

Proposal to form a UK CSF Working Group on 'Global Chemicals Strategies'

Aim: To maintain awareness, keep informed and increase understanding of the developments in chemical strategies and **chemicals policy in other parts of the world**

Why: It is important for the chemicals sector and broader society to understand where the similarities and differences are in the strategic direction of chemicals policy and its implementation, in geographies where the UK may wish to seek **regulatory cooperation** in the future, e.g. for trade, capability development and R&D

Potential geographies of interest we could look at as a WG are:

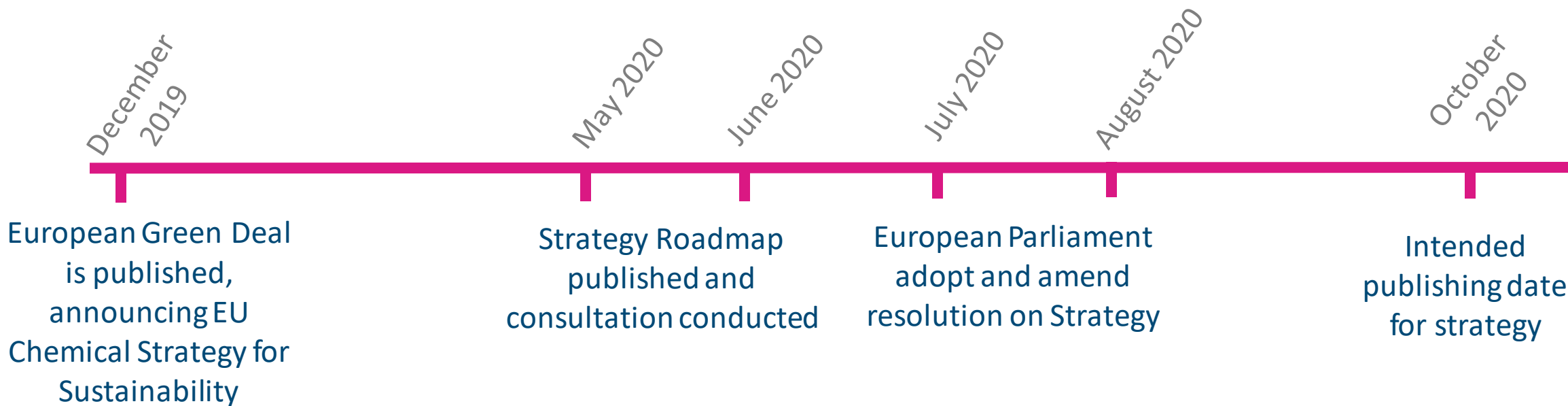
- 1) Europe - Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (due October 2020)
- 2) Canada - Chemicals Management Plan
- 3) USA - TSCA and state approaches to chemicals management
- 4) Japan - Chemical Substances Control Act
- 5) Turkey - an emerging economy – Turkish REACH KKIDK
- 6) Others of interest....????

