

INNO2MARE: Strengthening the capacity for excellence of Slovenian and Croatian innovation ecosystems to support the digital and green transitions of maritime regions



INNO2MARE at a glance

- **Horizon Europe:** Excellence Hubs call 2022
- **Evaluation score:** 13/15
- **Number of submitted proposals:** 102
- **Number of projects to be funded:** 10
- **Funding:** EUR 5 million
- **Duration:** 4 years
- **19 project partners**
- **3 innovation ecosystems**
- **Coordinator:** University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- **Status:** Grant Agreement preparation in progress
- **Expected start date:** 1 January 2023



INNO2MARE: motivation

Finding new ways to stimulate innovations in EU maritime industries

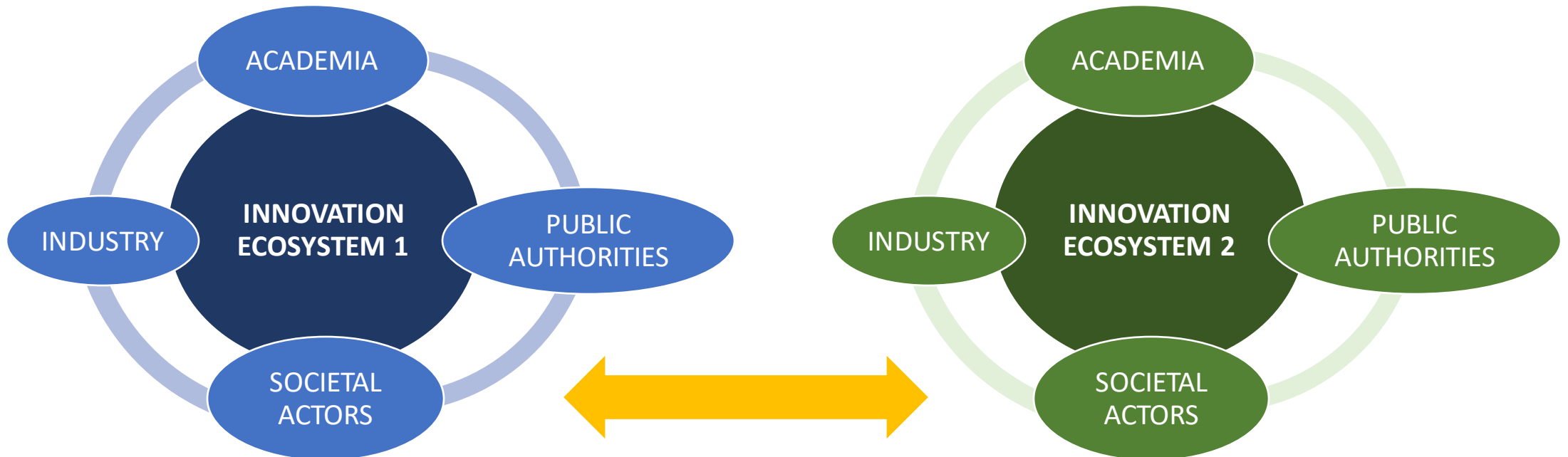
- EU maritime sector generates a €70 billion GVA and directly employs more than a million people
- fierce international competition
- challenges & opportunities related to regulation and environmental issues
- contribution to the **green and digital transition** of Europe

