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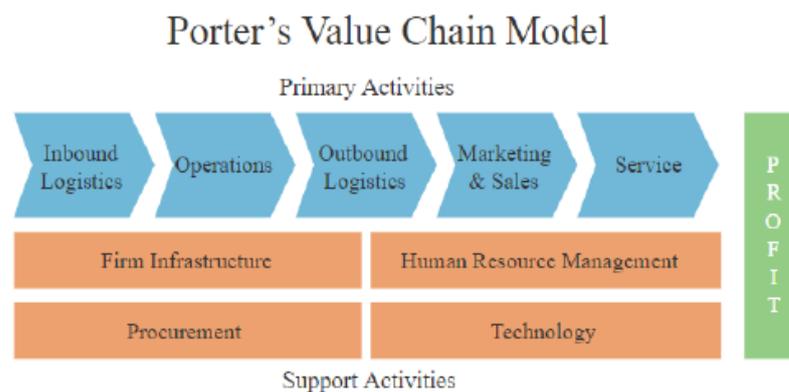
## Value Chain Analysis for the three Industry sectors of TRACE-KEI clusters

All TRACE-KEI clusters performed value chain analysis in the three relevant sectors – **Agro-food, ICT and Energy**. The main goal of this task was to provide clusters' managers with a global view and better perspective about value-chains their associates cover and to know the positioning of each cluster member on a value chain both in terms of identifying potential synergies and market positioning.

For the implementation of this task, the cluster managers used the knowledge about Porter's Value Chain Model, acquired during the 1<sup>st</sup> joint training on 28 and 29 of June in Bari.

Porter's Value Chain Model defines value chains in two distinct types of activities:

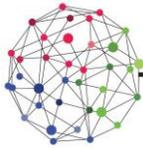
- Primary activities: includes inbound logistics (getting the material in for adding value by processing it), operations (which are all the processes within the manufacturing), outbound (which involves distribution to the points of sale), marketing and sales (which go to sell it, brand it and promote it) and service (which maintains the functionality of the product, post sales).
- Support activities: are the ones that feed into all the primary activities as the firm infrastructure; human resources, procurement to buy or source goods at the right price, and technology



The analysis of the value chains included most of the companies of each cluster, their position in the different value chains and the possible synergies between the emerged value-chains.

