

Implementation of Circular Economy projects under ERDF in Denmark

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Agenda

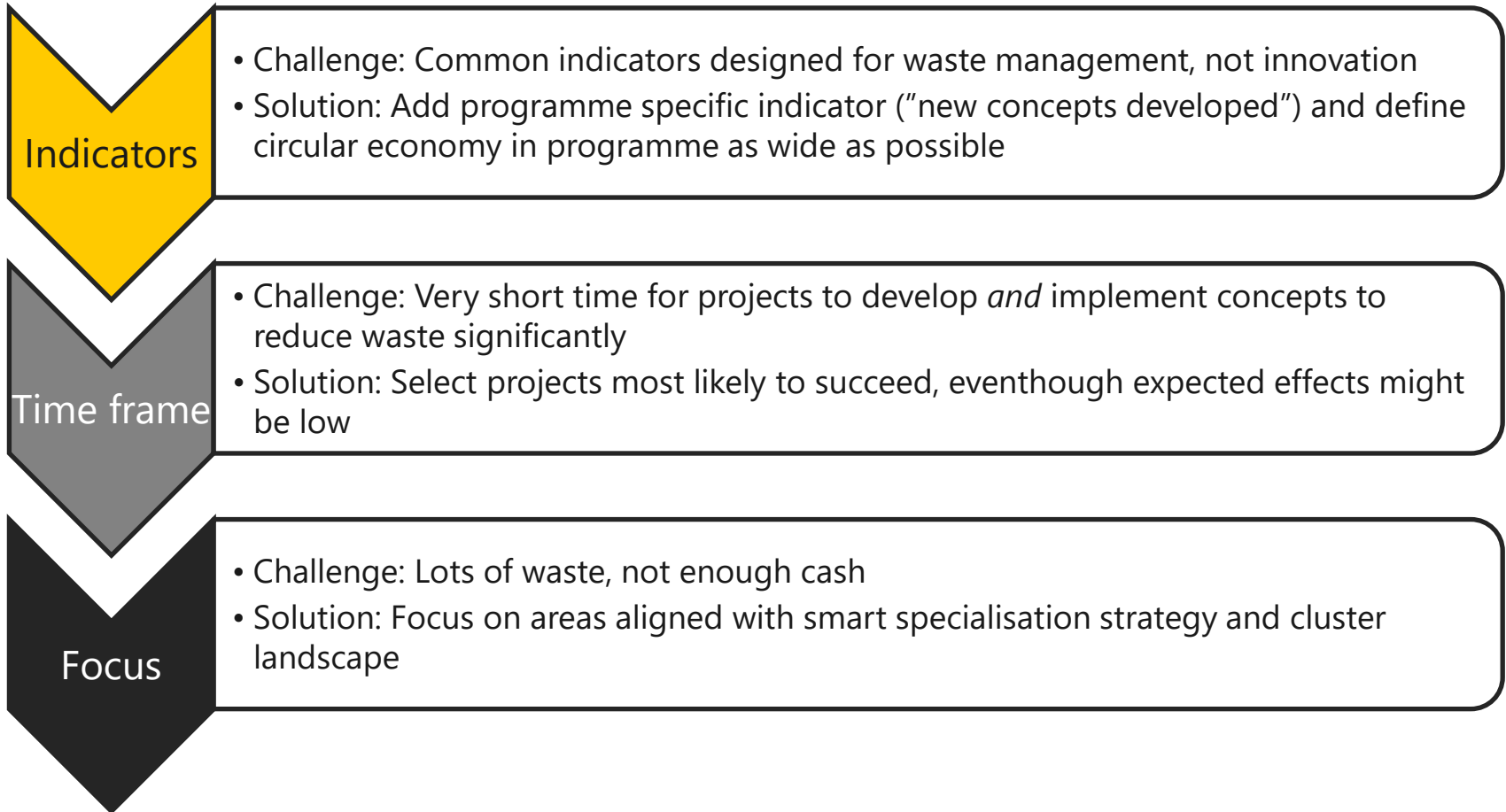
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Danish 2021–2027 Program

- €240 million for ERDF in Denmark
 - *€71 million for PO2: A Green Europe*
- Country specific recommendations:
 - *Promote innovation in SMEs*
 - *Promote green transition*
- Key learnings from 2014-2020 programming
 - *Too many projects about saving small amounts of energy*
 - *Too little focus on saving resources*
- Political mandate (Danish government) for supporting circular economy

