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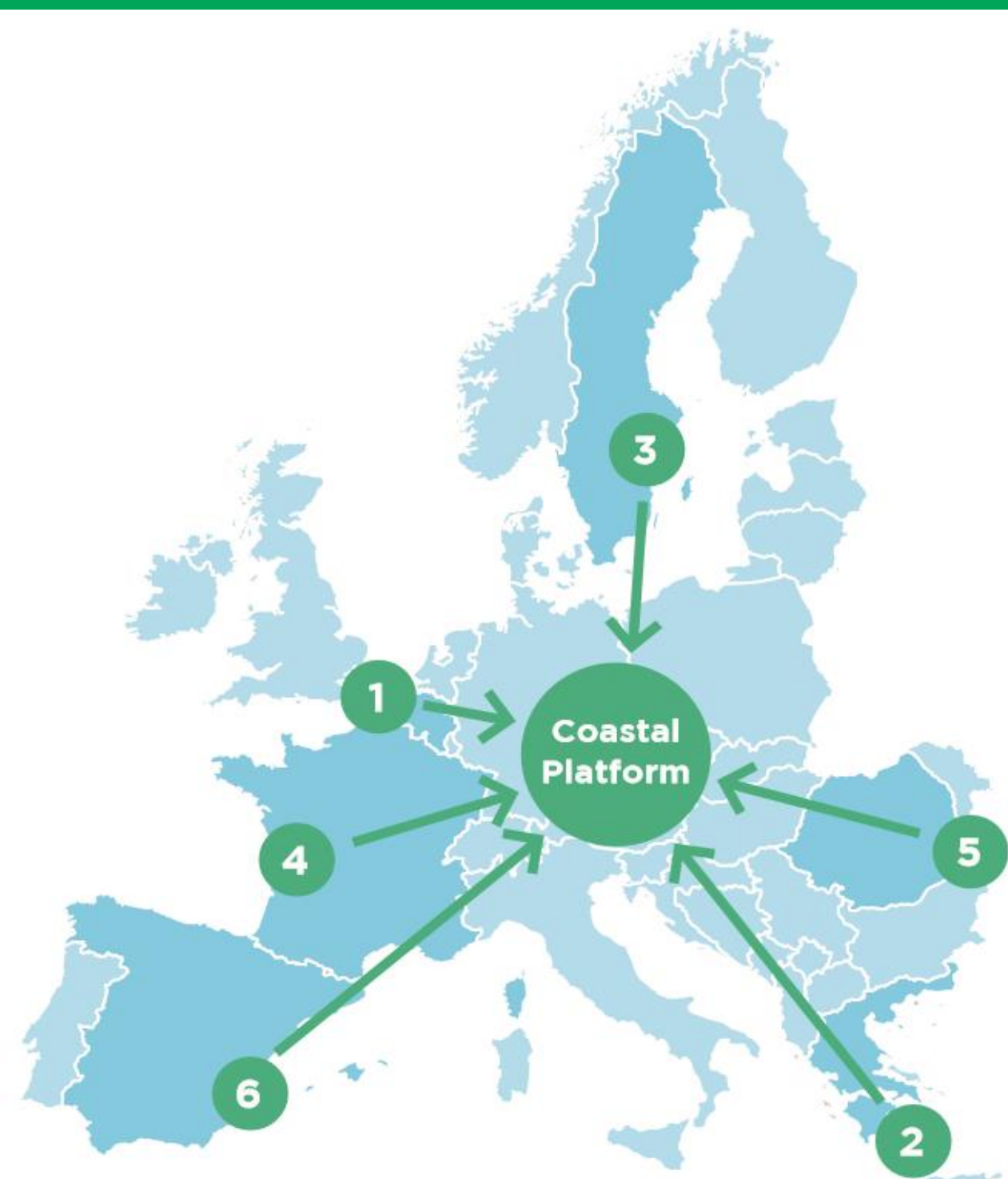
## COASTAL – An example of integrated approach for land sea interactions and synergies

