

# ***Sustainable Management of roadside: towards a research agenda***

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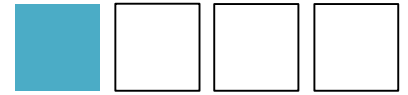
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# 1. Context

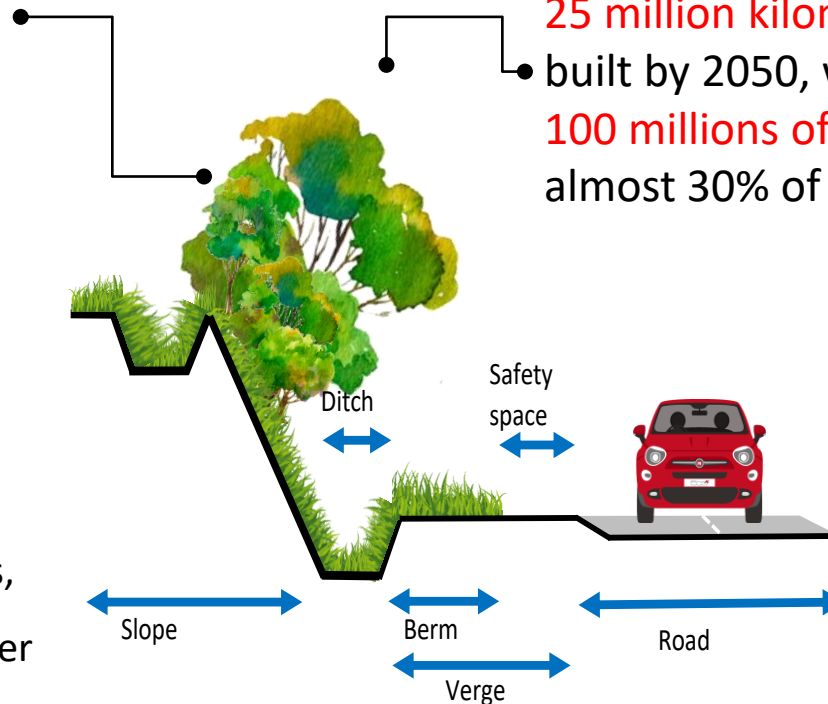
What is the importance of roadside (RS)?



The RS are a **social interface** between:

- ✓ forests,
- ✓ wildlife,
- ✓ agricultural farms,
- ✓ rural communities,
- ✓ vehicles,
- ✓ communication networks,
- ✓ landscape, and many other aspects.

On a global scale, it is expected that **25 million kilometers of new roads** will be built by 2050, which implies about **100 millions of hectares of new RS**, almost 30% of the world's forest area



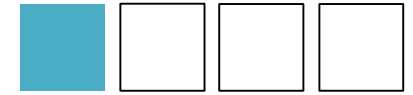
"Roadside Nature Reserves"  
(England, Belgium)

Depending on the way it is managed, it can demand **high costs** for the local authorities in charge of its maintenance.

# 1. Context



Increased  
Risk of Fire



Waste on the road



Flood

What happens  
if the roadside  
is not  
managed?



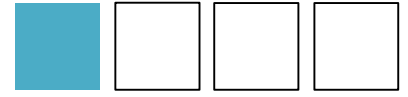
Reduction of Road Safety



Accident

Contamination

# 1. Context - Issues



How to conciliate the different objectives of the stakeholders involved in roadside management?



## Economic

- Valorization of biomass (methanization, composting, animal food)
- Promoting of energy transition
- Rural development and job creation

## Ecology

- Biodiversity preservation
- Improvement of water, air and soil quality
- Reduction of carbon footprint



## Technology

- Vehicular network
- Roadside maintenance (frequency, intensity, tools)

## Social and safety

- Road safety
- Flood and fire prevention
- Creation of local value, attractiveness of the territory (landscape)



<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1026309811002252>



## 2. Research objective and search strategy



### Research objective

Define the research trends about the relationship between sustainable management and roadside.

