



# *OntoCommons Project*

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# *OntoCommons* Overview

## ●— **Overarching Goal**

overcoming interoperability bottlenecks & facilitating data sharing and valorisation

## ●— **Coordination and Support Action -CSA**

bringing together and coordinating activities of the most relevant EU and international stakeholders

## ●— **Development of an *Ontology Commons EcoSystem* -OCES**

as a foundation for data documentation

# Main project features

## CONSORTIUM

- 19 Partners from 10 EU countries
- 15 RTDs and 4 companies

## TIMELINE

- Project Start: November 1st, 2020
- Duration: 36 months



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## ● **OBJ 1 – Community Development**

- CSA project → cooperation establishment & engagement in providing input
- increasing the effectiveness of *OntoCommons* (Cooperation)
- two-way communication *OntoCommons* ↔ stakeholders (Engagement)

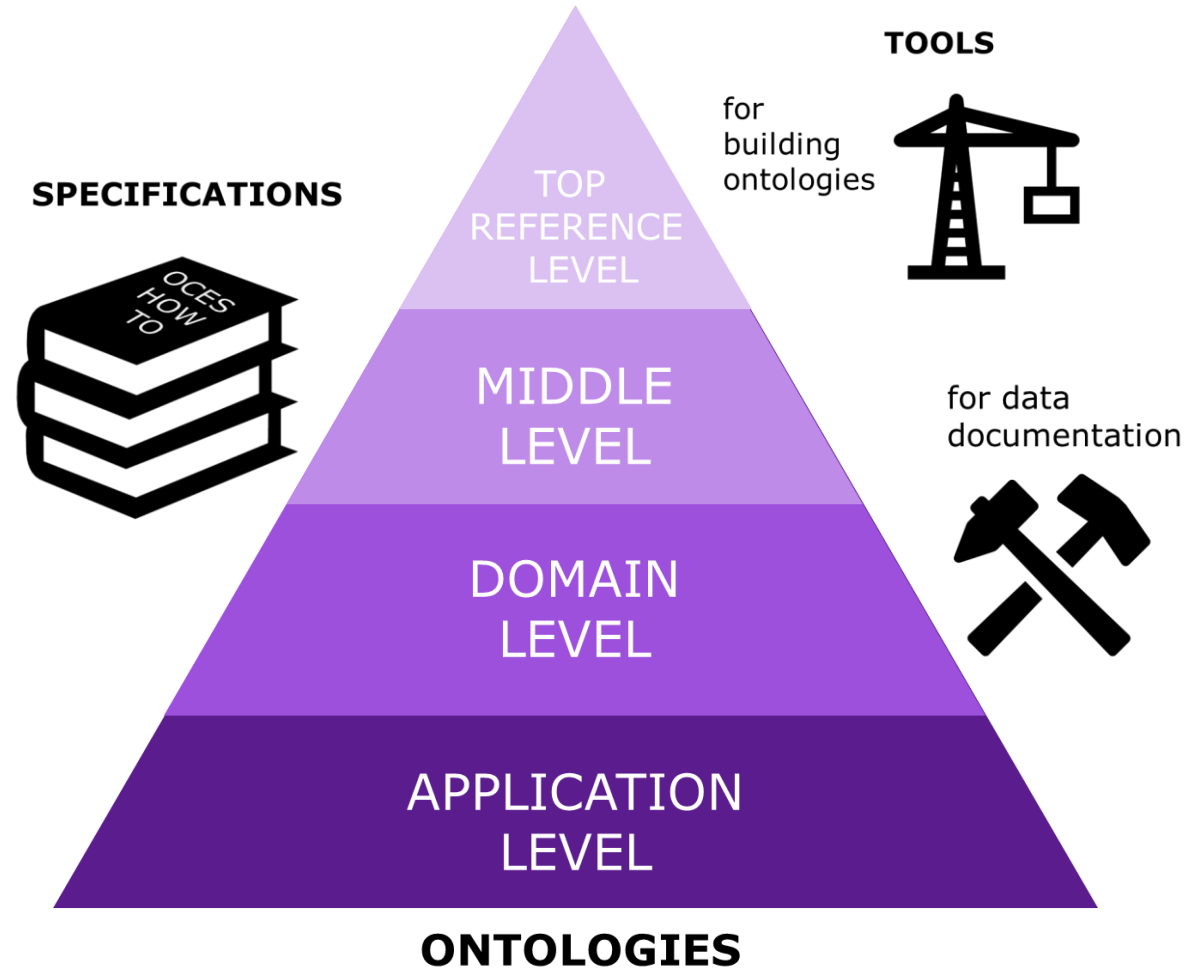
## ● **OBJ 2 – Ontology Commons EcoSystem**

