

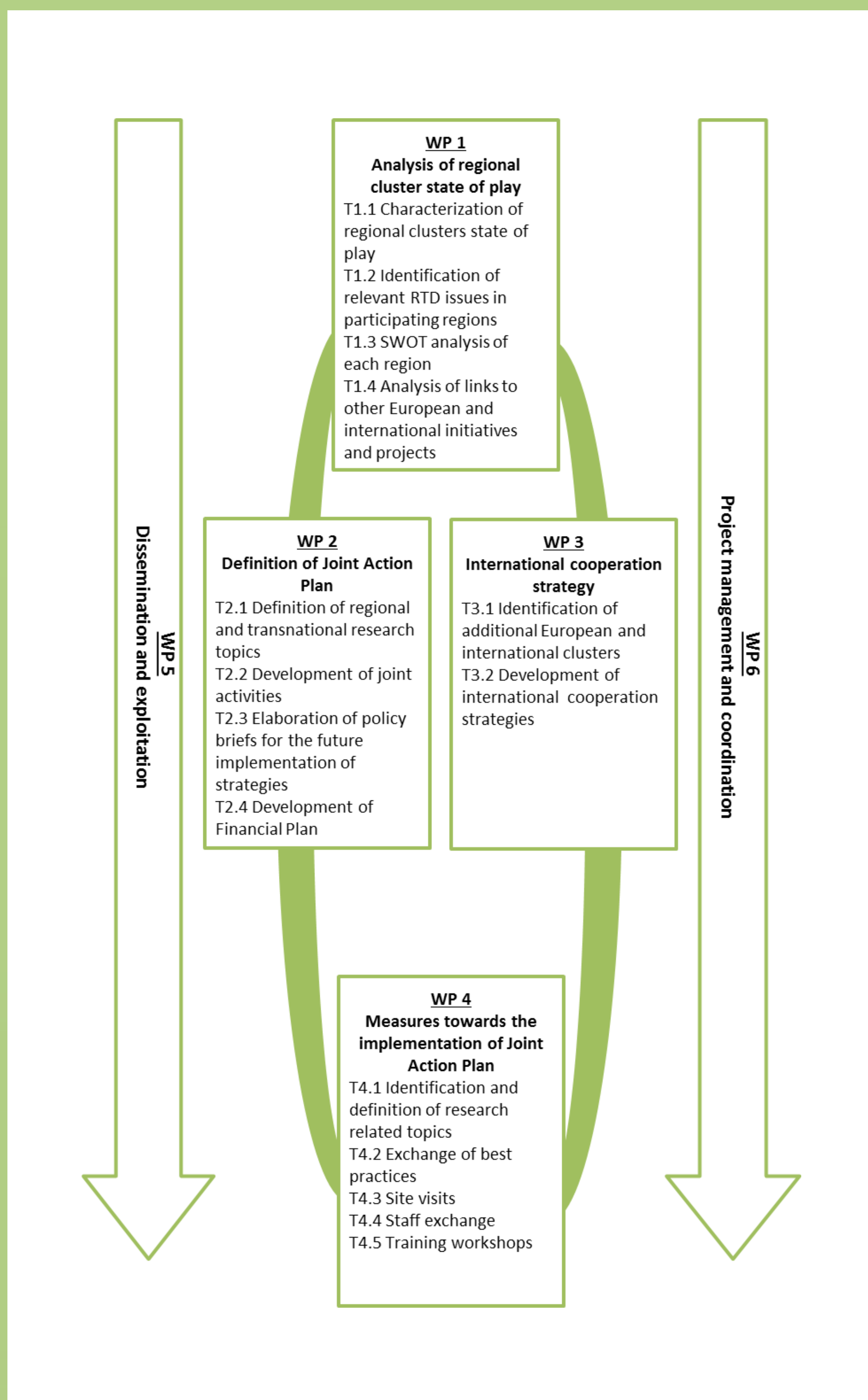


European regions fostering innovation for sustainable production and efficient use of woody biomass.

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### Biomass: an important energy source for Europe.

- Biomass production and trade a flourishing sector that requires adapted solutions to meet the current international demand
- The European industry of renewable energy, mainly characterized by SMEs, currently employs over 1.5 million people
- Latest studies predict that, by 2020, nearly 3 million more jobs could be created
- **Great potential** for energy farmers, equipment manufacturers, installers, technicians, builders and engineers.



### The ROKWOOD project will support the transnational cooperation between six European research-driven clusters in order to:

- improve research and technological development, and market uptake
- increase investments in wooden biomass production and utilisation schemes at regional level.

### Each regional research-driven cluster is represented in the ROKWOOD project by three partners respecting the triple-helix concept.

Apart from these partners, the European Biomass Industry Association (EUBIA) has joint the consortium in order to assure a broad dissemination of project results to a broad range of stakeholders.

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### The main objectives of the ROKWOOD project are:

- Determine the main obstacles and barriers hindering the development of local biomass regions in Europe.
- Generate 10 innovative cooperative project ideas tackling the technical barriers (e.g. harvesting, drying technologies).
- Identify financial resources for the development of innovative products and services in this sector.
- Reach as many stakeholders as possible by effective dissemination activities.

ROKWOOD therefore aims to link European players from research, business and the public sector and to develop a Joint Action Plan. The project partners will join forces to develop strategies to enhance the innovative capabilities of the resource efficiency, improving cooperation at regional and European level, integrating research-driven clusters across Europe to promote regional economic development and worldwide competitiveness of European companies.

