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VENEZIA
10-11 OTTOBRE 2019
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**3RD IWA
RESOURCE
RECOVERY
CONFERENCE
2019**

**VENICE
ITALY
08-12
09/2019**



<https://www.iwarr2019.org/>

3RD IWA Resource Recovery Conference 2019



Co-organized by



H2020 Water Innovations for sustainable impacts in industries and utilities

post-conference workshop @ IWA RR 2019, Venice (IT) 11/09/2019

chaired by H2020 projects SMART-Plant, Hydrousa and NextGen

co-organized by EASME

The workshop include:

- Pitch presentations showcasing the outcomes/progress of innovative H2020 projects in front of selected audience of utilities and industries for circular economy solutions in the water sector.
- Discussion with panel of experts with a strong focus on the viewpoints of the end-user / consumer and the regulator in relation with (but not limited too) water & energy, water reuse, nutrients recovery, organics recovery, C-footprint and integration in the water tariff.
- Break-out session to discuss opportunities and challenges related to the market uptake of the proposed circular economy solutions, replication and widespread adoption of resource recovery from water in urban water management.

Target participants:

We encourage researchers, utilities, water professionals, technology providers, policy makers, consultants to participate in this workshop as well as market segments and industries outside of the water sector that can valorize the recovered resources.



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Some scattered steps towards “standard practice”:

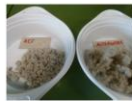
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Energy and Resources



- Energy
- Cellulose
- Alginate
- Bioplastics
- Phosphate
- Biomass
- Water
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Recovery potential at regional scale

Innovative sustainable planning



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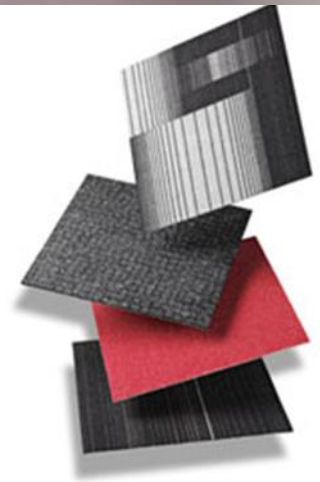
Disciplina della gestione dei fanghi di depurazione delle acque reflue e attuazione della direttiva 86/278/CEE concernente la protezione dell'ambiente, in particolare del suolo, nell'utilizzazione dei fanghi di depurazione in agricoltura¶

e) promuove il recupero ed il riciclo di altre risorse di valore (biopolimeri, cellulosa, nutrienti) da fanghi e a tal fine entro 5 anni dall'entrata in vigore del presente decreto valuta l'opportunità di modificarlo al fine di inserirvi disposizioni specifiche per incentivare il succitato recupero sostenibile ed il riciclo in sicurezza di altre risorse di valore¶

