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# Twin Transition in Industrial Automation

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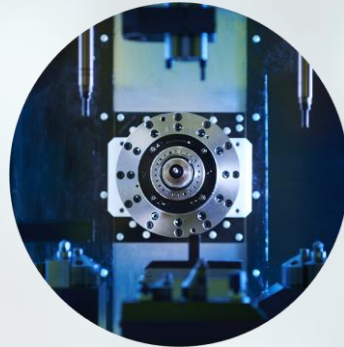
OUR  
ROOTS:  
50 YEARS OF  
EXPERIENCE



FROM MASS  
PRODUCTION  
TO FLEXIBLE  
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GOING GLOBAL  
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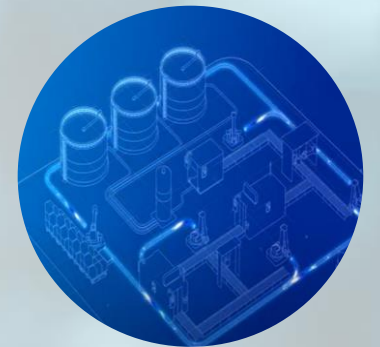
DRIVE INNOVATION  
IN AUTOMATION  
&  
MANUFACTURING



START OF  
E-MOBILITY  
JOURNEY



ACCELERATE  
DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION  
& SUSTAINABILITY  
INITIATIVES



1973  
1983

1984  
1994

1995  
2005

2006  
2016

2017  
2022

2023  
*onward*

# INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION IS GROWING

**+10,3%**

**2022-2030 CAGR**

171  
USD BN

377  
USD BN

**4%**

**11%**



**AUTOMOTIVE**



**NON-AUTOMOTIVE**

# BENEFITS OF AUTOMATION



**INCREASED  
SUSTAINABILITY**



**COST  
SAVING**



**IMPROVE  
QUALITY**



**GREATER  
SCALABILITY**



**ENHANCED  
SAFETY**



**IMPROVED CUSTOMER  
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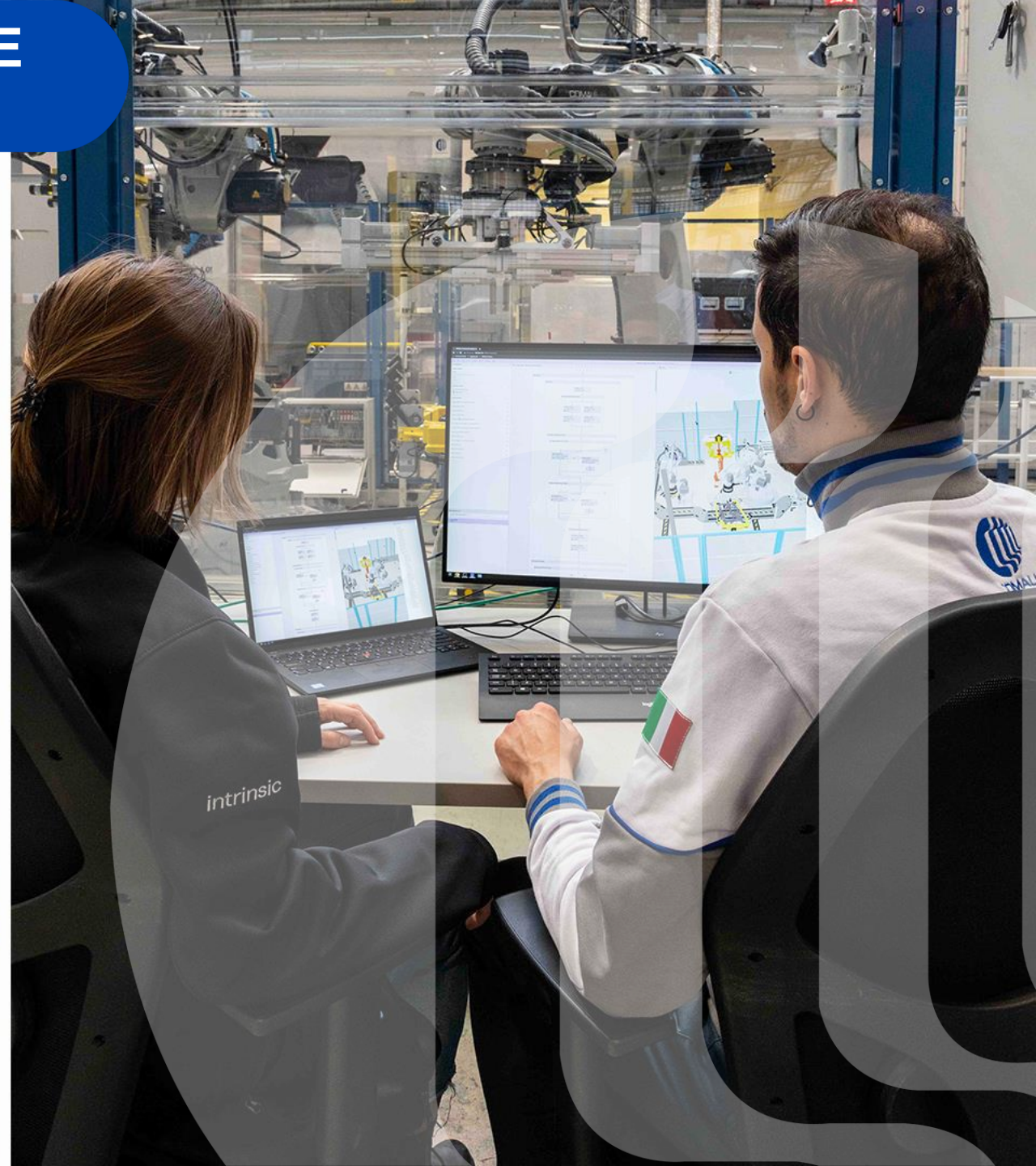
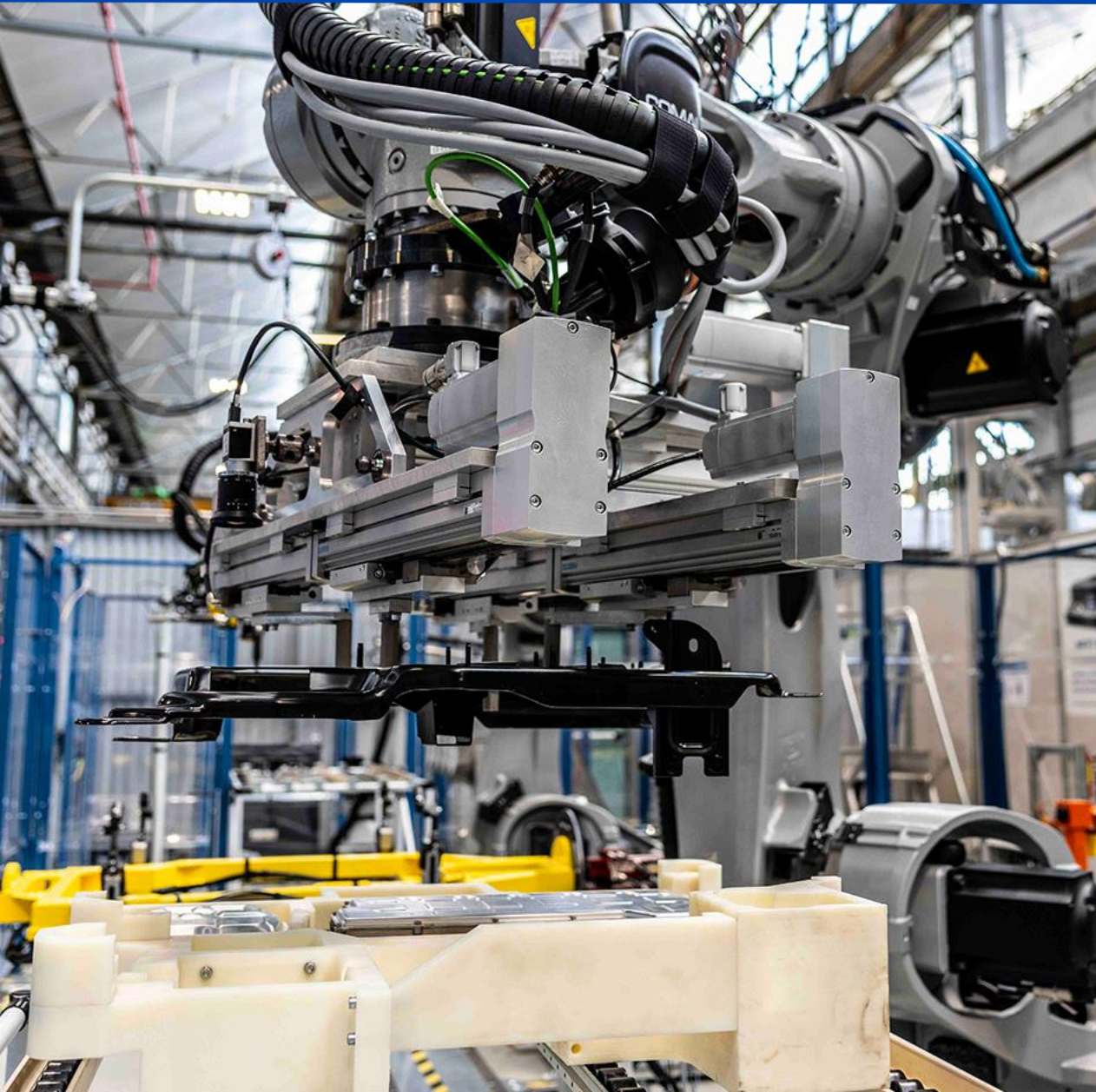
**INCREASED  
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# SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS: BATTERY DISMANTLING AND RECYCLING

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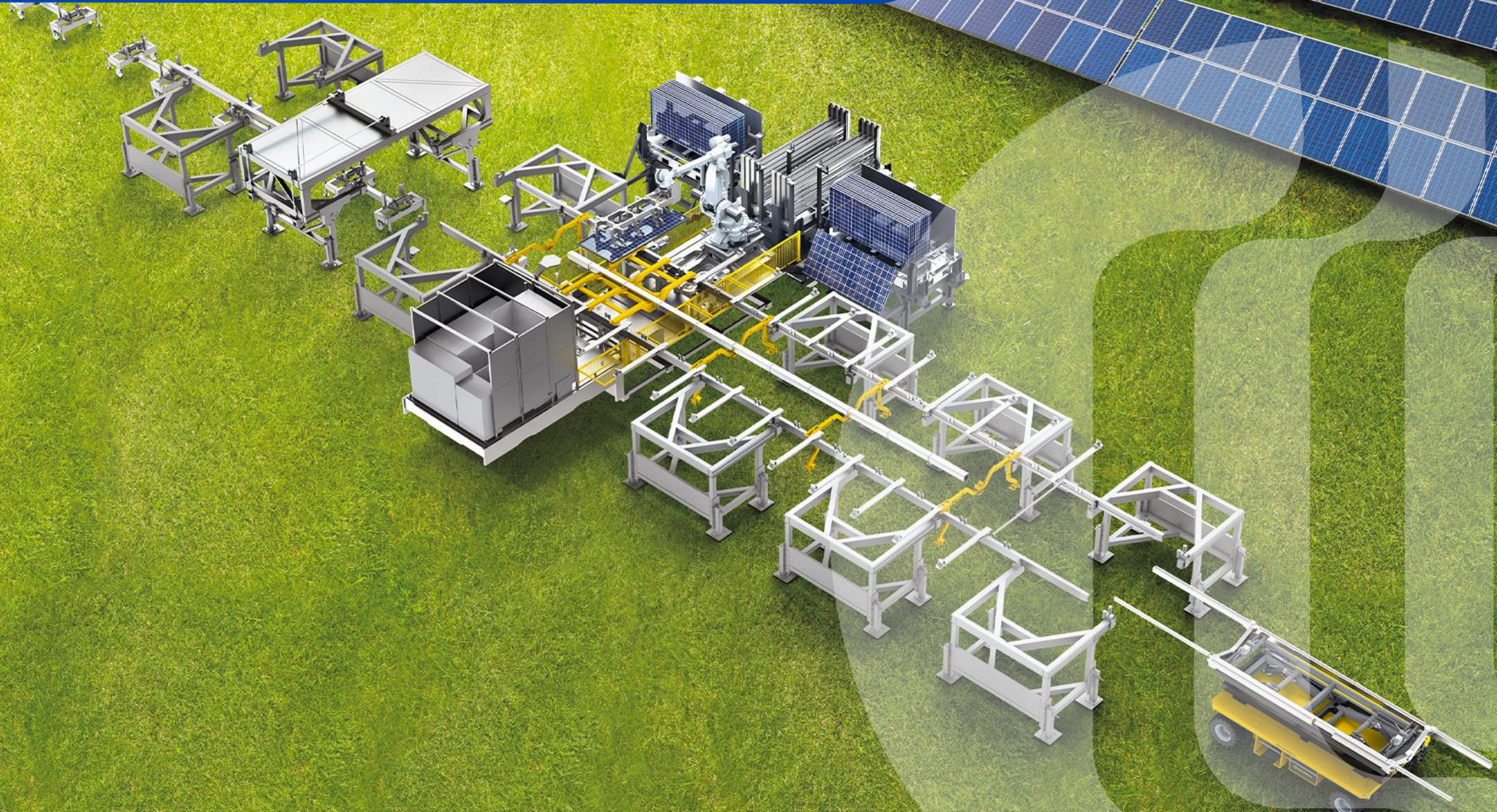




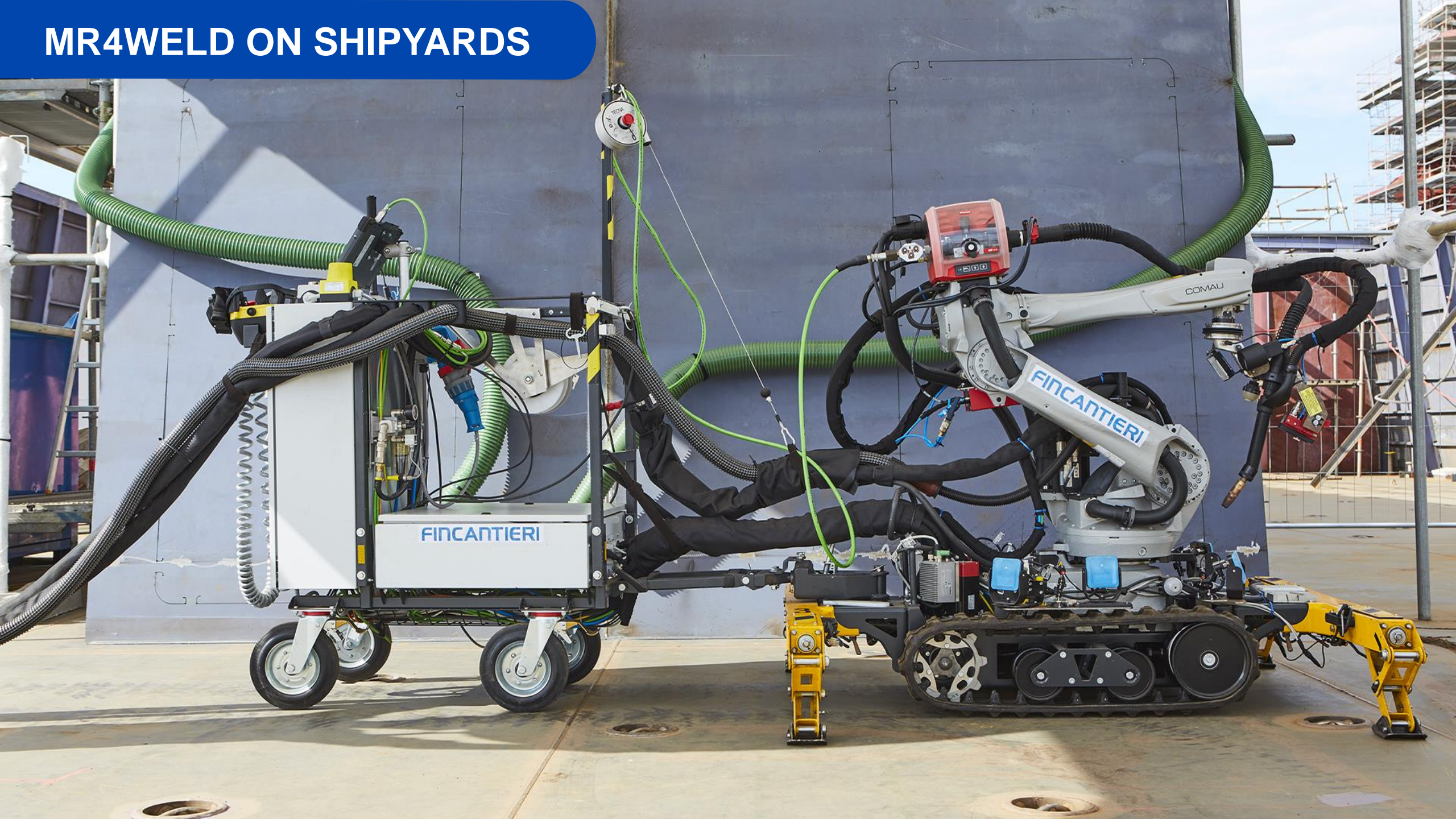
# BRINGING AUTOMATION TO UNSTRUCTURED ENVIRONMENTS



# HYPERFLEX: INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION



# MR4WELD ON SHIPYARDS



# AUTOMATION FOR EVERYONE



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# The human-centric aspects of Twin Transition - Importance of innovation ecosystem cooperation

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# Human centric twin-transition

There are different understanding and address of the human-centric aspects of the twin transition

Moving away from technology to societal impact of the Twin Transition, there are entire fields of research and innovation to chart

- Digital

THE FUTURE OF WORK

### PayPal Announces Layoffs as Companies Boost Profits Through AI Job Replacement

As the tech giant sheds 2,500 jobs, the impact of AI on the workforce starts to get clearer. ↻

BY BRUCE CRUMLEY @BRUCEC\_INC  
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### Europe's silver bullet in global AI battle: Ethics

EU experts hope 'trust' will prove to be the bloc's competitive edge.

### How AI and automation will affect work

Even as AI and automation bring benefits to business and society, we will need to prepare for major disruptions to work.

