



# **Centurion Group Limited**

## **Towards 2050: Achieving Metal Circularity Through University and Industry Collaboration**

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## ABOUT CENTURION

Centurion is a global leader in the supply of rentals and services to a range of critical industries for complex, challenging and remote locations.



**RENTAL & SERVICES FOR COMPLEX, CHALLENGING & REMOTE LOCATIONS**



Oil & Gas



O&G Decarb



Renewables



Minerals



Infra. & Other

**6 CORE BUSINESS LINES<sup>(1)</sup> SERVICING REMOTE LOCATIONS**

Accommodation & Modular



Power & Equipment



Lifting & Cranes



Water & Wastewater



Pressure Control



Subsea Services



# Towards 2050: Achieving metal circularity through university and industry collaboration

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## 1. Metal Circularity Model

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## 2. Product Design and Supply Chain

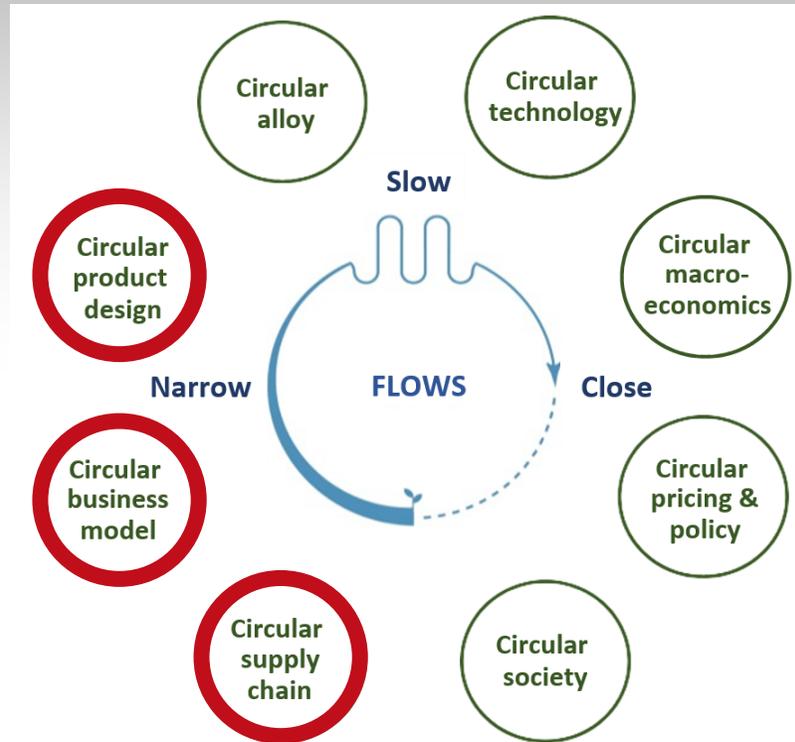
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## 3. Project Experience and Outcomes



## Achieving Full Metal Circulation in the UK



- We address 8 areas through circular design strategies to influence resource flows: **narrow** (using less) **slow** (using for longer) **close** (recover materials for reuse)

