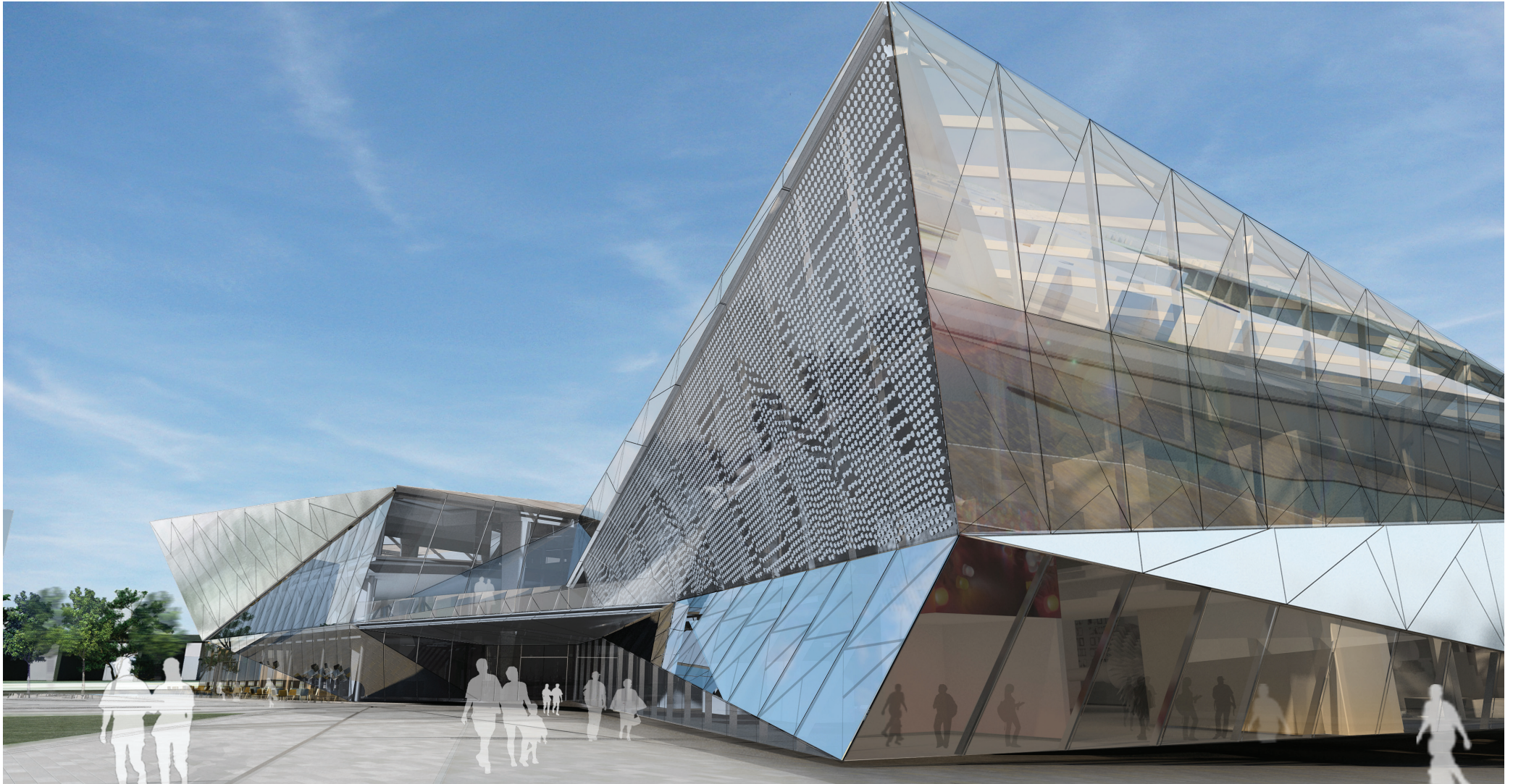


UK Roadmap for Energy Efficient Buildings



National Platform for Construction

Knowledge
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Modern Built
Environment

Executive Summary

The Modern Built Environment KTN, EPSRC and the Technology Strategy Board supported a workshop in March 2012 to seek opinions on the shape of innovation and research in energy efficient buildings in the UK. The workshop explored what the innovation gaps are, what are the key barriers and where resources should be targeted in order to maximize the impact of public funding for UK businesses. Attendees included a selection of high level executives from industry, government and funding agencies. There were also representatives from a number of research centers and senior academics from universities across the country. The list of registered participants is included in the Appendix.

The meeting outcomes contribute to build a roadmap for research and innovation in Energy Efficiency. It can be used to inform conversations with the Green Construction Board, Research Councils, Catapult Centers, BIS, DECC, European Commission, etc. This first step towards a UK roadmap on Energy Efficiency has been endorsed by the National Platform for the Built Environment which is an industry-led group focused on increasing the level of business-led research applicable to the built environment and to create a powerful voice to enable the industry to establish a strategic research agenda and influence the regulatory environment.