The EU chemical Strategy for Sustainability

A summary

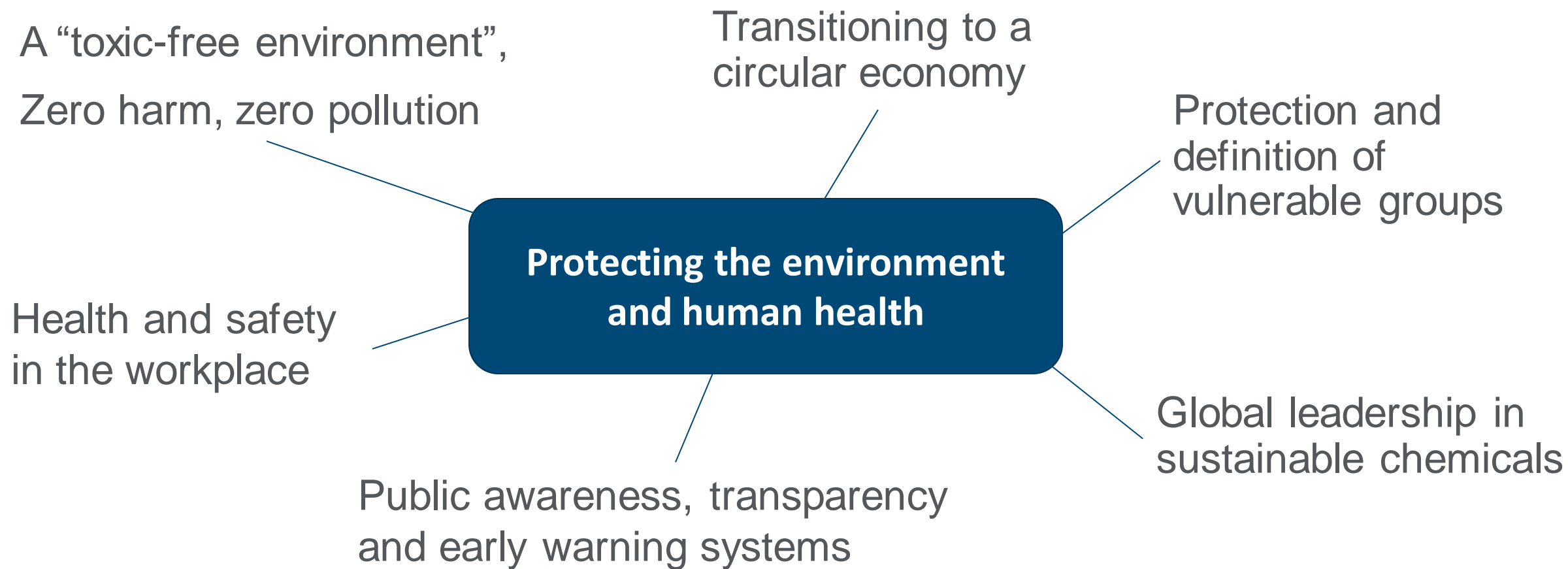
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EU chemical strategy for sustainability timeline