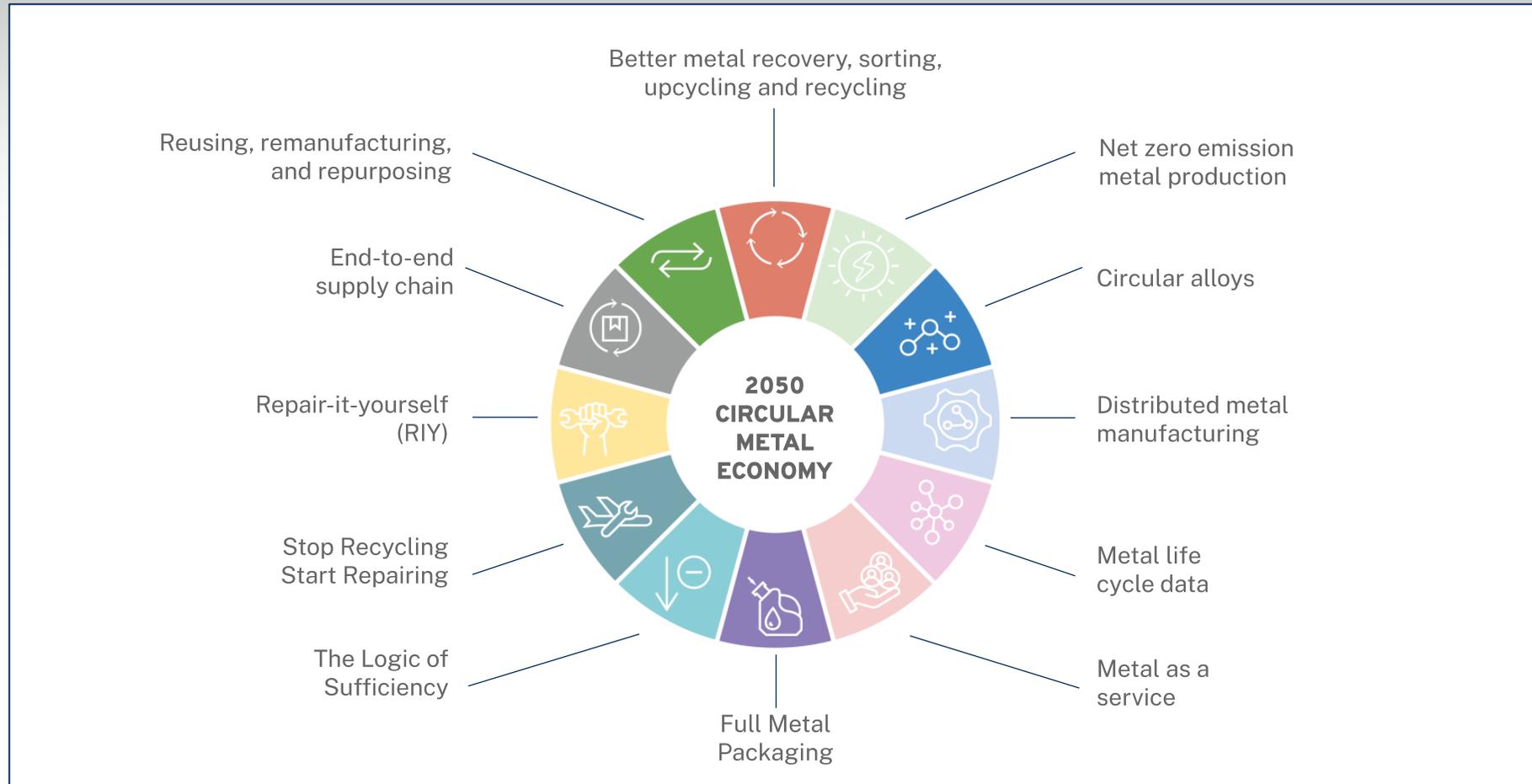


<b>Phase 1</b> Scoping Study	<b>Phase 2</b> Long-Term Circular Business Model	<b>Phase 3</b> Circular Product Design and Supply Chain Design	<b>Phase 4</b> Review and Discuss Outcomes
<i>Online interview</i>	<i>In-person workshop</i>	<i>Online interview</i>	<i>Online workshop</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify and map the current supply chain and business model</li><li>• Analyse barriers to circularity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use a toolkit to explore circular business model opportunities</li><li>• Define long-term circular business model</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss the implications of the circular business model on the supply chain and products and propose design strategies.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Validate findings</li><li>• Risk identification</li><li>• Action planning</li></ul>



