



## Biomassa voor Energie- en Voedselzekerheid, een uitdaging voor iedereen!

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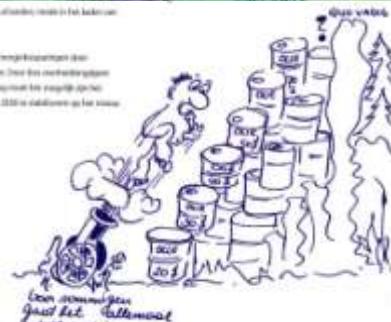


# Overview

- Drivers, challenges and opportunities
- Innovation agenda
- Support for sustainability?
  - Rational – versus – emotional
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  - Cultures and norms
- Implementation?



# Global drivers for a BBE ?

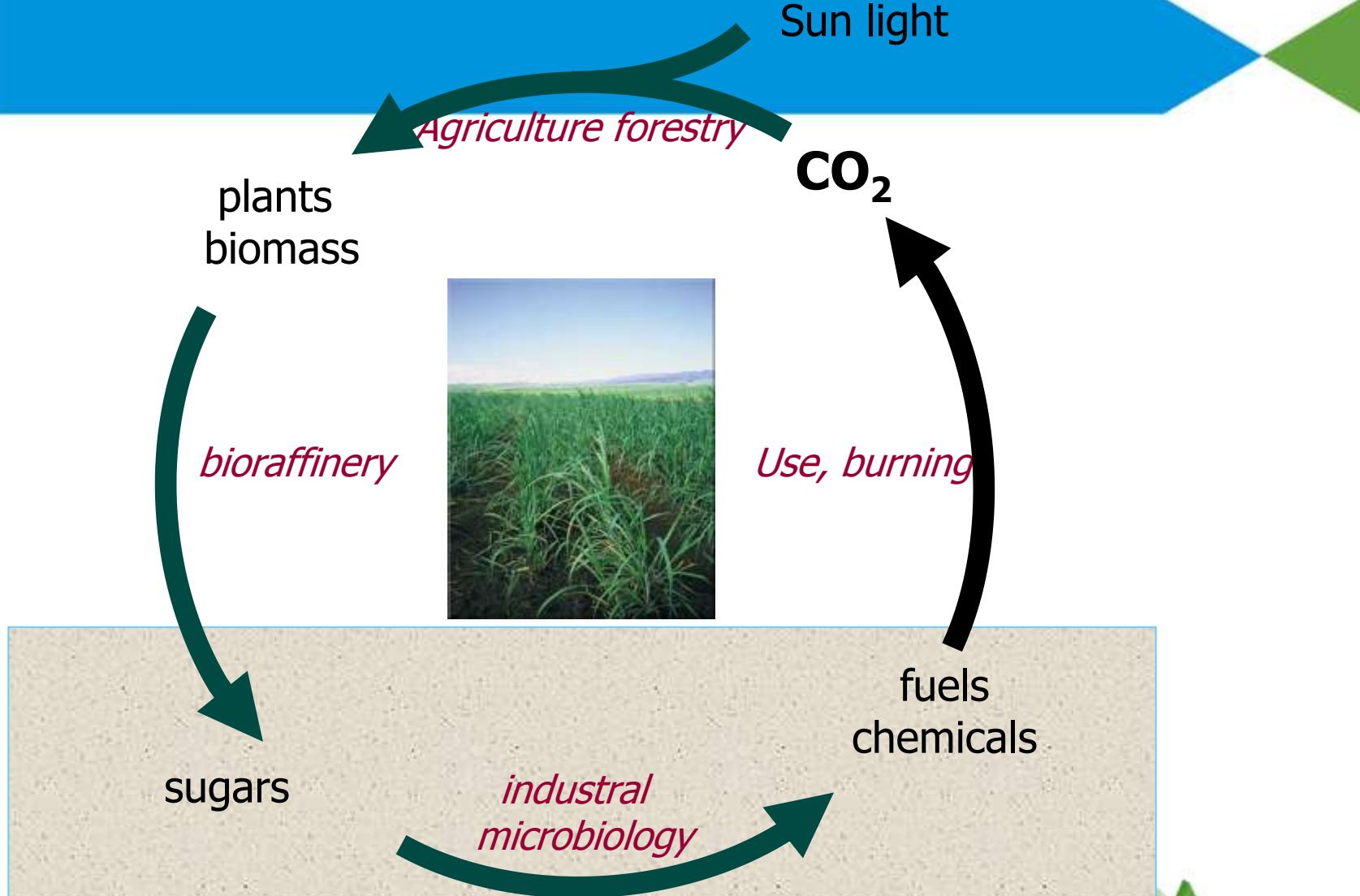


- more people with more wealth
- less **nett** GHG emission (global warming)  
and/or climate adaptation
- politics (security of oil/gas supply)
- innovation, rural income and economic development
- increasing (*and decreasing*) prices of resources
- in time\*, limited fossil reserves
- add sustainability to food chain
- add value to food chain and prevent hunger

*Pick your personal selection !*



# Industrial Biotechnology: Balans in de Carbon cycle



# Life in a Delta is ...

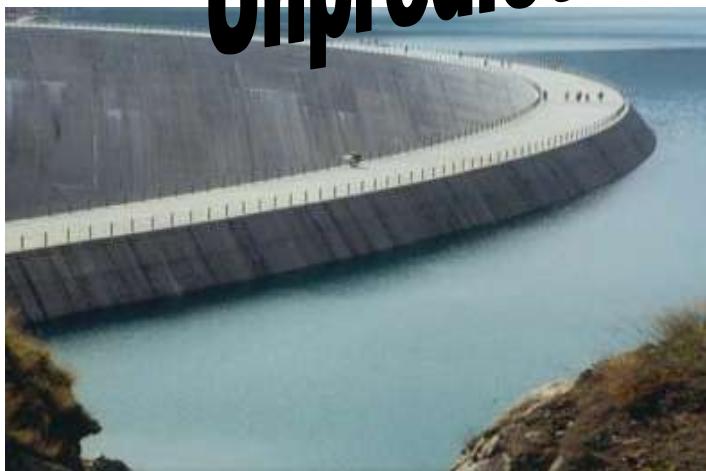
River erosion



Settlement



**Unpredictable soil behaviour**



Leaking earth dams



Dike breach

# Bioenergy: challenges

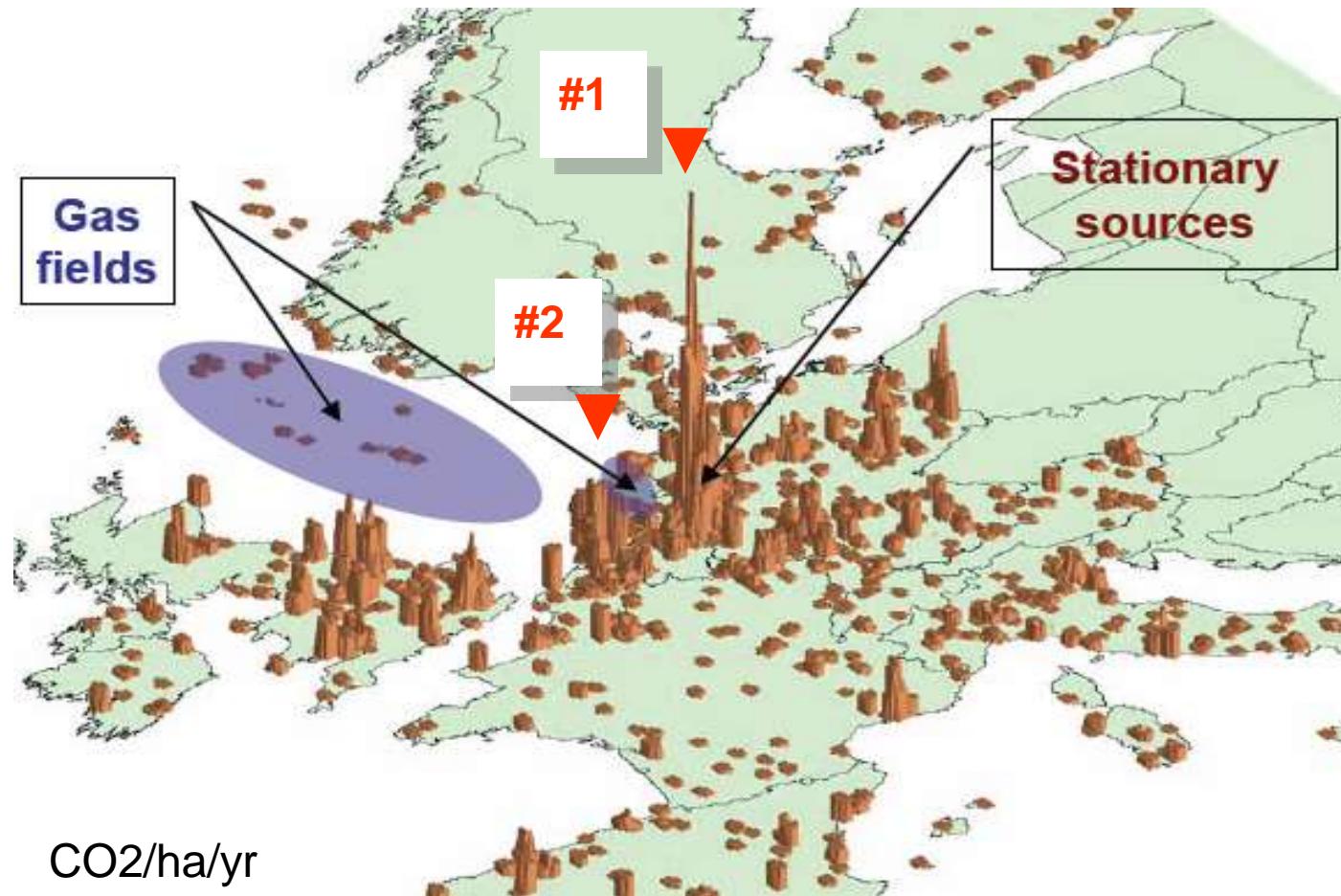
**Macro-economic studies indicate\*:**

- With current oil price biofuels not competitive (except Brazil?)
- **Shale gas and economic situation** is challenging this even further
- Depends strongly on fossil price and **bioenergy/biofuel policies**
- **Volume dependent on policies/directives**, such as subsidies for fossils and EU directive



\* Hans van Meijl, LEI-WUR

# NRW and NL are #1 and # 2 in Europe



... in CO2 production !



# Two sides of the coin in NW EU\*

GDP € 512 bn (#20 in 2010) 

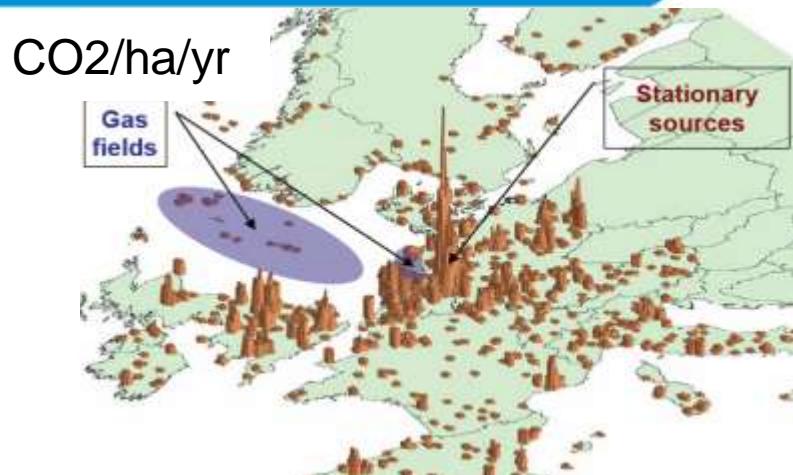
chemicals €13bn / 3% of GDP

**€47bn sales** / 20% export

energy **€30bn sales**

imports 150 MT oil/ gas / 30% EU

emissions 224 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr



GDP € 2500 (#5)  543 bn (#19) 

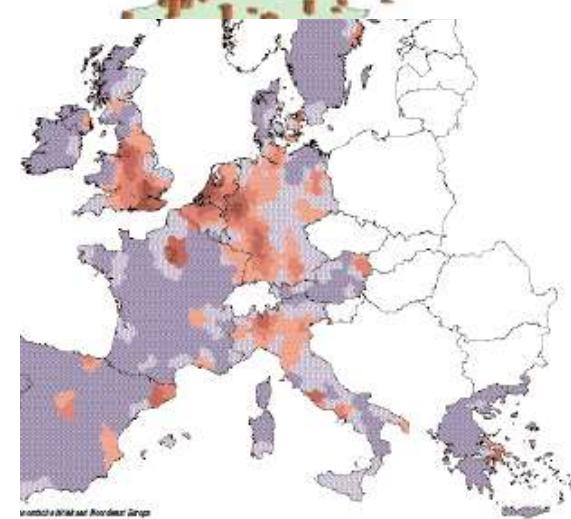
chemicals €46bn / 8% of NRW GDP

**€145bn sales** / 20% export

energy **€33bn** of GDP

chemical €109bn exports / €87bn imports (12%)