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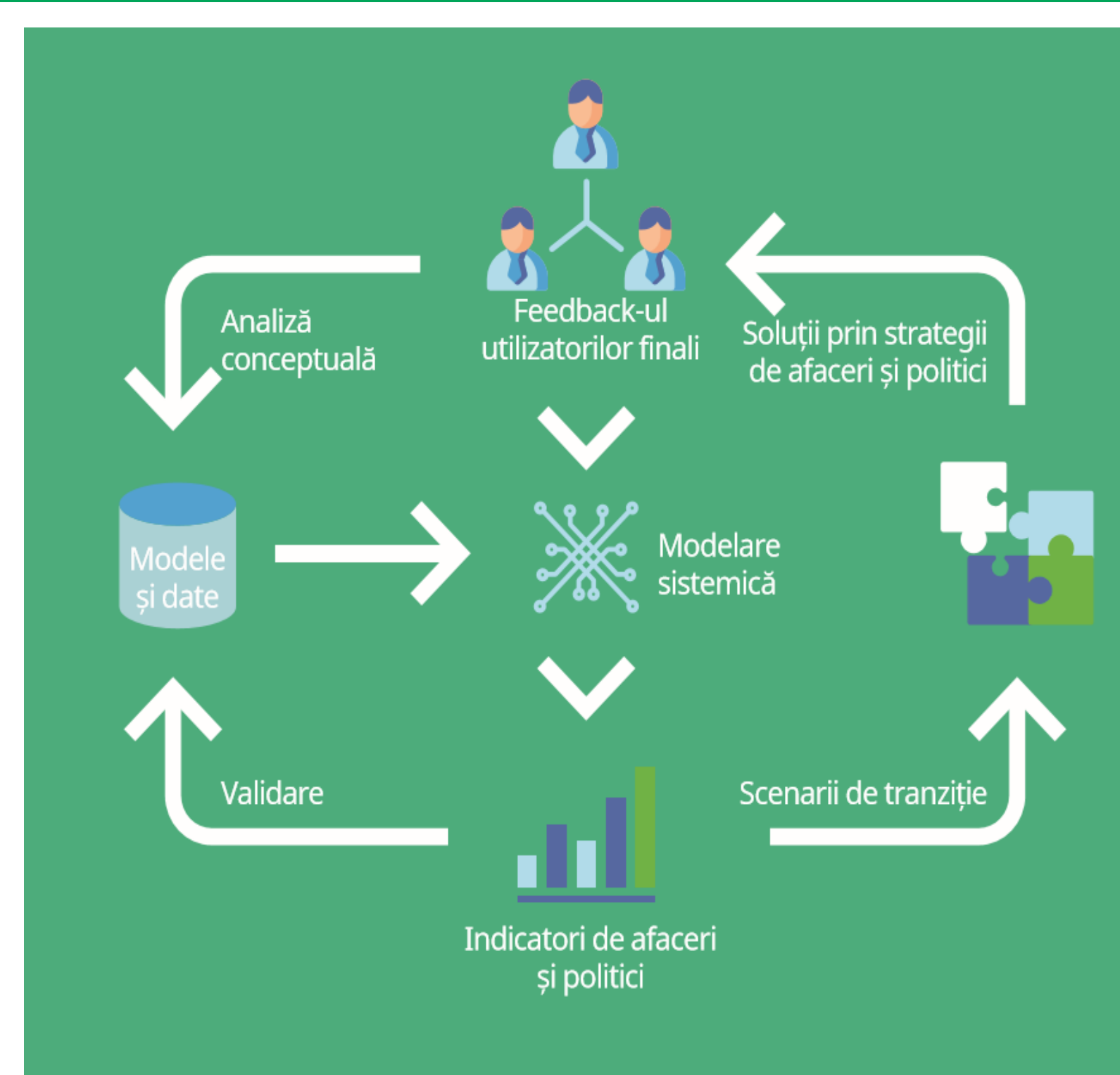
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**Objectives:** By combining local scientific knowledge and expertise in a co-creation process, the COASTAL project involves actors and stakeholders at all levels to improve interdependence and collaboration between coastal and rural areas, by identifying problems and establishing action strategies. and evidence-based policy solutions focused on maritime spatial planning and environmental protection, including inland water quality.