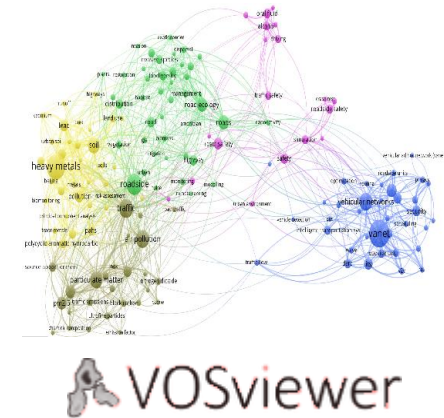
### Search strategy

Steps	Description
keywords and Boolean expression	(Title-Abs-Key ("roadside") Or Title-Abs-Key ("road verge") Or Title-Abs-Key ("road edge"))
Sources of information	Scopus
Period of information	Pub year > 1999

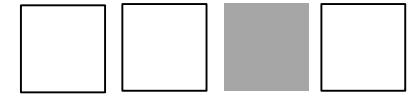
Specification	Condition
Number of total scientific documents:	10 112
keywords:	20 351
Minimum number of occurrences of a keyword:	20
Meet the threshold keywords:	163



### Graphical representation of bibliometric maps



### 3. Results Network visualization

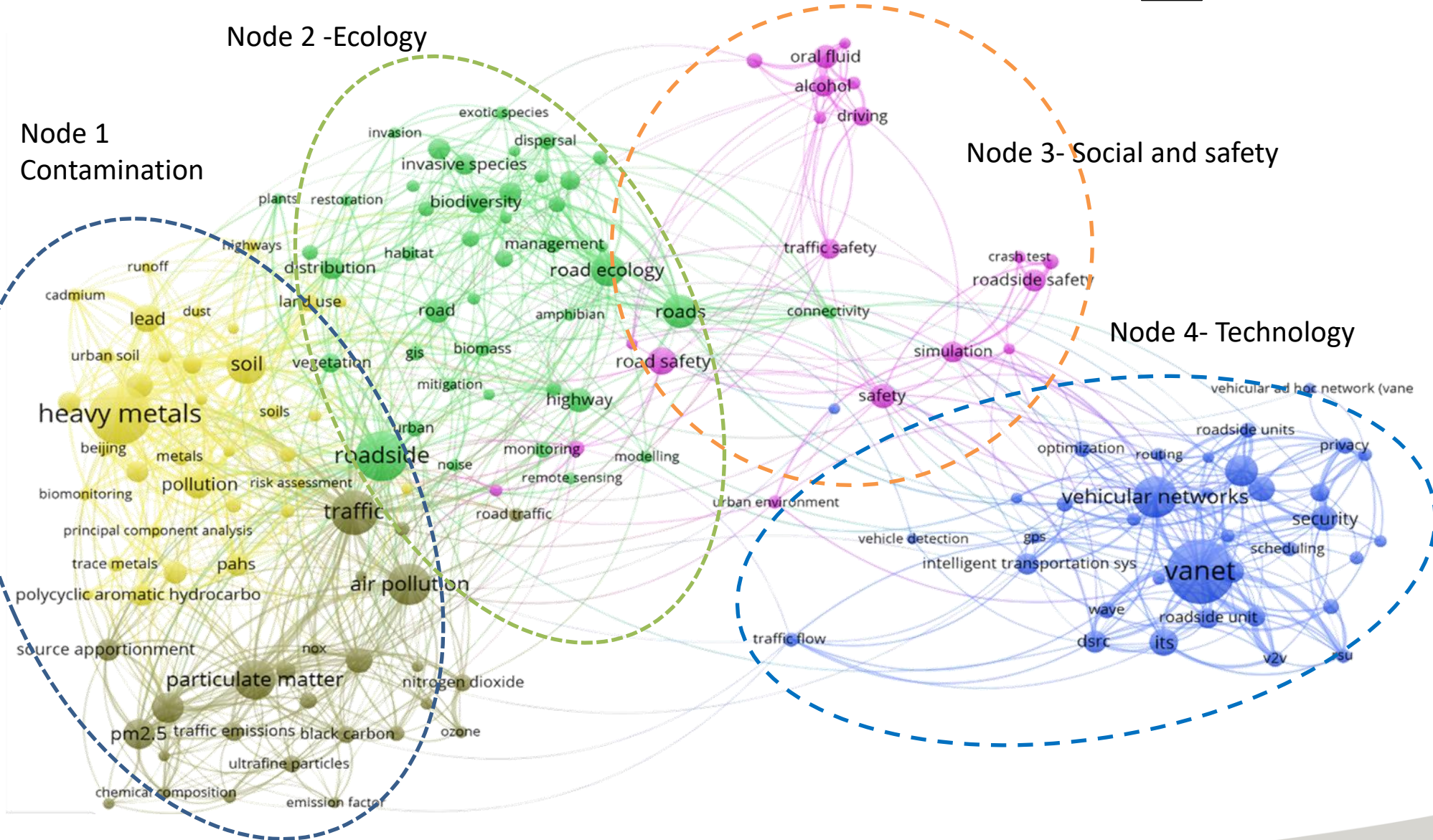


Node 1  
Contamination

Node 2 -Ecology

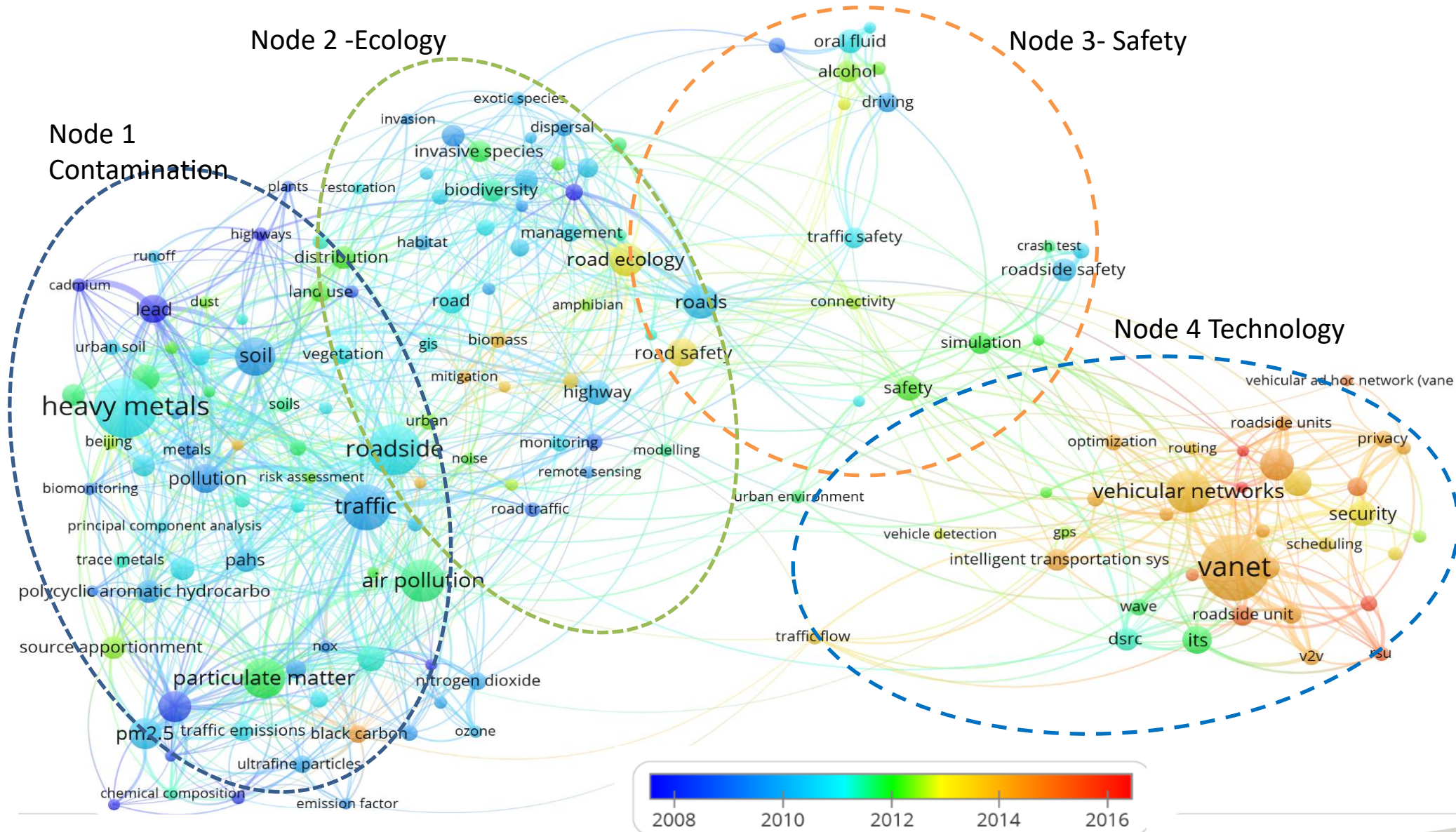
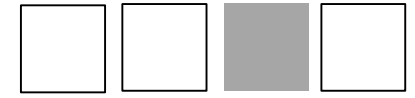
Node 3- Social and safety