emissions 827 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr

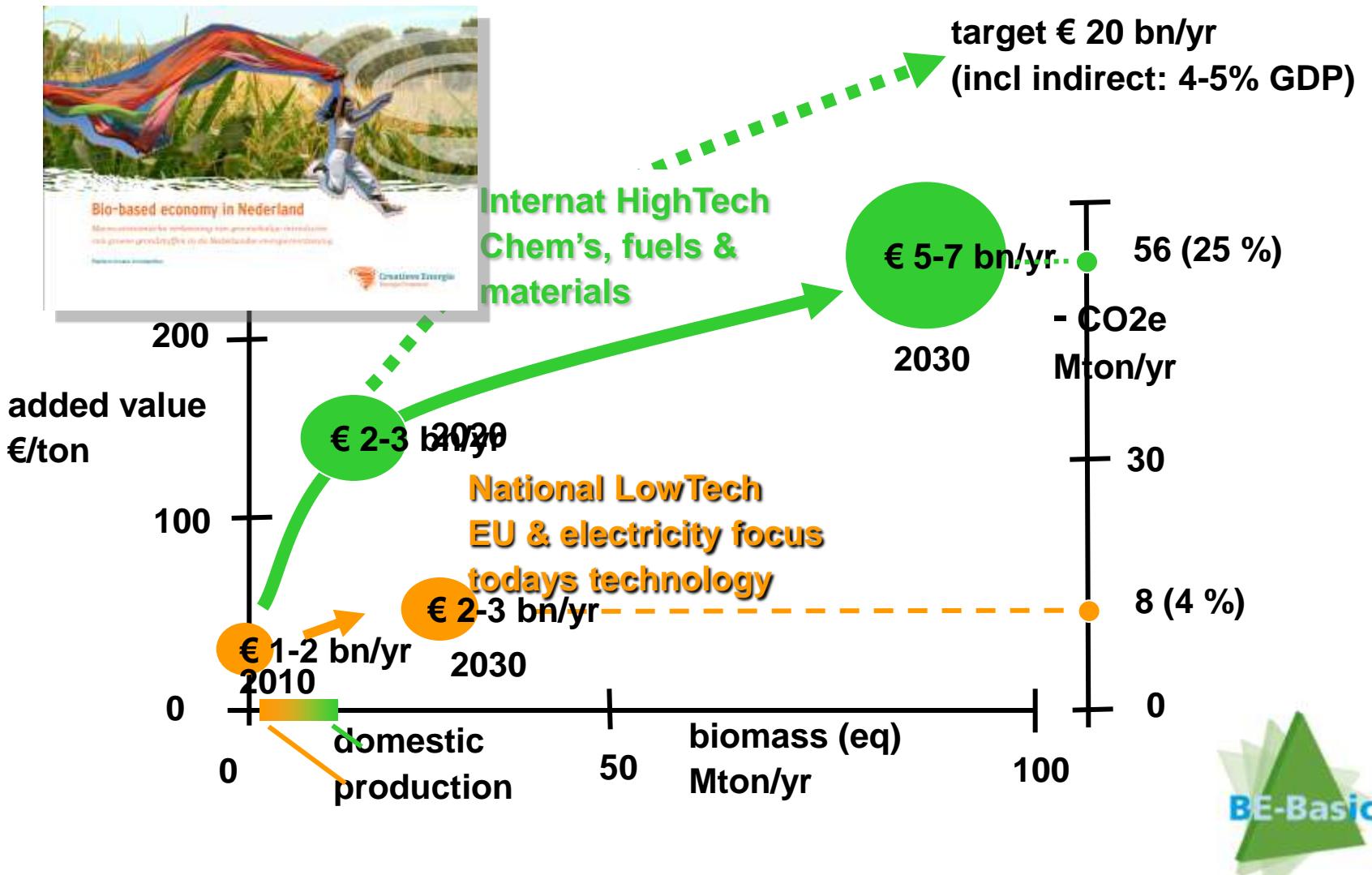


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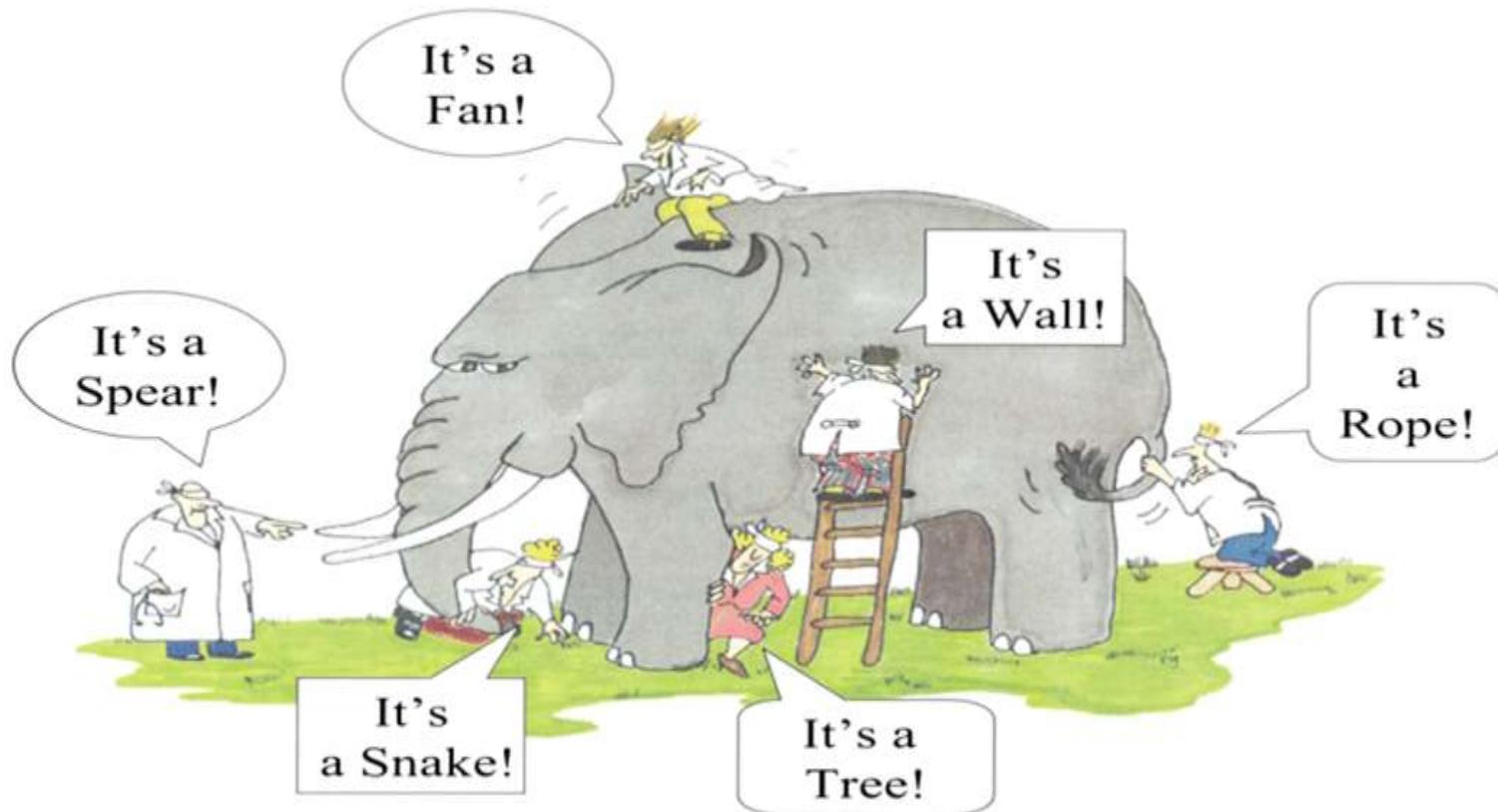
Rhine corridor



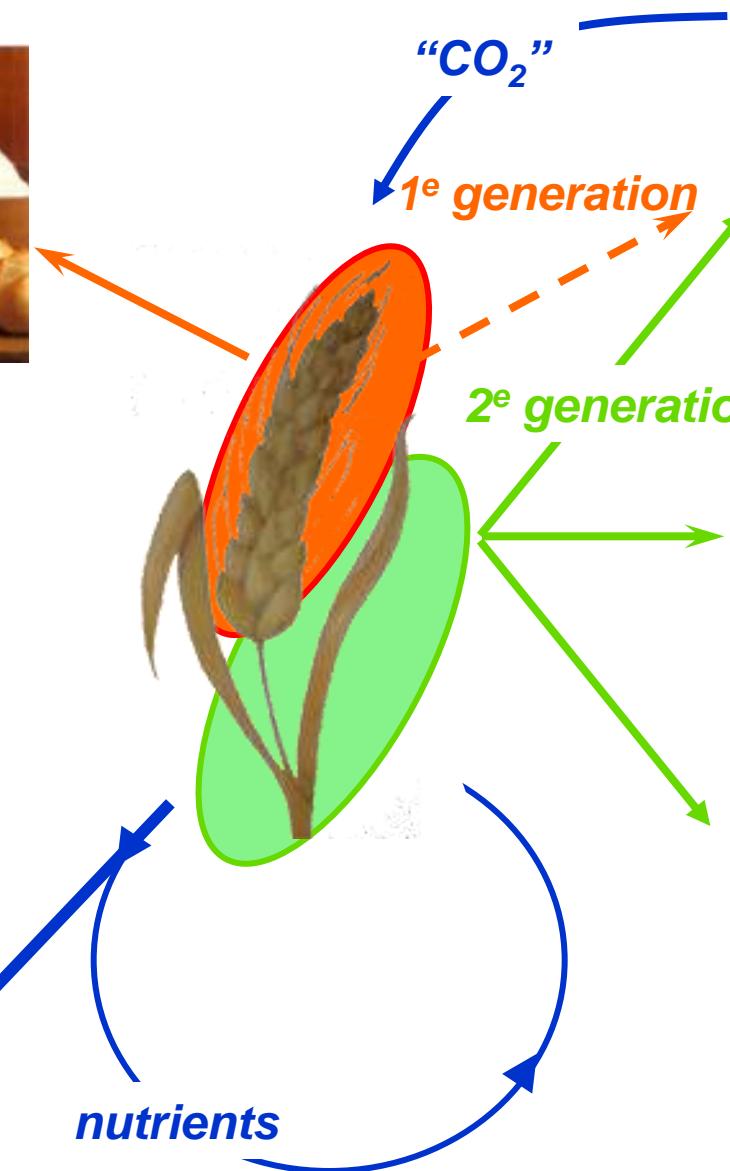
# Technology roadmap and (direct) economic impact ('08)



# Bioeconomy



# BBE : full economic bio-**MASS**-utilisation



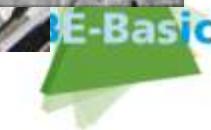
**biofuels**



**bioplastics**

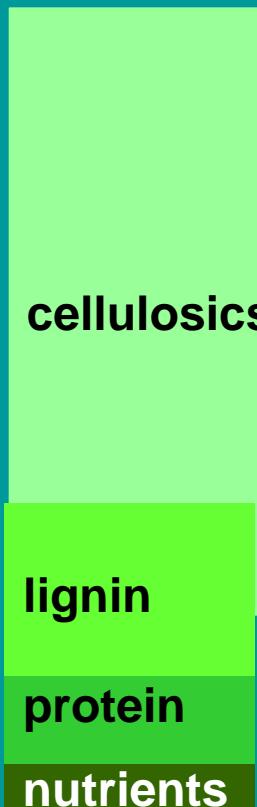


**biobricks**

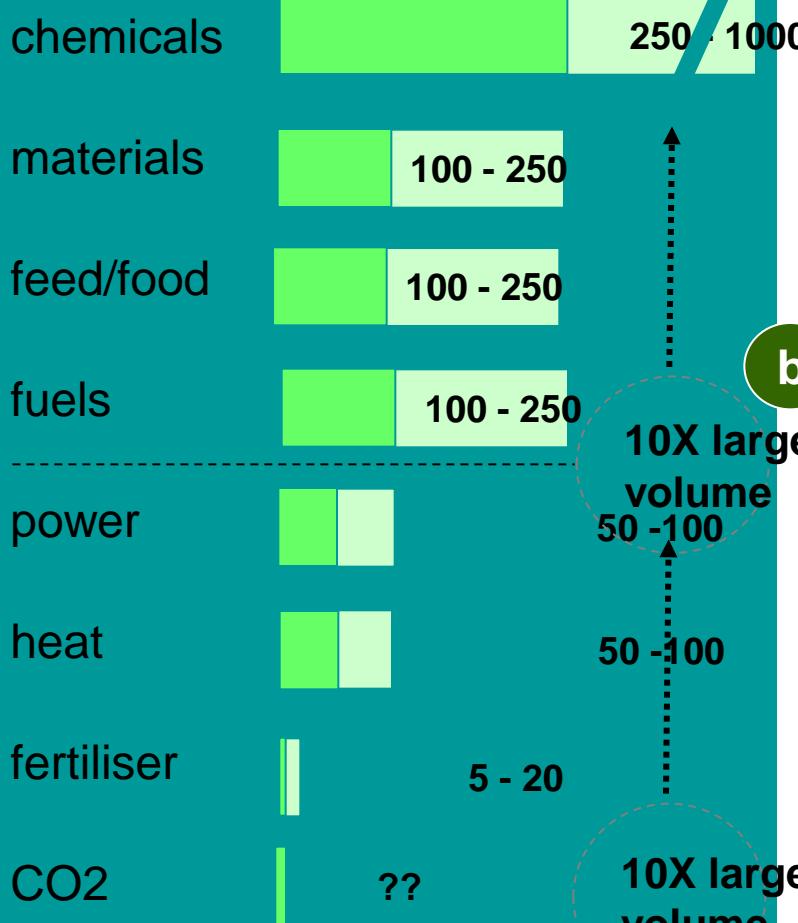


# S&T for higher added value portfolio

**ton biomass\***



**added € /ton biomass (eq)\***



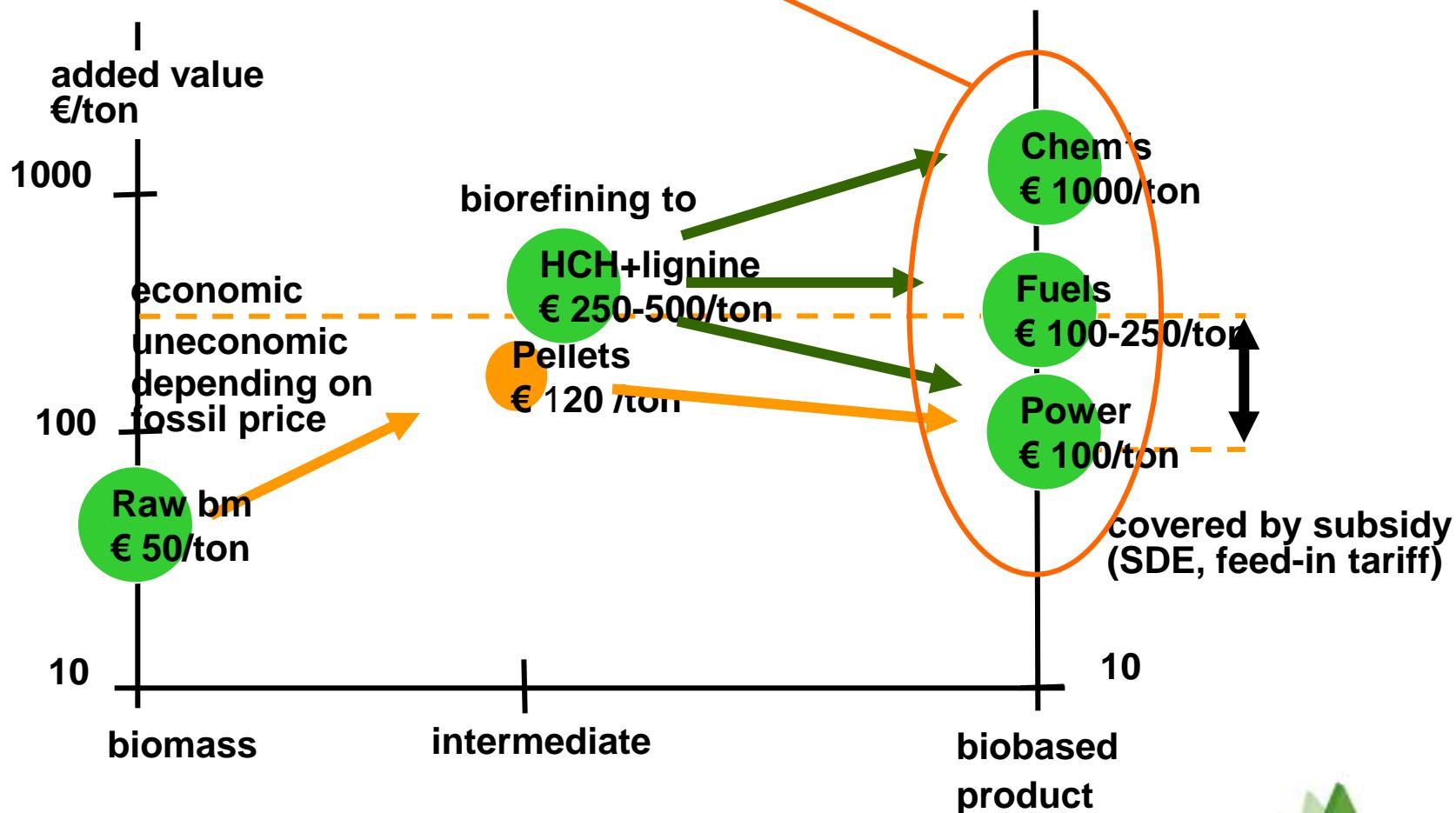
\* eq: domestic, imports, derivatives (estim, McK)