Methodology

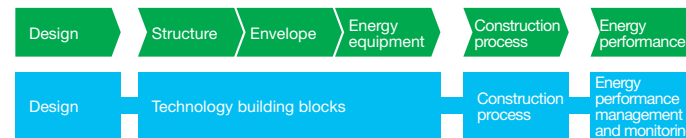
The workshop initially explored relevant challenges and drivers for innovation in construction based on the National Platform report on Challenges and Research Priorities of the Construction Industry (November 2011). This report reviews recent construction sector reports and existing research roadmaps to identify key challenges faced by the UK construction industry.

The challenges more relevant to Energy Efficiency were selected by the groups. Challenges in this context are defined as a “practical need specific to the construction industry that arises as an implication of general trends and visions, whose realisation may be hindered due to constraints, and which requires specific responses or enablers”

This exercise resulted in the selection of 12 out of 67 key challenges, or ‘drivers’, across five main categories:

- Demographics
- Global Economy
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Climate Change Mitigation, including: Energy generation and supply; Carbon in project design; Low carbon economy
- Industry factors, including: Capability, Procurement, Performance

The next step involved exploring targets and barriers for innovation in the building sector to develop and validate, the tools, technology and process components to support the transition towards an energy neutral European built environment. The targets were extracted from the E2BA Energy Efficient Buildings Association Vision to 2020. The suitability and completeness of those targets for the UK was explored by participants grouped following the different elements of the construction supply chain as per the diagram below.



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At the *design* stage that more than 80% of the building performance is set both in terms of energy savings and cost of ownership over the life cycle before refurbishment.

Structural parts of a building can be mechanically and thermally optimized with sophisticated tools: the focus must now be put on the embedded CO2 which comes from the materials.

The *building envelope* becomes the most critical part when it comes to energy efficient buildings. For new buildings, materials and energy equipment integration already allow low energy demand but investment costs must be reduced. For refurbishment, a whole value chain innovation process is required where design, technology and construction are even more intertwined than for new buildings.

Energy equipment must adapt to the lower unit energy demand from more energy efficient buildings, which requires sizing down to-day portfolio while keeping energy efficiency at the highest level possible as well as unit investment cost down.

Construction processes are now part of the critical path to reach the final energy performance. Any defect can lead to disorders and even pathologies which hamper the durability of the building performance. Several complementary routes can be envisaged i.e. prefabrication of standard units which facilitate field integration, new field integration process with more detailed internal performance control, new sensors to check intermediate performance steps, continuous improvement processes as part of

a quality process, training of workers on the impacts of a wrong installation on the final energy performances, etc.

Performance monitoring enables users to oversee and control their own consumption, allows detecting potential misuses of buildings due to a lack of awareness of the users, potential disorders and/or pathologies of the monitored building. Moreover, conditional maintenance approaches can bring added value in guaranteed performance contracts.

The workshop finally explored the R&D trajectories for each of the above value chain elements of the building sector. Progressive market availability of technologies and processes came from large scale demonstration priorities. For technologies that have been already demonstrated, large scale deployment raised technical and non-technical issues that need to be resolved to ensure industrial uptake of research results.

The resulting R&D, Demonstration and Deployment elements were summarized and prioritized by each group. Prioritization was based on what are the key activities that will better contribute to an innovative Energy Efficient Built Environment in the UK. The next step to take the resulting actions and aspirations forward would involve the validation and development of an action plan to specify what needs to be addressed and who might do it. R&D and demonstration actions that were not selected would also need to be reviewed.

The results presented in this report have already been used to feed into the European agenda on energy efficient buildings for Horizon 2020 through the Energy Efficient Buildings Association.

The following pages present for each element of the supply chain key drivers, targets, barriers, industry responses (R&D, demonstration and deployment) and selected actions. Color coded lines and boxes are shown to illustrate the link of each item to the resulting selected actions.

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Selected Actions

Design

Improve rigour in energy performance modelling



Establish minimum standards for Energy Performance Certificate in existing buildings



Build a fine grained BIM database of buildings/cities with real time feedback



Structure

Develop workable retrofit solutions



Explore Deriving Benefit from Materials – knowledge based approach to material selection and therefore benefits derived; re-use of materials



Research Novel Materials – Bridging gaps in current materials performance; solutions for problems with no current solution



Envelope

Improve theoretical understanding of practical measures to improve current stock, requiring detailed analysis of optimal solutions and analysis of current stock



Demonstrate planning friendly solutions and reduce industry fragmentation of communication to reduce planning resistance and improve compliance with regulations.

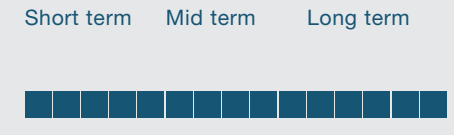


Provide performance warranties and innovative financing models to overcome resistance to investments due to high capital costs



Energy Equipment

Agree a long term fully defined strategic goal to achieve optimum energy performance



Explore business model innovations

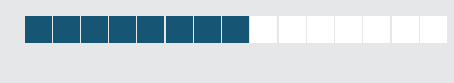


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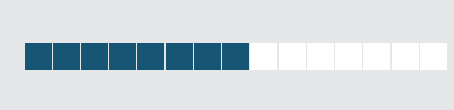


Construction Process

Promote inter-operability – European platform/network of facilities to test and validate innovative construction processes



Study kit of parts process – R&D for cost effective innovative robotised/automated construction tools to optimise the installation and fitting of prefabricated solutions



