



# CarE-Service

**Circular Economy oriented services for re-use and remanufacturing of hybrid and electric vehicles components through smart and movable modules**



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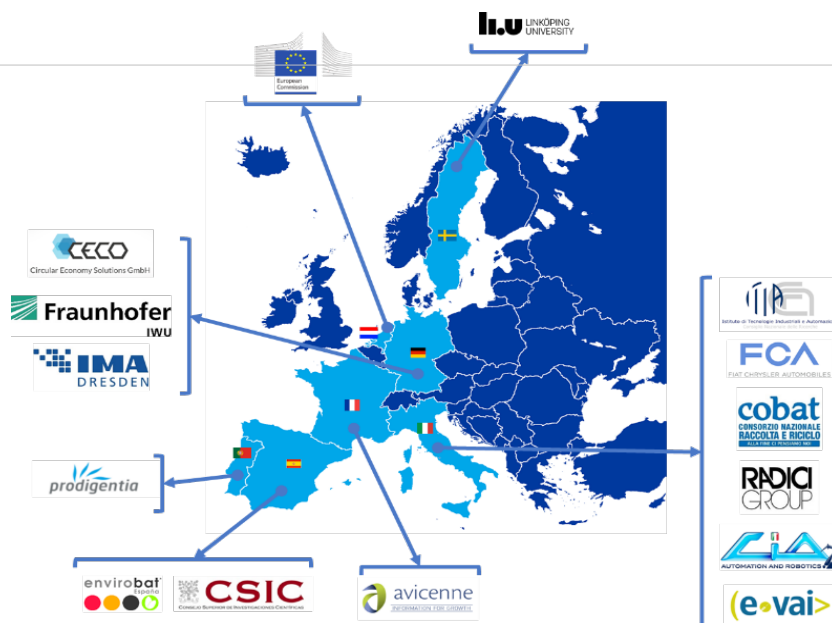


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## Project figures

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- **15 Partners**
- **7 Countries**
- **Costs: 7,7 mln€**
- **EU Funding: 6,2 mln€**
- **From June 2018 to May 2021 (3 years)**
- **Coordinator: Giacomo Copani (CNR-STIIMA)**



# The paradigm shift in automotive industry

## Automotive industry

one of the most relevant manufacturing industries in Europe

- **Jobplaces** and welfare  
(12 million jobplaces, 780 billion turnover, 140 billion value added)
- Citizens' **quality of life**
- **Environmental sustainability**
- Sustains **other supply chains**  
(materials, electronics, machine tools, automation, ...)
- **Triggers innovation** in other sectors



## Paradigm shift

Traditional fuel cars



Electric &  
Hybrid Electric  
Vehicles  
(E&HEVs)

**By 2040  
the 35% of the  
newly sold vehicles  
will be electric**



# Current and future challenges

## High Total Cost of Ownership of E&HEVs



- High initial cost of E&HEVs due to battery and other high added-value materials and components
- Battery life
- Maintenance cost

## Users' experience



- Vehicle performance and autonomy
- Maintenance need
- Recharging stations
- ....

## End-Of-Life



**EU is not currently prepared to efficiently manage the EOL of E&HEVs:**

- No consolidated processes and technologies for E&HEVs EOL
- No value chains for E&HEVs EOL



