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DIGITAL SOLUTIONS TO EUROPEAN CHALLENGES











# Chips for Europe Initiative ...from the lab to the fab...

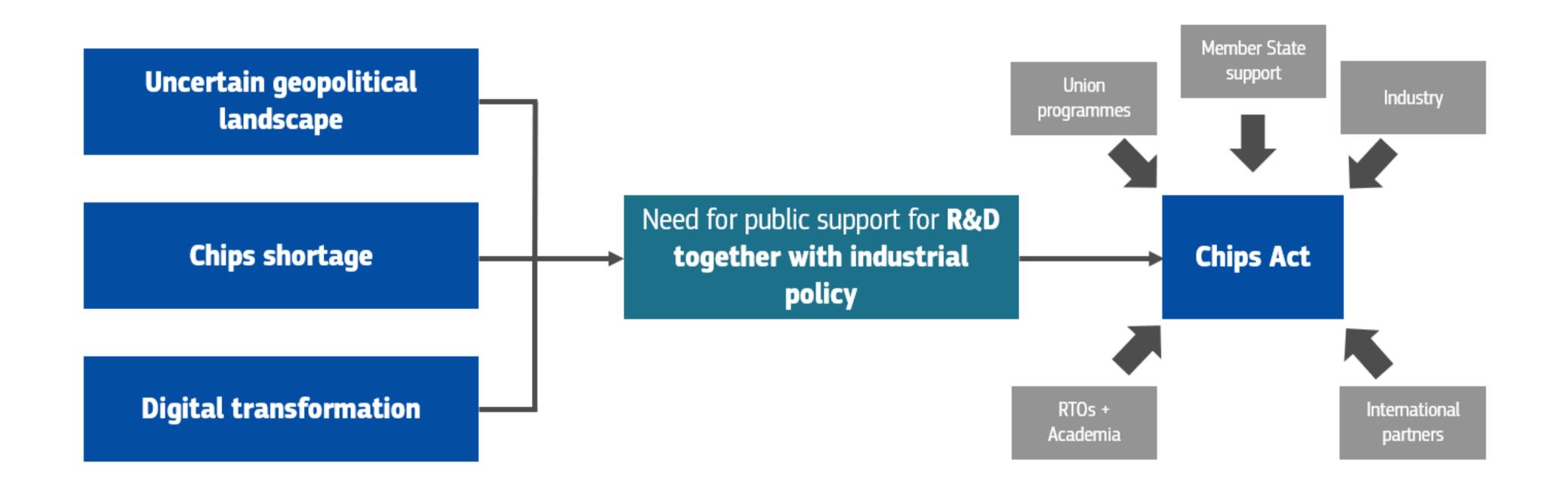
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# The EU Chips Act - Rationale for Intervention



# The Three Pillars of the Chips Act

#### European Chips Act

#### European Semiconductor Board (Governance)

#### Pillar 1

#### **Chips for Europe Initiative**

- Initiative on infrastructure building in synergy with the EU's research programmes
- Support to start-ups and SMEs

#### Pillar 2

#### **Security of Supply**

 First-of-a-kind semiconductor production facilities

#### Pillar 3

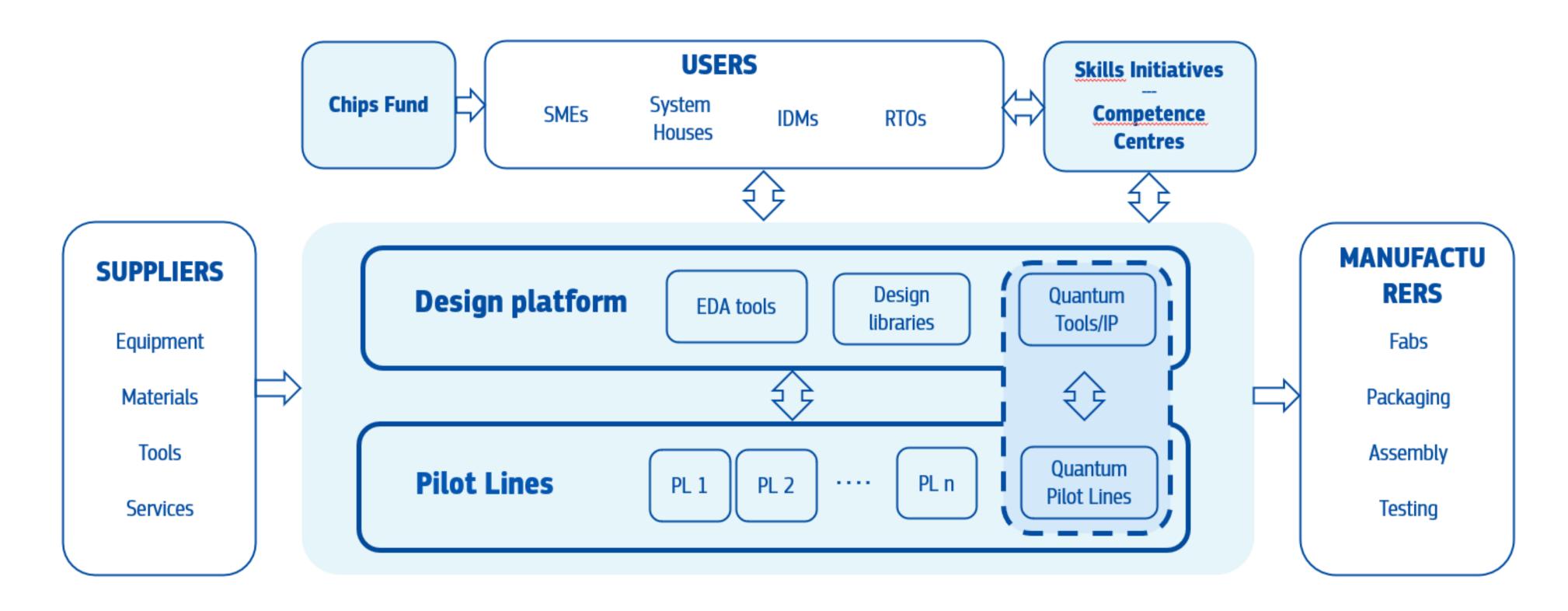
#### Monitoring and Crisis Response

- Monitoring and alerting
- Crisis coordination mechanism with MS
- Strong Commission powers in times of crisis

