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OVERVIEW AND MAIN GOALS

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Basic project data

Title	Development of a bifunctional hierarchically structured zeolite based nano-catalyst using 3D-technology for direct conversion of methane into aromatic hydrocarbons via methane dehydroaromatization
Acronym	ZEOCAT-3D
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Topic	CE-NMBP-24-2018 - Catalytic transformation of hydrocarbons (RIA)

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The ZEOCAT-3D project proposes an alternative, which consists of obtaining these high-value chemicals (benzene, naphthalene, among others) from methane from sources like biogas and natural gas through an improved catalytic process called methane dehydroaromatization (MDA).

2 Main goal and objectives

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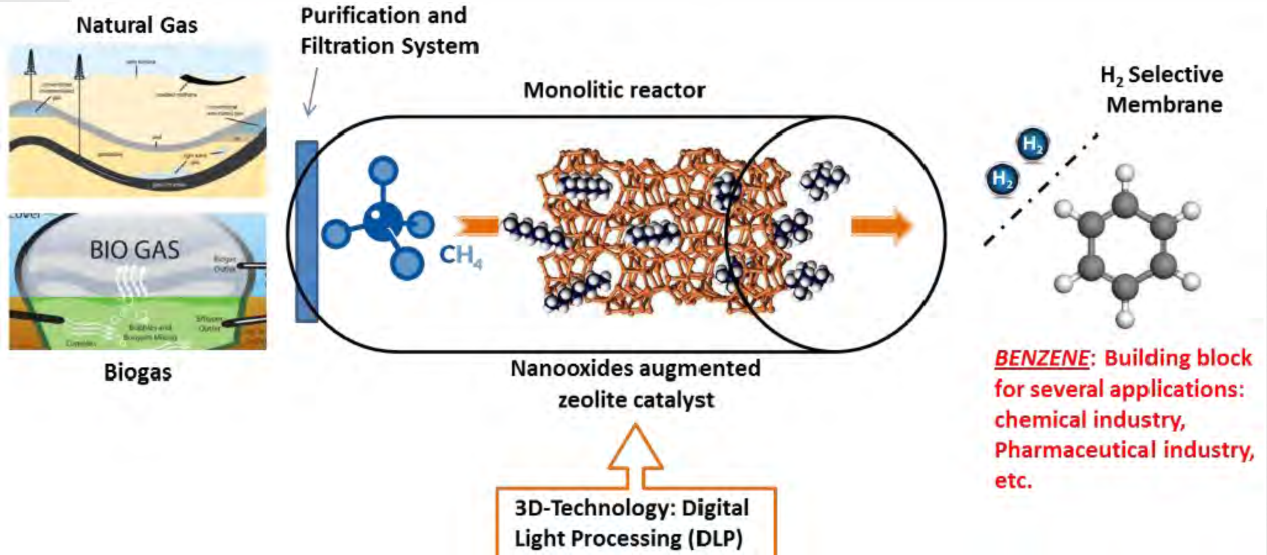
The goal of the project ZEOCAT-3D is the development of a new bi-functional (two types of active centers) structured catalysts, achieving for the first time a tetramodal pore size distribution (micro-, meso1-, meso2-, macro-porous) and high dispersion of metal active sites for the conversion of methane, coming from different sources as natural gas and biogas, into high value chemicals such as aromatics (benzene, naphthalene, among others) via methane dehydroaromatization (MDA).



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- ✓ Improved methane conversion (>50%)
- ✓ Increased selectivity towards benzene (>90%)
- ✓ Enhanced performance (7 times less deactivation)
- ✓ Higher yield rates (up to 80%)

3 Challenges and solutions

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Challenges of the MDA process

Difficult activation of the C-H bond of CH_4 molecule, high reactivity of the products compared to methane, and acid sites of zeolites are occupied by coke deposition.

Problems to solve

The main drawbacks associated the process are low methane conversion, low selectivity towards the desired products and the quick deactivation due to carbon deposition onto the catalyst.

The solution

These problems will be overcome by the use of hierarchical zeolites structures synthesized by 3D-printing and loaded with doped molybdenum nano-oxides.

Challenges and solutions (Key elements)

Catalyst

Development and production of improved catalyst, a 3D hierarchical structure with bi-functional activity (two types of active centers).

Reactor

Design, construction and validation of catalytic reactor, with improved productivity for direct methane MDA into aromatics.

Modelling

Rational design of catalyst/multi-scale modelling, for achieving multimodal pore size distribution (micro-, meso1-, meso2-, macro-porous).