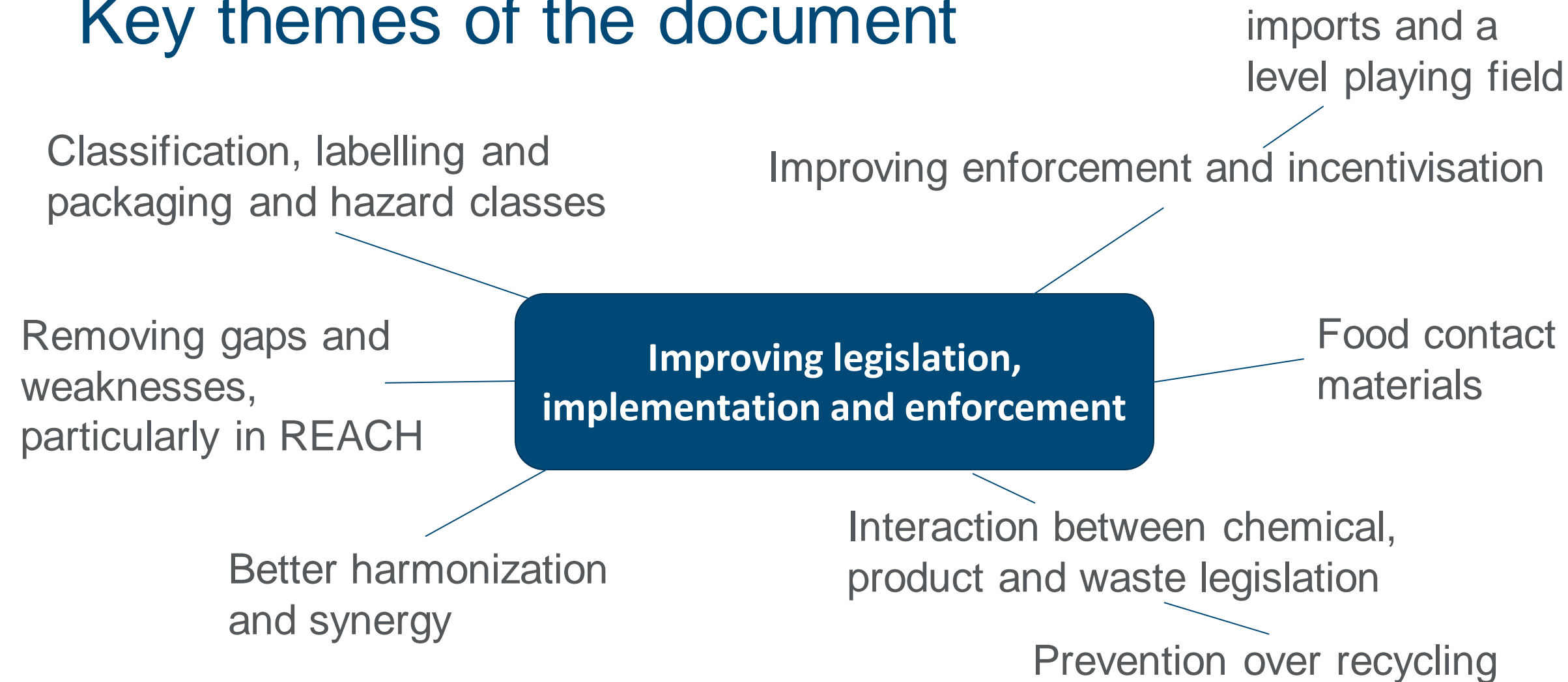


“To protect citizens and the environment better against hazardous chemicals and encourage innovation for the development of safe and sustainable alternatives.”