## Future visions: Introducing what circularity in the UK Metal sector looks like

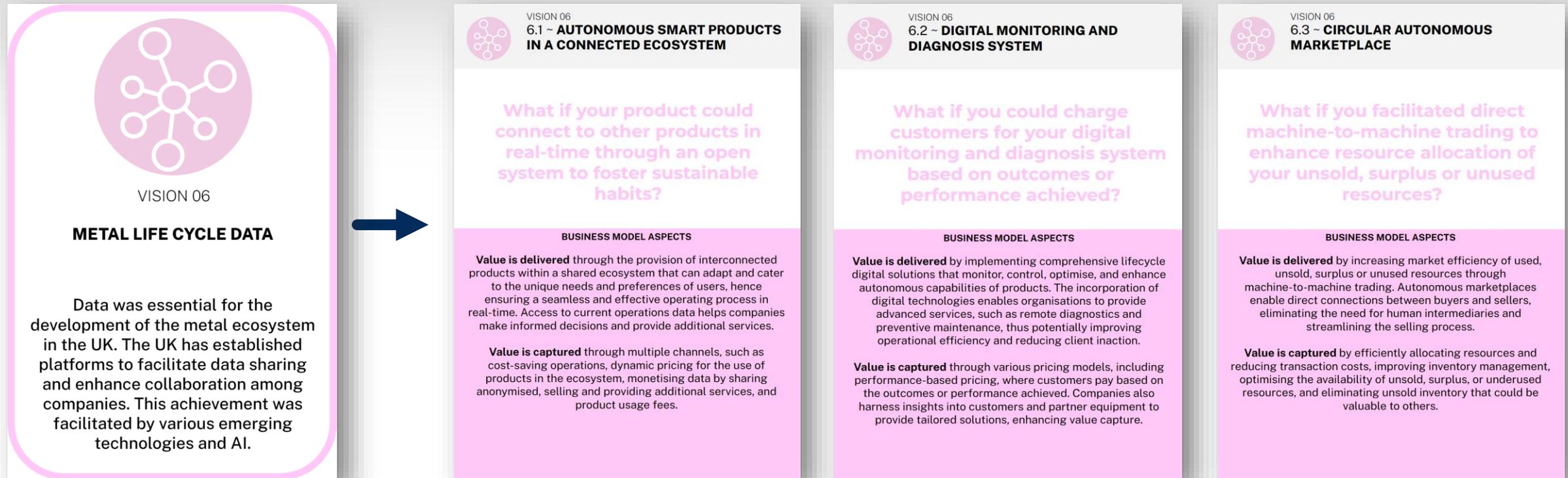
Framework of 12 visions, representing the technologies, societal change, and business innovation required for full circularity