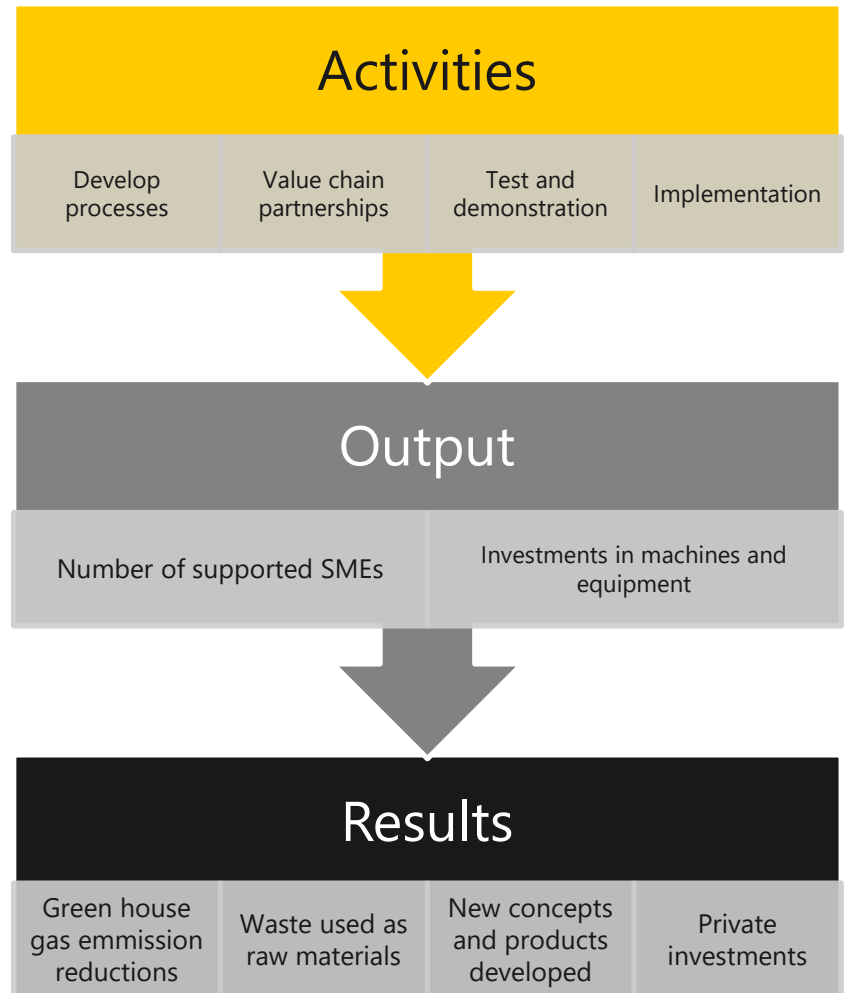


Challenges in programming



ERDF Priority 2: Green Transition in SMEs

- **Objective 2.vi:** To promote the transition to a circular and resource-efficient economy
- **Main target groups:** SMEs and entrepreneurs
- **Types of activities**
 - Development of circular business models, partnerships, or processes
 - Test and demonstration of circular solutions
 - Knowledge about green transition and circular economy
 - Implementation and scaling



Development of call for circular projects

Why?

Support, strengthen and prepare SME's

Support the green transition

Build on former calls and projects

How?

Stakeholder meetings

Research on the needs of Danish SME's

Steering group and working group

What?

Circular value chains for SME's*

Test, demonstration and implementation

Mature enterprises from all sectors

26,1 mio. EUR.

*no one can be circular alone



Applications and projects

Before application deadline

- Guiding potential applicants
- Project ideas

After application deadline

- 12 applications
- 50,3 mio. EUR (375.756.381,28 kr.)
- Assessed through pre-defined criteria

 *2 interconnected projects were approved*

Challenges and barriers

Development of call

Regional categories/cross-regional projects

How to measure the lasting impact of the projects

The circular transition is difficult for SME's

Assessment of applications

Focus of the projects

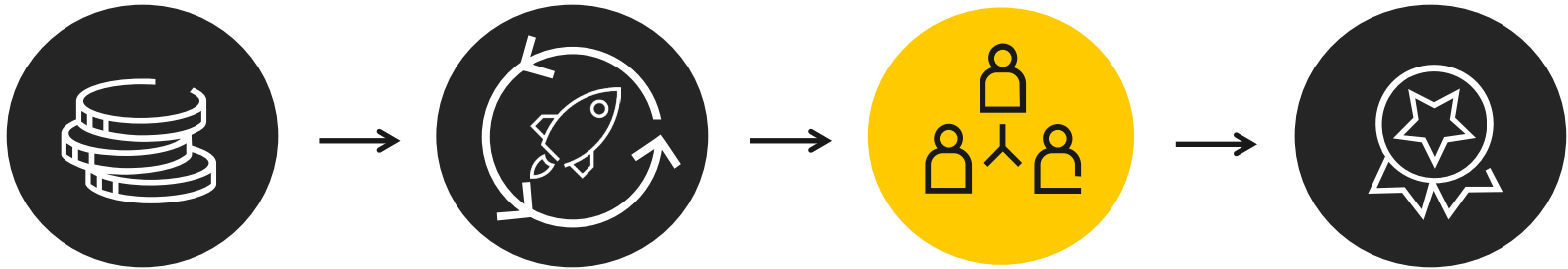
Activities and results of the projects

(Danish) Rules and regulations



Case: Closing Loops

"No company can become circular alone"



Framework

- 3-year project
- Total Budget of €42 million
- €16 million in EU co-financing
- €9 million in national co-financing

Value chain collab.