Explore flexible structure – warranties, contracts, risk, liability, rapid prototyping

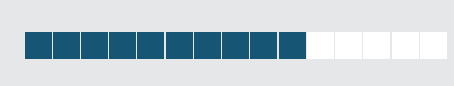


Energy Performance

Maintain EU investment in a pan-European PPP network to provide a consistent basis for energy performance R&D funding support



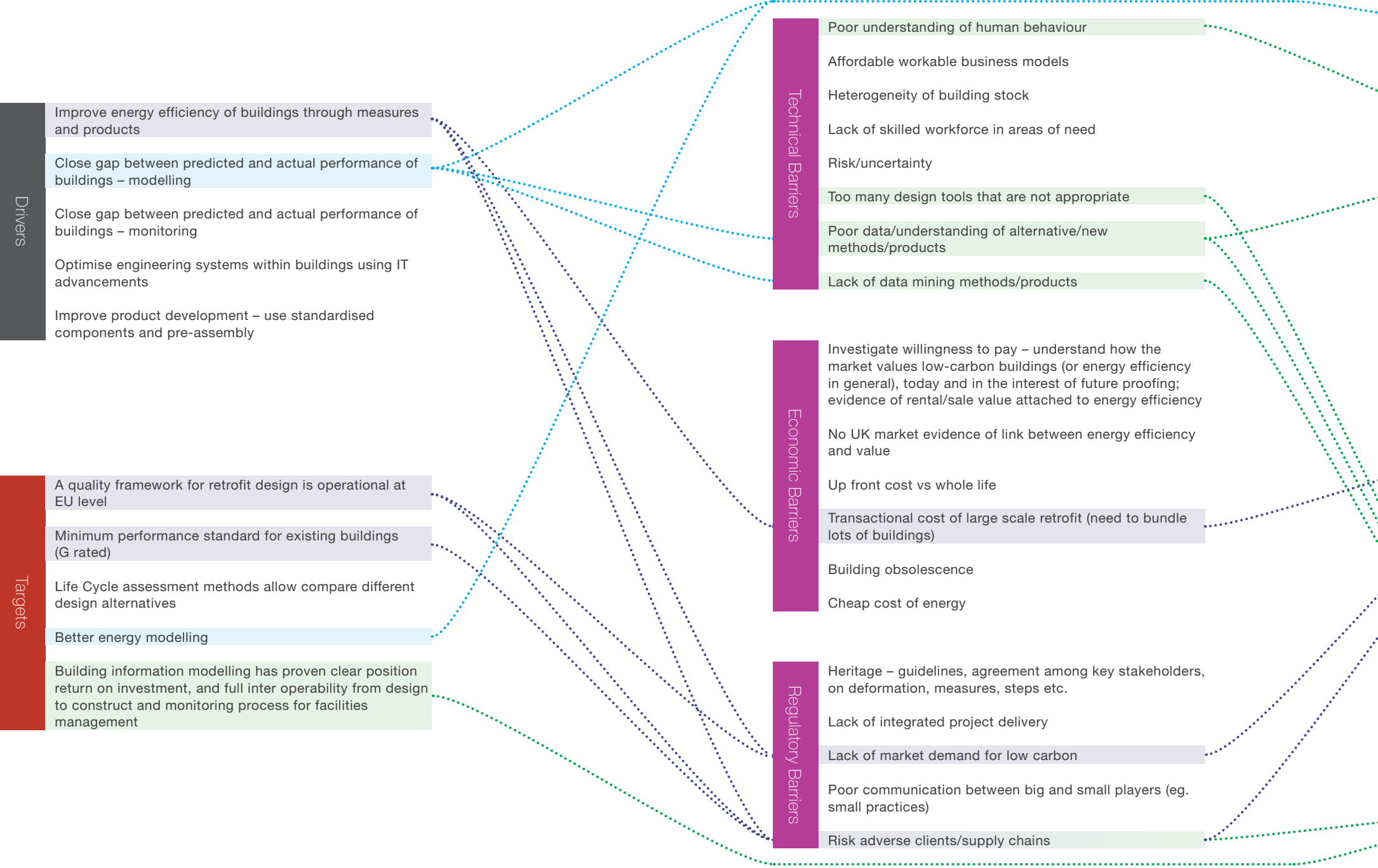
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Disseminate and roll-out of solutions