# Circular Economy of E&HEVs: technological barriers

## New high added-value parts and components in E&HEVs

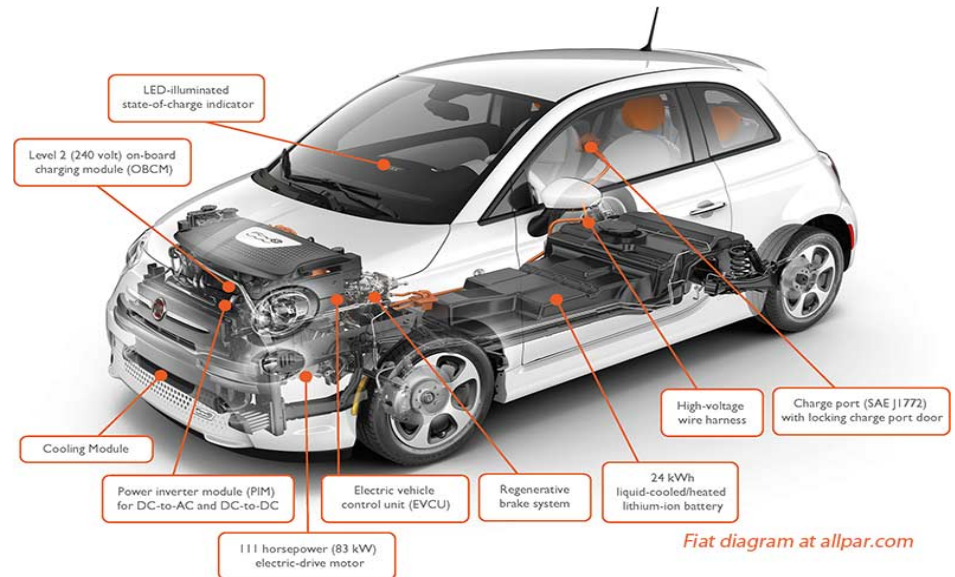
Battery system

Techno polymers

Composites

Electronics

...



*What to do with them at the  
EOL?*

*How to safely disassemble and  
treat for re-use?*

- **Lack of consolidated processes and technologies**
- **Components are not designed to be re-used**

# **Circular Economy of E&HEVs: business and systemic barriers**

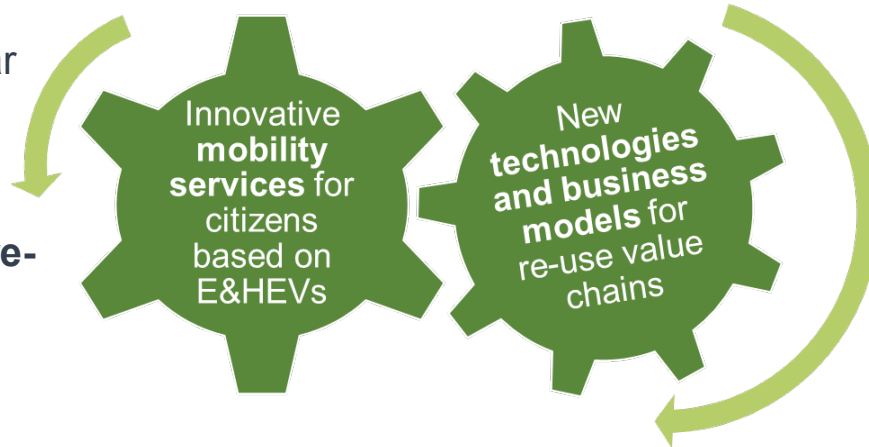
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- **Lack of consolidated re-use chains**
- **Unclear sustainability of re-use business models**
- **Limited number of post-use cars in this ramp-up phase**
- **Unexplored re-use market**
- **Risk of market un-acceptance**
- **Regulation does not support re-use**



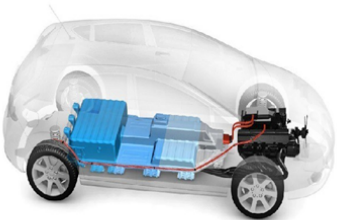
# Project goals

- **Redesign E&HEVs** for circular economy
- Develop EU leadership in **advanced technologies for re-use** of E&HEVs
- **Reduce TCO** of E&HEVs
- Create **new value chains** and businesses in EU around Circular Economy of E&HEVs