- EcoSystem Requirements and Specifications
- Top Level Ontologies (TLO) made of a mutual sets of alignments
- Middle Level Ontologies (MLO) to allow smooth connections between TLOs, lower level ontologies and commonly needed entities
- Domain Level Ontologies (DLO) needed by demonstrators
- Tools

## ● **OBJ 3 – Demonstrators**

- effectiveness of *OntoCommons* proved by demonstration cases (OCES)
- ready to use ontologies, tools and data samples (dissemination purposes)
- relying on existing or external resources

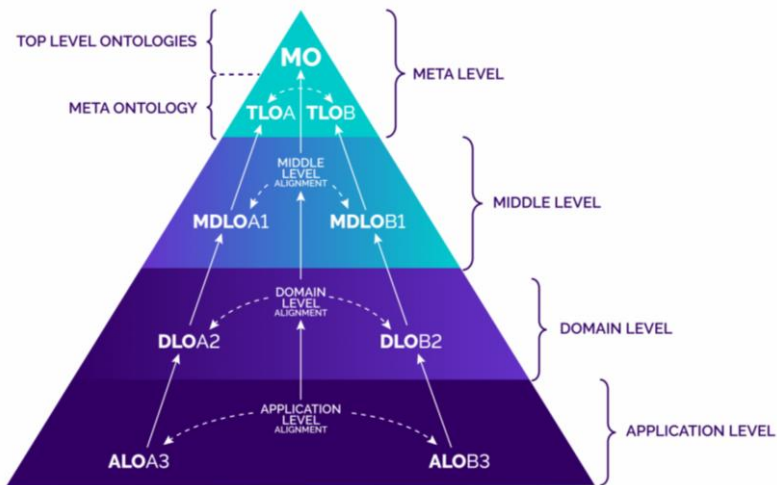
# Ontology Commons EcoSystem



—The OES will consist of:

- a **hierarchy of networked ontologies** of different levels of generality (from top-level to application level) for which multiple forms of interoperability will be provided.
- a **set of tools and methodologies** covering the full range of *OntoCommons* activities, from ontology development (e.g. editors) to reasoning (e.g. reasons) and database integration.
- a **set of specifications** for ontologies that will provide full compatibility between tools and ontologies.

# Ontologies harmonisation



***OntoCommons will provide harmonisation between ontologies, through Top Reference Ontology through a multilevel alignment:***

- **Syntactic** alignment (OWL, FOL, etc.) for all the ontologies that will be part of the OES.
- **Terminological** alignment enabling a minimum taxonomical interoperability between ontologies, by pastng a sub-branch of one ontology under another ontology.
- **Semantic** alignment will be targeted primarily by OntoCommons only within TLO branches.
- **Formatting** alignment including e.g. labelling of classes, the definition of terms and the annotations.

**The OCES will adopt a pluralist approach for the ontological representation of a domain of interest, meaning that more than one ontology for the same domain may be hosted.**