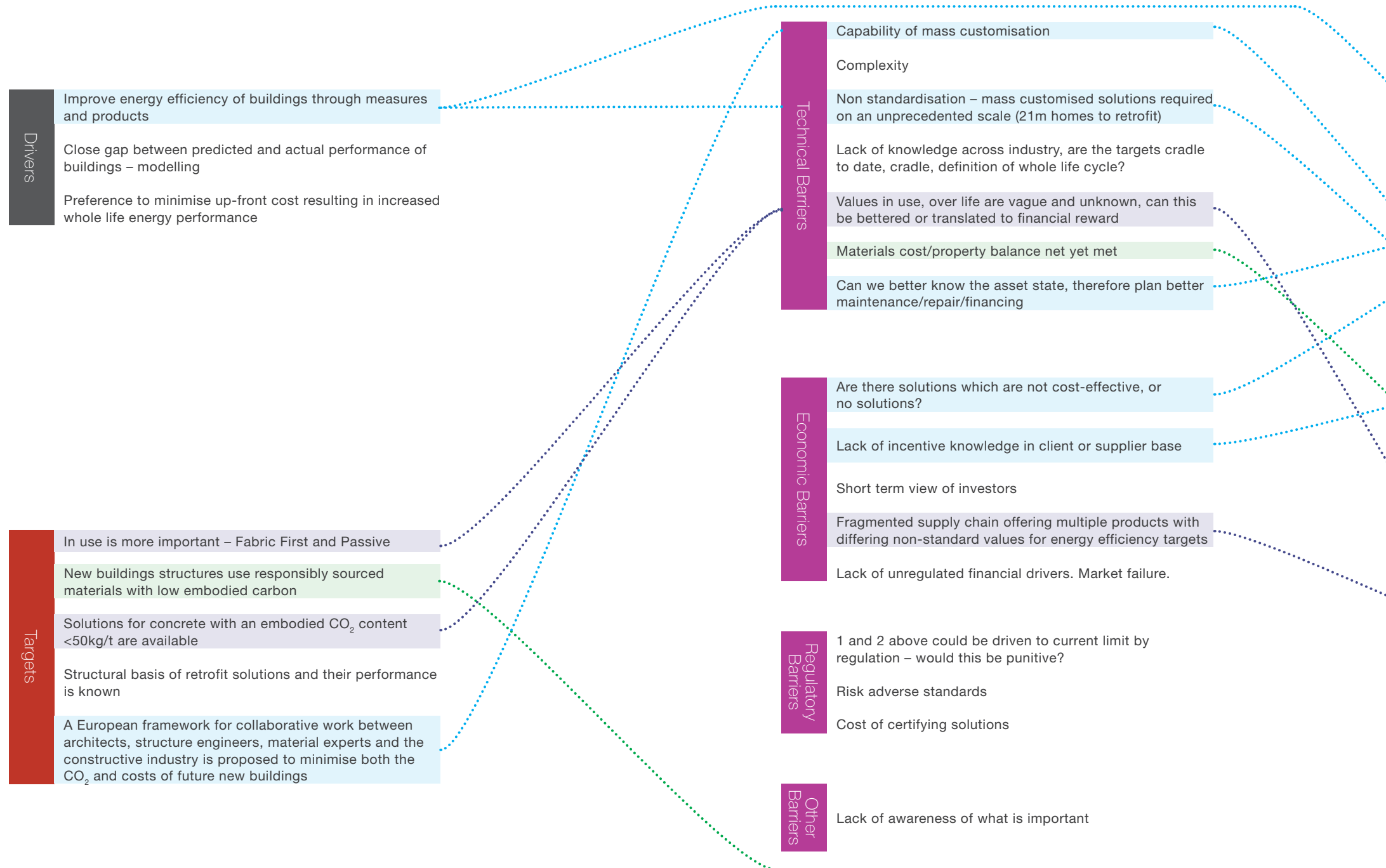


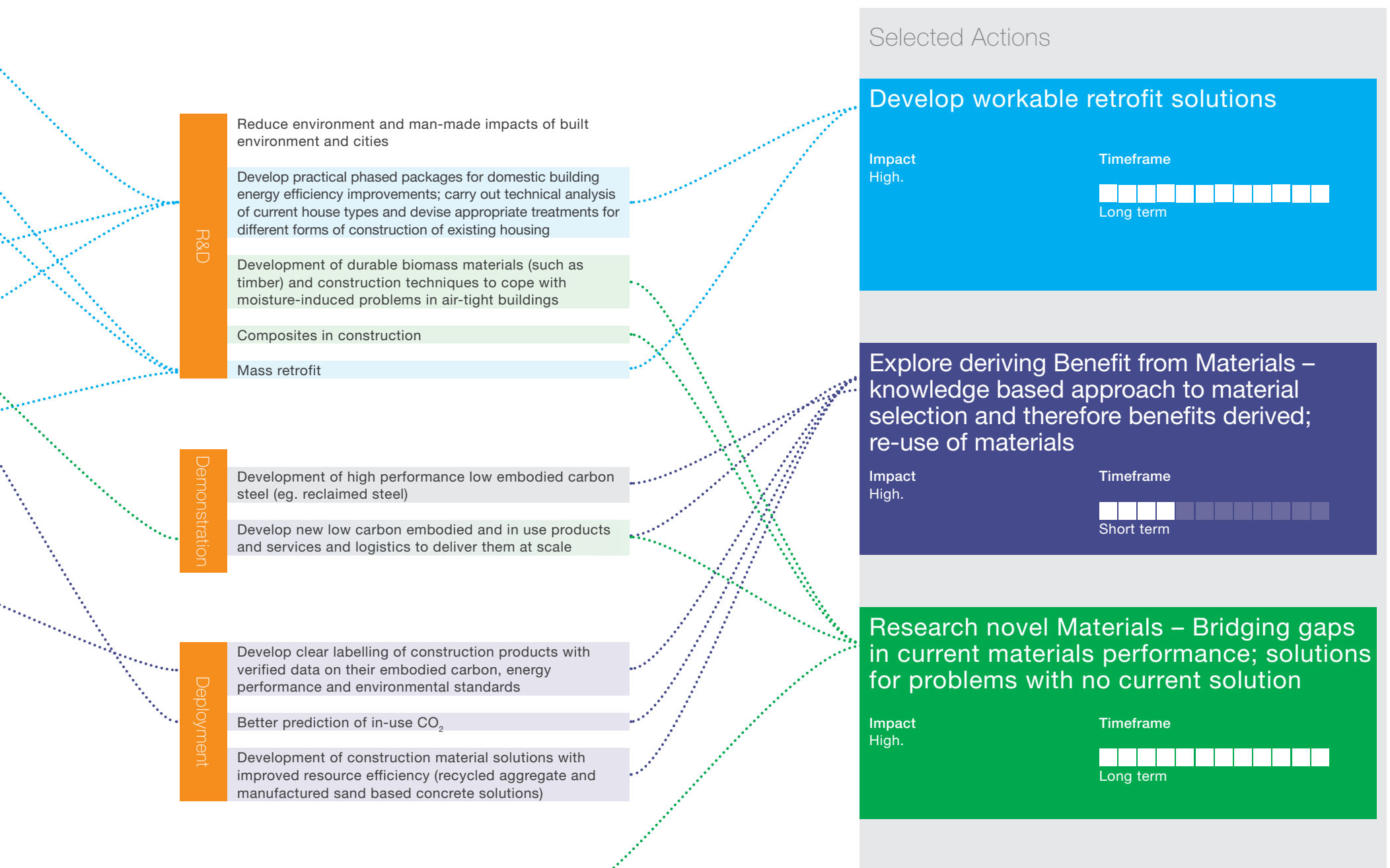