## Each vision contains multiple circular business model opportunities

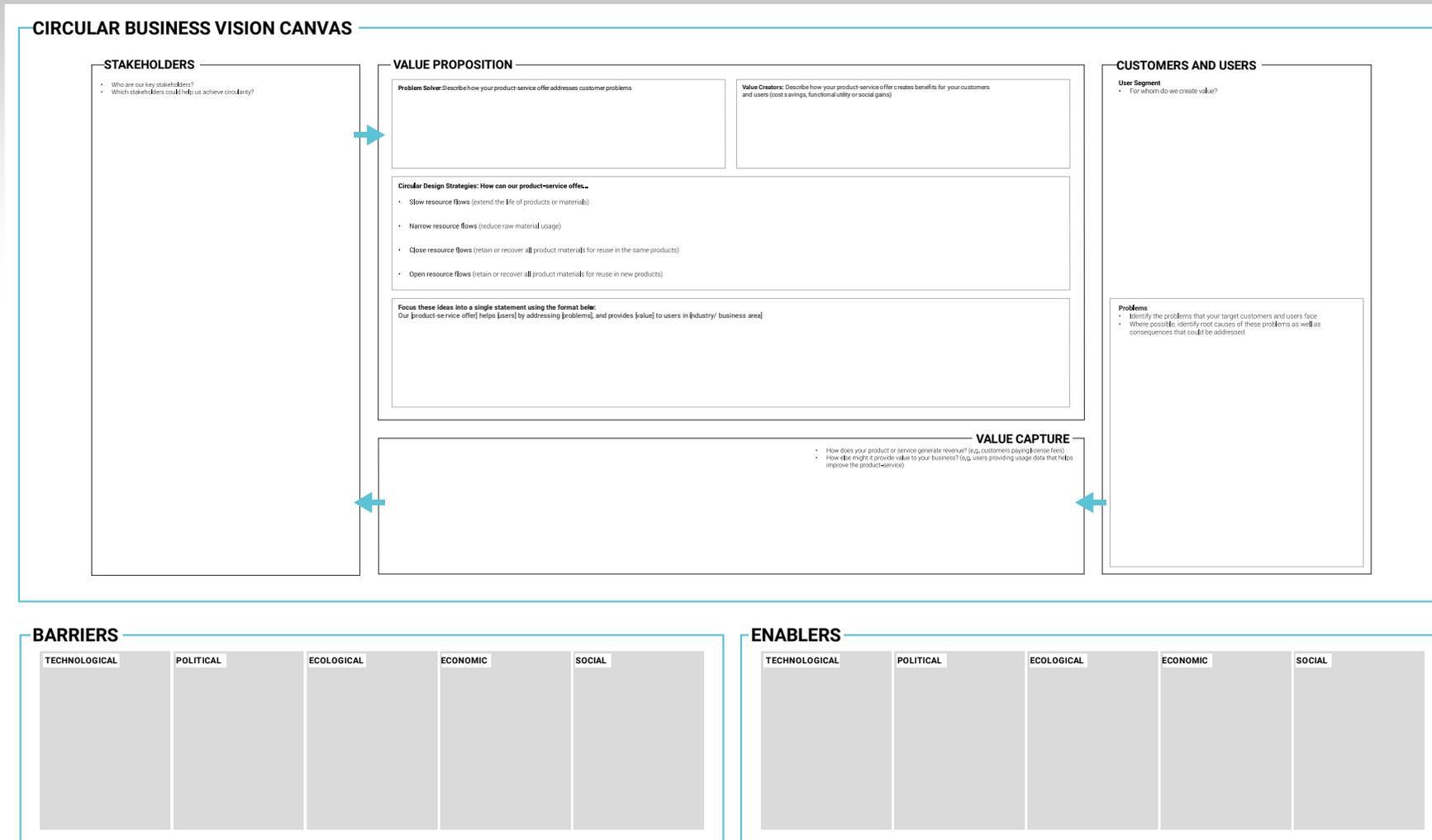
Opportunities can be combined to create new business model opportunities





