



BioSC
Bioeconomy Science Center

Skills for an Integrated Bioeconomy of the Future

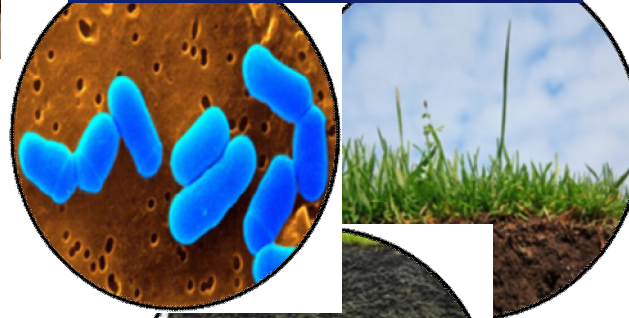
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Integrated Bioeconomy

Climate Change

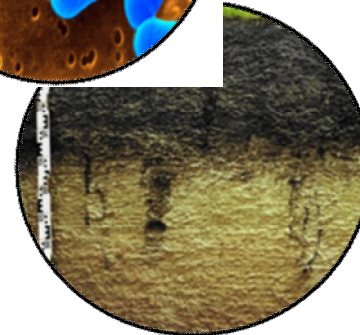


Energy



Food/ Feed

Natural Resources



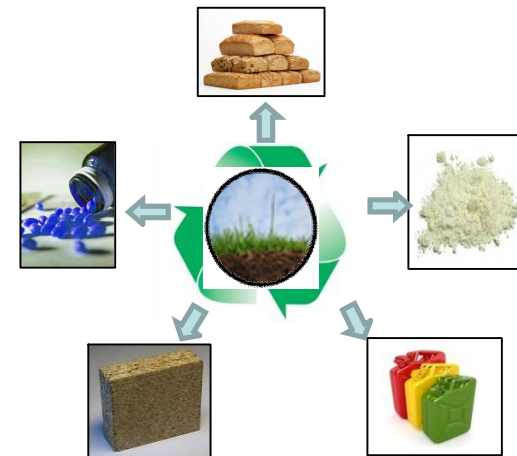
Challenges – Needs – Skills - Instruments