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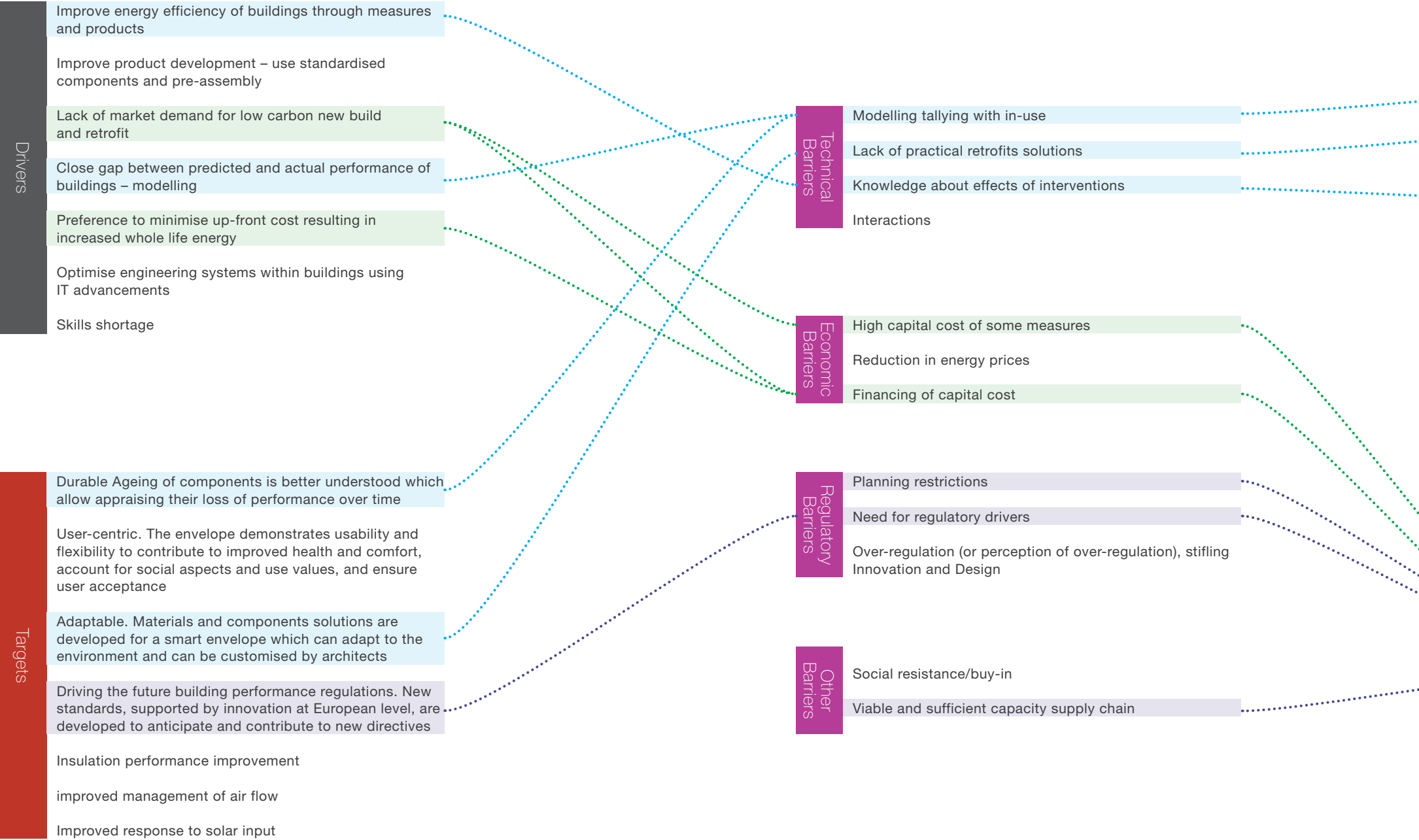