About half of the activities (not jobs) carried out by workers could be automated

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TNO Vector focuses on impact in 5 domains



**Transformation 1**  
Green & Sovereign  
Industries



**Transformation 2**  
Value-Driven Sustainable  
Cities & Regions



**Transformation 3**  
Value-Based Digital Societies



**Enabler 1**  
Transformative Innovation Systems

**TNO** innovation  
for life

**Enabler 2**  
Methodology Centre for TNO

## Vision

For successful transitions, several building blocks are necessary  
TNO Vector focuses on **Societal Innovatie & Strategie**

Various forms of innovation play a role in transitions

Technology

Societal

Social

- Multi-level governance
- Economics, business & finance
- Policy interventions
- Institutional innovation capabilities
- Spatial integration of transitions
- Participation and support

## Thematics

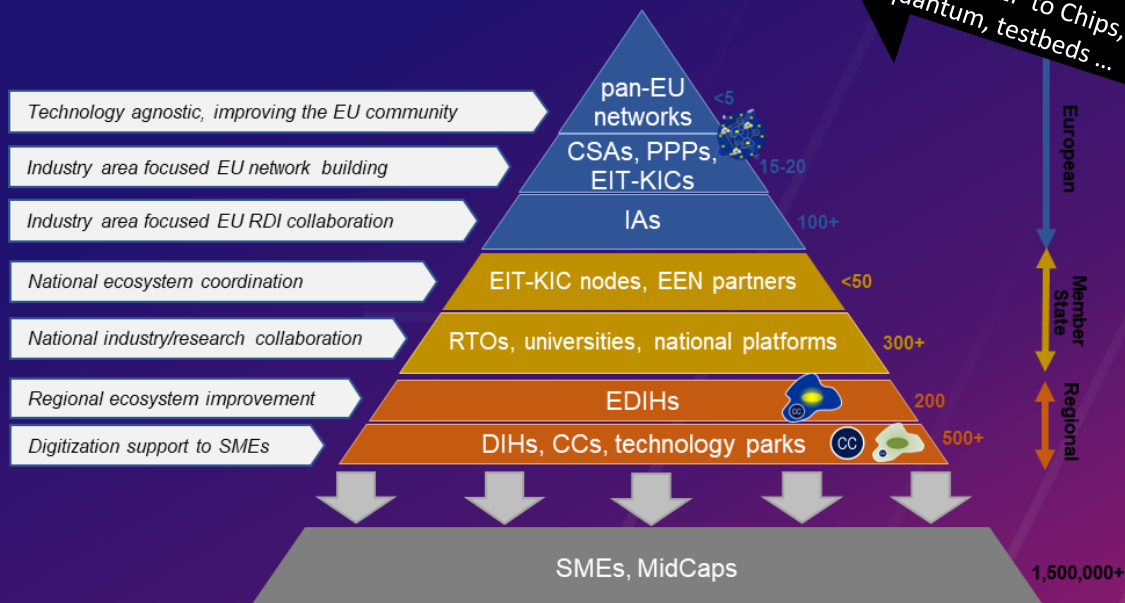
- Societal System Analysis
- Create new ecosystems (orchestrating innovation)
- Adaptative governance
- ....

Our definition of human-centric: **the users of the technology, but also the impacted persons. Its about tradeoffs between public values in the digital domain (for example inclusivity, privacy) but also about a just transition (income effects, insecurity).**

# One aspect of the Twin-Transition: the innovation ecosystem

By design, the Digital Europe Program mandates cross-border cooperation

- Geographically distributed infrastructures
  - 3 exascales HPC
  - The TEF are covering 16 countries over 31 participating countries
  - 250+ EDIH are mandated to cooperate



## Why interregional collaboration is important?



Lead to easy access to **leading edge technologies and skills/expertise** at European level



Support and initiate **new business opportunities** to broaden and reinforce innovative **markets** in other regions



Exchange experience on **good practices** to support digital transformation between regional stakeholders



Facilitate cross-border **synergies, co-creating and complementarities** in technology and knowledge development



Help to create **pan-EU value chains** to increase the competitiveness and dependency of the EU industry

1+1=2

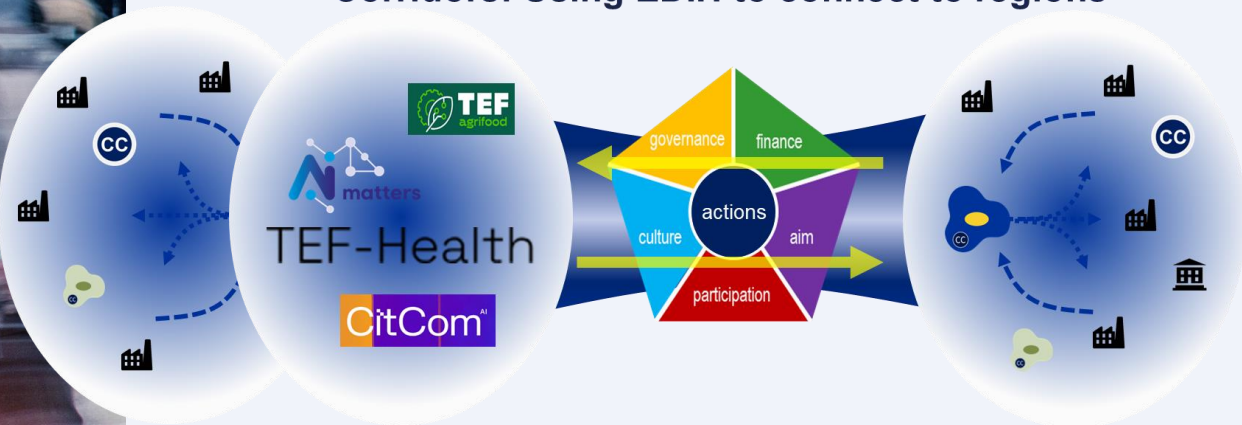
Increased **impact of public funding**, avoiding unnecessary duplication infrastructures/investments and accessing EU funds



# Our Answer: the BOWI corridor

a reference architecture for structured and sustainable cross-border cooperation between innovation ecosystems

Corridors: Using EDIH to connect to regions



- Based on 5 Pillars
- 5 level of Interregional Collaboration maturity

- Boosting Widening Digital Innovation Hubs - 8M€  
 - Widening project - January 2020 to June 2023  
 - 11 partners [bowi-network.eu](http://bowi-network.eu)

Geeft richting aan overmorgen



For all dimensions and Interregional Collaboration levels, we designed actions, services and KPIs.

## Different actions for different collaborations

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>IC5: Synchronized</b> | Joined R&D projects in multi-regional innovation programmes, structural activities that involve multiple stakeholders from both regions. |
| <b>IC4: Managed</b>      | Key, inspirational projects with high impact and considered building blocks for the future, strategic activities to improve the corridor |
| <b>IC3: Structural</b>   | Selected RDI collaborations and limited structural activities to support the corridor  |
| <b>IC2: Responsive</b>   | Pre-planned innovation projects, participations in EU-projects, as well as exchange of good practices                                    |
| <b>IC1: Casual</b>       | Opportunistic exchange of experiences, incidental innovation projects  |



# The human-centric aspect of the corridor

## We have designed an entire training and coaching programmes to forge corridors

### The human is the key component to a functioning structured and sustainable corridor

### ➔ We are launching the DIHnet Academy to developed the skills for innovation ecosystems' cross-border cooperation

| BOWI Training Programme overview of modules |  |                                    |                       |                                |  | Version 220602   |
|---|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Module                                      | track  | participation                      | core instruction      | Date (tentative)               | mentors                                |  |
| M1  | <b>Introduction to the BOWI Training Programme</b><br>Kick-starting the overall BOWI Training Programme, including an overview of content, the overall approach and training of the supporting mechanisms.   | general                            | optional              | online training                | 3/6/2022                               | Maurits Butter<br>Kristina Karanikolova<br>Harri Kuusela<br>Antonio Salvador Calvo<br>Laura van Veen |
| M2  | <b>Working on innovation in Europe and role in setting up collaborations</b><br>Opportunities from EU partnership and Commission for innovation, cultural challenges to engage and how to get access; role of policymakers and the Commission in Europe. | general                            | optional              | online training                | 24/02/2023                             | Sander van der Molen<br>Maria Roca   |
| M3  | <b>Participation with regions and other stakeholders</b><br>Training on getting connected to the regional ecosystem partners, including public authorities and other stakeholder.  | general                            | optional              | 2-day visit                    | June-Sept 22                           | Kristina Karanikolova<br>Maurits Butter  |
| M4  | <b>Branding, communication and marketing</b><br>The importance of branding and communication for hubs and corridors and training on how you can make that operational.   | general                            | optional              | online training                | 27/01/2023                             | Laura van den Aarssen<br>Maurits Butter  |
| M5  | <b>Introduction to PPPs and ecosystems</b><br>What are strategic public/private innovation networks, typologies, where do they come from and different stages of evolution.  | strengthening                      | optional              | 2-day visit                    | June-Sept 22                           | Maurits Butter   |
| M6  | <b>Introduction to interregional collaboration</b><br>Introduction to the concept of corridors, argumentation of why European collaboration, its opportunities and approaches to creating interregional collaborations.                                  | corridor creation                  | required              | 2-day visit                    | June-Sept 22                           | Kristina Karanikolova<br>Maurits Butter  |
| M7  | <b>Forging collaboration activities</b><br>Making operational the concept of corridors into practical activities (the corridor forging, as well as interregional projects) and training on how to organize that.   | strengthening<br>corridor creation | optional              | online training                | 19/09/2022                             | Ron Oren<br>Maurits Butter<br>Harri Kuusela  |
| M8  | <b>Building a network and business plan</b><br>How to build the network (hubs and corridors), including the development a systematic planning for the network business (partnership and finance).  | strengthening<br>corridor creation | required              | online training                | 9/12/2022                              | Peppijn Vos<br>Frank Bekkers<br>Maurits Butter   |
| M9  | <b>Engaging with SMEs</b><br>Understanding the perspective of the SMEs and how to get them actively engaged in the BOWI project, as well as in DIH and corridors in general.   | strengthening<br>corridor creation | optional              | online training                | 25/11/2022                             | Harri Kuusela<br>Jeroen Broekhuizen  |
| M10   | <b>Developing mission and strategy</b><br>Finding out and formalizing the USPs and role of the network in its ecosystem. It includes both better understanding the ambition of a hub, as well as the corridor.   | strengthening<br>corridor creation | optional              | 2-day visit                    | June-Sept 22                           | Ron Oren<br>Maurits Butter   |
| M11   | <b>Creating value for your customers</b><br>What are the customers, their pains/needs. What services are to be offered and what assets are needed for its delivery. This includes both looking at the customer and services for hubs and corridors.      | strengthening<br>corridor creation | optional              | 2-day visit                    | June-Sept 22                           | Maurits Butter<br>Kristina Karanikolova  |
| M12   | <b>Organisation &amp; governance of networks</b><br>How can you get to an efficient and effective organisation of the work, what shape does it take and how to govern it. Both looking at hubs and corridors.  | strengthening<br>corridor creation | optional              | online training                | 14/10/2022                             | Anita Lieverdink<br>Maurits Butter   |
| M13   | <b>Finance, revenues and funding</b><br>Understanding the costs of operating a network, how to get paid for it (revenue models), and financing opportunities. This includes the perspective of hubs, as well as corridors.                               | strengthening<br>corridor creation | optional              | online training                | 28/10/2022                             | Maurits Butter<br>David Otto<br>Maria Roca   |
| M14   | <b>The experiments: support and admin</b><br>Training of the widening hubs in the BOWI administration of the TTEs, including its support. This module focuses on the formal activities for being engaged in the BOWI project                             | BOWI participation                 | required              | 2-day visit<br>online training | June-Sept 22                           | Harri Kuusela<br>Laura Seytje  |
| M15   | <b>Keeping track of progress</b><br>Articulating the progress of the SME experiments, ensuring the active participation of the Widening and mature hub and the creation of the corridor  | BOWI participation                 | required (at least 1) | online training (3)            | 30/09/2022<br>11/11/2022<br>10/03/2023 | Harri Kuusela<br>Laura van Veen<br>Maria Roca  |
| M16   | <b>Evaluation and reporting</b>  | BOWI participation                 | required              | online training                | 10/02/2023                             | Harri Kuusela  |



## Our conclusions

- here is a diversity of approaches to address the human-centric aspects of the twin-transition, these are exciting opportunities for a RTO
- We addressed the cross-border innovation ecosystems but more aspect can be considered (orchestrating innovation, adaptive governance, ...)
- We are launching the DIHnet Academy to support decision and policy makers in supporting the cross-border cooperation for the twin transition (widening...)

## & recommendations

- Orchestrating innovation needs to be considered in every project.
- We call for dedicated support in the coming innovation funding programmes and policies with appropriate fundings

# Bedankt voor uw aandacht

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# Commission Priorities (2019-2024)



- **A European Green Deal**
- **A Europe fit for the digital age**
- *An economy that works for people*
- *Protecting our European way of life*
- *A stronger Europe in the world*
- *A new push for European democracy*

*‘..a once-in-a-generation opportunity to ensure Europe leads the way on the **twin ecological and digital transitions**’.*





Is Digitalisation in the service of sustainability or driven by other priorities?

Can digital solutions such as smart grids, connected mobility, teleworking, precision farming deliver a triple win: environmental, social well-being, and economic development?

## SKILLS - the critical success factor of any transition

1) for 59% of firms lack of availability of **staff with the right skills** negatively impacted their investments in the green domain <https://data.eib.org/eibis/graph>

2) for 60% of municipalities **lack of digital skills** is preventing climate change projects from progressing. <https://www.eib.org/en/publications/online/all/investment-report-2022-2023>

3) **half of young people** feel either “not confident at all” or only “somewhat confident” that their current skills would guarantee them a dignified job in the next 5-10 years. [https://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF\\_Davos\\_Lab\\_Youth\\_Recovery\\_Plan\\_2021.pdf](https://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_Davos_Lab_Youth_Recovery_Plan_2021.pdf)

## Conflicts

- ICT footprint: 2.1 and 3.9% of total emissions; eWaste- fastest growing waste category
- Green funds may not support digitalisations or create roadblocks and measures against current practices such as built-in obsolescence, blockchain mining, single use electronics, etc.

## Synergies

- **WHAT DIGITAL CAN DO FOR GREEN:**

Digital transformation for climate neutrality. It can reduce 15-20% of total GHG emissions

- **WHAT GREEN CAN DO FOR DIGITAL:**

Green transition for sustainable financing and new jobs in green digital transformation

**Conflicts** are measurable (energy and material consumption, eWaste)

**Synergies** are so far expressed as 'potential' figures of enablement

To realise such potential we need science based & standardised **metrics**.

This will enable

- Sustainable finance for digitalisation ( see EU Taxonomy Delegated Act on Climate mitigation )
- Green Public Procurements – GPP criteria exist for datacentres
- Market growth of green digital solutions in major sectors such as energy, transport, construction, agriculture, ..

39 CEOs of ICT companies, with 2040 Net Zero targets, have committed to take action in the following areas:

- Investing in the **development and deployment** of green digital solutions with significant energy and material efficiency that achieve a net positive impact in a wide range of sectors.
- Developing **methods and tools** to measure the net impact of green digital technologies on the environment and climate by joining forces with NGOs and relevant expert organizations.
- Co-creating, with representatives of other sectors, **recommendations and guidelines** for green digital transformation of these sectors that benefits environment, society and economy.

<https://www.greendigitalcoalition.eu/>

# 39 Coalition members



Digital Day- March 19, 2021

## EU countries commit to leading the green digital transformation

24 Member States and Norway and Iceland have signed a declaration to accelerate the use of green digital technologies for the benefit of the environment. They will deploy and invest more green digital technologies to achieve climate neutrality and accelerate the green and digital transitions in priority sectors in Europe, for example by using the NextGenerationEU and InvestEU funds.

### Example of commitments made:

- Making **green public procurement** the default option overall;
- Support the **deployment of green digital solutions** that accelerate the decarbonisation of energy networks, enable precision farming, decrease pollution, combat the loss of biodiversity and optimise resource efficiency;
- Propose permits for deployment of networks and **data centres** that comply with the highest environmental sustainability standards;

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/eu-countries-commit-leading-green-digital-transformation>





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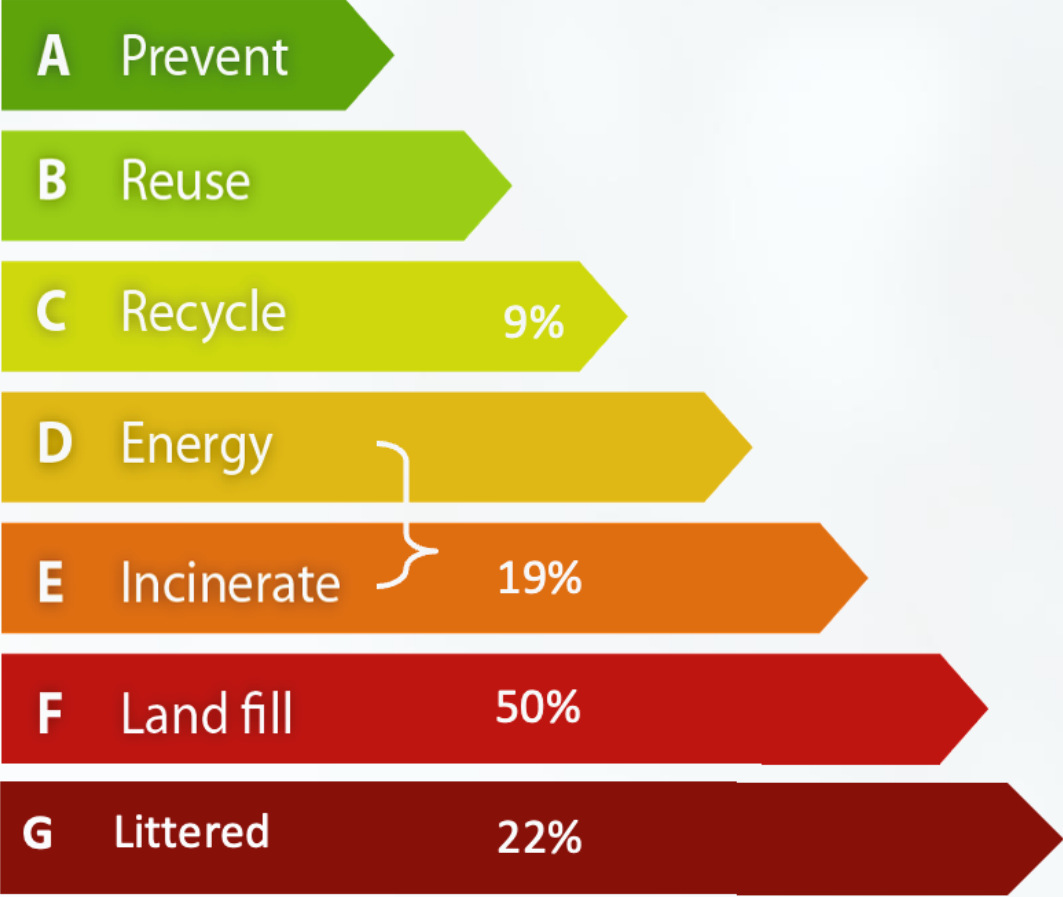