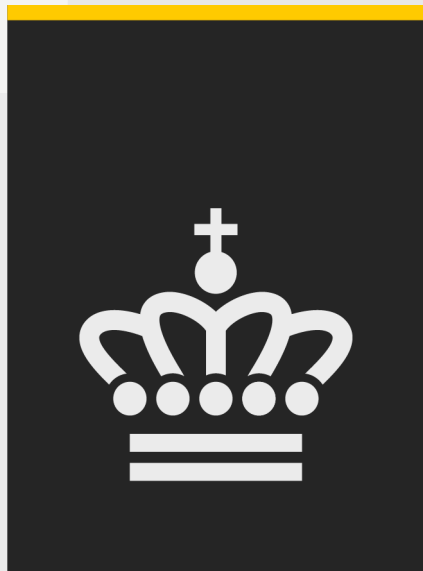
- 127 business & orgs.
- 26 predefined value chains
- Ongoing recruitment
- Across sectors and country

Broad consortium

- 4 clusters
- 5 Business Hubs
- 1 research & technology organisation
- 4 main activities

Results

- Reductions in waste
- Reductions in CO2 emissions
- New concepts
- Private investments



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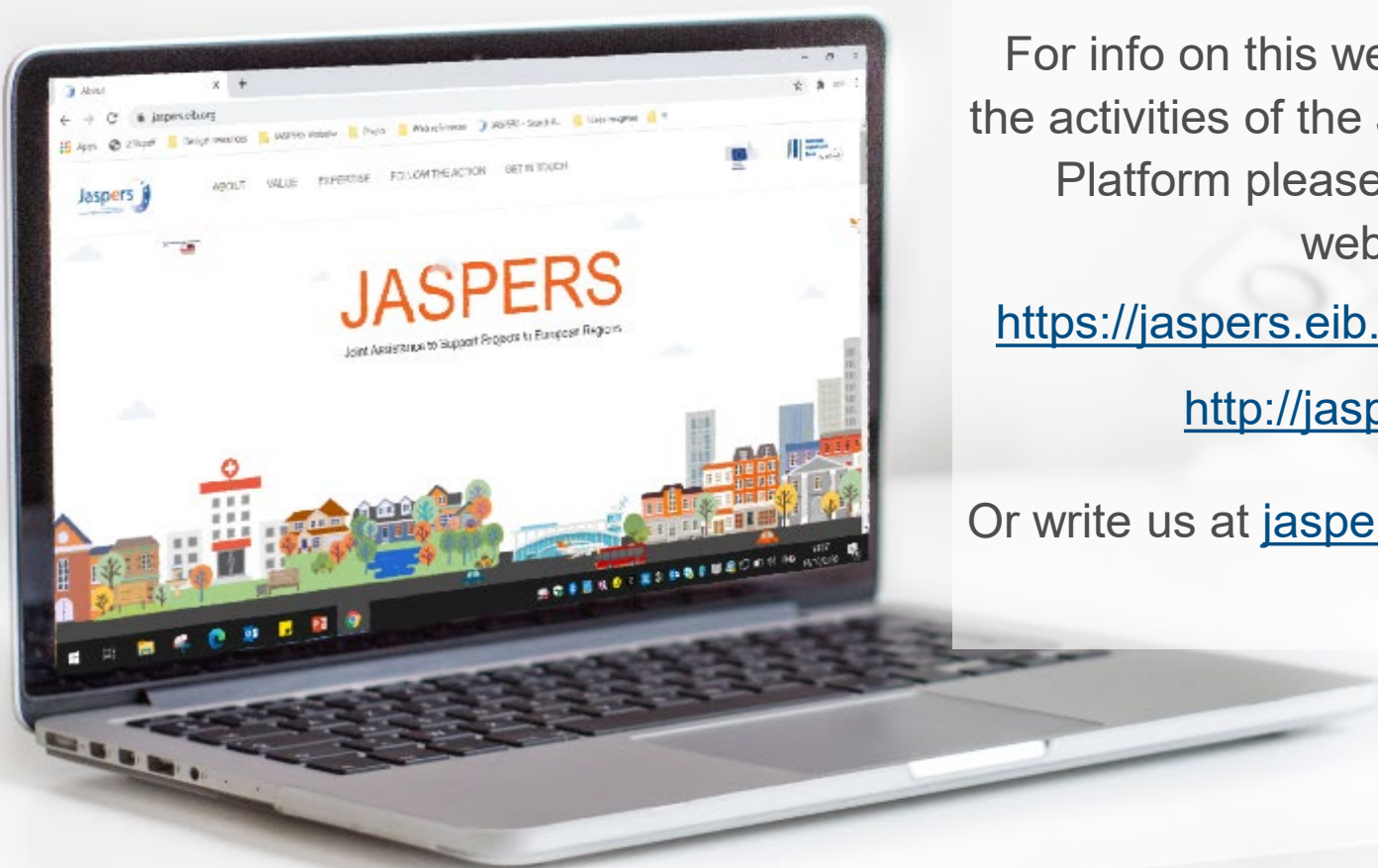
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