**Industrial and social impact**

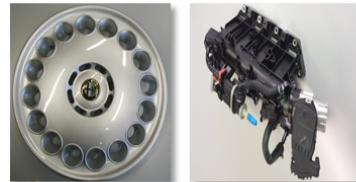
## Batteries



## Metals

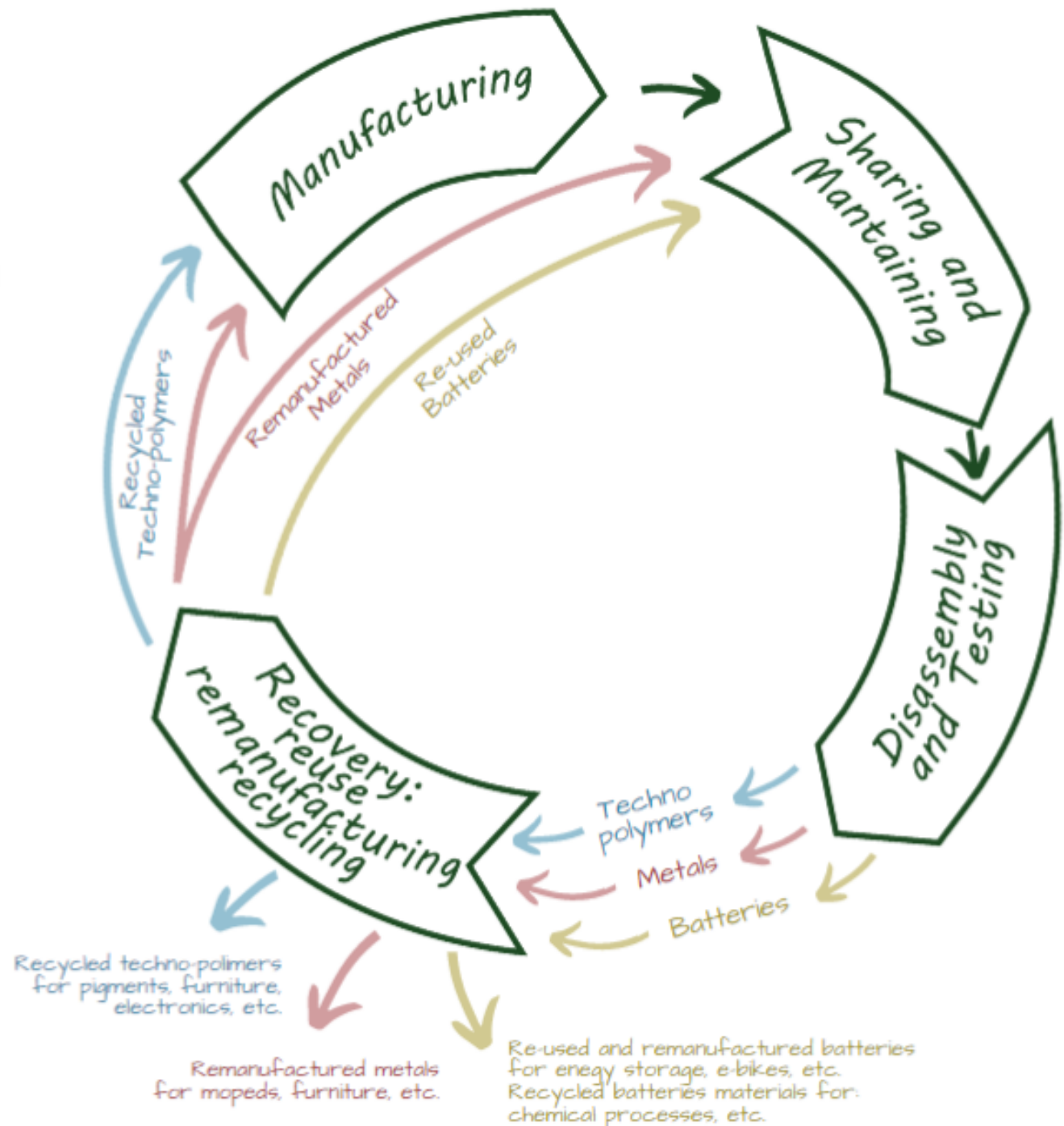


## Techno-polymers





# Concept





# New mobility products-services

- **Non-ownership:**
  - car sharing, renting, leasing
- **Performance-oriented:**
  - Responsibility of the service provider for vehicle availability and performance
  - Quality reward criteria for customers returning vehicles
- **Exploiting benefits of circular economy:**
  - Reduced cost of spares
  - Reduced cost of vehicles built with re-usable parts
  - Continuous functional and aesthetic upgrade of parts through remanufacturing/refurbishing at low cost
- **High market segmentation**

## Benefits for customers:



- higher affordability
- better assistance
- Increased overall transportation performance
- improved user experience