# Towards sustainable robots with self-healing materials

*prof dr ir Bram Vanderborght  
Brubotics, Vrije Universiteit Brussel & imec*



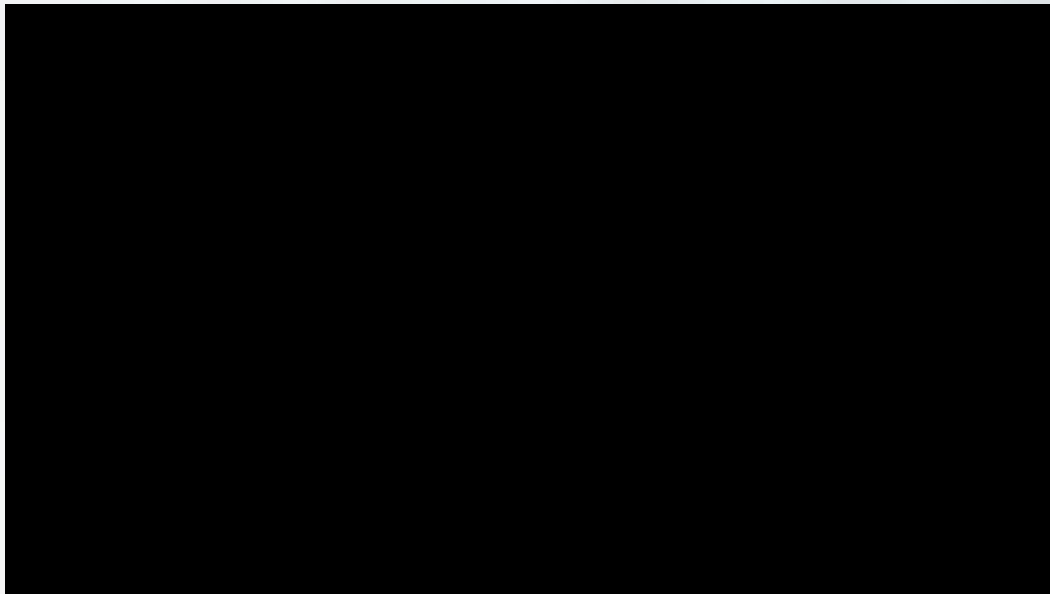
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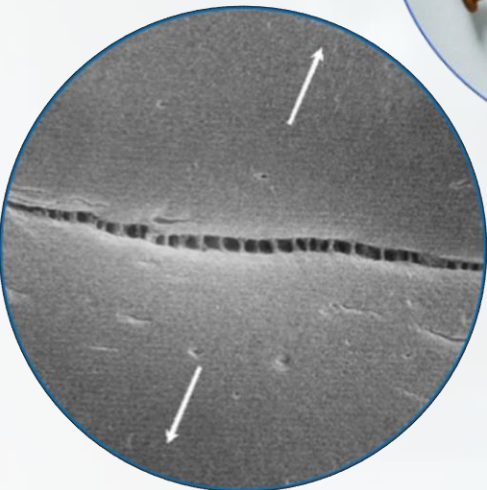




# Implementation of heavy gear deburring use case for Hankamp

BruBotics Brussels  
31st May 2023





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# Self-Healing Soft Gripper for Universal Adaptive Grasping under Hazardous Environment

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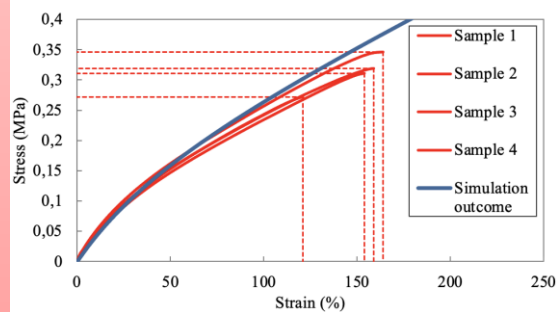
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# Technical breakthroughs

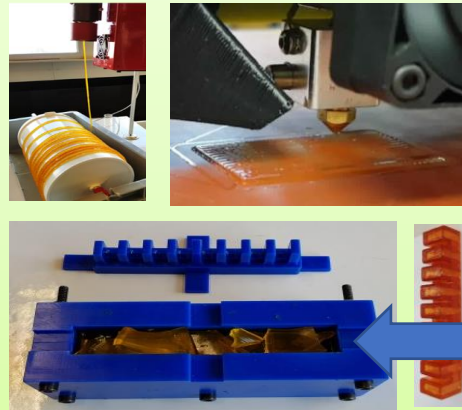
## Material Level

Portfolio of sustainable self-healing polymers/composites



## Manufacturing Level

Formative and Additive manufacturing of (multi-material) self-healing parts



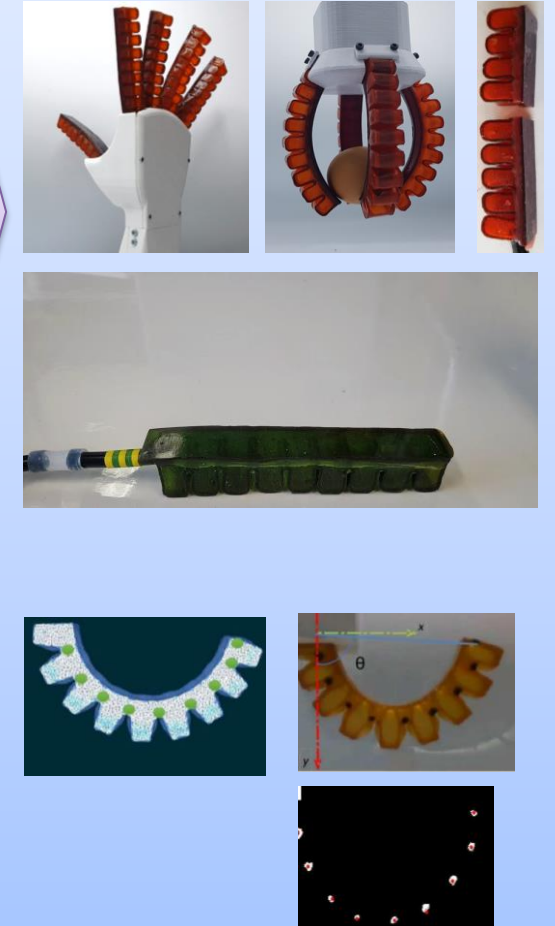
## Sensor Level

Self-healing flexible electronics  
Sensors and heaters



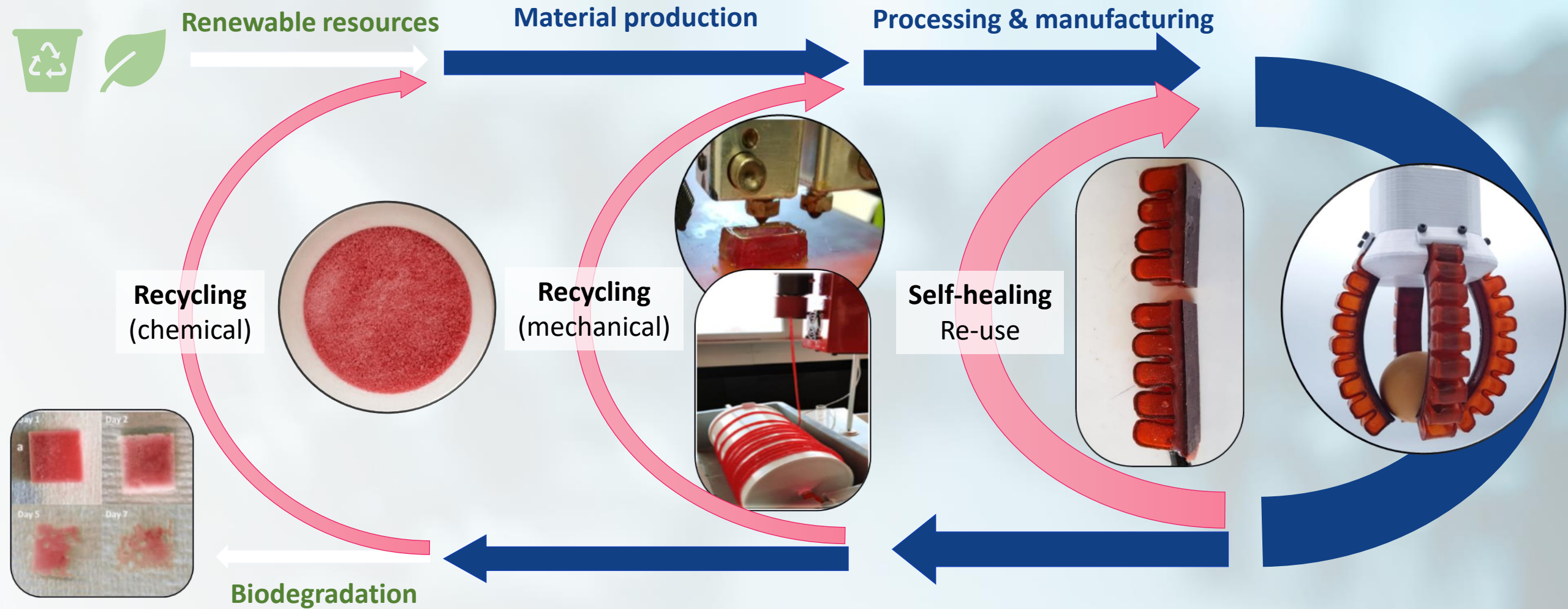
## Robotics Level

Sensorized healable soft grippers and bionic hands



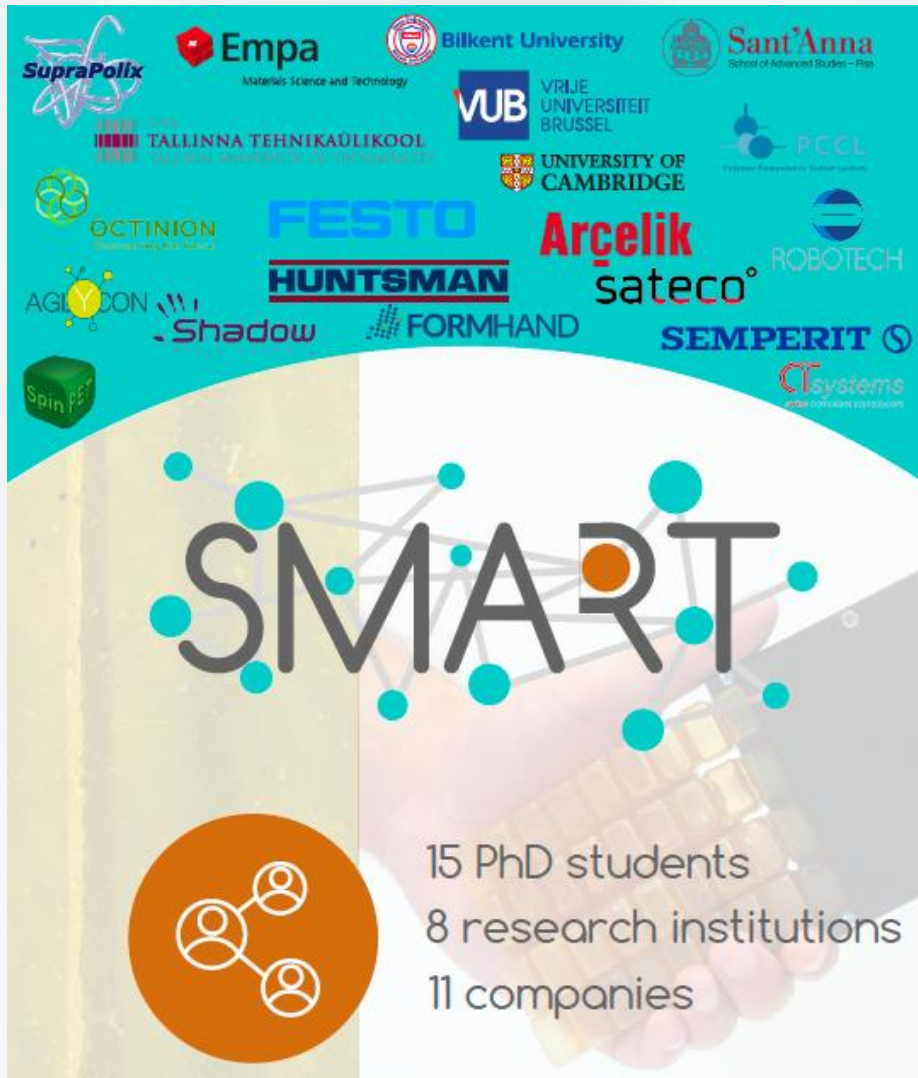


# Sustainability and circular economy



# EU Marie Curie training network SMART

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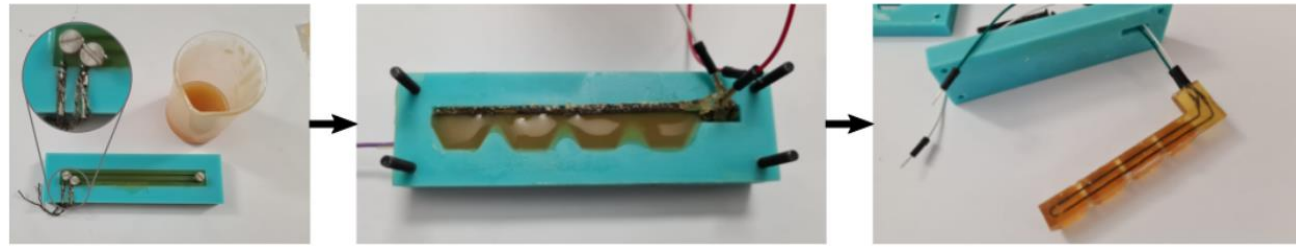
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15 PhD students  
8 research institutions  
11 companies

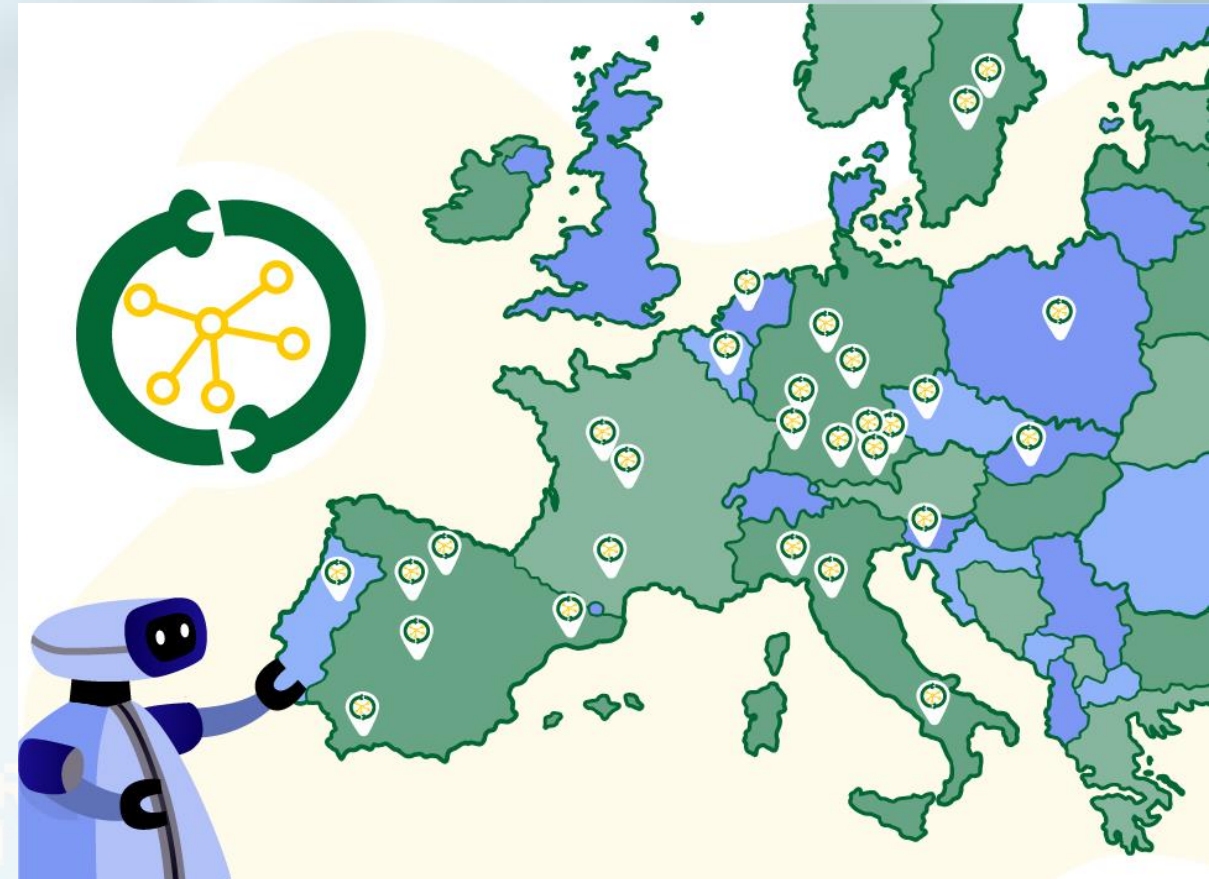
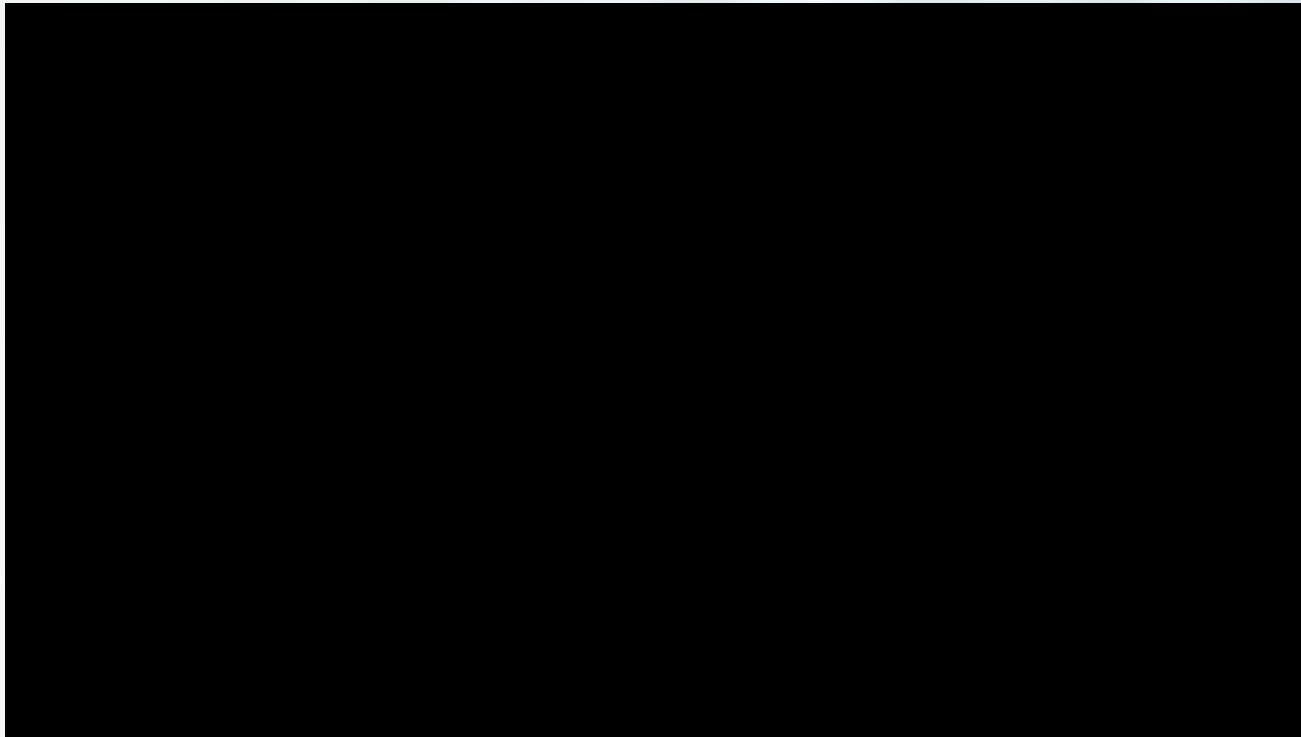
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# Accelerating research by reproducible research