# Chips Act – Pillar 1 The Chips for Europe Initiative

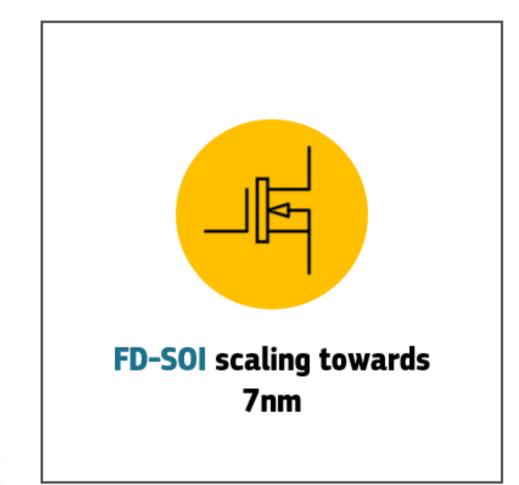


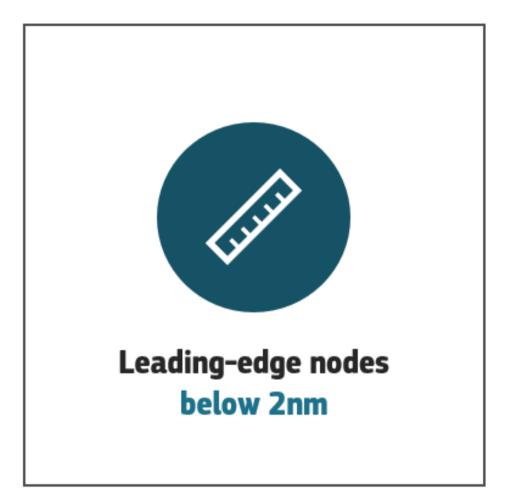
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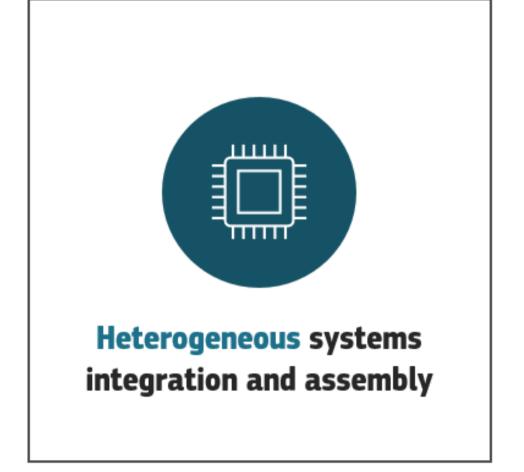


## Call for Pilot Lines

Calls launched 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 closing 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024









# Design Platform – Scope

#### **Main objectives**

- Reduce entry barriers and admin burden for EU companies in design
- Facilitate access to pilot lines and foundries
- Foster collaboration among EU stakeholders on new developments
- Access training and support to boost design skills

#### Instrument





Develop a **virtual design platform**, offering **cloud-based** access to tools, libraries and support services to accelerate development and reduce time-to-market

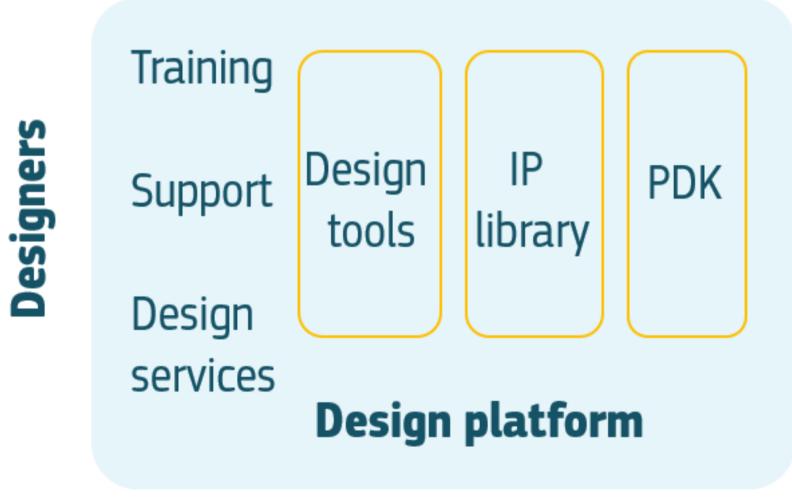
# Design Platform – Added Value



## **User Benefits**

- Easy access to tools and IP in a secure,
   scalable cloud environment
- Streamlined licensing process
- Enablement support up to tape-out
- Collaborative spaces for new developments
- Training and support

#### Suppliers



**Fabs** 

Pilot lines

# Competence Centres

#### **Main objectives**

- Have specialised areas of expertise in certain technology, domain, or activities (specialisation)
- Facilitate effective use of capacities and facilities, including access to design platform and pilot lines
- Support interested stakeholders in developing semiconductor solutions (technology transfer)
- Address skills shortage by offering (access to) training on semiconductors, including workforce upskilling and reskilling
- Match user needs with available expertise in network of competence centres and act as access point to the network
- Promote Chips Fund and facilitate access to venture capital

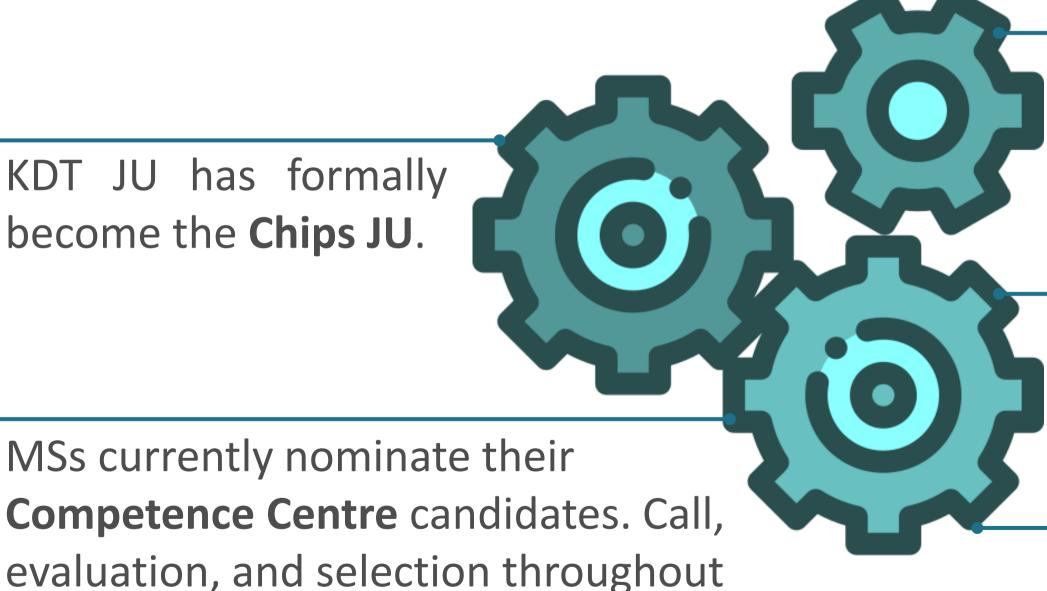


Awareness raising, promoting services, promoting success stories

# Chips for Europe – State of Play

KDT JU has formally become the Chips JU.

2024



First calls on **pilot lines** launched on 1st December 2023.