**science & techn. fields**

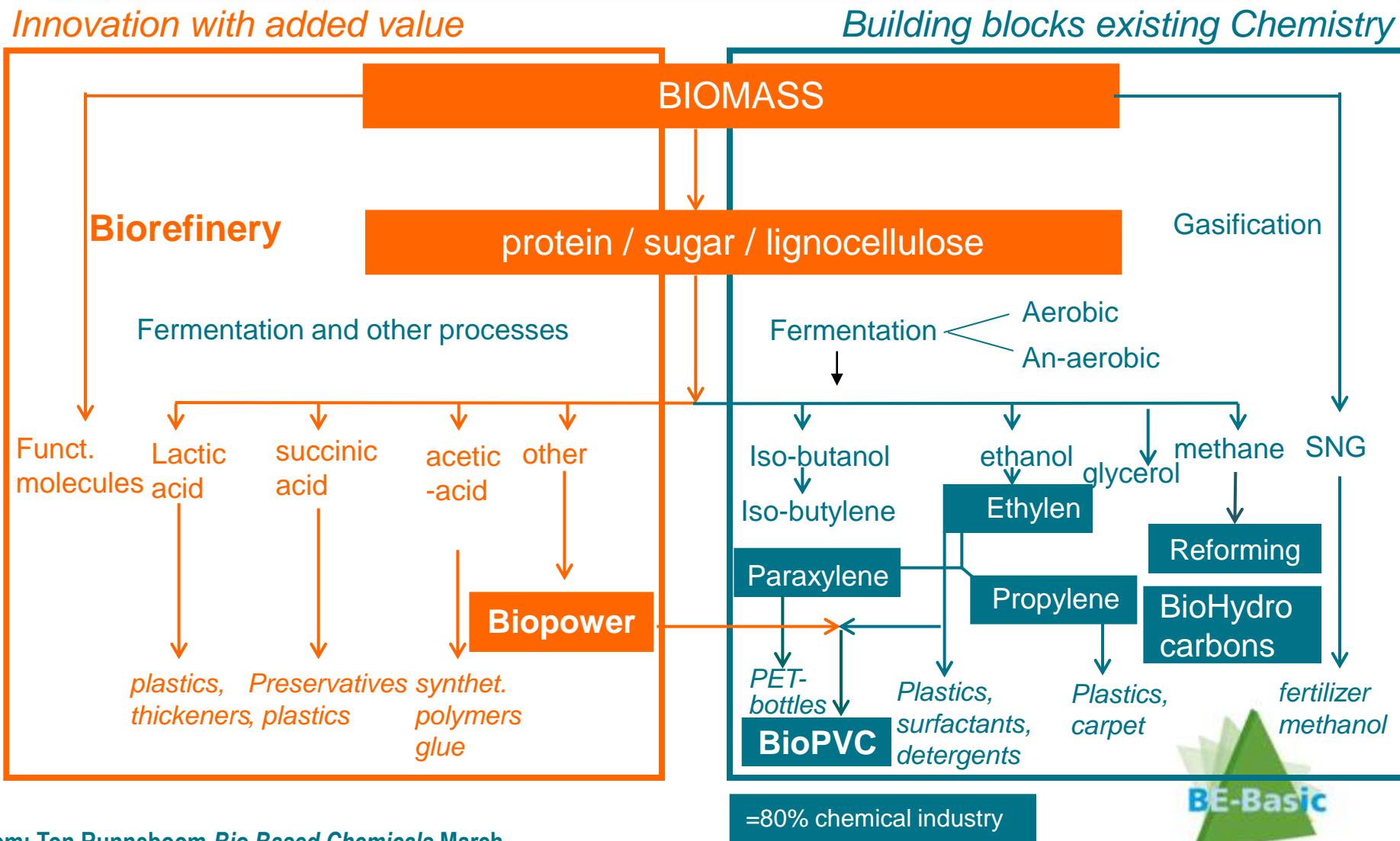
- agro-forestry (A&F)
  - biorefinery (C,E)
  - thermal conversion (E)
  - chem/cat conversion (C,E)
  - indus/env. biotech (C,E,A)
  - process eng. (C,E)
  - feed/food (A, E)
  - chem's/materials (C, E)
  - fuel efficiency (E,M)
  - power & heat (E)
  - socio-econ./ecologics\*\* (all)
- now € 130-180 mio/yr  
(50 % gov, 25 % private)

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# Package of energy **AND** chemicals products gives highest average added value per ton biomass

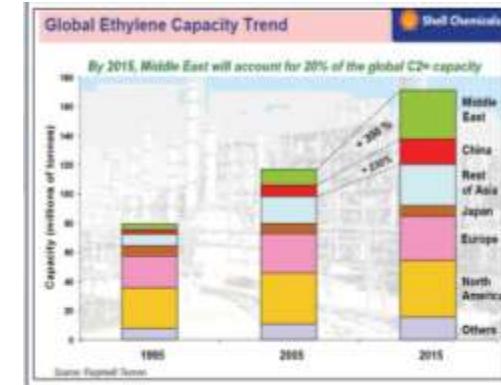
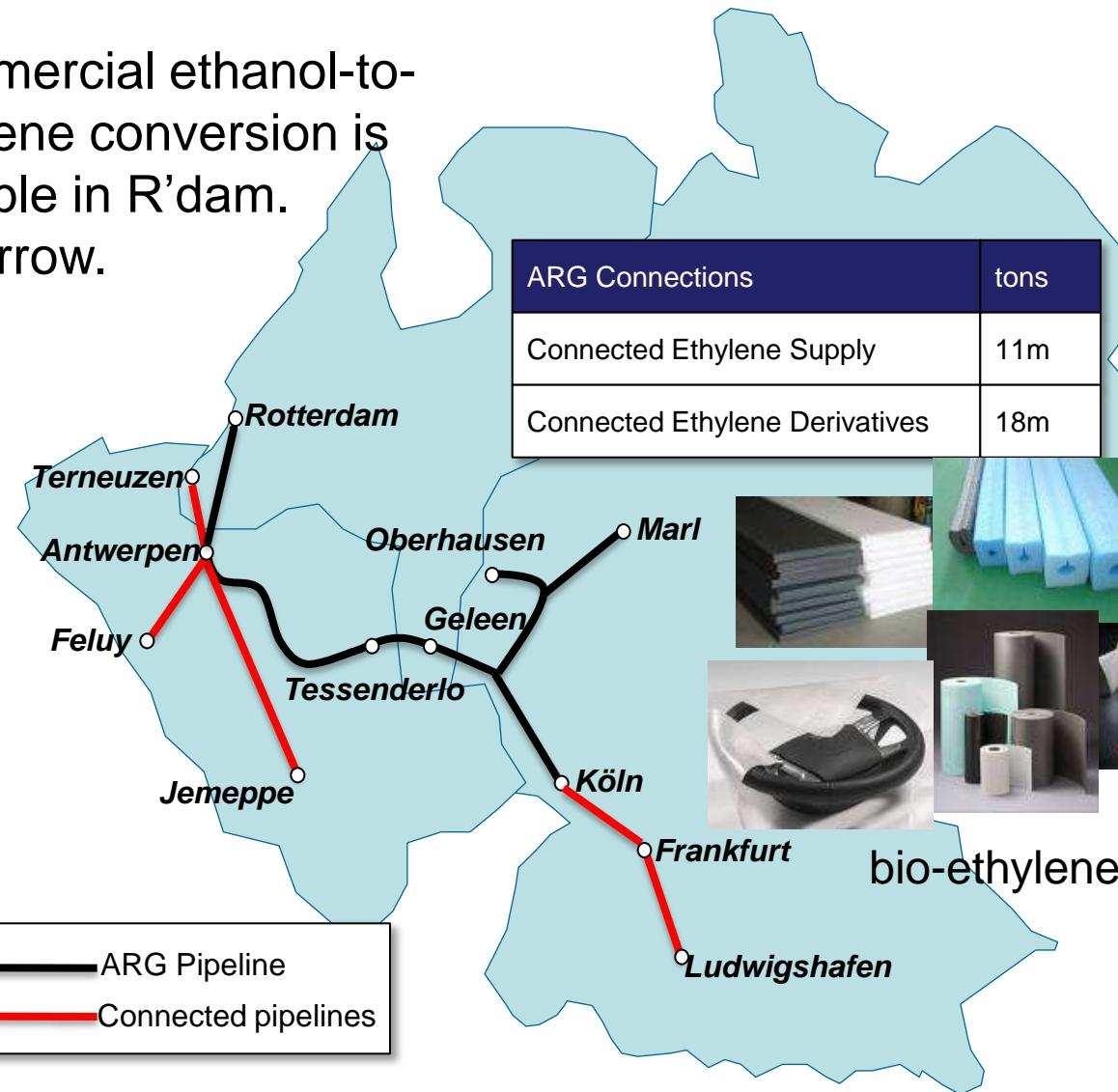


# “Drop-in Greenification” of Chemical Industry

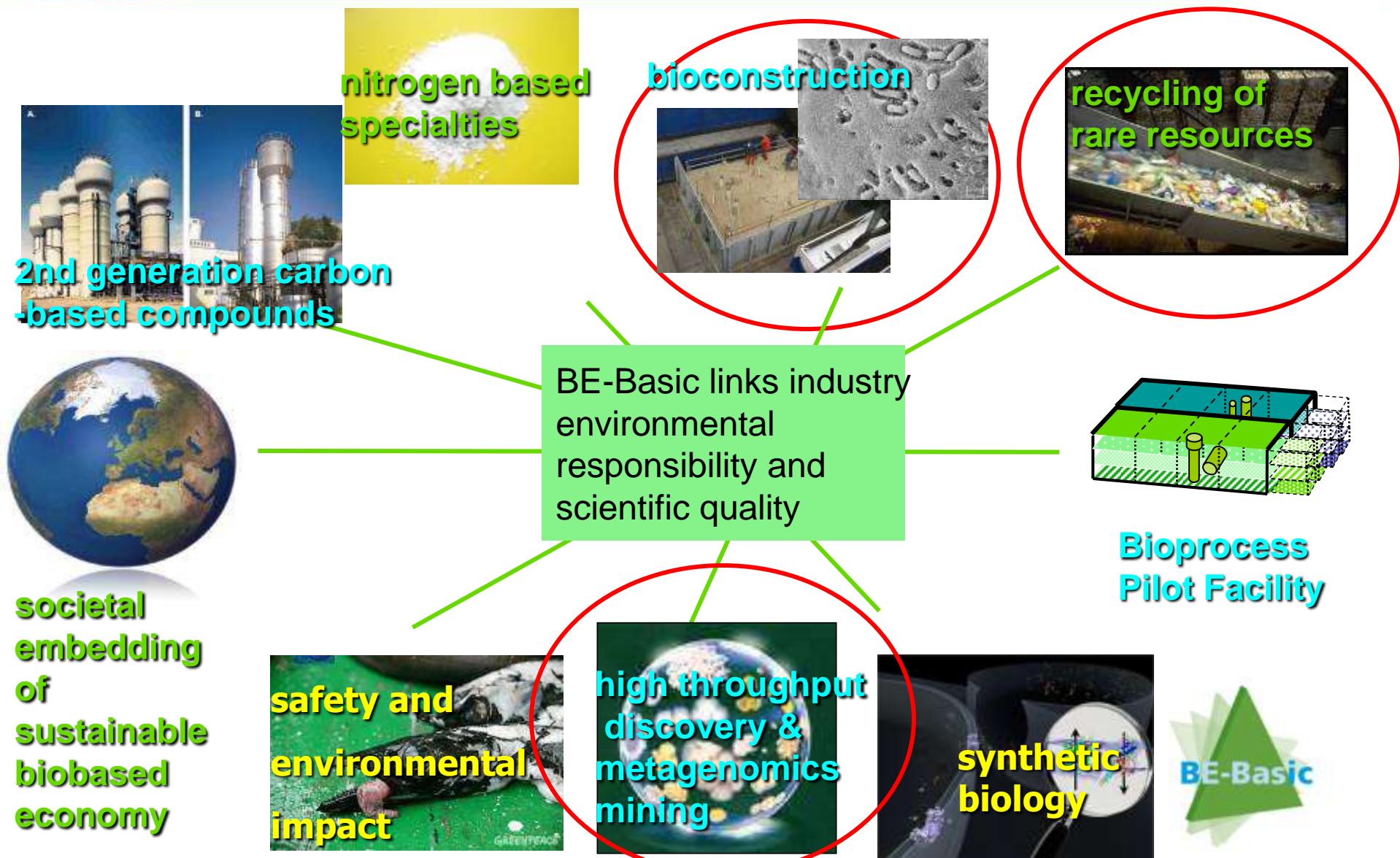


# sustainable ethanol can green EU plastics industry fast

Commercial ethanol-to-ethylene conversion is feasible in R'dam. tomorrow.