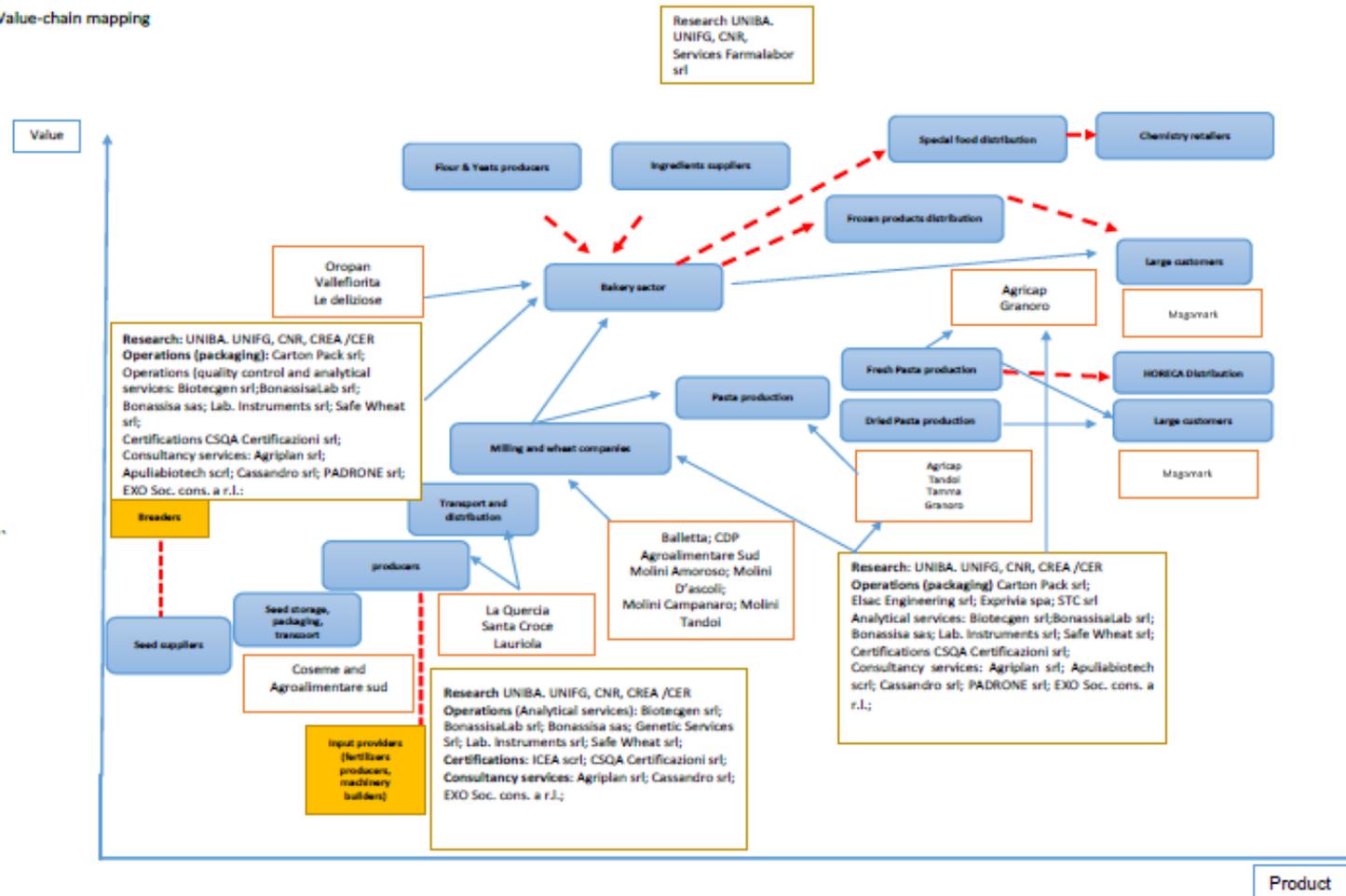
Some examples of the established value chains by sectors:

