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# Diving deep and looking high

## Key issues in doing a practically useful climate roadmap for the chemical industry

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# Who are we, AFRY?

Briefly about AFRY: since 1895

# In 2019 ÅF and Pöyry became AFRY

- **1895 + 1958 = 2019**  
In February 2019 ÅF (since 1895) and Pöyry (since 1958) joined forces in order to become an international engineering, design and advisory company, driving digitalisation and sustainability for the energy, infrastructure and industrial sectors all over the world.
- **More than sum of its parts: ÅF + Pöyry < AFRY**  
In November 2019 ÅF Pöyry launched a new common brand, AFRY. The name is a combination of the letters in ÅF and Pöyry: AF+RY [er:fji]
- With a strong focus on sustainable solutions we bring the best from ÅF and Pöyry into the new brand AFRY.





## **INDUSTRIAL & DIGITAL SOLUTIONS**

Advanced Automation  
 Automotive R&D  
 Connected Products  
 Experience Design  
 Food & Pharma  
 IT Solutions  
 Specialized Tech Services  
 Systems Management



## **ENERGY**

Thermal Heat & Power,  
 Renewables & Energy  
 Markets  
 Hydro  
 T&D  
 Nuclear  
 Contracting



## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Transportation  
 Buildings  
 Project Management  
 Water  
 Environment  
 Architecture & Design



## **PROCESS INDUSTRIES**

Bioindustries  
 Chemicals  
 Pulp, Board, paper & tissue  
 Metal & Mining  
 Smart solutions:  
 – Health & Safety  
 – Environment  
 – Smart Site TM & Digitalisation



## **MANAGEMENT CONSULTING**

Energy Central &  
 Northern Europe  
 Energy Western Europe  
 & ROW  
 Capital  
 Operational Services  
 Industry  
 North America  
 Concept Development

No. of employees: **17,000**

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Approx. annual revenue: **2 bEUR**

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Industry  
Infrastructure  
Energy

Offices in countries:

**50**

Projects in  
more than

**100**

countries

We speak  
more than

**50**

languages

We are

**4000**

employees from  
young generations

We are

**27%**

women

We are

**73%**

men



# Nordic base with strong global presence



Our presence

## Chemical Convention 2019 as example of broad knowledge base needed

### TOPICS CONVERGENCE

- Climate and energy transition across economy
  - Climate transition across heavy industries
    - Similar drivers and dynamics
    - Interdependencies crucial
    - (hyped) example: hydrogen
- ➔ Hence, unique leverage of AFRY's
- strong combination of management consulting and engineering
  - thought leadership across sectors and industries
  - very strong position as one of the leading consultancies in the energy sector's transition
  - no.1 position globally in forest industry + bioindustries

### "PROOF"

- AFRY leader, Dr. Petri Vasara, demonstrates AFRY's wide knowledge base in his presentation at the Chemical Convention 2019 main event



# AFRY covers the chemical sector from management consulting to designing and implementing chemical refineries

- Example project types include:
  - Extensive engineering works and project services for new assets in petrochemicals and oil refining
  - Pre-feasibility and feasibility studies
  - Strategy and investment projects
  - Optimisation, logistics, revamps, capacity increases,...





# Climate roadmaps in Finland: Why, how, what?

Also e.g. in the Netherlands, but not the topic today

## How can the Finnish chemical industry project be condensed?

### WHY?

#### **PUSH AND PULL: CHEMICAL INDUSTRY PUSH, GOVERNMENT PULL**

- The background of this study included both the ambition of Kemianteollisuus ry / The Chemical Industry Federation of Finland and the climate targets declared by the Finnish government.
- In the summer 2019, the Finnish government set a target to become carbon neutral by 2035 and carbon negative thereafter, and asked for industry roadmaps

### HOW?

#### **SECTORS FROM CHEMICALS, STEEL, ENERGY, FOREST TO TRAFFIC AND ICT**

- In cooperation with other main manufacturing sectors (Technology Industries of Finland, Finnish Forest Industries Federation) and Finnish Energy (ET), a roadmap work where technology-driven scenarios, their requirements and costs iteratively meet the supply of low-carbon energy, forming a holistic, national pathway to 2050. A traffic roadmap was also completed as part of the same whole

### WHAT?

#### **COMPATIBLE YET SPECIFIC: SUM UP BUT KEEP DIFFERENCES**

- The goal was to identify the means and to provide a realistic roadmap towards carbon neutral chemical industry in Finland 2045.
- On top of GHG scenarios, the study focused on raw materials, technology and energy breakthroughs, R&D&I and investment needs, policy needs, export potential and many more aspects of chemical industry.



Why?

Roadmaps follow from government target and query – Finnish chemical industry was a forerunner already before those

### FINNISH CHEMICAL INDUSTRY PIONEERING

– Even prior to Finland or EU net-zero targets:  
The Chemical Industry Federation of Finland published own targets

HIILINEUTRAALI  
KEMIA 2045  
CARBON NEUTRAL  
CHEMISTRY



### GOVERNMENT TARGETS IN JUNE 2019

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Miljöministeriet  
Ministry of the Environment

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- Carbon neutral Finland 2035  
Government's climate policy
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- Building and land use
- Research and development

EN / AREAS OF EXPERTISE / CARBON NEUTRAL FINLAND 2035

## Government's climate policy: carbon-neutral Finland by 2035

According to **Sanna Marin's** Government Programme in 2019 Finland will be carbon-neutral by 2035, and the world's first fossil-free welfare society. This requires faster emissions reductions in all sectors and strengthening our carbon sinks.


Source: Kemianteollisuus, Ministry of Environment websites



How?



## Progress is only possible, if ...

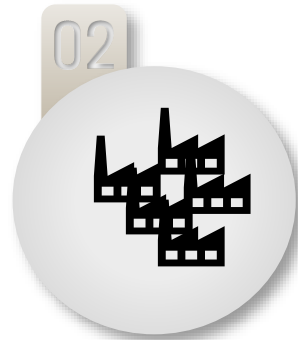


The basic condition for success in all sustainability/low-carbon roadmaps was a competitive, viable industry.

# Aiming at a coherent whole, scenarios built on industry-wide analysis, and reflecting the reality, views and ambition of different sectors



**01**  
**Scenarios!**  
**Not forecasts**  
A forecast looks for the likeliest outcome, a scenario looks for ways to do one's best towards a given goal



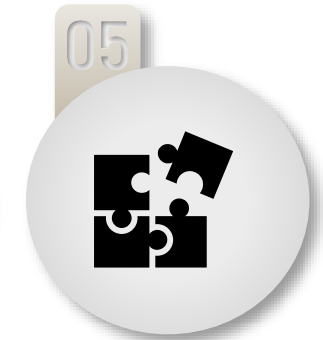
**02**  
**The sector, not individual companies**  
Staying away from pointing out individual companies' actions (even though, obviously, in the work high consciousness of what could be done). No speculation on non-public investment plans



**03**  
**Baseline as comparison**  
Baseline a comparison with no notable initiatives: Business As Usual but without ambition