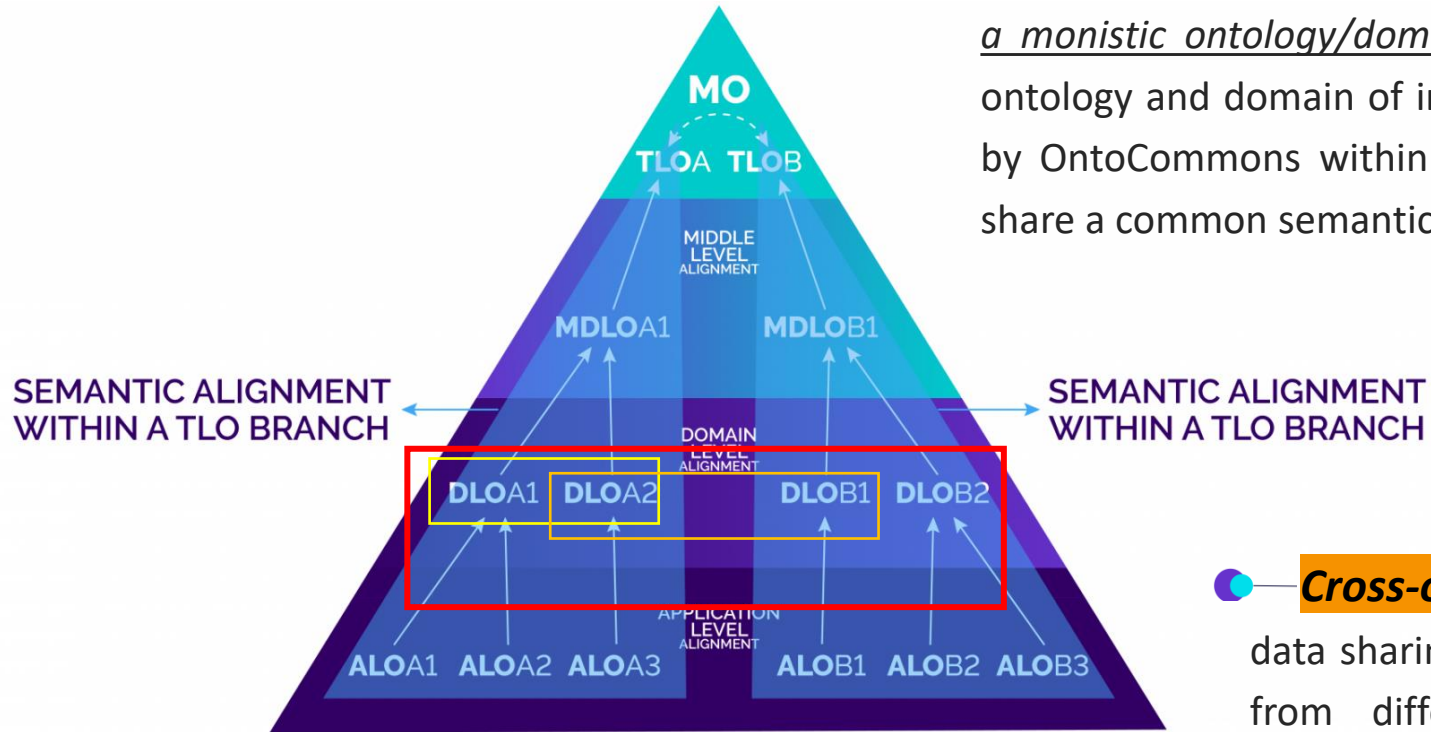
# OntoCommons Top Reference Ontology



- The TRO will enable a common foundation for data interoperability between TLOs and lower level ontologies.
- The TRO will consist of
  - a **Meta Ontology (MO)** and
  - a **set of selected TLOs** (i.e. BFO, DOLCE, EMMO).
- The **Meta Ontology (MO)** will be developed by *OntoCommons* and will be the **foundation for comparison and interoperability between available state of the art TLOs**.

