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AFTERLIFE Stakeholder Workshop

Advanced Filtration Technologies for the Recovery and Later conversion of relevant Fractions from wastewater

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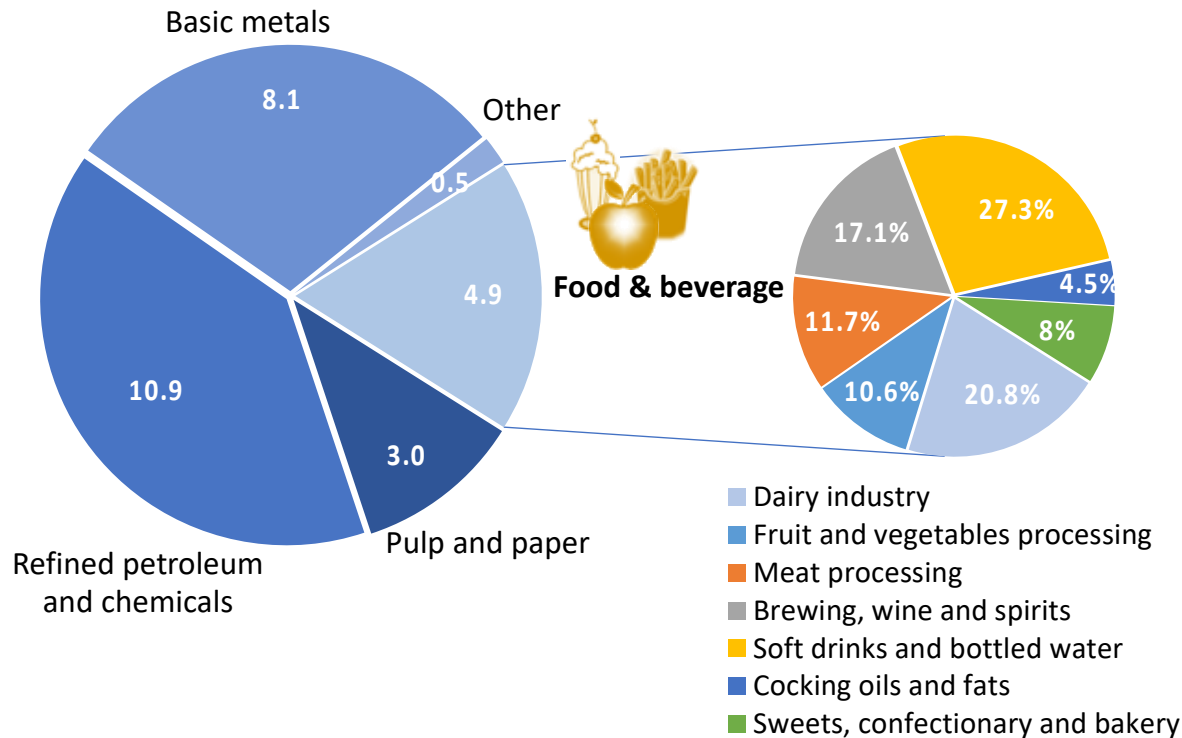