Feedstock

Optimization for different methane feedstock, which will bring enormous advantages for increasing the exploitation of natural gas and biogas.

4 Implementation

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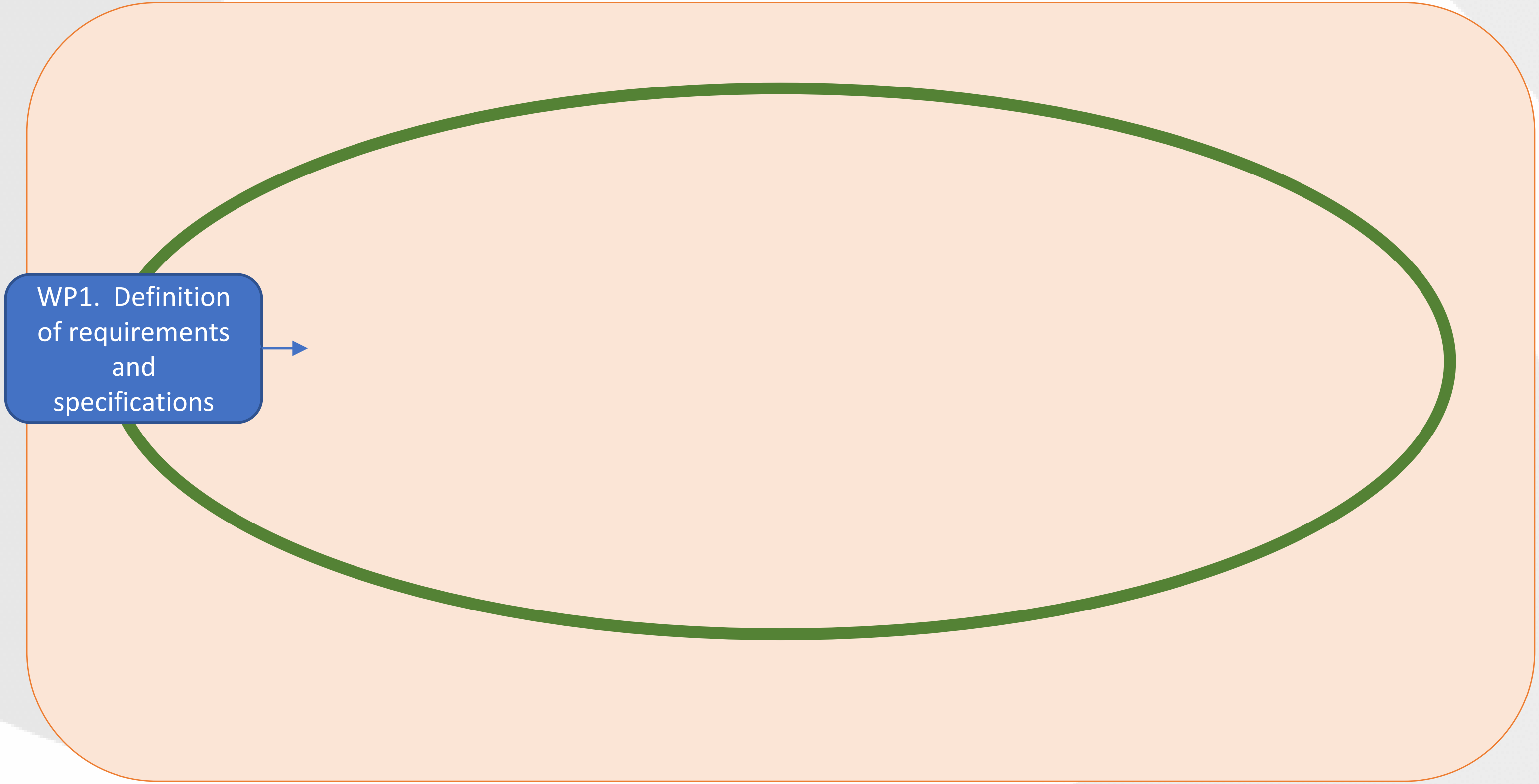