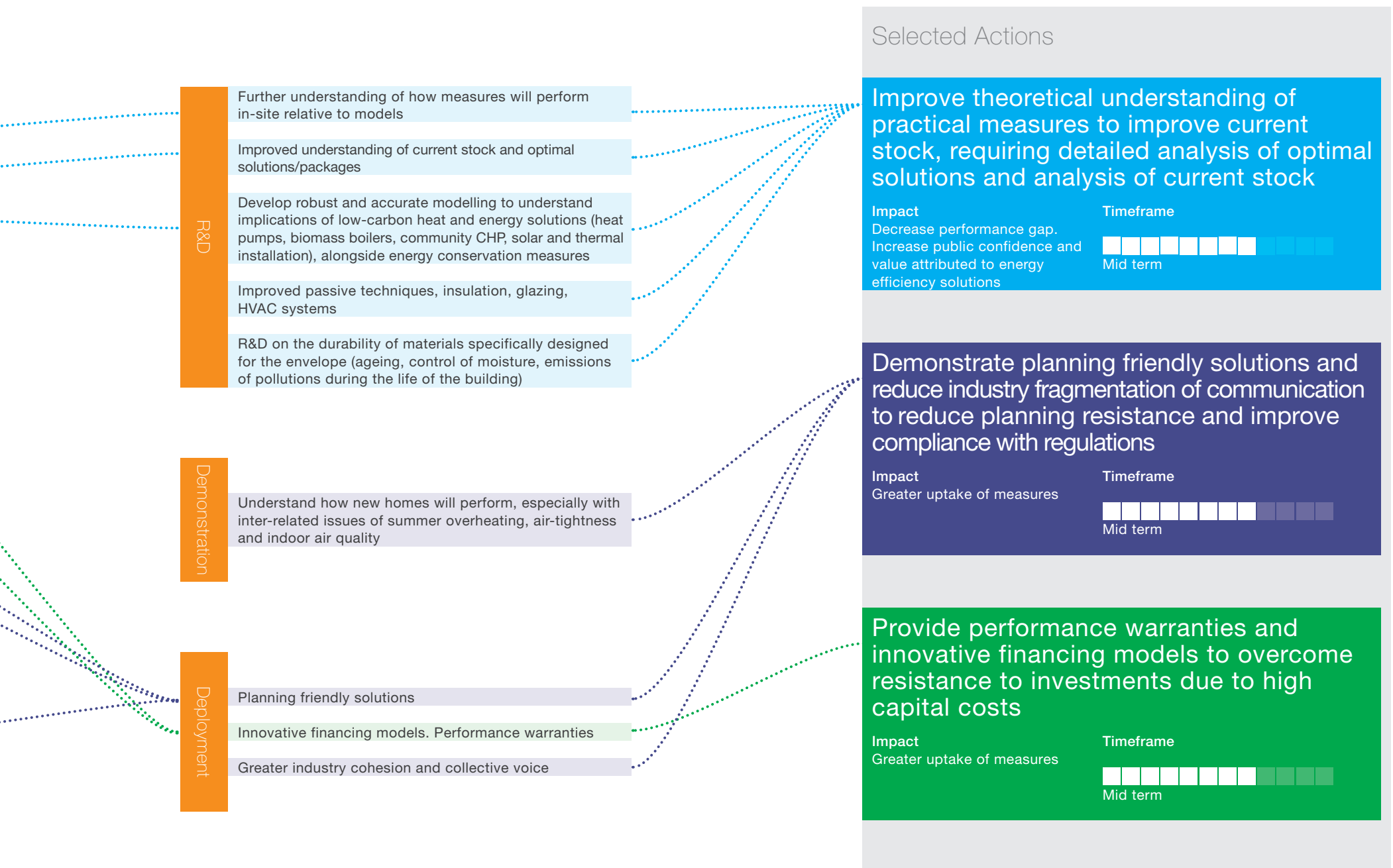
Structure





Envelope





Energy Equipment

Drivers

Need to moderate demand at peak times and preserve supply and demand balance

Ensure urban resilience to climate change

Skills shortage

Close gap between predicted and actual performance of buildings – monitoring

Targets

User-centric, multi scale BEMS are available to deal with buildings and district energy management system

Minimum European energy performance standards, certification and labelling schemes are implemented for energy using equipment at the system and building level

Energy efficient, interoperable HVAC and lighting solutions are available to suit the specific needs of new or retrofitted buildings (commercial, residential)

Energy management systems and protocols are set up to optimise energy generation, storage and distribution at district level

Scalable heating (domestic water and space heating) and cooling systems are available to meet future building performance standards

Local/alternative energy generation and storage

Finance innovation

Technical Barriers

Reliability (fear of technology risk)