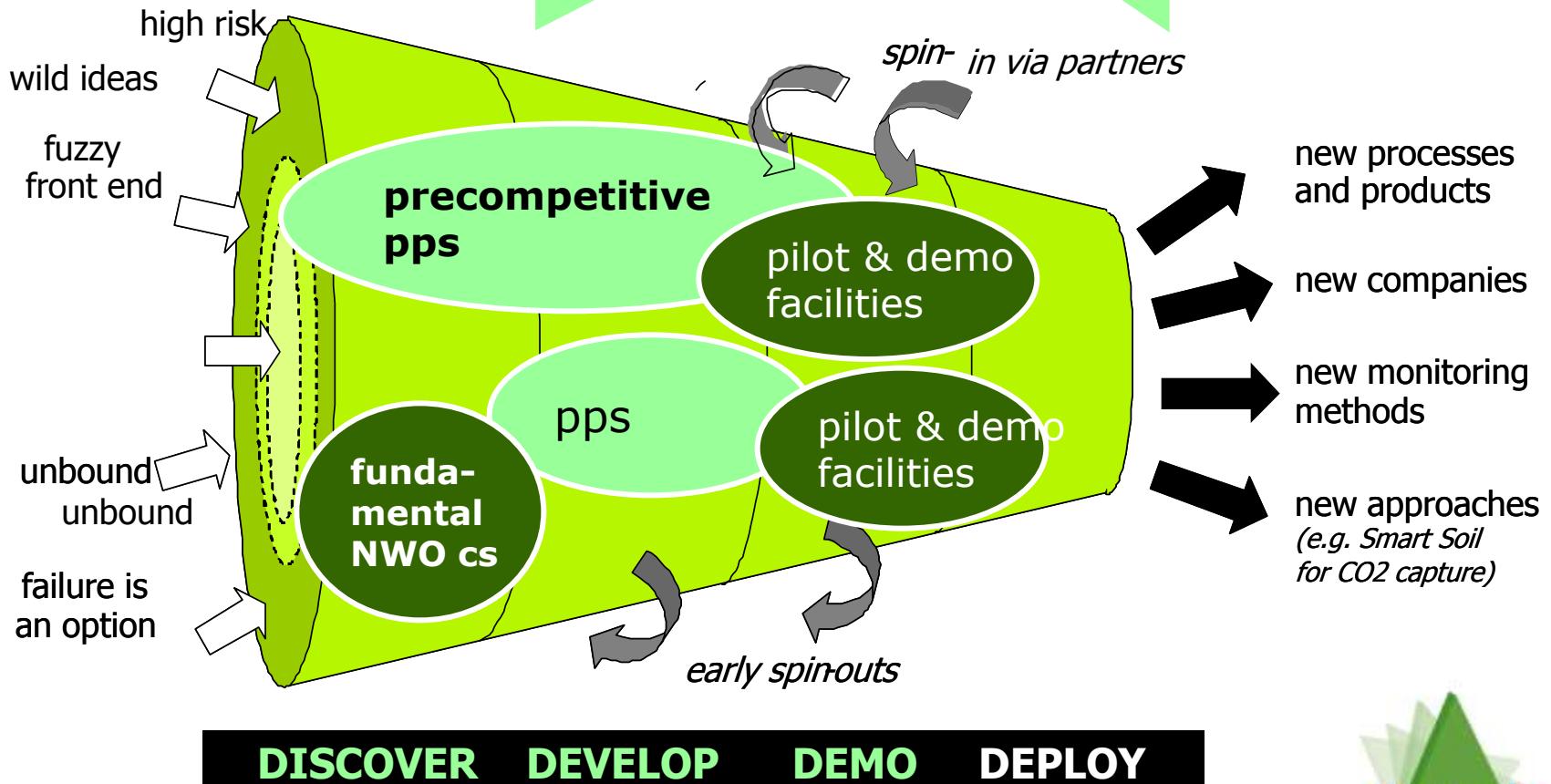
# BE-Basic: same sciences basis leads to new inspiration



# Innovation strategy

Science & Technology push

market demand



# Delft pilot facility for innovations in sustainable bioprocesses

Research consortium BE-Basic has chosen Delft as the site for a unique facility where companies and knowledge institutions can develop new sustainable production processes. These processes serve many purposes, such as converting biobased residues into useful materials or fuels. The facility has been specially designed to enable the transition from the laboratory to production on an industrial scale. It allows users to construct complex operations by linking separate process modules.

## Pre-processing and treatment

In this module, dry and wet residues are hydrolyzed and prepared for the fermentation phase.



## Downstream processing

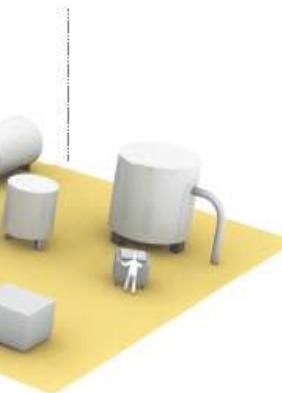
This is where products are extracted and refined. The modules can be combined at will to produce all kinds of products, such as raw materials for the construction sector, chemicals for biofuels or raw materials for the chemicals and pharmaceuticals industry.

## Fermentation

In the fermentation module, enzymes and bacteria are added to the waste to convert it still further. This process takes place in bioreactors with a capacity of up to 8000 litres.

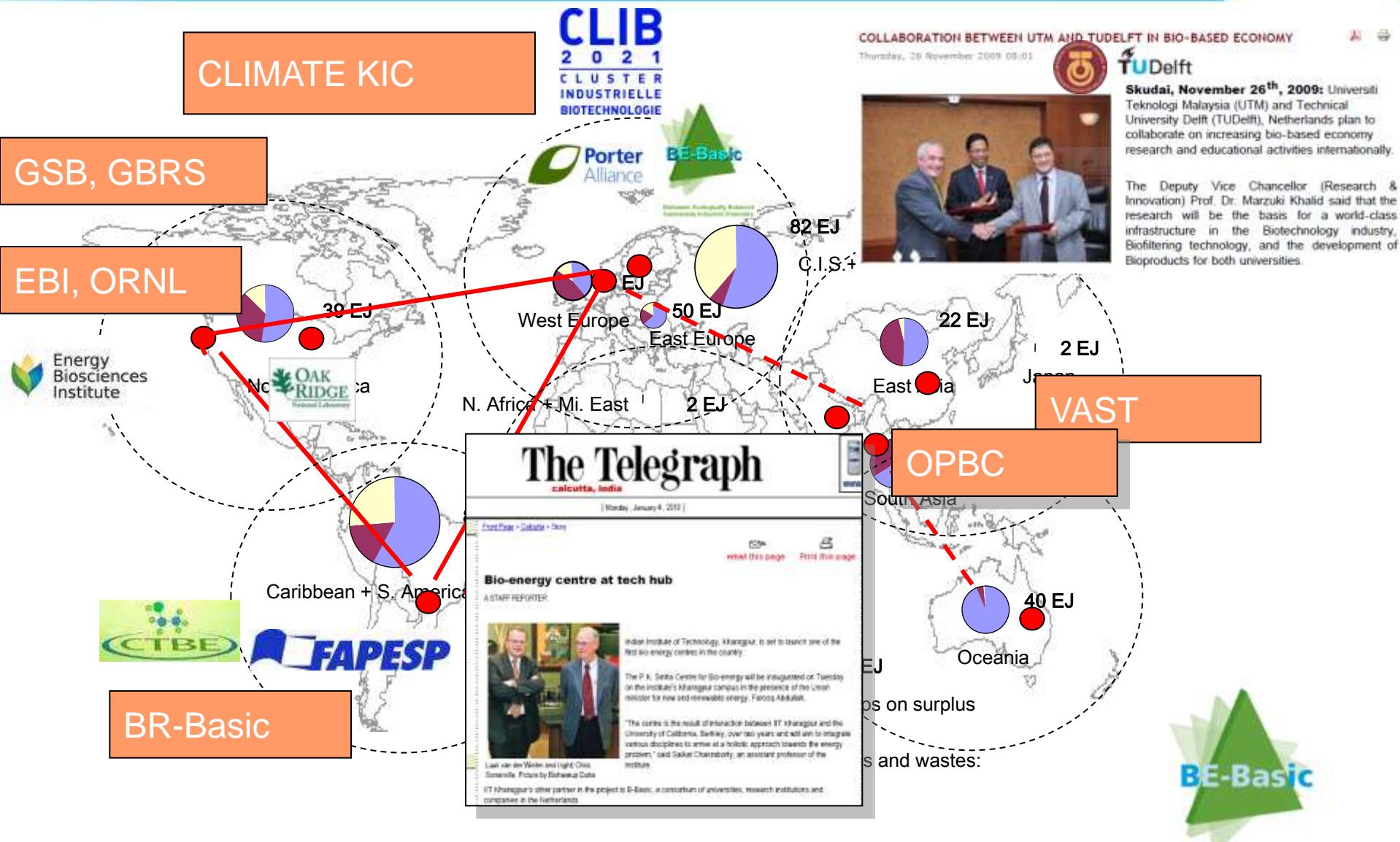
## Third-generation bioprocesses

These modules are designed to increase efficiency and lower costs in the production of biofuels and biochemicals.

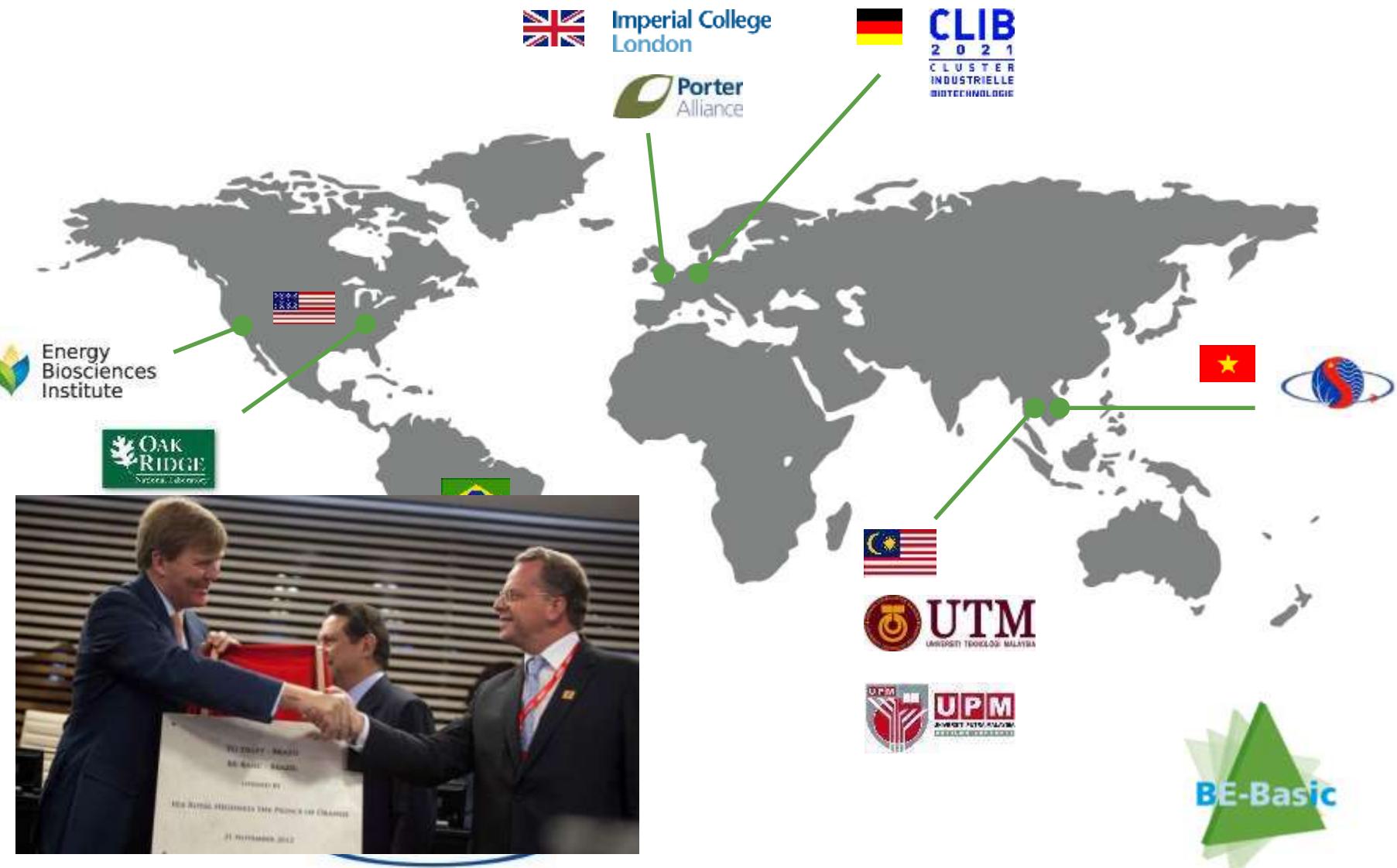


More information: [www.be-basic.org](http://www.be-basic.org)

# International network leading biorenewables centers

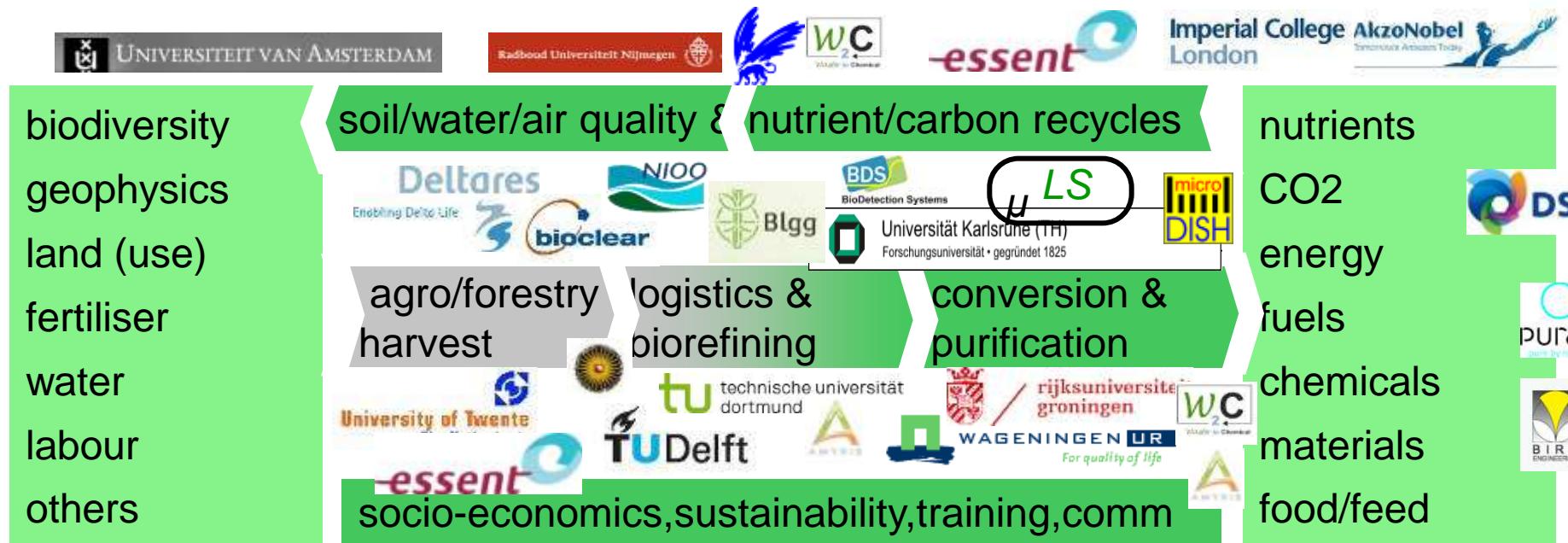


# International network leading biorenewables centers



# Partners in the program and affiliates: integral approach

*structured around integral biomass value / sustainability*



# Breakthroughs in lignocellulosics

*key industrial player:  
“best yeast on the planet”*



- 25-50% of (lignocellulose) agro-residue is the C5 sugar xylose
- yeast produces ethanol from “normal” sugars, but **not** from xylose
- various breakthroughs ('03/'06)
- introduction of *xylose\** isomerase gene from fungus in yeast, ibid *arabinose*
- optimised for efficient production of ethanol from *xylose*, *arabinose*, *acetate*
- new **substrates** and products to come
- **C4 portfolio, glycerol, bio-furanics, others**