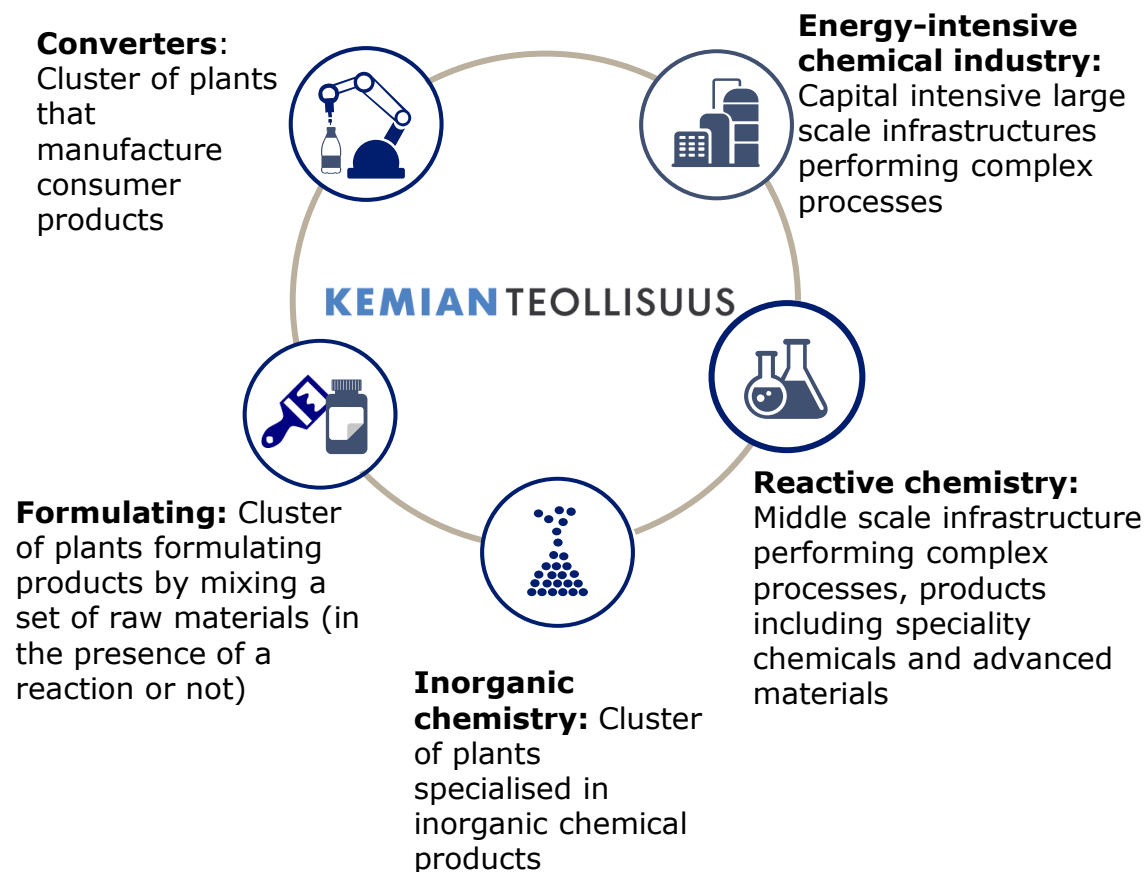
**04**  
**Sectoral ambition**  
Scenarios reflecting sectors' will to implement Paris agreements and other EU/Finnish goals



**05**  
**Compatibility**  
Without "tight" logical discipline, different sectoral roadmaps might not be compatible. Now, they were.

For chemical industry's complex whole, a classification of companies was made – this one applies to the Finnish industry and is adapted to the focus

- 400 companies into 5 clusters
- Heterogenous industry
- Shared and specific solutions to reduce GHG emissions
- Confidentiality of companies
- Input for process: companies, association, consultants and government



## For chemical industry, there are two disruptions: greater focus on first, but second also included

– **The road**

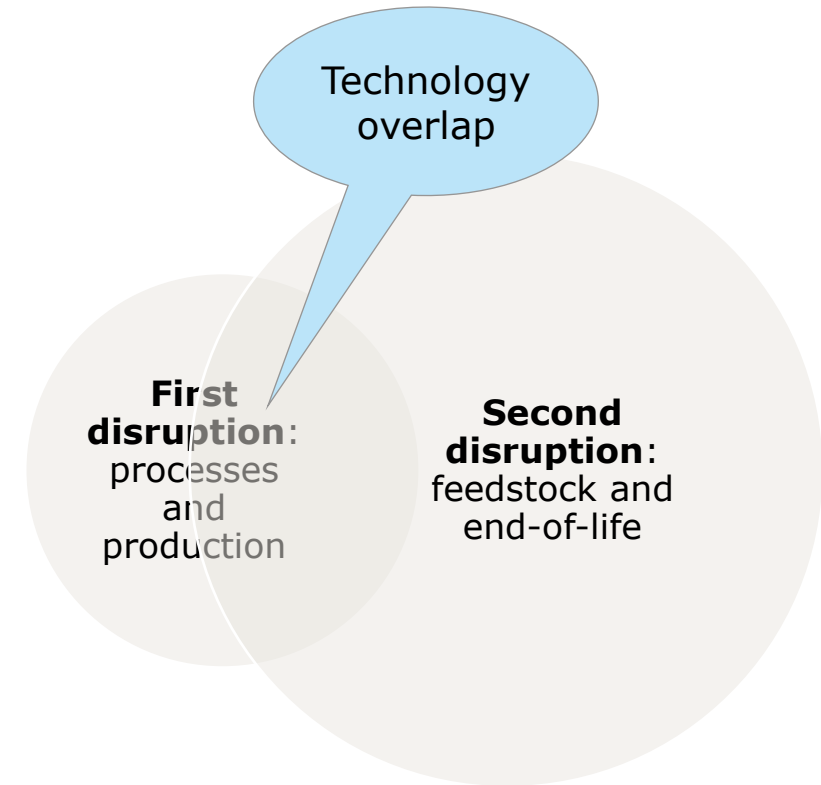
The route to *carbon neutrality* cannot be simple, when even the term needs explanation. There are two disruptions on the way, which have something in common – an increase in energy use.

– **The first disruption: processes and production.**

To *decarbonise processes and production* (Scope 1 and 2), a toolbox of technical solutions is needed. Some exist, others need to be developed. Together, they have the potential to positively disrupt chemical production – at the expense of an *increase in energy use and costs*.