Strengthening the role of place-based ecosystems as EU's innovation engines

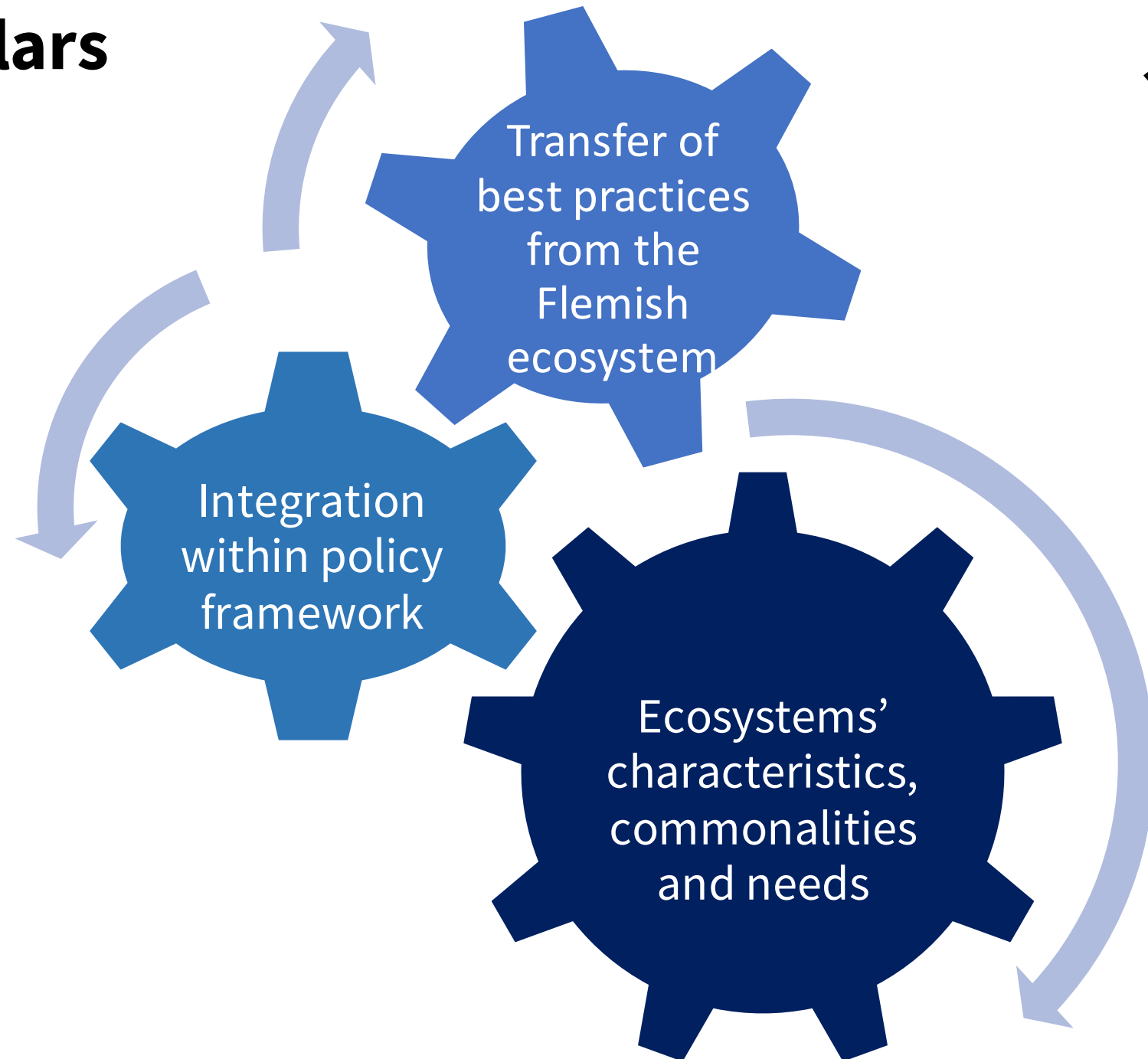
- **Western Slovenia:** a moderate innovator focused on digitalisation in manufacturing, logistics and smart cities
- **Adriatic Croatia:** an emerging innovator competitive in marine engineering
- urgent need for a strategic and coordinated approach in the governance of the two ecosystems

Why the Excellence Hubs call?

- **Focus:** cross-border collaboration of place-based innovation ecosystems in Widening territories on a common strategy
- **Expected impact:**
 - ✓ greater involvement of regional actors in R&I process
 - ✓ stronger linkages between academia and business