THE EUROPEAN EXCELLENCE NETWORK  
ON AI-POWERED ROBOTICS



# Science outreach



# EIC Transition: crossing valley of death



Resources

Resources  
for R&D

Resources  
for commercialisation

**VALLEY OF DEATH**

Level of Development



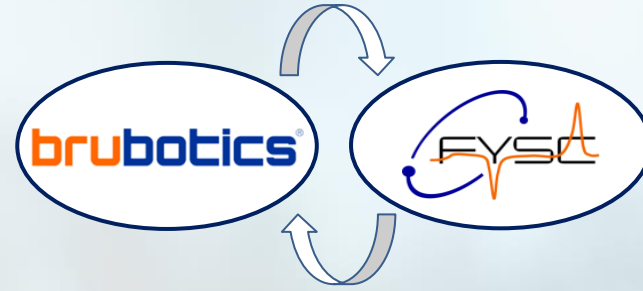
# Applications



# Self healing robotics team



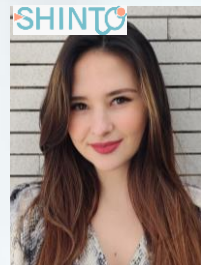
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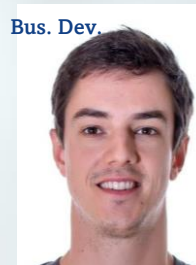
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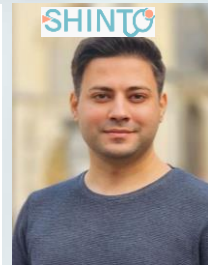
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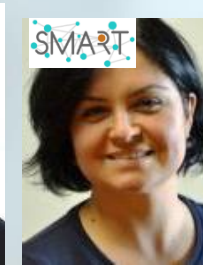
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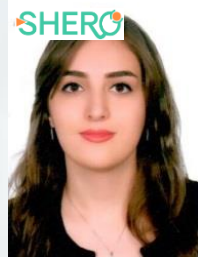
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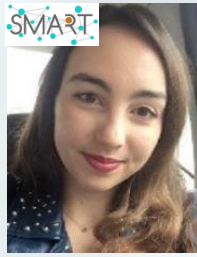
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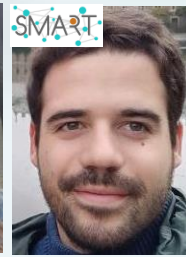
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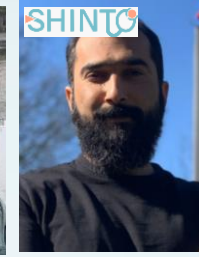
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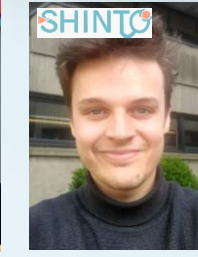
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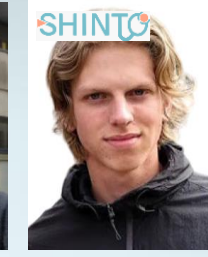
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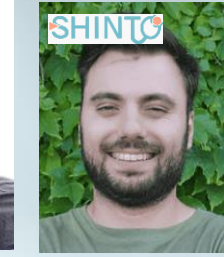
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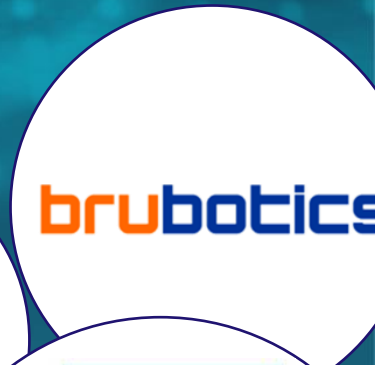
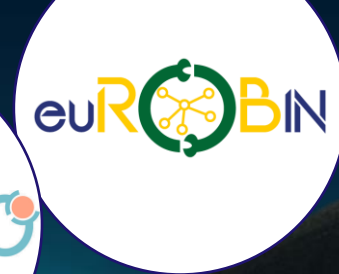


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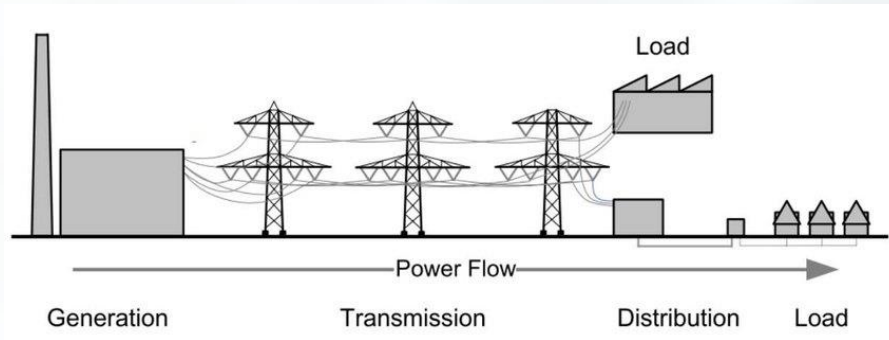


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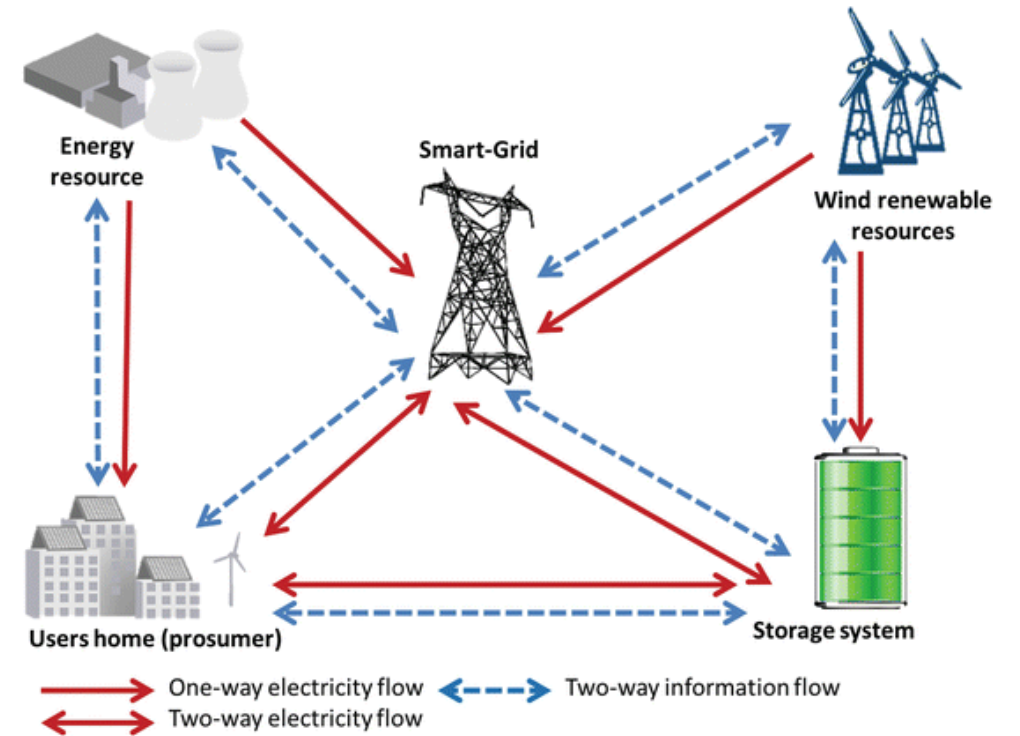
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# Motivation: Challenges of the energy transition

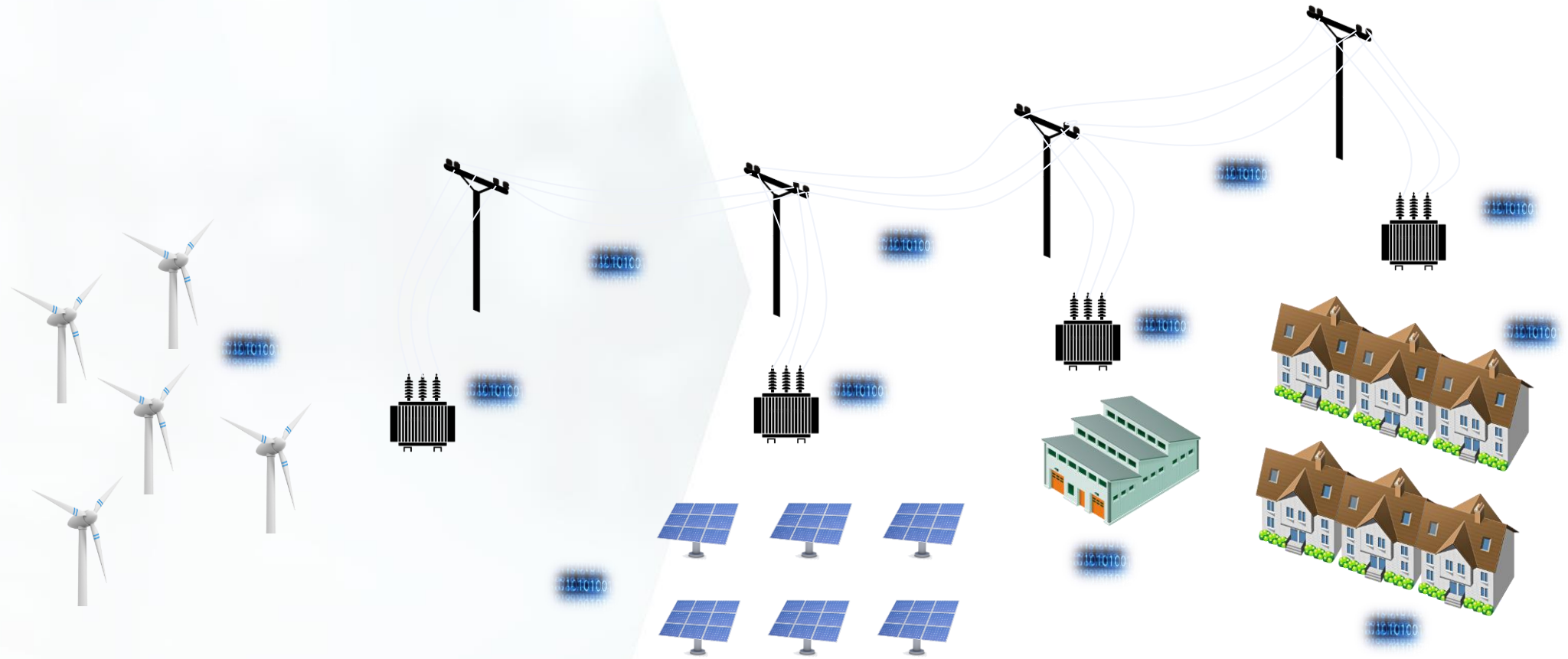
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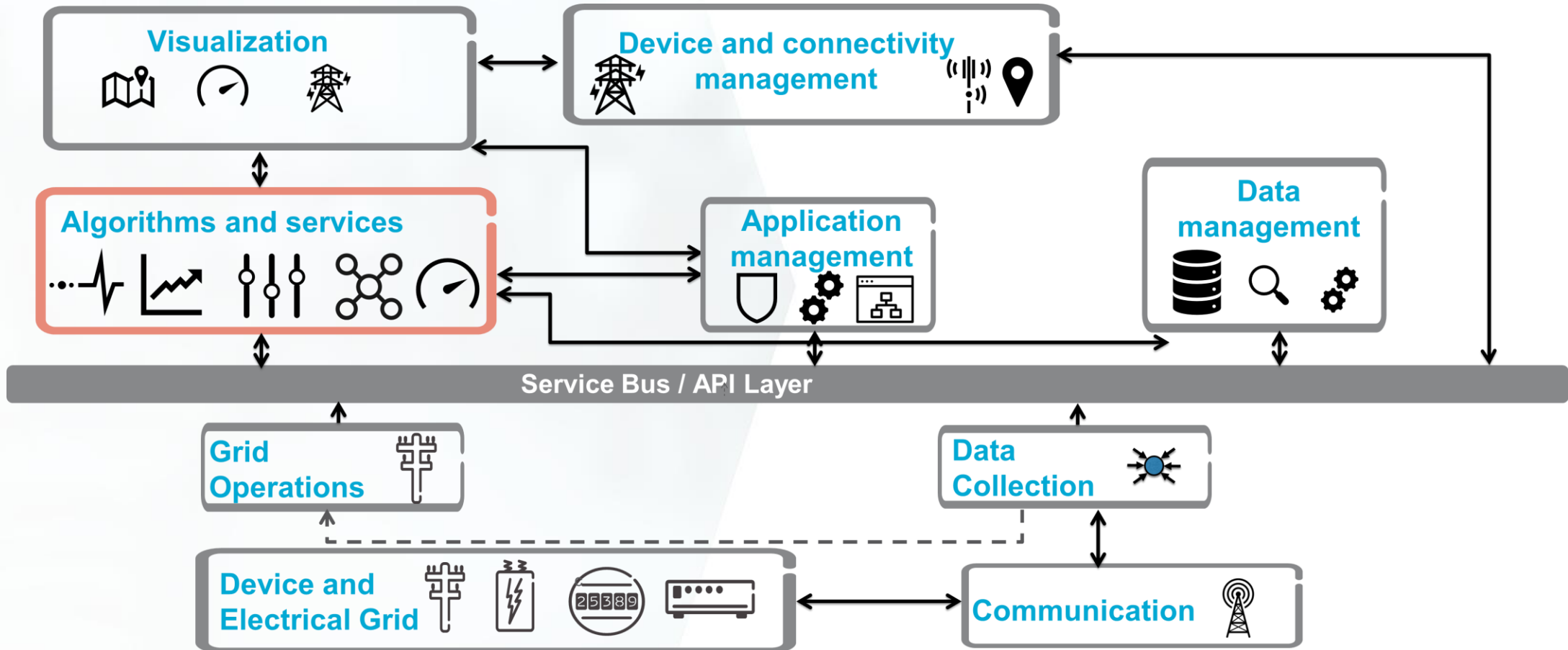
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# The new role of edge and distribution grids: more data from more points



# A complex flow of energy and data



# Empowering local energy communities in cooperation with local grid operator: Twistringern

### Digital Substation

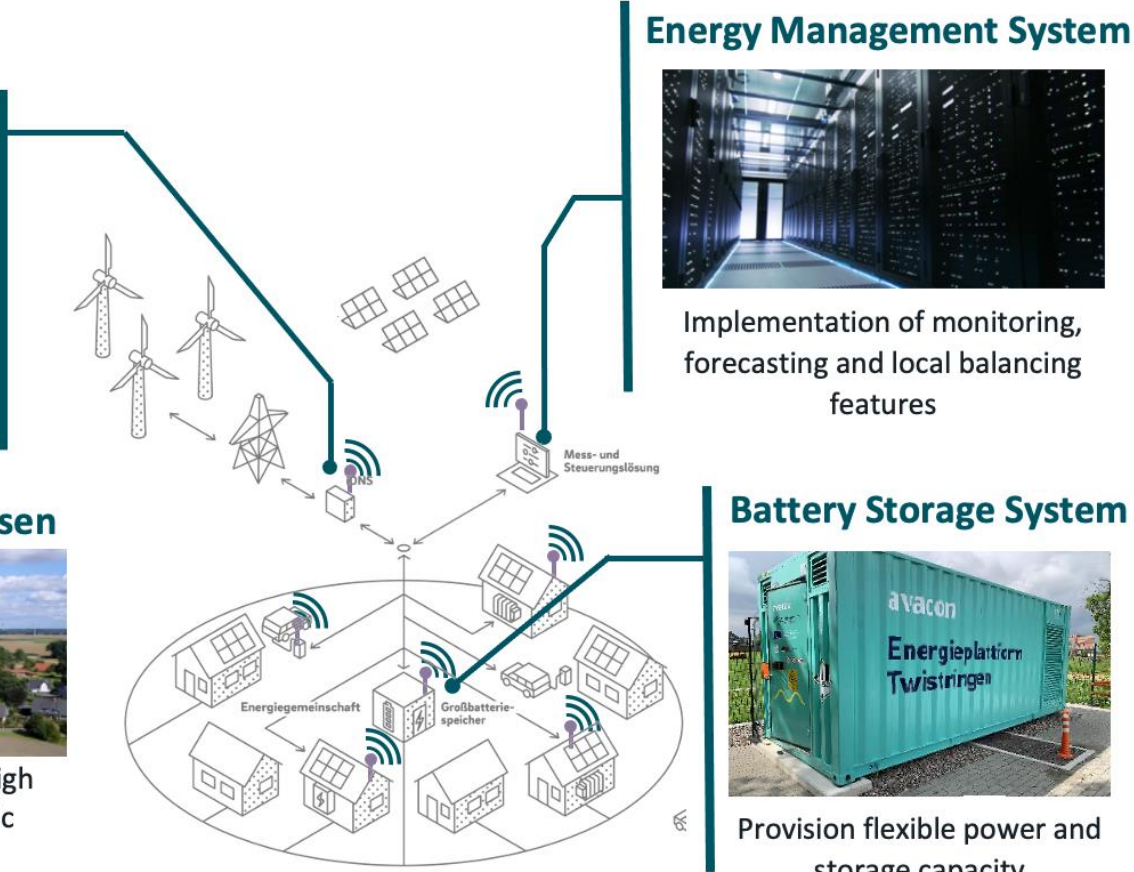


Grid monitoring with on state-of-the-art sensors and communication devices

### Community Abbenhausen



89 resident households with high share of roof-top photovoltaic systems



### Energy Management System



Implementation of monitoring, forecasting and local balancing features

### Battery Storage System



Provision flexible power and storage capacity

### Customer Engagement & Customer Involvement

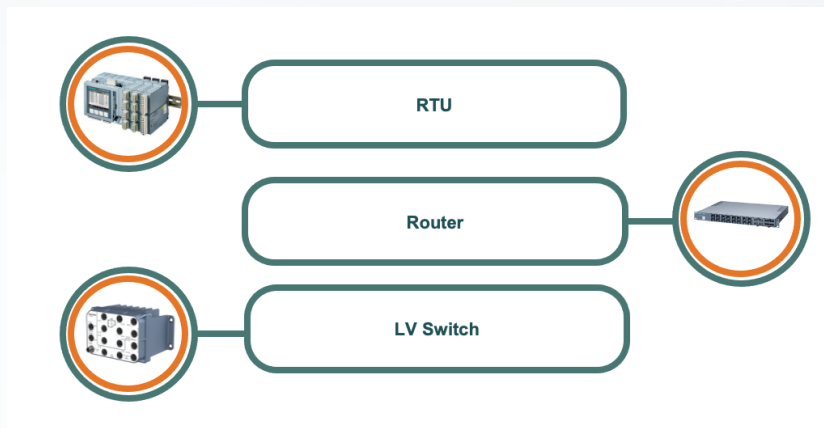


- 21 responses with interest for participation
- Equipment of 5 Households and implementation of 1 Prototype System

# Transforming the city of Rome

Several secondary substations already able to communicate with areti central system

Grid issues detection process is improved.



