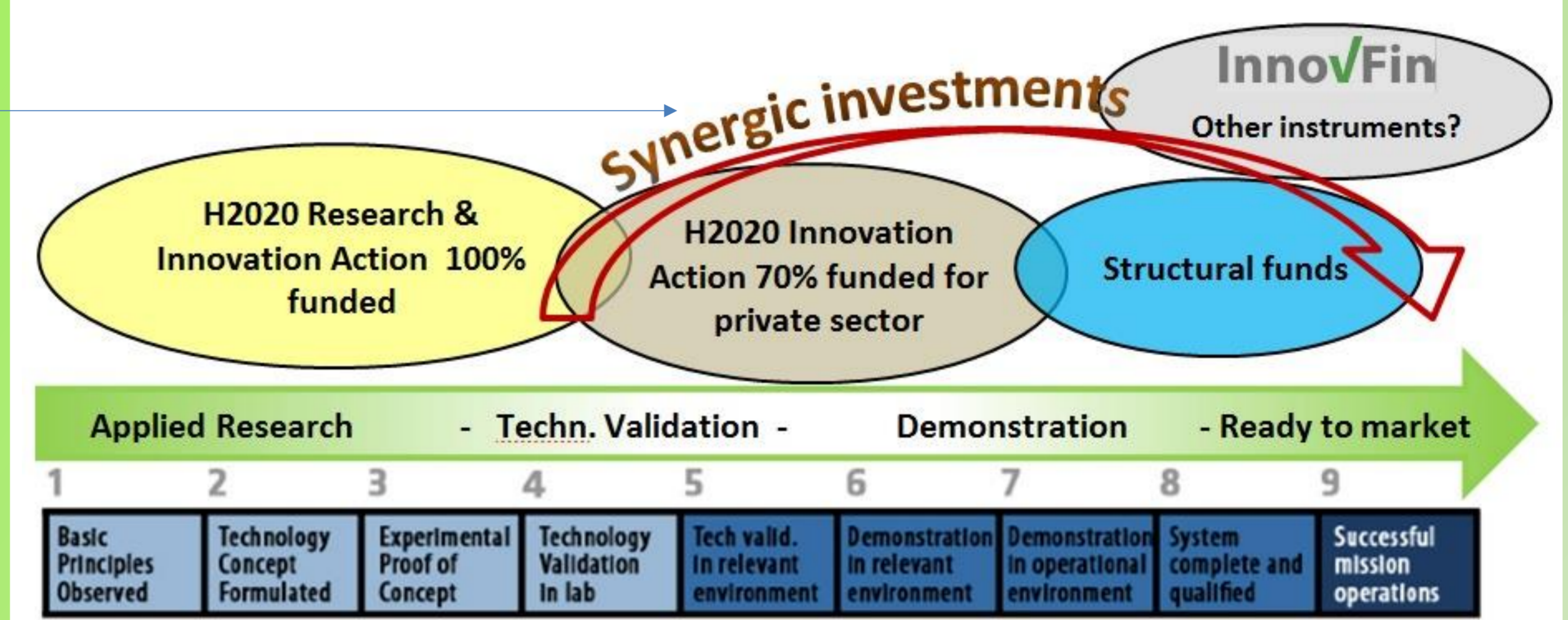
The goal is to develop a EU reference framework for establish operational synergies between Horizon 2020 and the European Structural and Investment Funds related to Circular Economy by:

- Sustaining the regional actors' participation at H2020.
- Encouraging the entrepreneurial initiatives based on H2020 project's results
- Investigating the possibility of maximizing the H2020 investment through a "recovery" of well ranked unfinanced proposals dealing with circular economy.

**POLICY LAB:** The first phase of SCREEN is focused on a common methodology that should be used by each Region for the analysis of the existing regional capabilities, in order to prepare a reference framework for the identification of local and cross-regional circular economy value chains.

A second phase deals with the identification of synergies and complementarities among regions, as well as with criteria and means to support the development of such synergies into practical cross-regional initiatives and projects.

The above support implies a common agreement on how assess the "circularity" of a certain value chain respect to another one, as well as on how to finance the selected ones with funds coming from different European regions.

