



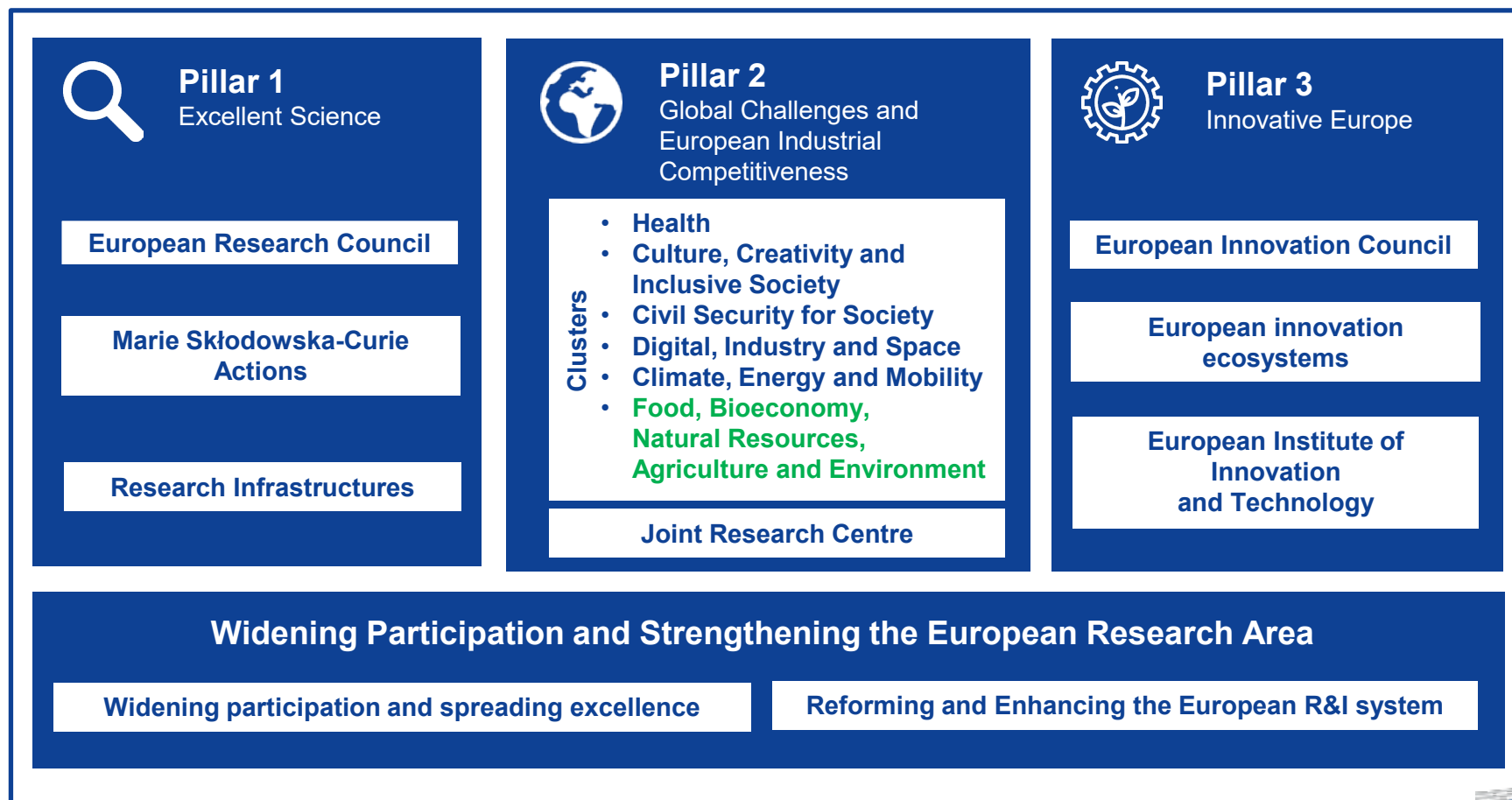
Horizon Europe's Cluster 6: update on agriculture, forestry and rural areas