# RomeFlex areti

Reshaping **O**perational **M**ethod to run grid **F**lexibility

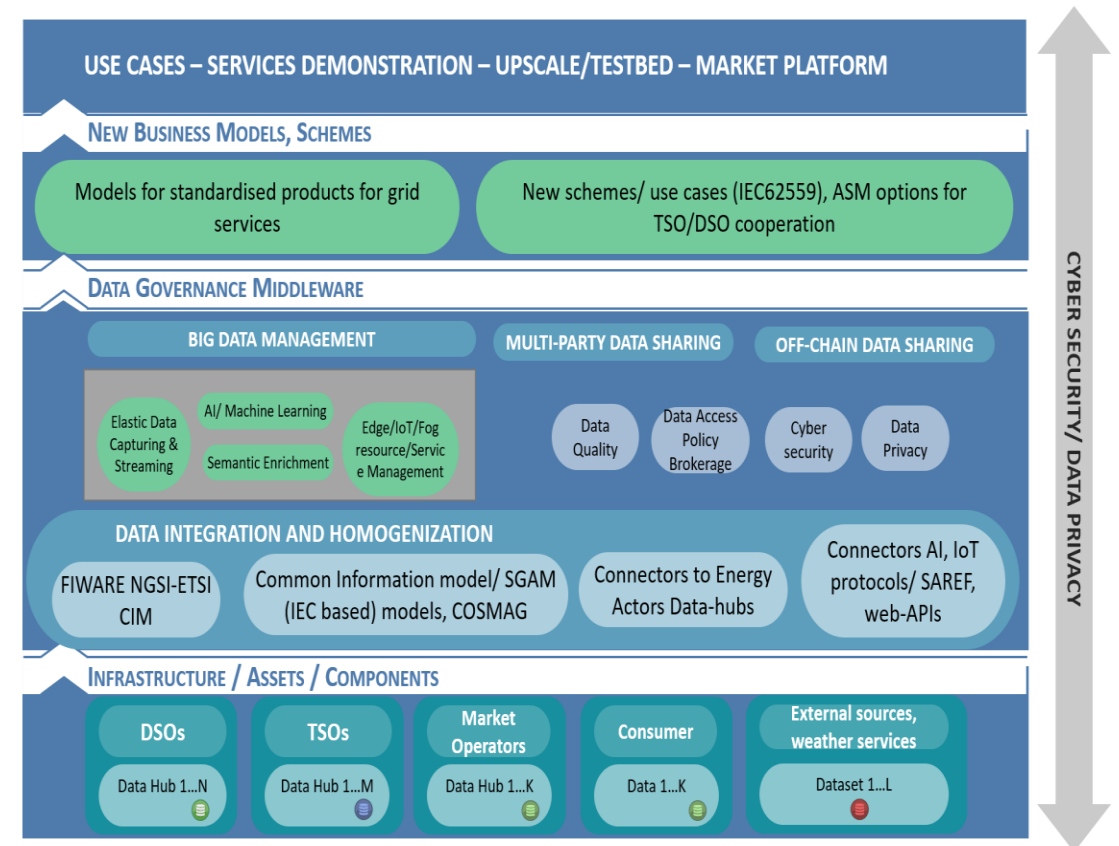
**Progetto RomeFlex: Flexibility services in the city of Rome**





# OneNet

To create a **fully replicable and scalable architecture** that enables the whole European electrical system to **operate as a single system** in which a **variety of markets** allows the **universal participation of stakeholders** regardless of their physical location – at every level from small consumer to large producers

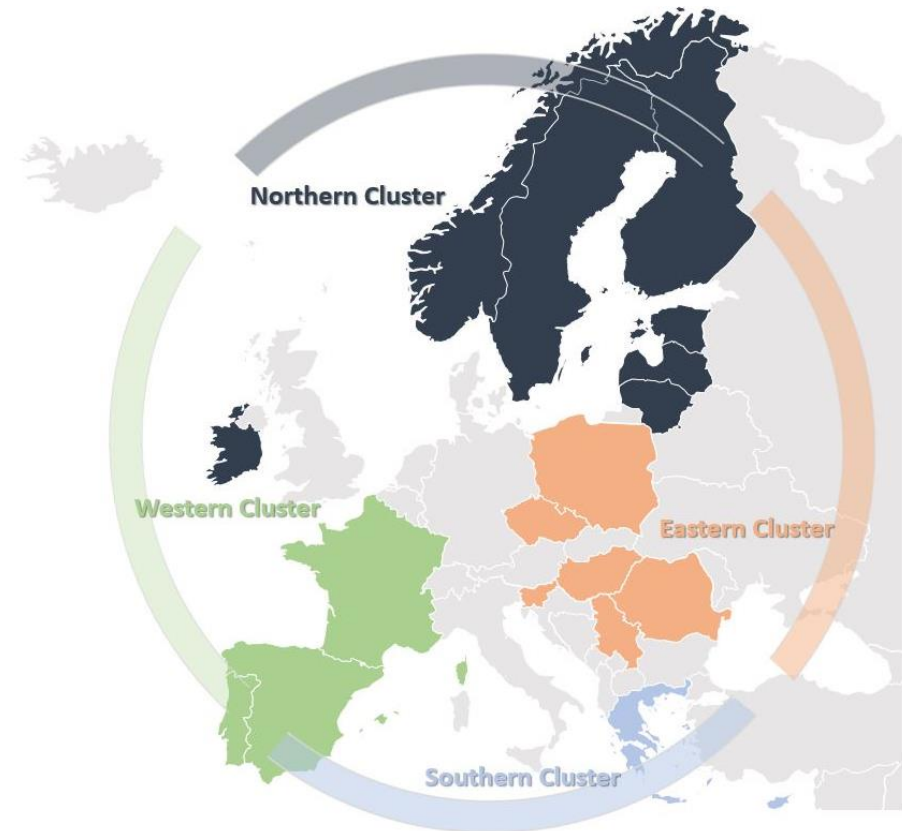


# The OneNet Connector and the demo clusters

One single mechanism of data exchange to support multiple scenarios and use cases across Europe

Based on Data Space technology

Implemented already in many different countries as part of the project



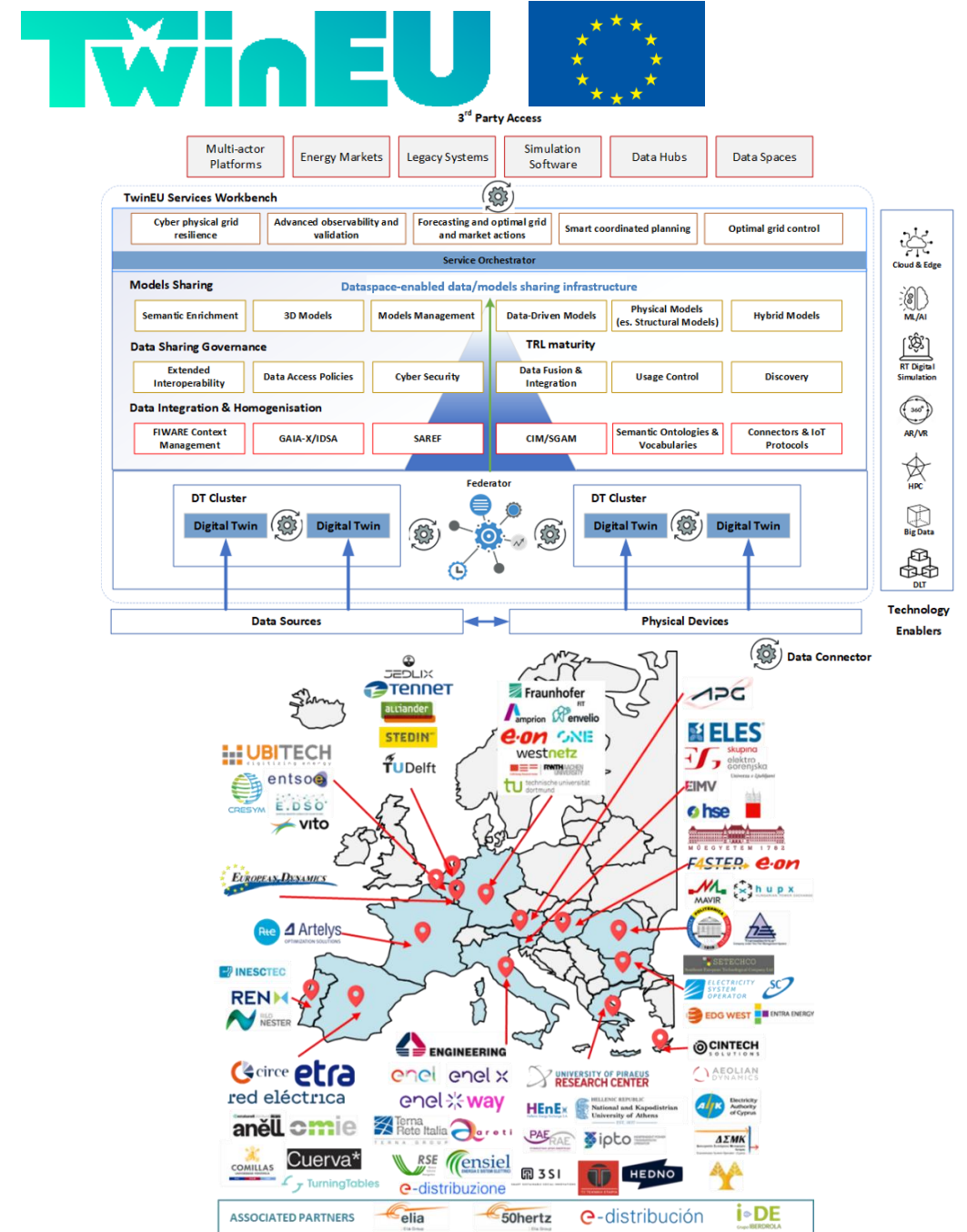
# Building a European Digital Twin

Starting from mechanisms developed in OneNet

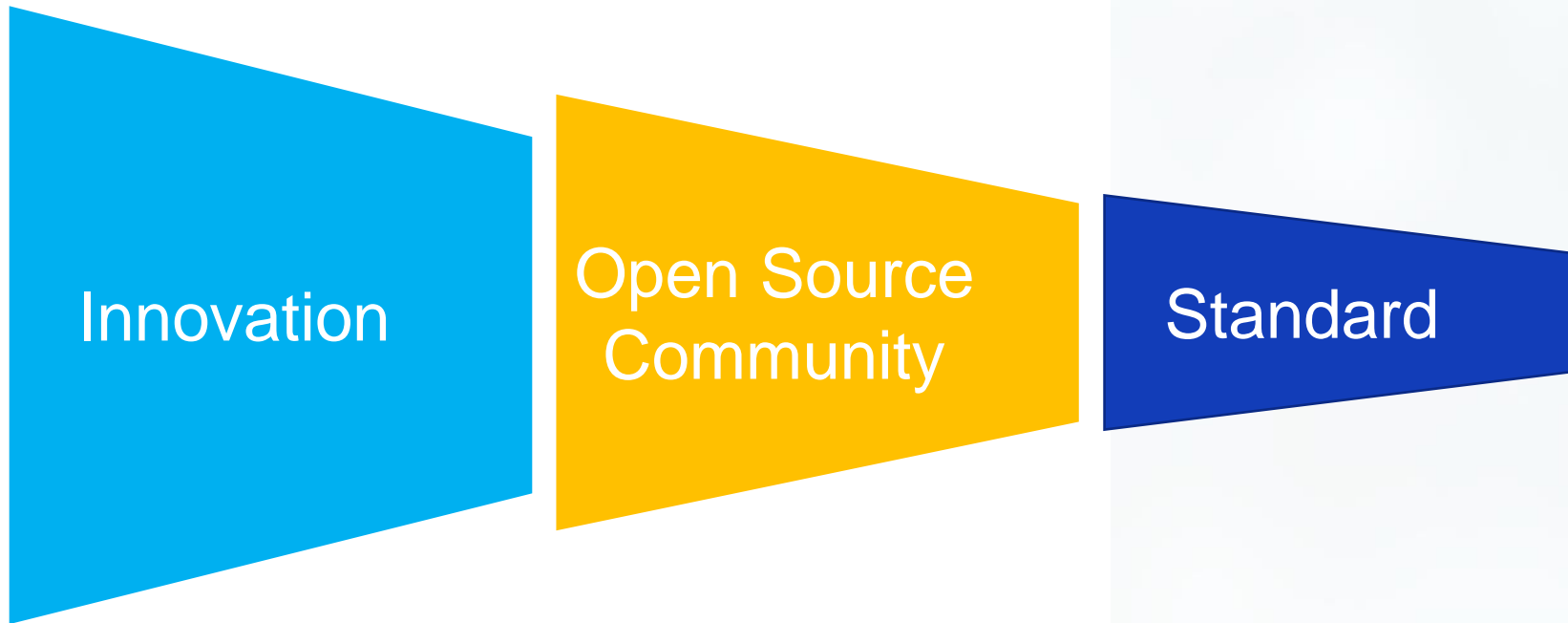
Leveraging local efforts in a federated approach (data space approach)

Creating consensus through large participation

Developing an open community to go beyond the funding period



# The way forward



Open-source and open communities as fast-moving engines of innovation

# Conclusions

Role of data is growing

Digital Solutions are emerging

Data Spaces are the next  
revolution

Openness and cooperation as  
key elements for interoperability



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# Digital twin – one stop shop ‘district renovation’





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# 1. Energyville

## What can we help you with?

### Ground-breaking energy research

Through fundamental, applied and industry-driven research, both theoretical and experimental, we offer new solutions to achieve a sustainable energy system. We cover both theoretical and experimental aspects and have specialised knowledge on all facets of the energy system and the integration of all systems together.



### Innovative test facilities

In our test facilities, we turn pioneering ideas and scientific discoveries into tangible products. In our state-of-the-art laboratories, we can extensively test and optimise your services and technologies at both material and system level.



### Tailormade advice & tools

We also make our new technological insights, tools for decision-making processes, evaluation methods and new business models available to you. Looking for specific insights or advice on a particular energy-related sustainability issue? At EnergyVille, you've come to the right place!



