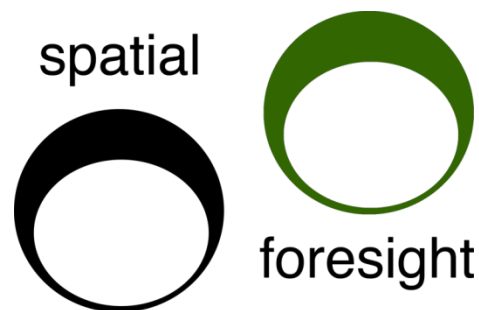


# Circular economy strategies and roadmaps in Europe

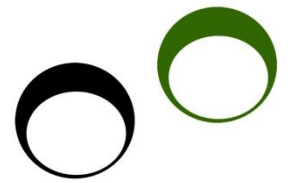
Identifying synergies and potential for cooperation and alliance building

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# Collecting strategies across Europe

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## “ Circular economy strategy definition in the scope of the study

Documents focused on a circular economy, with a clear strategic plan, defining objectives or describing a desired outcome and including key steps or milestones to reach them

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Identified

**33** existing strategies

**29** planned strategies

## Dimensions



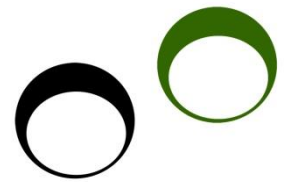
## Location of existing and upcoming strategies

Factors:

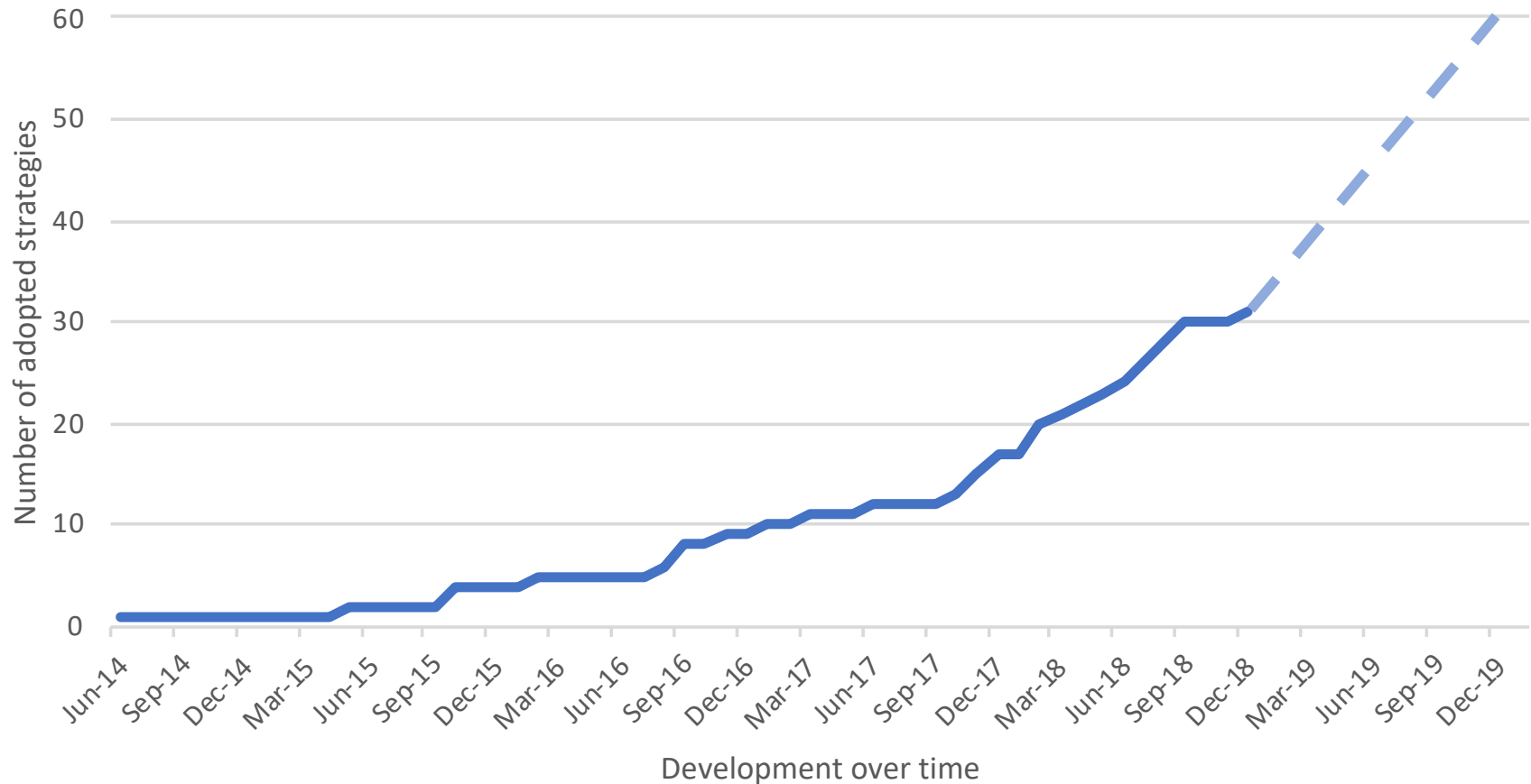
- Presence of early adopters
- National strategies facilitating regional ones
- Decentralised systems

