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# DIHNET: some early observations



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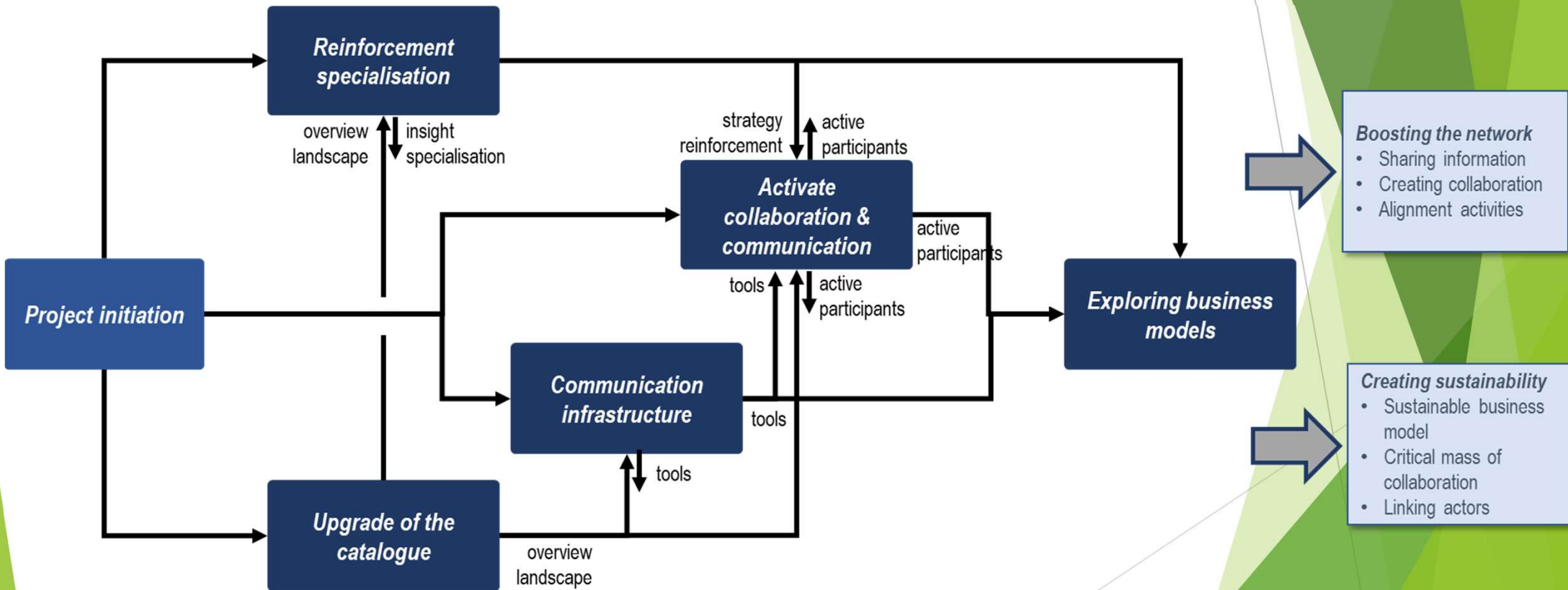


# Overall aim of the project

***“to create a sustainable European network of DIHs, by developing a set of tools and boosting the collaboration of the different DIH networks, DIHs and other key DIH stakeholders in Europe”***