- **Agro-food sector**

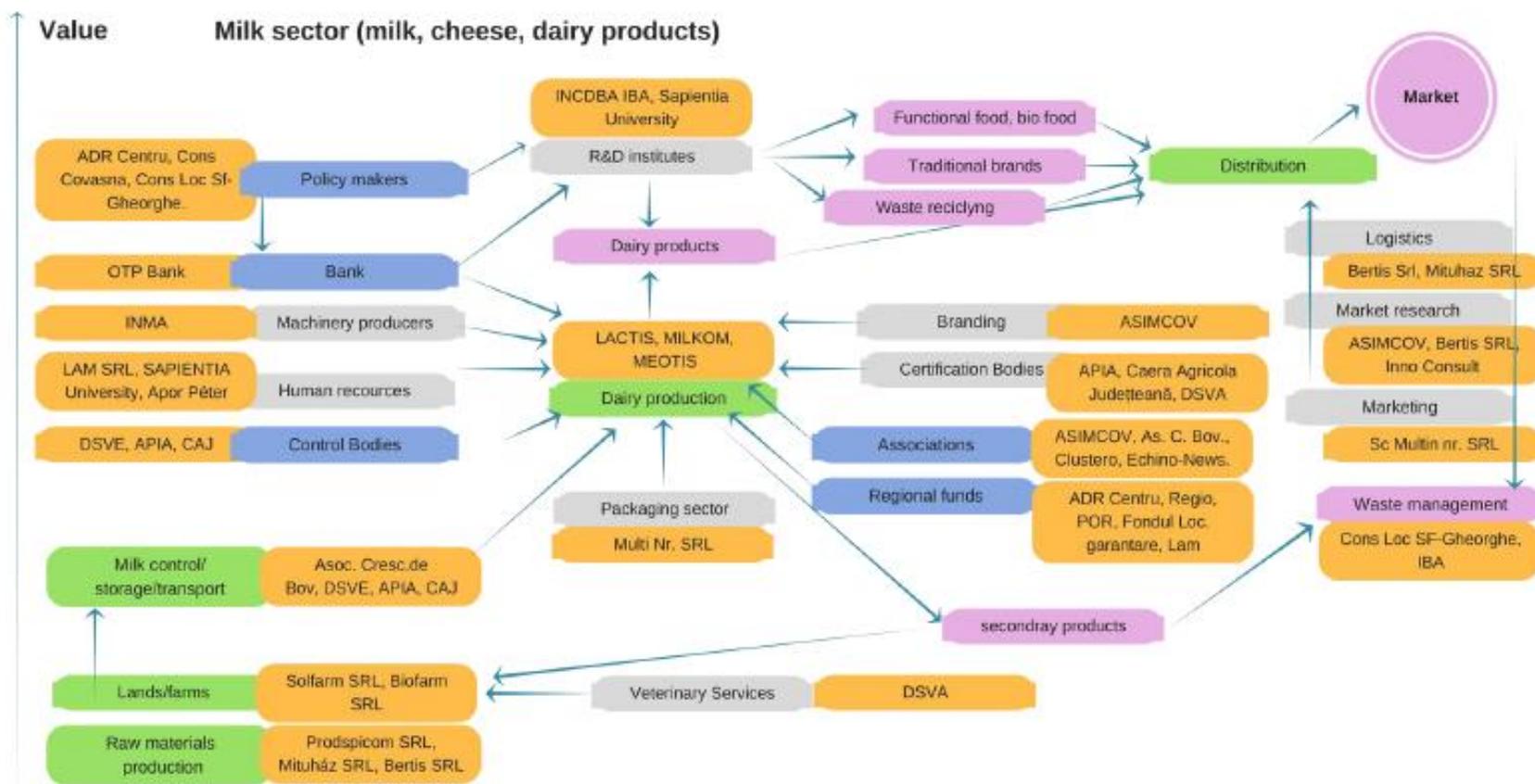


### Mapping of DARE cluster members on value chain of cereal, bakery and pasta sub-sector:

Value-chain mapping

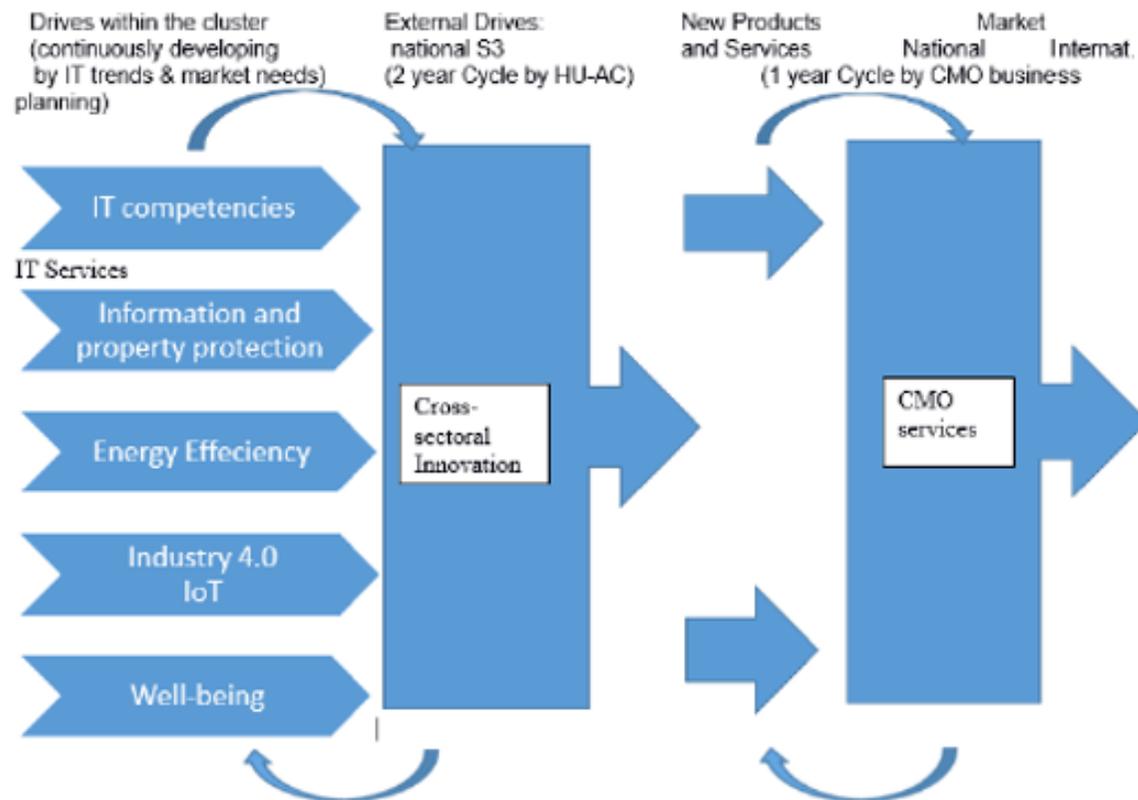


**Mapping of AGROCO cluster members on