Challenge

Limitation: yield, land, natural and biological resources



Novel demands in quality and scale



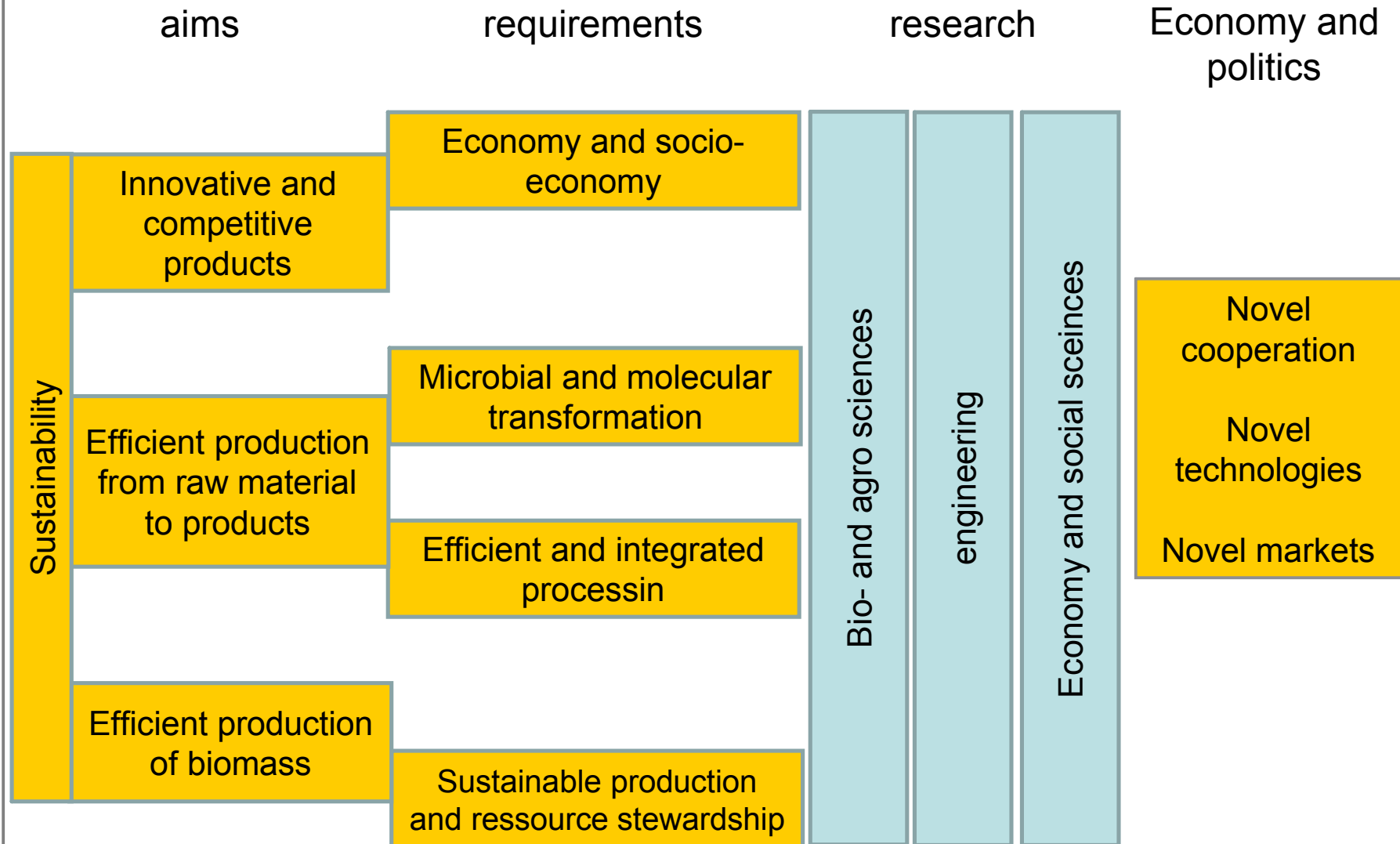
Global perspective



Industry and consumers



The way towards a sustainable bioeconomy