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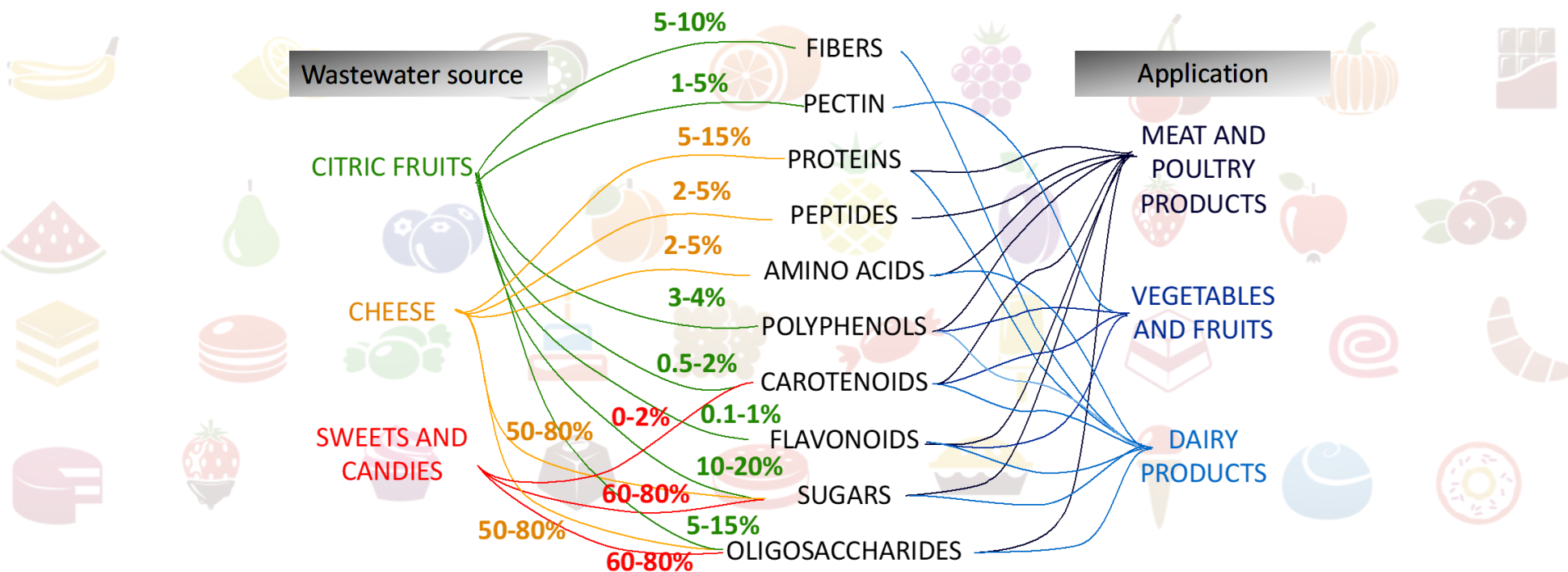
Wastewater... an abundant ~~waste~~ resource

Wastewater production in European (bio)industries

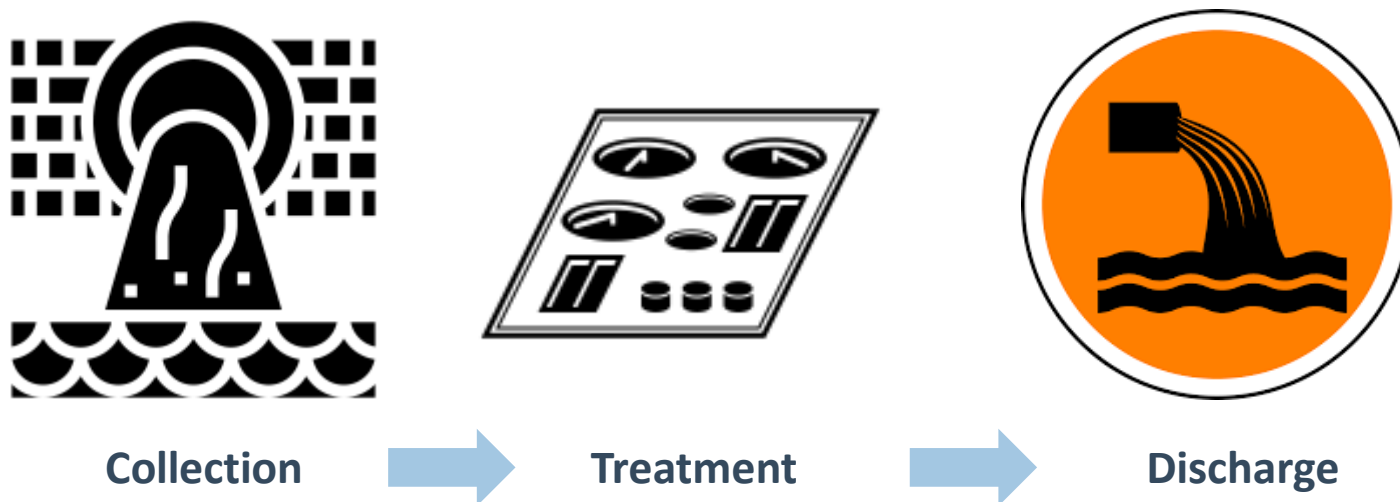


A rich source of valuable compounds

Wastewater from **food processing**: a great source of bio products!!



Current approach



Recycling and energy aspects should be considered to develop sustainable treatment systems!