value chain of milk sub sector:**



- ICT sector

**Value chain of IT sector, prepared by Innoskart:**

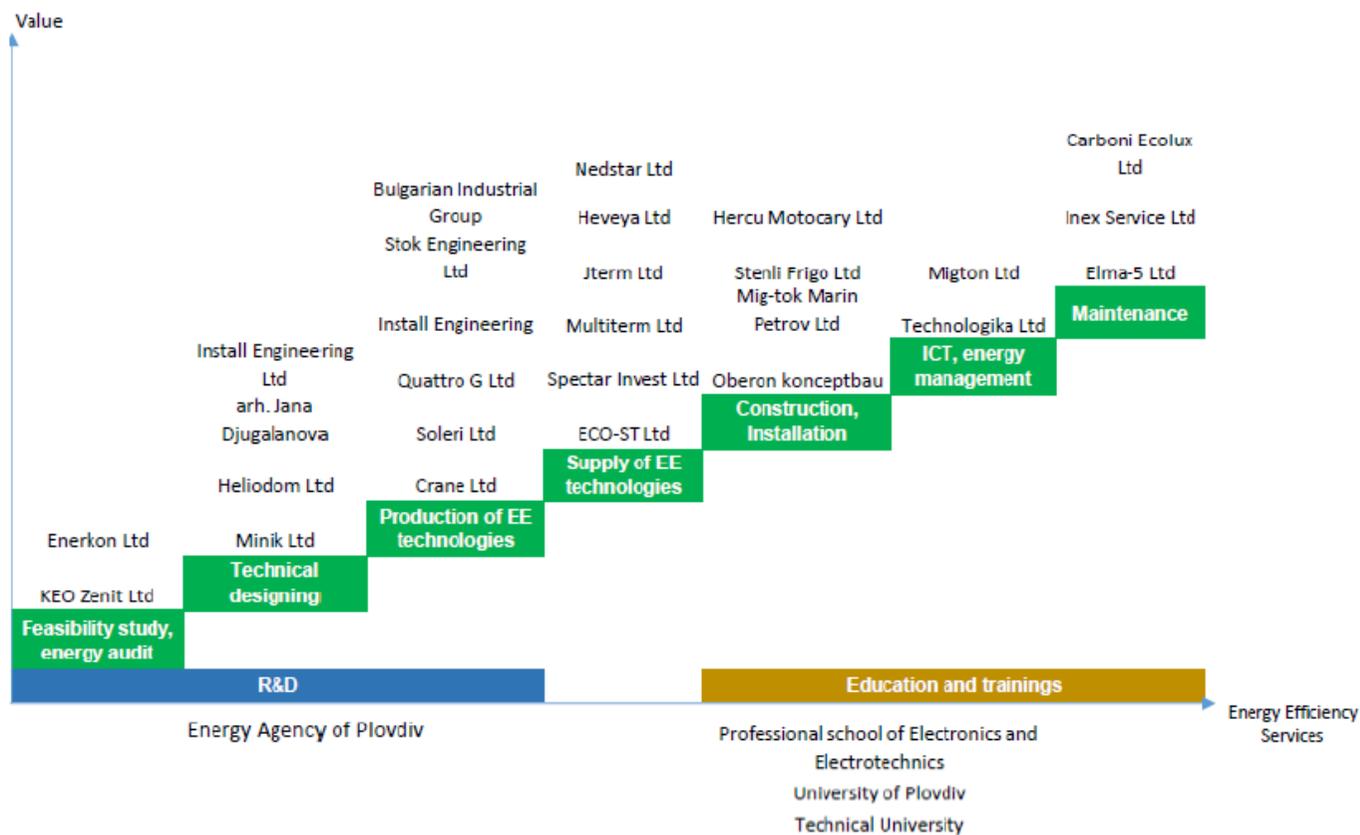


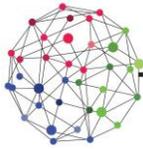
**Mapping of Madan Parque members on Value chain of services sub-sector:**