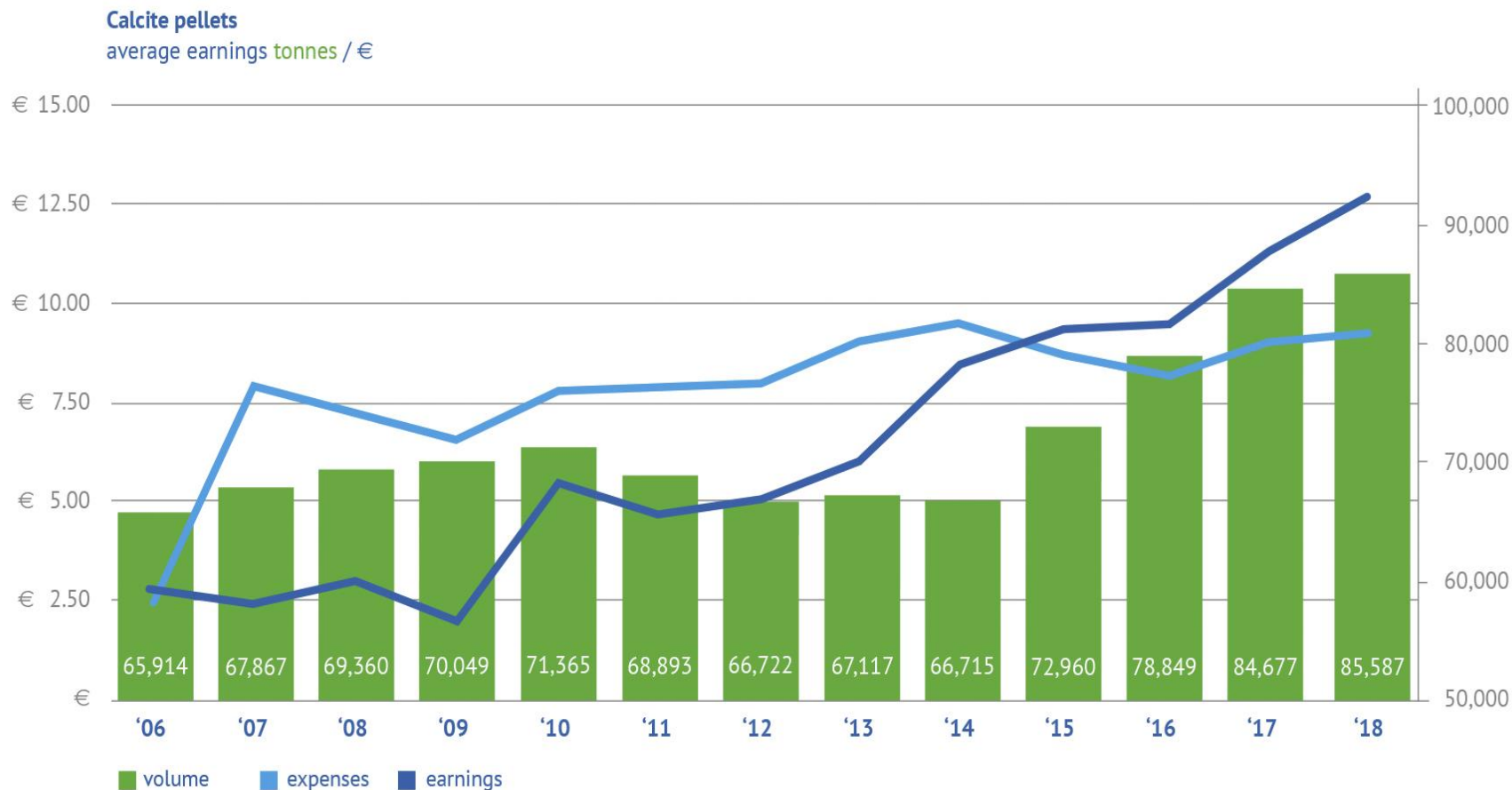
Italian national (draft) decree on sludge management and decrees for P recovery

