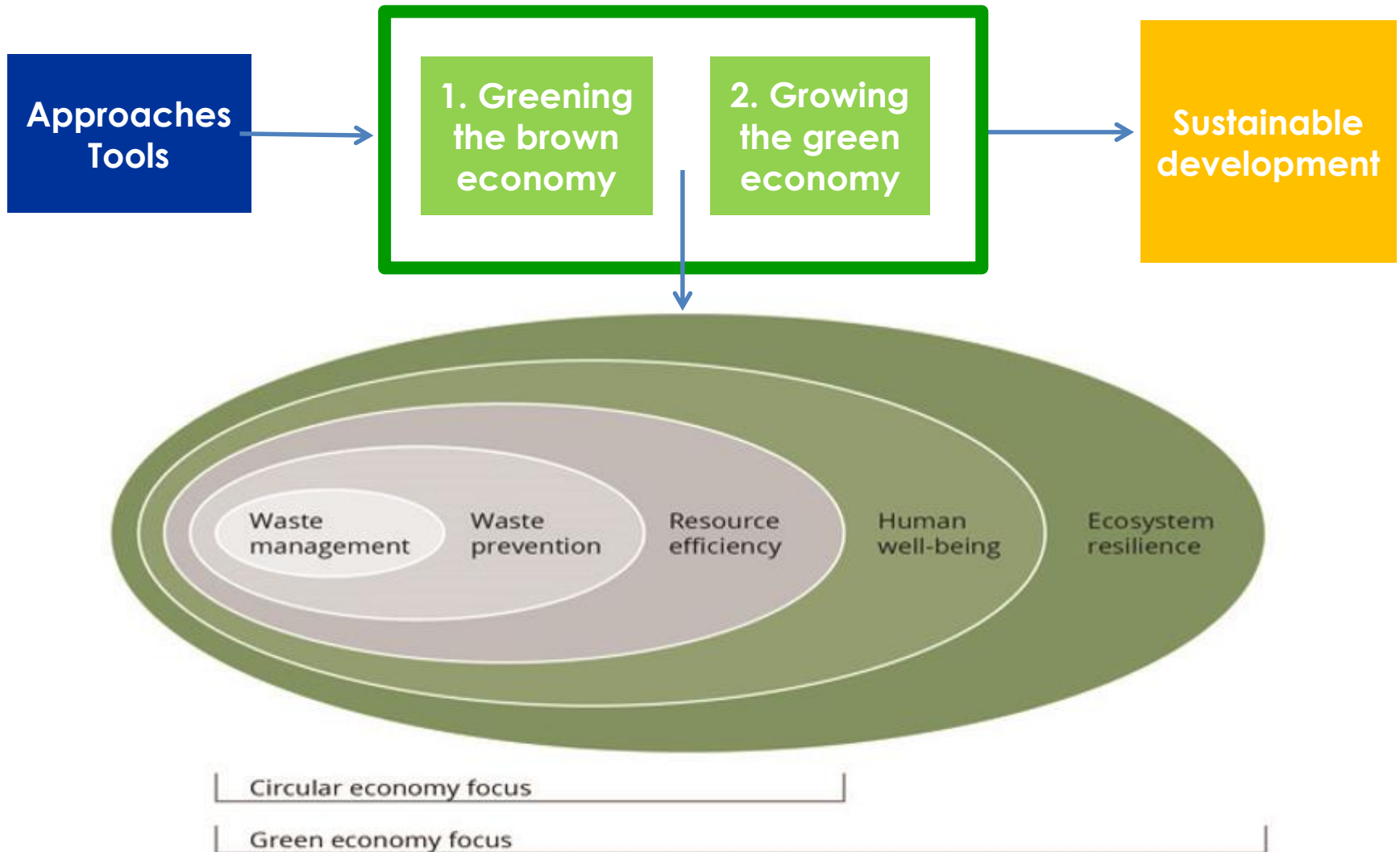




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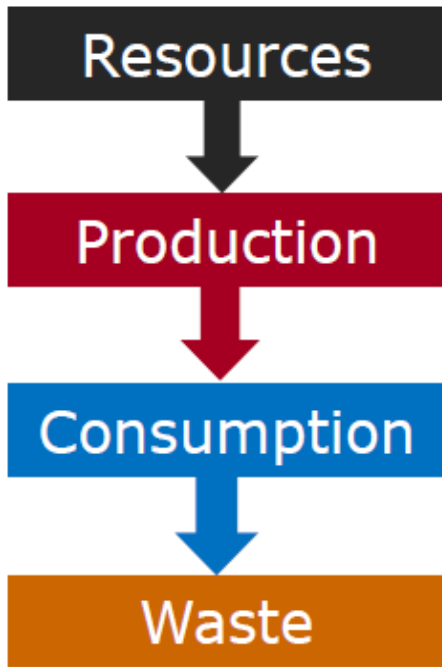
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Inclusive Green Economy and Circular Economy