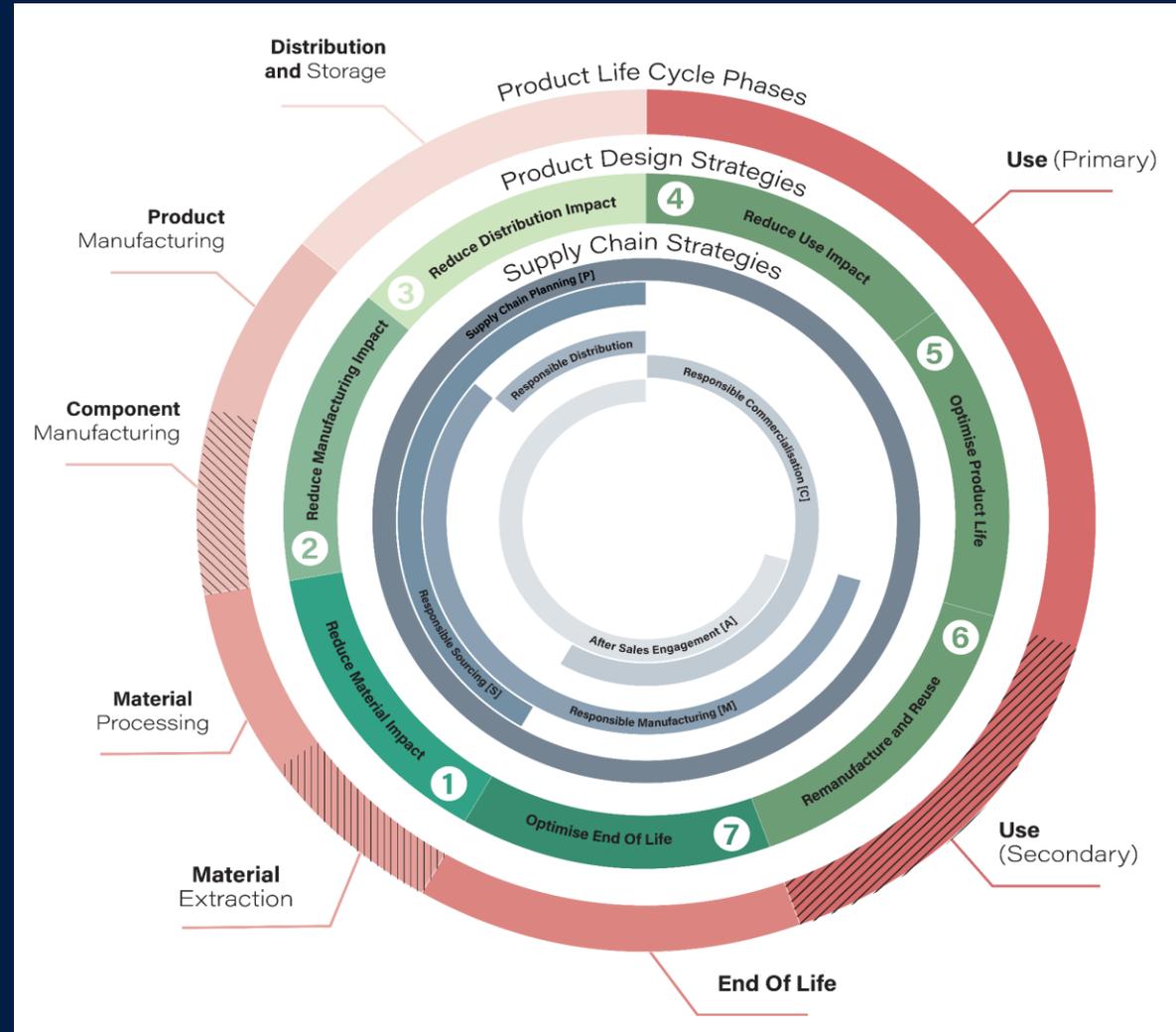
## Refine insights into a Circular Business Model

Sections including customers and users, value capture, stakeholders, value proposition, and barriers and enablers



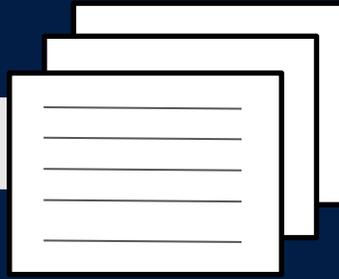
## Integrated model of product design and supply chain strategies

500 Circular product design and supply chain strategies, principles and guidelines, structured around 7 overarching strategies