Legislation and regulation

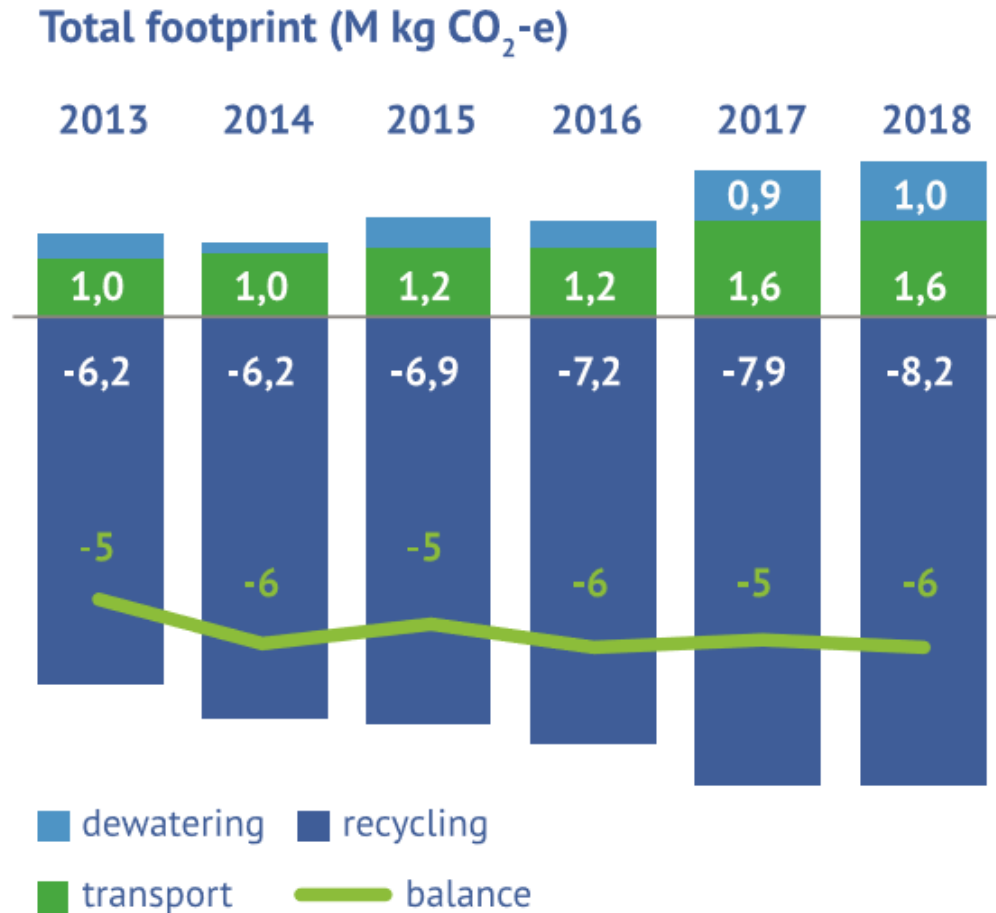
Example: calcite from softening drinking water



Economics: positive business cases



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Example: cellulose from wastewater