Bioeconomy Science Center - Regional competence for a global sustainable bioeconomy



- *engineering meets natural sciences*



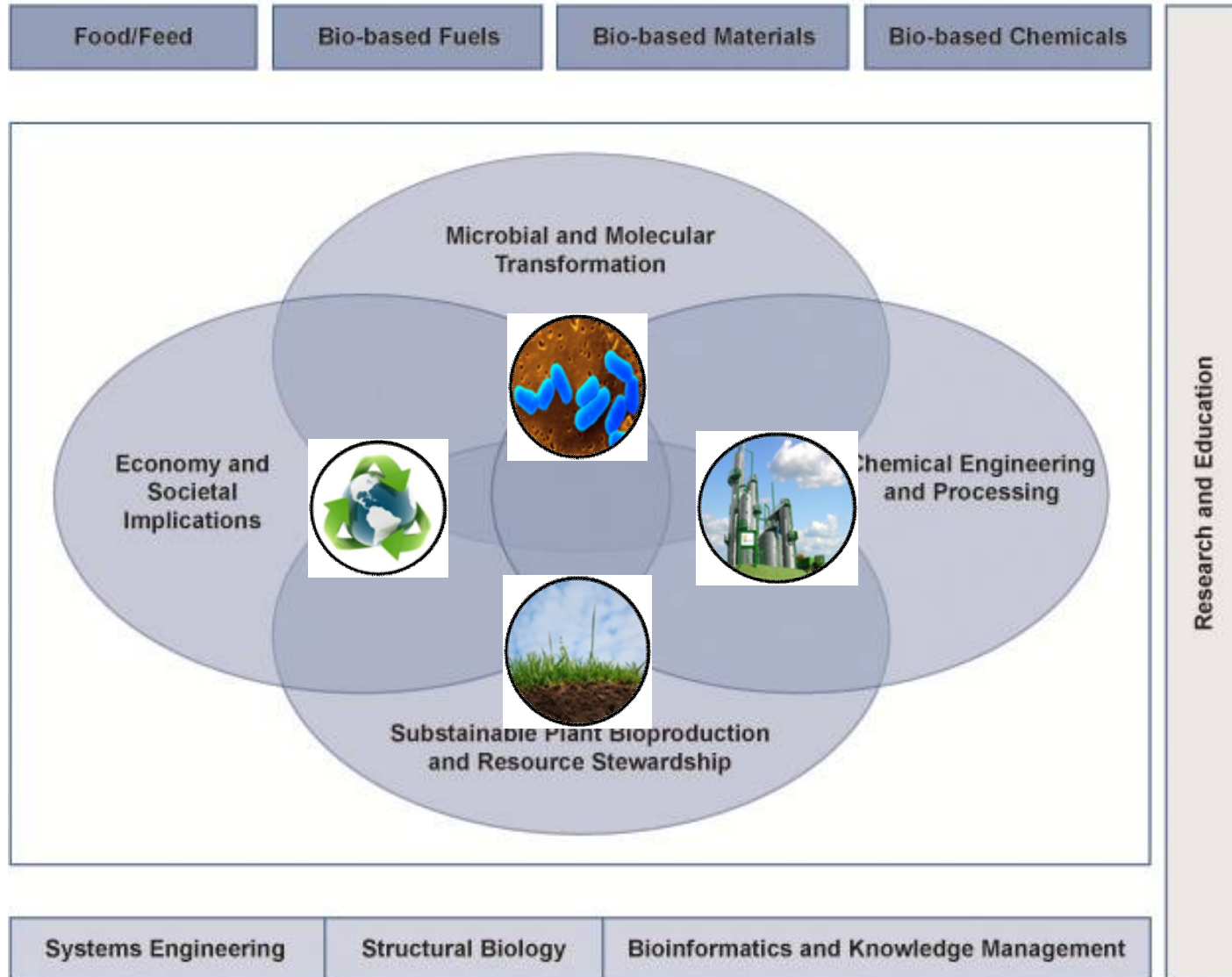
- Technology platforms
- Strategic research

