

# The ATTRACT Project:

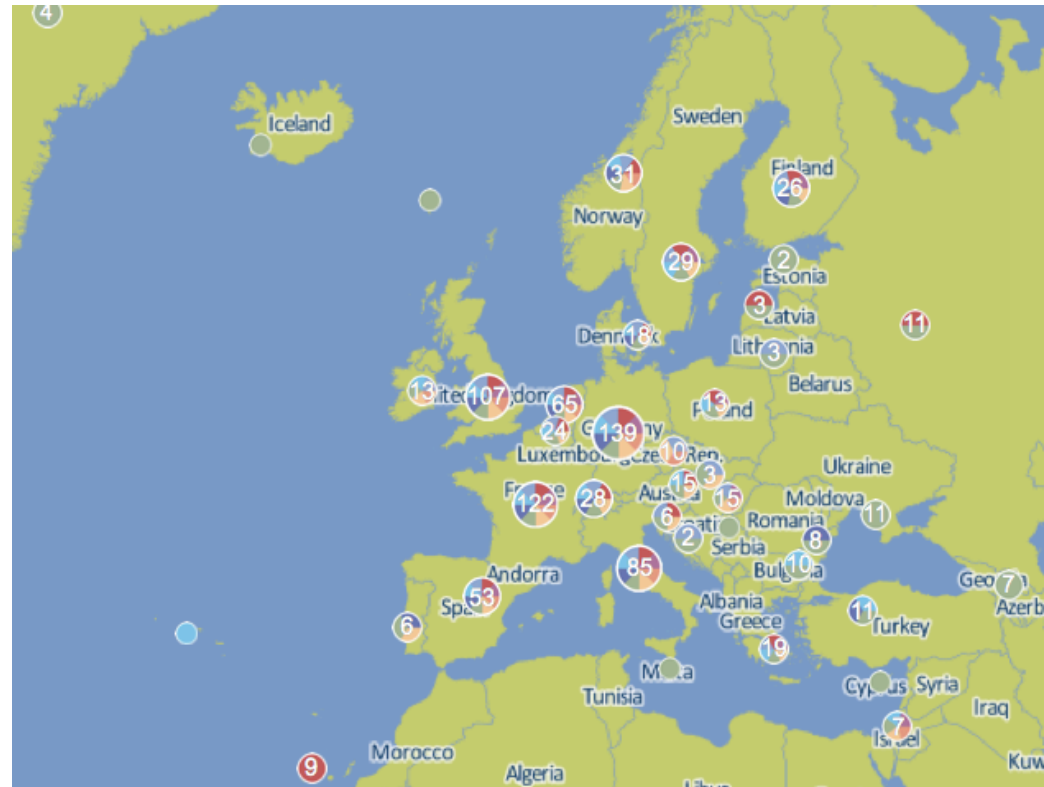
## from Open Science to Open Innovation



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# European Research Infrastructures or Research Infrastructures in Europe?

- A rich scenario of Global, European and National RI's
- A great asset for Europe
- Is it used optimally?