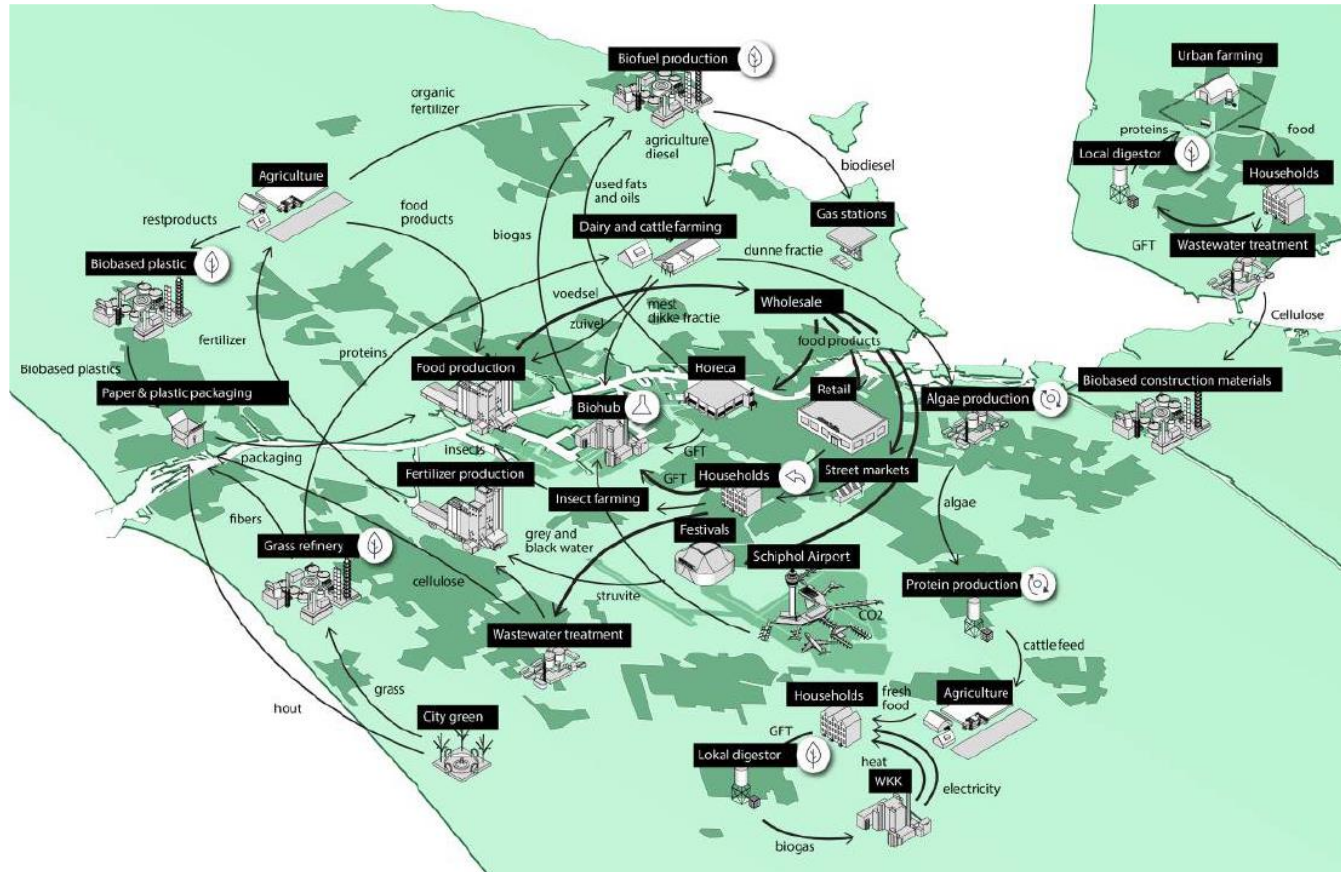