**EUR 5.75 billion EU + MSs** investment in infrastructures expected by 2027.

Call for a cloud-based **Design** Platform expected in summer 2024

# Thank you!

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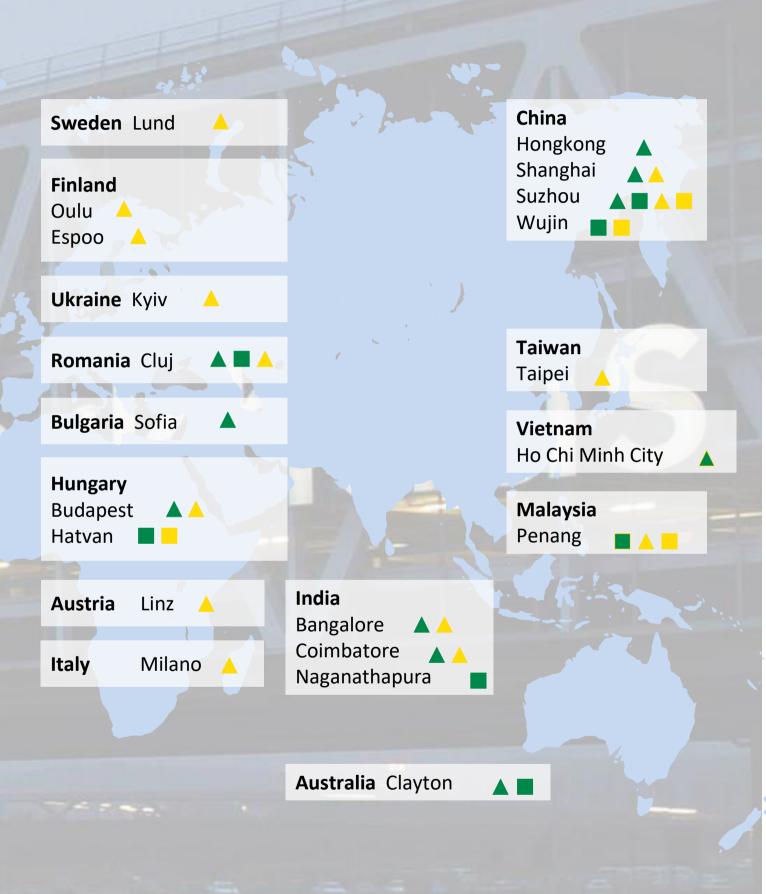


# Our Bosch Global Network Strategic partner at home and abroad











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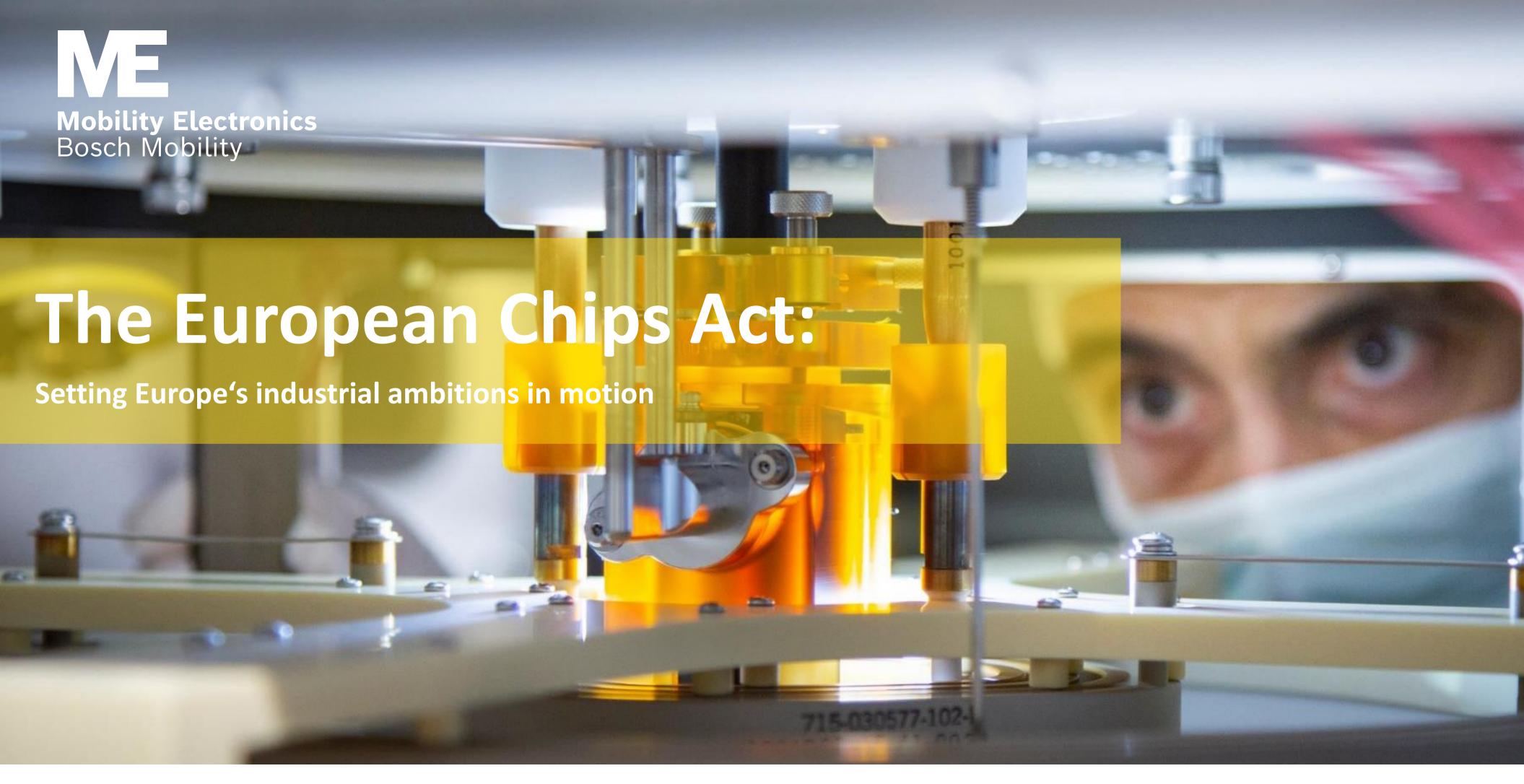
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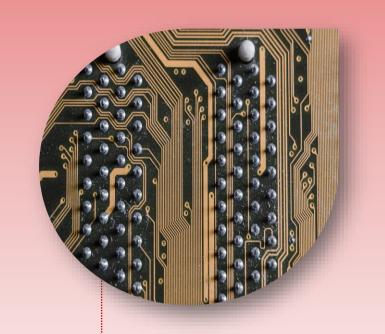


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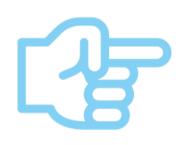


# Making the invisible visible

to contribute to the health & safety of people & ecosystems

# Gas emission control and air quality management have become major global public health and economic challenges

**Legislation** regarding gas emissions is about to be **repressive** e.g., <u>ammonia</u>, <u>nitrogen</u> and <u>methane</u> emissions in Agri-Food, Recycling and Chemical



Currently, there is **no easy-to-integrate**, **reliable** and **cost-efficient solutions** for emission monitoring



# "Environmental camera concept"



Our products make the invisible visible, by combining multiple gas sensing materials on a patented transducer array with proprietary ASIC and Al-based software

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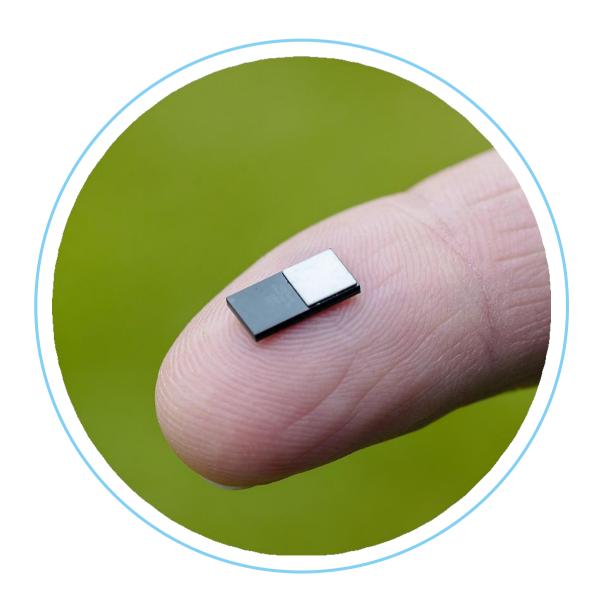
# Multi-gas measurements on a single chip