# Intra and Cross-ontology interoperability

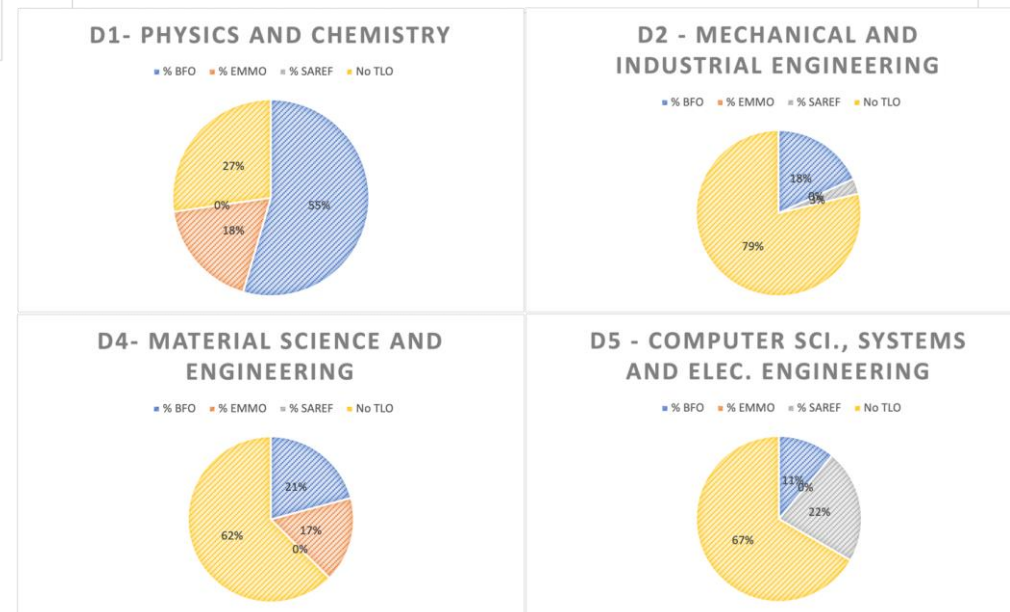
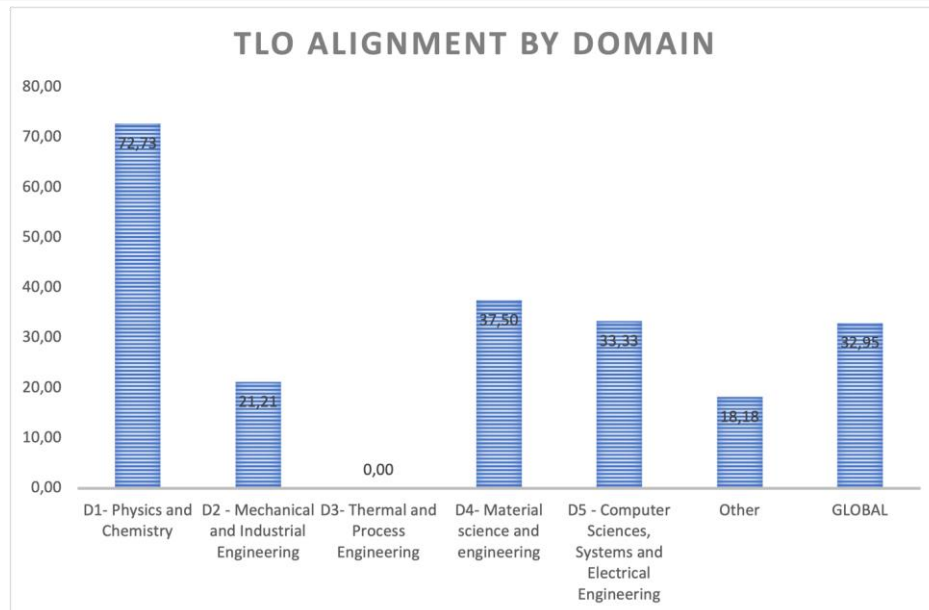
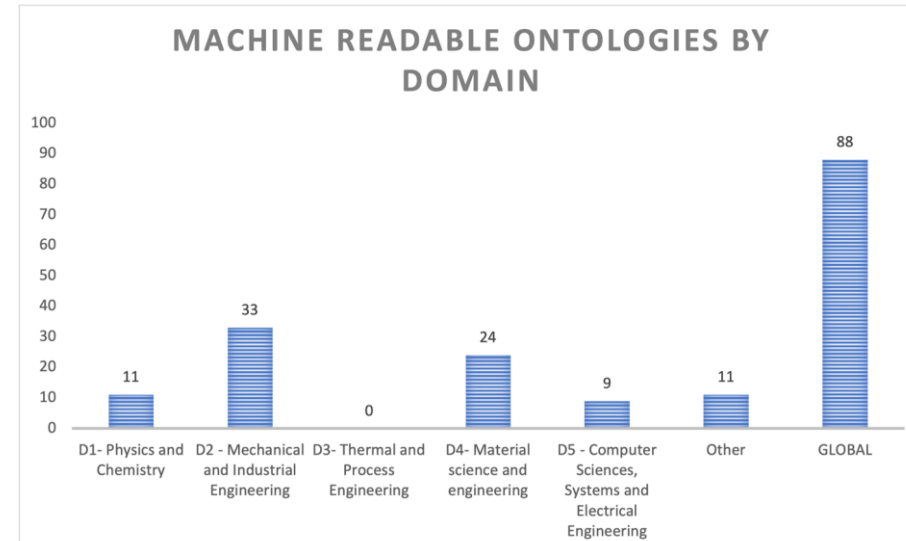
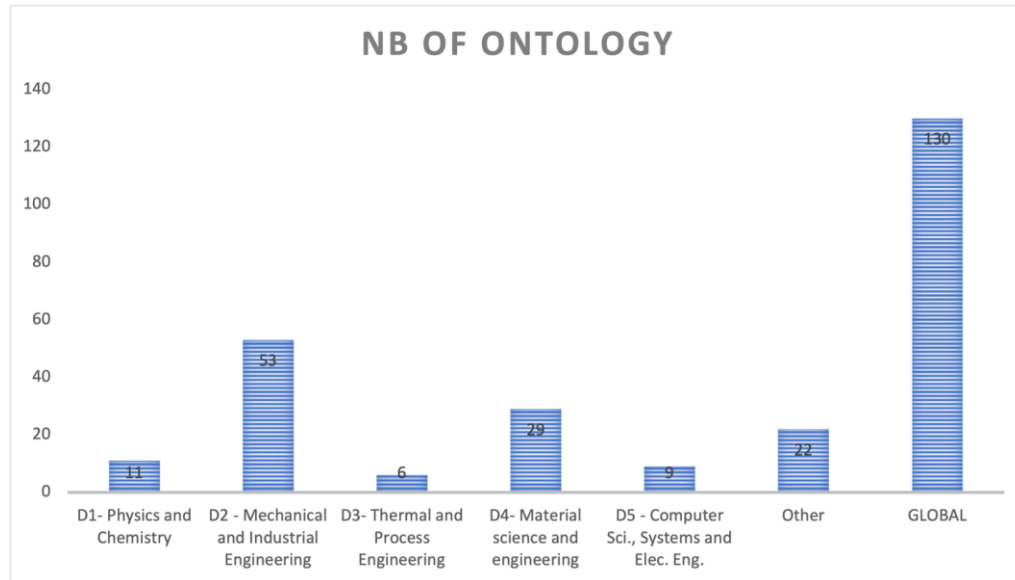
- **Intra-ontology interoperability** : The capability to enable data sharing between a single semantic representation of data from TLO to ALO coming from a monistic ontology/domain approach (one-to-one exclusive relation between ontology and domain of interest). This type of interoperability will be addressed by OntoCommons within a TLO ontology branch whose lower ontology levels share a common semantic framework.