Cost of new technology/innovation perceived value

System inter-operability

Biomass and CAs in built-up area

Scalability

Economic Barriers

Market demand

Low cost of fuel

Uncertain future energy costs

Sourcing upfront finance

Cost responsibility landlord vs occupier

Lack of data to prove case for investment

Perceived return on investment

Access to appropriate financial investments

Regulatory Barriers

Viable regulatory regions vs Europe

Regulatory requirements for efficiency

Public sector procurement (time, IP risk, value vs cost)

Other Barriers

Lack of strategic planning

Failure to agree definitions – keeps action fragmented rather than holistic

Cultural expectations in developments

Social alignment of individual/social interests

Energy, CO₂ generation from equipment manufacture

Information on technology performance

Human behaviour in adopting new technology

Affluence/educational levels

Lack of distinction between carbon efficiency and energy efficiency

R&D

Develop products for lighting (more sophisticated lighting controls; DC lighting; raised lighting levels without additional energy consumption)

Establish how exactly zero-carbon performance is to be defined and how far the use of renewable energy is to be taken into account in the assessment of performance

Gather data on the carbon performance of buildings and the energy equipment itself (esp if innovative), and understand level of non-compliance and its impact on carbon emissions; review compliance mechanisms

Understanding extent of behavioural change

Expectations of comfort

Development of heating optimisation systems (hot water vs. space heating)

Harmonise test procedures and introduce efficiency labelling schemes to facilitate trade and transparency on performance for energy using products

Heat and cooling technologies

Demonstration

Understand how best to utilise combination of energy solutions eg. combination of centralised and distributed energy solutions for housing developments; optimise energy supply solutions for buildings and districts

All levels – alternative energy/heat technologies in buildings such as photo-voltaic, heat pumps, fuel cells

Development of low-cost compact, building and grid-integrated thermal energy storage having potential for energy storage pooling

Demonstration of DC only building with only one inverter to connect to the outside grid

Development and demonstration of reliable scalable and cost-effective integrated solutions for building-grid interaction and for local energy production, eg. combining solar hot water and electricity production from building integrated PV

Domestic and community based decentralised electricity generation; distributed energy and heat (both demonstration and deployment)

Deployment

Standards Equipment and whole building

Messaging

Standardised benchmarking and calculation tools to deliver information to decision-makers (architects, engineers, professional builders) on energy performance of different technologies

Training and info for small business, construction and suppliers

Develop education and training methodologies and certification standards for building sector professionals involved in the selection and installation of energy equipment, to increase understanding, build-up skills and accelerate technology take-up

Selected Actions

Agree a long term fully defined strategic goal to achieve optimum energy performance

Impact

Implementation plan with room for expected innovation

Timeframe



Long term

Explore business model innovations

Impact

Need to know who is going to make money and how, is it construction/utilities/landlords; need to understand why action should be taken