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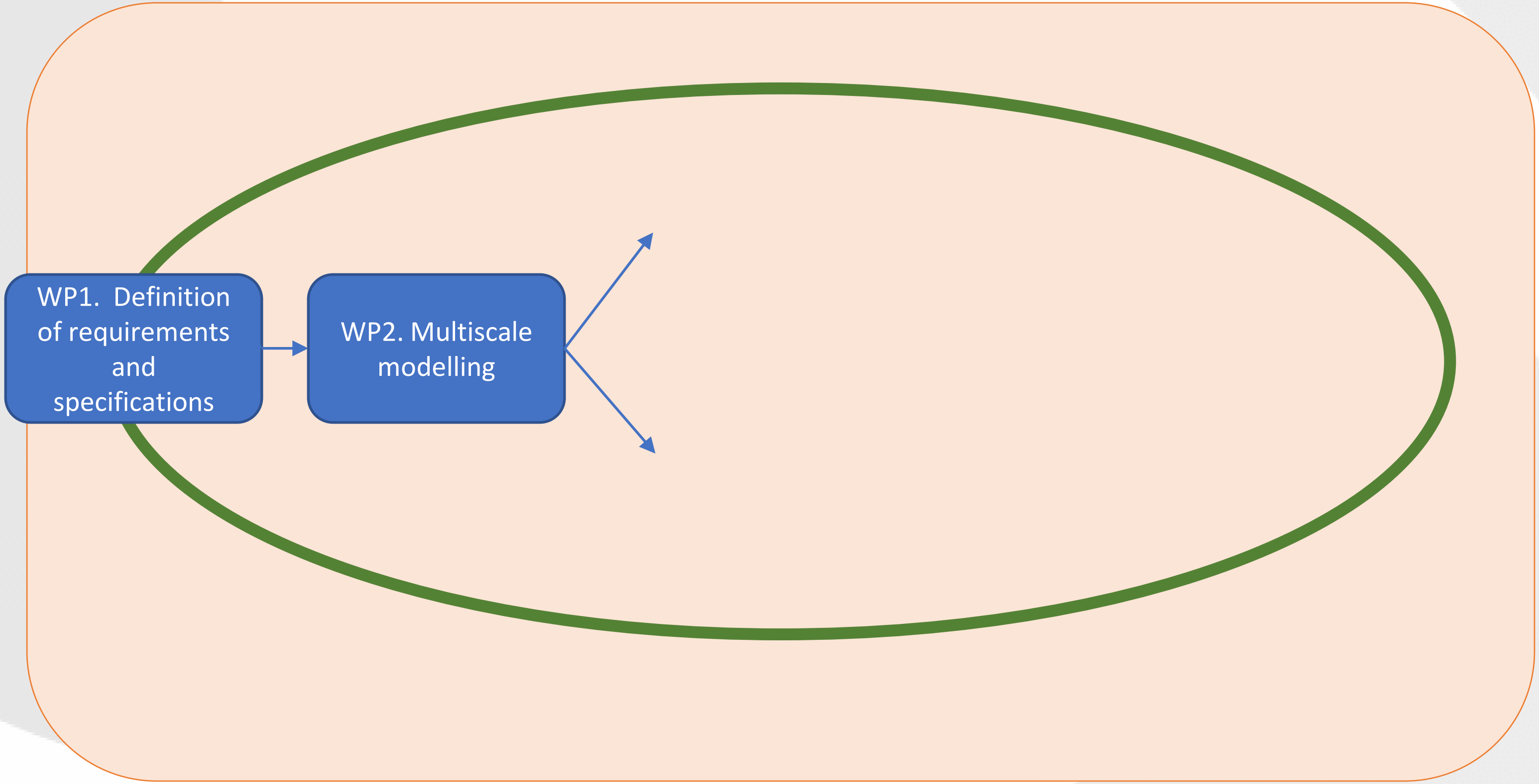