Node 4- Technology



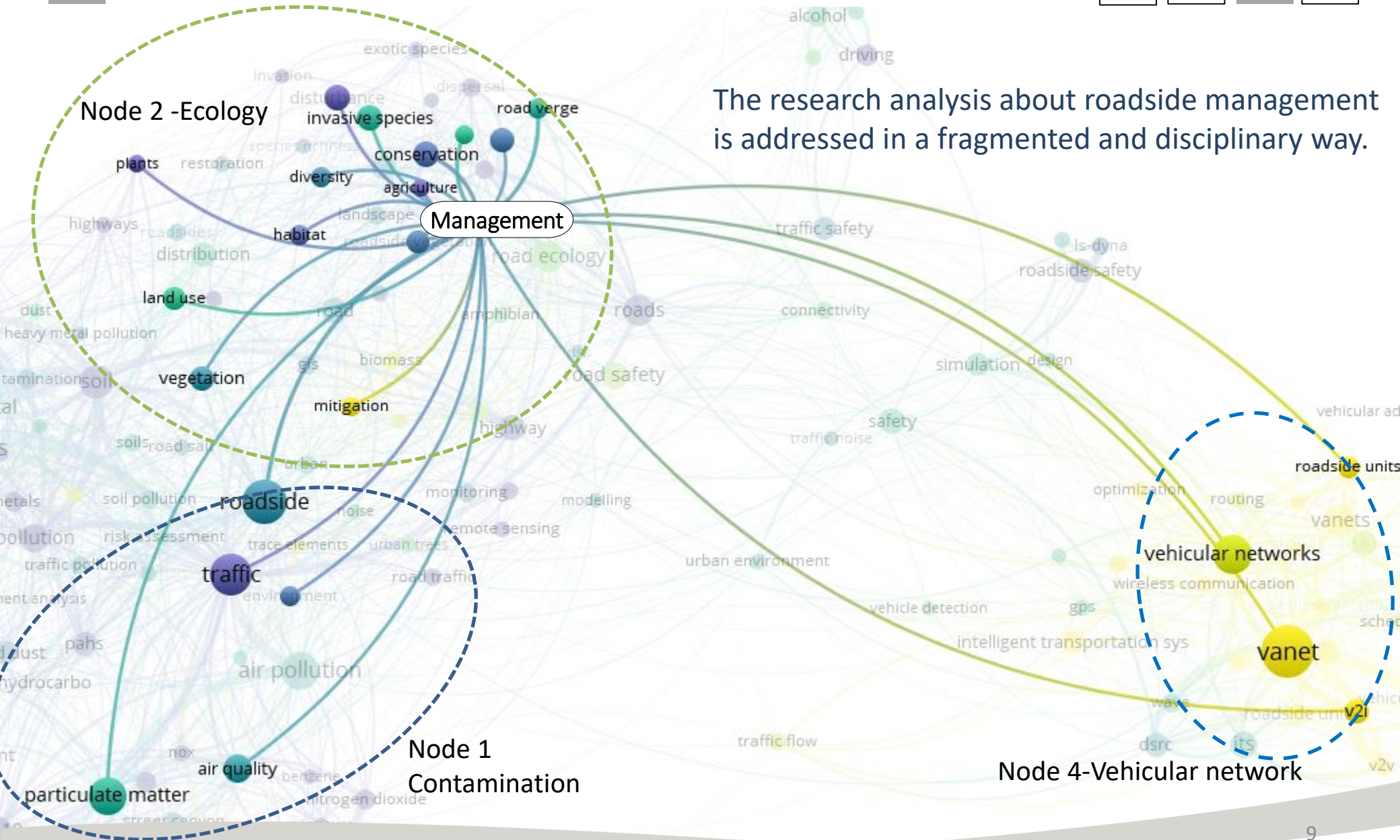
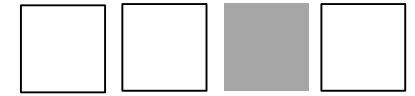


