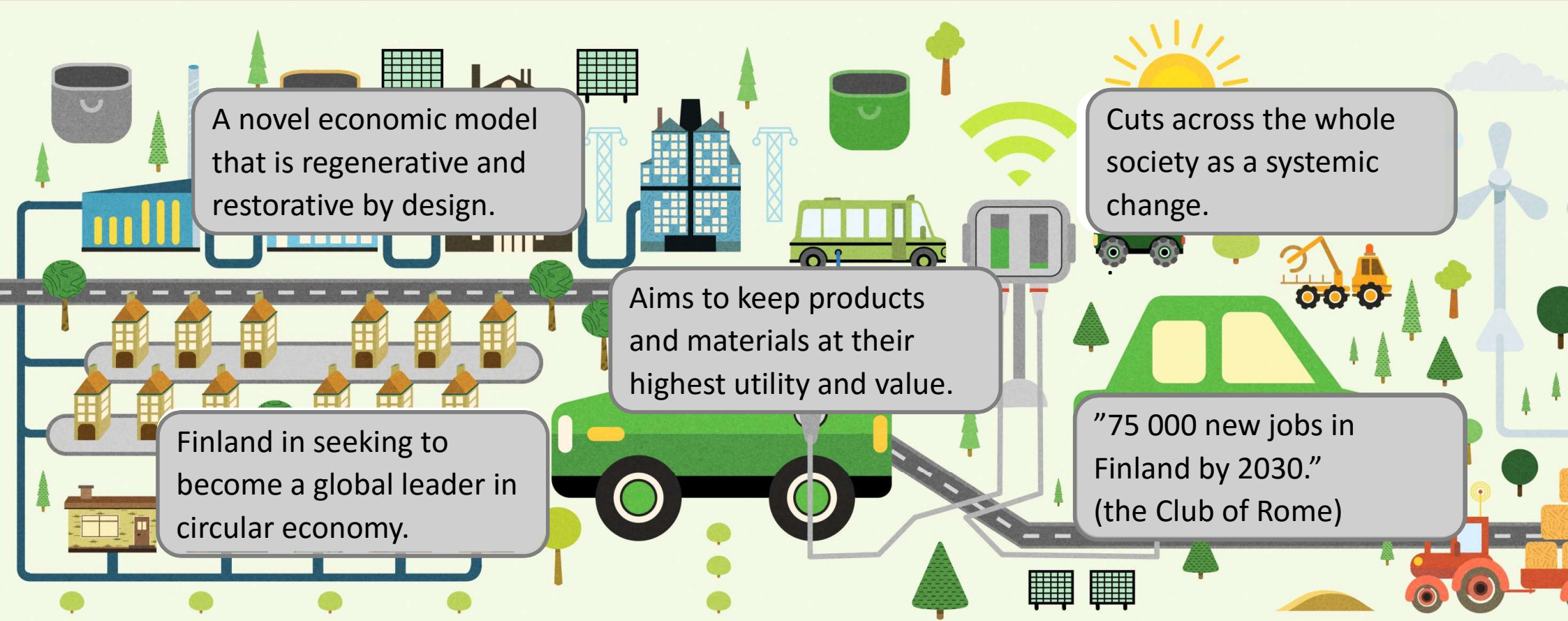


CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND RESOURCE WISDOM in Southwest Finland



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Circular economy

An infographic illustrating the circular economy concept. It features a central green car being charged by a charging station. Surrounding the car are various icons representing different sectors: a factory, a city, a bus, a wind turbine, a tractor, a house, and a recycling symbol. A blue line connects these elements, symbolizing a continuous cycle. Five text boxes provide key information about the circular economy.

A novel economic model that is regenerative and restorative by design.

Cuts across the whole society as a systemic change.

Aims to keep products and materials at their highest utility and value.

Finland is seeking to become a global leader in circular economy.

"75 000 new jobs in Finland by 2030."
(the Club of Rome)

A regional perspective

- The potential growth is linked into local and regional strenghts and conditions
- The solutions strenghten the economy and self-sufficiency of the region
- Added value is found when the side streams are being utilized within a near distance
- Bolstering the attractiveness of the region and its cities
- Though the great success stories happen in the global arenas, the stepping stones should be close. In order to create strong products for export, domestic references are needed.

→ **Local potentials (natural resources, services, knowhow, material flows) need to be identified in order to reach economic growth in circular economy.**



Why?