COPA-COGECA and Plant ETP brokerage event, 06/6/2024

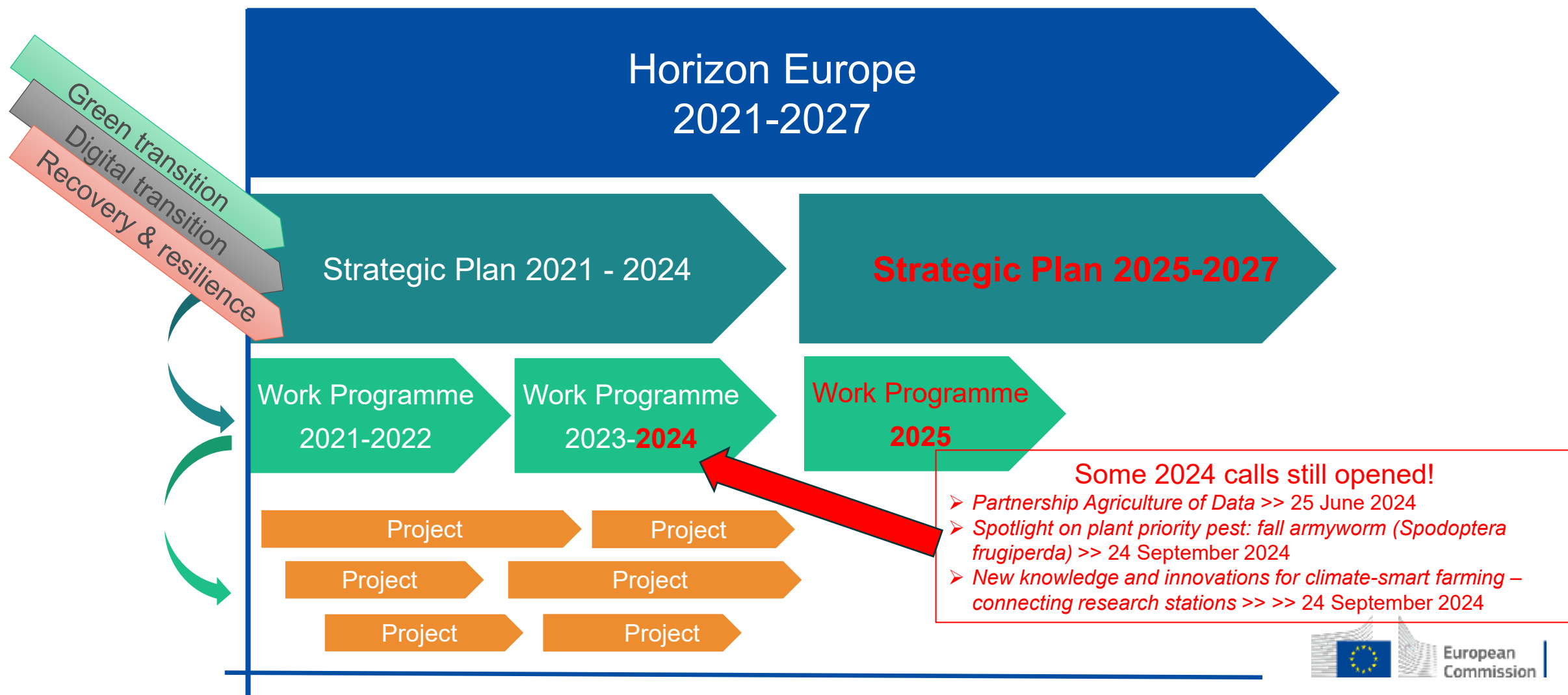
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Horizon Europe: structure



Horizon Europe programming cycle



HE Strategic Plan 2025-2027

- Building from HE legislation, gap analysis, EU political priorities and after **open public consultation on the ‘past, present and future of Horizon Europe’**.
- **Published!** [Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027](#)
- Three ‘**key strategic orientations**’:
 - *Green transition;*
 - *Digital transition;*
 - *A more resilient, competitive, inclusive and democratic Europe.*

