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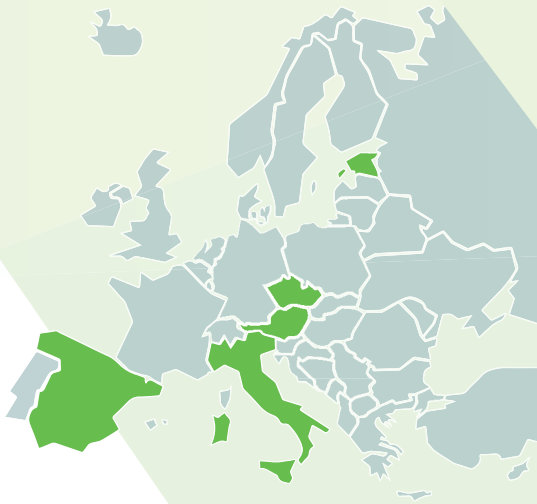
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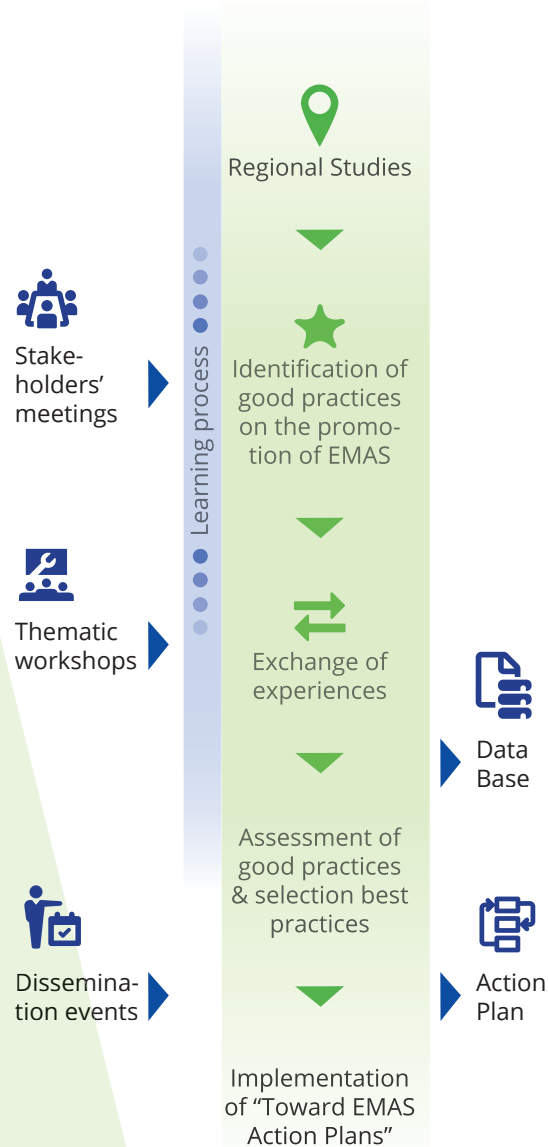
SMEs and large organisations are increasingly aware of the benefits of closing loops by improving resource efficiency. Circular Economy is not only a way to **save costs**, but also to create **competitive advantages** and **new markets**.

The **Eco-Management and Audit Scheme** (<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas>) is a **driver of the Circular Economy** as it encourages organisations to systematically make better use of resources in the production phase and retain physical goods longer and more efficiently in productive use.

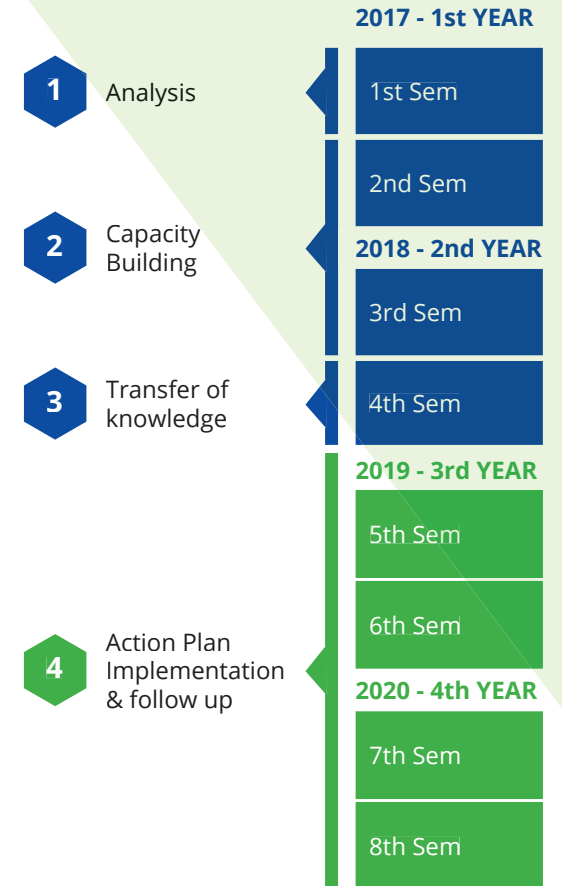


The main objective of **ENHANCE** is to improve the implementation of regional policy instruments oriented at increasing **resource efficiency through EMAS**. The project supports the exchange of experiences and practices among Public Authorities for the promotion of EMAS in their regions and countries as an opportunity to deploy circular economy.

## Project activities



## Project planning



The Action Plans are expected to improve current practices for the promotion of EMAS and to develop and adopt new practices based on the experience of other regions and countries. Incentives and promotion actions include **regulatory relief, fast tracks, tax reductions, green public procurement, financial and technical support**, among others.