Solar Energy →



Battery storage →



Power-to-Molecules →



Power electronics →



Buildings and districts →



Electrical networks →



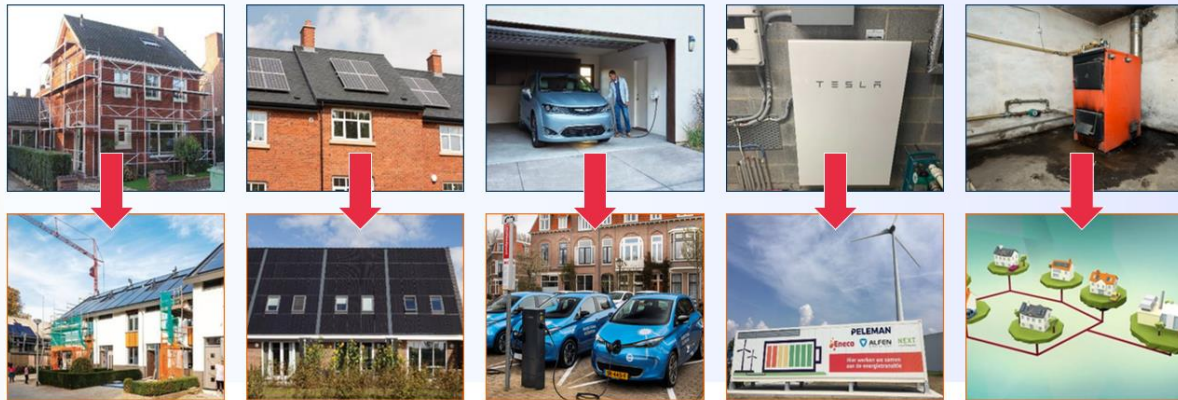
Energy strategies and markets →



Thermal systems →

# 2. Context

The urban energy transition requires a societal optimisation



Case study on neighbourhood level  
Decarbonisatie scenario's Watermolen neighbourhood Sint Niklaas (BE)

| Model variant                  | Current situation | BAU (1%)      | A-label min. TAC | -60% CO <sub>2</sub> min. TAC per building | -60% CO <sub>2</sub> min. TAC neighbourhood renovation | District heating + max PV |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| Net energy consumption [MWh/y] | 31 080            | 27 450 (-12%) | 14 950 (-52%)    | 7300 (-76%)                                | 13 930 (-55%)  | 14 800 (-52%)             |
| CO <sub>2</sub> [ton/y]        | 7 017             | 5 920 → -16%  | 3 800 → -53%     | 1754 → -77%                                | 2 800 → -60%   | 3 200 → -55%              |
| CAPEX [M€]                     | 0                 | 18.4          | 57.5             | 59.7                                       | 38.9   | 39.0                      |
| Energy cost [M€/jaar]          | 0.53              | 0.44          | 0.34             | 0.25                                       | 0.27   | 0.18                      |
| TAC [M€]                       | 10.3              | 27.0          | 64.2             | 64.6                                       | 44.2   | 42.5                      |

# 3. From research to reality

## DITUR in a nutshell

### 3 Stepped approach



#### Identify

- Collecting information, analyzing it and long-term follow-up
- Detecting opportunities for (collective) renovation, sustainable heating networks
- Clustering of similar projects



#### Engage

- Communication to homeowners
- Show a clear step-by-step plan to convince the target group to participate
- Refine the already available data (step 1) through an audit and update the long-term plan



#### Execute

- Prepare quotations, sign and plan the works
- Checking the renovation works of the contractors
- Unburdening contractors in administrative and practical processes

# 3. From research to reality

## Stakeholders



### Flemish Government

- ABB
- EWI
- Omgeving
- Digitaal Vlaanderen
- Veka
- ...



### Local governments

- All cities and municipalities
- Intensive collaboration with pilot municipalities



### Energy Houses

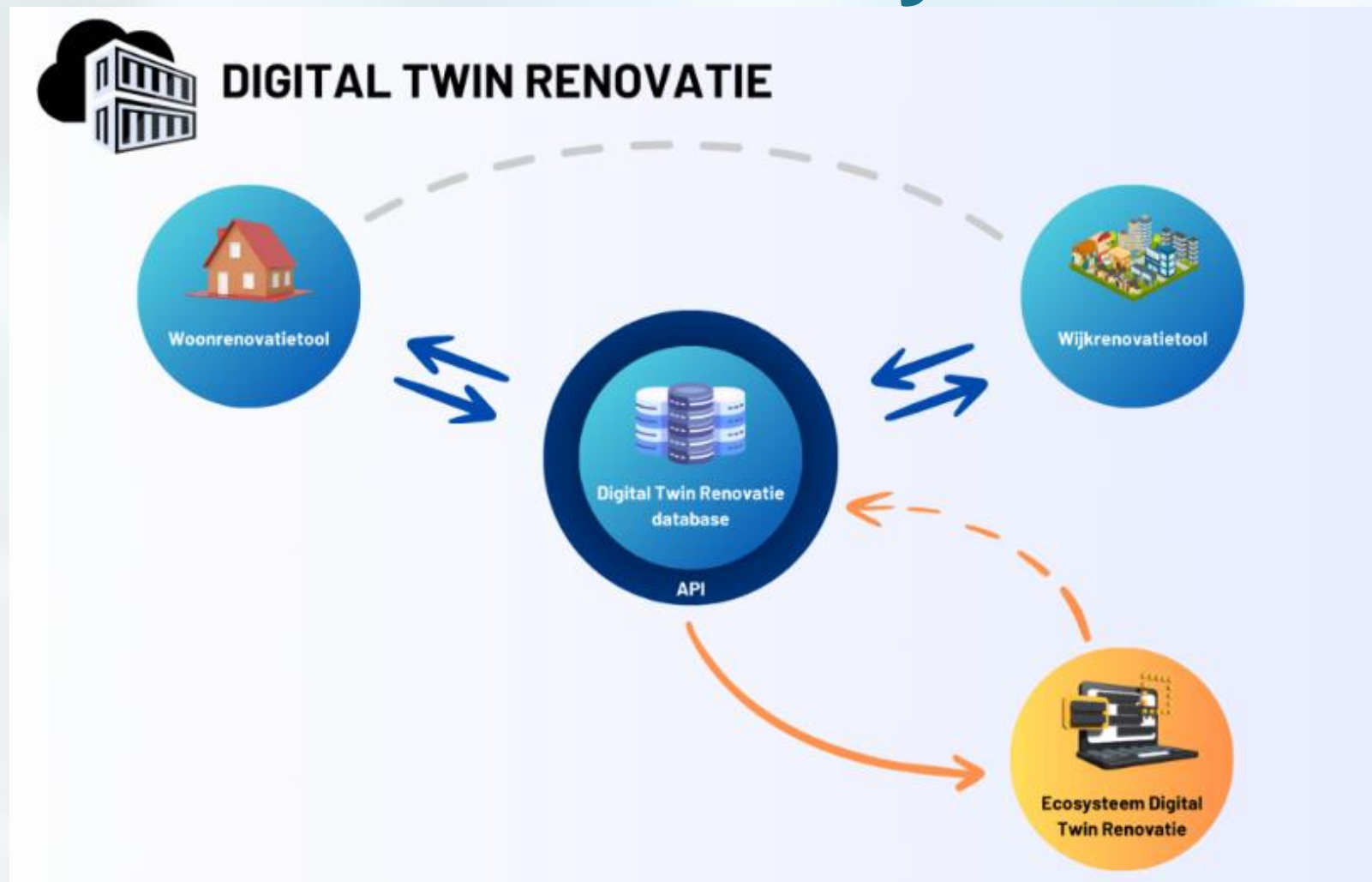
- 19 Energy Houses in Flanders
- Support and advice related to energy and renovation
- Intensive collaboration with front-runners



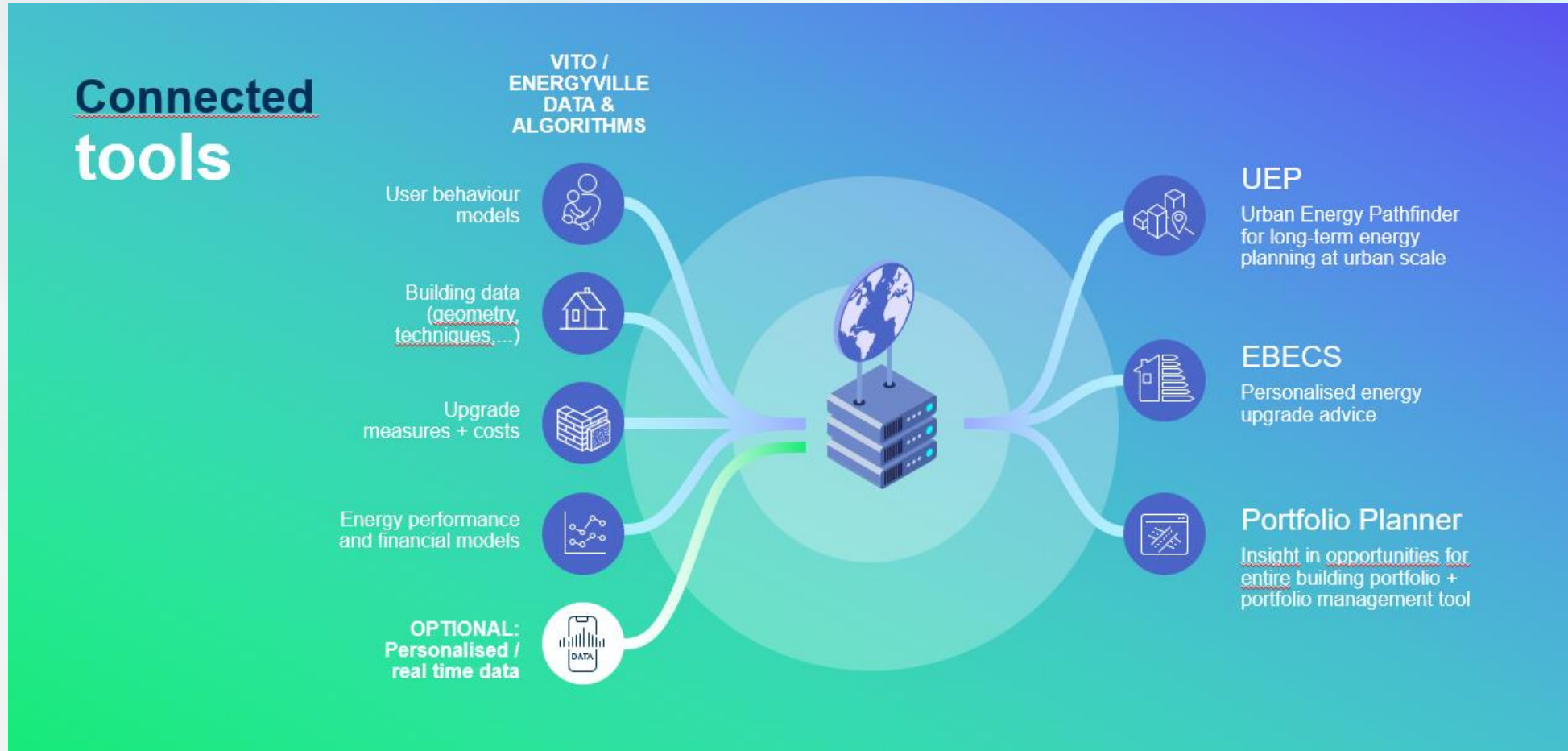
### Industry players

- Consultancy
- One-stop shops
- Software suppliers (e.g. CRM systems)
- ...

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# 4. Data flow



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## Data flow

Bottom up / top down

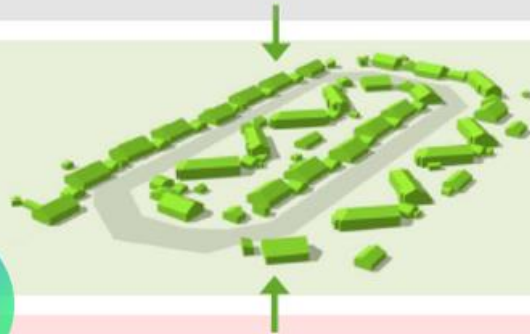
### Bottom up

Verification open data sets and statistical assumptions

Calibration of real energy consumption and behavioural aspects

...

## PROBABILISTIC DATA



(For existing residential neighbourhoods)

### Top down

Typical  
(open) data sources

Geometry: BGS & 3D-GRB  
(any .shp, .gml, .csv)

Consumption data: Fluvius open-data  
(straat & stat. sector)

Construction year: Census (+  
kadaster)

Building physics: meta model  
trained on EPC database

Inhabitants profile:  
Census / Provincie in cijfers

Street for district heating:  
GRB (+ KLIP)

"Renewable energy atlas"



# 4. Data flow



## Process district renovation

### District renovation tool (DRT)

Local authorities, energy houses and mandated partners analyze the potential for collective renovation and heating solutions at an aggregated level to draw up a long-term strategy and determine priorities

### Building renovation tool (BRT)

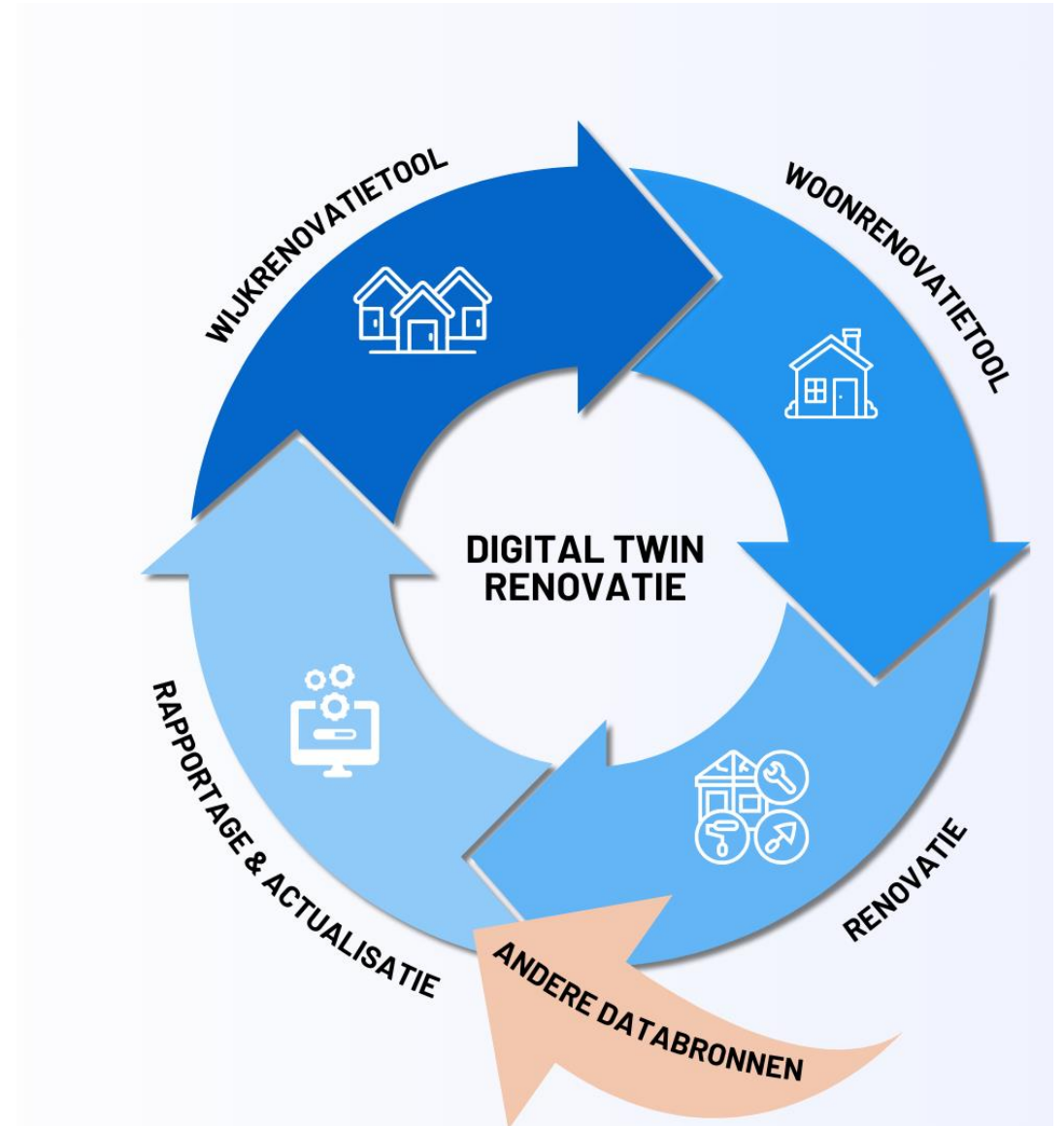
The energy house provides individual renovation advice with the BRT and adjusts data and simulation results for dwelling and neighborhood. Based on this analysis renovation quotes can be made by contractors

### Execution

The homeowner has the renovation work carried out under the supervision of the EH

### Report & update

The energy house reports to the digital twin (via the BRT or the cities renovation counter) on the proper execution of the works. The new information is updated in the applications and the cities long term carbon neutrality plans



# 5. Applications (Public and private)

The screenshot displays the 'District Renovation tool' interface for the region of Flanders (Vlaanderen). The interface is divided into several sections:

- Navigation:** A top bar shows the current step '1. Projectgebied' and other steps '2. Renovatiestrategie definiëren' and '3. Resultaten'. A user profile 'PIETER DEPARTEMENT FINANCIËN EN BEG...' and a 'HULP NODIG' button are also visible.
- Project Information:** A 'Je project' section with a 'Projectnaam' field containing 'test'.
- Map:** A central map of Bonheiden showing various districts and buildings. A search bar and zoom controls are present.
- Statistische sector projectgebied:** A right-hand panel titled 'Statistische sector projectgebied' with 'Kernindicatoren' (Key Indicators):
  - CO2 Emission:** 23.09 ktons totale CO2-uitstoot (represented by a factory icon).
  - Energy Cost:** 45.58 MEuro/jaar totaal energiekost per jaar (represented by a lightbulb icon).
  - EPC Rating:** 428.31 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> gemiddeld EPC-kengetal (represented by a house icon).A link 'Verken meer cijfers in het dashboard' is provided.
- Statistische sectoren:** A table listing various sectors with their codes and descriptions.

| Code      | Beschrijving             |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| 120054000 | BONHEIDEN-CENTRUM        |
| 120054001 | VAGEVUUR - IMELDAKLINIEK |
| 120054002 | OTTERSBOEK - DORSTVELD   |
| 120054032 | VENNEBOSSEN - CARDIJN    |
| 120054081 | BERENTRODE               |
| 120054091 | VIVERSTEEU               |
| 120054190 | ZELLAER-GROOTHOEVE       |
| 120058202 | HART                     |
| 120058291 | WIJNES                   |
| 120058331 | DOORVLAAR                |

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**Vlaanderen** Wijkrenovatietool AANMELDEN MIJN BURGERPROFIEL HULP NODIG ?