Circular economy can not be
achieved without true
cooperation.

You can not succeed on your
own!



Southwest Finland

- The region is on the path to becoming carbon neutral
- The City of Turku aims to be carbon neutral by 2040
- An ongoing energy transition
- The positive restructuring in the region
- Smart mobility
- Strong clusters: Life Science and maritime technologies



Focus areas

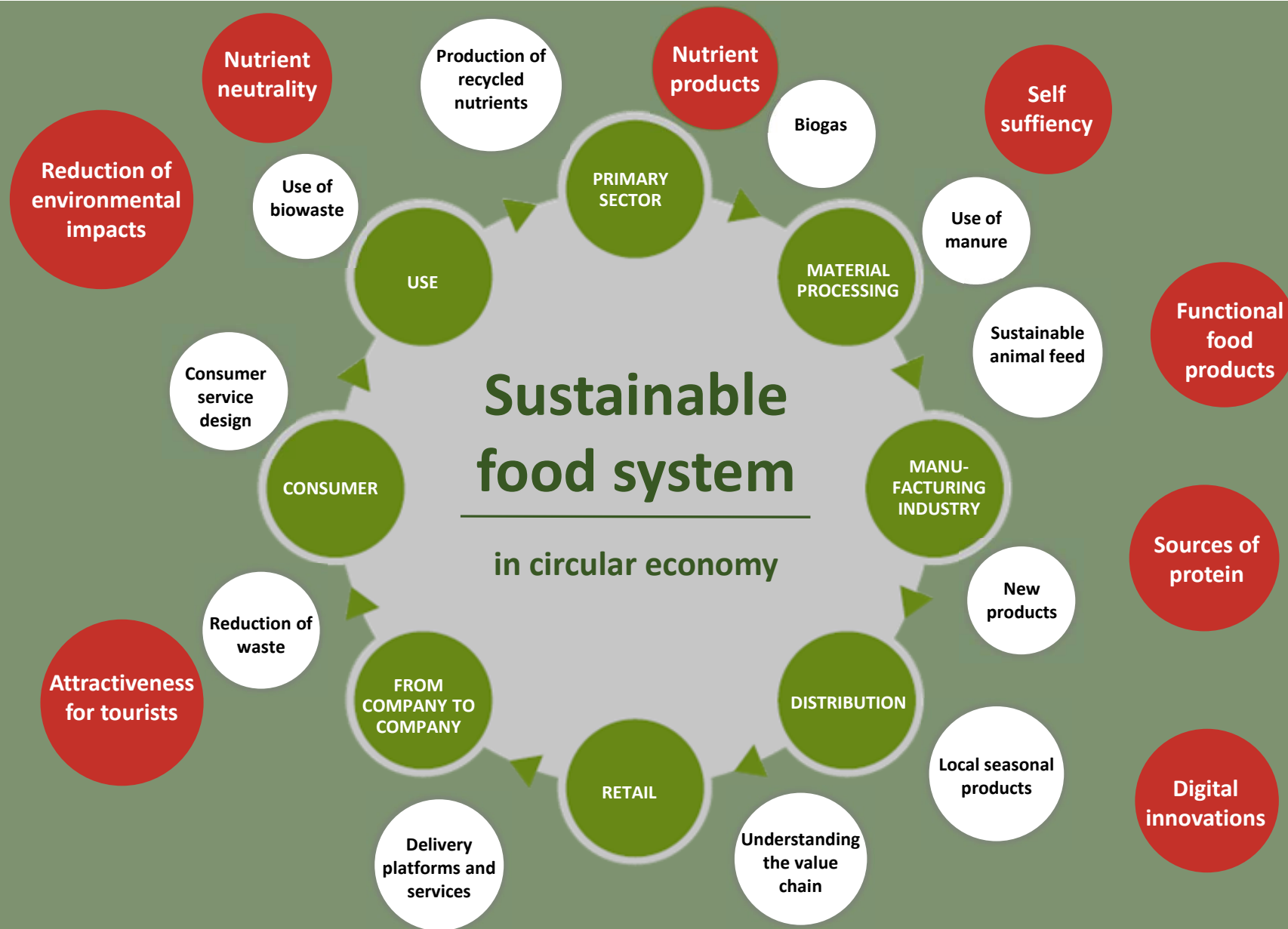


1. SUSTAINABLE FOOD
SYSTEM

2. TECHNICAL
LOOPS

3. TRANSPORT AND
LOGISTICS

4. CROSS CUTTING
THEMES
SERVICIZING