### 3. Results Temporal evolution

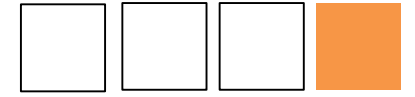




### 3. Results



## 4. Towards a research agenda

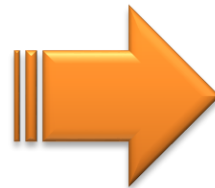


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Node 2 -Ecology

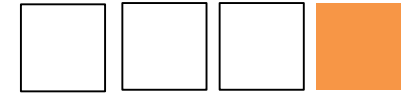
Economic quantification  
of positive effects of  
roadside management:

Node 3- Safety



- Ecosystem services, wildlife and biodiversity preservation,
- Soil and air quality, noise reduction, invasive vegetation control,
- Pollutant emission mitigation and its connection with human health.

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### Node 4 Technology

The management of traffic to:

- Reduction of route times, road measurements through roadside units and
- Integration of information in vehicular networks
- Intelligent transportation systems, traffic flow and wireless sensors

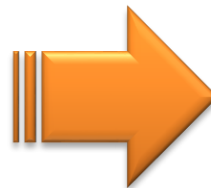


Future research

- Energy efficiency
- Roadside infrastructure,
- Biomass to bioenergy

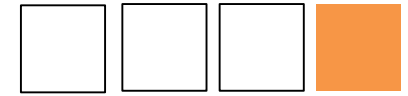
### Economic

- Creation of local value
- Attractiveness of the territory
- Bioeconomy
- Job creation





## 4. Towards a research agenda



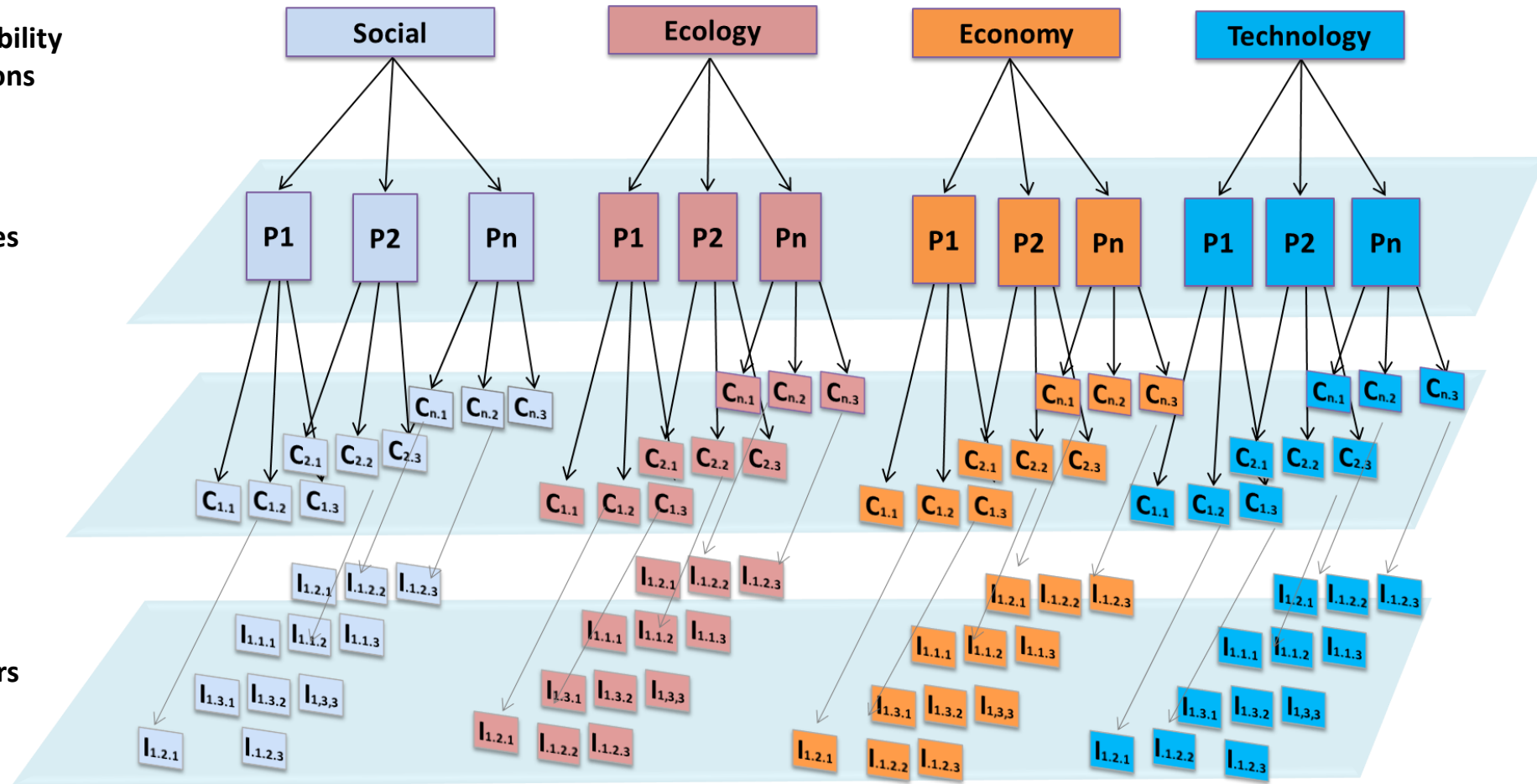
Proposition of hierarchical sustainability management framework