1 Projectgebied — 2 Renovatiestrategie definiëren — 3 Resultaten Suggesties om onze tool te verbeteren?

### Gebiedsdashboard: Zelf getekend projectgebied Dashboard sluiten

**Socio-economisch**

- 1745 gebouwen
- 4055 gezinnen

**EPC**

A B C **D** E F

↑

375 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>  
Gemiddeld energieverbruik per jaar

**Energiegebruik**

- 3572 euro energiekost
- 7843 ton CO<sub>2</sub> uitstoot
- Energiemix**  
Nr 1  
Nr 2  
Nr 3

**Energieproductie**

- 7845 MWh per jaar
- 3471 MWh per jaar
- Energiemix**  
Nr 1  
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**Energiestromen**

Bron • Behandeling • Kwaliteit water • Toepassing • Bestemming • Lozing

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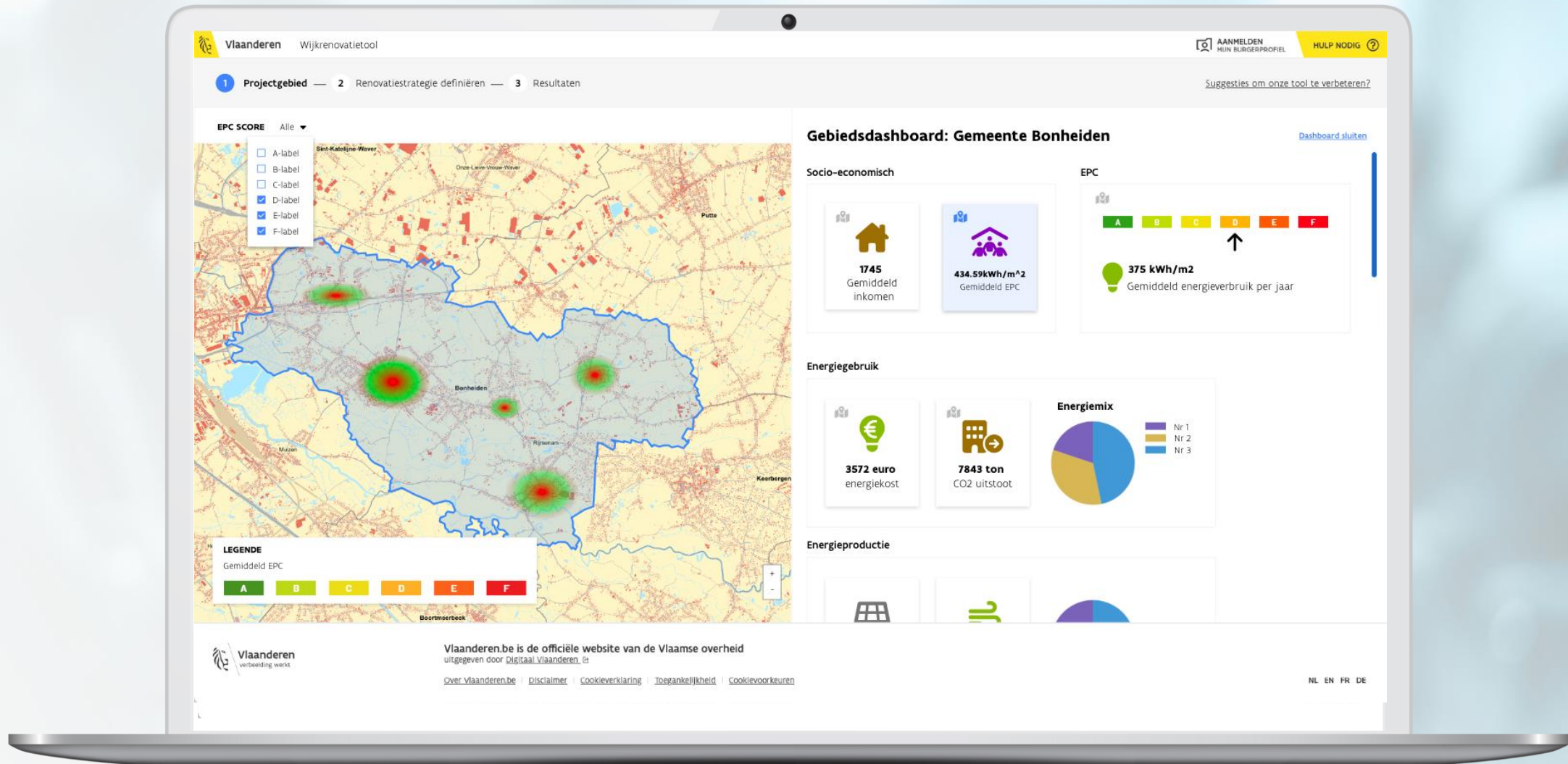
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Suggesties om onze tool te verbeteren?

### Simuleer een renovatiestrategie

**Wat zijn je belangrijkste doelen?**

Burgerbetrokkenheid: 2/10  
Fair transition: 4/10  
Koolstofneutraliteit: 7/10  
Collectieve warmte: 4/10  
Groepsaankopen: 2/10  
Tijdefficiëntie: 6/10

**Renovatiepakketten (in functie van je doelen)**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| A-label zonder verplichting warmtepomp | Maximale CO2-reductie   |
| A-label met verplichting warmtepomp    | Minimale Totale Actuele Kost (periode van 30 jaar)                                |
| Collectieve warmteoplossingen          | Sociale transitie - Sectoren met laagste gemiddelde inkomen                       |
| Quick win, no regret                   | Sociale transitie - Investering met als maximumgrens de beschikbare ondersteuning |

**Of kies een individuele maatregel**

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Muurisolatie | Dakisolatie |
| Ramen        | Warmtepomp  |

**of**

Stel zelf je renovatiepakket samen

Annuleren Verder met dit pakket

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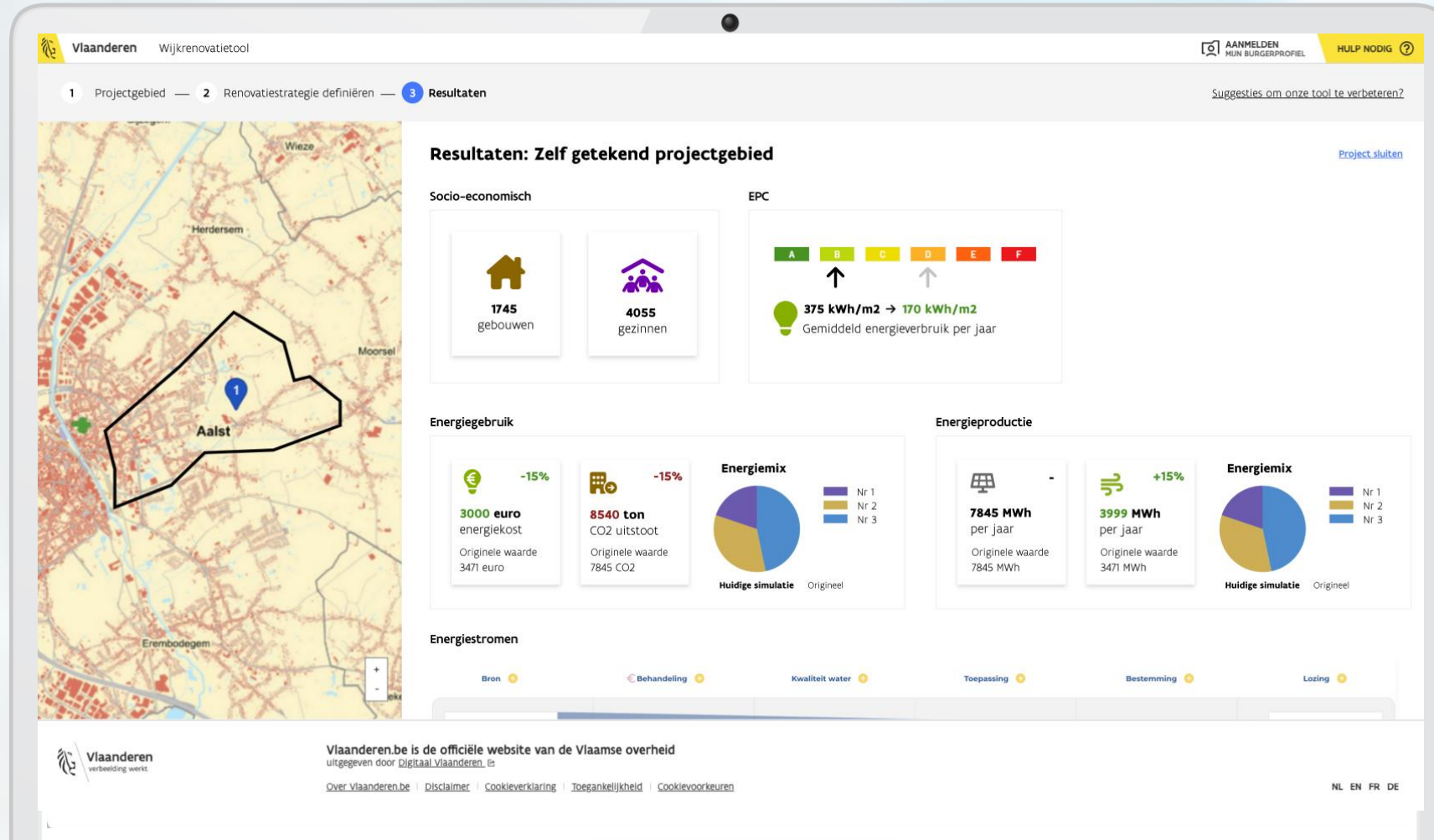
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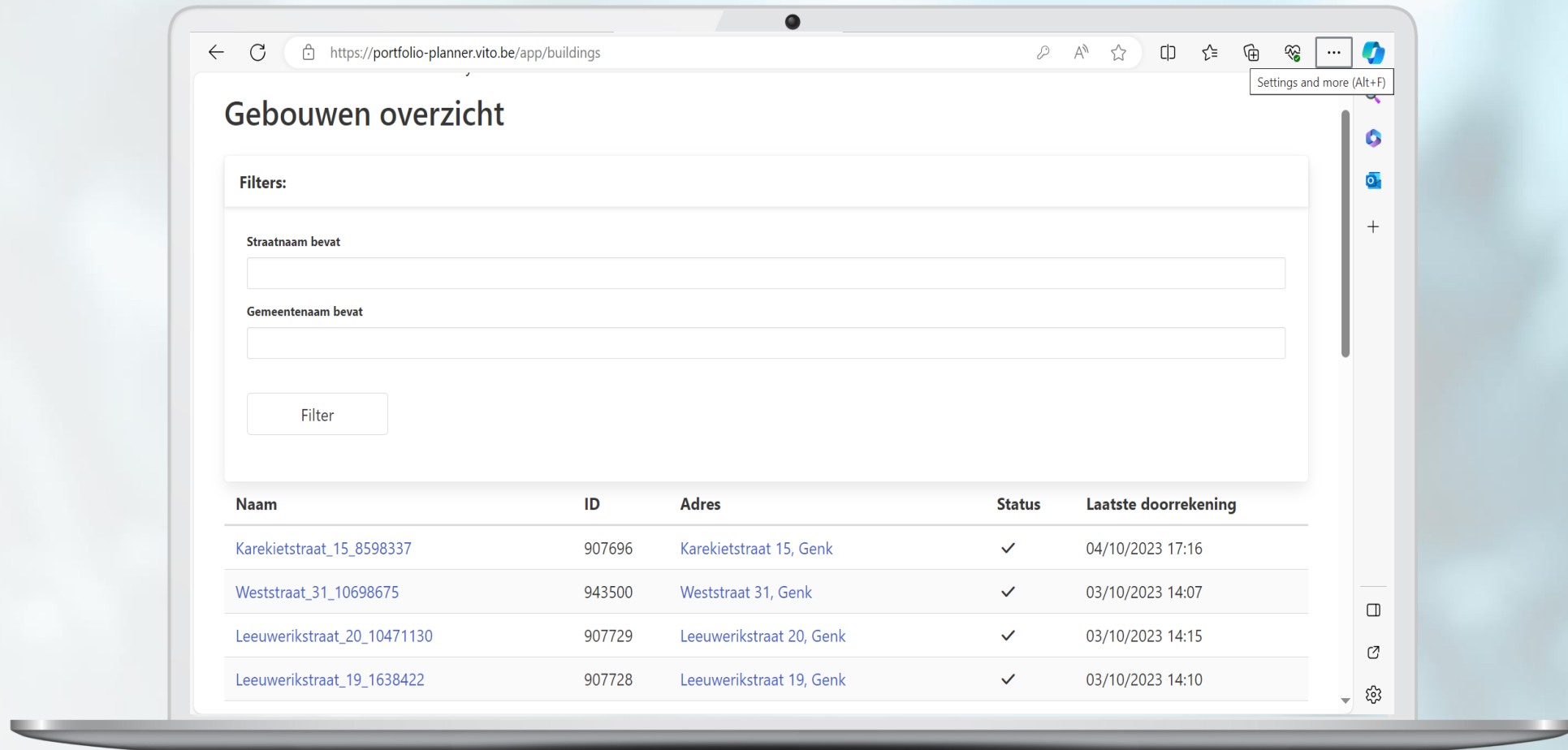
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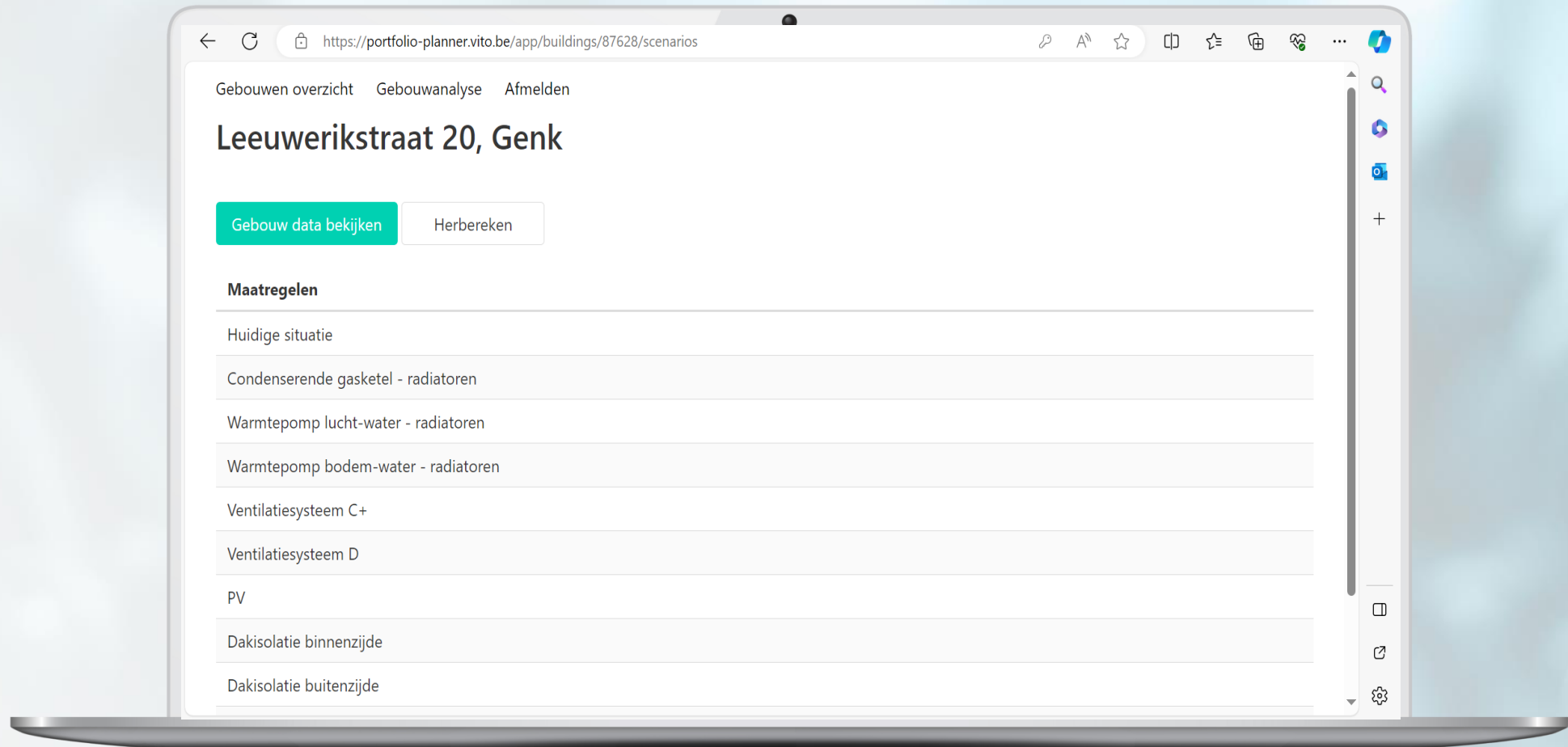
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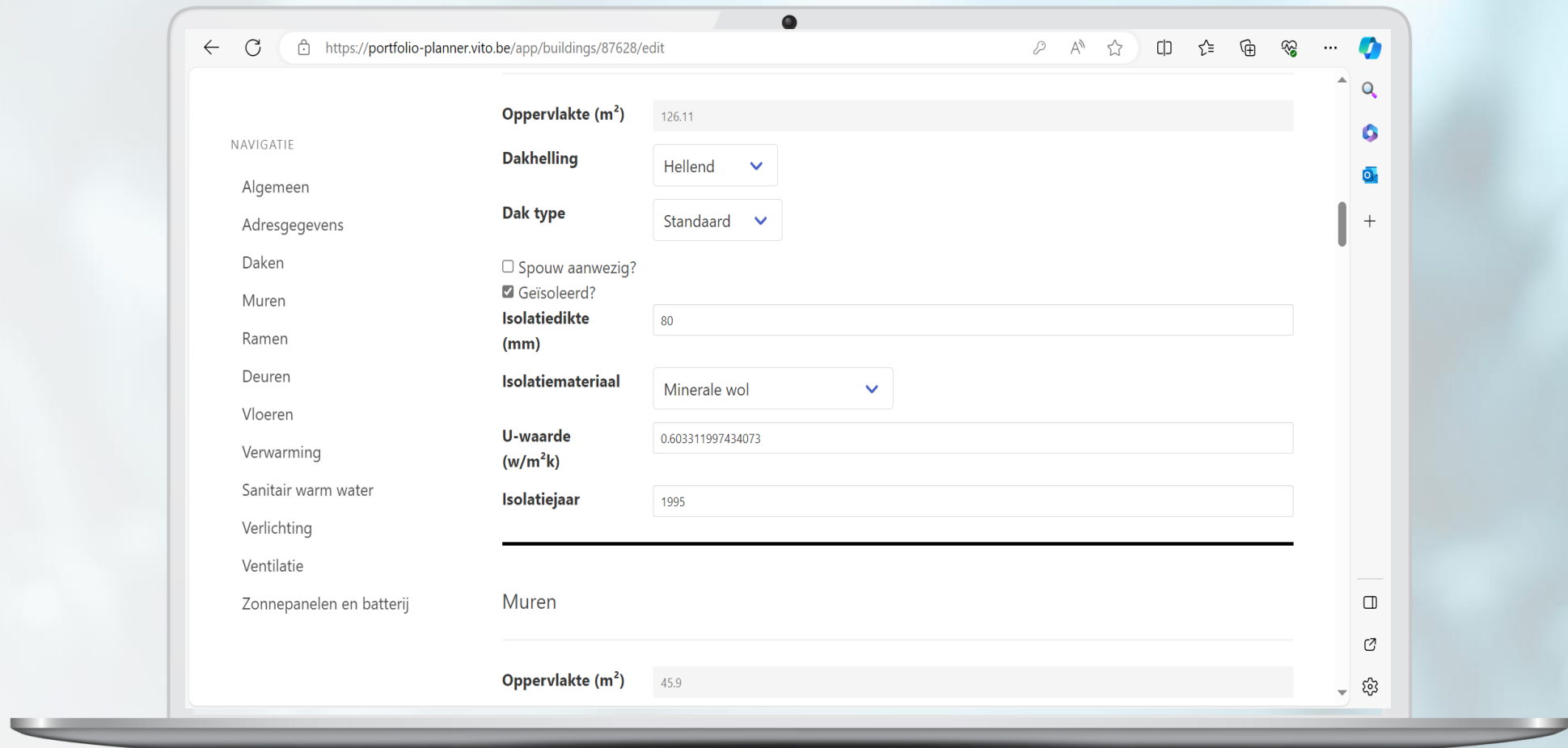