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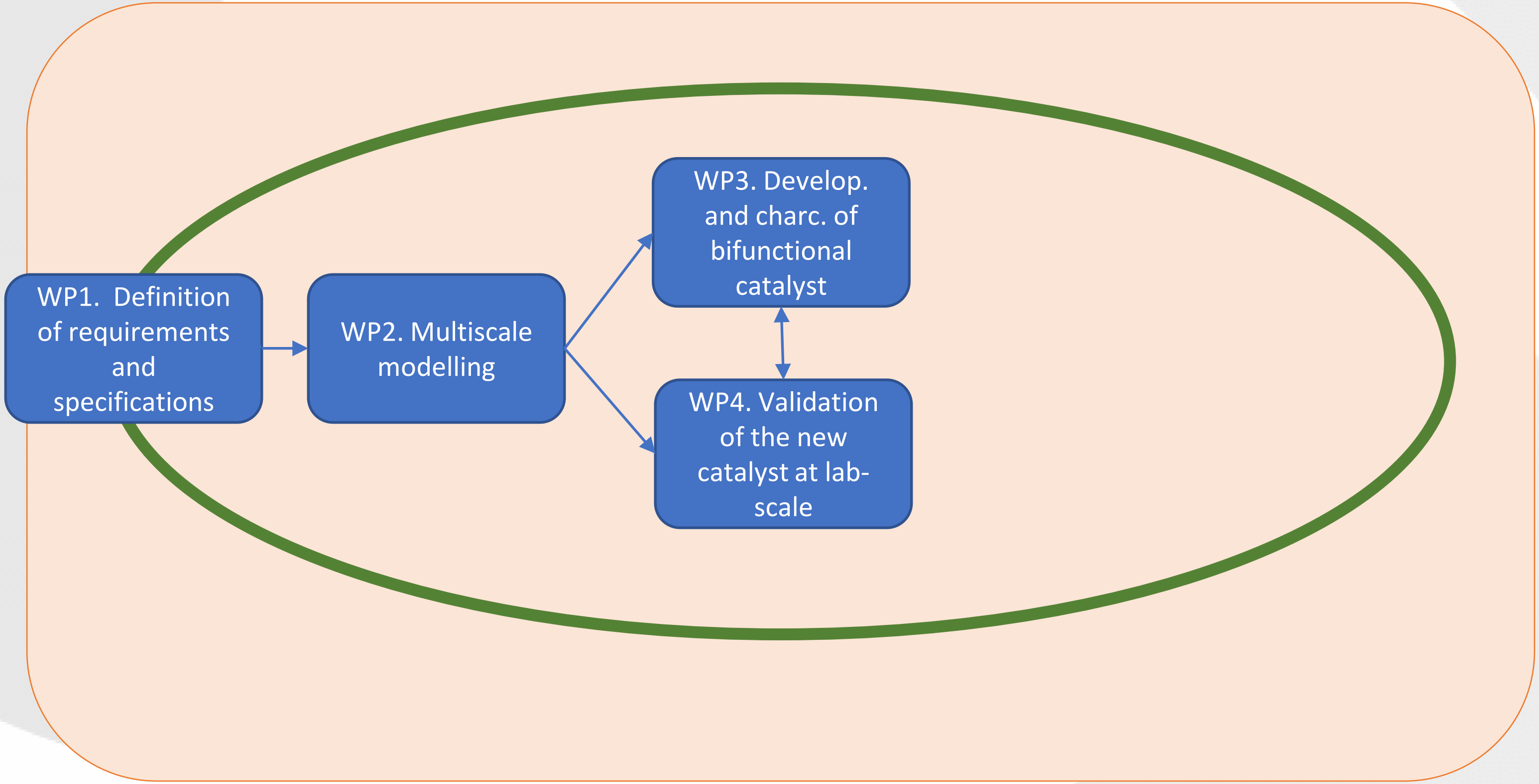