#### Easy of use

- Multi-gas (up to 8) in a 10 x 5 x 1 mm<sup>3</sup> LGA package
- Maintenance free with selfcalibration
- Standard SMT assembly

#### Robust

- IP64 compliant
- Long lifetime (> 10 years)



#### **Affordable**

- Long autonomy Power consumption < 10µW /gas/second
- I<sup>2</sup>C communication with drivers
- Fabless mass production model

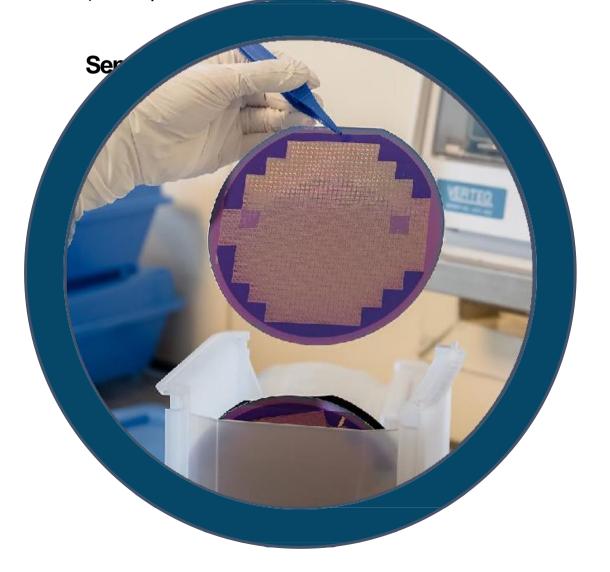
EnviCam-3x semiconductor component

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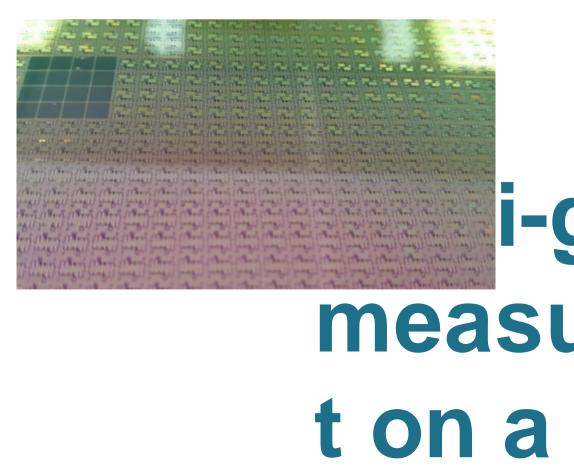


### Patented manufacturing process and associated device

CMOSEnvi technology for semiconductor post-process (mass production). patent PCT/EP2020/076048



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#### 1 - Agri-Food & Recycling



EnviCam-3x-AFR

Gases of interest: NH<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S

#### 2 - Smart Building



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#### 3 - Chemical and Oil & Gas



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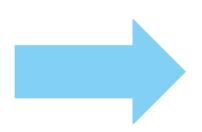
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# Nitrogen emissions in agriculture use case

Decreasing opex by 30%\* while meeting regulations

Replace bulky and expensive analyzers (> 50 K€) with affordable VOCSens solution (< 200 €)



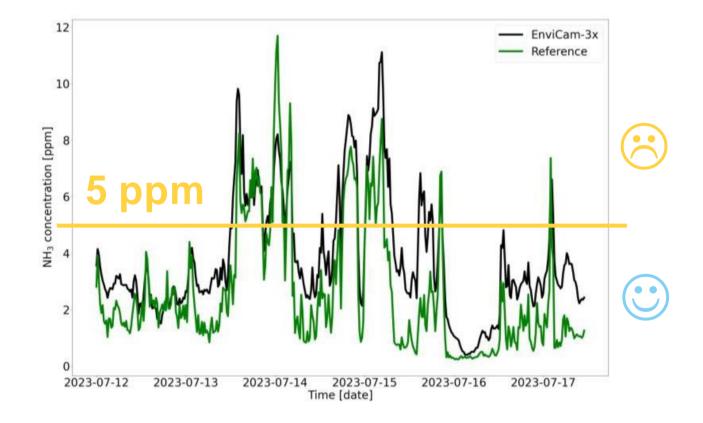
Provide actionable information

Trigger fan and/or air scrubber when needed









• Dr. An Verfaillie, Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food





"We test various sensors and the one from VOCSens is interesting because it is **simple** and cheap. The innovation lies in the combination of new sensor technology and artificial intelligence. If you can teach such a **robust** sensor to distinguish ammonia in the gas mixture that comes from an industrial farm, then you are very close to a **reliable** and **affordable** monitoring tool for livestock farming. That would make a big difference for the sector."

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#### Fruit logistics

- ✓ Less loss
- ✓ Better yield during transport

#### Fire detection



- ✓ Less false positive
- ✓ Earlier detection
  - -less damage

#### **HVAC** control



- ✓ Optimization of energy consumption
- ✓ Air cleaner maintenance

#### **Facility**





- ✓ Optimization of operational r
- use





- ✓ Avoid incident / accident
- √ Safe human life

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#### **Process**



- ✓ Optimization of operational costs
- ✓ Improved yield



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# Facts and

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#### **Origins**

UCLouvain spin-off in 20196.4M€ financing (30% non dilutive)









#### **Ecosystem**

Academic & Research partners:

UCLouvain, Certech, UNamur, CeREF, LIST, UMONS, Materia Nova, ENEA, IMT Bucharest, LIST