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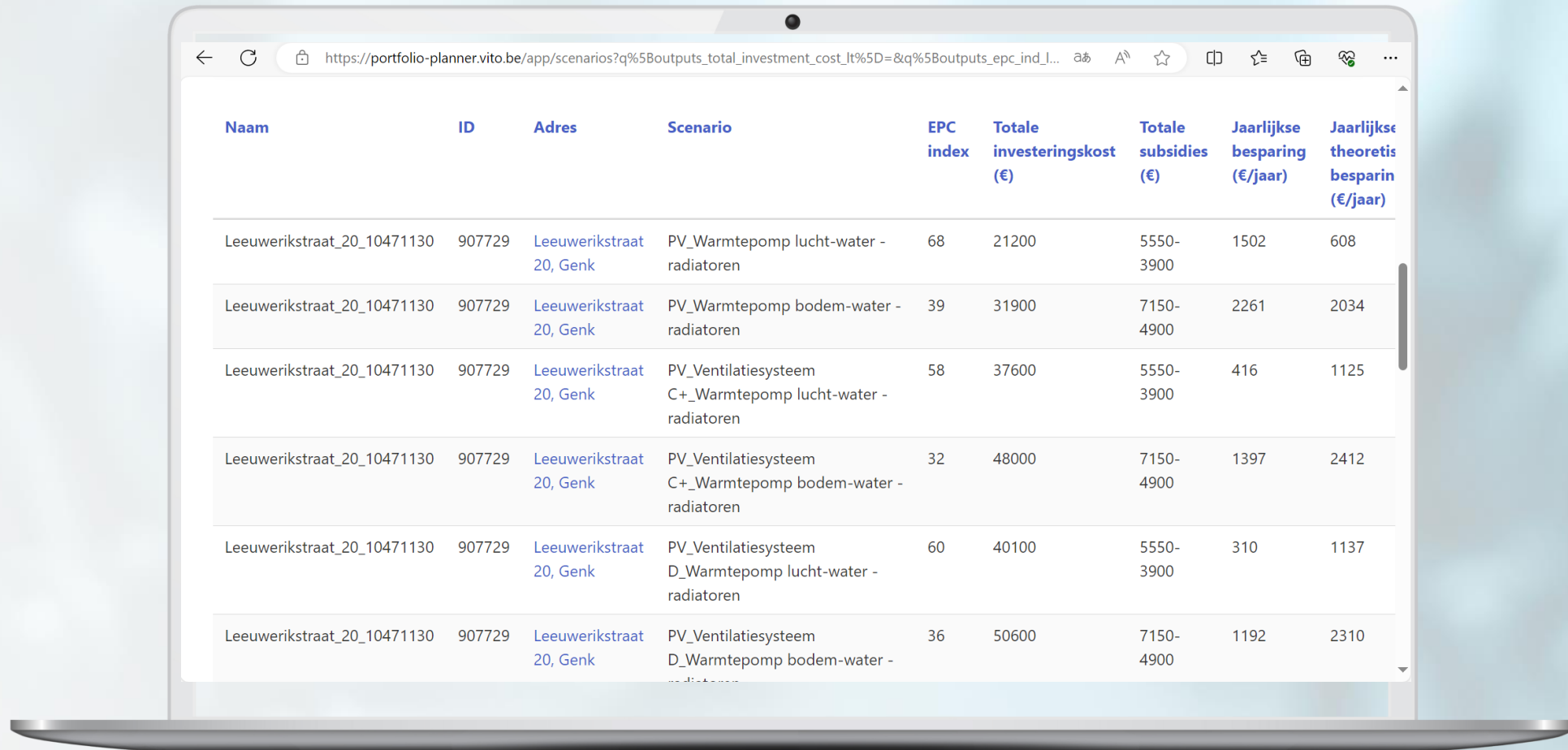
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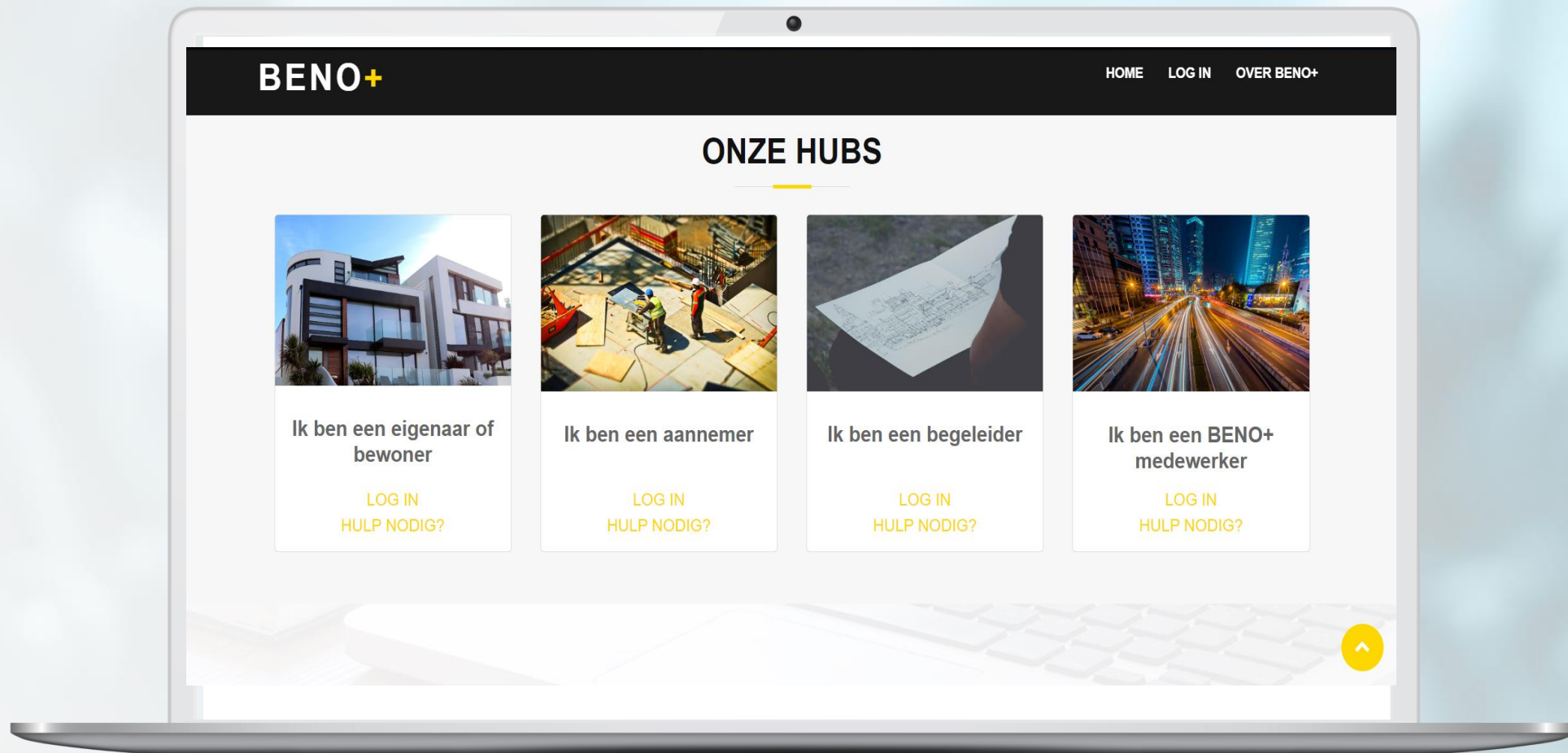
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| Naam                        | ID     | Adres                    | Scenario  | EPC index | Totale investeringskost (€) | Totale subsidies (€) | Jaarlijkse besparing (€/jaar) | Jaarlijkse theoretische besparing (€/jaar) |
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<https://renocity.be/>  
AGC – One stop Shop – Individual  
advice from plan to execution

**RENOCITY** Simulatie Audit Offerte Renovatie Log in Boek een gratis audit

**Sparzaamheidstraat 35, 9300 Aalst**

Bouwjaar: 1930  
Aantal bewoners: 4  
Bewoonbare oppervlakte (m<sup>2</sup>): 132  
Verwarme verdiepingen: 3  
Type woning: Rijwoning

Gegevens aanpassen

**JE EPC-score lijkt zeer slecht. Jouw woning lekt zeer veel energieverlies. Pas jouw gegevens aan om betere aanbevelingen te krijgen.**

**Begroting**

- Oude dubbele begroting (voor het jaar 2000) > 2000
- Dakisolatie: Ik weet het niet
- Ventilatie: Geen specifiek ventilatiesysteem
- Muursolatie: Ik weet het niet
- Verwarming: Ik weet het niet
- Zonnepanelen: Nee

Huidig comfort: ★★☆☆☆ Gegevens aanpassen

**Kies je renovatiepakket richting Label A of Label B of pas het aan.**

Pakket label A **Pakket label B** Personaliseer

Deze combinatie van maatregelen werd geselecteerd om zo kostenefficiënt mogelijk het EPC label B te bereiken. Het vereist niettemin de bevestiging van onze energie-expert oangezien onze berekeningen gebaseerd zijn op ongevalideerde aannames en deze daarom enkel als indicatief kunnen beschouwd worden. Ook kan het voorgestelde pakket mogelijk niet consistent zijn met de maatregelen nodig voor een toekomstig traject naar label A. Onze energie-expert kan je een gedetailleerd renovatieadvies geven, rekening houdende met de werkelijke toestand van jouw huis, jouw huidige verbruik en andere vereisten zoals comfort bijvoorbeeld.

**ONS AANBEVOLEN PAKKET VOOR LABEL B**

**Zonnepanelen** 5.940€  
Fluvius Subsidies: 1.500€  
Besparing: ●●●●● Complexiteit: ●●●●● Comfort: ●●●●●

**Dakisolatie (binnenzijde)** 6.700€  
Fluvius Subsidies: 354€

**Jouw toekomstige EPC-Label** B  
Jouw toekomstig comfort ★★★★★

- + 12,8% Verhuurwaarde
- + 9,2% Verkoopwaarde
- 1061 € Jaarlijkse besparing
- 3141 kg CO2 besparing

**Onze voorlopige schatting voor jouw woning**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Begroting                 | 16.840 €        |
| Fluvius Subsidies         | -1.854 €        |
| <b>Totaal (btw incl.)</b> | <b>14.986 €</b> |

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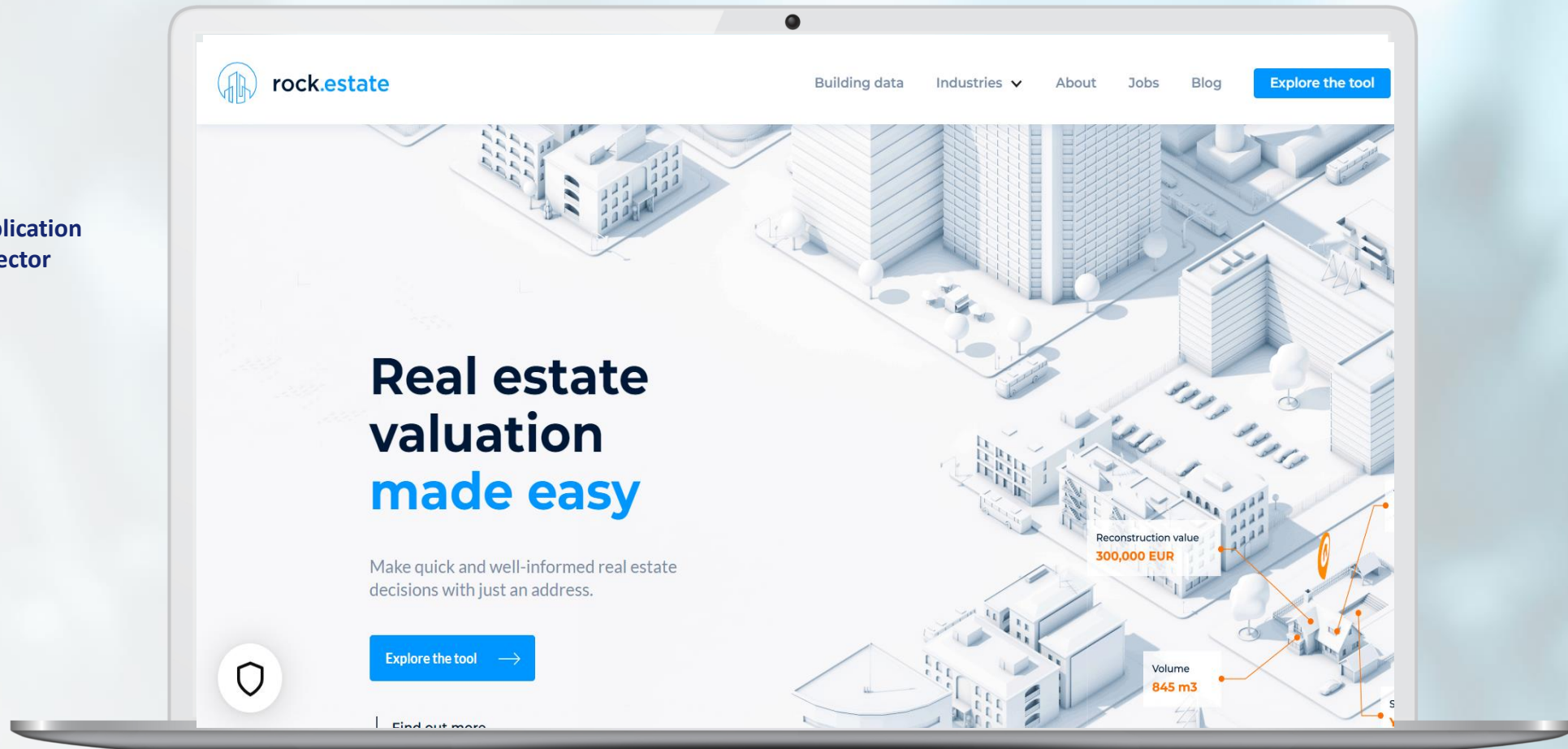
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# 5. Applications (Public and private)

Rock.estate – application  
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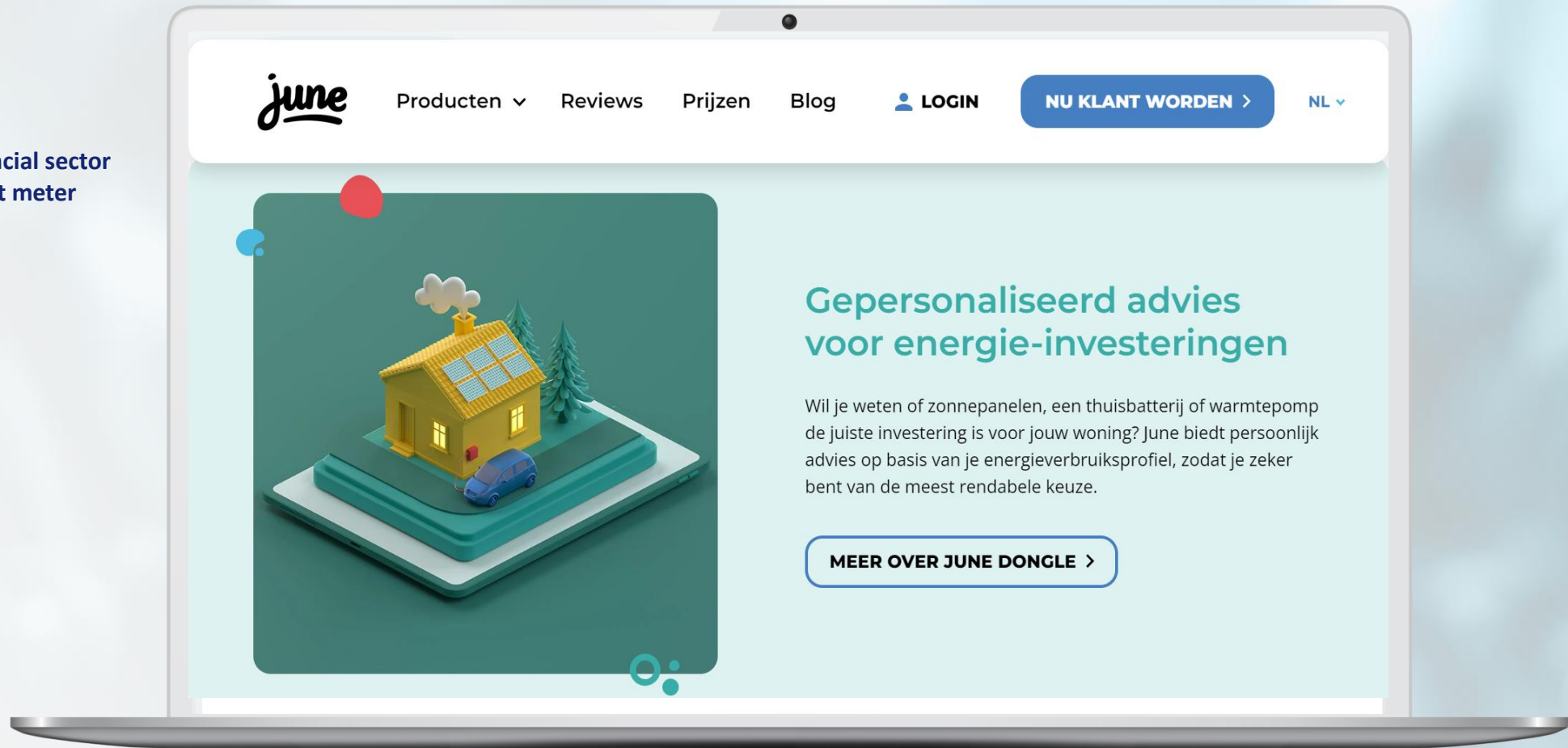


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# 5. Applications (Public and private)

June Energy Financial sector  
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# Thank you!

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