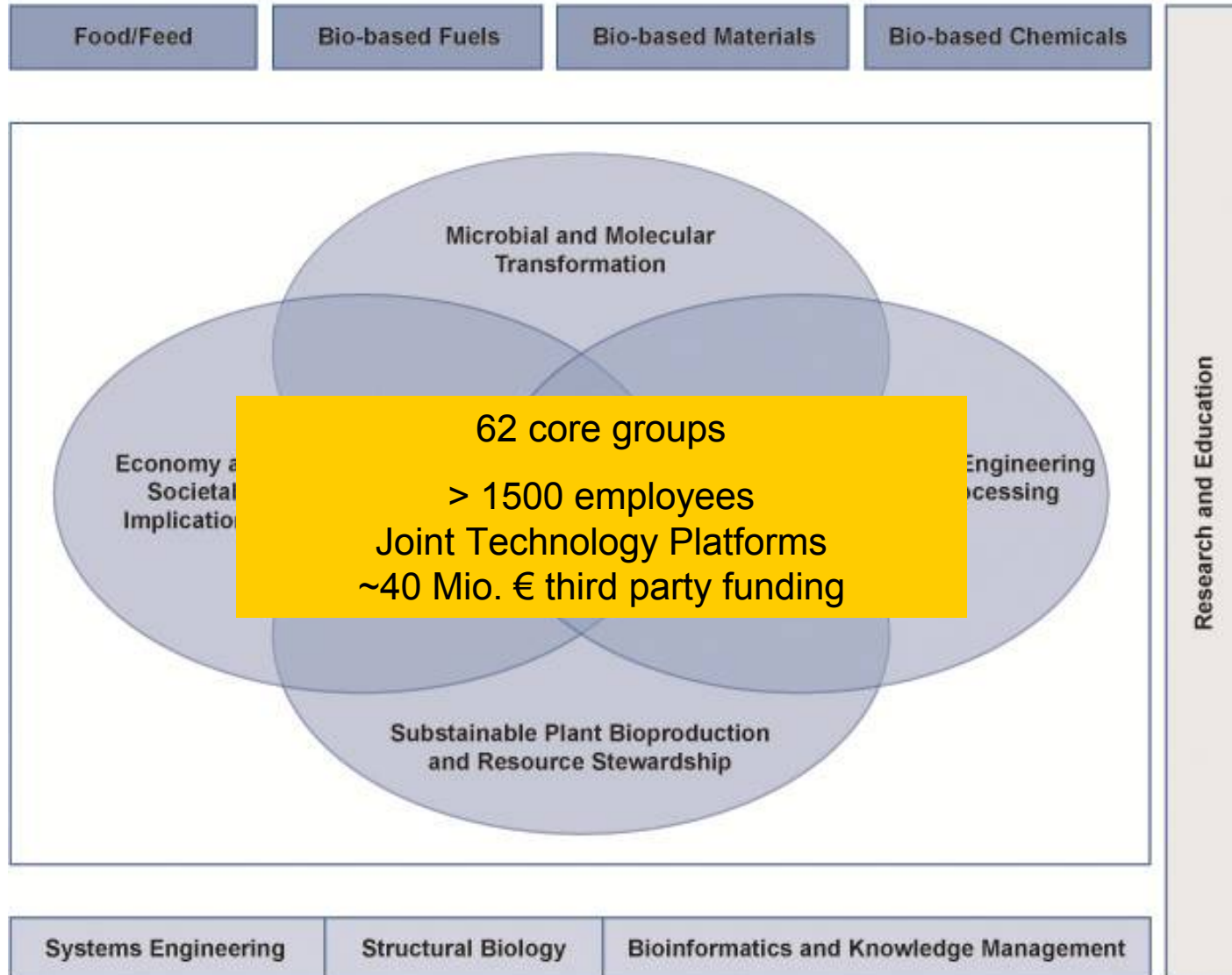


- Excellent natural sciences



- Modern agro-sciences
- Food – renewable resources - energy





Topics in the BioSC



- Improvement of quality and quantity of biomass
- Resource use and stewardship (land, soil, nutrients, water)
- Production systems in global change



- Chemicals, pharma and proteins from renewable resources
- Whole cell, isolated enzyme and chemical catalysis (hybrids)
- Synthetic biology for novel products for chemical industry and pharma



- Extraction – from plants to intermediates
- Transfromation – from intermediates to products
- Product design – from molecule to function



- Global and regional socio- and economic frameworks and conditions
- Environment and resource economy
- Organisation and management of process and value chains
- Consumer and acceptance

Mission and pillars of BioSC

- Scientific excellence in knowledge generation and transfer
- Education for needs and careers
- Long-term strategy and joint development
- Innovation and transfer
- Contract-based implementation (new appointments, etc)



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Optimising the science base

- Accelerate knowledge generation and implementation through novel breeding and plant management technologies
- Bio- and agro sciences need to become quantitative
- Integration of all possible technology options to increase throughput and quantitatification (robotics, IT, mathematics, nanotechnology, etc.)
- Systemic approaches overcoming borders of disciplines
- Globalising bioeconomy science community (work force and utilising natural resources globally)

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Optimising the science base

Integrating with economy

- Systemic approaches linking novel knowledge into integrated processes for products (science-to.business)
- Improving knowledge about markets and economy (business-to-science)
- Realising and impementing international cooperation

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Optimising the science base

Integrating with economy

Integrating with society

- Communication with society about risks and benefits for acceptance and science-based decision making
- Developing a perspective of the role of science and bioeconomy on a global scale
- Life-long learning (from schools to senior scientists)