A coordination role and  
source of inspiration

# Work packages show it all

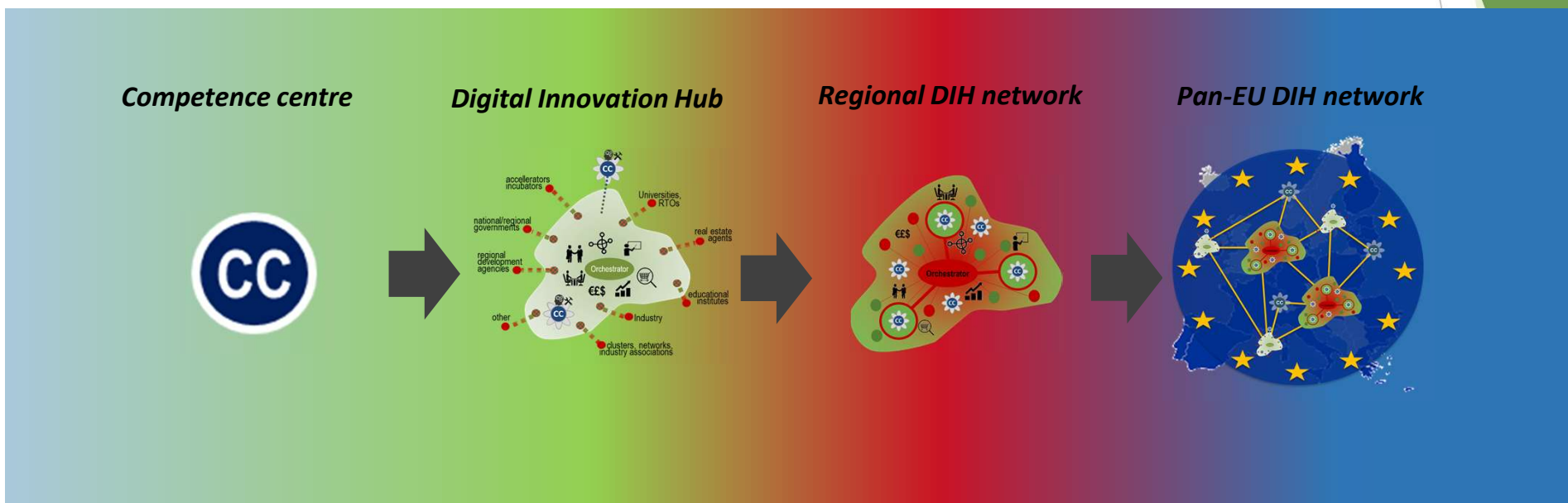


# Why is European collaboration important

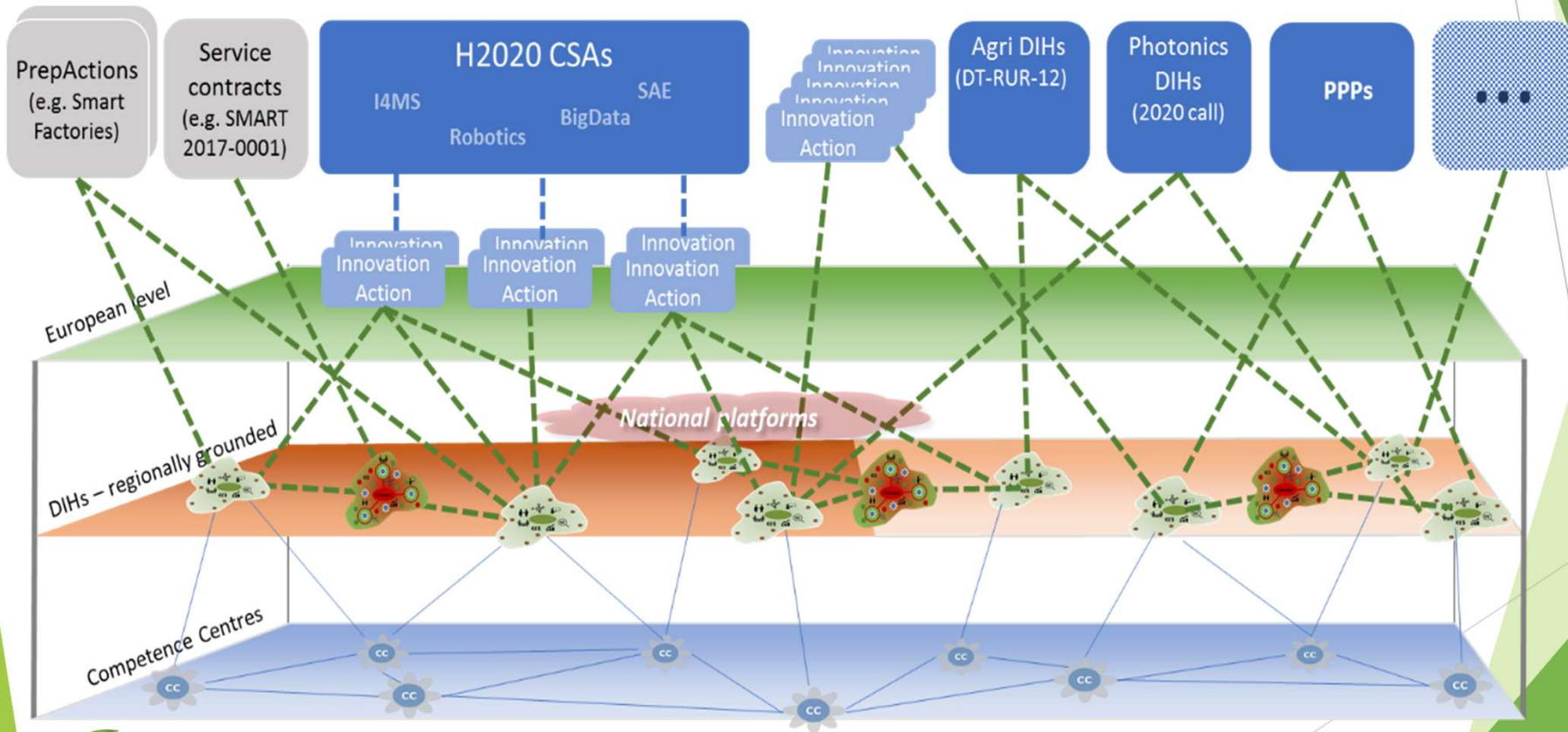
*Improving the competitiveness of the European industry  
and achieving European Leadership*