- **Cross-ontology interoperability** the capability to enable data sharing between different semantic representations of data from different TLOs branches coming from a pluralistic ontology/domain approach.



# DLO Analysis



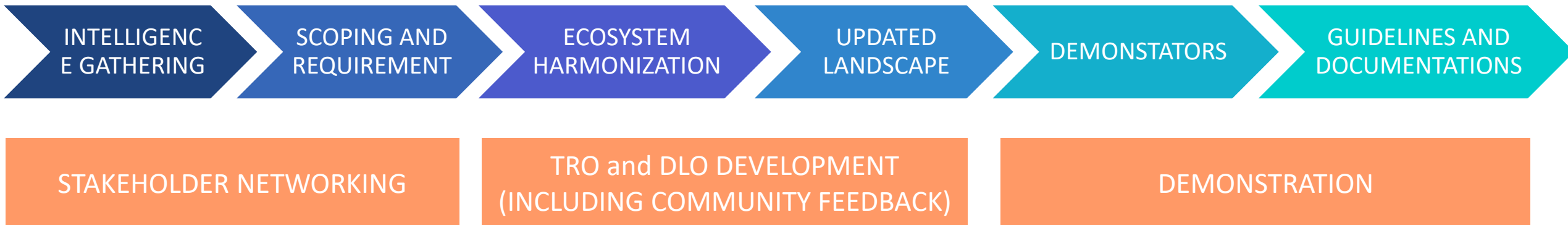
# FAIRness of the landscape

Domain	FAIR Score	Global FAIR Score	FOOPS! score
Physics and Chemistry	34.7% ( $\pm 13.7\%$ )	42.7% ( $\pm 8.7\%$ )	37.3% ( $\pm 11.7\%$ )
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	18.8 % ( $\pm 14.4\%$ )	27.8 % ( $\pm 11.8\%$ )	24.6% ( $\pm 19.29\%$ )
Materials Science and Engineering	28.8% ( $\pm 21.3\%$ )	40.8% ( $\pm 16.2\%$ )	28.9% ( $\pm 14.35\%$ )
Computer Science, Systems and Electrical Engineering	31.25% ( $\pm 7.2\%$ )	38.5% ( $\pm 6.3$ )	43.25 ( $\pm 30.6\%$ )

- The “FAIRest” ontology is the Allotrope Ontology which is the only ontology tracking provenance using PROV.
- no ontology is totally compliant with the FAIR
- only 6 ontologies over 44 have a score that is more or equal to 50%

# Methodology

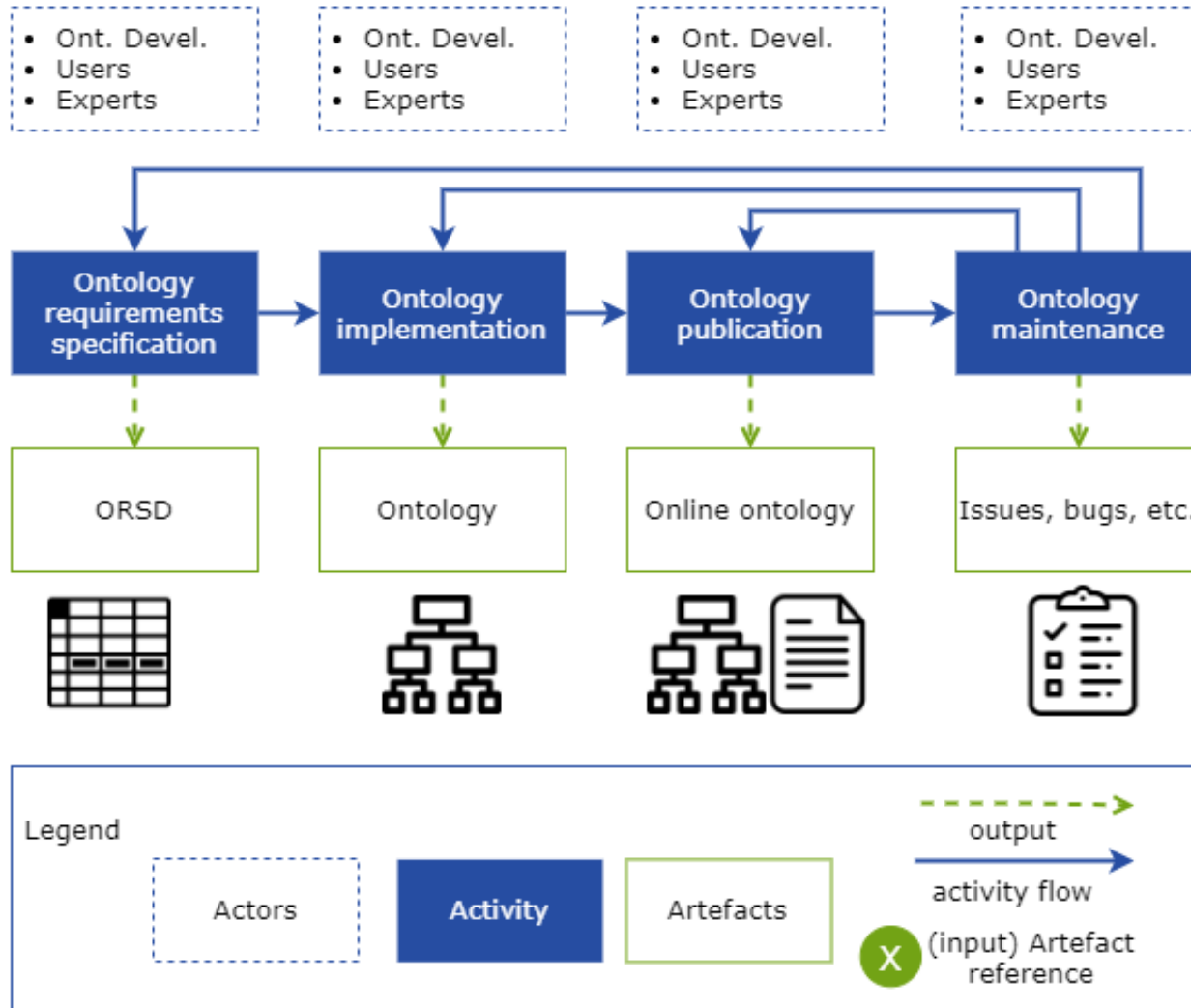
*OntoCommons* project is built consistently around the a **develop-test-validate-agree** methodology organized in six subsequent phases.