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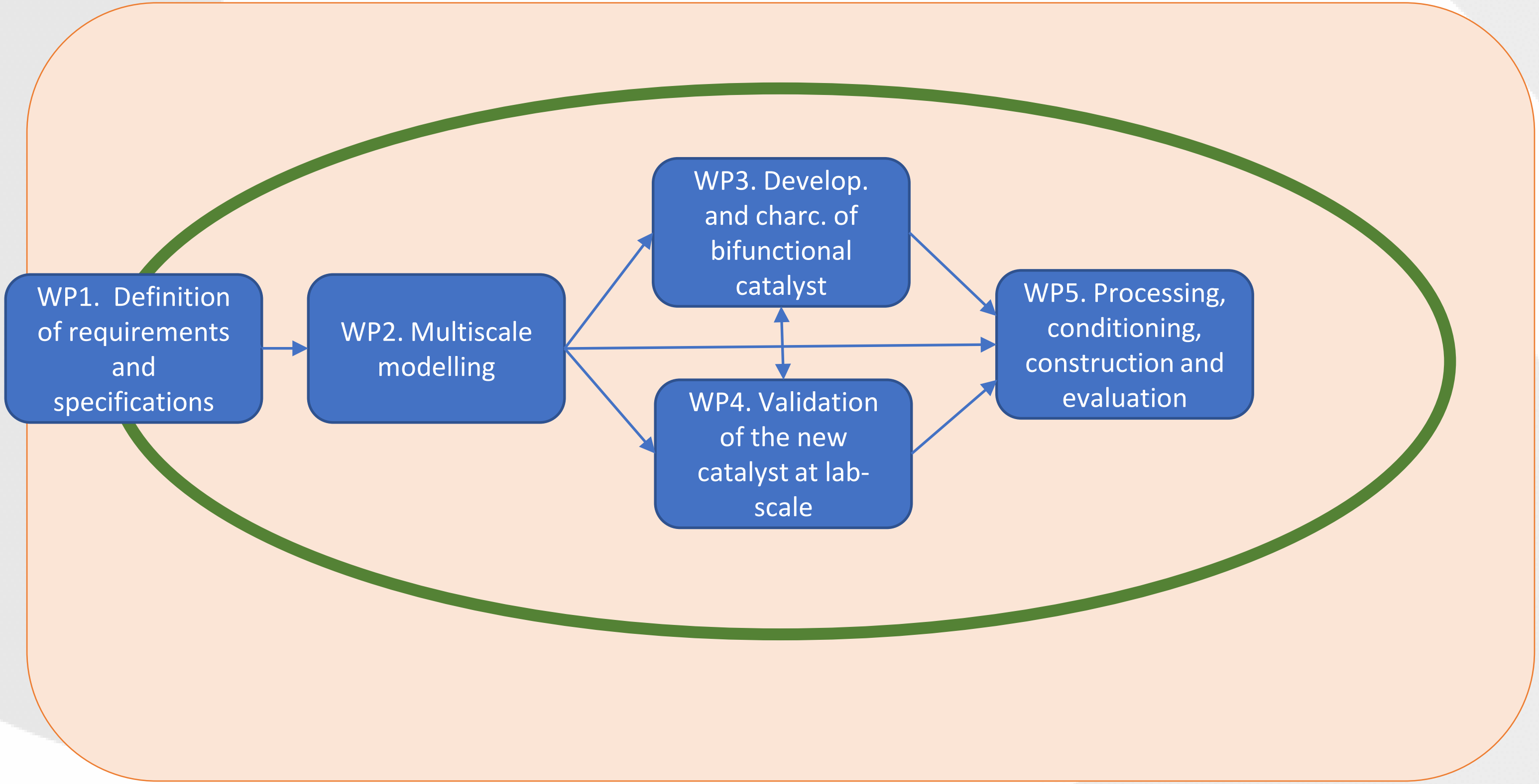

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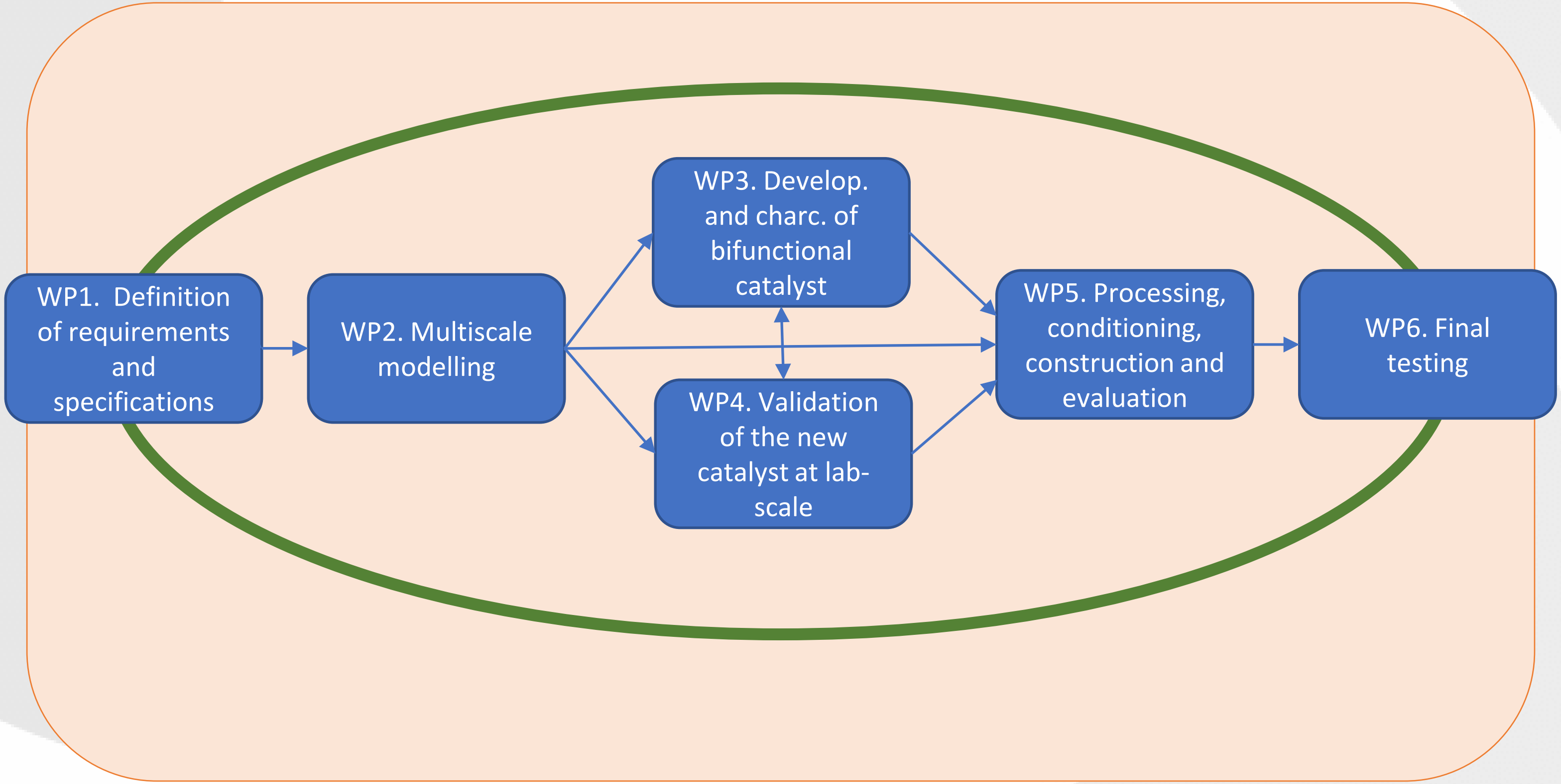