# From Open Science to Open Innovation

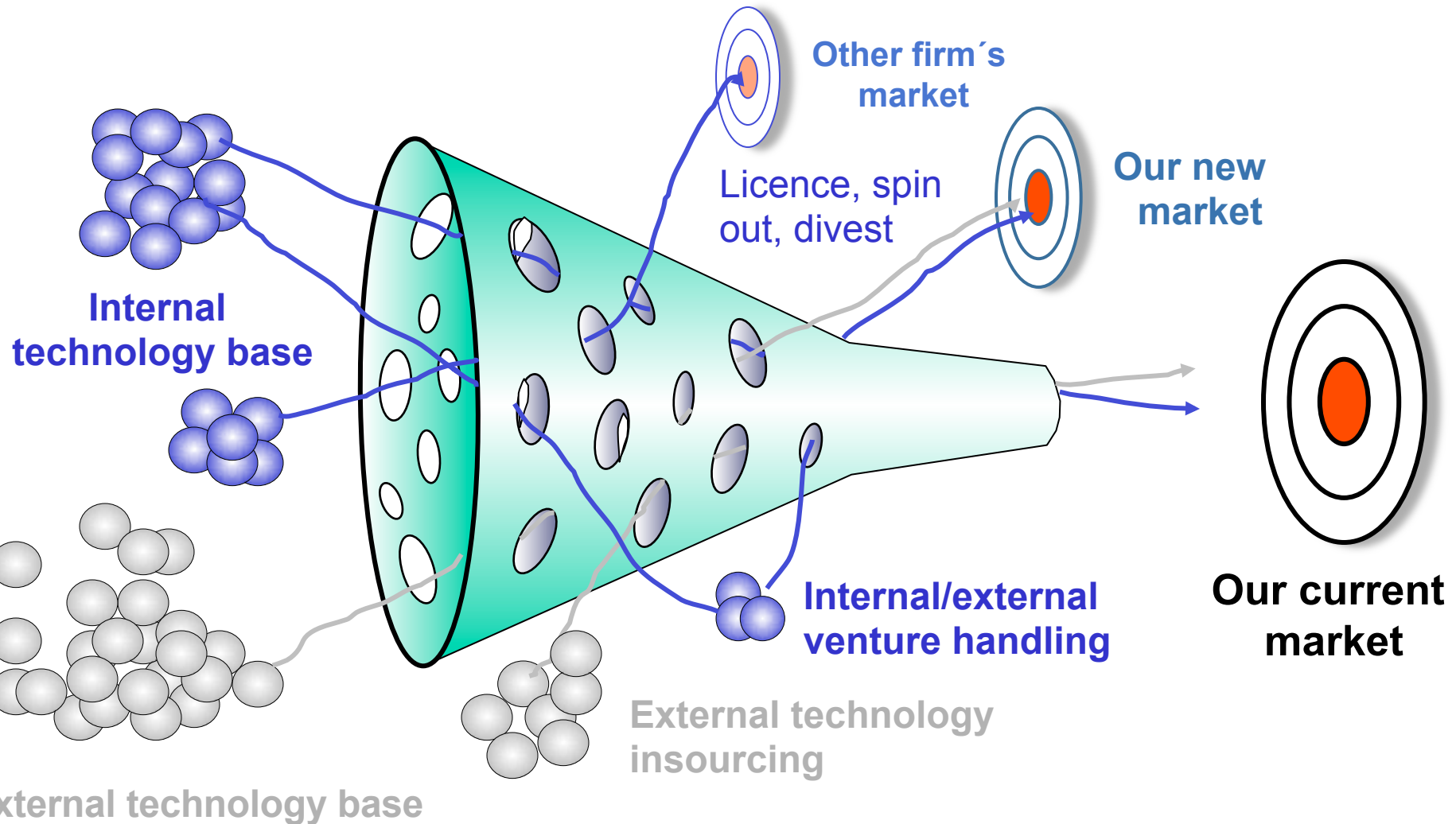
- European RIs have succeeded in establishing the paradigm of **Open Science**, establishing an extended **ecosystem**, where the research communities are fostering a **culture of mutual trust**, balancing **competition and collaboration**.
- Their potential to generate innovation is **largely untapped**, due to the lack of a corresponding **ecosystem at the European scale**, which needs to include also the **private sector (industry, investors, entrepreneurs)**.
- The lack of such an eco-system impairs the development of policies of adequate scale, and it is one of the main causes of the **declining competitiveness of Europe in innovation**.

# From Open Science to Open Innovation

Use the lesson learned from the **Open Science** environment to translate the **theoretical models of Open Innovation** (e.g. Henry Chesbrough “*Open Innovation: The New Imperative for Creating and Profiting from Technology.*” HBS Press. 2003. [ISBN 978-1422102831](#)) into the European specific environment, **proposing realistic models** of Open Access and IPR protection, fit to follow innovation from the early stage of Technical Readiness Level (TRL) all the way to market.

This is a fundamental point for the creation of trust necessary to the establishment of a European innovation ecosystem.

# Open innovation



# ATTRACT

Built on a consortium of ERIs & industrial partners interested and specialized in sensor and imaging technology

The consortium proposes to be mandated by EU in the framework of H2020 (initially) to:

- *Organize open calls*
- *Monitor and peer review their execution*
- *Promote a strong training program on innovation*
- *Develop evaluation tools for quantitative impact assessment*

# ATTRACT

A proposal for a dedicated, interdisciplinary program within H2020 and beyond to **co-develop with RIs and industry breakthrough sensor & imaging technologies**

*The purpose is to address demanding challenges in **both** science and societal needs (e.g. health, sustainable materials and information and communication technologies)*

It involves the detector R&D community from many fields including e.g. biology, physics, astronomy, space exploration, nuclear engineering, medical sensing and imaging, related computing (ICT) and others



# ATTRACT

## From Open Science to Open Innovation: balancing collaboration and competition

- ATTRACT is poised to connect Open Science to Open Innovation .
- It proposes a new *co-innovation* paradigm between Industry, Business, Investors, Innovation Specialists and European Research Infrastructures.
- *Co-innovation* seeks a strong and open cooperation from the beginning of the innovation value chain on identified breakthrough and win-win technology and business opportunities.