– **The second disruption: feedstock and end-of-life.**

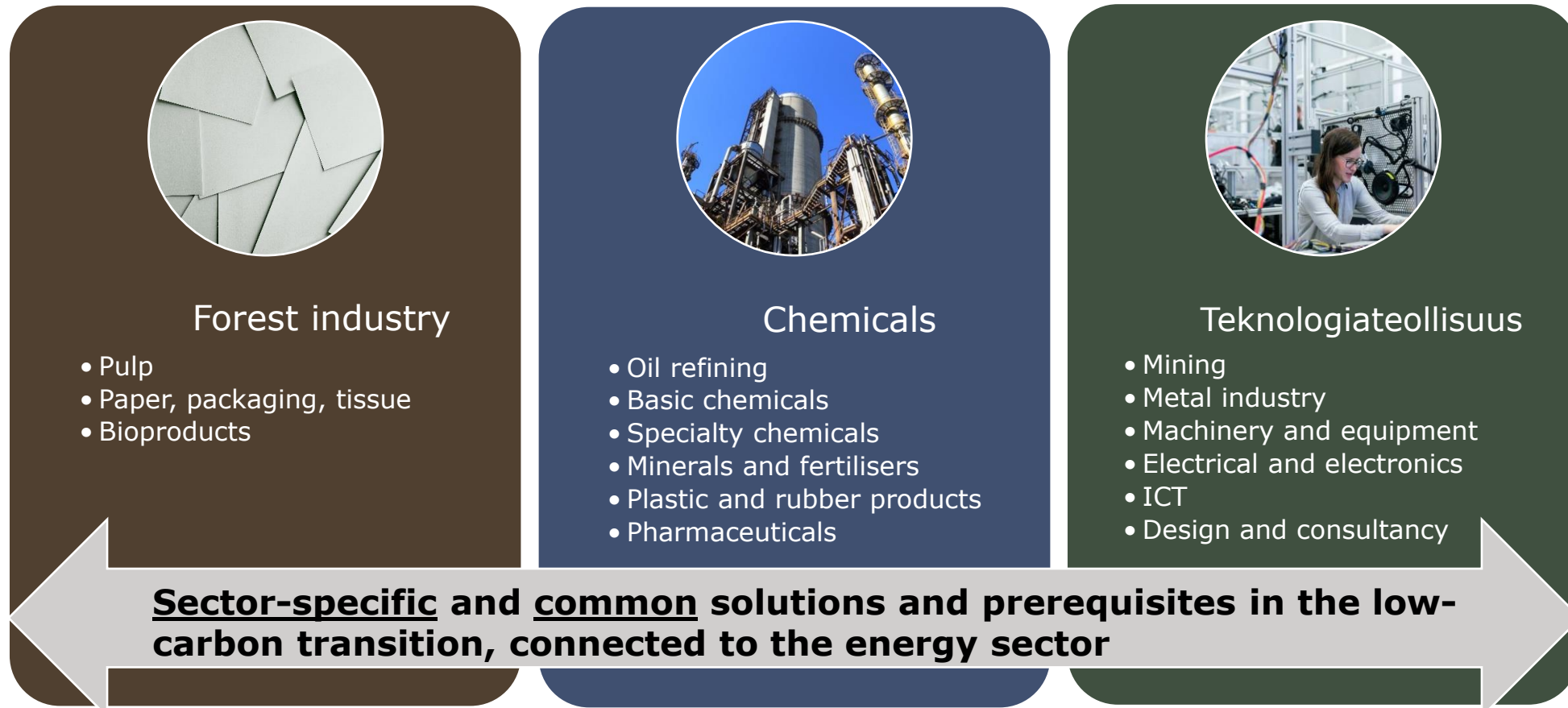
To *remove fossil feedstock* (Scope 3) is the second, larger disruption. The demanded change is much more extensive, meets problems in alternative feedstock availability – and may even increase process emissions to begin with. The increase in energy use overall would be *significantly higher*, likewise the cost, compared to the first disruption.





What?

# Main export industries in Finland: chemical, forest and technology industries, all studied separately but together



WHAT: NATIONAL ANALYSIS, MINDING THE GLOBAL NATURE OF THE PHENOMENA

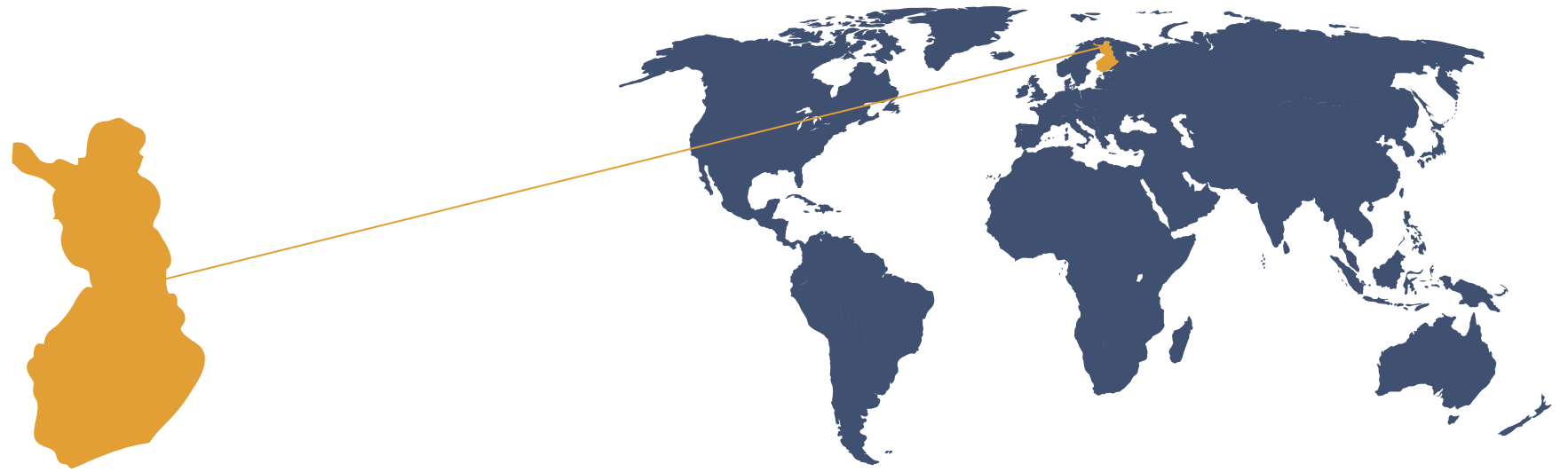
## National and global perspectives on e.g. trade, markets, technology, policy

### **NATIONAL**

- Knowhow, innovations
- Promoting exports
- Industrial and technology policy
- New business models

### **EUROPEAN / GLOBAL**

- EU regulation, Green Deal
- International climate politics
- Trade politics
- Broader Sustainability Agenda



# Chemical industry roadmap combines many dimensions into multi-use package

## Potential benefits/uses

**TECHNOLOGY: A menu of options to reduce emissions**

**SCENARIOS: Direct emissions, purchased energy and sensitivity to circumstances**

**SCENARIOS EXPANDED:  
A feedstock (r)evolution of defossilisation**

**TOOLBOX FOR CHANGE:  
Chemical clusters and example action plans**

**HANDPRINT, EXPORT POTENTIAL AND KNOWLEDGE:  
The global imprint of the Finnish chemical industry**

**CONCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS:  
The outcome and the preconditions**

Information and data input into e.g. government strategy processes

Communicative tool for companies

Advocacy: what is needed, what are the benefits?