Sustainability dimensions

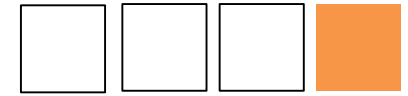
Principles

Criteria

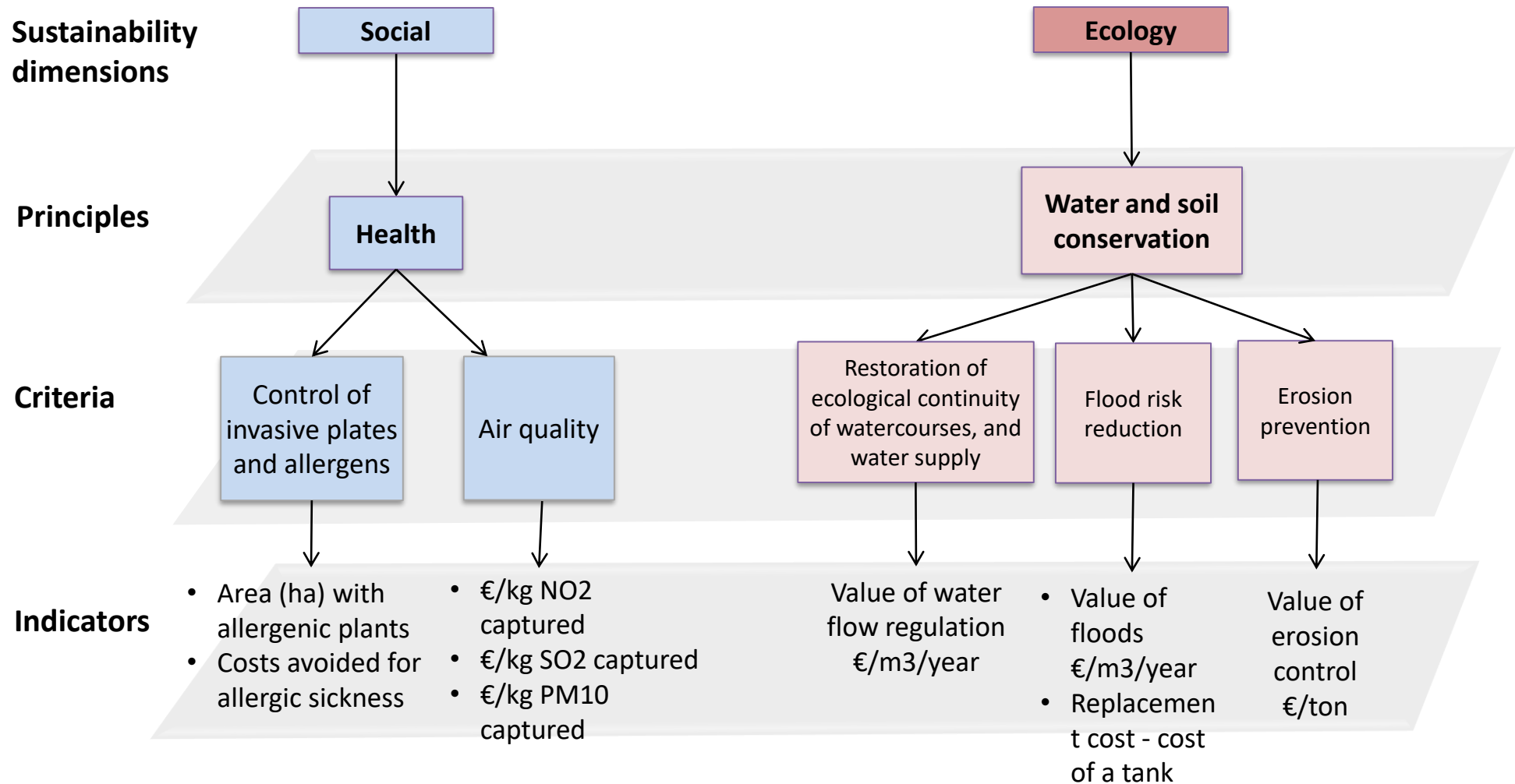
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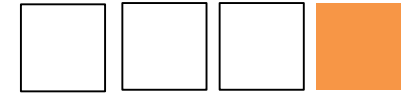
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Example