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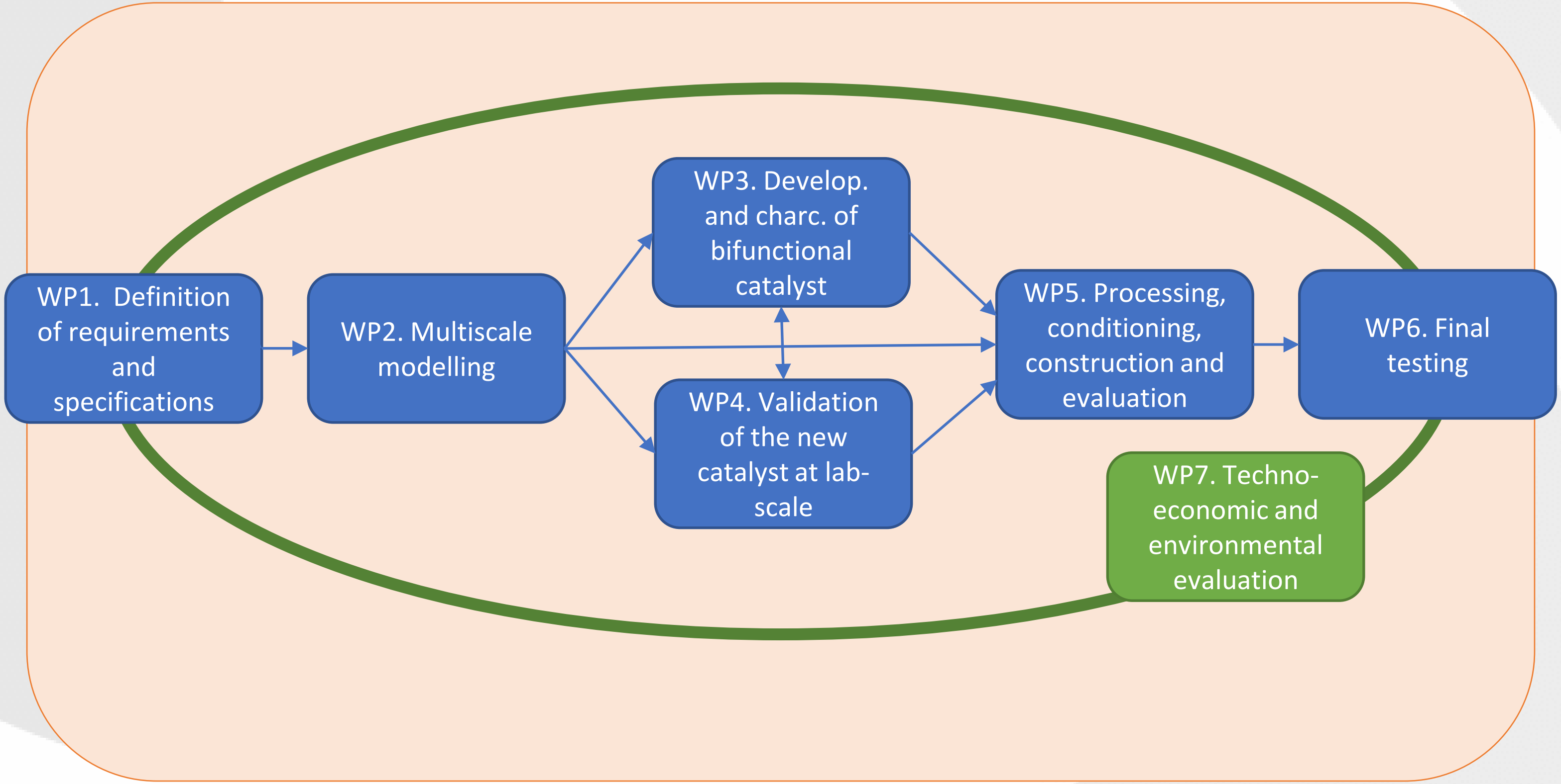