From Expected Impacts in SP to Destinations in WP

Strategic Plan 2025-2027

Impact 27 Fostering mitigation of and adaptation to climate change in areas and sectors covered by CL6

Impact 28 Putting biodiversity on a path to recovery, and protecting and restoring ecosystems and their services

Impact 29 Achieving healthy soils and forests, clean air, fresh and marine water, whilst ensuring water resilience and the transition to a clean, competitive and circular economy and sustainable bioeconomy

Impact 30 Ensuring healthy food and nutrition security by making agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and food systems sustainable, resilient, inclusive and within planetary boundaries

Impact 31 Sustainably developing rural, urban and coastal areas

Impact 32 Developing innovative governance models and tools enabling sustainability and resilience

Work Programme 2025

• **Destination 5:** Land, oceans and water for climate action

• **Destination 1:** Biodiversity and ecosystem services

• **Destination 3:** Circular economy and bioeconomy sectors
• **Destination 4:** Clean environment and zero pollution

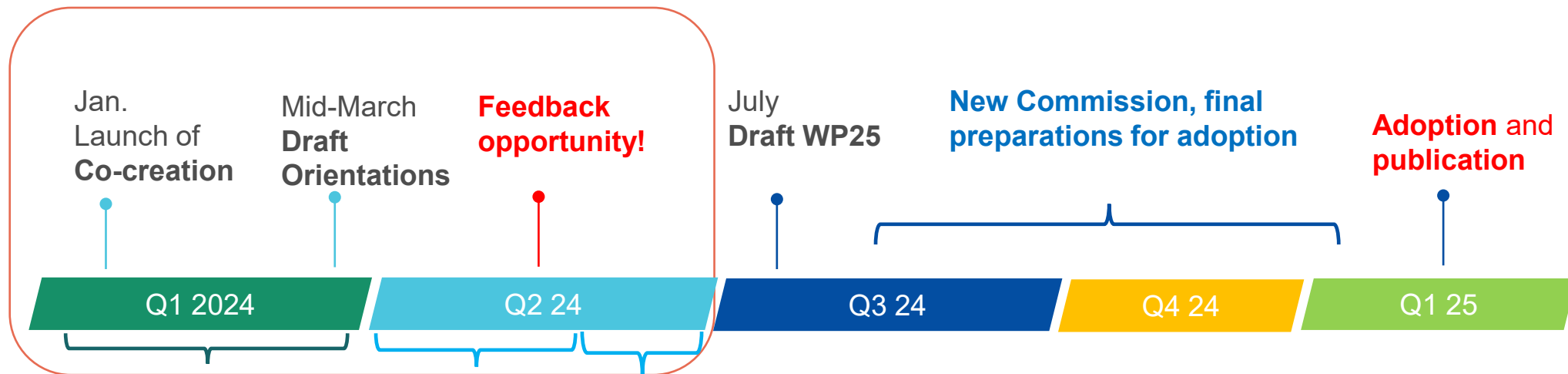
• **Destination 2:** Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption

• **Destination 6:** Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities

• **Destination 7:** Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal

Work Programme 2025: **indicative** timeline

- **Feedback opportunity** took place between 15 April and 6 May!