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
KNOW-HOW IN CHEMISTRY



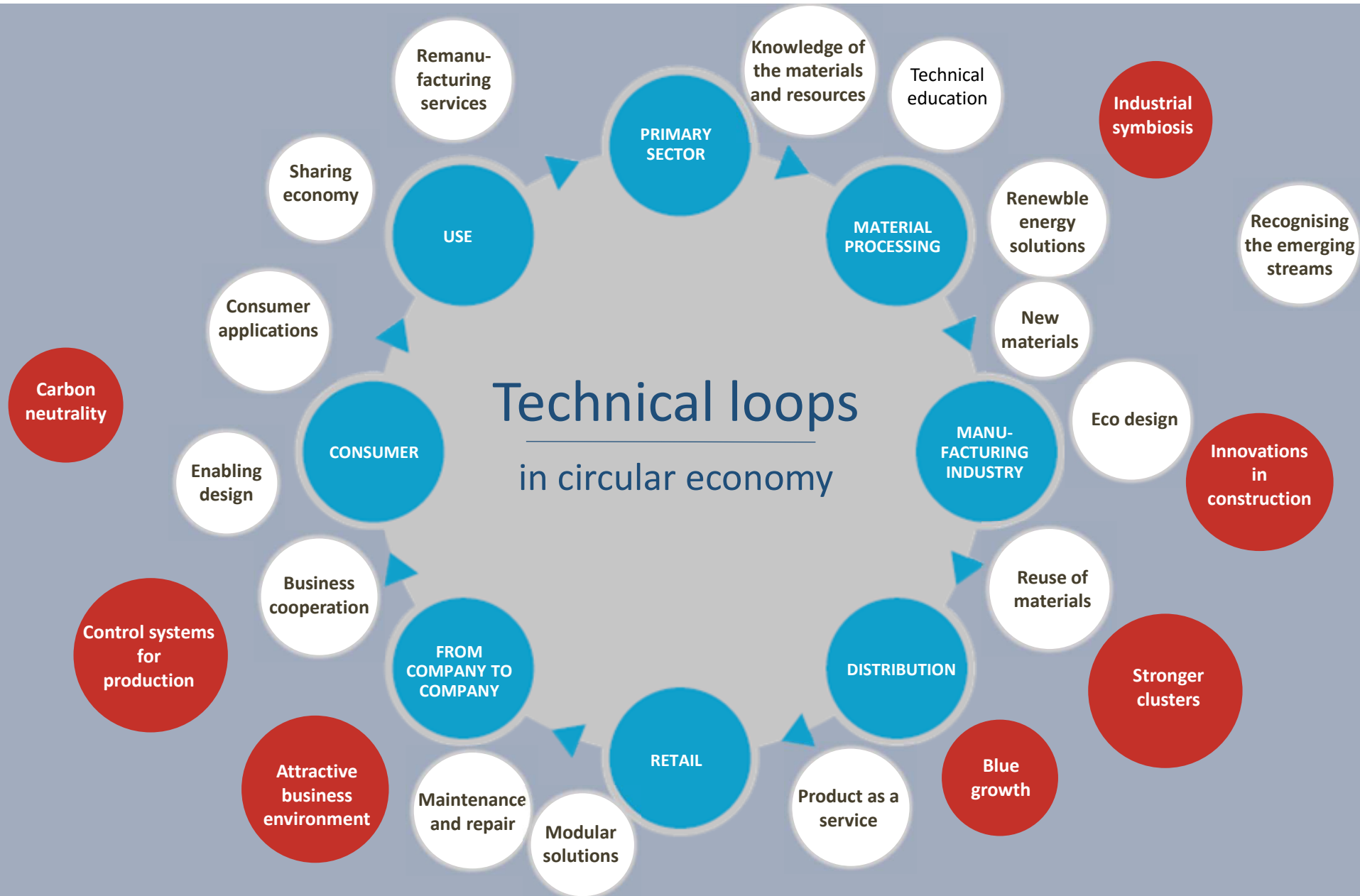
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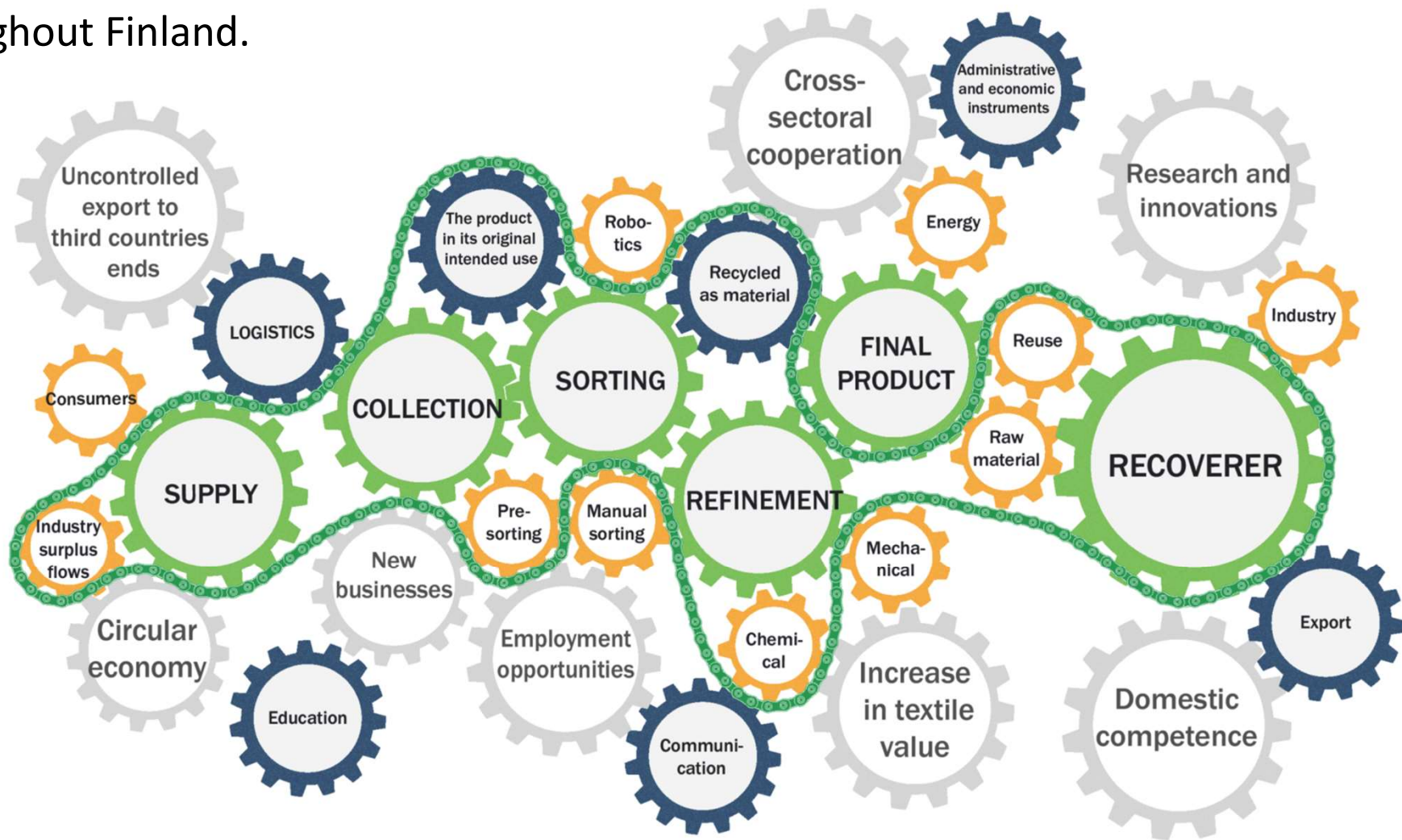
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Technical loops in circular economy