*Own elaboration based on existing strategies and information collected from stakeholders*

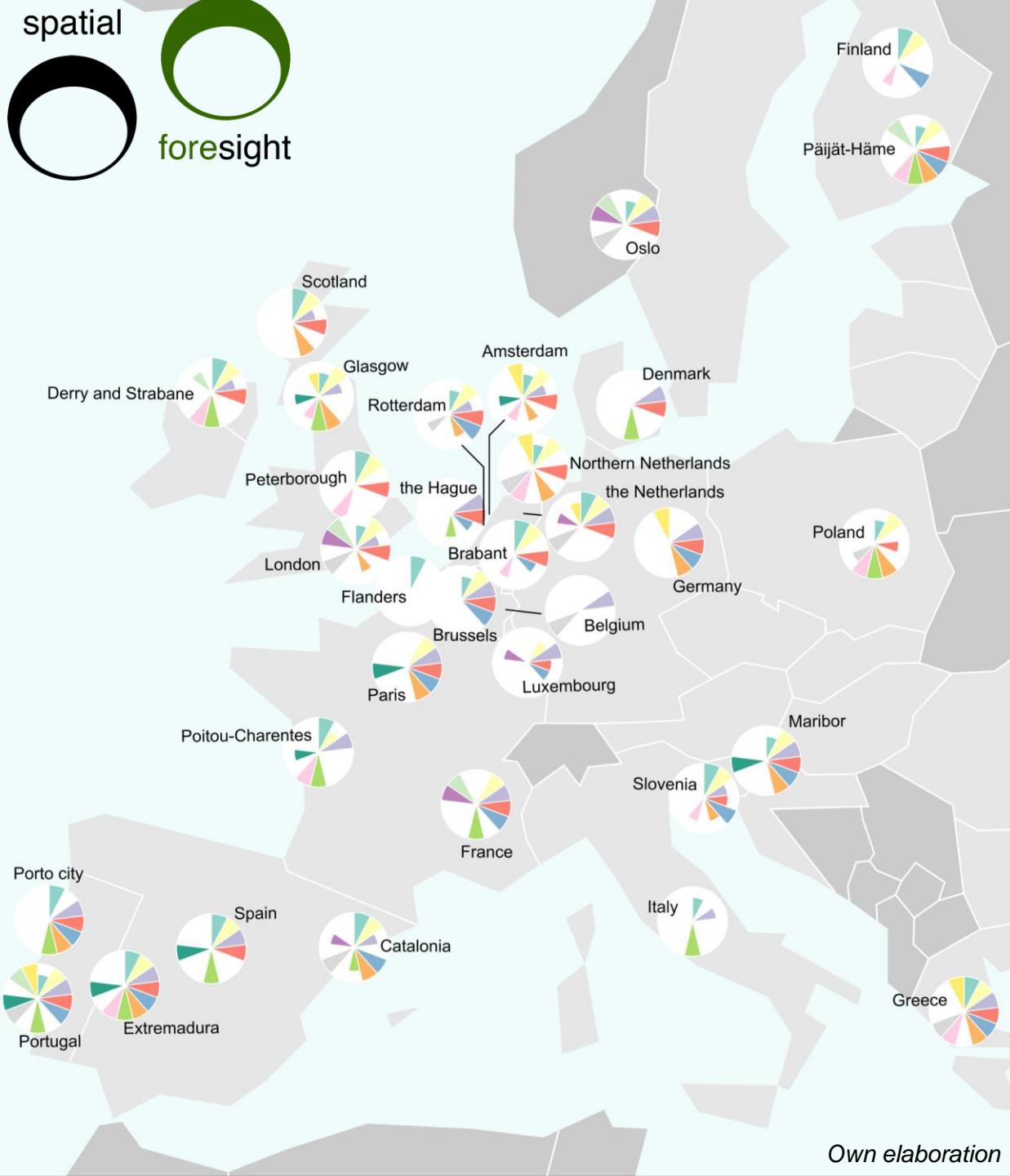
# A growing number of strategies



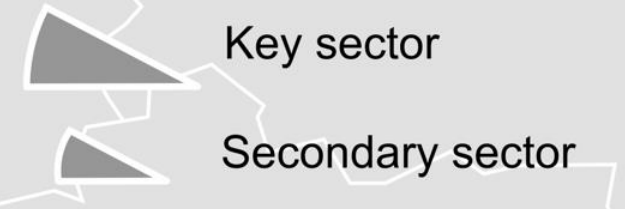
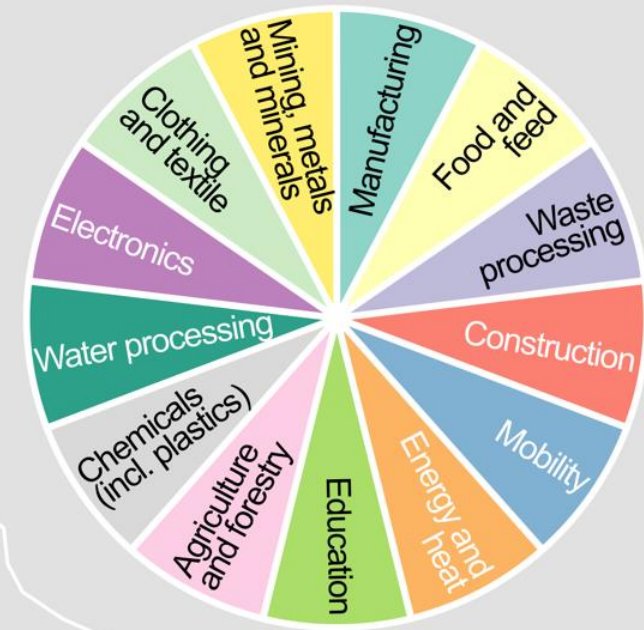
Development of circular economy strategies over time



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## Economic sectors



**Different criteria** used for sector selection: economic importance, circularity potential, political importance

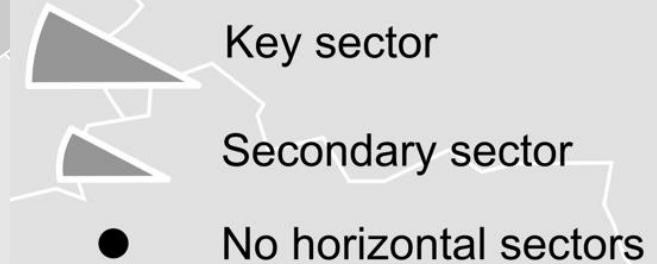
**Scalability and transferability** often have little consideration in the selection of sectors

*Own elaboration*





## Horizontal sectors

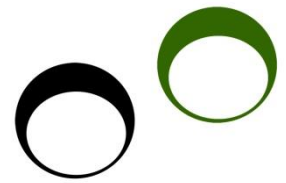


Choice of sectors differs by:

- territorial level
- time of strategy

Many strategies follow a **exploratory/ pioneering approach** in topic/sector selection