1. Collaboration in R&D&I to make **better use of existing research**;
2. Increased shared use of expertise and infrastructure, multi-partner use;
3. **Efficiency and effectiveness of translating technologies into business**, time to access
4. Improving industrial value chains to use existing **partners networks**;
5. **Exchange experience** on how to efficiently and effectively run DIHs;
6. **Alignment of national and regional funding**, reducing duplication and increasing its impact;

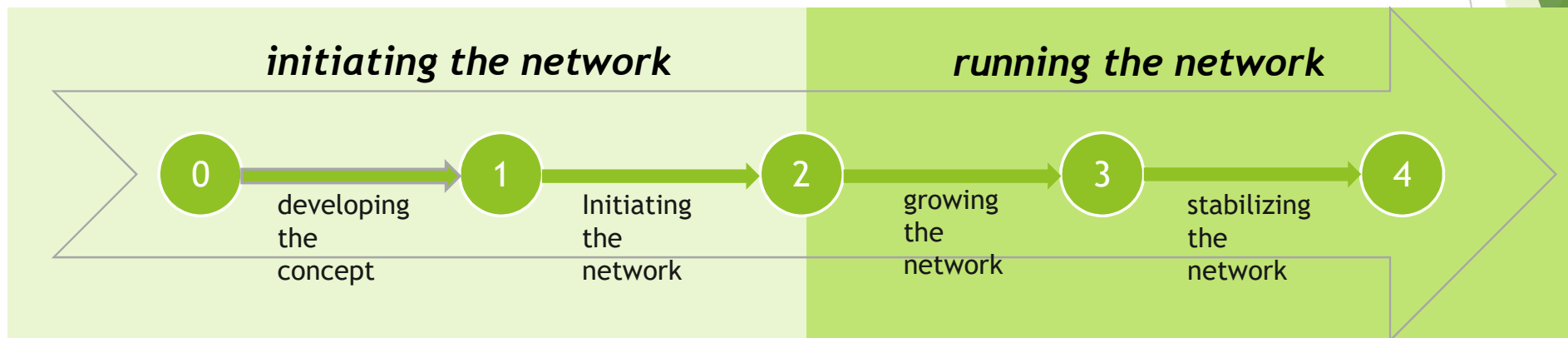
# Different animals in the European DIH network