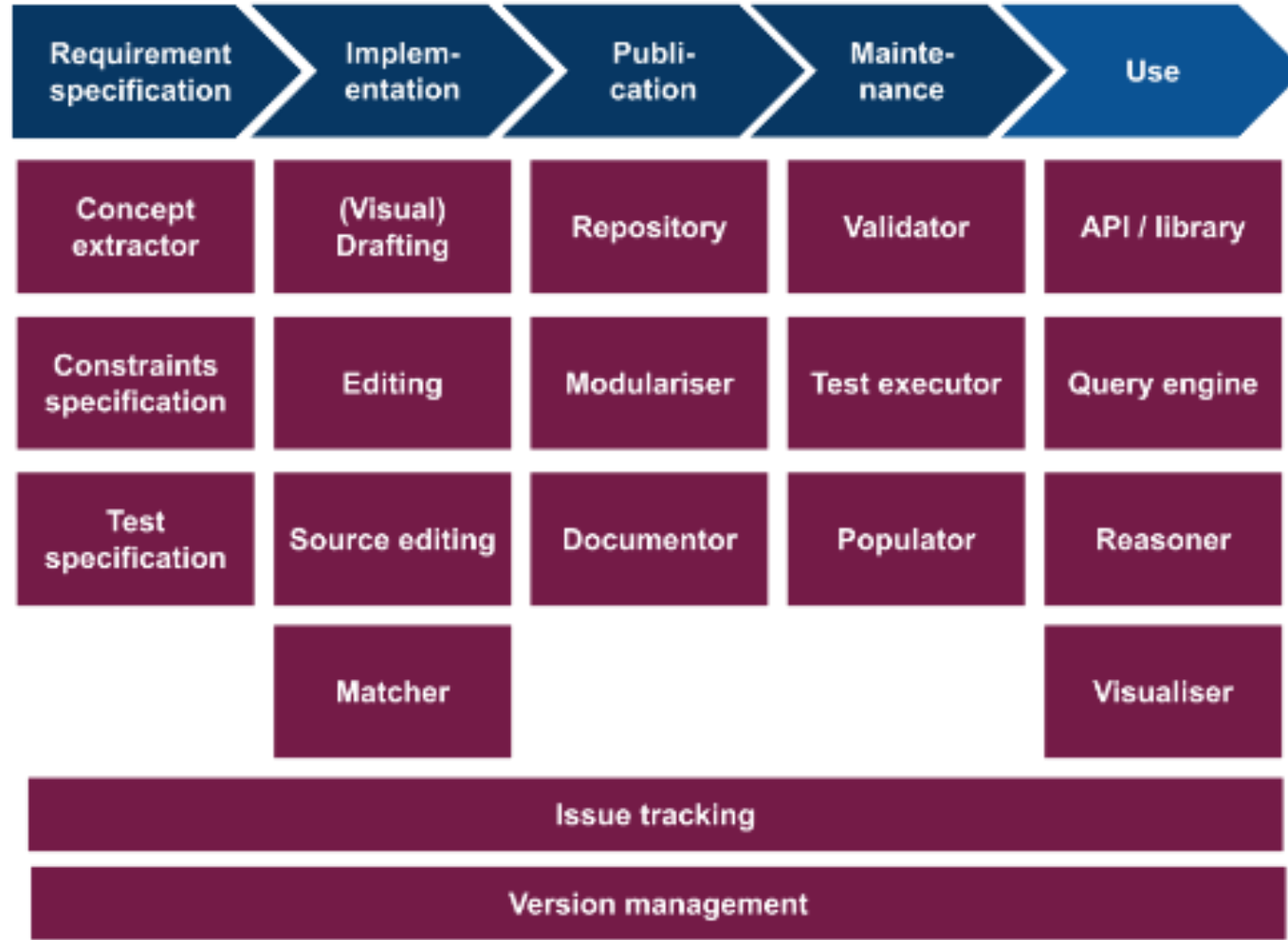
# Expected impacts

- **Standardised** and operational **intra- and cross-domain data documentation** that meets the FAIR data principles
- Enable a mechanism to allow **practical and user-friendly re-usability of data** across domains and industrial sectors
- Enable a **maintained and continuously developed ontology and data documentation** to ensure long-term relevance and implementation
- Facilitate **uptake of new project results** by Making tools available that ensure practicality and user friendliness
- Improve ability to build **interoperable software solutions** in materials, process and manufacturing

# LOT Methodology



# Components of the ontology ecosystem toolkit



ONTO COMMONS TOOLS & SOLUTIONS

OntoCommons  
Ontology EcoSystem  
(OCES)



-  A hierarchy of ontologies
-  Toolkits
-  Specifications
-  OntoCommons Top Reference Ontology (TRO)
-  Top Level Ontology (TLO)
-  Domain Level Ontology (DLO)
-  Application Level Ontology (ALO)
-  Blueprinting reference implementation Toolkit
-  OntoCommons Ontology Repository
-  Ontology ecosystem knowledge graph

METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK & ECOSYSTEM

- Methodological framework for ontology development and documentation
- Ontology ecosystem structure and reference implementation

REPORTS

- Data Management Plan
- Communities interested in domain-specific semantics