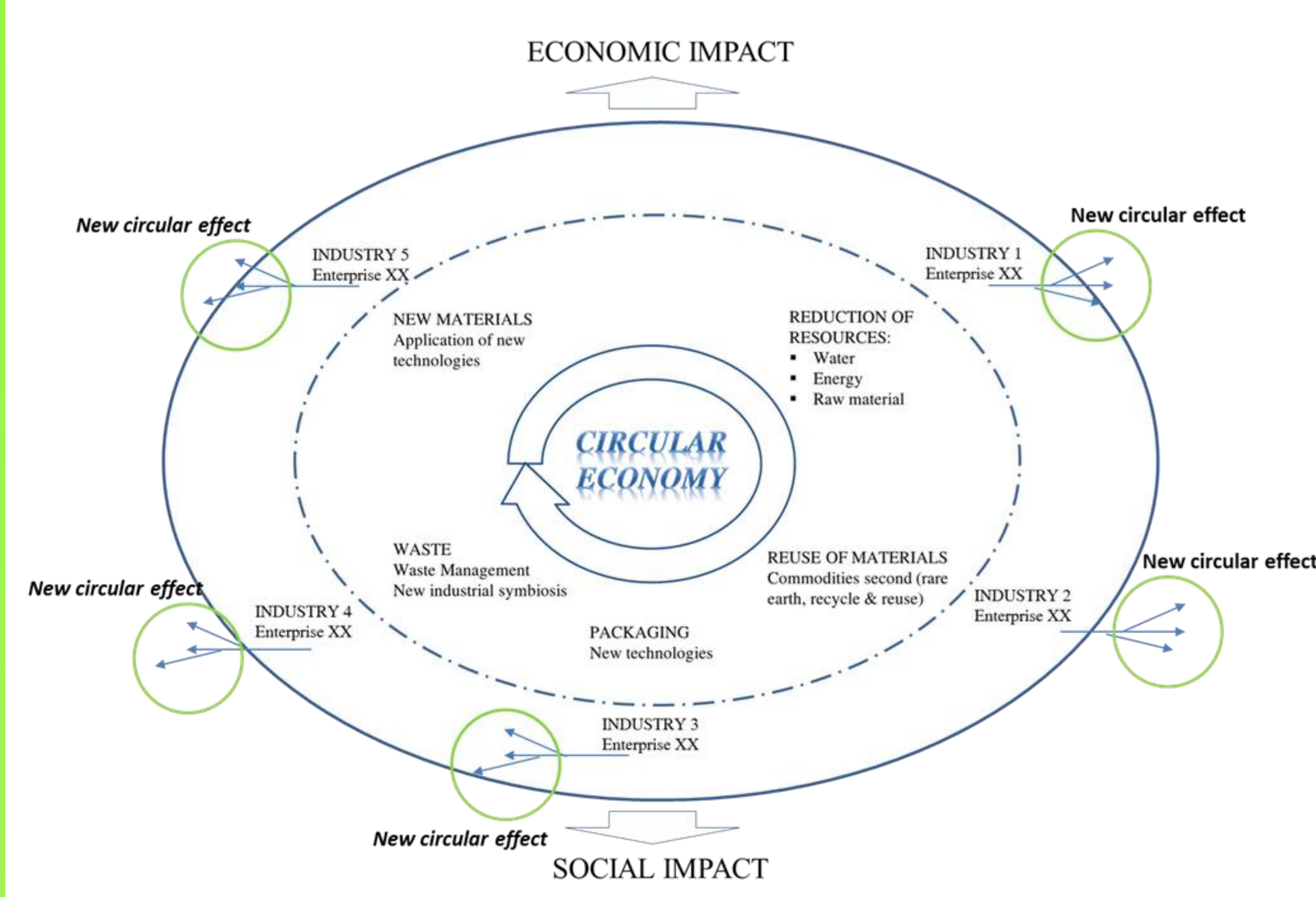


The SCREEN Policy Lab is a table of discussion participated by the project partners, the Advisory Board and those European Commission Services concerned with Circular Economy, Smart Specialization strategies and synergies between H2020 and Regional funds. The goal of the policy Lab is two-fold:

- 1) ensure that the analyses and proposals developed within the SCREEN project are discussed with EU and regional policy-makers as well as key stakeholders thereby ensuring their feasibility, relevance and effectiveness;
- 2) ensure regular exchange of information among participants so that state of the art knowledge and existing initiatives are taken into account during the implementation of the project.



**IMPACTS:** SCREEN will develop a common agreed approach to support a transition to a circular economy and to enhance existing smart specialization strategies of the involved regions. The project will also develop some policy support advisory services to enable regions to invest EU funds in trans-national value chains that will be identified and ranked by adopting common criteria based on a combination of both principles of circular economy and industrial symbiosis. Thanks to the high transferability of the SCREEN results, several current barriers to trans-national synergic approach will be bridged, thus leading to faster and better planned use of EU funds, according to the objectives and targets of the European Union.



The above figure comes from: "Ruggieri, A., Braccini, A. M., Poponi, S., & Mosconi, E. M. (2016). A Meta-Model of Inter-Organizational Cooperation for the Transition to a Circular Economy. Sustainability, 8(11), 1153. <http://doi.org/10.3390/su8111153>