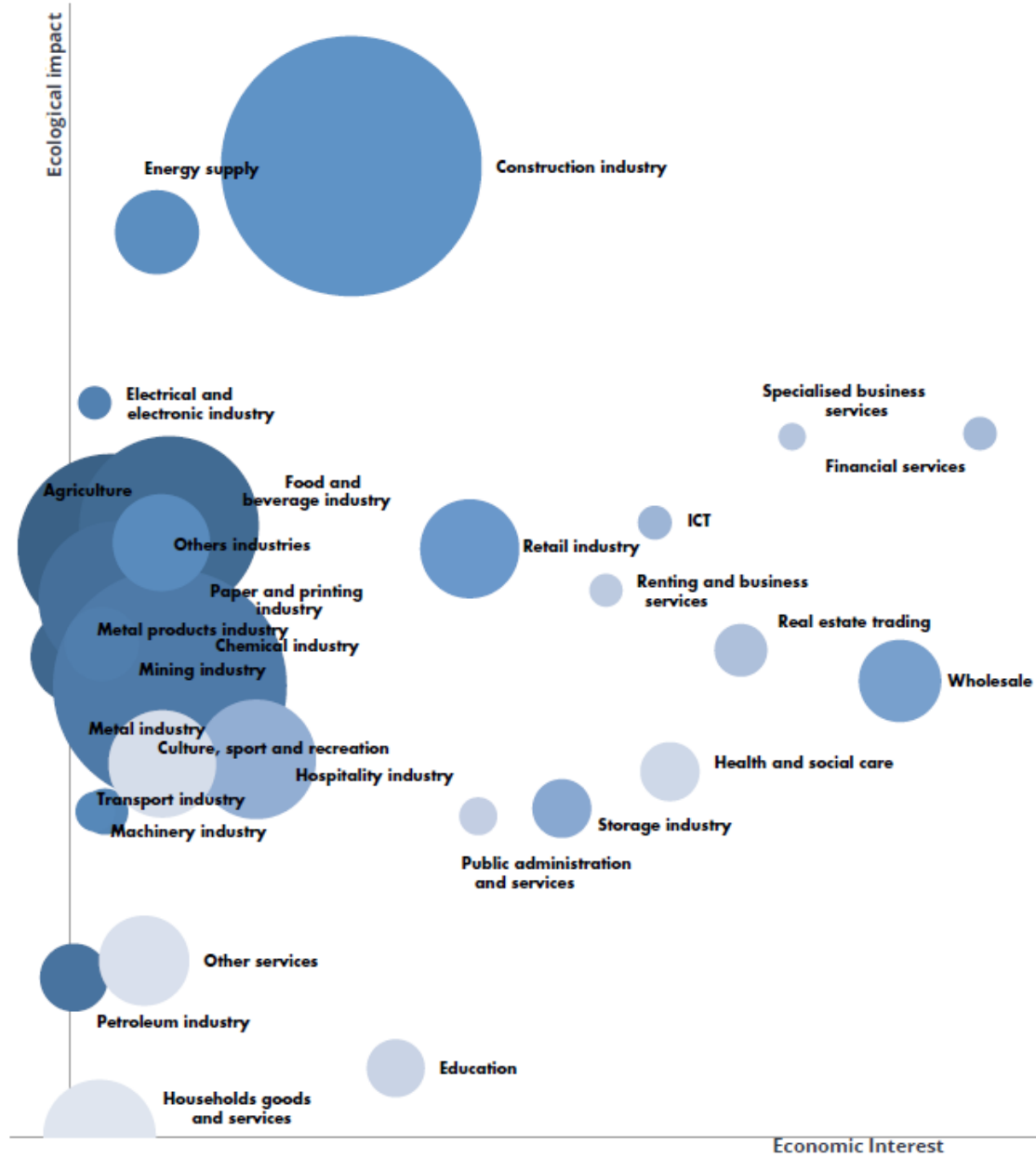
What about the
circular cities?