COASTAL activities are organized around six complementary case studies, spread all over Europe, as follows:

1. Belgian Coastal Zone
2. South-West Messinia
3. Norrström/Baltic
4. Charente River Basin
5. Danube Mouth and River Basin
6. Mar Menor Coastal Lagoon



COASTAL will contribute to:

- ✓ integrated planning of coastal and rural areas
- ✓ synergy between coastal and rural areas both in the participating regions and in other EU regions
- ✓ development of collaborative integrated platform to facilitate the exchange of knowledge on the aforementioned topics

## Case study: Romania, Danube Mouth

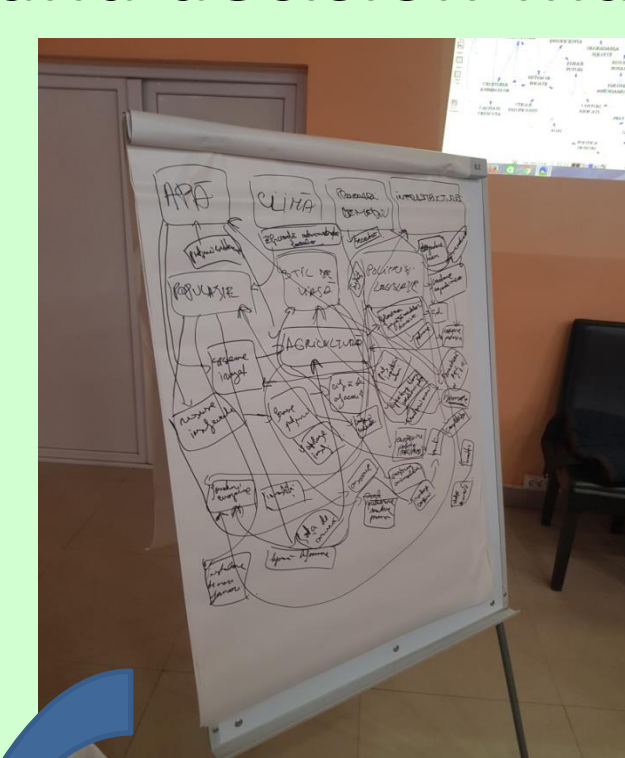
Rural development in the Danube Delta region is a priority at both regional and national level, reflected in the existing development strategies, due to specific characteristics of the area, such as:

- ✓ low population density
- ✓ specialization and economic vulnerability
- ✓ unsatisfactory access to services.