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Needs

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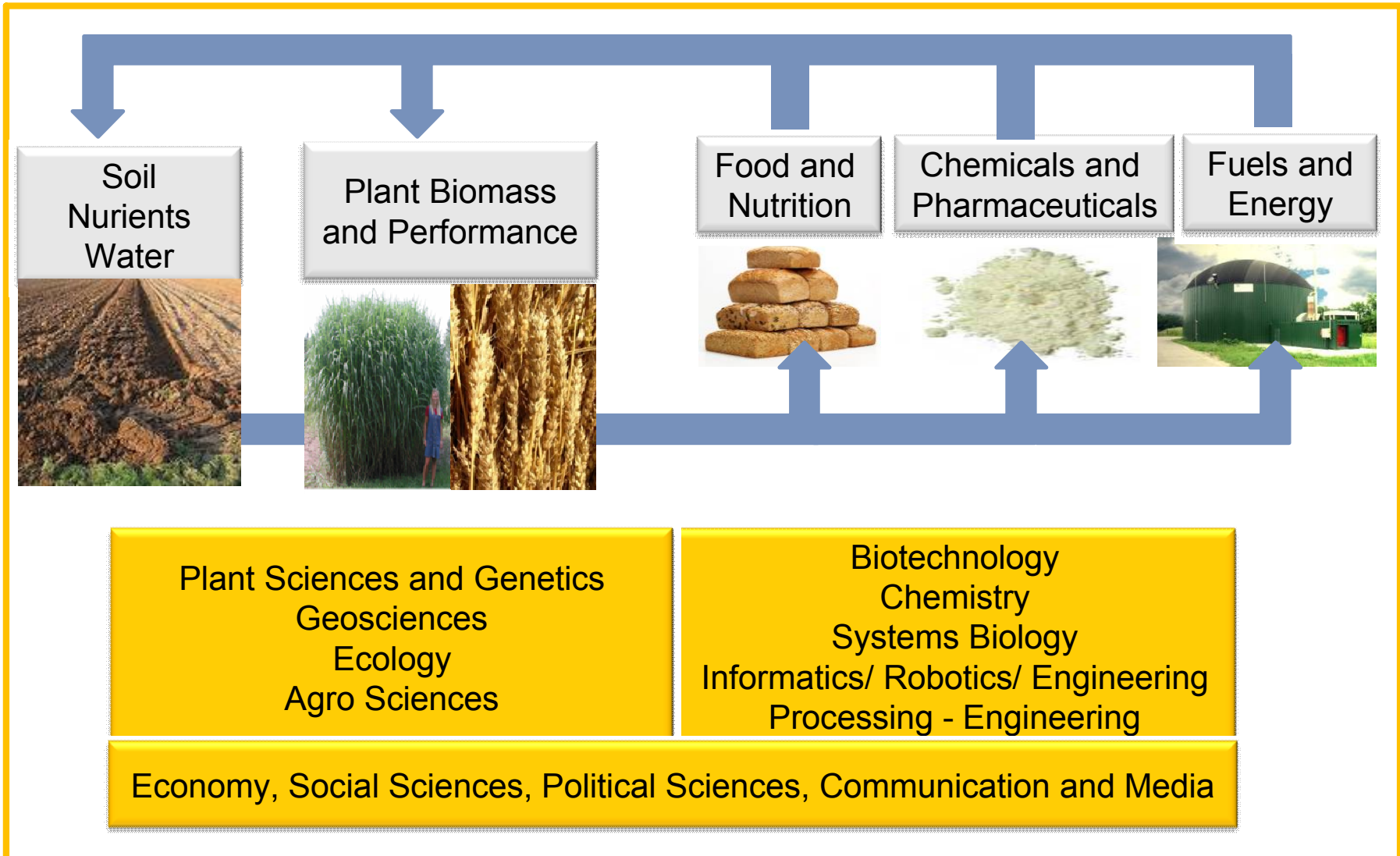
Integrating with economy

Integrating with society

Different roles for all relevant stakeholders

Multidisciplinary and cross-sectorial education

- Many sciences are needed



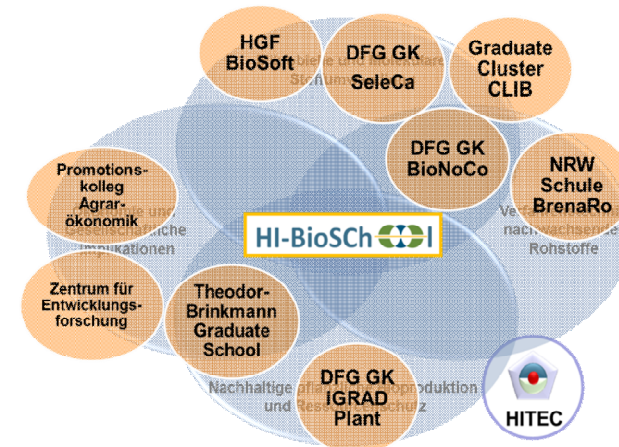
Skills and Instruments

• Skills

- **Sound basis** science and discipline
- **Soft skills** in management, networking, multidisciplinary team skills, media, etc.
- **Team skills** – beyond the individual excellence

• Integrated Education Networks

- **Graduate education:** coordination of bioeconomy specific education based on existing disciplinary approaches
- **Regional** education clusters linked to **international networks**
- **Senior scientists in academia and industry:** Specific add-on education for bioeconomy professionals
- **Utilising demonstration projects** for teaching specific skills
- **Integrating** academic education with practical industry experience
- **Adapting incentive systems in sciences** for translational research and carrier flexibility