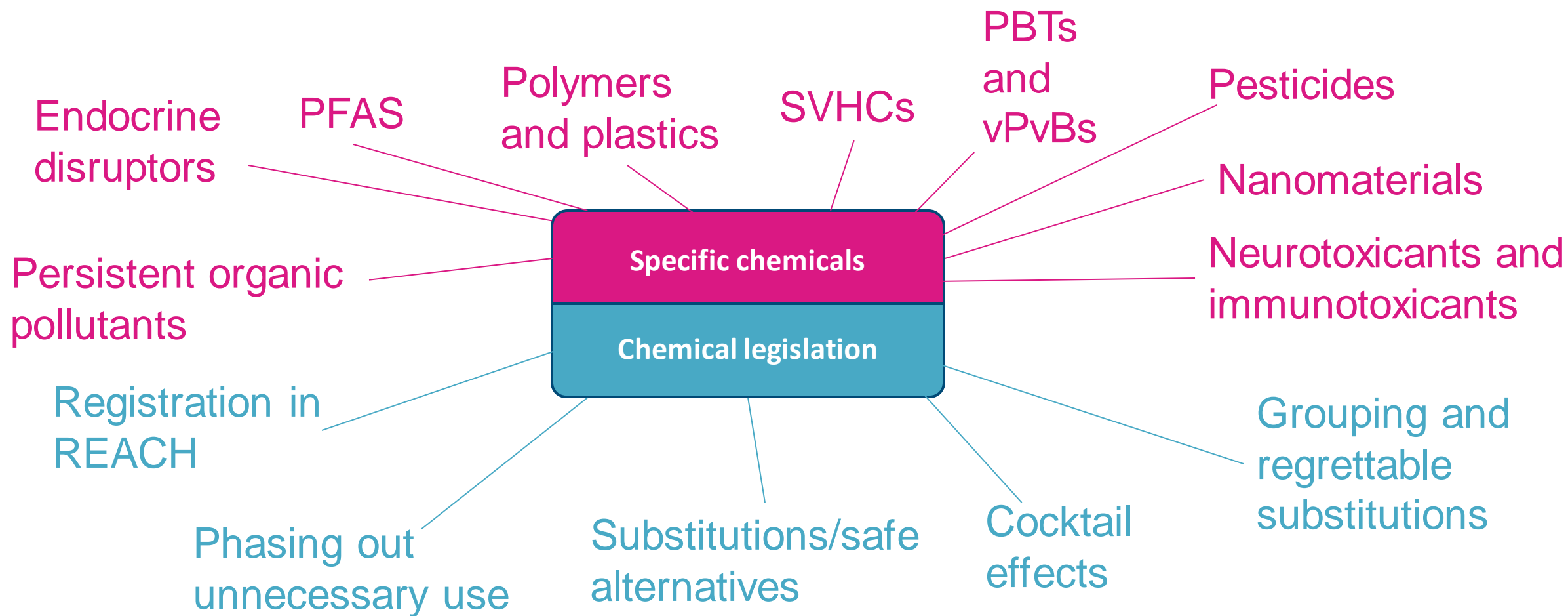
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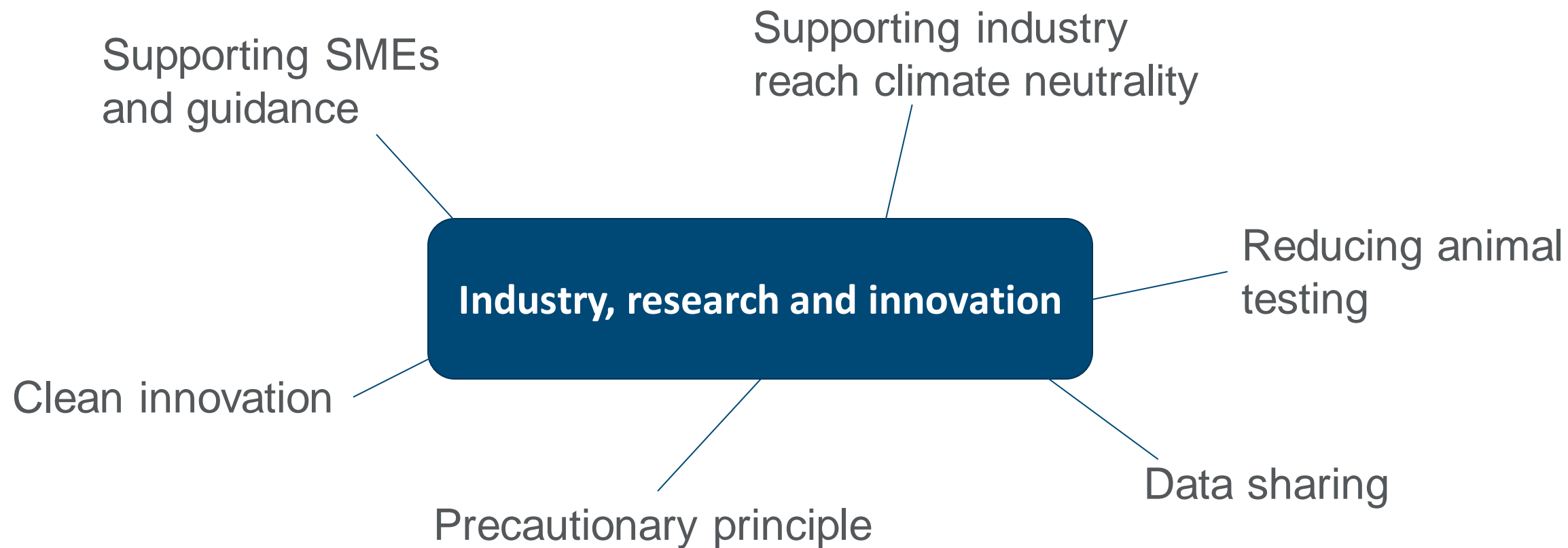
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The European Chemical Strategy for Sustainability

- **Protecting the environment and human health**
Pushing for a non-toxic environment, protecting the vulnerable and working transparently and internationally.
- **Improving legislation, implementation and enforcement**
Addressing issues from REACH and legislation reviews, packaging and enforcement.
- **Specific chemicals and legislation**
Increasing the scope of REACH, acknowledging cocktails and groups, and incentivising substitutions.
- **Industry, research and innovation**
Supporting SMEs, climate neutrality, data sharing and reducing animal testing.