Netherlands circular by 2050



Vision of the organic residual stream

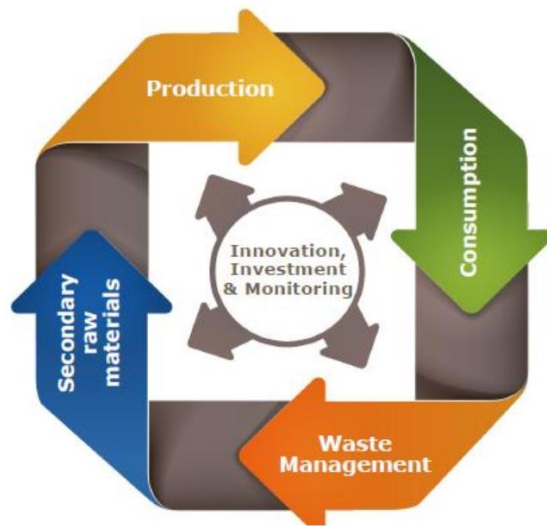




Water and/or wastewater central in the “Circular Economy Package”?



Key action areas



Priority sectors

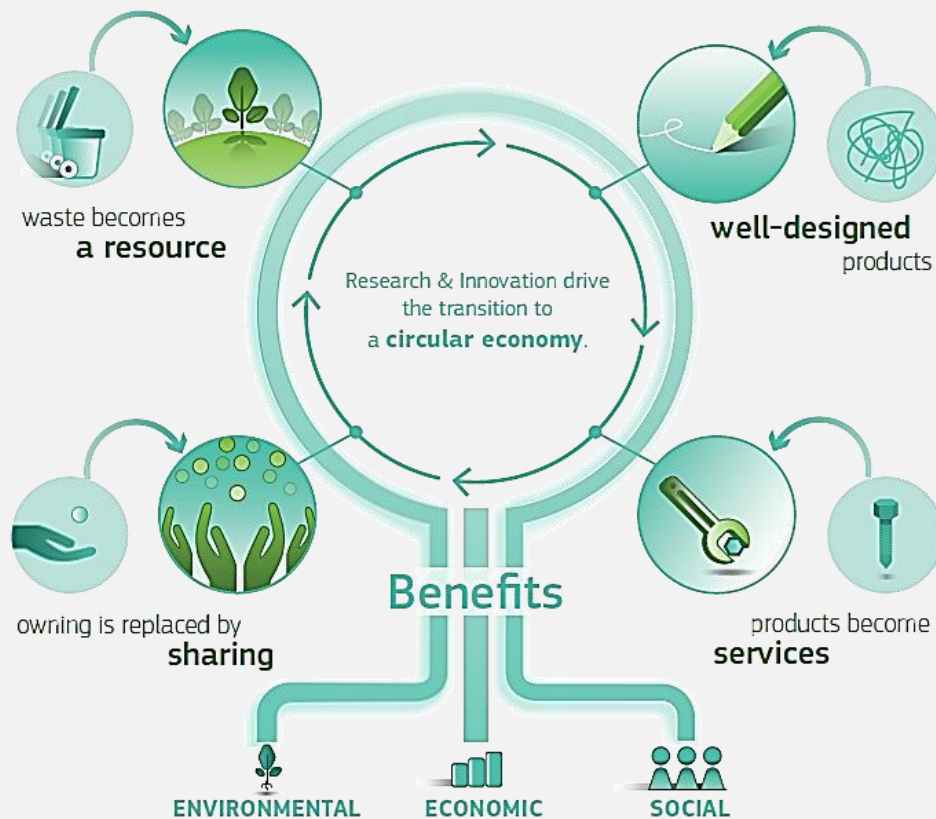


Circular Economy Package mainly aim at facilitating water reuse - this will include a legislative proposal on minimum requirements for reused water, for example for irrigation and groundwater recharge

Source: <https://www.eip-water.eu/water-%E2%80%9Ccircular-economy-package%E2%80%9D>



HORIZON 2020 SUPPORT TO CIRCULAR ECONOMY



- **Going beyond waste - Interdependence across the Value Chain**
- **All form of innovations: (technological and non-technological)**
- **Large scale demonstration project**
- **Focus on impact**