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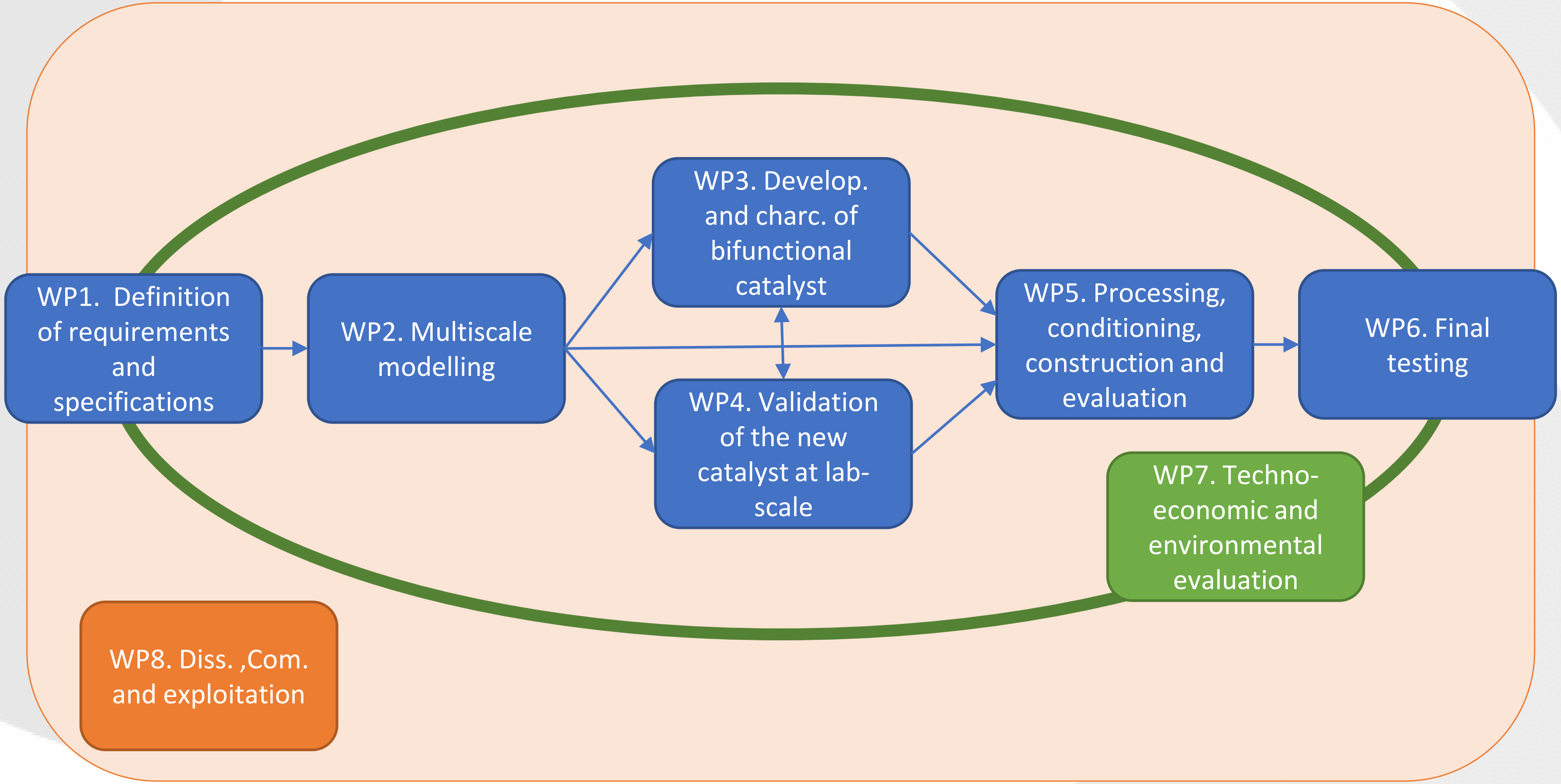