#### Team

**20 employees** (to February 2024)

50% PhD

50% MSc

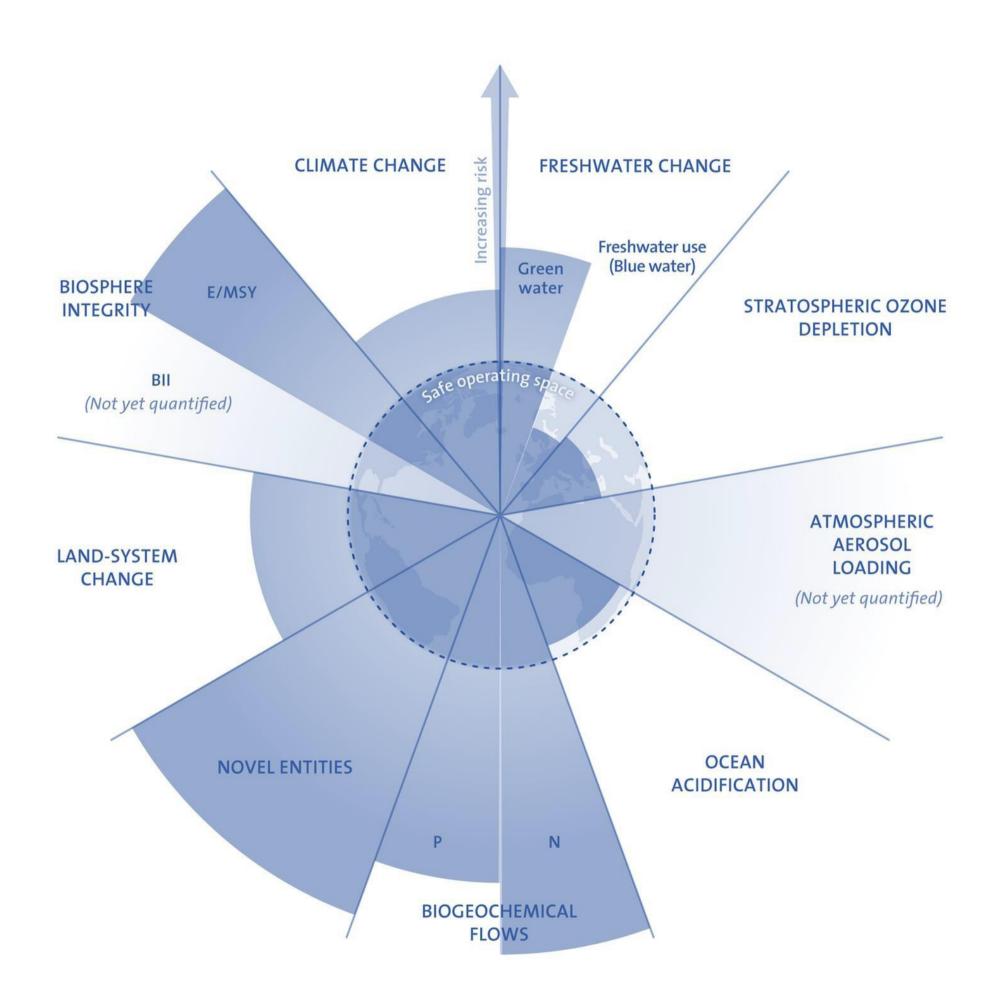
#### **Strong IP**

- Patented microfabrication process and transducer array
- Proprietary sensing materials
- Proprietary ASIC
- Proprietary IP64 package
- 3 patents under preparation

#### Sales

- Measurement campaign with system integrators for about 100K€ in 2023, 200K€ expected in 2024
- Collaboration contract with
   RHEA and ESA for 375 K€ in 2024
   -2025
- Collaboration contract under negotiation with main industry player
- Sales ops: 2 ongoing design-in, volume target > 100.000 units, 5 ongoing evaluations

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# Helping the world become more sustainable

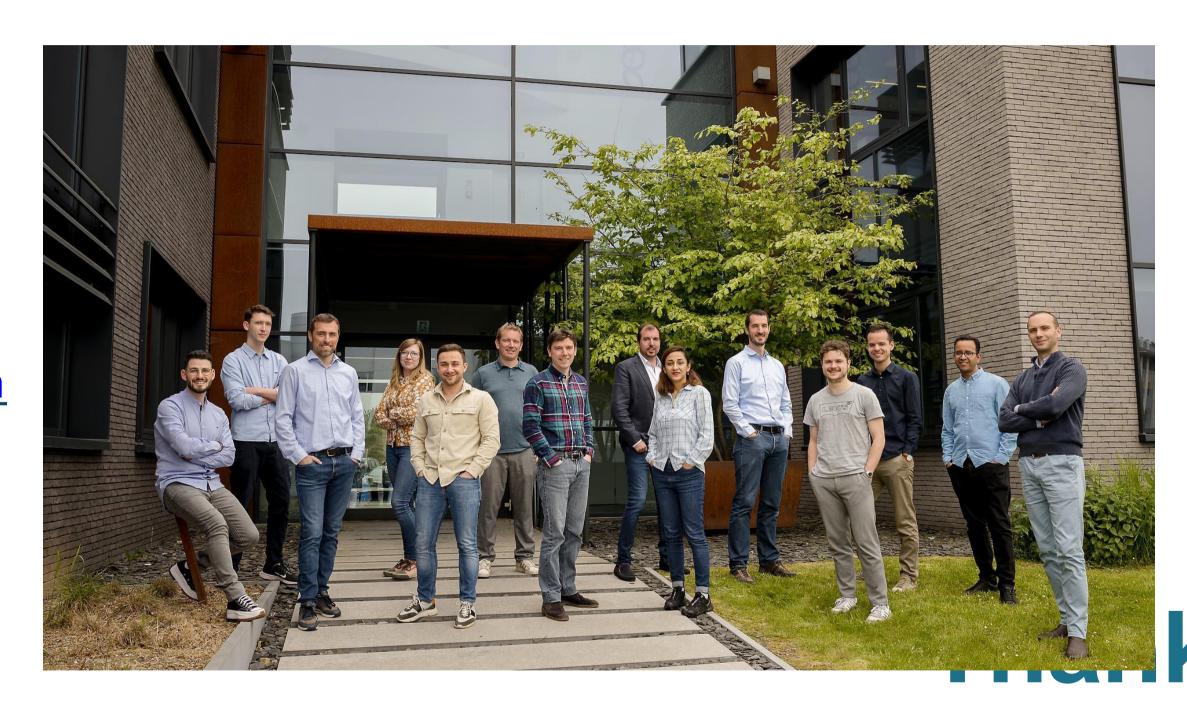
VOCSens technology can support industry on 4 out of those 9 criteria:

- 1 Chemical pollution (novel entities)
- 2 Atmospheric aerosol loading
- 3 Land-system change
- 4 Climate change