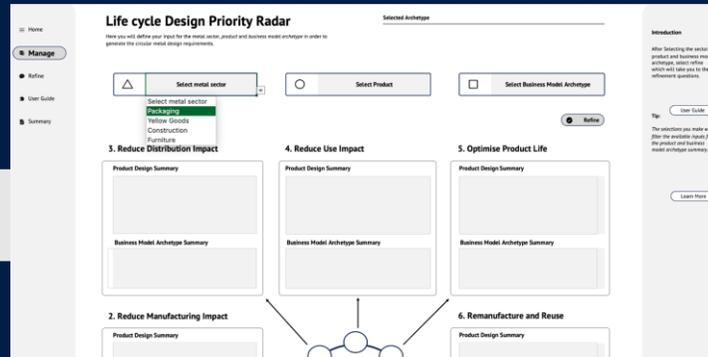
# Product Design Process

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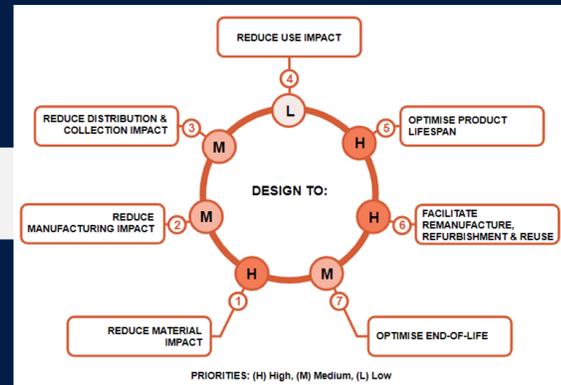
Collection and systematisation of product design elements, including 500 circular **product design guidelines** specific to the metal sector.

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**Interview** with Centurion to select preferred product option and gather additional information about design & manufacturing requirement/constraints through a dedicated tool

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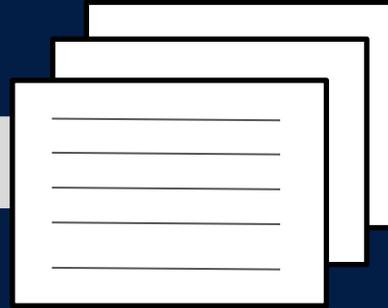


**Prioritisation** of the 7 overarching strategies and identification of relevant design principles and guidelines

Development of initial **design recommendations**

# Supply Chain Design Process

1



Identification and systematisation of 28 supply chain design principles and 309 guidelines.

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Refinement Questions

Supply Chain Strategies | Select the buttons below to navigate through the strategies.

SCP - BS - S - BM - RDS - RC - C - ASE -

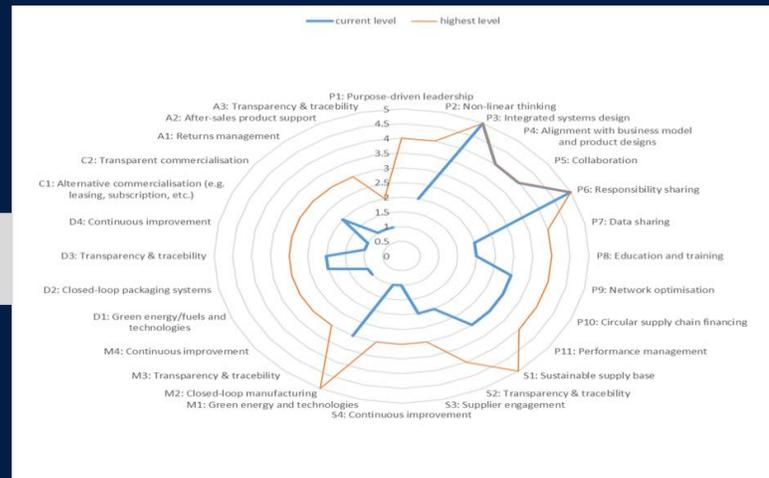
Design Questions | Supply Chain Questions | View Results

Responsible Manufacturing (M)

Questions	Answers
To what extent has your organisation integrated green energy and technologies into the manufacturing process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Awareness with top level implementation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial implementation in progress <input type="checkbox"/> Full integration of renewable inputs <input type="checkbox"/>
To what extent has your organisation integrated circular practices into the manufacturing process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Waste Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Efficient resource Management <input type="checkbox"/> Efficient Flagshiping of Recycled Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Internal Recycling and Integration of Recycled Content <input type="checkbox"/> Product Lifecycle Integration <input type="checkbox"/>
To what extent on traceability and transparency practices implemented in your manufacturing process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Measurement For Quality Purpose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measurement of Green And Circular Inputs <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Monitoring of Circularity <input type="checkbox"/>
To what extent are customer requirements products incorporated into your manufacturing process to support circular economy objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/> Standardised and Static Processes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iterative Refinement and Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Proactive Engagement with Systematic Integration <input type="checkbox"/>

Interview with Centurion representatives to identify the current levels of circular supply chain design maturity along its stages.