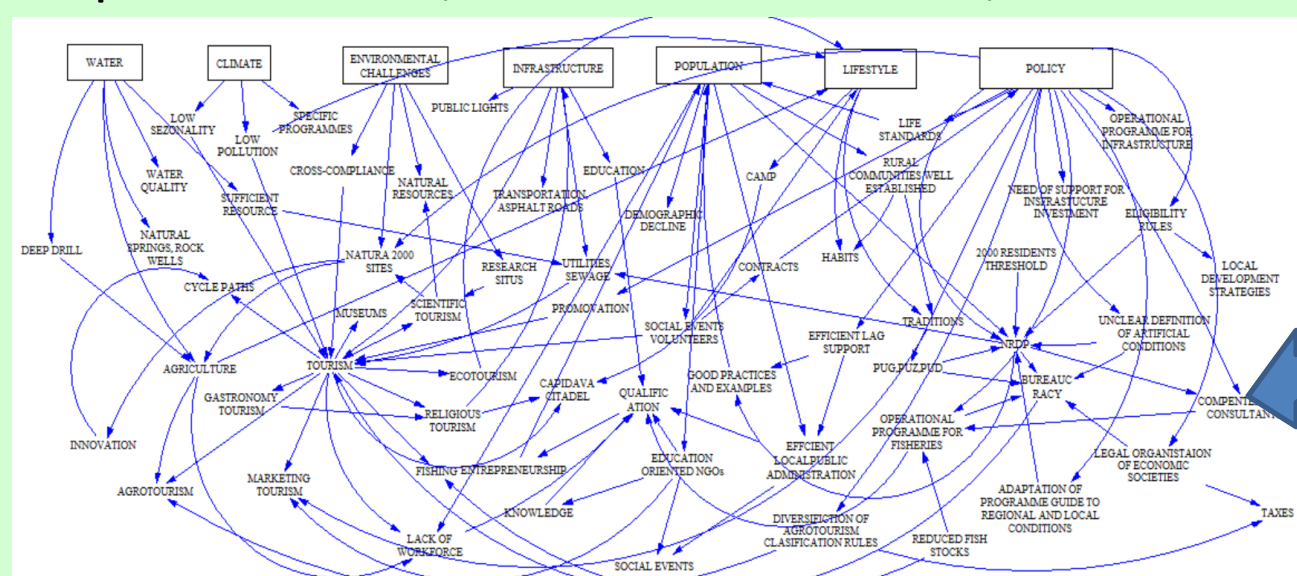
The identification of specific factors (*drivers*) for sustainable rural development, in the context of the European model of the transition to the concept of bioeconomy and sustainable growth, is a perspective of immediate interest for local communities, authorities and decision-makers.