# Different orientation of strategies

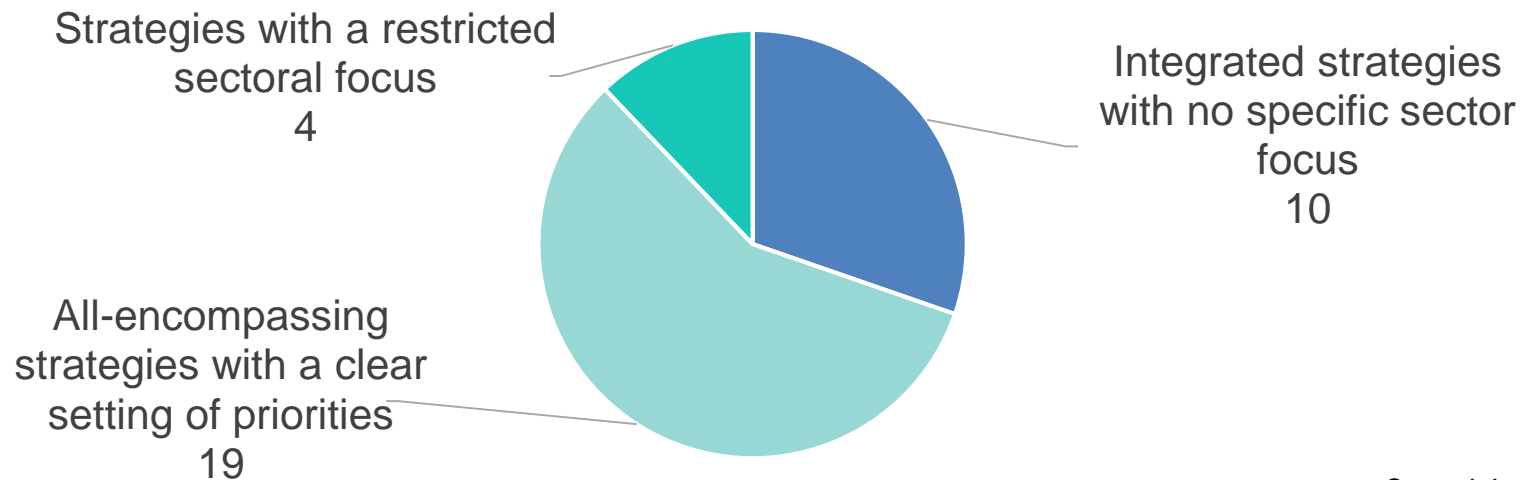


## Different rationales for the development of strategies

- Levels of ambition (leaders vs. followers)
- Degrees of concern/integration with global challenges and goals
- Degrees of orientation to territorial context-specific challenges
- Degrees of inclusiveness of value chains

## Different thematic and sectoral focus

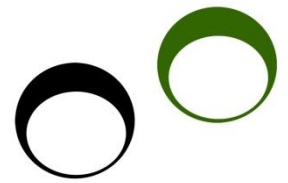
### Different thematic/sectoral focus



Own elaboration

# Findings: inclusive approaches

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**Public authorities** take a **leading role** in issuing circular economy strategies (28 of 33)

The inclusion of **different types of stakeholders** is considered **differently** in strategies

Some strategies set-up **boards or organisations** improving stakeholder involvement and follow-up

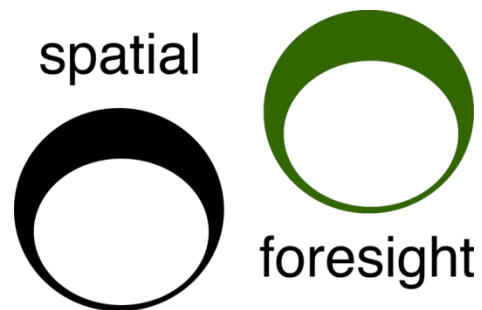
There is a **trade-off** between the **inclusion** of many types of players and **agility** of formulation and implementation of strategies

**Civil society** involvement is higher during strategy **implementation** than during strategy development

Strategies could benefit from a **greater inclusion of civil society**. Often CSOs are mentioned without identifying any specific role, or as a target group



# Thank you!



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