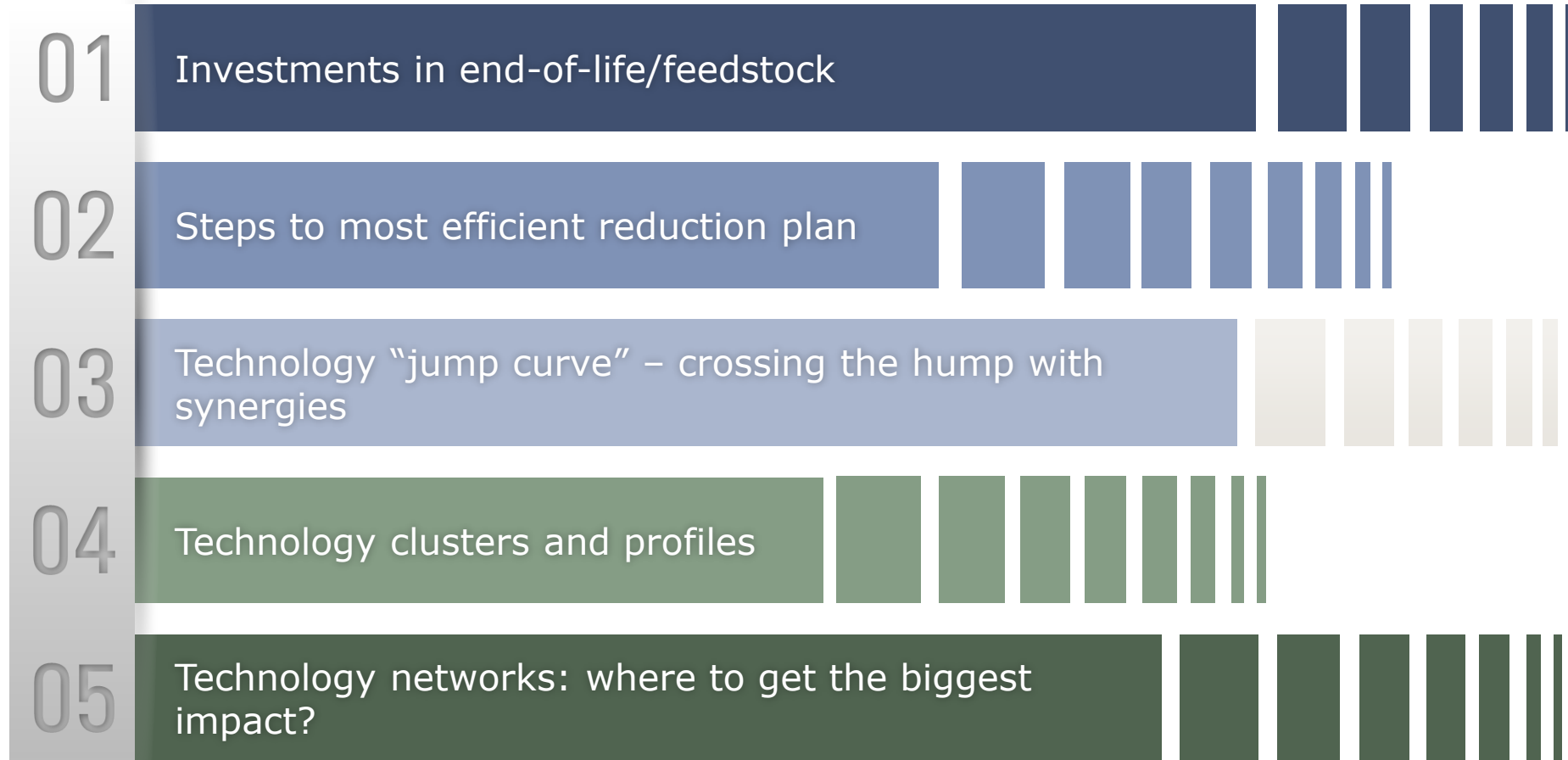
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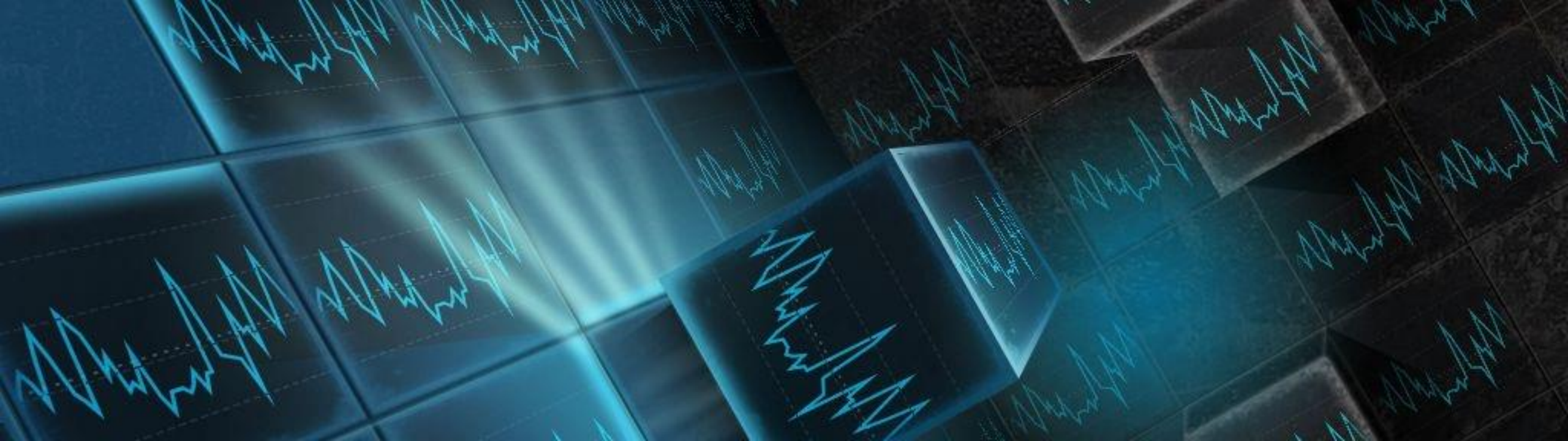
Commitment of different stakeholders (also politics)





# Lifting out five points





# 1. Investments in end-of-life/feedstock

Considering also water efficiency and other relevant aspects

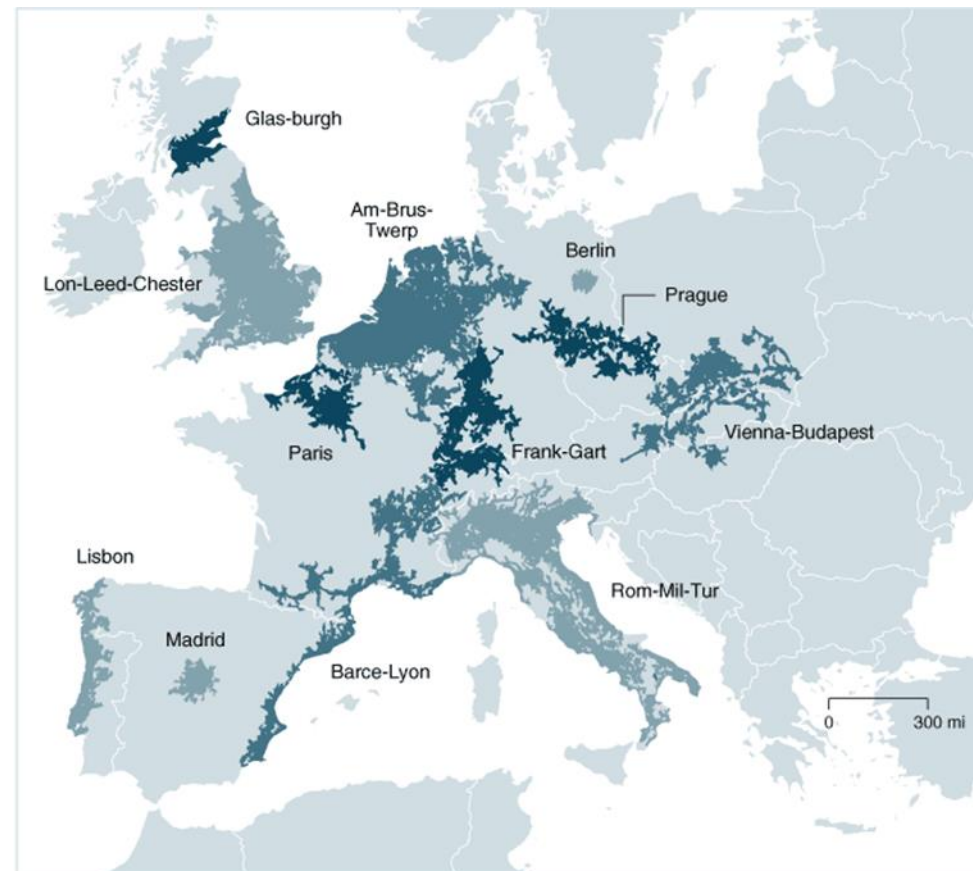
## SCENARIO: "EUROPEAN RECYCLING VALLEY"