- Domains ontology requirements and specifications
- Feedback loops of cross domain ontologies interoperability
- The finalized Review of Domain Interoperability (RoDI)
- Dissemination, communication & stakeholder's engagement strategy & plan
- Exploitation & Sustainability
- Landscape of ontology development methodologies and platforms
- OntoCommons Standardisation Impact Report



EVENTS

- 2 DOMAIN ONTOLOGIES
- 2 HORIZONTAL WORKSHOPS
- 8 FOCUSED WORKSHOPS
- 2 EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS
- 3 EXTERNAL ADVISORY BOARD
- 6 SUPPORT WEBINARS

COMMUNITY

- AN AUTHORITATIVE & ACTIVE EXTERNAL ADVISORY BOARD (EAB)
- 2,000 ENGAGED COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM ALL STAKEHOLDER GROUPS & GLOBAL COVERAGE
- PRESENCE AT >30 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY EVENTS



DEMONSTRATORS

Use of  
Ontologies



- Airbus, Materials
- Bosch, Manufacturing of Microchips
- Aibel, Material, automated reasoning
- Teckniker, material, search and decision
- BASF, Material
- OAS, PSS on logistic and manufacturing, decision making
- IFAM, Material, quality management
- Manufacturing or chemical industry
- Holonix, Product life cycle management, manufacturing
- IRES, Nanosafety, manufacturing, decision making
- Adige SpA, Manufacturing, remote maintenance process





# Thanks

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