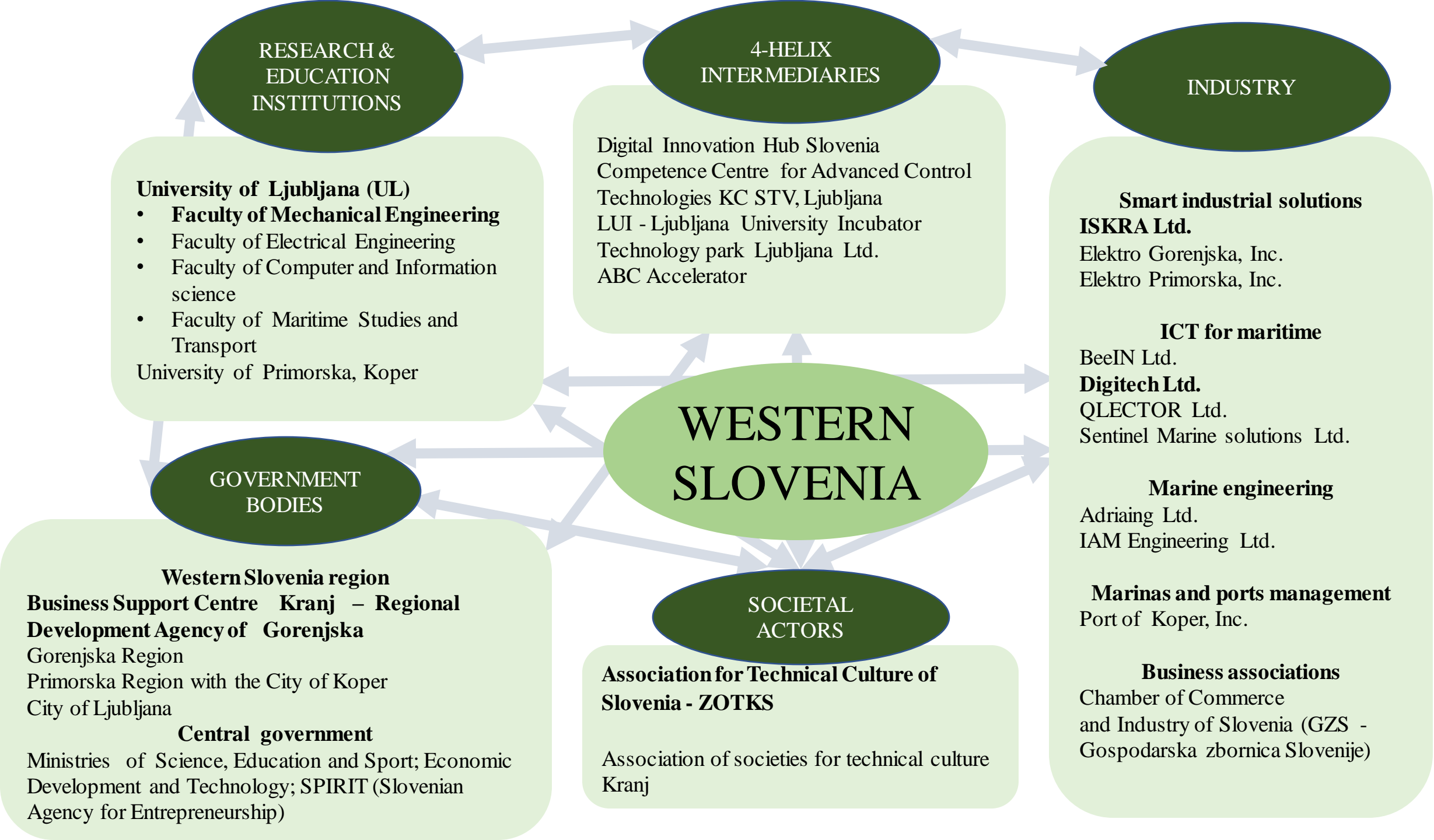


INNO2MARE pillars











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