### FEEDSTOCK: WASTE AND IN PARTICULAR PLASTIC WASTE RISING UP – AND ISRAELI ROLE?

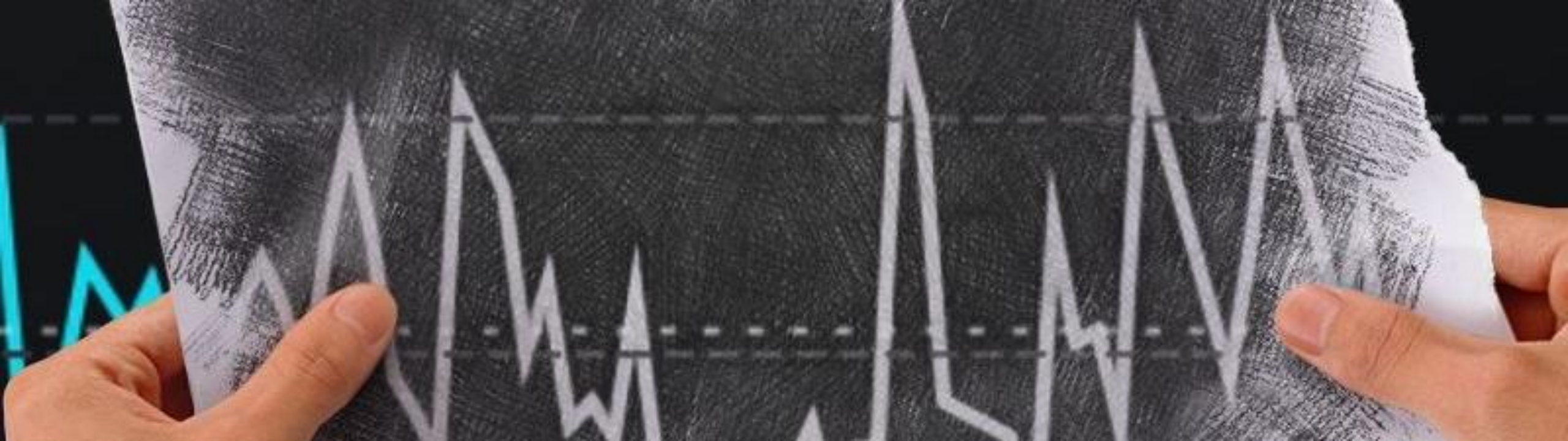
- European technology has evolved the furthest, pushed and incentivized by ambitious legislation
- Europe is covered by a network of 10 large-scale chemical recycling facilities and smaller, decentralised units
- The large units are placed in population-rich, dense "megaregions" (see picture), especially where synergy with chemical industry existing facilities, plastics users and functioning collection systems exist

**Question: The best fit for Israeli chemical and related industry including biotechnology for residues as part of "Recycling Valley"?**

### EUROPE IN THE LEAD, KEY "RECYCLING VALLEYS"



"Megaregions"