A chemicals strategy for a sustainable chemicals revolution

**A balanced approach for
future chemicals policy with
science at its heart**

“The global goal to minimize adverse impacts of chemicals and waste will not be achieved by 2020” – legacy issues of chemical pollution need to be addressed with greater urgency internationally, particularly plastic waste and persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

GCOII report (2019)

- For the world to solve the major environmental and health challenges from chemicals pollution, at the same time as supporting increased chemicals sector growth,

The UK must work together across nations and look to lead at global level

CHEMICALS STRATEGY – FOUR PILLARS





Drivers and scope for a UK chemicals framework

To be considered alongside our vision
for a sustainable chemicals strategy

Build trust through agency and science

**Build trust, economic prosperity, wellbeing and
quality of life through four pillars of strategy and
continued investment**

Education for Citizens roles in open and transparent policymaking

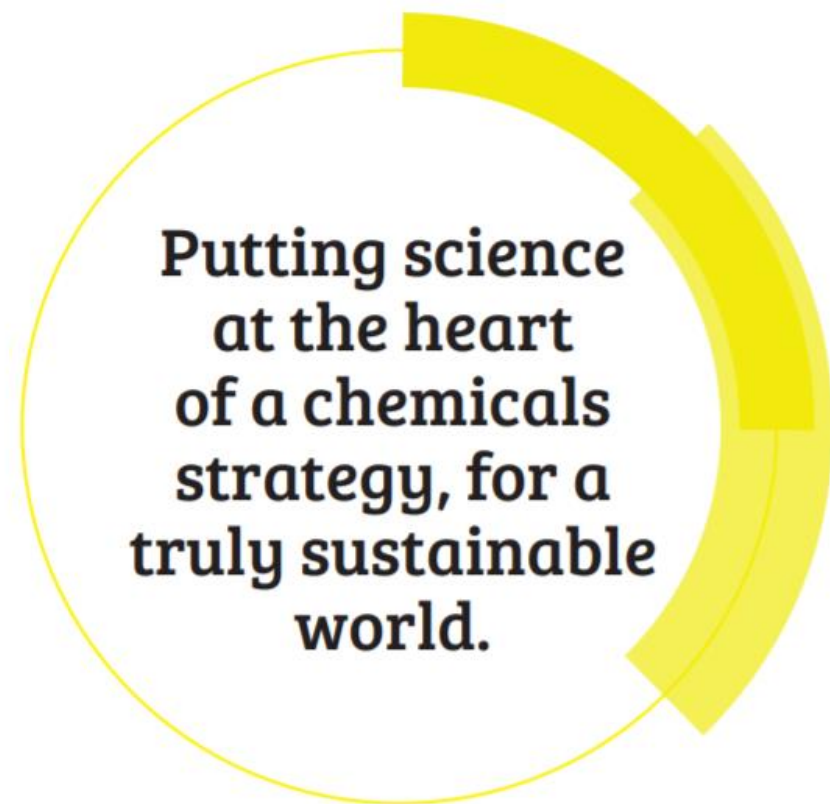
Enabling **sustainable innovation**

The UK's place in global **circular economy** supply chains

Science-led chemicals regulation to protect health and environment

<https://www.rsc.org/new-perspectives/sustainability/sustainable-chemicals-strategy/>

Scientific and Regulatory Cooperation Globally



Global Chemicals Strategies questions:

- 1) Which geographies do you think this group should be exploring and why?
- 2) What is your current understanding of the EU chemicals strategy – is there anything you would like to know more about or discuss in this context?
- 3) What do you think are the most important areas of regulatory cooperation for chemicals?

Initial expressions of interest to join the group?

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