3



Development of the circular supply chain design recommendations for the future.



- P1: Purpose-driven leadership
- P2: Non-linear thinking
- P3: Integrated systems design
- P4: Alignment with business model and product designs
- P5: Collaboration
- P6: Responsibility sharing

- P7: Data sharing
- P8: Education and training
- P9: Network optimisation
- P10: Circular supply chain financing
- P11: Performance management

## Circular Supply Chain Planning (P)

Responsible sourcing (S)

Responsible manufacturing (M)

Responsible distribution and storage (D)

Responsible commercialisation (C)

After-sales engagement (A)

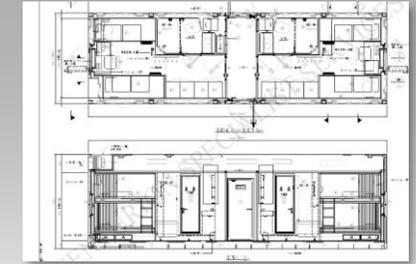
- S1: Sustainable supply base
- S2: Transparency & traceability
- S3: Supplier engagement
- S4: Continuous improvement

- D1: Green energy/fuels & technologies
- D2: Closed-loop packaging systems
- D3: Transparency & traceability
- D4: Continuous improvement

- A1: Returns management
- A2: After-sales product support
- A3: Transparency & traceability

- M1: Green energy and technologies
- M2: Closed-loop manufacturing
- M3: Transparency & traceability
- M4: Continuous improvement

- C1: Alternative commercialisation (e.g. leasing, subscription, etc.)
- C2: Transparent commercialisation



Maintenance and refurbishment

Design

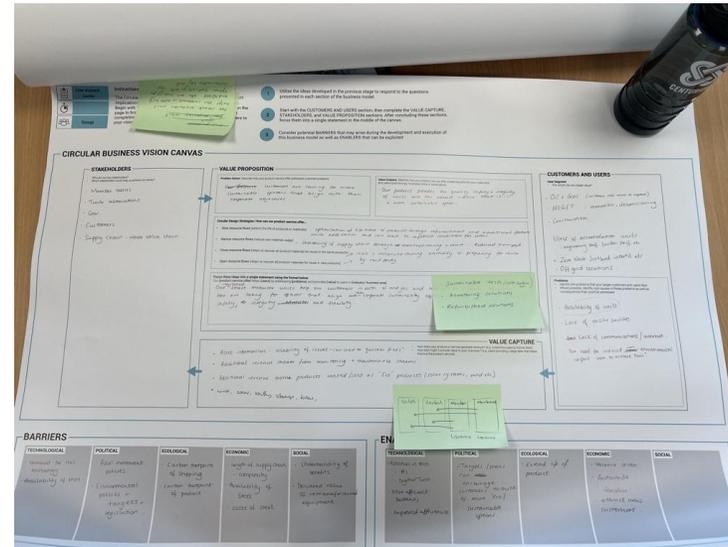


Rental and Sales

Manufacture



# Circular Metals Project – Our Experience and Learnings





## Barriers



- Certification requirements due to the nature of the industries we operate in
- Lack of supportive policies and incentives
- Lack of demand for circular products
- Current linear economy is deeply ingrained and requires significant changes in business models

## Overcoming Barriers



- Collaboration and Partnership – Work together to develop circular solutions
- Support Circular Economy Incentives
- Change in mindset – Change from only consumption and disposal
- Stakeholder Engagement – Engage in dialogue with policymakers, industry leaders and NGOs to identify challenges and find solutions

# Thanks for your attention!



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