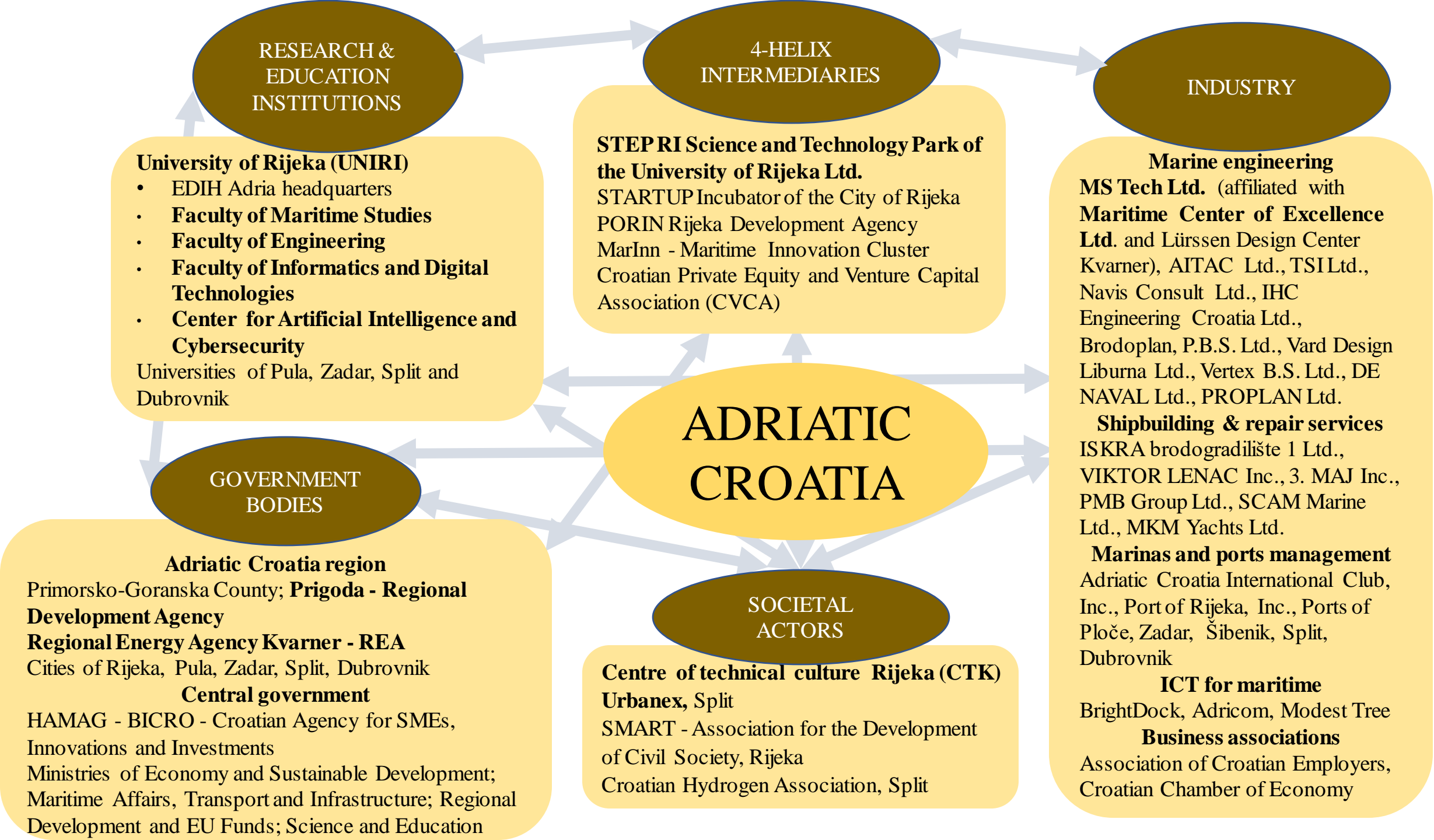
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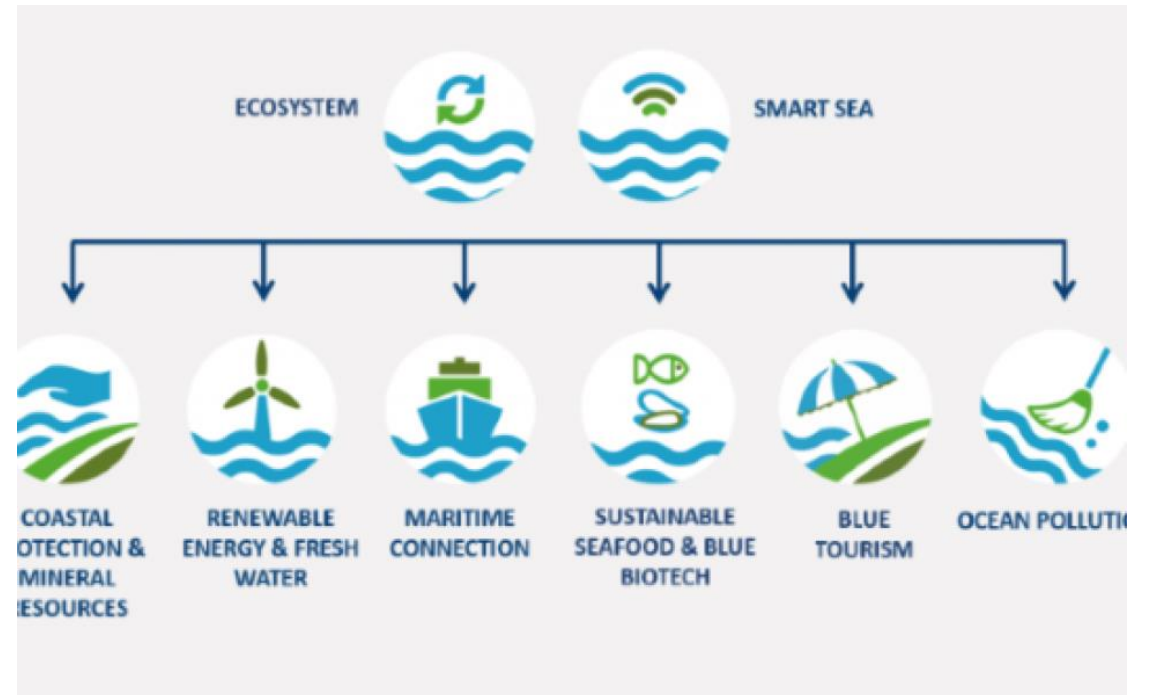