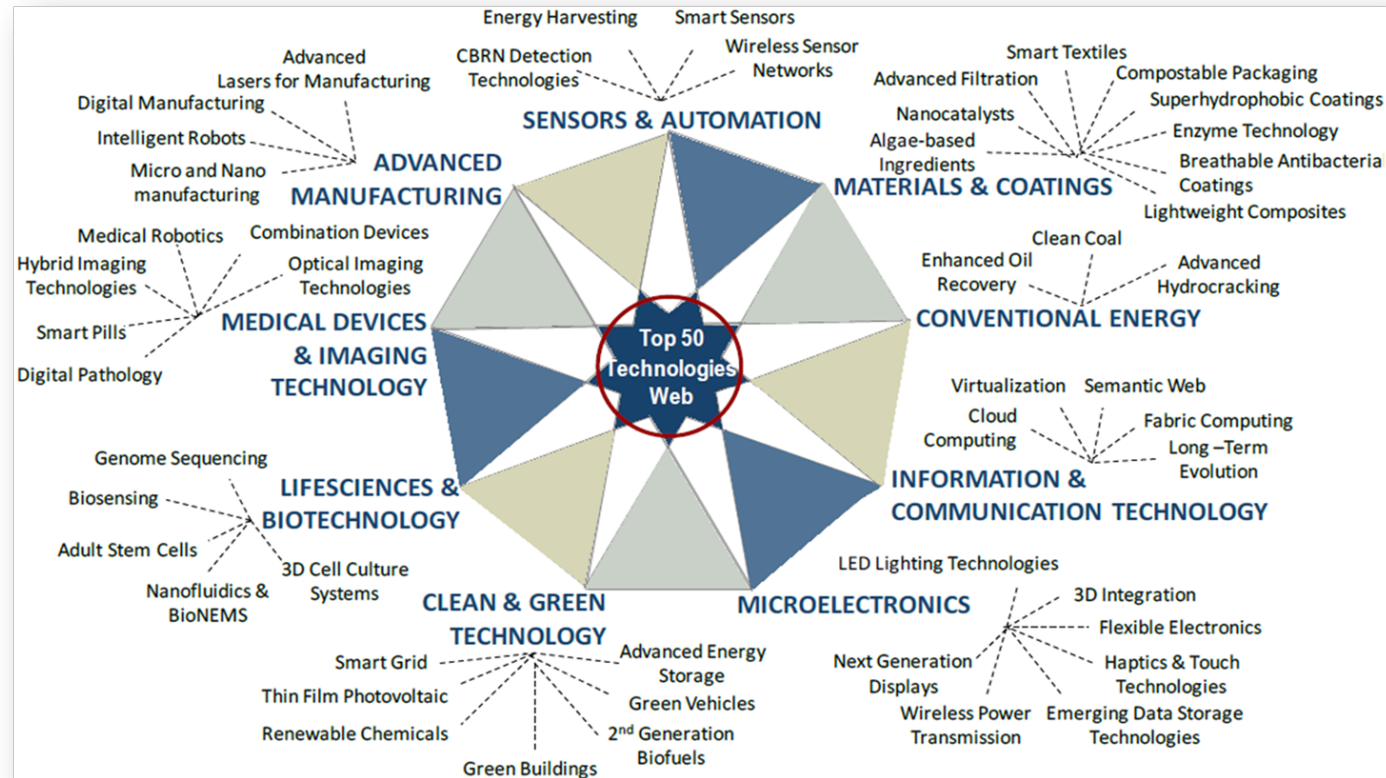




# ATTRACT Focus: Detection and Imaging Technologies

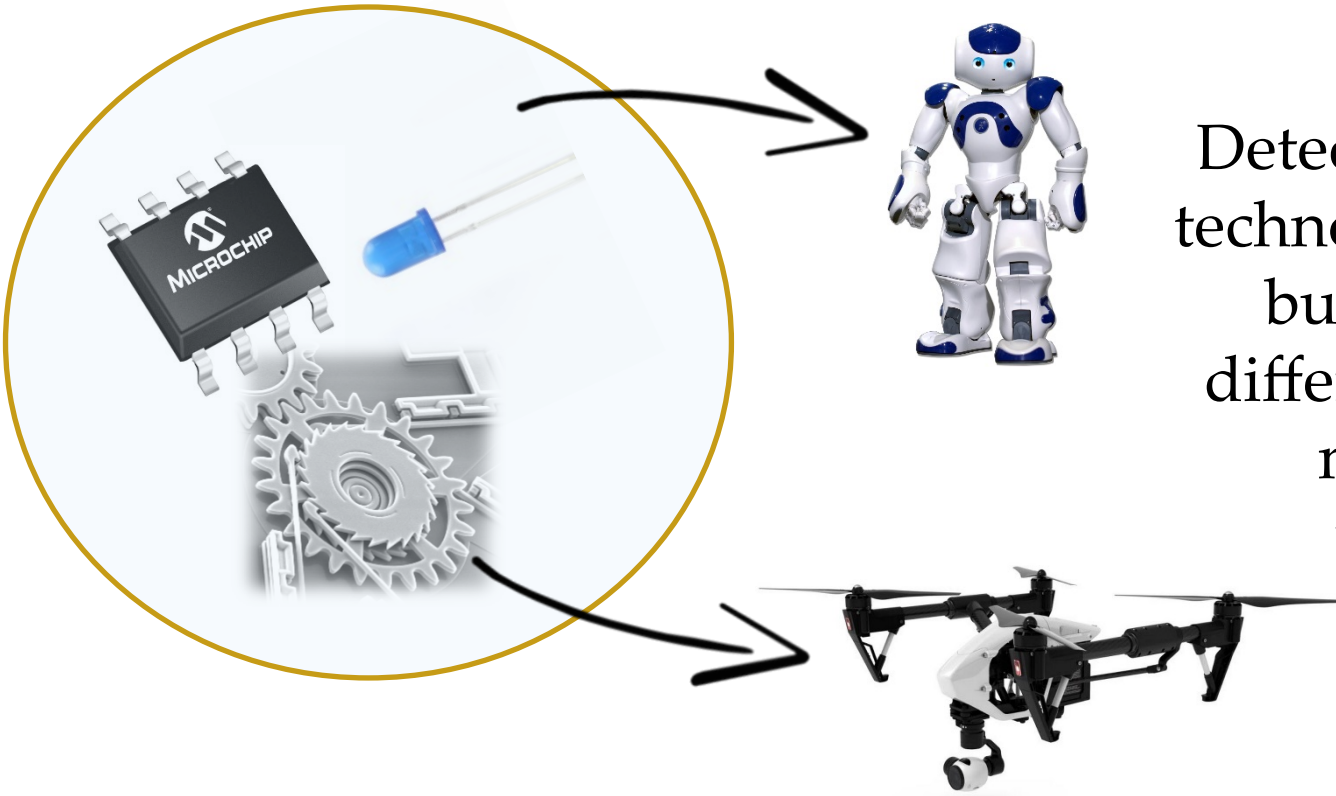
## WHY?

- ❑ ...are and will be fundamental for ourselves and our society.
- ❑ ...are at the core of industrial competitiveness.
- ❑ ...translate into direct economic and wealth value.



Source: Frost & Sullivan, Megatrends in Technology Convergence

# Co-Innovation: combinatorial technology evolution



Detection and imaging technologies become the building blocks of different and evolving more complex technologies.

W. Brian Arthur, *The Nature of Technology: What it is and How it Evolves*, Free Press, Simon & Schuster, August 2009.

# The '16-'17 H2020 Work Program

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The EC-RTD has published its H2020 Work Programme for 2016 – 2017.