# Smart Mobile Modules



**Mobile units bringing advanced technology for on-site disassembly and testing/certification where is the demand**

## Disassembly Module



- DSS suggesting which components to disassemble based on car sensors data, manufacturer product data and market
- Disassembly guidelines
- Robotics cooperative disassembly
- Mechatronics tools

## Testing Module



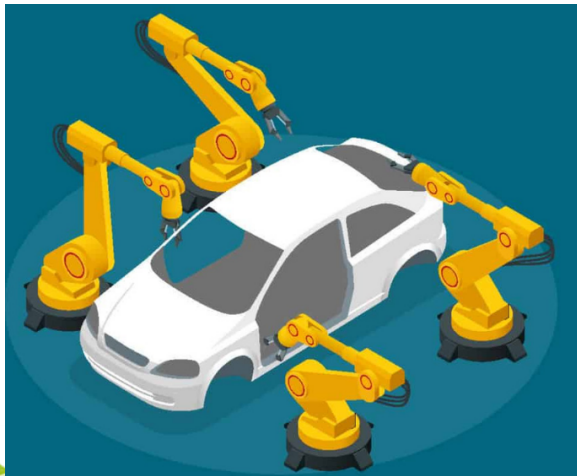
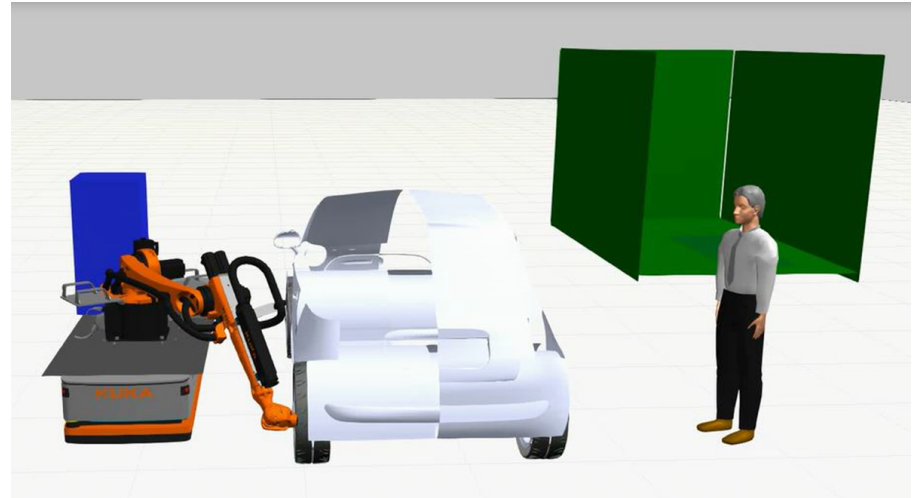
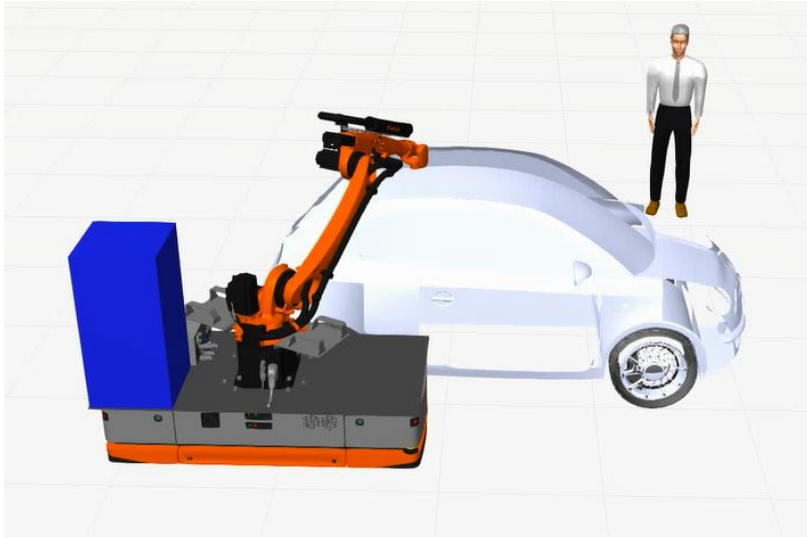
Functional, geometric, mechanical  
and electric testing methods and  
technologies for:

- Certification of re-usable parts
- Testing of components and parts for remanufacturing
- estimation of the type and content of high value-added materials for recycling



# Smart Mobile Module for testing and qualification

SMART  
MOVABLE  
MODULES



AGV with top mounted robot used for disassembly components from the car.