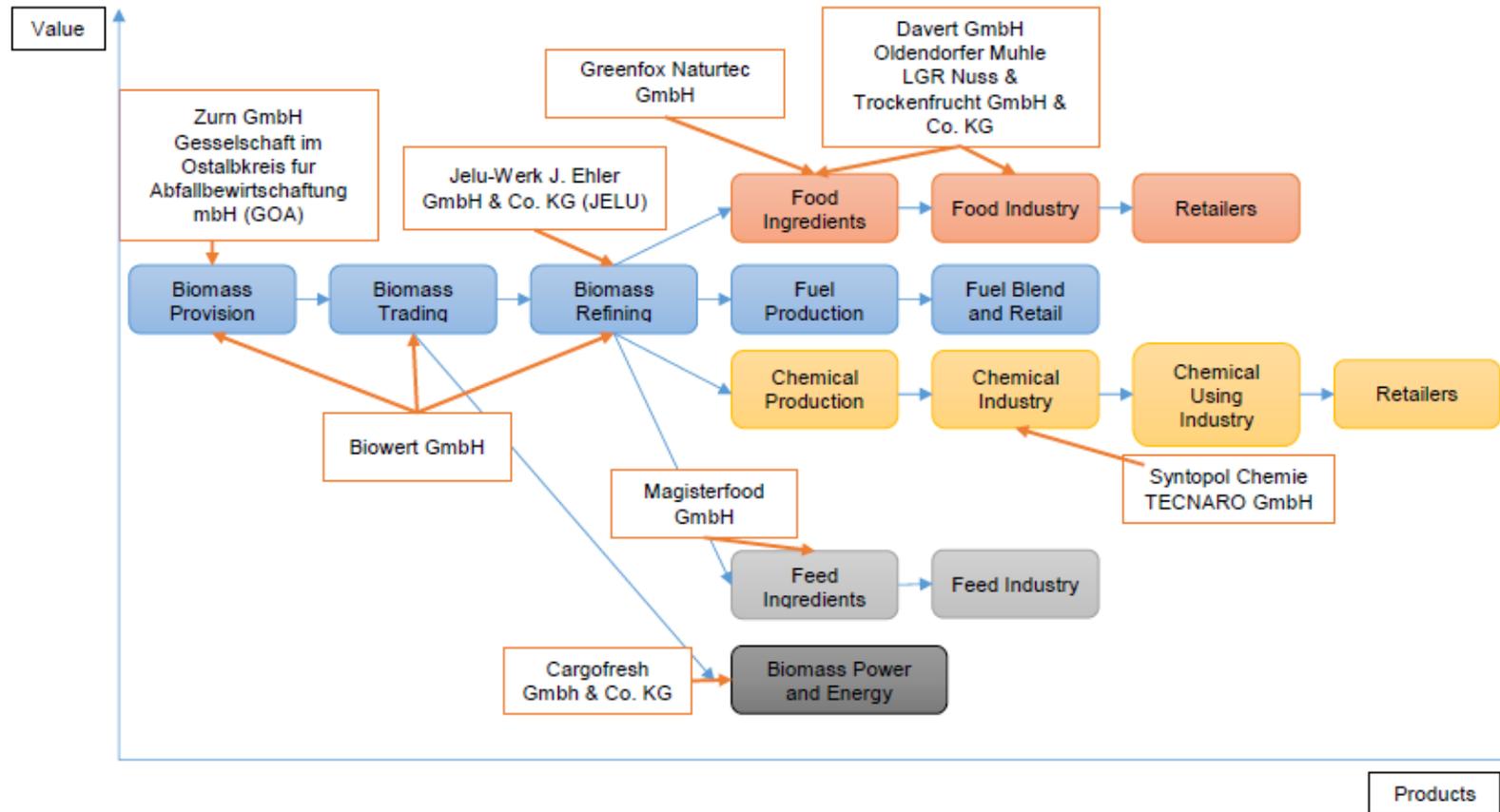
- Energy sector

**Mapping of Green synergy cluster members on value chain of energy efficiency services**

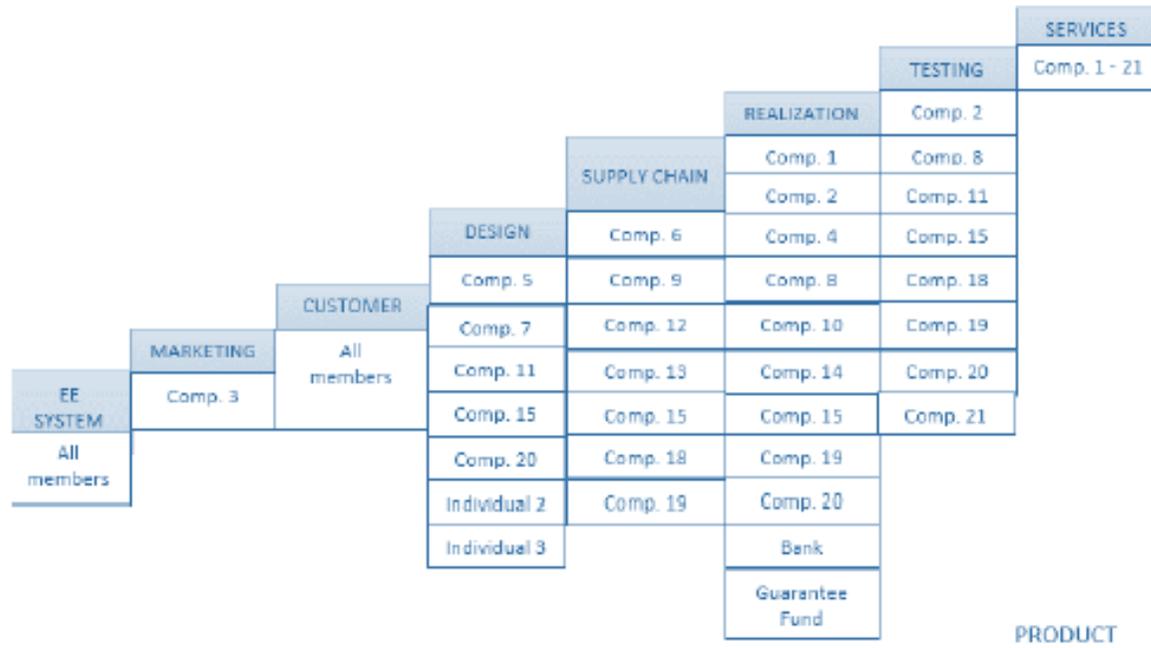




**Mapping of Biomastec members on Biomass sector:**



**Value chain of energy sector, performed by Cluster for energy efficiency**



After analysing all value chains provided by Trace-Kei partners, there are different types of synergies that can be done: synergies by bringing new members to the cluster, improved synergies among associates or synergies between clusters, through cross-sectorial collaboration.

By this mapping exercise, TRACE-KEI partners concluded that associated companies may discover new markets, internal and international ones, when cross-collaborations are better exploited. Moreover, the cooperation among TRACE-KEI clusters where the nexus ICT-Food-Energy is represented may help to face more promising challenges to meet the Industry 4.0 strategy and the EU Bioeconomy agenda.



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