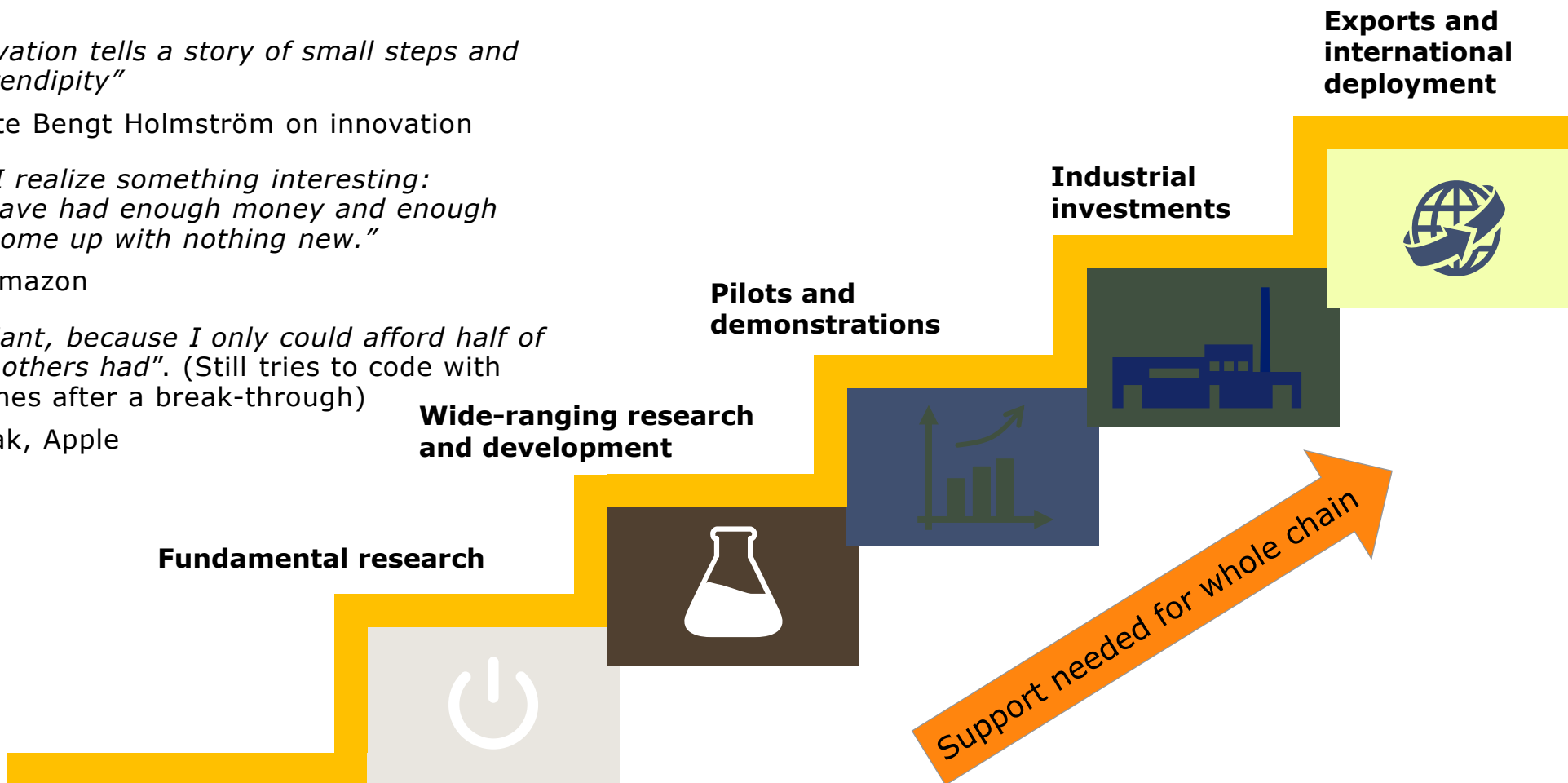


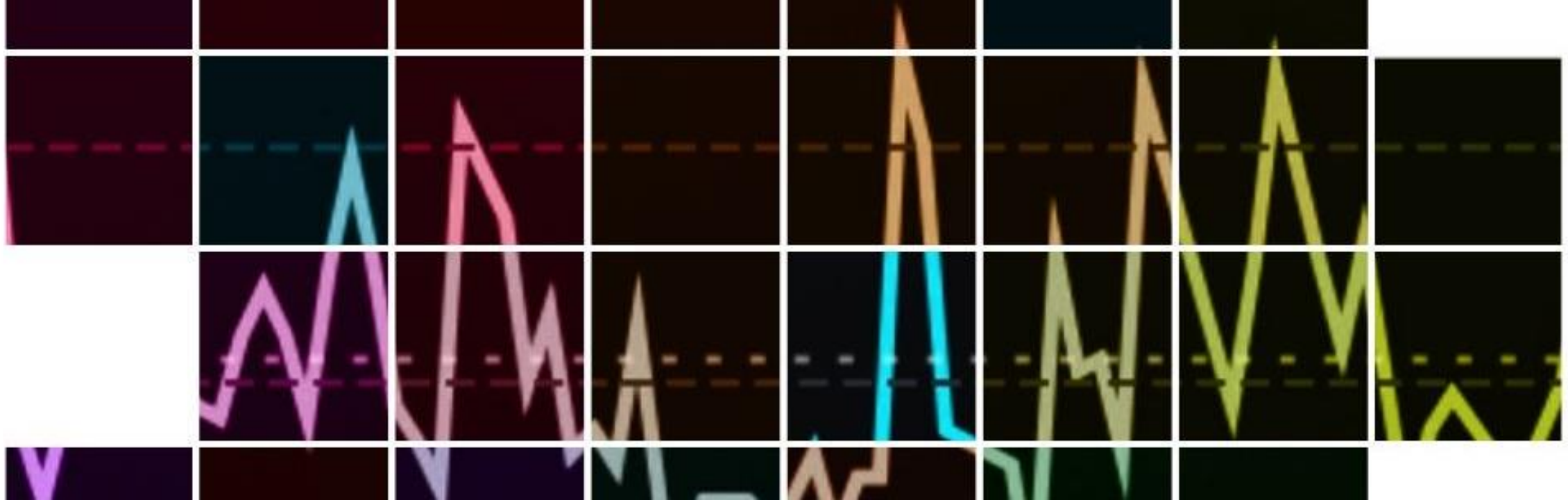
## 2. Steps to most efficient reduction plan

Plan with relevant technologies coming on-line

# Stepwise progress to reach low-carbon markets

- *History of innovation tells a story of small steps and "disciplined serendipity"*
  - Nobel laureate Bengt Holmström on innovation
- *"Looking back I realize something interesting: whenever we have had enough money and enough time we have come up with nothing new."*
  - Jeff Bezos, Amazon
- *"I became brilliant, because I only could afford half of the transistors others had". (Still tries to code with half as many lines after a break-through)*
  - Steve Wozniak, Apple



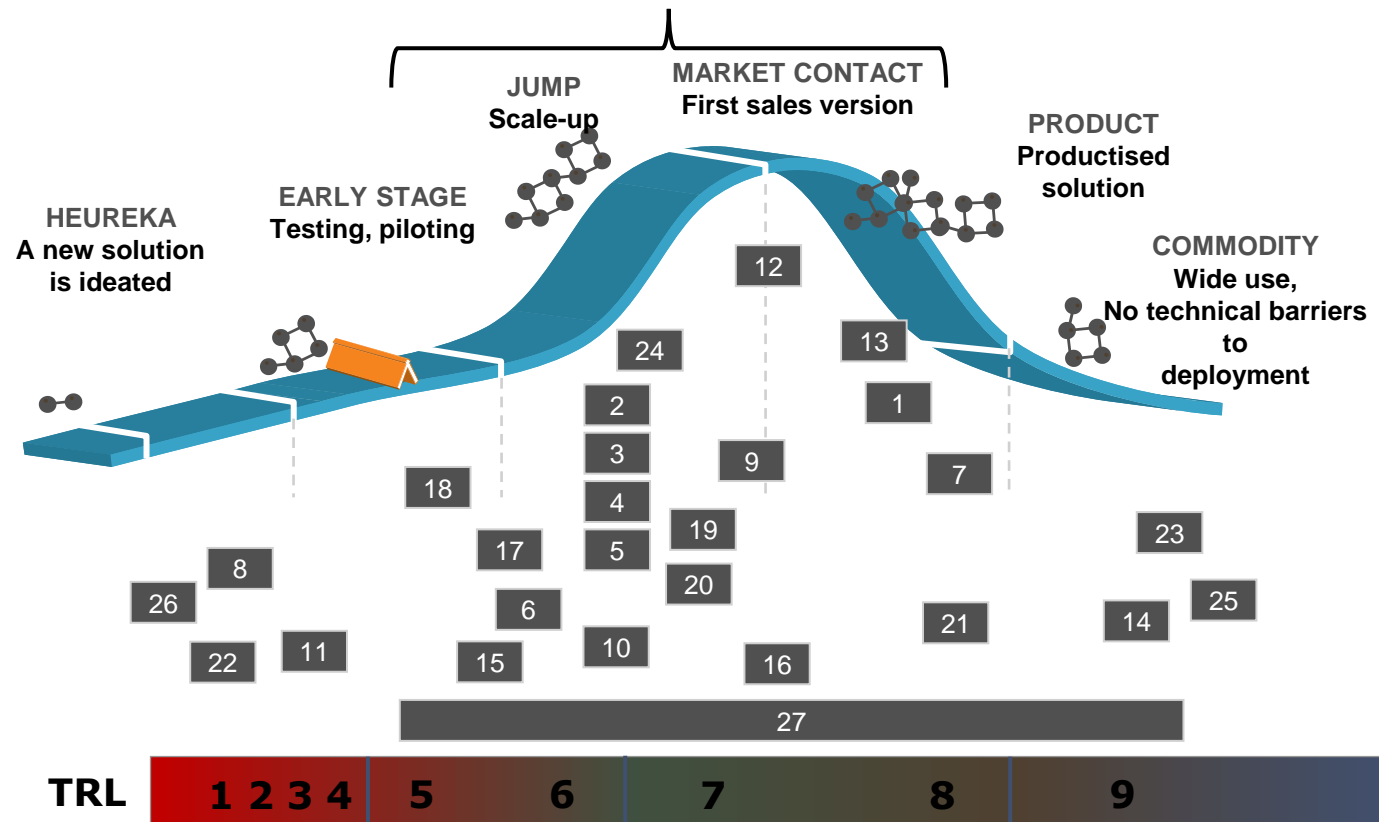


### 3. Technology “jump curve” – crossing the hump with synergies

Considering also water efficiency and other relevant aspects

# "Activation energy" needed to overcome the barrier into new technologies – catalysts of commercialisation in dire demand