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2016\\_2017/main/h2020-wp1617-infrastructures\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2016_2017/main/h2020-wp1617-infrastructures_en.pdf)

It includes a call:

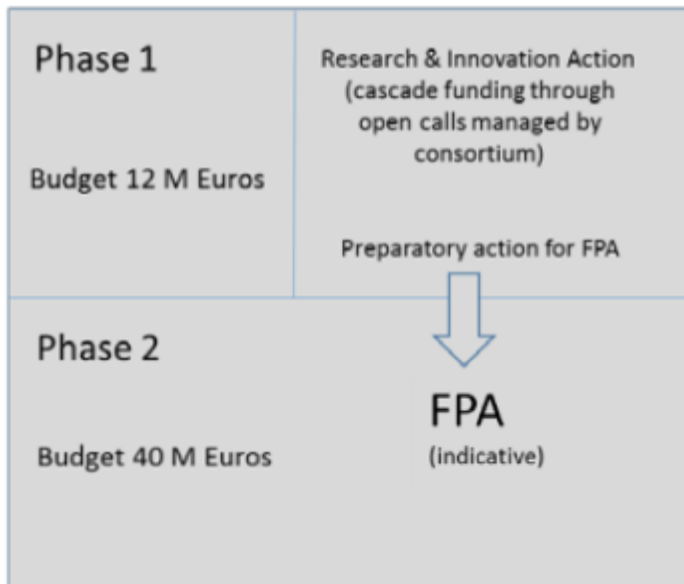
“Future Detection and Imaging Technologies” (INFRAINNOV-1-2017), which is up to 20 M Euros and with a deadline on 29/03/2017.

The description of this call is very much in line with the description and plans of ATTRACT (see the ATTRACT “White Paper” on the web site ([www.attract-eu.org](http://www.attract-eu.org))).

# ATTRACT : an evolutionary approach

## “Mini” ATTRACT

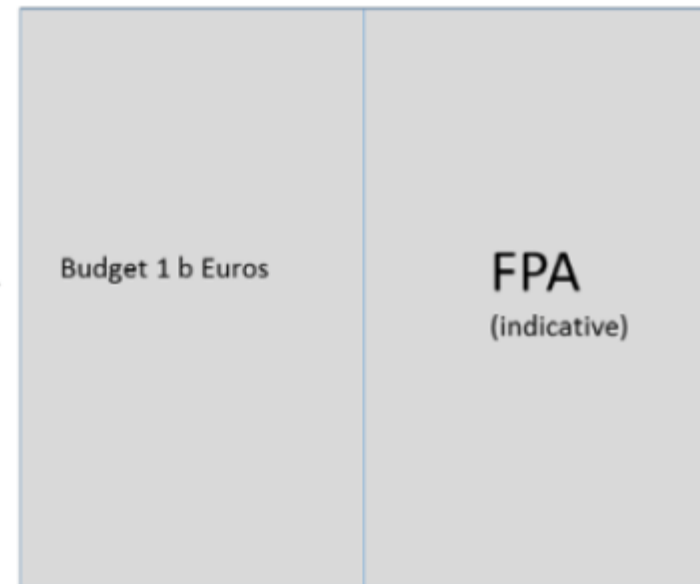
2017



2019

## “Maxi” ATTRACT

2020+



FPA : EU Framework Partnership Agreements

# “Mini” ATTRACT : 2 phases

Select and finance ~200 potential breaking through proposals for a quick potential evaluation via an open call:

- feasibility demonstrators
- at least one SME and one ERI involved

2017

- Select and finance ~10 of the best Phase 1 selected projects:
- 3-4 years of execution
- monitor performances
- define an optimal model for “maxi” ATTRACT

2019

## “Mini” ATTRACT



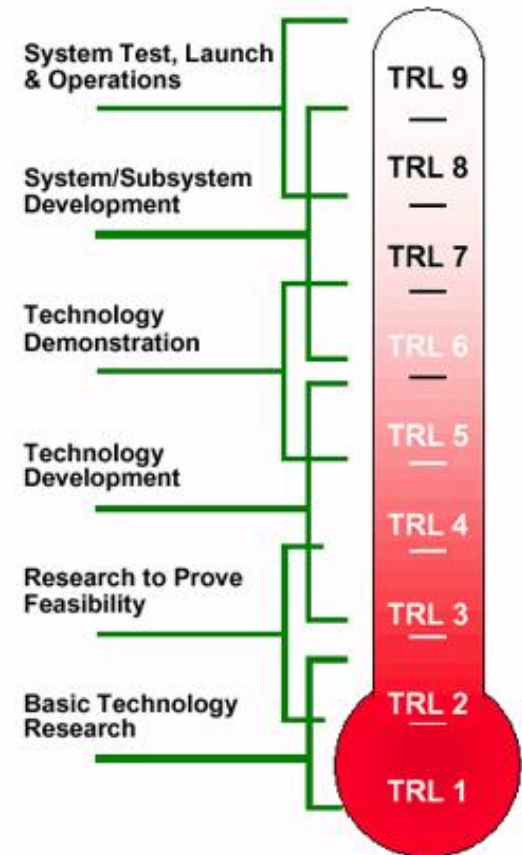
# “Mini-ATTRACT” phases 1 and 2: targeted results