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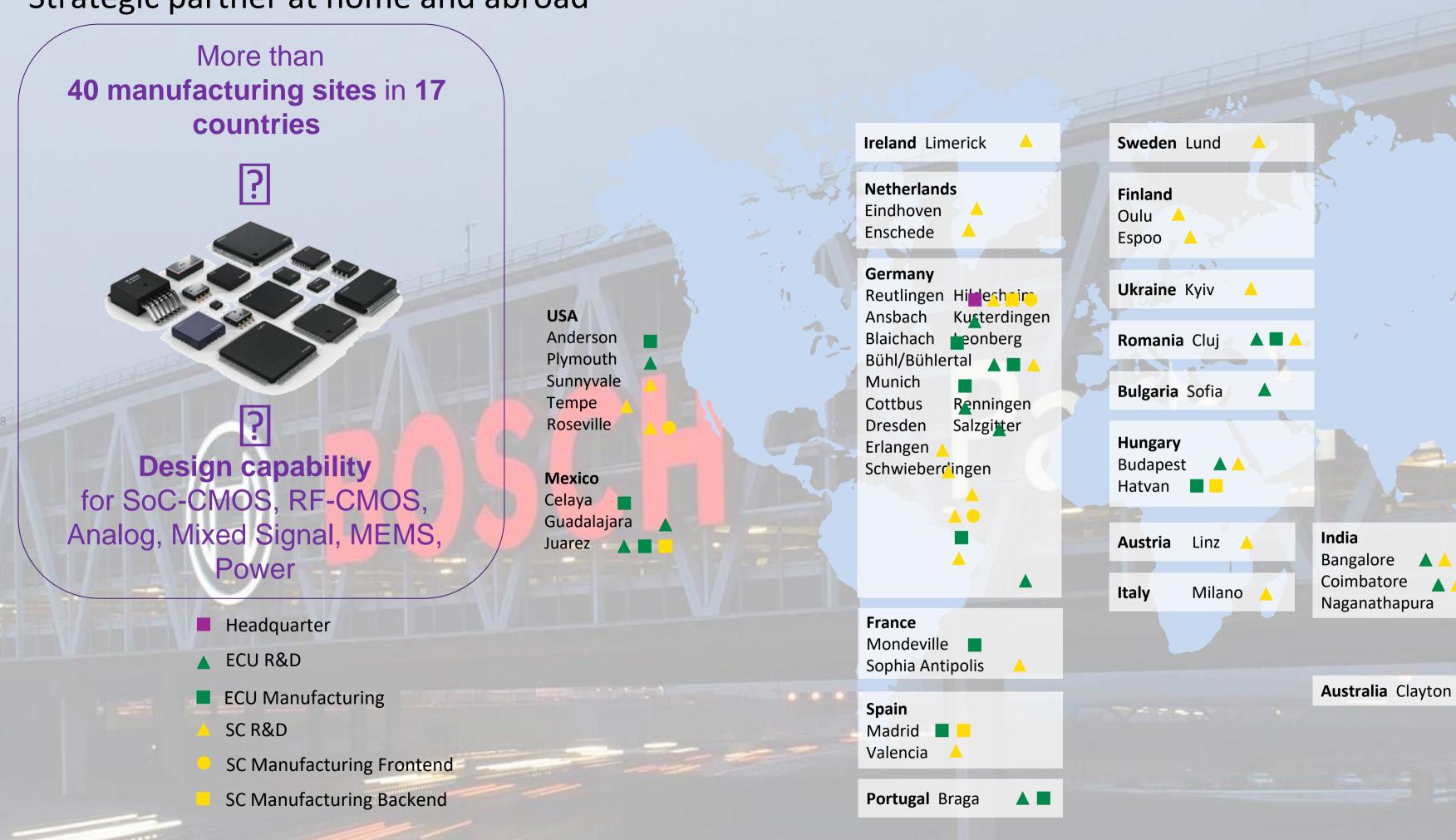
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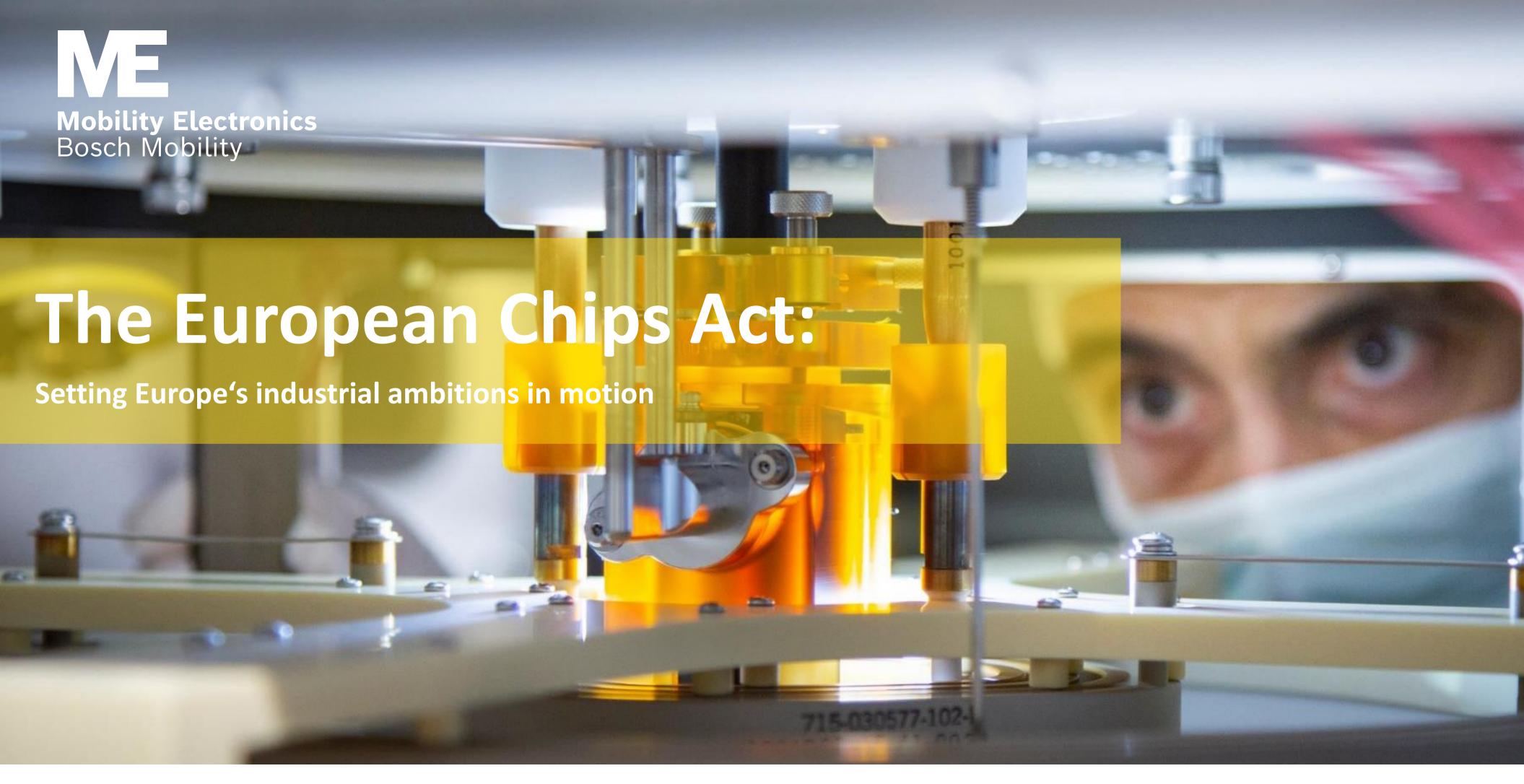
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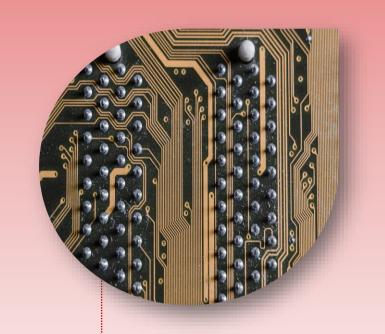