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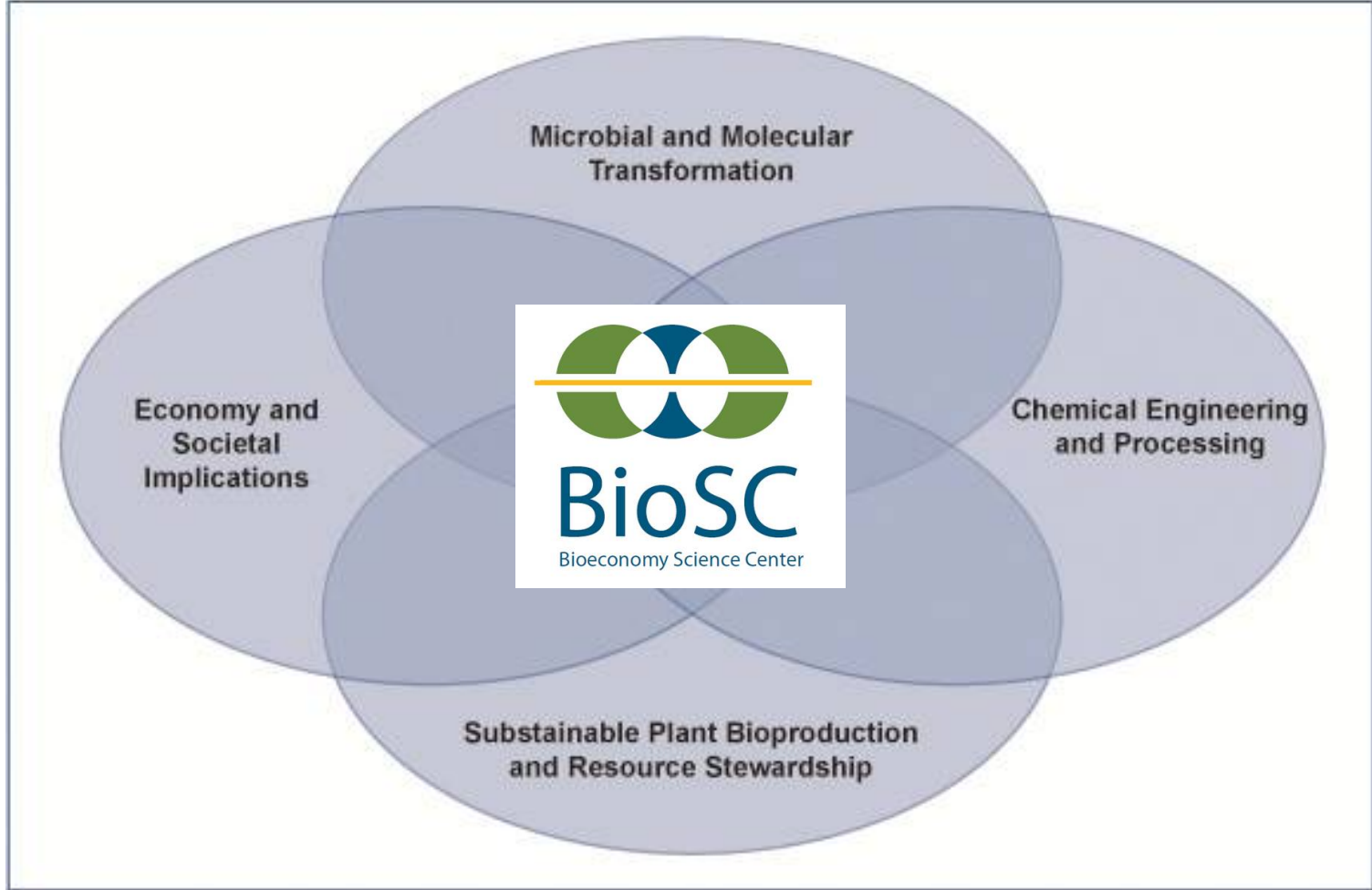
- **Building adequate skills starts at schools**
 - Overcoming the „**bio- illiteracy**“ of today to form an educated public and enthusiastic students
- **Technical training:**
 - **Training on novel technologies** to farmers, horticulturalists, engineers, etc.: add-on training for special skills (e.g. molecular gardening, biomass web economics, etc.)
- **Academic Training**
 - See „Multidisciplinary and cross-sectorial education“
- **Life-long learning and training**
 - Education of **senior professionals** across disciplines, sectors from academia and industry



Skills and Instruments

- Industrialised, emerging and developing countries share the vision of Bioeconomy
- Implementation of Bioeconomy requires regional context and its link to international and global interaction of bioeconomy
- **International bioeconomy education and training**
 - in other countries – global workforce
 - global perspectives including trade, globalisation, etc.
 - diversity of regional implementation





Skills for an Integrated Bioeconomy

- **Multidisciplinary and cross-sectorial** education
- Education at **all skill levels** and in **all levels** of education and **lifelong-** learning
- International and global perspective
- **International** training
- Encourage **mobility**
- International recognition of qualification
- **Soft skills**
- Management
- Communication and media