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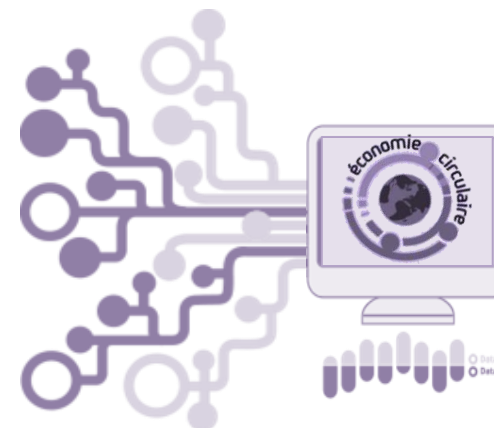
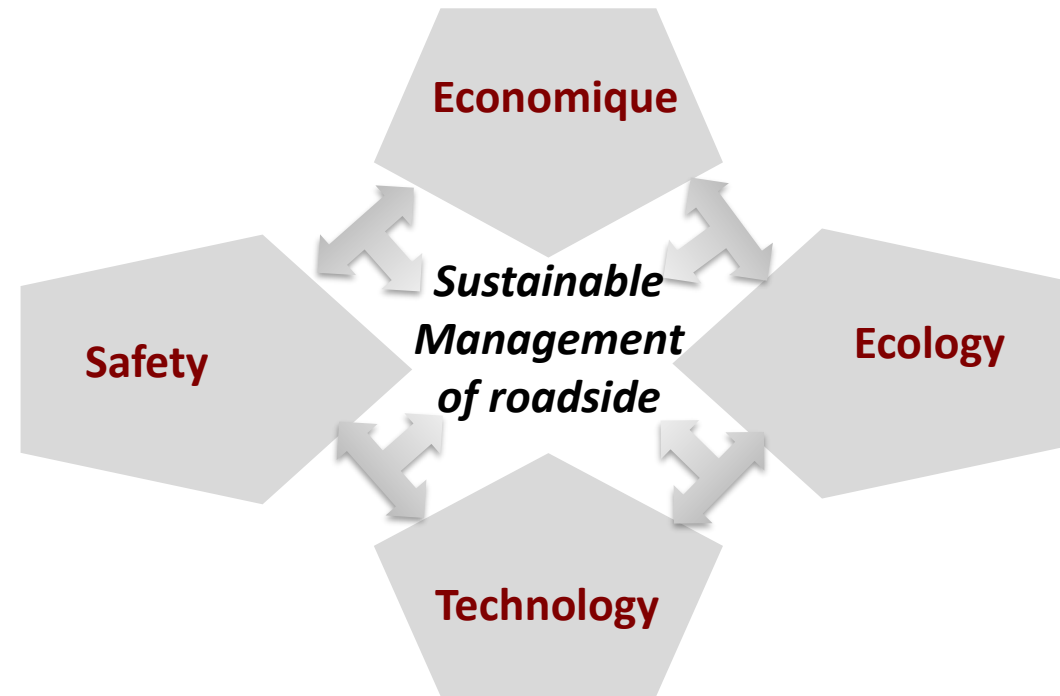


### Conslusions

The Sustainable Management of roadside might be addressed in a **transdisciplinary way**.

The ecosystem services promotion and valuation to support decisions about sustainable management of roadside.

Development of an **integrated information management system** to support decision-making that promotes value creation around Innovative and Sustainable Management of Road Dependencies in "circular economy mode".





***Thank you for your attention***