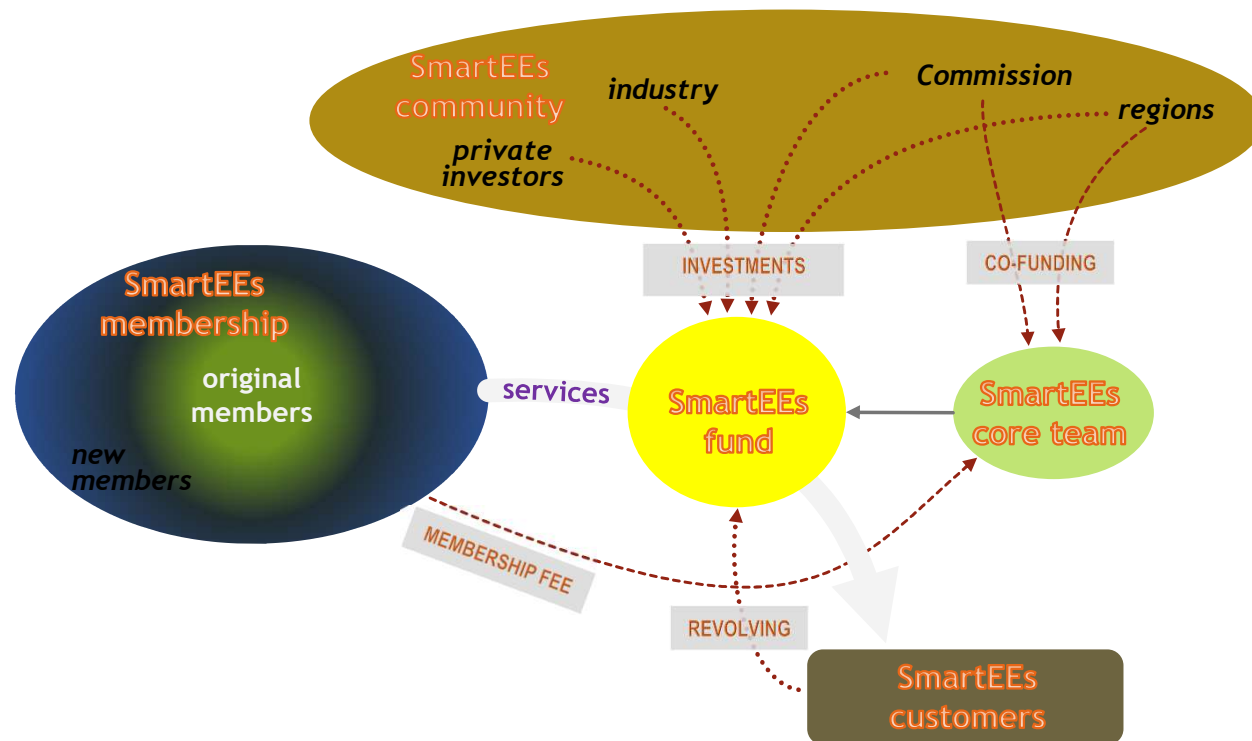
# A complex and scattered landscape, trying to become organised