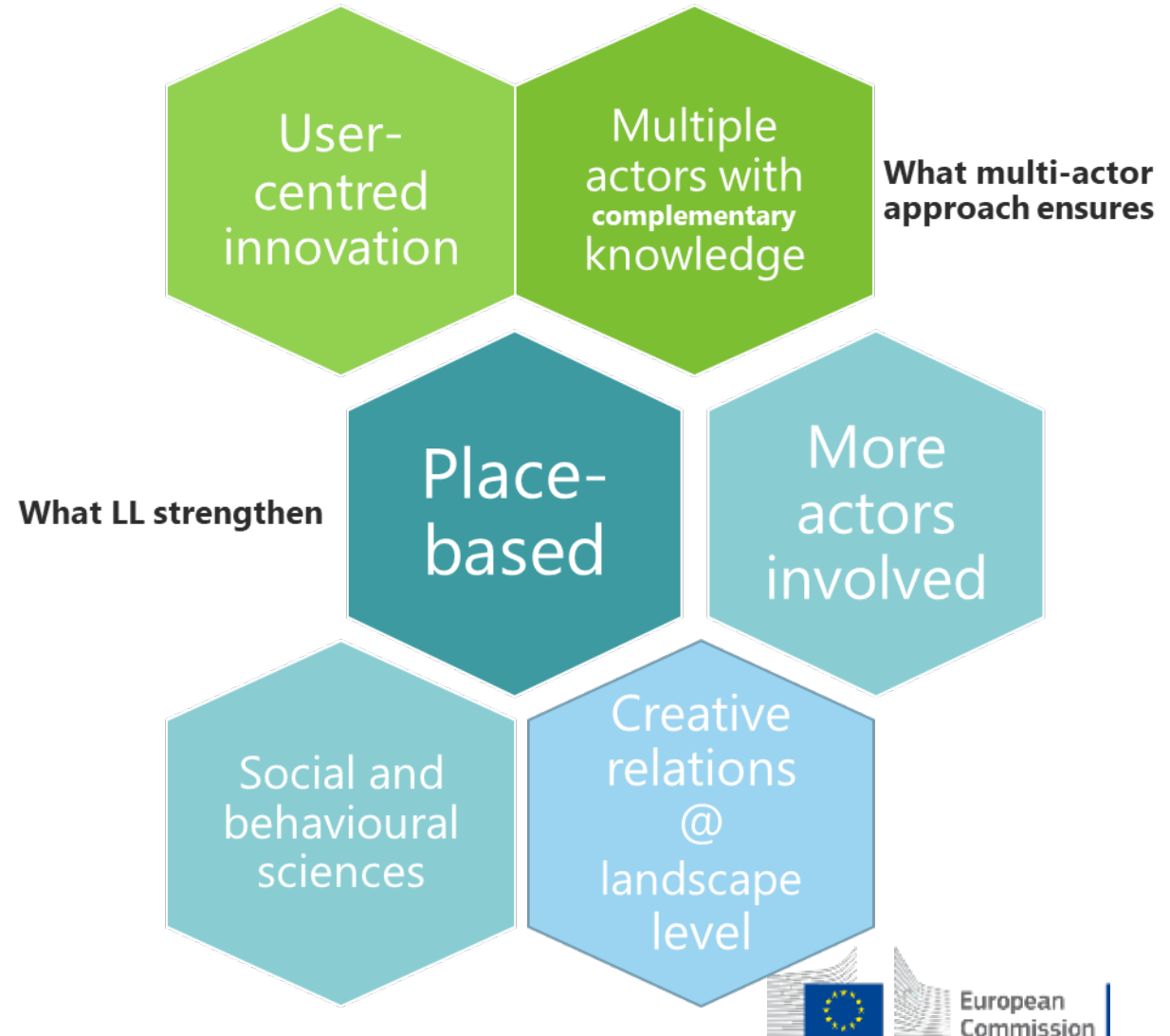
Tools to bolster multi-actor involvement in agricultural R&I

Key components of Living Labs in agriculture:

- Multi-actor approach
- Co-creation
- Local embedness/territorial anchorage
- Real life testing and experimentation
- Multi-disciplinarity
- Working towards societal goals