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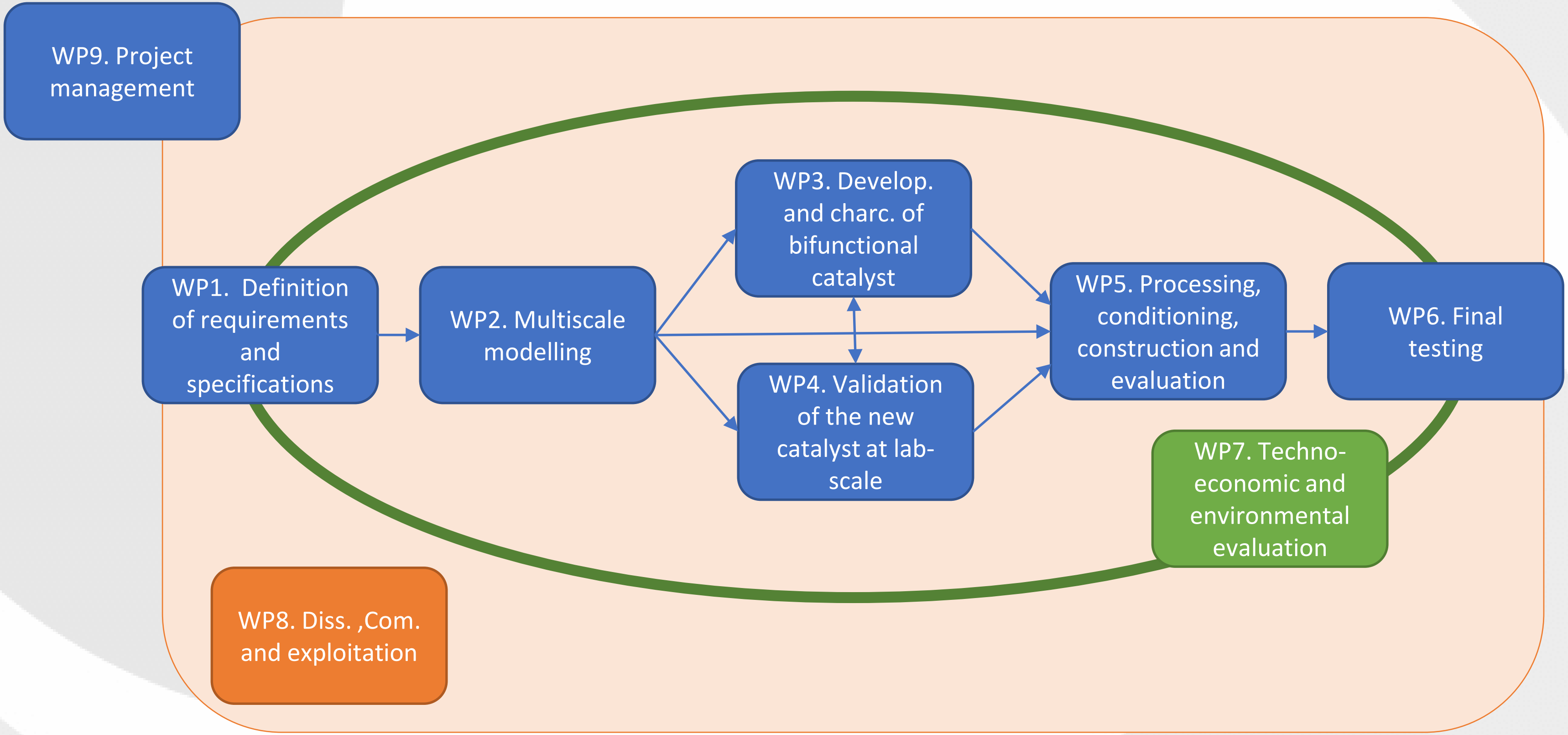

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24 / 55 Deliverables submitted (18 accepted by the Commission)

First milestone planned for M28

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Any questions?

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