# An Innovation Action as starting point

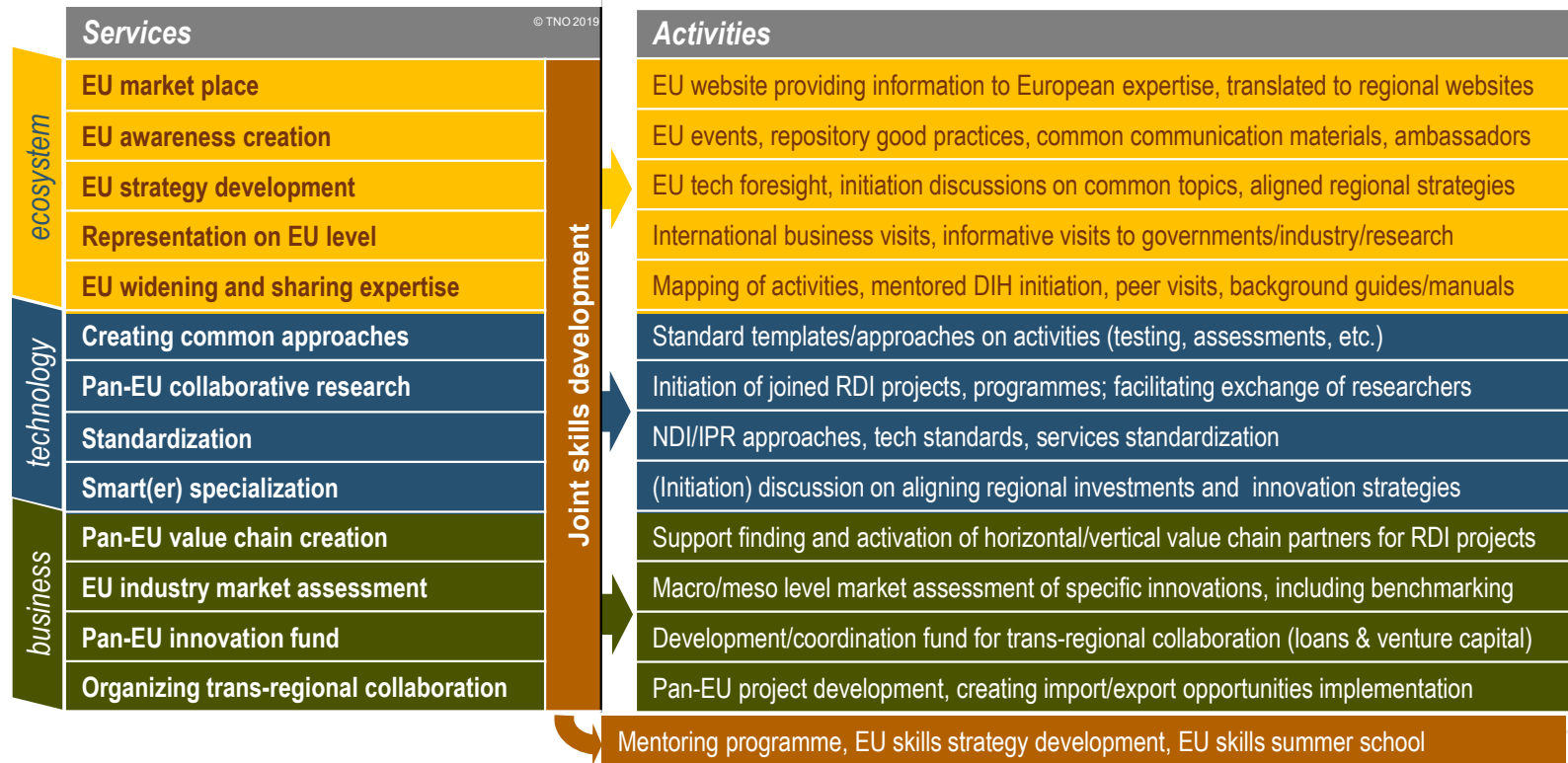


# A new approach to Innovation Actions?



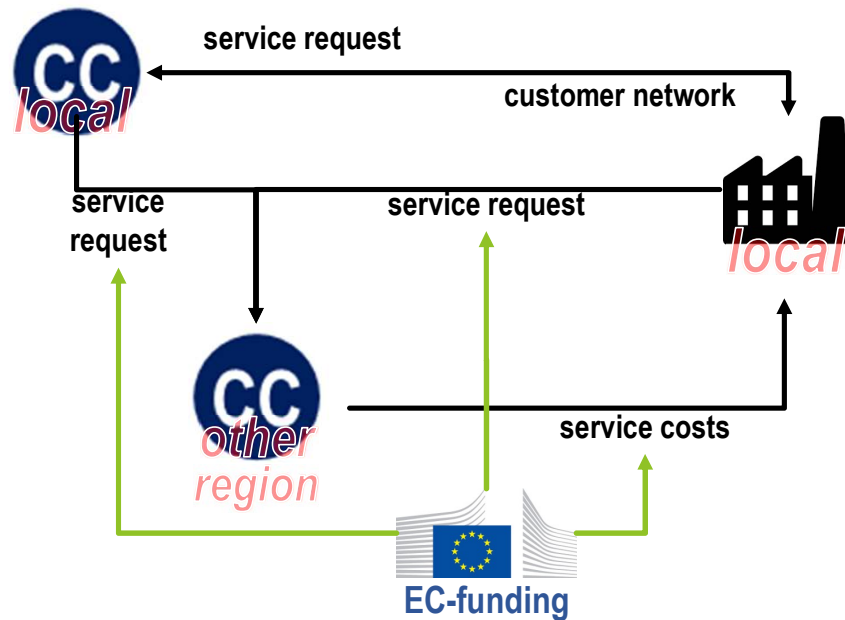


# Activities for an Innovation Action

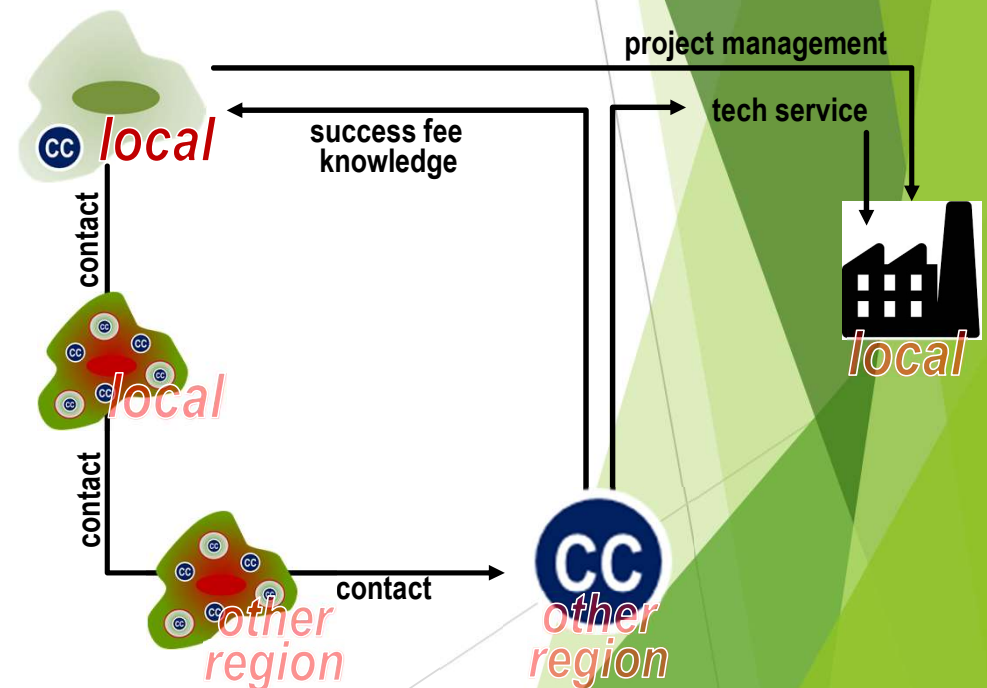


# Creating a sound business model is difficult

*Traditional business model for interregional collaboration*



*Potential new business model for interregional collaboration*



# Mapping and the catalogue

- ▶ Taken over from JRC
- ▶ Huge amount of work
- ▶ Now some 500 entities included
- ▶ Problems with definition
  
- ▶ Mapping needs to be a coordinated effort
- ▶ Using the EU DIHs? The Innovation Actions?
- ▶ Now developing a DIH maturity assessment tool
- ▶ Many mapping initiatives out there

So.....

- ▶ EU collaboration is especially good for governments
- ▶ A aligned approach between hubs, regional Member States, Innovation Actions, etc. is needed
- ▶ The EU funded IAs are just the first start
- ▶ IAs are crucial mechanisms to promote collaboration, but today its ad-hoc
- ▶ It is a complex landscape and alignment is needed

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# Thank you

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