The AGV can give more flexibility adapting the position depending on the car model or part to disassembly.



# Re-use technologies for Li-Ion batteries

## Dismantling technology for disassembly of battery cells

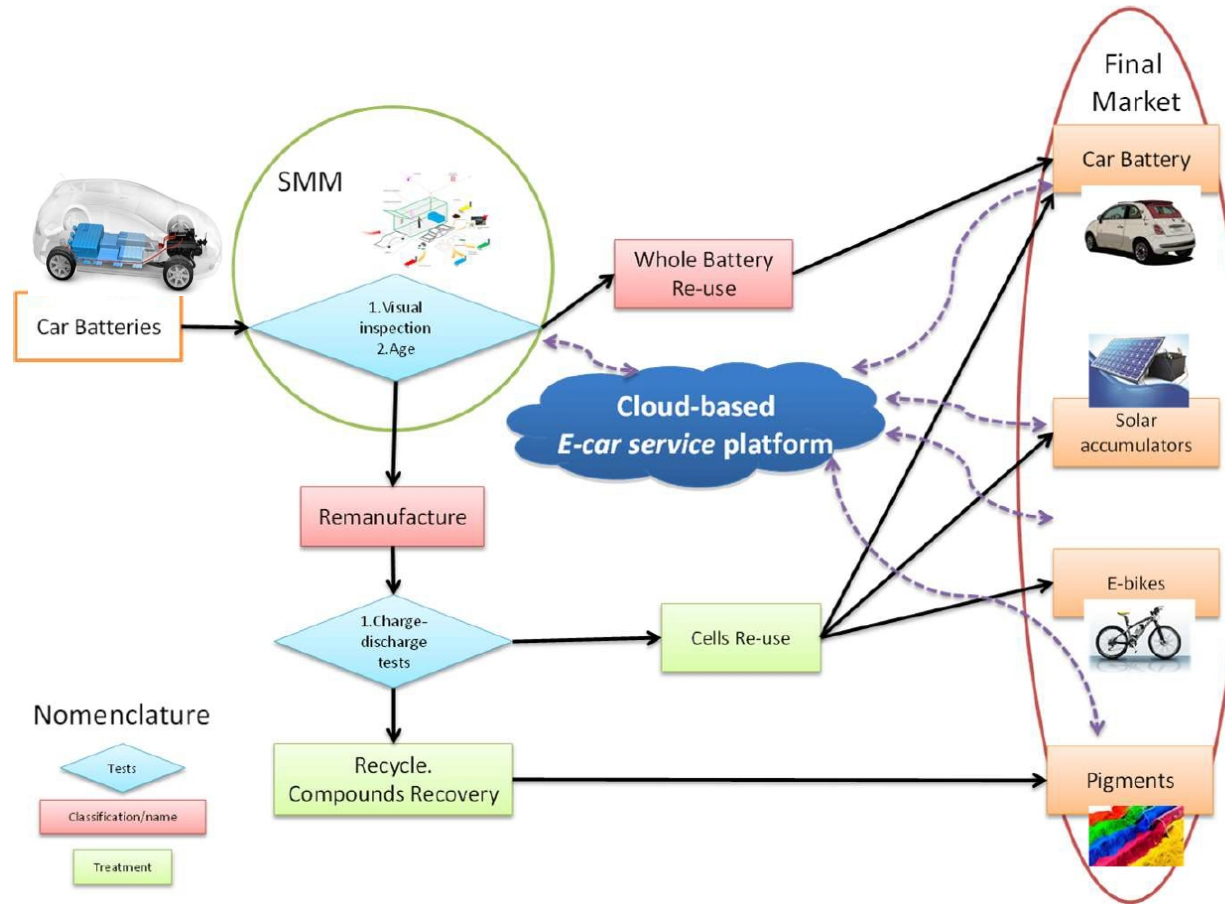
*Human-robot cooperation to separate plastic, wires, electronic controllers and cell batteries*