\* Kluyver Center



# Synthetic Biology in the real world?

glucose

xylose

arabinose

acetate

glycerol

furanics

APPLIED AND ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY, Jan. 2010, p. 190–195  
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## Elimination of Glycerol Production in Anaerobic Cultures of a *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Strain Engineered To Use Acetic Acid as an Electron Acceptor<sup>v†</sup>

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## Novel Evolutionary Engineering Approach for Accelerated Utilization of Glucose, Xylose, and Arabinose Mixtures by Engineered *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Strains<sup>v</sup>

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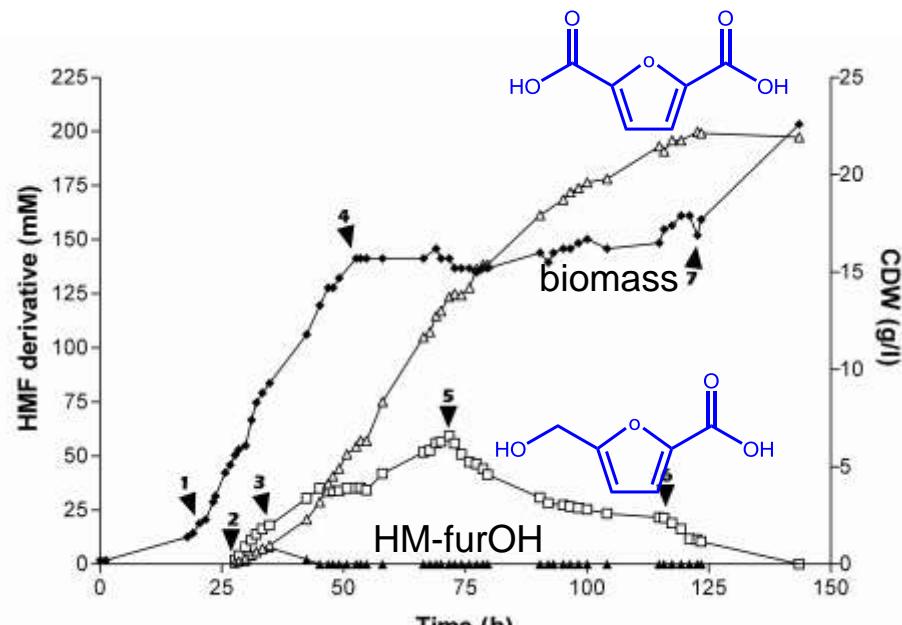
All you can eat yeast

commercial product  
based patent portfolio



# The other 70% : FDCA for “BioPET”

- Top-12 value-added chemicals from biomass
- Platform chemical - market size 4-12 bn \$/yr
- Replacement for terephthalate in polymers
- Concept in B-Basic (TUD/TNO - '09) – direct production from lignocellulosics
- indust biocat (BIRD Eng /TUD-'09) – bioprocess (BIRD –'10) – invest round - piloting (BE-Basic-'11)



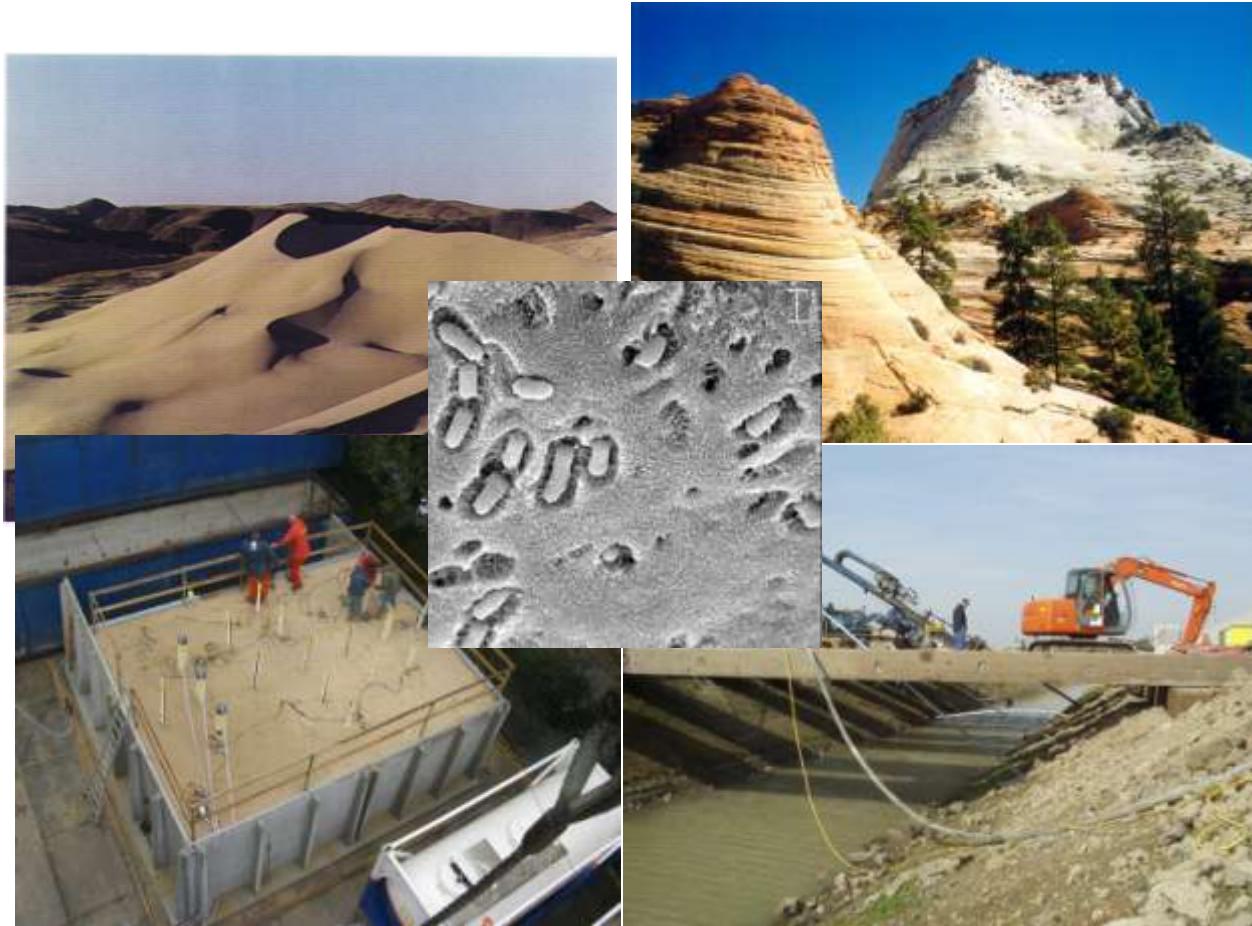
TU Delft



100% reciclable, elaborada  
hasta con un 30%  
a base de plantas.

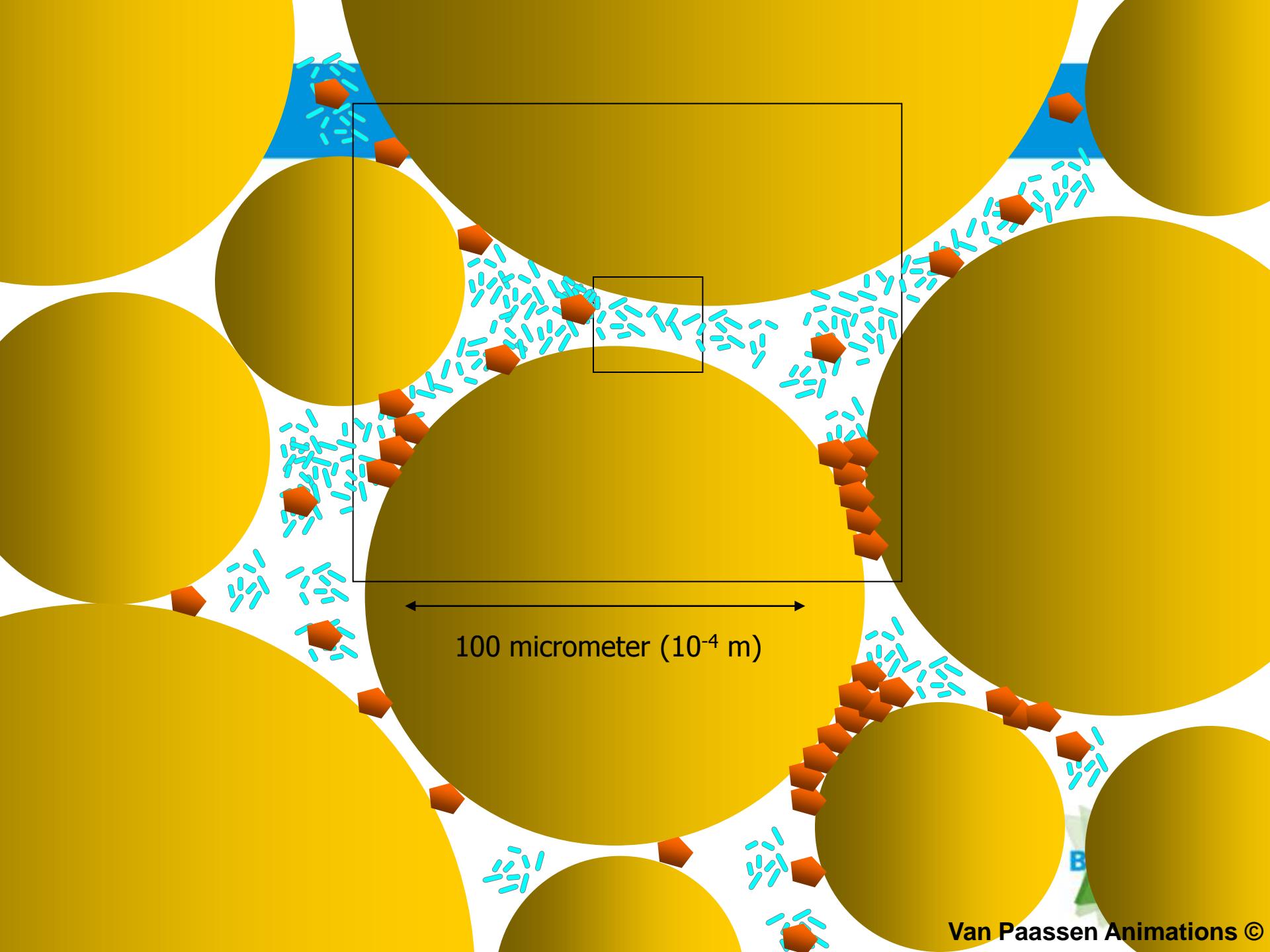
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# BiogROUT & bioconcrete: from soft soil to rock solid



## In-situ concrete by carbonate fixation





# Bioenergy: challenges

**Macro-economic studies indicate\*:**

- **Effects:** Biomass utilisation can reverse long term trend of declining food prices
  - Agricultural land use
  - Different effects on countries being
    - Oil exporters/food importers
    - Oil importer/food exporters
- **Cascade model** for efficient use biomass **more competitive and sustainable!** But requires novel collaborations and level playing field



\* Hans van Meijl, LEI-WUR

# Conclusions (1)

- Various drivers
- Global transition
- Technology developing rapidly
- Local drivers are different
- Economics risky
- Link with chemistry important economic advantage
- Implementation will effect environment-social well being
- Sustainability becomes a bigger driver!