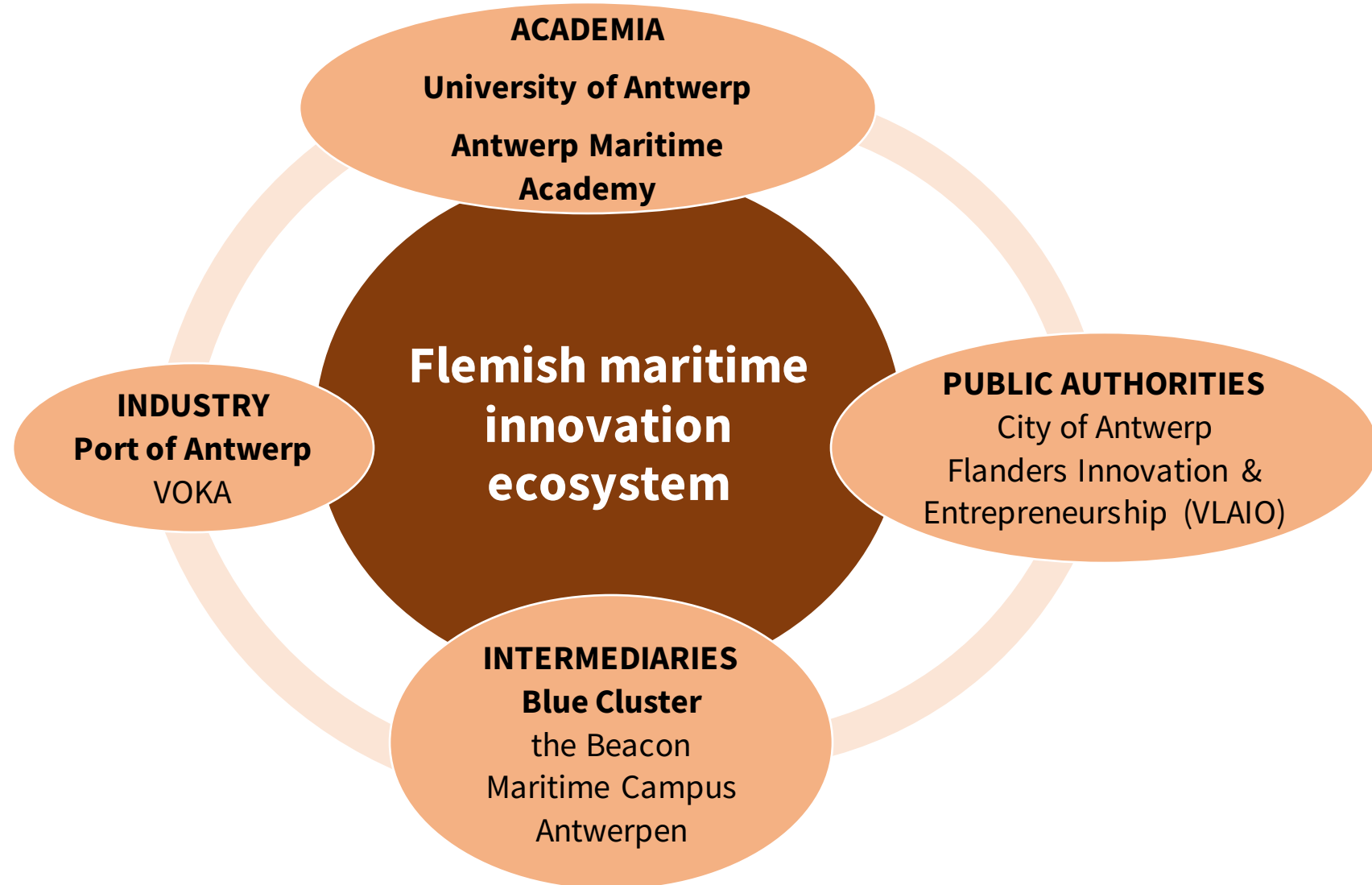




Blue Innovation Awards 2021 Winners

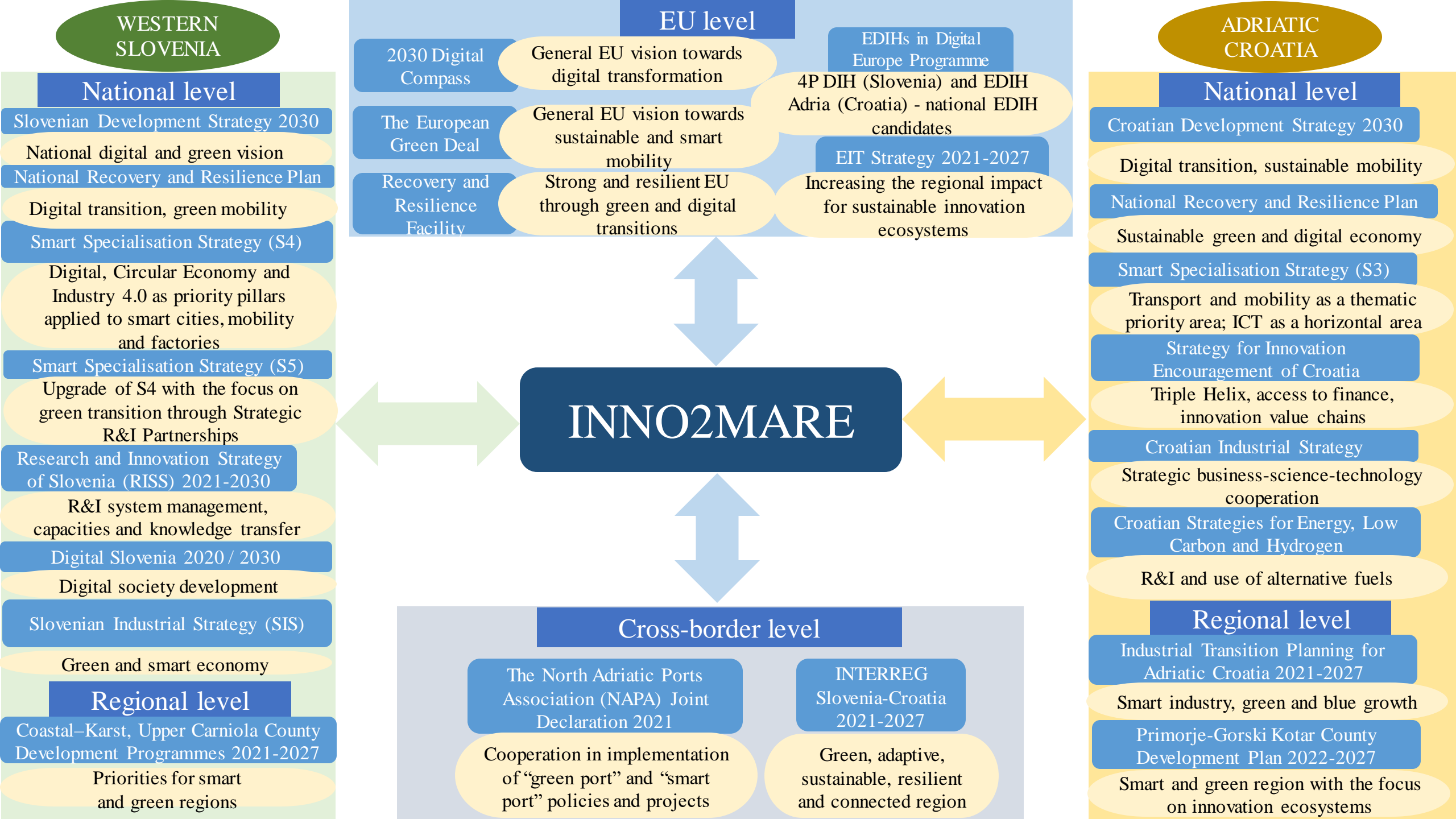


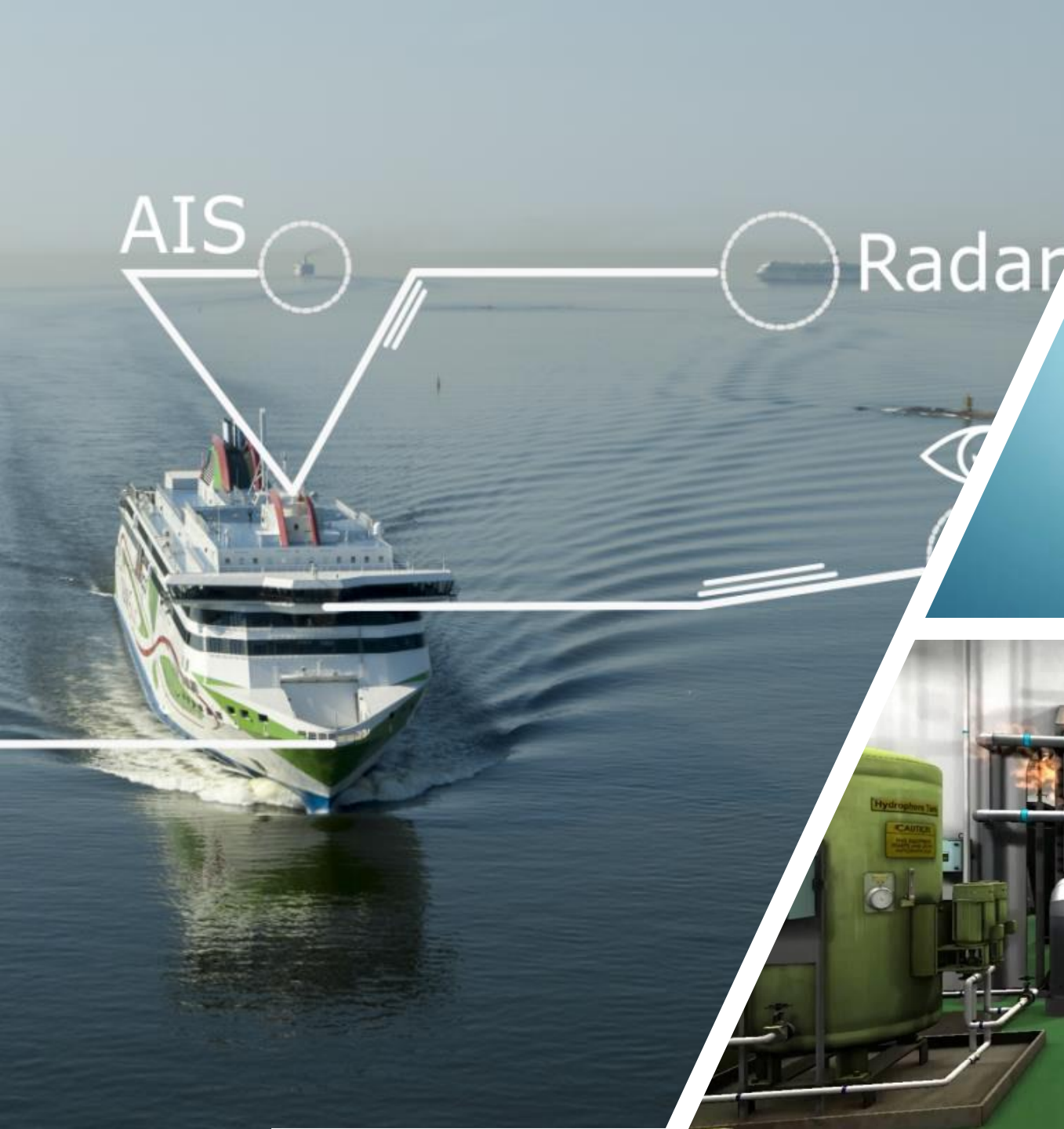
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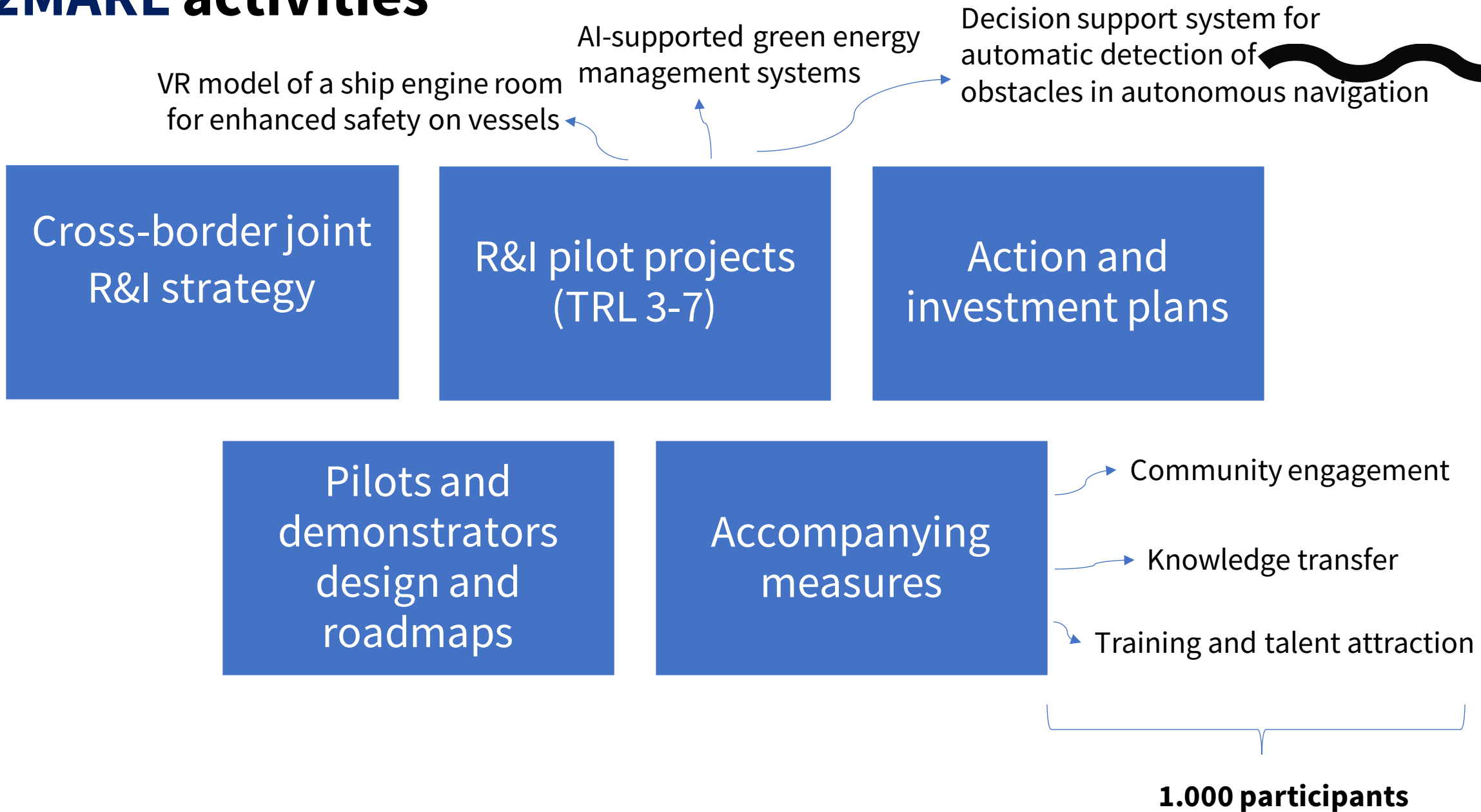
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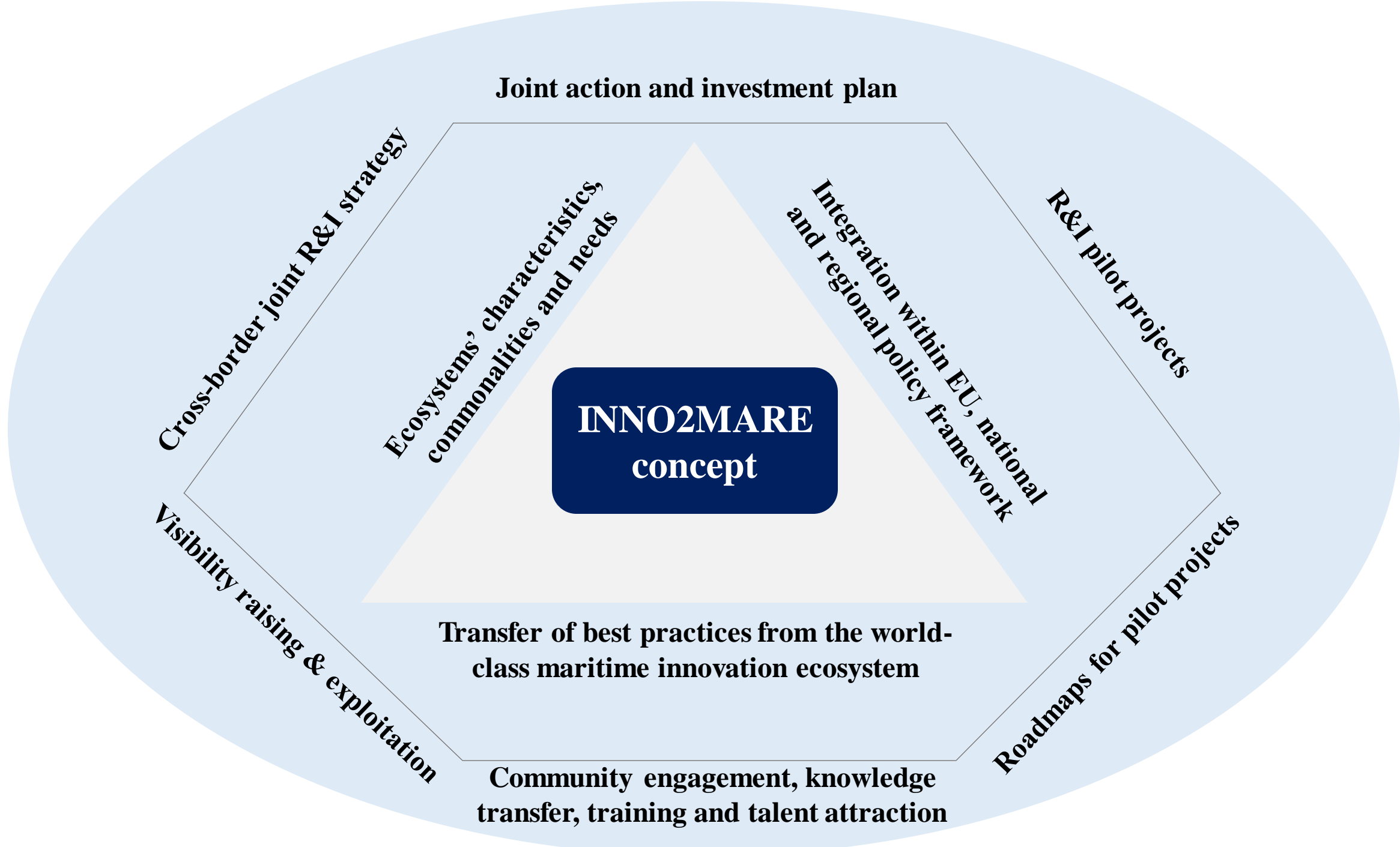
Ecosystem	Western Slovenia	Adriatic Croatia
Dimensions of analysis	Total population (2021): 1 million	Total population (2021): 1,3 million