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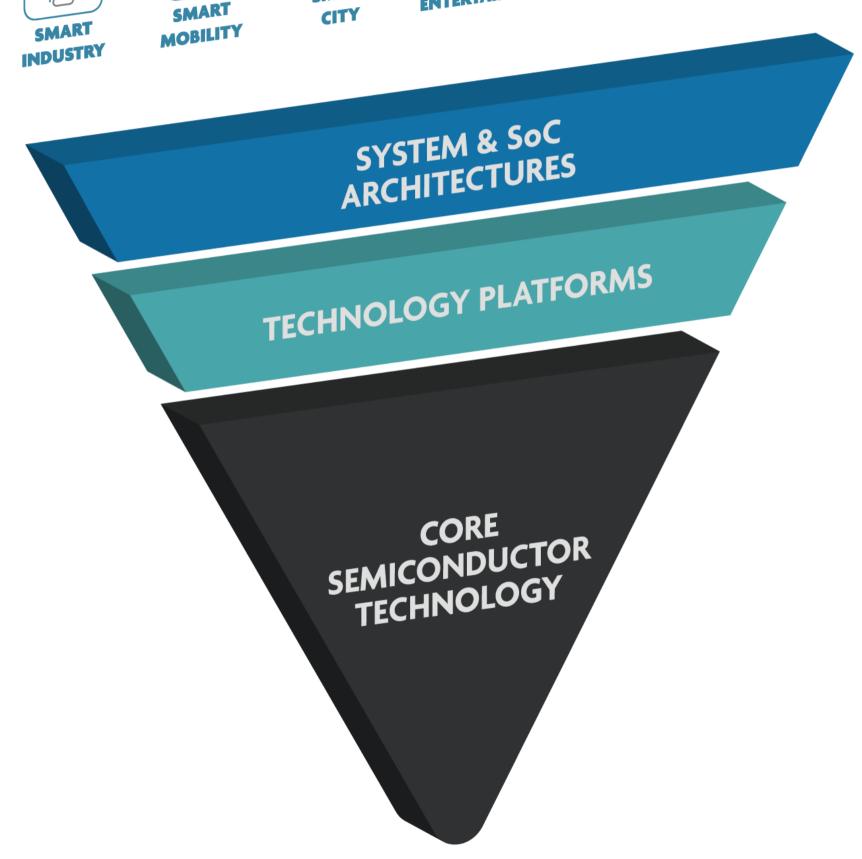
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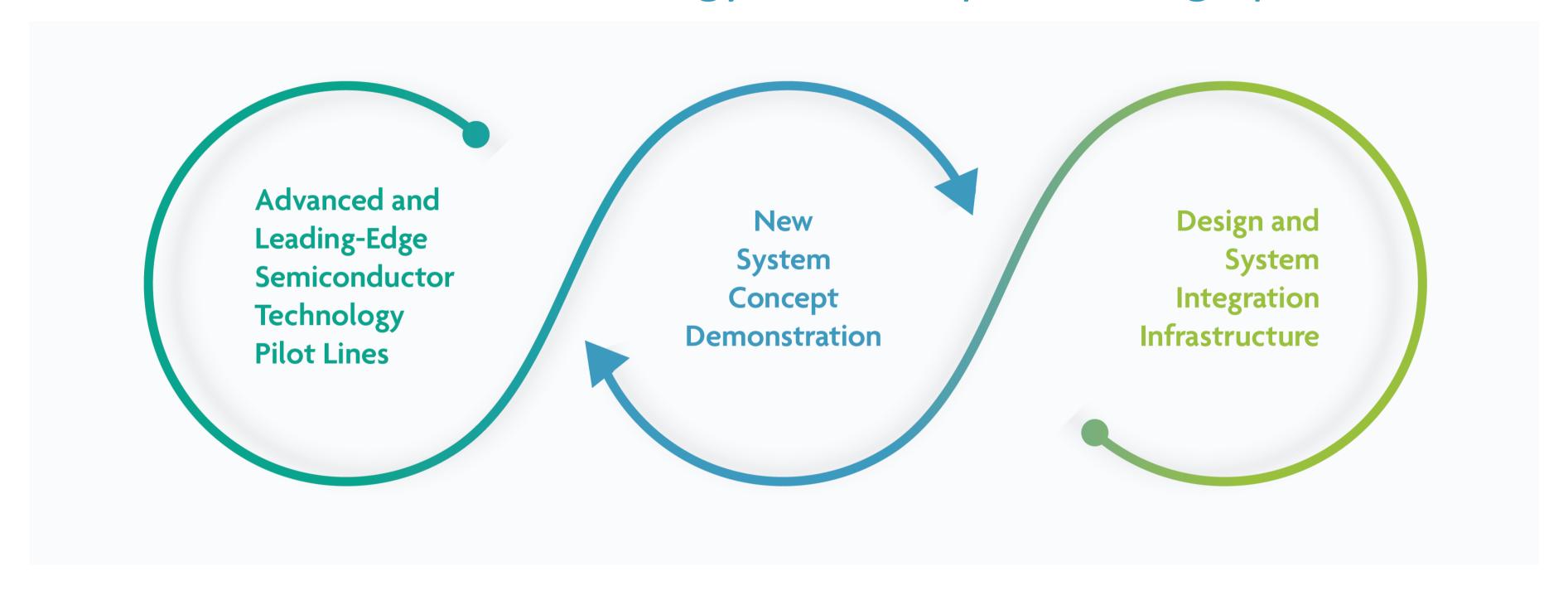
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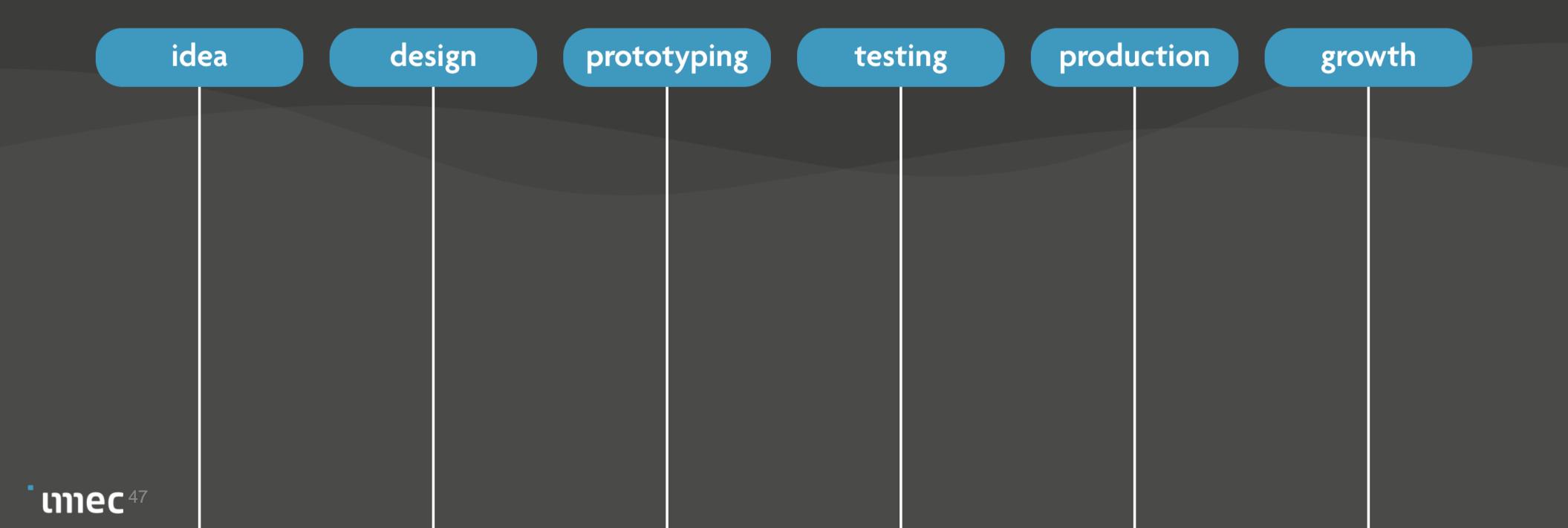
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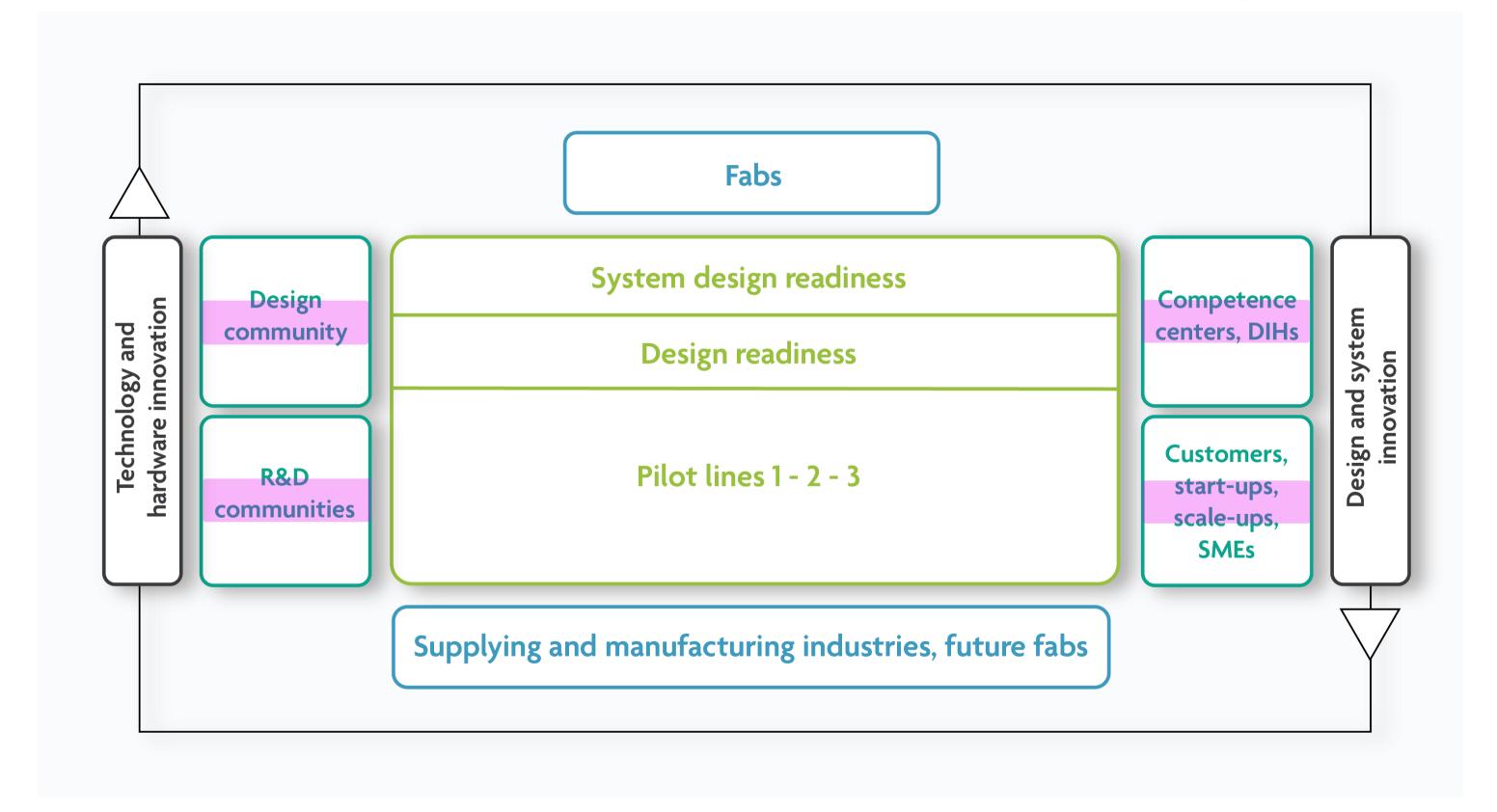