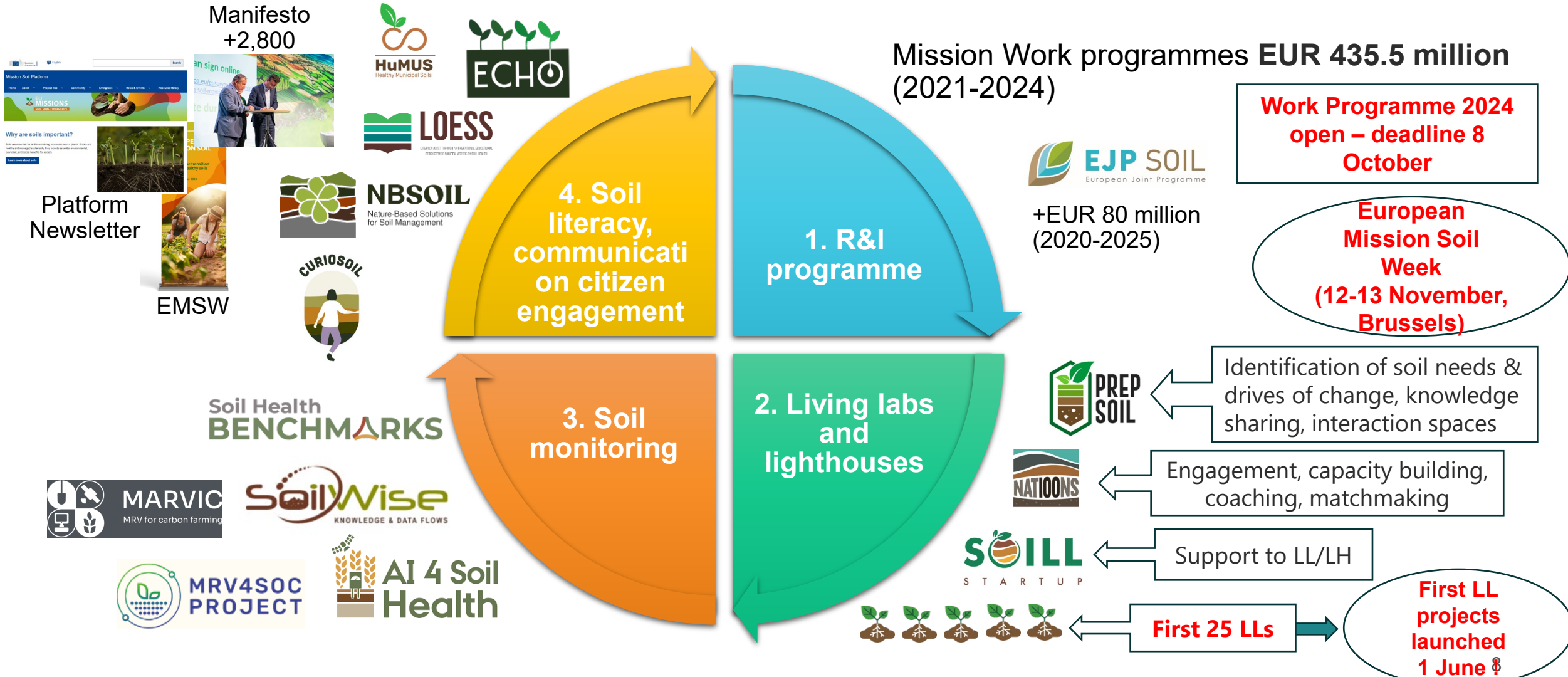
Operational Groups
+ 3400 (2014-2022)





EUROPEAN UNION

Mission Soil implementation – State of play



Encouraging synergies through partnerships in agriculture and forestry R&I

Launched in 2024



European Partnership on Agroecology
(Accelerating farming systems transitions:
agroecology living labs and research infrastructures)

Upcoming



Agriculture of Data

In preparation



**Forests and Forestry
for a Sustainable
Future**



**European Partnership on
Animal Health and Welfare**

Harvests from this presentation?

- Horizon Europe 2nd Strategic Plan: **R&I on agriculture, forestry and rural areas may contribute to all Destinations of Cluster 6.**
- **Multi-Actor Approach and Living Labs:** key for co-creation, development, testing and implementation of new knowledge and innovation.
- Key initiatives to leverage EU added value by aligning Member States' research and innovation agendas with an end-user focus: **Mission Soil and Partnerships.**

Some useful links...

Horizon Europe 2nd strategic plan: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_1572

European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare: <https://www.eupahw.eu/index.html>

European Partnership on Agroecology: <https://www.agroecologypartnership.eu/>

EU Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe': https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/soil-deal-europe_en