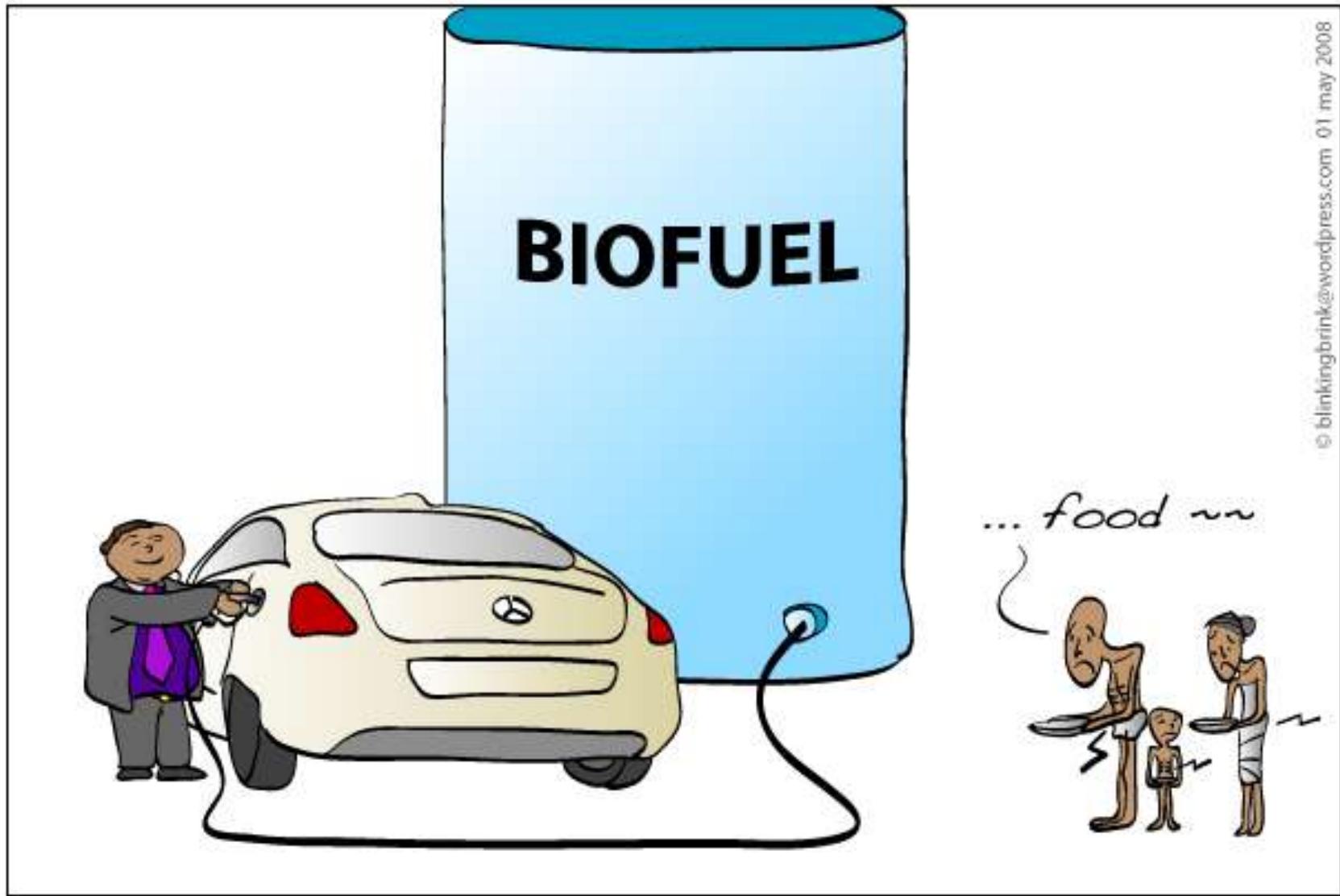


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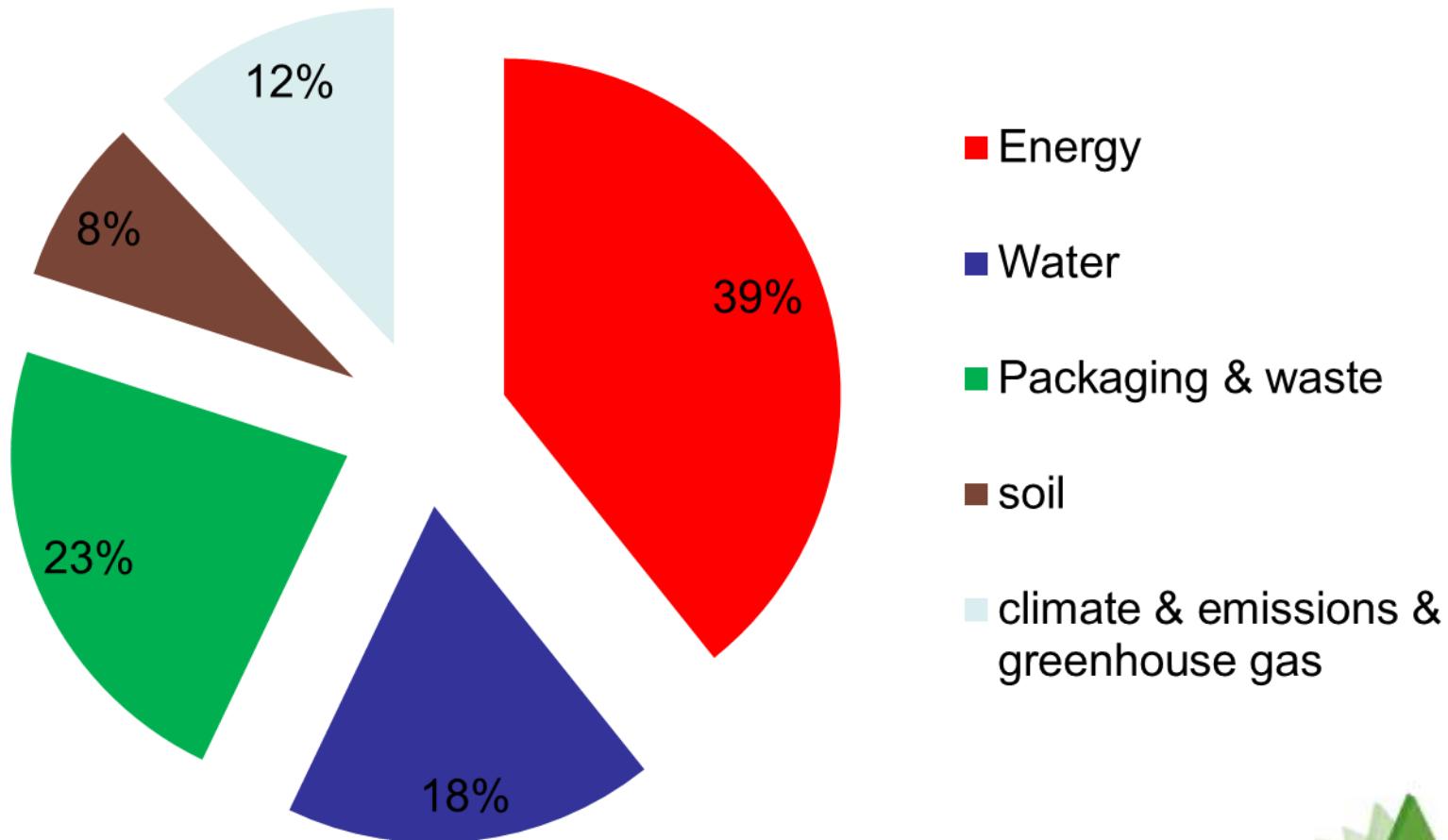


# Newspaper headlines



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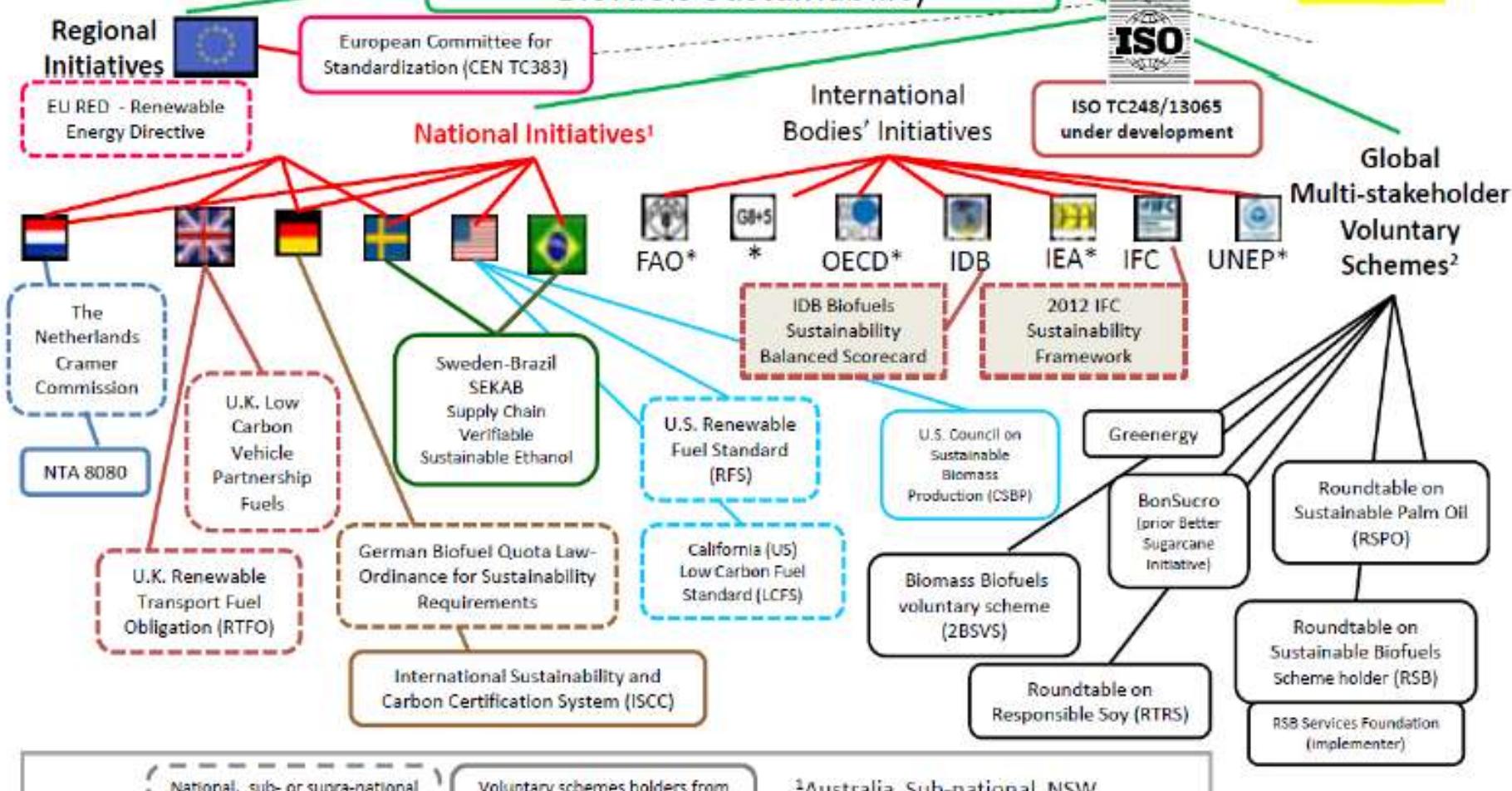
# Top 5 indicators for sustainability in industry \*



\* Olenyi, Based on interviews, comparative study. Forthcoming

# Biofuels Sustainability

A Maze



\*Enabling entities: IEA Bioenergy tasks (multiple countries) LCA methodologies and sustainability expertise; Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) 2011: Sustainability themes and indicators; FAO- Germany: 2012 Bioenergy and Food Security Criteria and Indicators (BEFSCI) tools

Source: NREL (Chum, Warner), UNICA

## Preliminary results\*, certification and labelling

- Of the low percentage of certified biofuels, social criteria play a minor role
- Industry representative priorities on environmental, not social aspects
- Sustainability attitudes and certification might follow media hypes and stakeholder pressure instead of scientific priorities (e.g. biodiversity seems underrepresented)

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# Bioenergy and policies: From an NGO point of view

## Practice:

- **Sustainability criteria**, such as Cramer criteria **not used** by politicians and companies
- Agreements incl **RSB only marginally implemented**
- **Volume of advanced** (2<sup>nd</sup> generation) biofuels **disappointing**
- **Climate effect worse** than expected

→ **ACTION!**

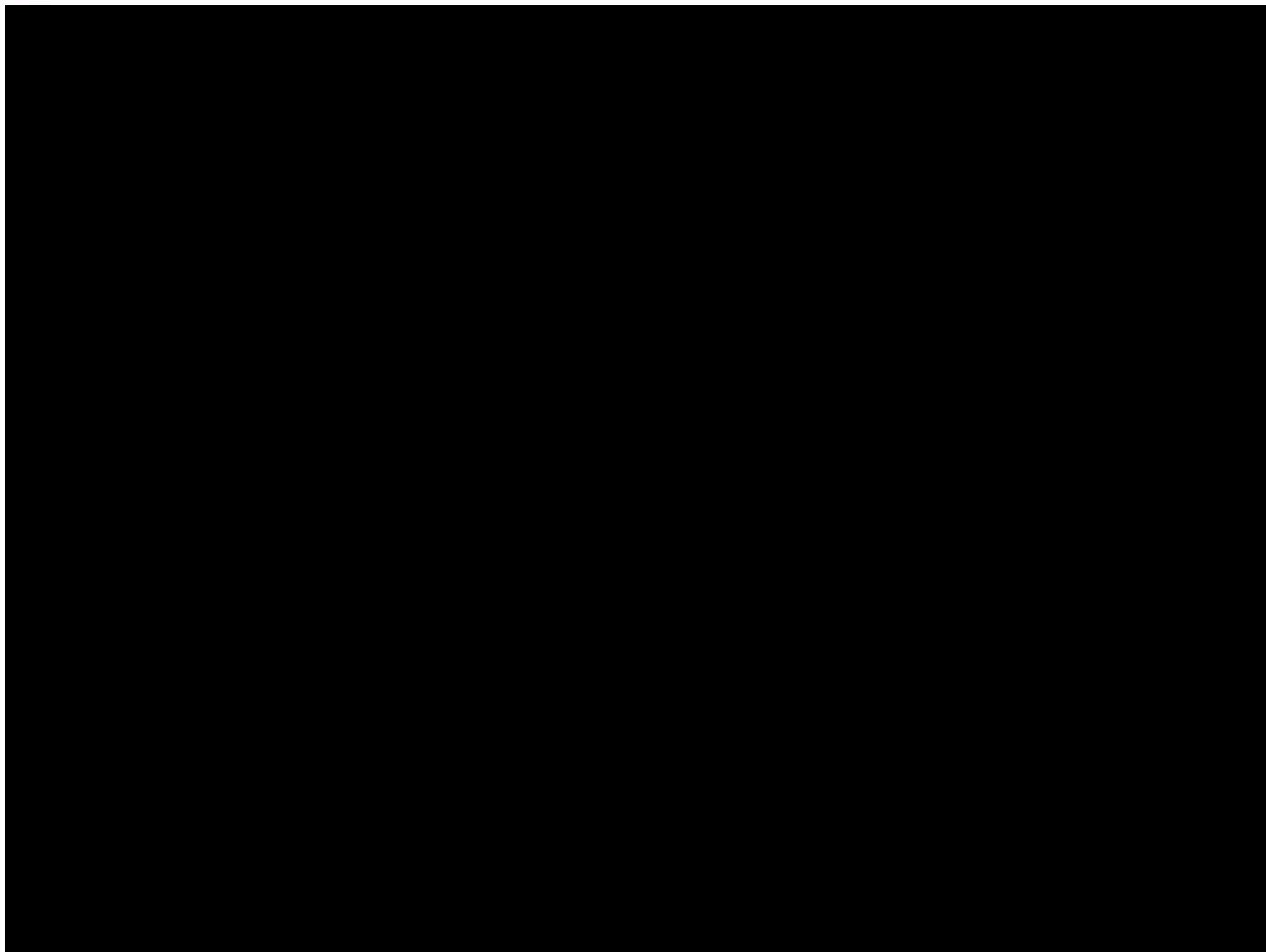
**Oxfam Novib: started campaign\***

**“EU Biofuel target could feed 127 M people!”**



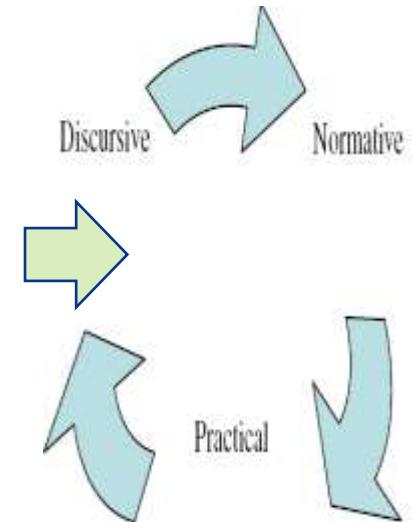
\* <http://www.oxfam.com>

# Challenges on policies: public support



# Major societal debates\*

- Biofuels versus food
- Sustainability of biofuels and bio-energy
- Marketisation and commodification of nature  
(Nature Inc. -- is nature for sale?)
- Scale debate (economy of scale vs. ‘small is beautiful’)
- Precautionary principles vs. learning by doing
- Land, water, resource grabbing -- neo-colonisation debate



\* F. Mukhtarov, 2012 (forthcoming)



## Uitnodiging

### SEMINAR

### BIOMASSA OP HETE KOLEN

Over grootschalige import van biomassa voor groene stroom

Donderdagavond 4 april 2013, 19:00 uur - 21:30 uur

Café Dudok, Hofweg 1a, Den Haag

Aanmelden vóór 22 maart bij Sandra van den Brink, Greenpeace: [sandra.van.den.brink@greenpeace.org](mailto:sandra.van.den.brink@greenpeace.org)

Het kabinet heeft zich ten doel gesteld om in 2020 een aandeel van 16% duurzame energie te realiseren. Om dit doel te halen heeft het kabinet aangegeven in te willen zetten op grootschalige bijstook van biomassa in kolencentrales. Natuur & Milieu, Greenpeace, het Wereld Natuur Fonds, Milieudefensie en IUCN NL willen met dit seminar meer kennis en inzicht verschaffen in wat deze keuze precies behelst. Waar moet al die biomassa vandaan gaan komen en is dat wel duurzaam? Wat betekent grootschalige bijstook voor de energietransitie en de *biobased economy*, tot 2020 en op de langere termijn?