## Phase 1

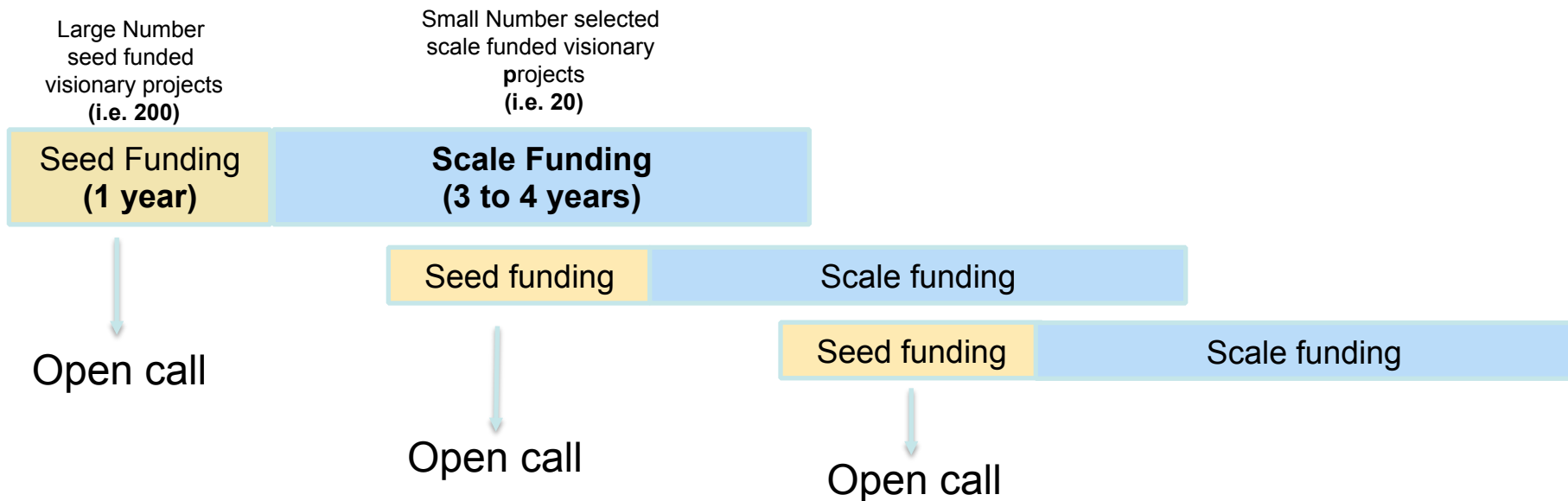
- A wide scope of technologies with breakthrough potential (TRL 2 to 4).
- Selection process based on industrial scalability and social added value.

## Phase 2

- Scalability of phase 1-selected technologies towards industrial deployment (TRL 5 to 9).
- Construction and establishment of a self-sustained initiative (“Maxi” ATTRACT).



# ATTRACT: How it might look like





# Creating an ecosystem of trust

Technologies  
from ATTRACT  
projects (public funding)

From  
Open Science



Technologies  
privately developed  
(private funding)

to  
Open Innovation

# The “ATTRACT Store of Innovation” (iStore)



- Repository for ATTRACT-funded technologies.
- Loose IP governing regulation (i.e. open source regime).
- Available of course to the ATTRACT community but open to others, too...
- Whoever takes something...must give something back...
- “Free riders” are detected by the user community.
- Possibility to further develop “in-house” technologies outside the iStore and protect them.
- Open source platforms have demonstrated to be generators of new business opportunities.
- Aligned with the EC Policy of openness for public funding.
- Technologies constantly improved by the user community.

# In summary...

“Mini” ATTRACT phases 1 and 2 represent a new funding instrument that will help Horizon 2020 to deliver innovation.

*They are designed to streamline the value chain from the development of technologies towards their market application.*

Furthermore, ATTRACT incorporates the fundamental value of co-innovation through collaboration and competition which is essential for exploiting the untapped potential of ERIs-SMEs-Large corporations.

*Public funding is used for ramping-up the ATTRACT initiative and to contribute to the creation of an European ecosystem of trust for innovation.*



Thank you