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PET busters

For a circular
economy

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The problem

- 2021: world plastic consumption = 139 million tons
- Only 9% of it is recycled
- Price of recycled PET: **1,70 €**
- Price of PET: **0,90 €**

The solution

- Building equipment to recycle PET with an innovative technique.
- Fast and cheap method, based on recent scientific studies.
- PET recycling at competitive prices: **1 €** al kg
- Pre-order purchase
- PET circular economy





The market

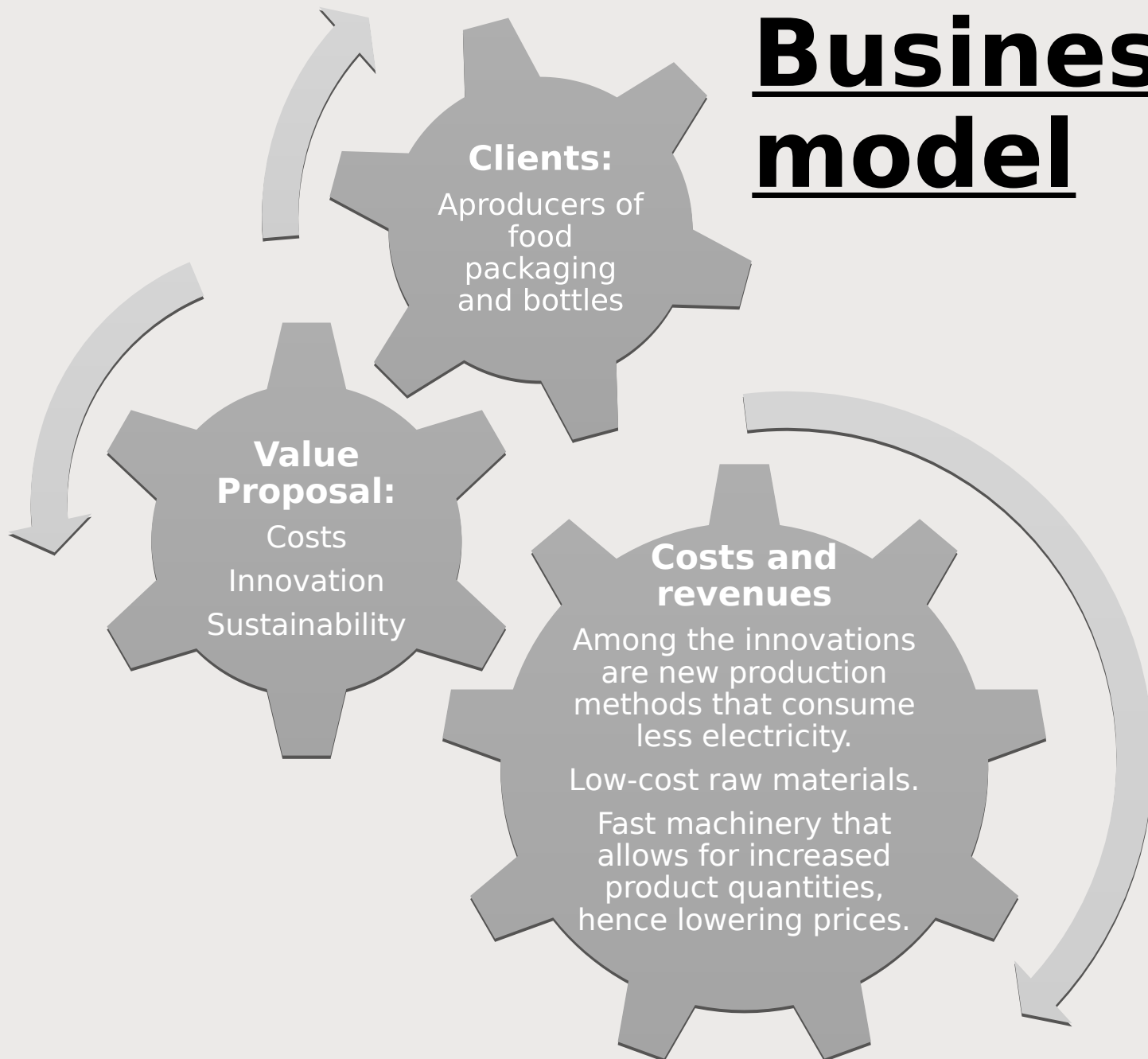
- The global PET market is estimated to be 80 million tons in 2020
- In Italy the producers of food packaging and bottles require 5.9 million tons of PET, of which only 1.4 million tons are currently recycled
- PET busters aims to cover 2% of the Italian demand

The Italian market

- Italy is leader in Europe in plastic recycling
- 140 recycling facilities
- Each of them can recycle between 2000 and 2700 tons.
- The price is between 1.69€ and 2.1€
- We will produce 4000 tons of PET in our third year.



Business model



The team

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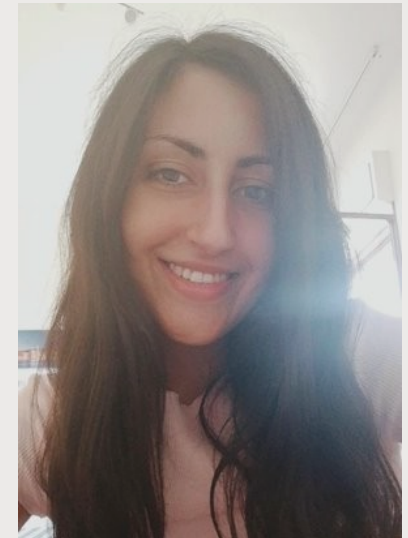
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