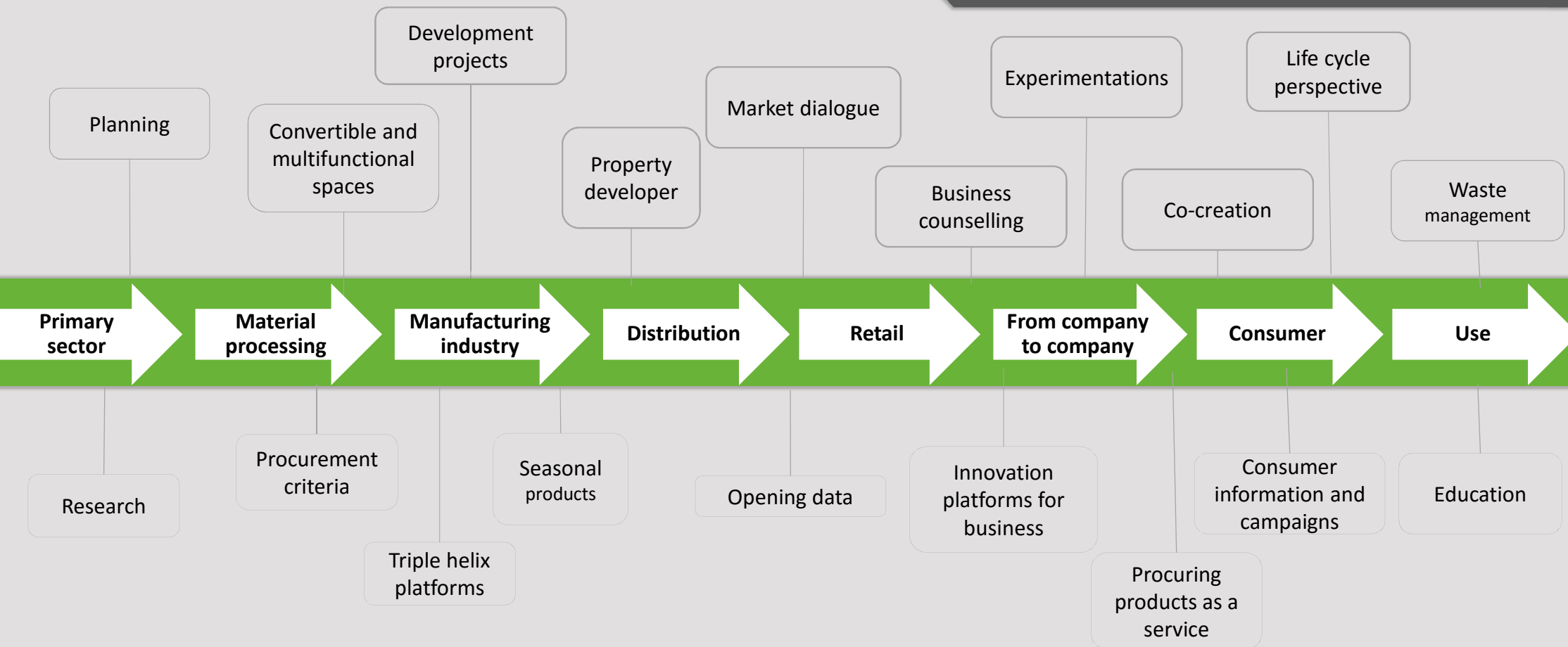


Telaketju is building a post-consumer textile collection and reuse system that extends throughout Finland.



Public sector as an enabler in circular economy

"The **positive and enabling image** of the area created by public actors and acquisitions creates an attractive and interesting platform for developing enterprises to try their new solutions."