# SUPPORTING COMPANIES' INNOVATION LIFECYCLE



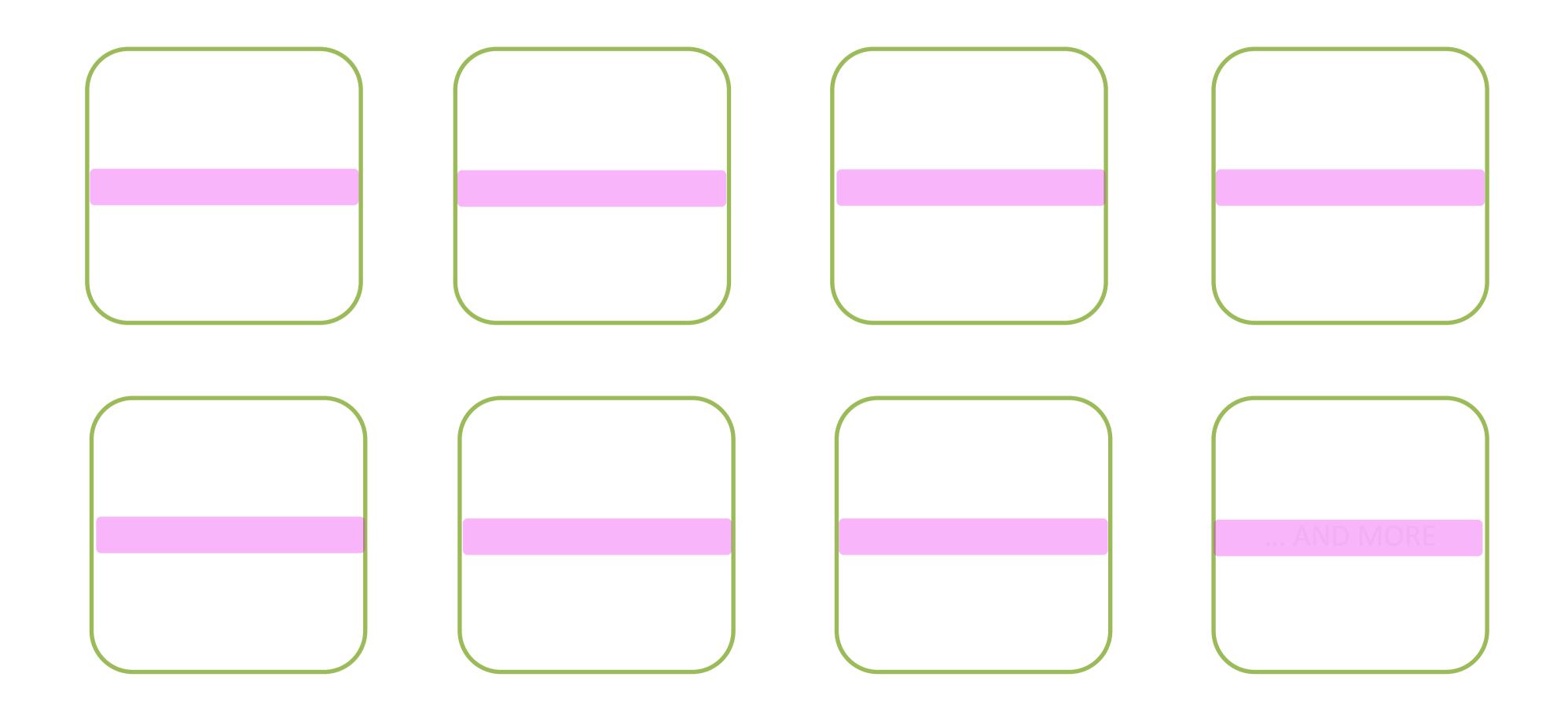
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# **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION**



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