Focus: Commercialization and large-scale deployment of low-carbon technologies



### Power-to-chemicals

1. Power-to-H<sub>2</sub>
2. Power-to-methanol
3. Power-to-olefins
4. Power-to-BTX
5. Power-to-ammonia

### Raw material and product portfolio changes

6. Biomass to methanol
7. Biomass to bioethanol
8. Biomass to BTX (lignin-based)
9. Bionaphtha to olefins
10. Biomass to olefins
11. Hydrogen via methane pyrolysis
12. Biohydrogen
13. Biobased diesel (HVO)

### 14. Energy efficiency CCU/CCS

15. Pre-combustion
16. Post-combustion
17. Oxyfuel combustion
18. CO<sub>2</sub> mineralisation

### Electrification & fuel switch

19. Steam production by electric/hybrid boilers
20. Steam production by electric furnaces
21. Coal to natural gas to biogas

### 22. Synthetic biology & biochemistry

### Circular economy

23. Mechanical recycling
24. Chemical recycling
25. Process development

### 26. Bubbling under technologies

### 27. Digitalisation



# It's all about the data and what the chemical industry does with it - "circular data economy for chemicals"

## The "circular data economy" for chemicals

- notes that
- data has a lifecycle with also resource impacts along with handprint.
  - data has a source
  - it is processed
  - the product, insight, is used for control and innovation.
  - data needs an end-of-life solution.
  - after that and during the cycle, new data gathering begins or is ongoing.



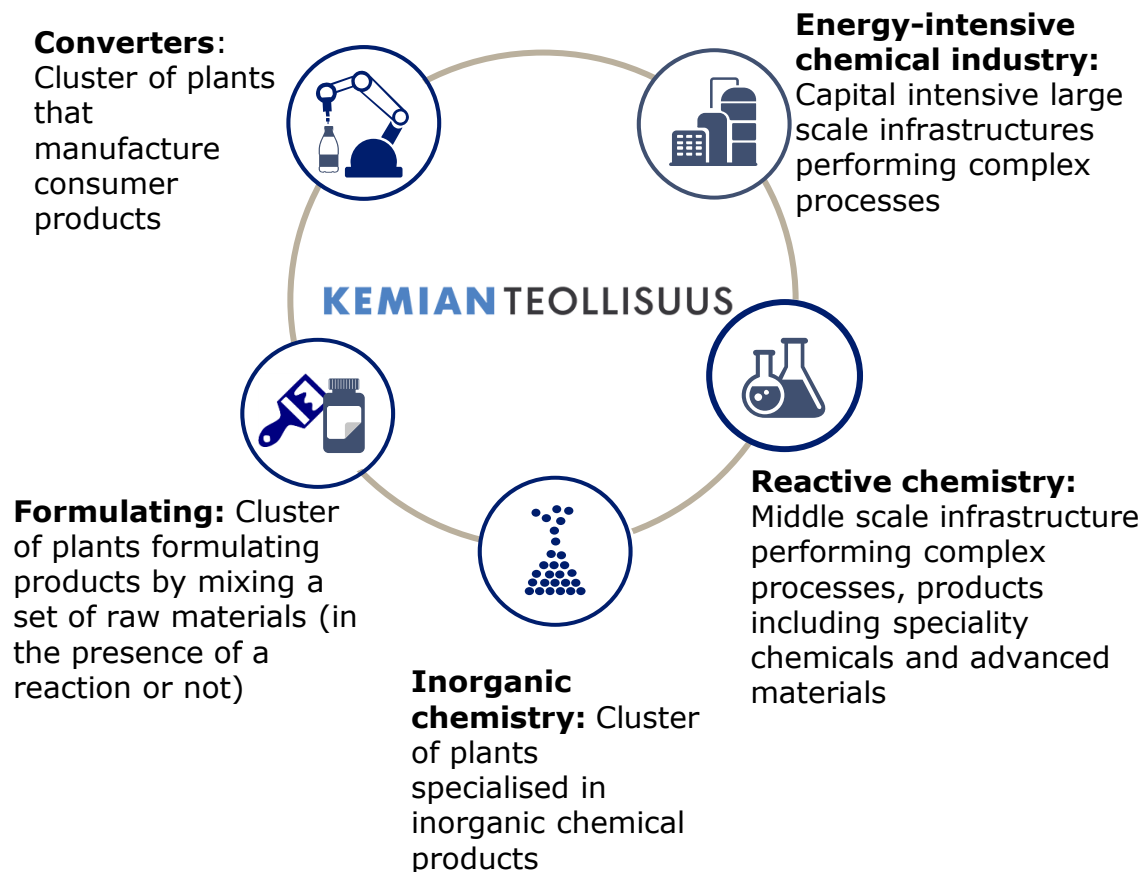


## 4. Technology clusters and profiles

The right tools for the right problem

# For each chemical industry cluster, a toolbox of concrete solutions was proposed

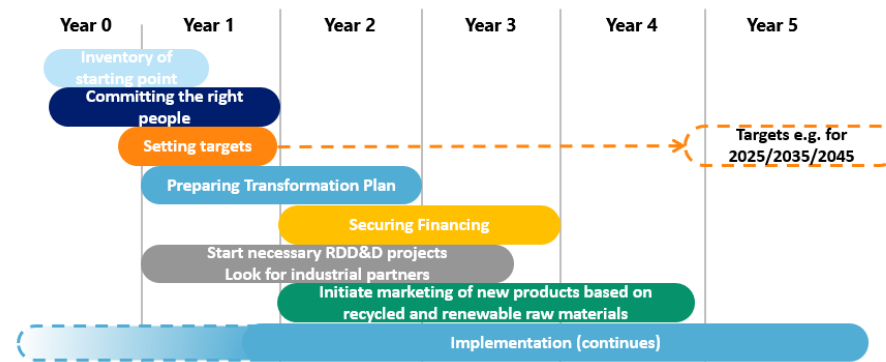
## CLUSTERING



## "TOOLBOX OF SOLUTIONS", TAILORED TO CLUSTERS

**EXAMPLE COMPANY:**  
**ENERGY-INTENSIVE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY**  
 A profile that may not exactly match a real company, but represents the cluster