Innovation Ecosystem orchestrator(s)	No single orchestrator is identified; University of Ljubljana (UL), ISKRA and BSC acting as important contributors	No single orchestrator is identified; University of Rijeka (UNIRI), Prigoda and MarInn Cluster-associated companies acting as important contributors
Quadruple Helix Model: level of implementation	Long tradition of university-industry-government collaboration, with government initiatives; engagement of societal actors at rudimentary level	Links between individual actors, but modest level of knowledge transfer ; systematic ecosystem governance in early stage of development
Formal and non-formal key enabling factors and initiatives	High concentration of research and higher education institutions; Ljubljana's start-up ecosystem with various co-created bottom-up and public policy initiatives; Start:up Slovenia; Strategic Research and Innovation Partnerships (SRIPs); EIT partnership	Strategic and political interest of the national and regional authorities; human capital in maritime sectors Regional innovation matchmaking platform (https://rimap.uniri.hr/), initiated by Prigoda and co-created with UNIRI and STEP RI; MarInn, the maritime innovation cluster (http://marinn.co/), initiated by Lürssen Design Center Kvarner





INNO2MARE activities





**INNO2MARE
concept**

Joint action and investment plan

**Ecosystems' characteristics,
commonalities and needs**

**Integration within EU, national
and regional policy framework**

R&I pilot projects

**Transfer of best practices from the world-
class maritime innovation ecosystem**

**Community engagement, knowledge
transfer, training and talent attraction**

Cross-border joint R&I strategy

Visibility raising & exploitation

Roadmaps for pilot projects

INNO2MARE impact