#### Voorlopig programma

18:30 – 19:00 Inloop met een drankje en een lichte versnapering

19:00 – 20:00 Presentaties van:

- Martin Junginger, Universiteit Utrecht Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development  
*De internationale biomassahandel: Waar komt het vandaan en waar gaat het heen?*
- Eric Arets, Alterra Wageningen UR  
*De koolstofbalans bij biomassa uit bossen en wat dat betekent voor de klimaatwinst van bio-energie*
- Wolter Elbersen, Wageningen UR Food & Biobased Research



## Conclusions (2)

- ✓ We need policies to implement a *sustainable biobased economy*
- ✓ Effective policies depend on *public and stakeholder support*



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# Policies and support

In public debates:

**Rational quantified data on environmental impact**  
**✗ = answer emotional concerns**

**Questions: What is good? Who is in charge?**

- Moral concepts
- Cultural differences
- Public emotions



# Drivers for sustainable implementation

- A little bit deeper...



# From debates: Four key ethical concepts

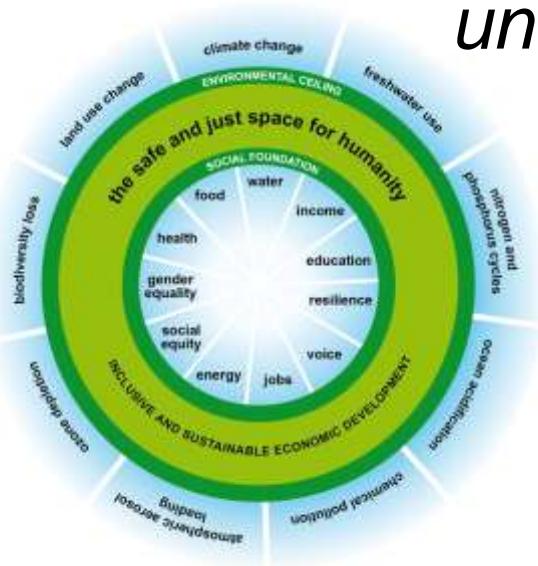
- **Sustainability**
  - What is sustainable?
- **Trust and confidence**
  - Who to trust and who takes initiative?
- **Naturalness**
  - Value of nature and ‘natural ingredients’
- **Just distribution**
  - Is it fair and does it give value to all?



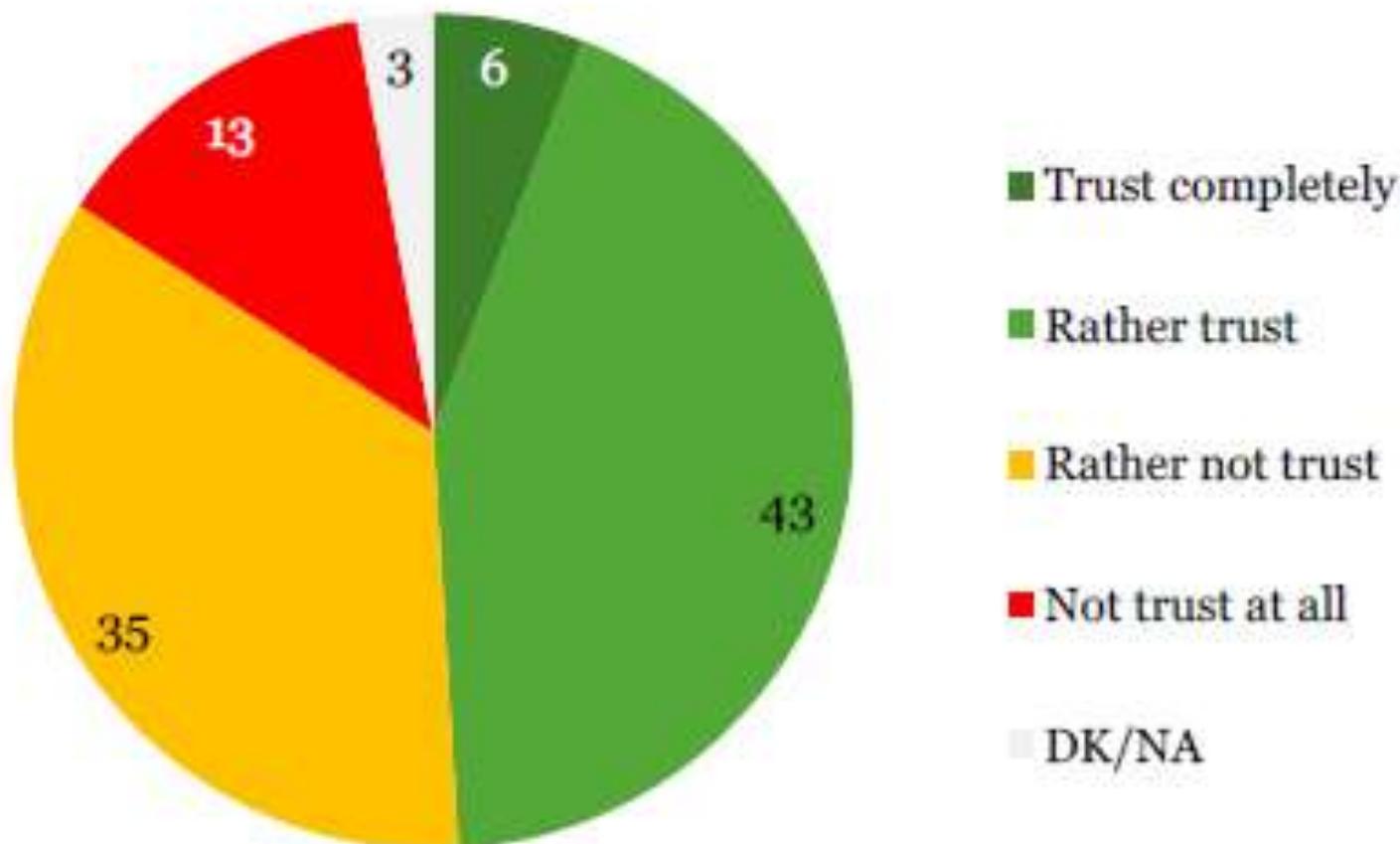
# What is sustainability?

- Durable, biodegradable, environmentally friendly, fair, non-GM, organic, economically viable, natural, ...

Both: measurable specific standards AND  
unmeasurable general concepts-philosophical



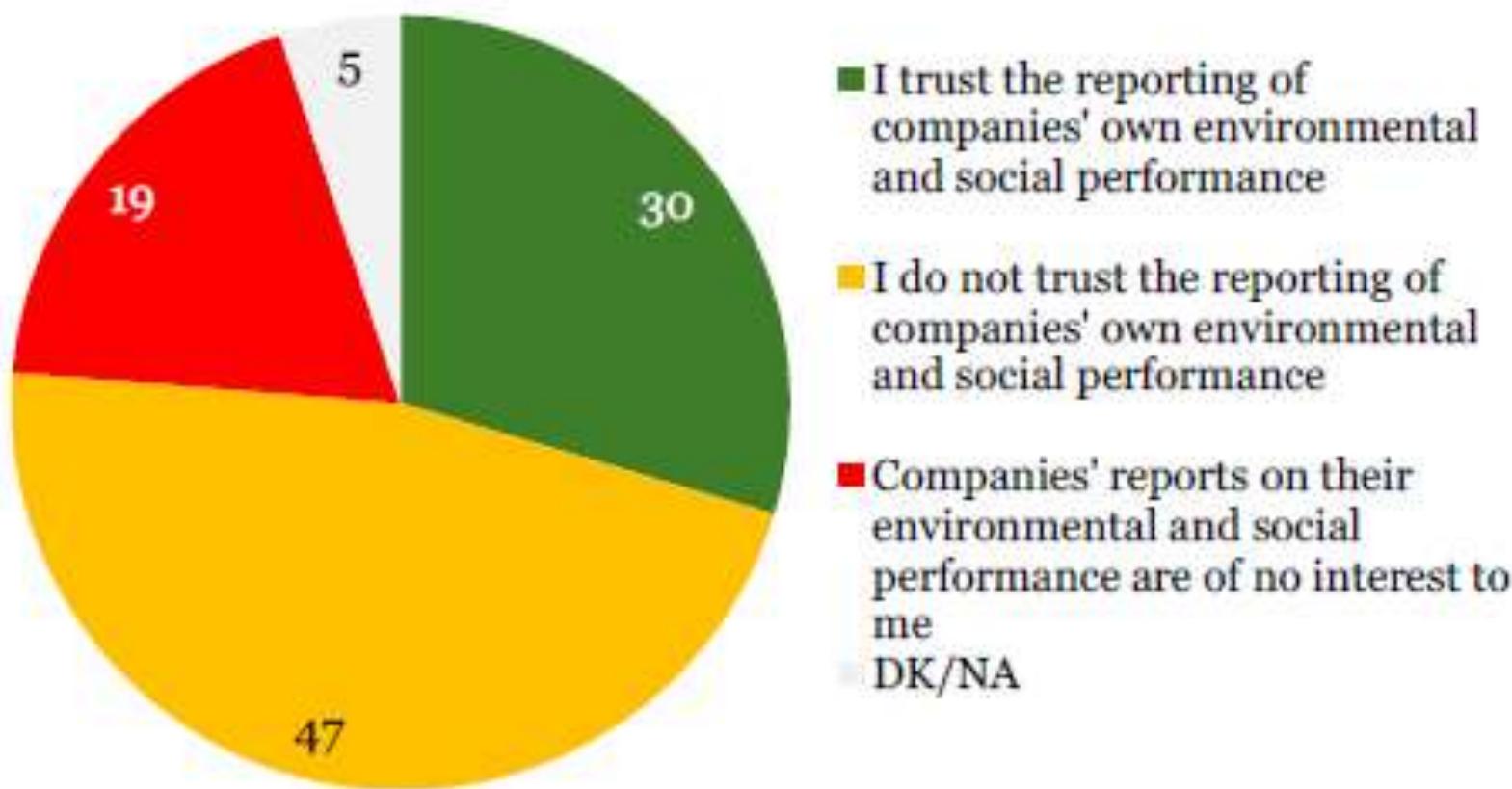
## Trust in producers' claims about the environmental performance of their own products



**Q10. How much do you trust producers' claims about the environmental performance of their own products?**

Base: all respondents, % EU27

## Trust in companies' environmental and social performance reporting



**Q11. Which statement best reflects your view on current reporting by companies of their own environmental and social performance:**

Base: all respondents, % EU27



## Who to trust?\*

### 1: science-scepsis

- Push from quality assessment to quantification >> creates false sense of certainty
- The impact of growing biomass for biofuels is difficult to predict. Is of great complexity > uncertainty.
  - Source of biomass (switch grass, maize, etc.), process (1st generation, 2nd etc.), place where it is grown
  - Problems with ‘modeling’ (for predicted land use, GHG emissions etc.).

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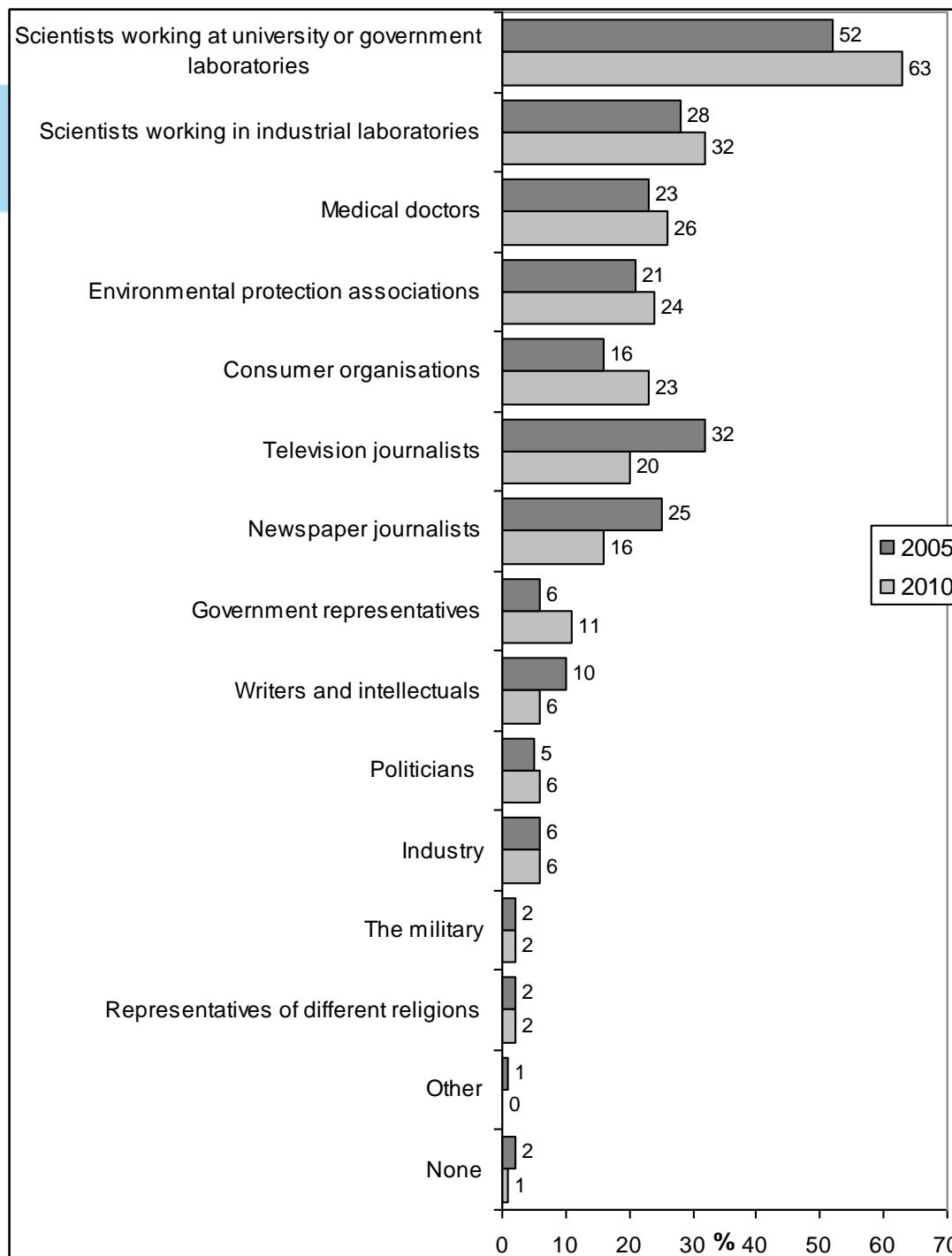
# Trust and Just distribution?\*

## 2: Technology-sceptics

### A warning to the optimists:

- ETC group: socio-economic impact of NEST. New technologies don't have to be efficient or effective to be profitable, they are often disruptive, specifically for developing countries and emergent economies
- Biotech in agriculture was profitable (patents) but not effective for solving world hunger. SB >> who controls biomass
- Scientific success ≠ humanitarian success





Best qualified to explain  
the impact of scientific and  
technological developments  
on society,  
*Europeans, science and  
technology (2010),  
Eurobarometer 340*



# Traditional worldview\*

- **Ontology:** Nature as God's Creation humans cannot interfere in
- **Epistemology:** Moral reasoning
- **Anthropology:** Human being as subject to God-created order
- **Societal vision:**  
**Technological intervention in nature a-priori unacceptable.**

*Mankind has no right to play God!*



\* Hedlund-de Witt, A., (2012). Exploring worldviews and their relationships to sustainable lifestyles: Towards a new conceptual and methodological approach. *Ecological Economics*, 84, 74-83.