Description	Main solutions
<p><b>Average company</b>                      620 ktCO<sub>2</sub> GHG Scope 1 (direct emissions)                      190 ktCO<sub>2</sub> GHG Scope 2 (purchased energy)                      1 : 4 Energy from electricity - fuels                      3,500 GWh Total energy consumption                      &gt; 1 Mt Total production volume                      2,400,000 m<sup>3</sup> Total water consumption                      &lt; 10% Share of renewable and recycled feedstock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large chemical facilities comprise the backbone of the chemical industry. Facilities are capital-intensive and operational for long periods of time. Major investments and retrofits to reduce emissions are only possible during a turnaround (typically every 4 – 6 years).</li> <li>Typical energy-intensive unit processes include distillation, reforming, polymerization. Products include transport fuels, petrochemicals, plastics, large volume specialty chemicals.</li> <li>Operating largest plants in the industry, and most of energy is obtained from fossil fuel combustion. Own emissions (Scope 1) are very large.</li> <li>The share of recycled and renewable raw materials of all feedstock remains very low. Changing sources for feedstock in this category is very challenging, but results in massive GHG reduction throughout the value chain.</li> <li>Companies are large multinationals, and include Neste, Kemira, Borealis, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>In the short term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuel switches to low-carbon fuels; gain supply agreements for low-carbon electricity; invest in heat pumps, enhance efficiency</li> </ul> <p><b>In the long term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New process technology, e.g. through synthetic biology, catalysts, reaction engineering and low-temperature processes (e.g. crackers)</li> <li>Substitute fossil-origin feedstock with low-carbon alternatives: synthetic chemicals, biomass and recycled materials. Capture and utilisation of CO<sub>2</sub> as feedstock.</li> </ul> <p><b>Specific drivers and challenges</b></p> <p><b>Drivers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shifts and pressure from transportation sector affect product portfolio</li> </ul> <p><b>Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complex facilities are old and require heavy investment, if process is significantly altered.</li> <li>Feedstock volumes are large (e.g. 15 Mt of crude oil); alternative feedstock is not as abundantly available.</li> <li>Further focus required on recycling and material efficiency</li> </ul>

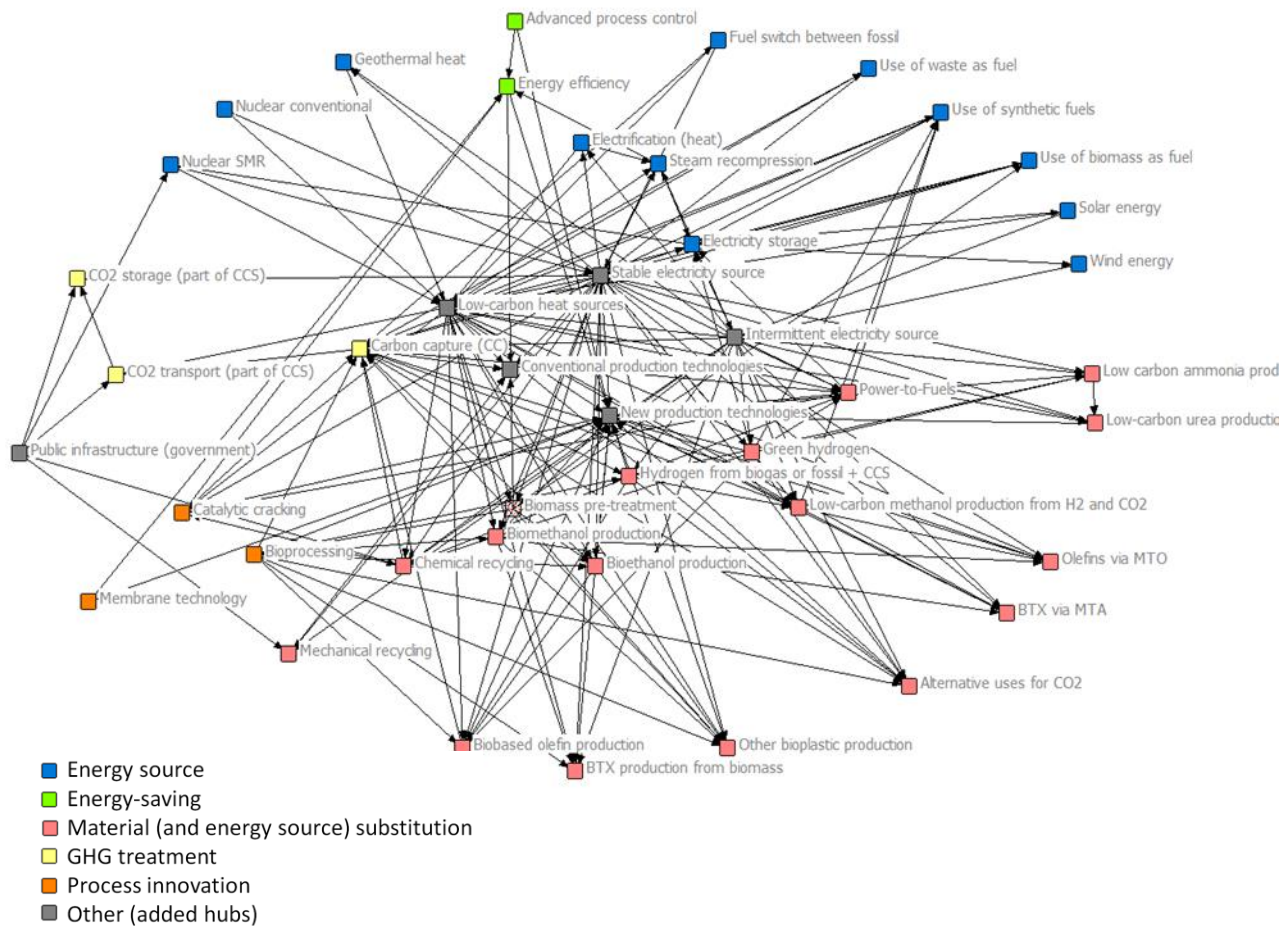




# 5. Technology networks – how to get the biggest impact

Considering also water efficiency and other relevant aspects

# WHERE TO INVEST: Technologies form a network – in which some are more crucial than others with varying estimates of handprint impact globally



Role of tech	Technologies	Foot-print, MtCO2/a	Handprint, MtCO2/a
Central enabler	-Prosessiteknologiat -Laitos- ja prosessisuunnittelu -IoT valmistavassa teollisuudessa -Erikoisrobotiikka	5	13
Mediator tech	-Satamatoimintojen optimointi -Bioenergiateknologia -Valaistus -Hissit ja liukuportaat -Nosto- ja siirtolaitteet	5	3
Reaping the benefit-tech	-Laivojen energiatehokkuusratkaisut -Hiilineutraaleja energianlähteitä käyttävät moottorit meriliikenteessä -Ruostumaton teräs -CO2 neutraali teräs -Taajuusmuuttajat -Synteettisten polttoaineiden valmistusteknologia -Älykäs sähköautojen latausinfra	10	39



# Takeaways

# Five rules of thumb for climate roadmaps and implementation



**1.  
Start  
early  
enough**

**Stepwise  
investments with a  
clear plan will be  
most cost-efficient**



**2.  
Technologies  
are not equal**

**Some technologies  
are the basis for  
others, who reap  
the greater gains –  
pick the right  
combination**



**3.  
Splitting the  
industry into  
clusters helps**

**It is hard and also  
(legally) complex  
to go to company  
level – but dividing  
an industry into  
sectors enables  
specific technology  
viewpoints**



**4.  
A train is  
moving...**

**Especially with the  
US entering the  
Paris agreement,  
China promising  
carbon-neutral by  
2060 and EU  
driving a complex  
web of  
regulation...**



**5.  
... but tickets  
are still  
available**

**For a country such  
as Israel and e.g.  
chemicals/biotech,  
e.g. collaborating  
with Finland, the  
possibilities on the  
EU/US market are  
open**



Thank you!



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