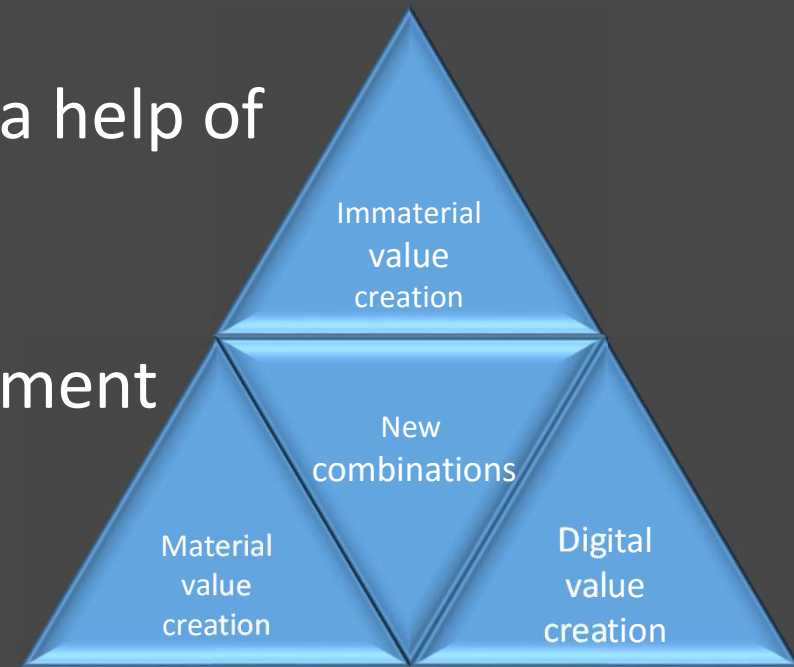


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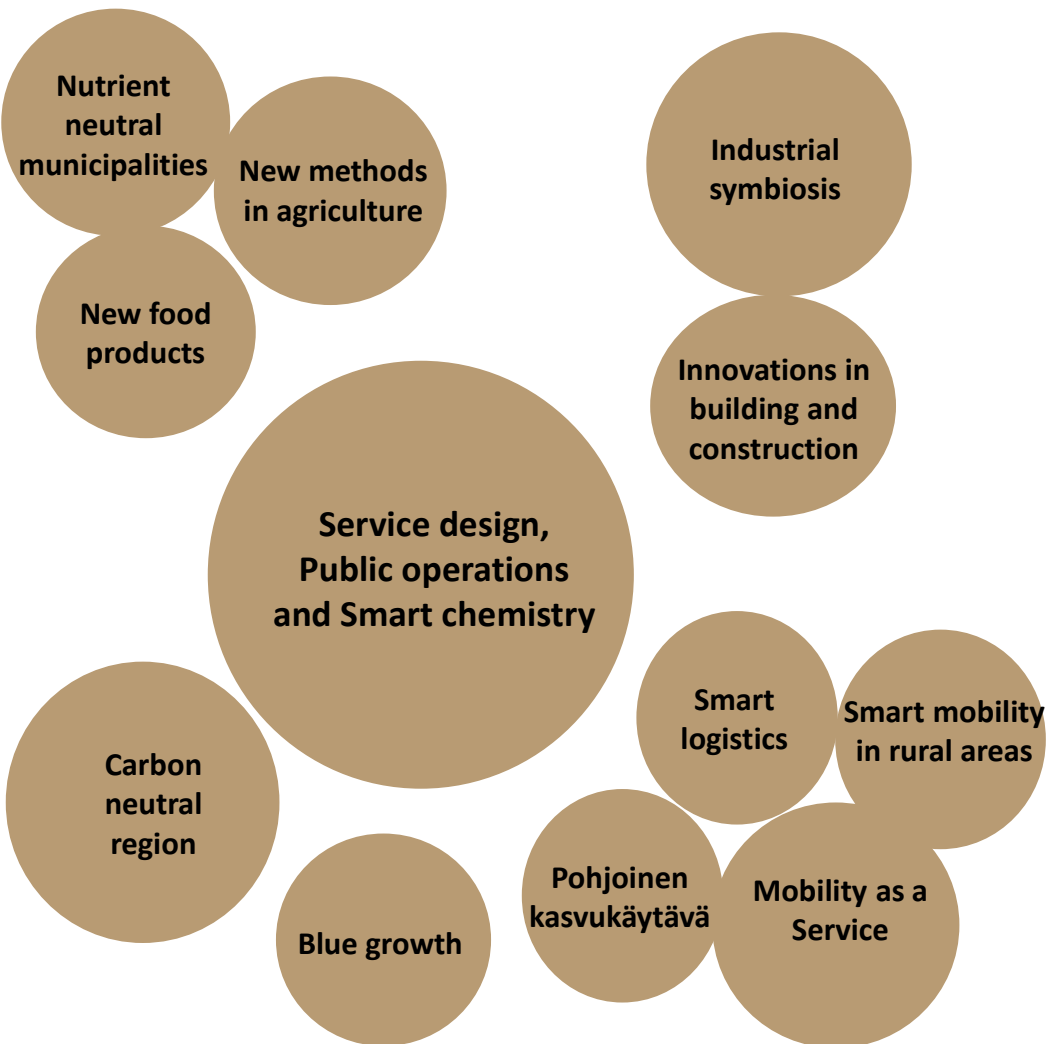
Sixth-wave Business Accelerator

The aiming point of Bastu is in the future:
to search for a series of good decisions with a help of futurologists.

Target-oriented business ecosystem development



And now?



Implementation through stakeholder cooperation

- Identify gaps and bottlenecks
- Activate stakeholders
- Create new partnerships
- Seek for new projects and operations



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