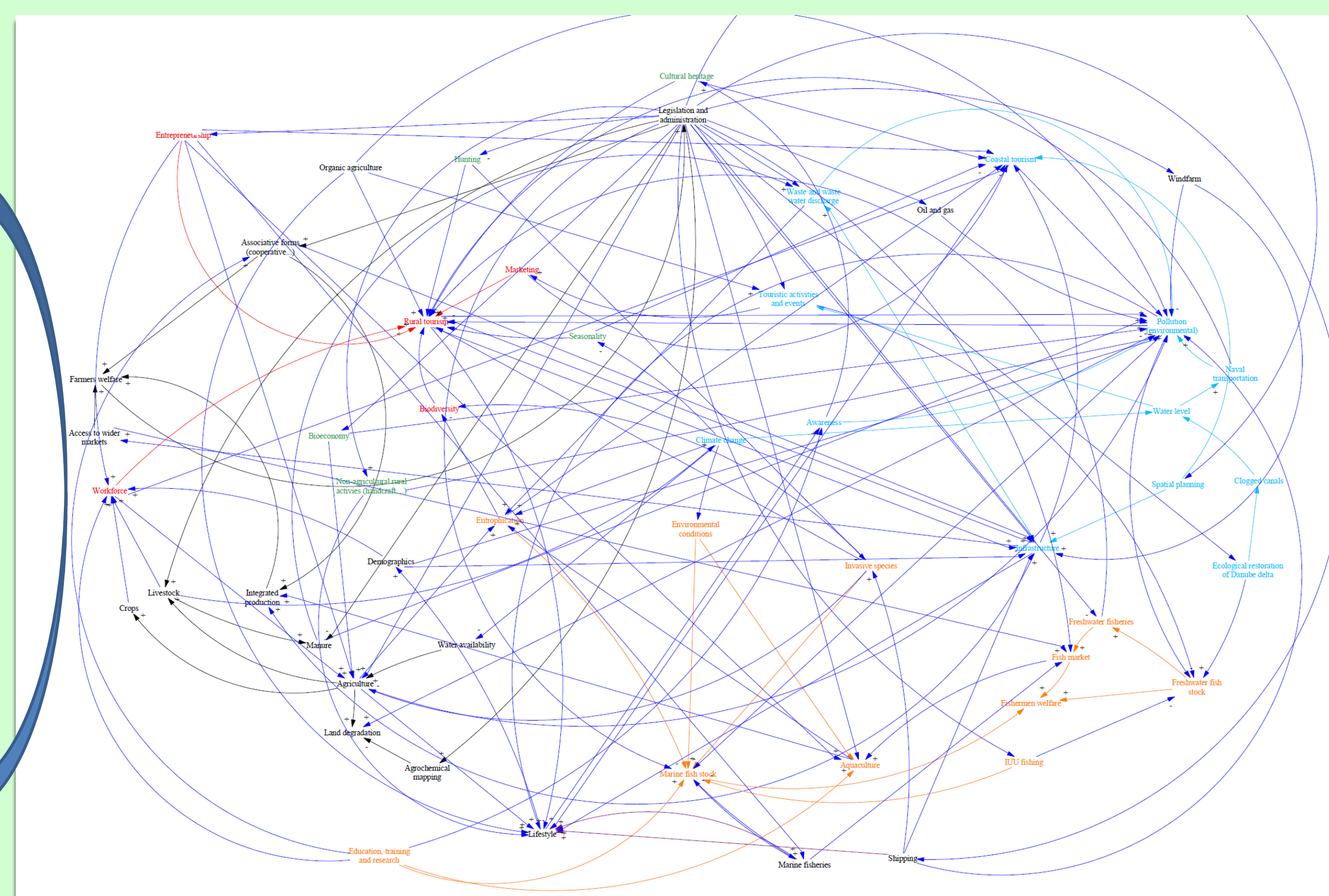
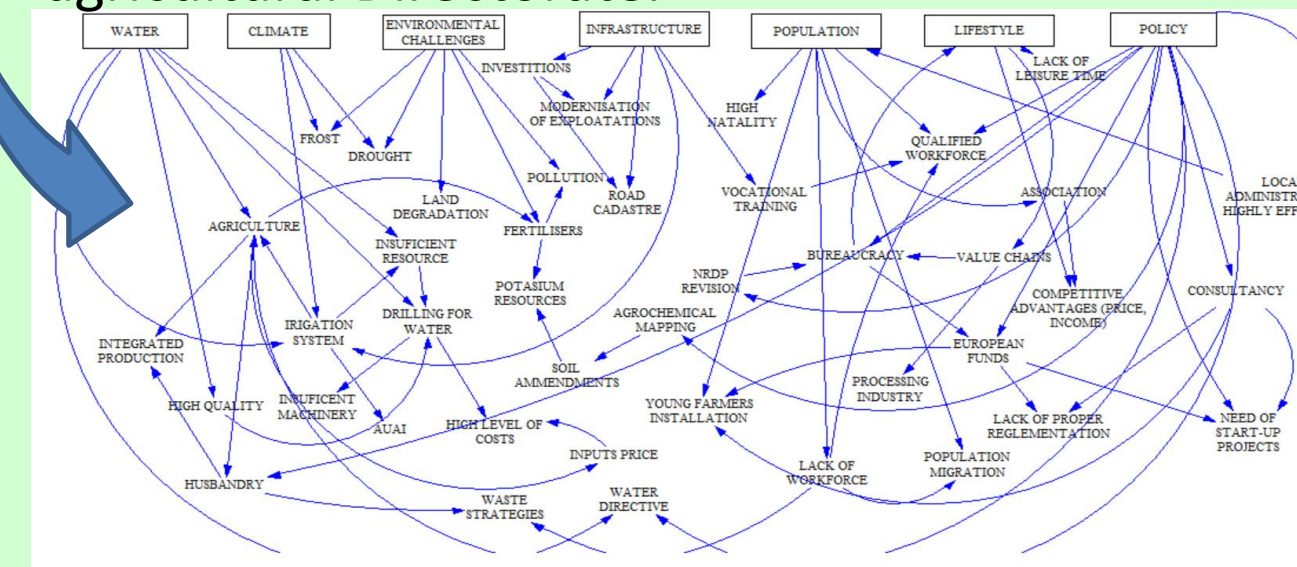
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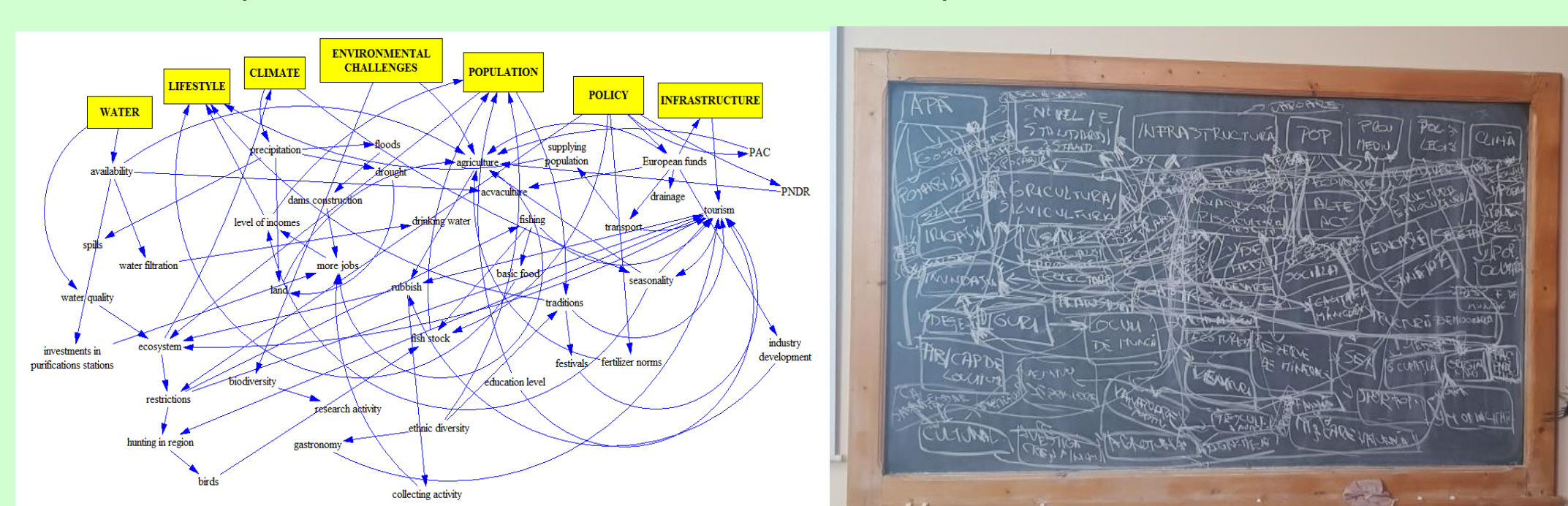
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Participants: academia and research, NGO, public administration



### Methodology:

- Stakeholders, key actors and local experts are involved in collaborative practical exercises for problem solving;
- Qualitative and quantitative methods are used;
- Several transition scenarios are created for key drivers identified for coastal area;
- Practical business and policy are identified.

### Outputs of rural development workshops

#### Development Opportunities:

The main economic activities in the region are based on the exploitation of natural resources and tourism.

- ✓ Tourism development (rural, recreational, scientific or ecumenical) can be a catalyst for economic growth in the region.
- ✓ Agriculture, especially organic farming, is directly influenced by the environmental challenges due to the limitations of the neighboring protected areas.

#### Issues identified:

- Water availability;
- Lack of workforce;
- Excessive bureaucracy; inefficient communication between central authorities and local communities.

#### Proposed improvements:

- Infrastructure investments
- Social protection measures
- Supporting the health system
- Increasing the level of education

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