## Testing technology and algorithms to predict residual life

*Charge/discharge cell behaviour test, protocols and software for assessing battery SoH*

## Compounds recovery technology

*Hydrometallurgy to sustainably recover Li, Co, Mn, Al, etc.*



## Re-use in other applications

*Solar panels, e-bikes, pigments, etc.*

# Re-use technologies for metal parts

## New flexible joining technologies



*Disassemble and re-assemble modules of structural metal parts as spares or restyled models elements*



## Cold reforming of external non-structural elements



*Obtain new parts to use as spares or to upgrade vehicles aesthetics at sustainable conditions*

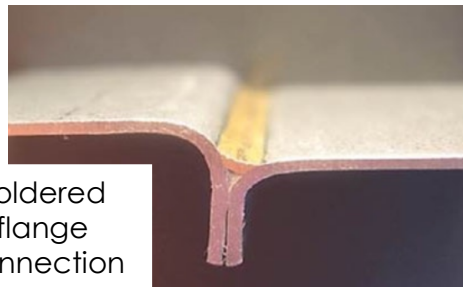
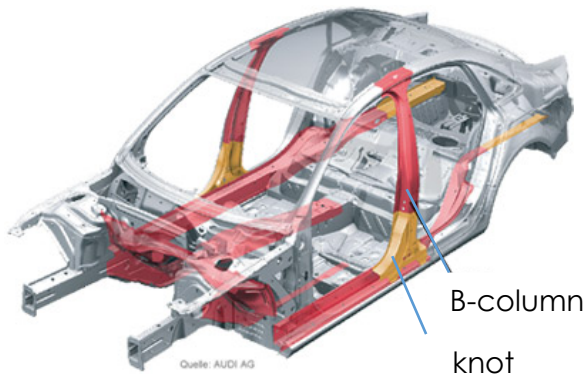




# Re-use technologies for metal parts

## Soldering and de-soldering process for car body structures

For example:  
B-column fixed in a knot  
with the sidesillbar



## Re-manufacturing: From a roof of car make 4 brake disc covers



# Re-use technologies for techno-polymers



**New recycling process  
for techno-polymers**



- Separation of metal sub-parts
- Grinding of new formulation compounds
- Extrusion for transformation of new parts (for automotive and other sectors such as furniture, design, etc.)
- Testing of materials properties