Proposed approach: fitting in a circular bioeconomy

Focus on extraction and concentration techniques that will lead to the valorization of wastewater

- Green techniques
- Cost-effective
- Flexible



Value-added products

Reusable water

Application of extraction techniques in wastewater valorisation: AFTERLIFE project

- The AFTERLIFE project proposes a flexible, cost- and resource-efficient process for valorizing wastewater
- It will represent an advance on existing approaches to wastewater treatment
- It will separate out the different components of value using a series of membrane filtration units
- These will then be treated to obtain high-pure extracts and metabolites or, alternatively, to be converted into value-added biopolymers
- In addition to the value extracted from the solids, the remaining outflow of the water will be ready for re-use

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AFTERLIFE project: consortium



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Duration (Years)



3.890.000

Max. grant amount



14

Partners



7

Countries



5 RTD &
Non-profit org.

Bio Base Europe
Pilot Plant

9 SMEs

AFTERLIFE process



AFTERLIFE project: wastewater



Wastewater Collection



Heritage-W



- **High concentrations of SS**
- Whey can be studied as a raw material of fat, protein and lactose



Jake-WW



- **High concentration of SS**
- **Very high sugar content**
- Low fat and protein concentrations



Citromil-JL

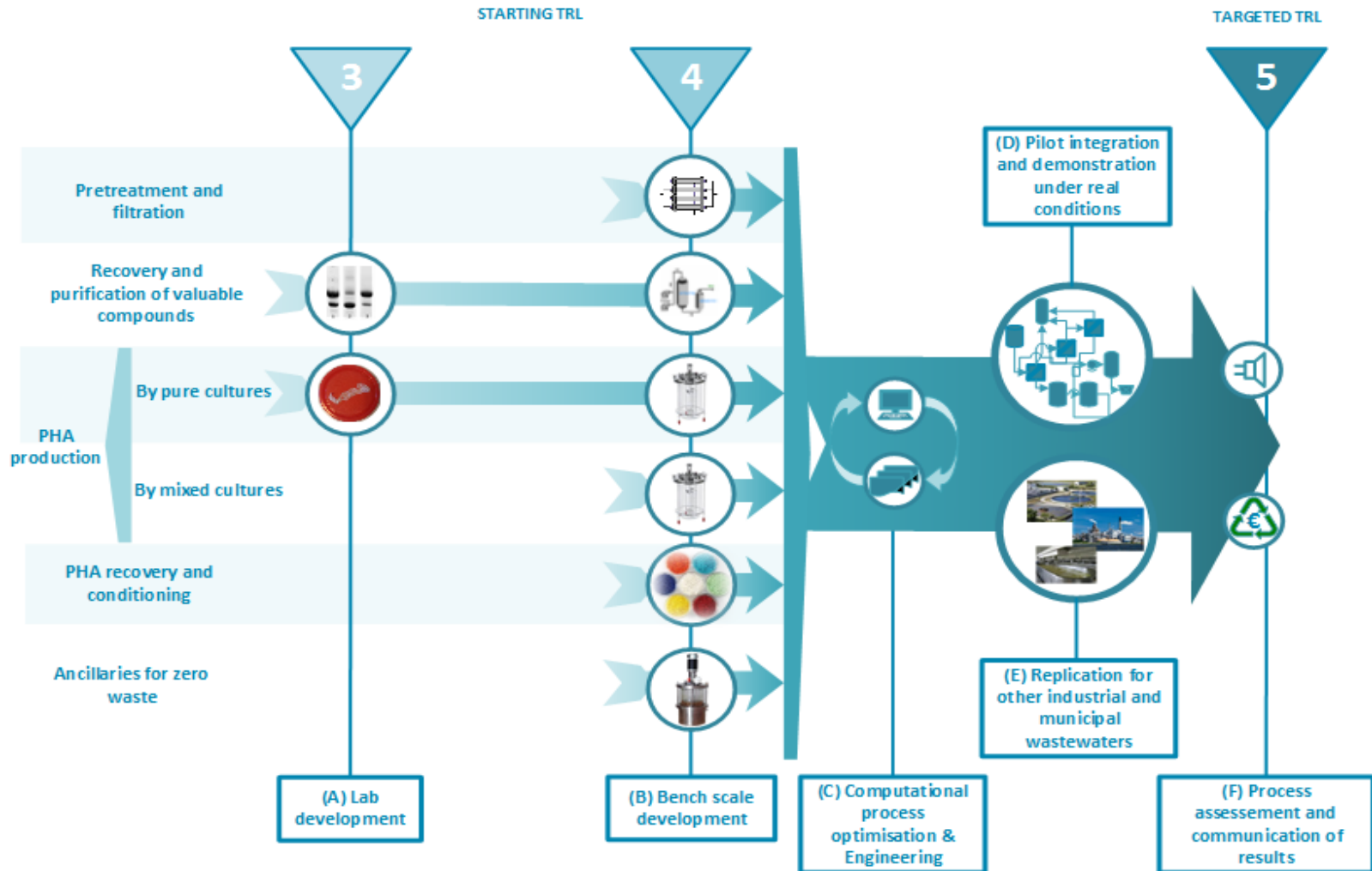


- Higher concentrations of compounds in Cit-EO than Cit-JL
- **Notable SS/pulp concentration**
- Some sugars, low fat and low protein concentrations
- **High concentrations of compounds of interest in Citromil-EO, such as flavonoids and limonoids, and relevant quantities of essential oils**

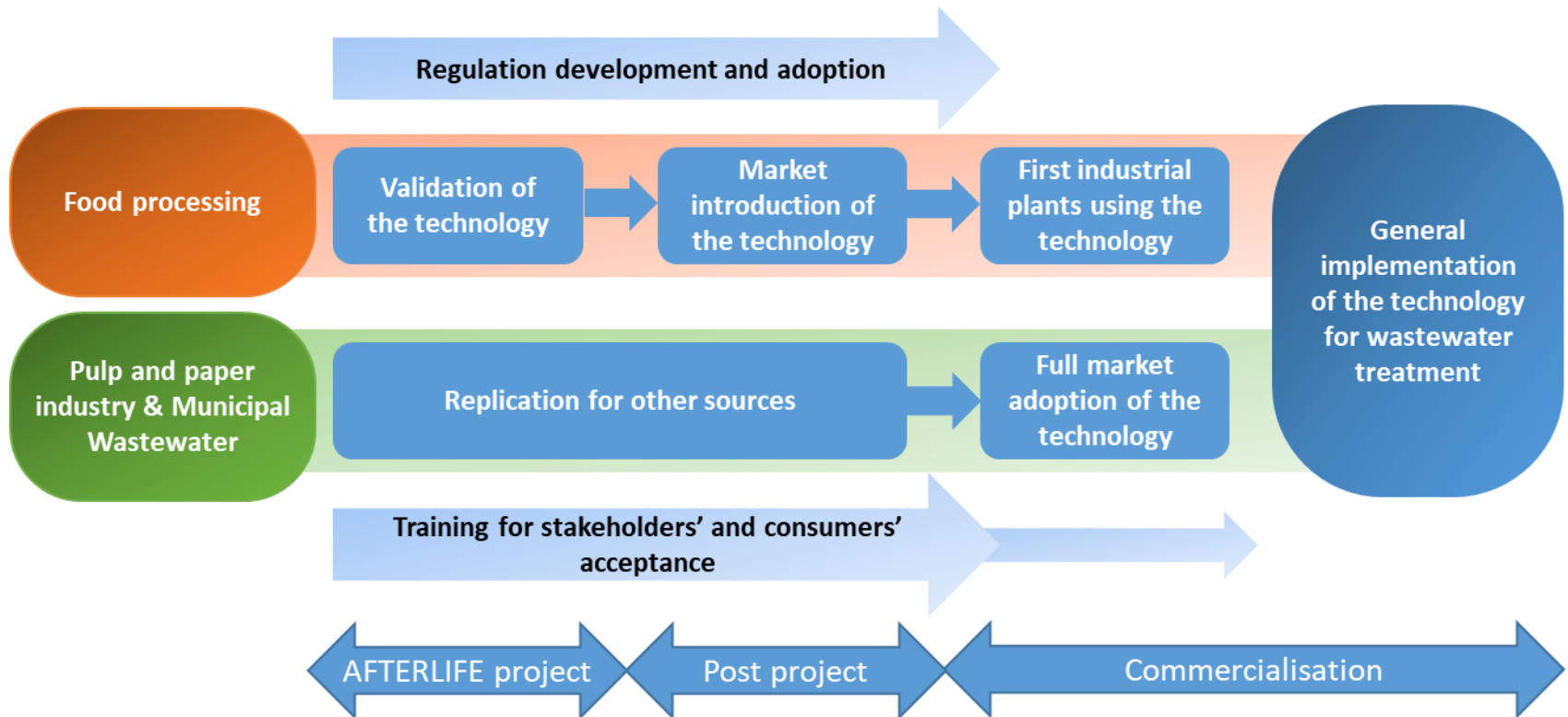
Citromil-EO



AFTERLIFE project: roadmap



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