**“Waste” and “Water” focus areas
2014-2015: € 190 M**



**“Industry 2020 in the Circular Economy”
2016-2017: € 650 M**



**“Connecting economic and environmental
gains – the Circular Economy”
2018-2020: € 940 M**

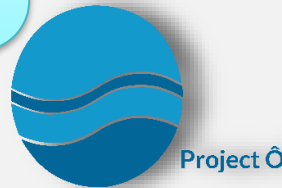


**65 Water Projects from SC5
H2020 2014-18
Total EU funding € 392 M**

H2020 RR Water Projects



19 Projects from SC5
EU funding **€ 126 M**
Private org.: **45.7%**
SMEs: **27.97 %**



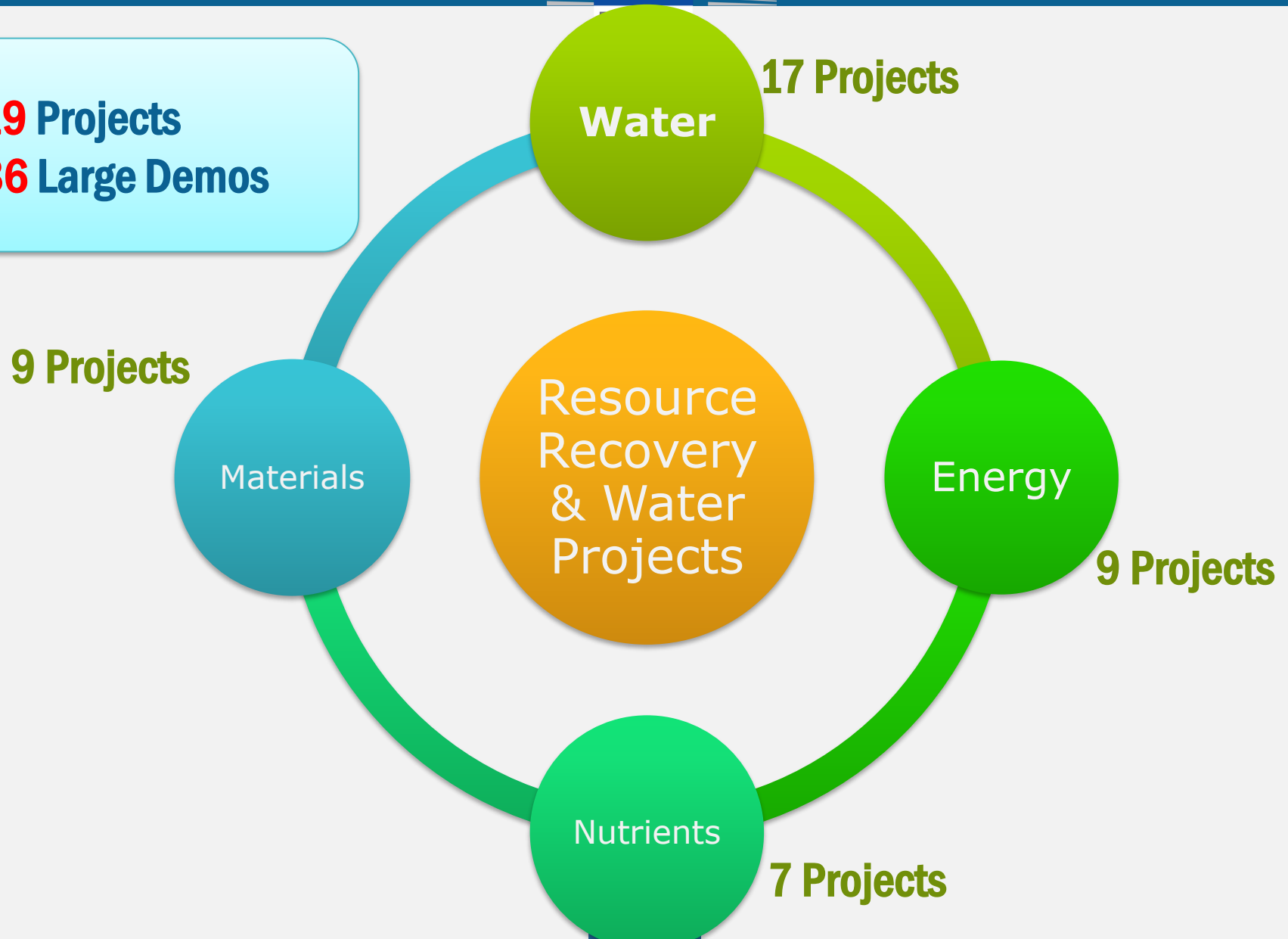
Executive
Agency for
SMEs



H2020 RR Water Projects



19 Projects
86 Large Demos



Scale-up of low-carbon footprint Material Recovery Techniques in existing wastewater treatment

PLANTs

- Horizon2020 IA
- 9 demo SMARTechs
- Cross-sectorial value chain
- Innovation deal
- 26 partners
 - 19 SME or LI
 - 7 R&D Organization

Consumer/Industrial Products



Cellulose

Struvite
Calcium-P
P-Biofertilizer

Energy
and
Carbon
Efficiency



Biogas
and
Biomass
Fuel

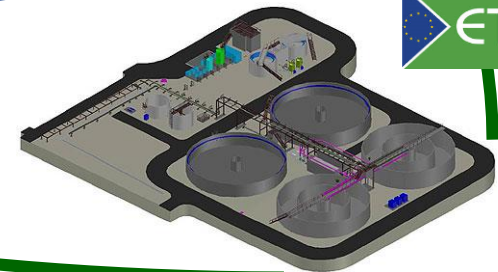


Bio-
polymers

Water re-use and
fertigation



SMART-Plant



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SALÓN INTERNACIONAL DEL
CICLO INTEGRAL DEL AGUA
AWARD 2018

www.smart-plant.eu Start: 01/Jun/2016 – End: 31/May/2020

SMARTechs integrated in existing WWTPs (revamped/upgraded to WRRFs)



Policy and barriers

- European policies, regulations and directives
 - Circular Economy Package
 - Proposed new Common Agricultural Policies (CAP)
 - New Fertilising Products Regulation (FPR)
- **Remaining barriers**
 - **No (apparent) willingness of customers to accept a premium for sustainability**
 - **Possible customer reluctance if waste raw materials are declared**
 - **Public procurement focusing on low cost instead of closed loops**
 - **Except for Fertilising Products Regulation, harmonized European regulatory framework missing**

More direct Support Needed

- Targeted Circular Economy Directives with **clear targets** comparable to energy directives (REDII)
- More **harmonisation of regulation** in the EU
 - Free trade of secondary resources (e.g. ash) for recycling with tracing and tracking system and obligatory, proven recycling
- Making **P-recycling** mandatory like CH, DE
- Closing **binding** agreements with industry, municipalities like NL



The water industry has an interest in the circular management of wastewater, but the market isn't ready

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