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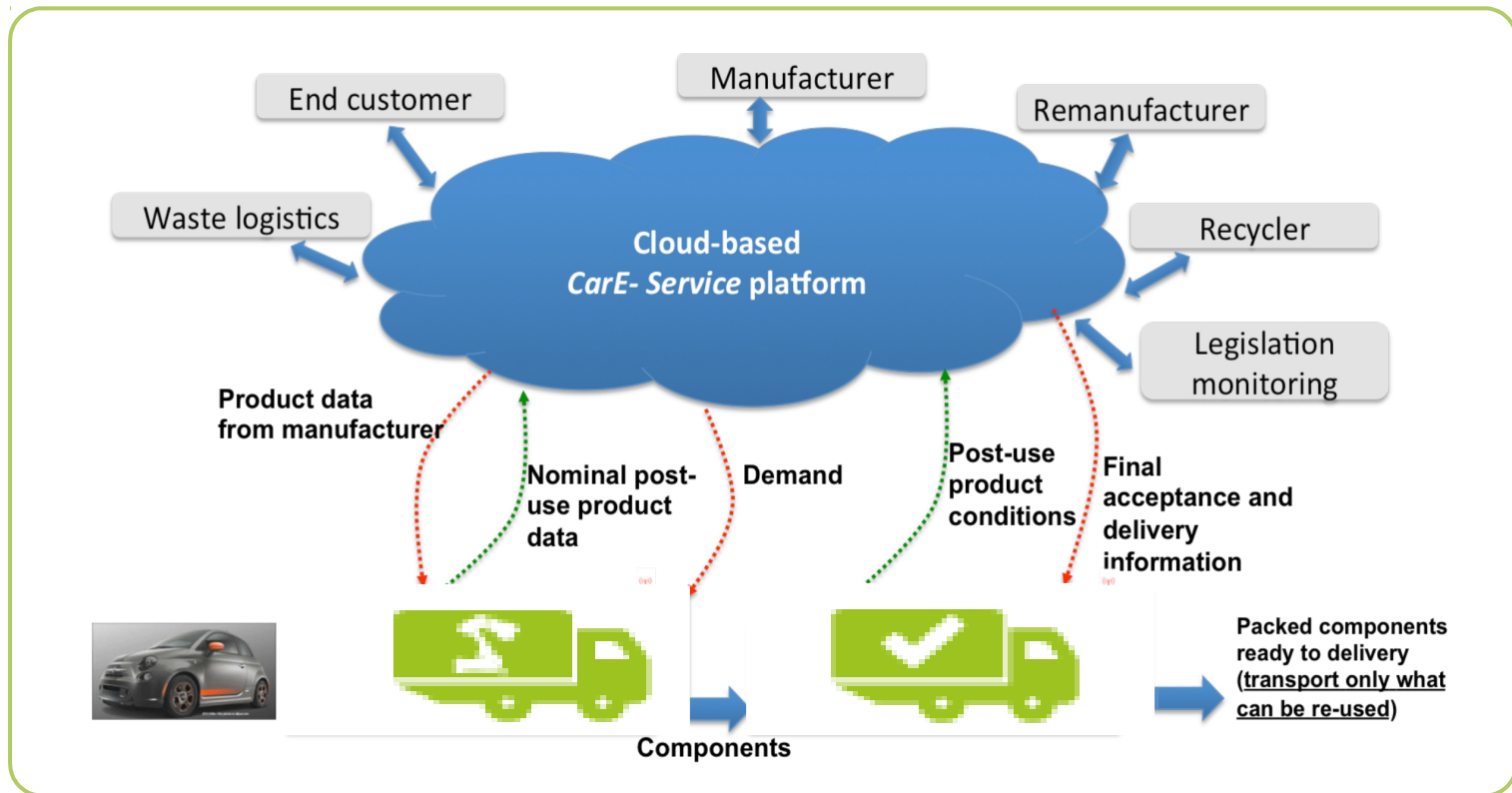




# CarE-Service ICT Platform



**ICT Platform connecting demand and supply of re-usable parts and allowing the coordination and optimization of the re-use value chain**




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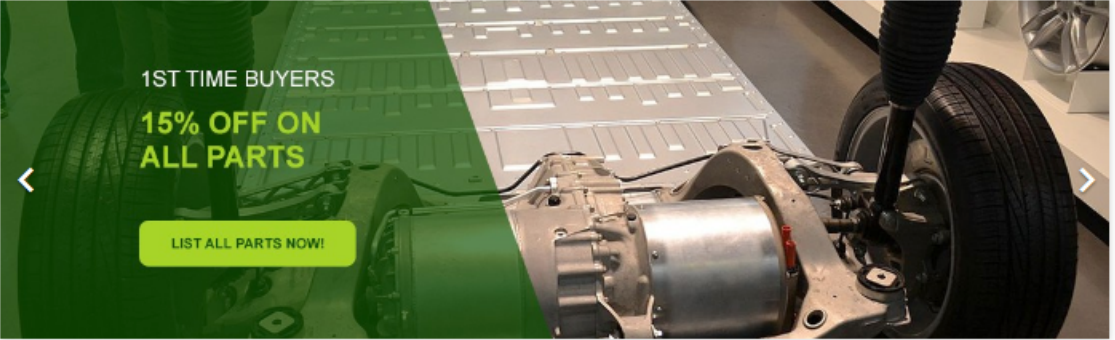


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## Demonstration

- **Technical solutions** in 3 re-use value chains
- **Re-use applications**
- **Mobility services** (multiple locations, customers involvement)
- Overall **business sustainability**
- **Social impact**

## Exploitation

- Open industrial training workshops
- Exploitation meetings
- First market replicators
- **Regional Authorities** involved
- White paper for regulation
- Community of customers



Stakeholders' Group  
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Social Community



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