Circular Economy – The Way Forward

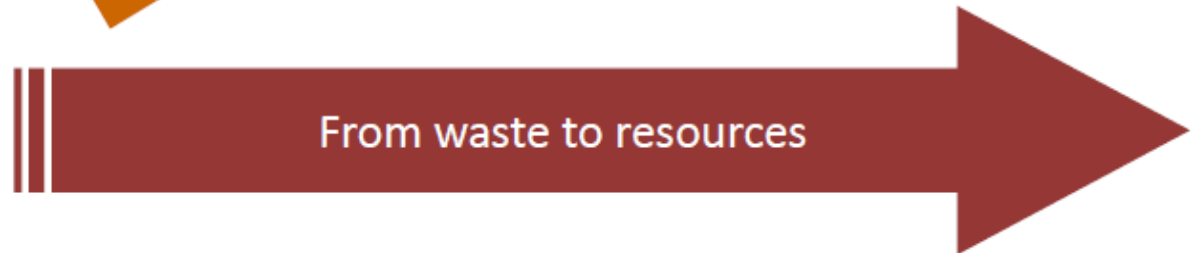
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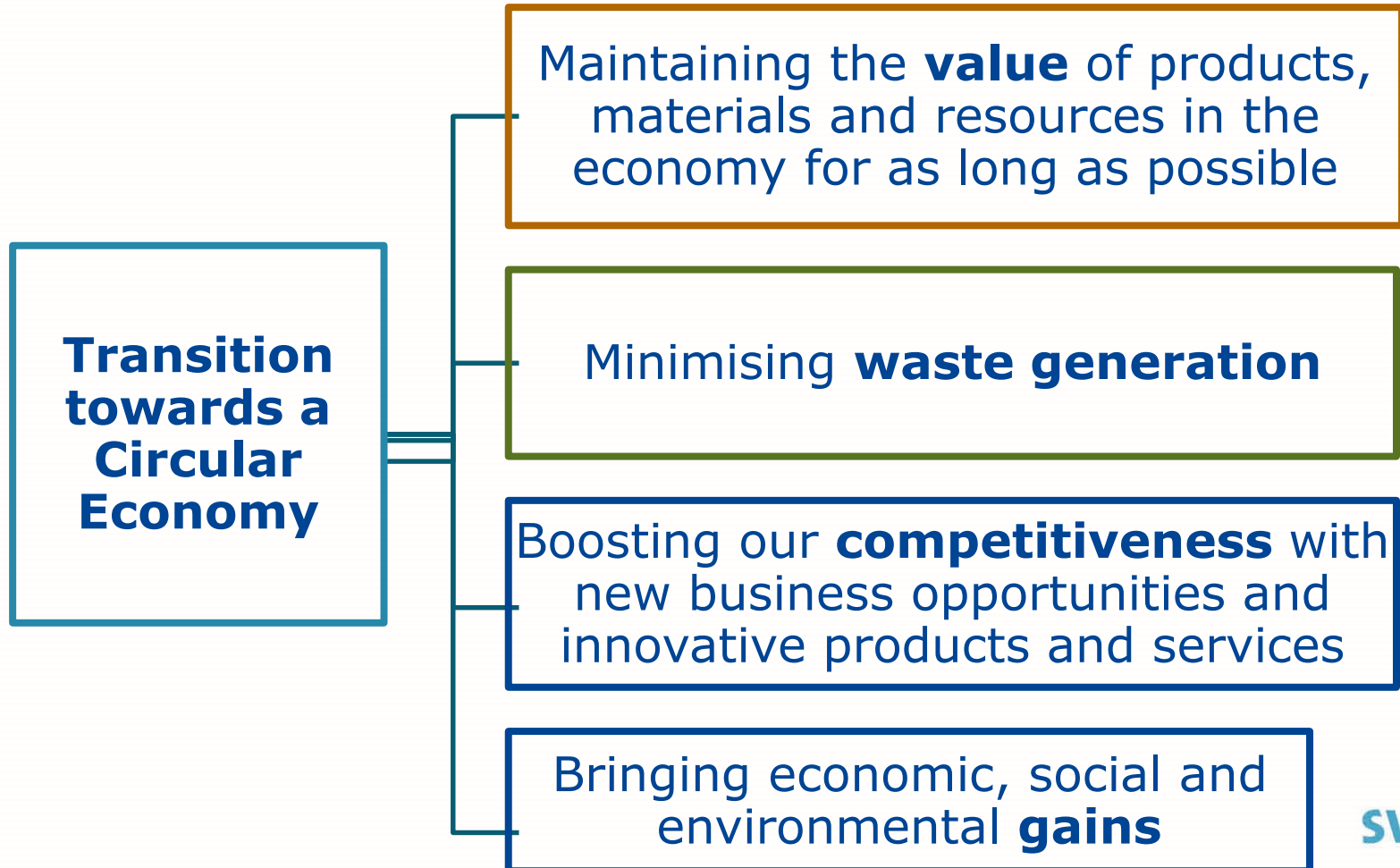
Chain economy



Circular economy



EU Benefits through a Circular Economy



EU Circular Economy Action Plan

4 Key areas of action

5 Priority sectors



Plastics Strategy



Actions

to encourage the use of recycled plastic



Stronger incentives

to collect, sort and recycle all plastics



Better design

of plastics for less toxicity, more durability and easier recycling



More information

to raise awareness and encourage responsible behaviour





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THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development



- SDGs 8,9 → Circular Economy brings higher levels of economic productivity by improving resource efficiency in consumption and production.
- SDGs 6,13,14,15 → improving the environmental quality for citizens, as the circular economy ensures the protection of our ecosystems, the reduction of marine pollution and it contributes to the fight against climate change
- SDGs 12 → fostering the shift towards responsible consumption and production patterns and by sustainable managing all wastes and chemicals.





Circular Economy in EU Development Cooperation

- CE is a policy-ready concept endorsed by UNEA4 and embedded in SDGs
- Africa-Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs acknowledges the role of CE
- EU External Investment Plan encourages sustainable investment including the European Fund for Sustainable Development
- SWITCH Africa Green (SWITCH-Med)
- Support for the Partnership for Action on Green Economy
- EU study on the CE and its benefits in the African Context
- EU domestic experience (LIFE, Horizon 2020, Eco-innovation)