# Modern worldview

- **Ontology:** Nature as resource
- **Epistemology:** Instrumental reasoning; trust in science and technology
- **Anthropology:** By mastering nature, the human being can find freedom
- **Societal vision:** **Technological optimism**



*What  
nature can  
do, we can  
do better!*



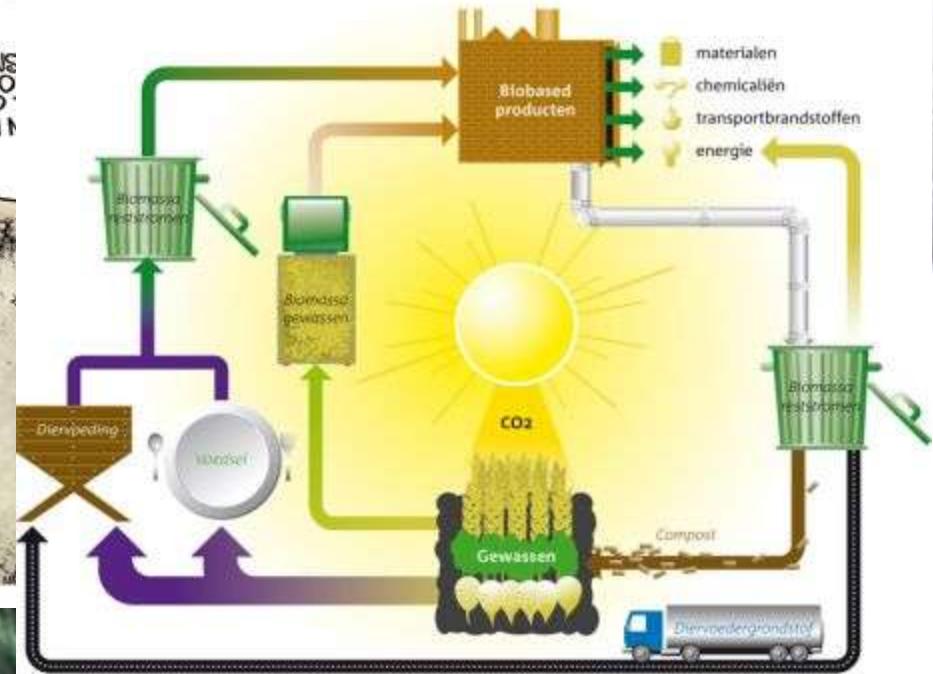
# Postmodern worldview

*Nature may be too complex for us to understand!*



- **Ontology:** Nature as complex systems
- **Epistemology:** Pragmatic reasoning. Trust in NGO's, consumer organizations.
- **Anthropology:** Human being as part of larger, complex natural systems
- **Societal vision:**  
Technological intervention in nature not reprehensible per se; stresses uncertainty and complexity

# Public emotions: Stakeholder representations of a BBE



**BE-Basic**

# Dutch emotional views towards BBE

## Compassionate Environmentalist

People with this viewpoint are hopeful, happy and affectionate towards their living environment.



Gives a negative emotion



Gives a positive emotion  
They feel anger, sympathy and are concerned with their wider environment.

## Cynical Environmentalist

People with this viewpoint are happy about - and interested in – the use of renewable resources and recycling.



Gives a positive emotion



Gives a negative emotion

They distrust and feel enraged about industry's and government's involvement.

## Principle Optimist

People with this viewpoint are enthused, happy and optimistic about the production of bio-energy, - fuels and –plastics.



Gives a positive emotion



Gives a negative emotion

They are concerned, frustrated and angry about the idea that humanity will go bio-based at all costs.

## Hopeful Motorist

People with this viewpoint are hopeful and feel reassured by the production of biofuels.



Gives a positive emotion



Gives a negative emotion

They despair and loathe possible negative consequences of the use and development of biofuels.

# Stakeholder's visual social representations of a Bio-Based Economy

'aim to make something unfamiliar familiar even unfamiliarity itself' (Moscovici 1984)



**Represented in themata of:**  
Sustainability  
First generation biofuels  
Process and its products  
Consequences

## Emotionally objectified:

- + Hope, enthusiasm, compassion
- Fear, anger, frustration

Representation depends on stakeholder and context



# Microsociety 2030: a public qualitative study (NL)

## 4 Public meetings with lay panel (2012-2013)\*

Biobased = unknown to public

++ association; but coloured by (partial) influences

Bioresources: ++; Bioenergy: - -

– People do not believe in limited oil

Circular economy: ++; ‘rent-society’: divided

– Recycling is ok; Not ‘hiring’ of resources

Own contribution? scepticism

– ‘far away’; does it matter?

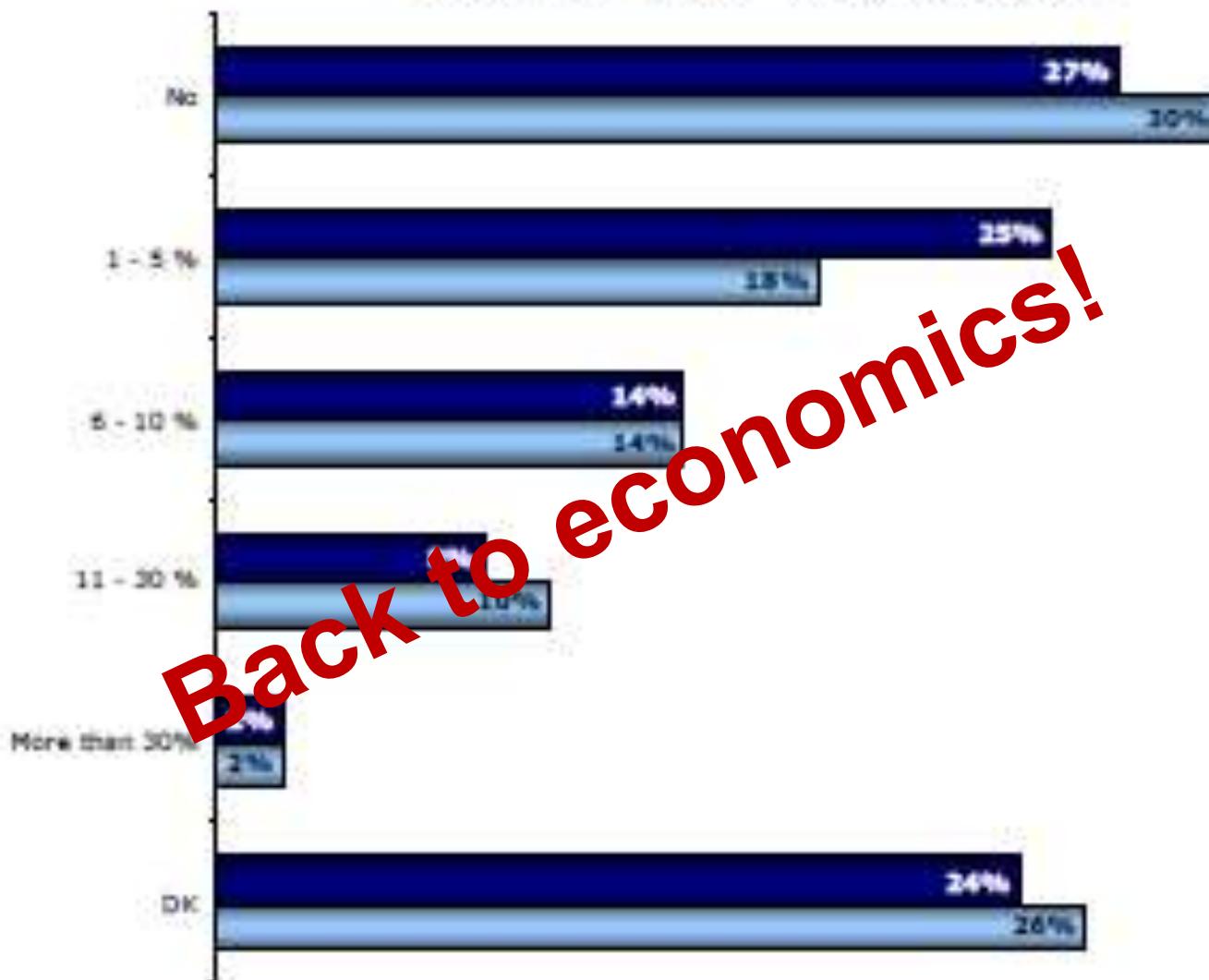
– Government/industry is put in lead



\* Van der Veen et al., My2030s, Burgers over de Biobased Economy, 2013

QB7 Personally, how much would you be prepared to pay more for energy produced from sources that emit less greenhouse gases in order to fight the climate change? In average, how much, in percent, would you be ready to pay more? - % EU

■ EB72.1 Aug.- Sep. 2009    □ EB69.2 Mar. -Apr. 2008



## Conclusions (3)

- Complex science
- High level of **uncertainty** & predictability
- Social indicators are important
- Science and techno fixes not always trusted
- Different worldviews > define support
- Different emotions > define perceptions



Insight can:

- ✓ stimulate self-reflexivity among stakeholders
- ✓ Pave way to common support
- ✓ facilitate more reflexive policy-making



# We need: Communication



Scholieren project dat biotechnologie  
naar ontwikkelingslanden brengt



[www.imagine-foundation.org](http://www.imagine-foundation.org)



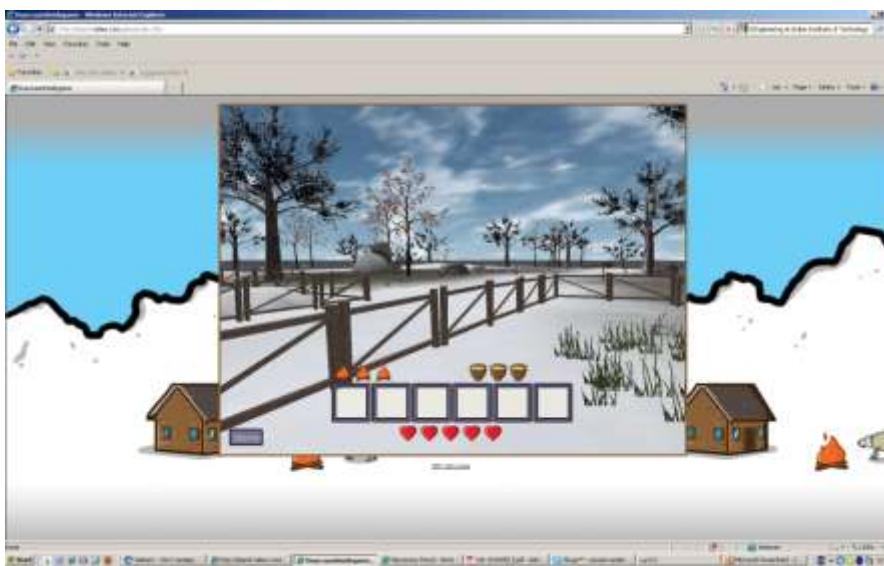
# We need: Education



## Serious game voor VMBO

Klas game voor 8 leerlingen

Keuzen maken in grondstoffen  
Gelanceerd op 'Floriade'  
April 2012



# We need: Demonstrations



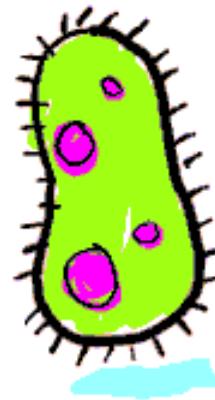
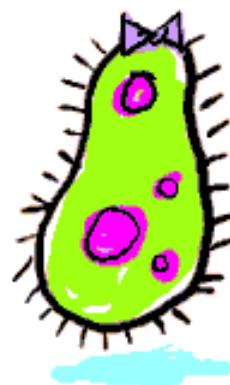
BE-Basic

# We need: Companies that support



# We need: To understand the issues

## The Evolution Of Man And Woman



# Economy, Policy & Sustainability

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1. Topsector Policy organizes applied R&D scene in NL towards demand (industry & society) driven consortia (TKI – Topconsortium voor Kennis en Innovatie)
2. BBE is cross sectoral TKI from “*plant to product*” incl **strong societal program**
3. Annual planning (update) in Innovation Contracts (submitted nov 2011)
4. to be organised in **Stichting TKI-BBE** (foundation) under Topsector Chemistry with funding from various topsectors (Chemistry, Energy, Agro-Food, others)
5. total new funding '12-'13: M€ 150 (for *Biorenewables\**) + M€ 30 (for rest)
6. Build/extend existing PPS's (like BE-Basic) and pilot facilities (like BPF)
7. Pipe line to new NL initiatives
8. Dedicated internationalisation agenda: Brazil, SE Asia, Europe (SPIRE , Biobased Industries PPP, EIT)
9. Board of Directors (“Bestuur”) and Supervisory Board (“RvT”) appointed per 11/6
10. Main tasks: Implement 2012/13 plan and prepare for 2013/15 plan

# partners



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# Themes

- **Economy & Market studies**

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- **Optimalisation sustainability**

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- **Social responsible innovation**

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- **Communication & Education**

*Jacqueline Broerse, VU*



# Summary

## Global implementation of sustainable bioeconomy requires

- ✓ Integrative approach!
- ✓ Strong policies
  - Supported by aligned non-conflicting regulations*
- ✓ Based on better predictive models and cascade use
  - Increased certainty in models: technological change and 2nd generation, yields, R&D down (last decade), learning effects, public acceptance including for example GMOs*
- ✓ Operationalisation of sustainability
  - Environmental, social and economic*
- ✓ Public and stakeholder agreement
  - Identifying common grounds*
- ✓ Effective education, communication & impact evaluation
  - Understanding worldviews and emotions*



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