Timeframe



Mid term

Research heat optimisation

Impact

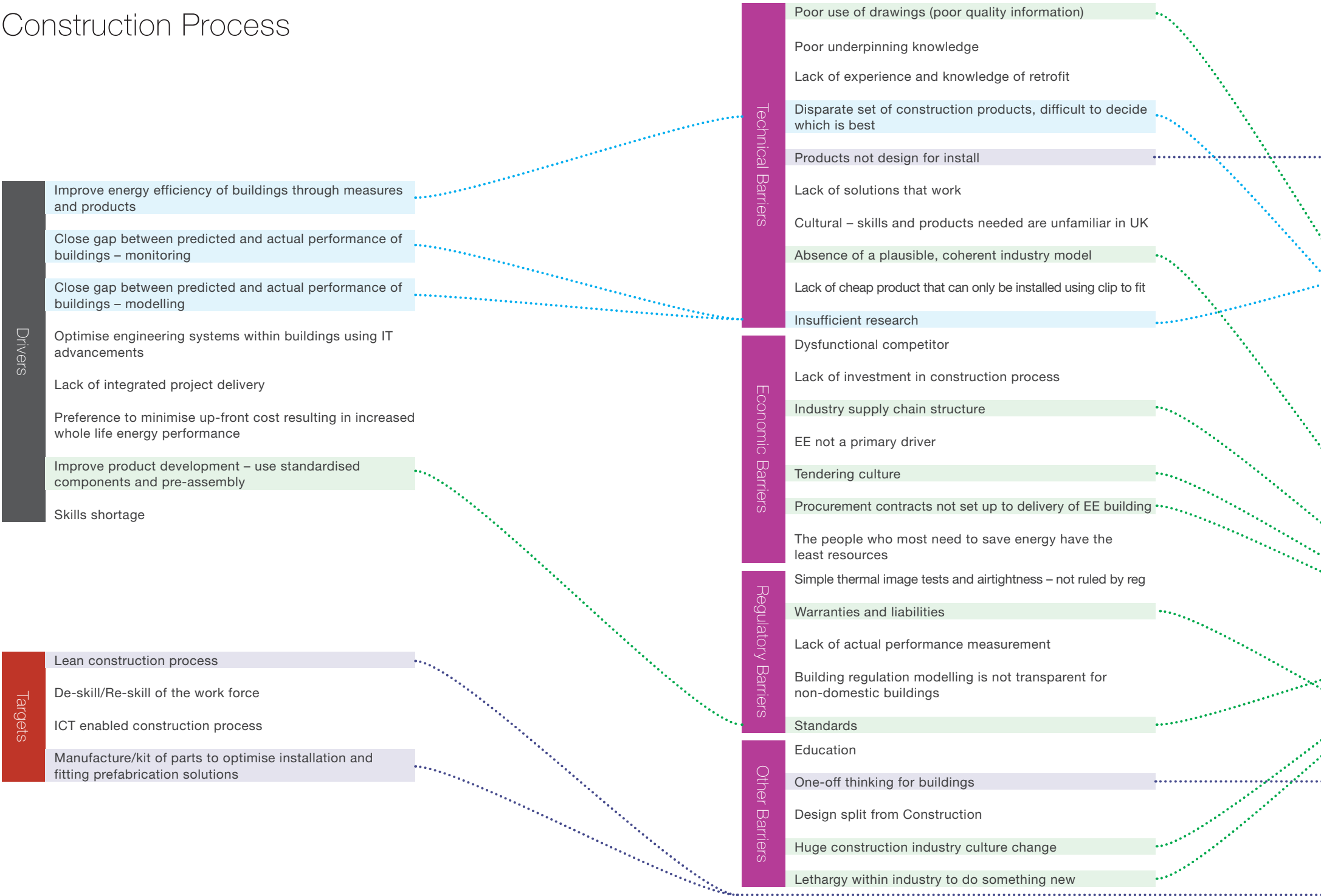
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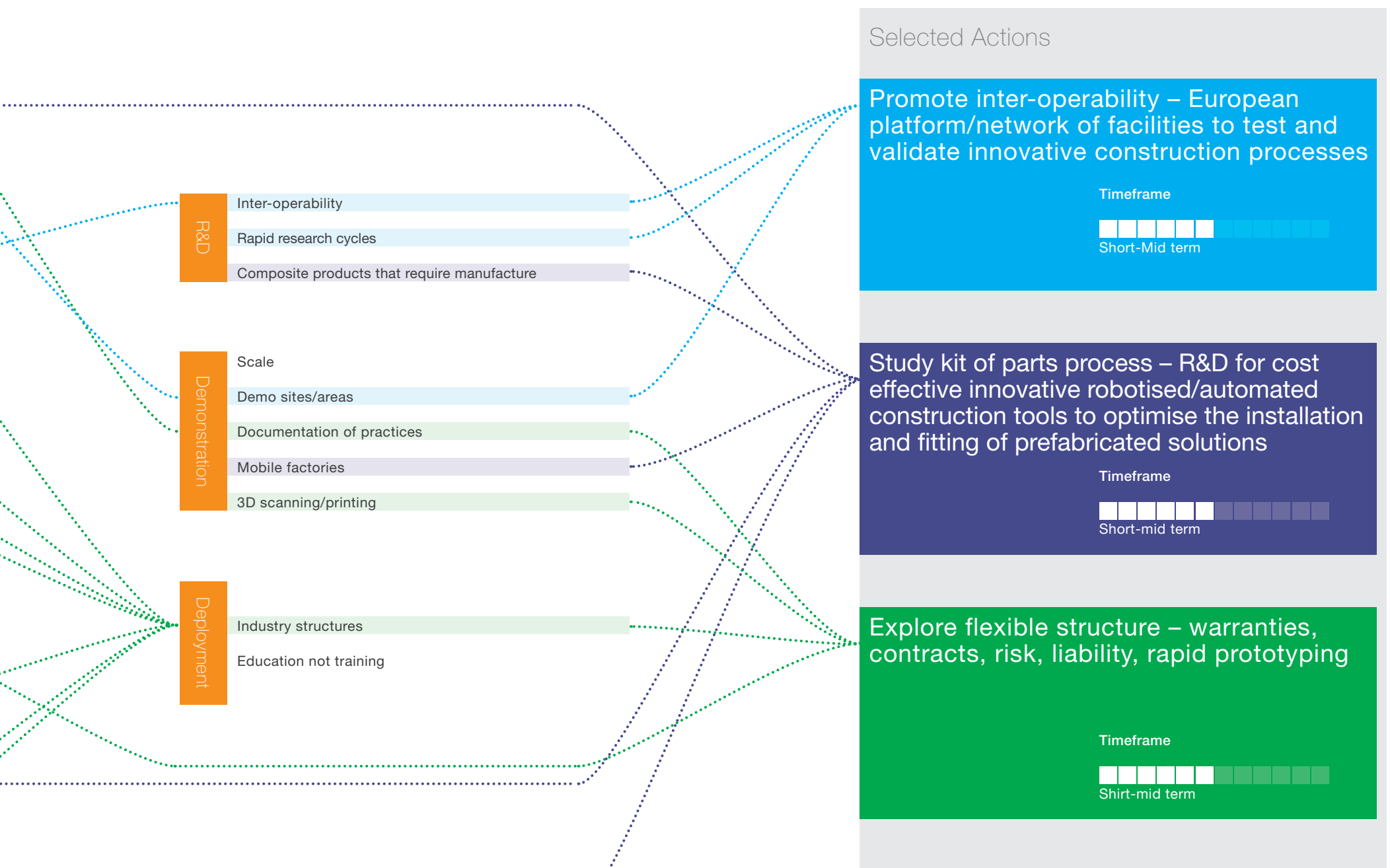
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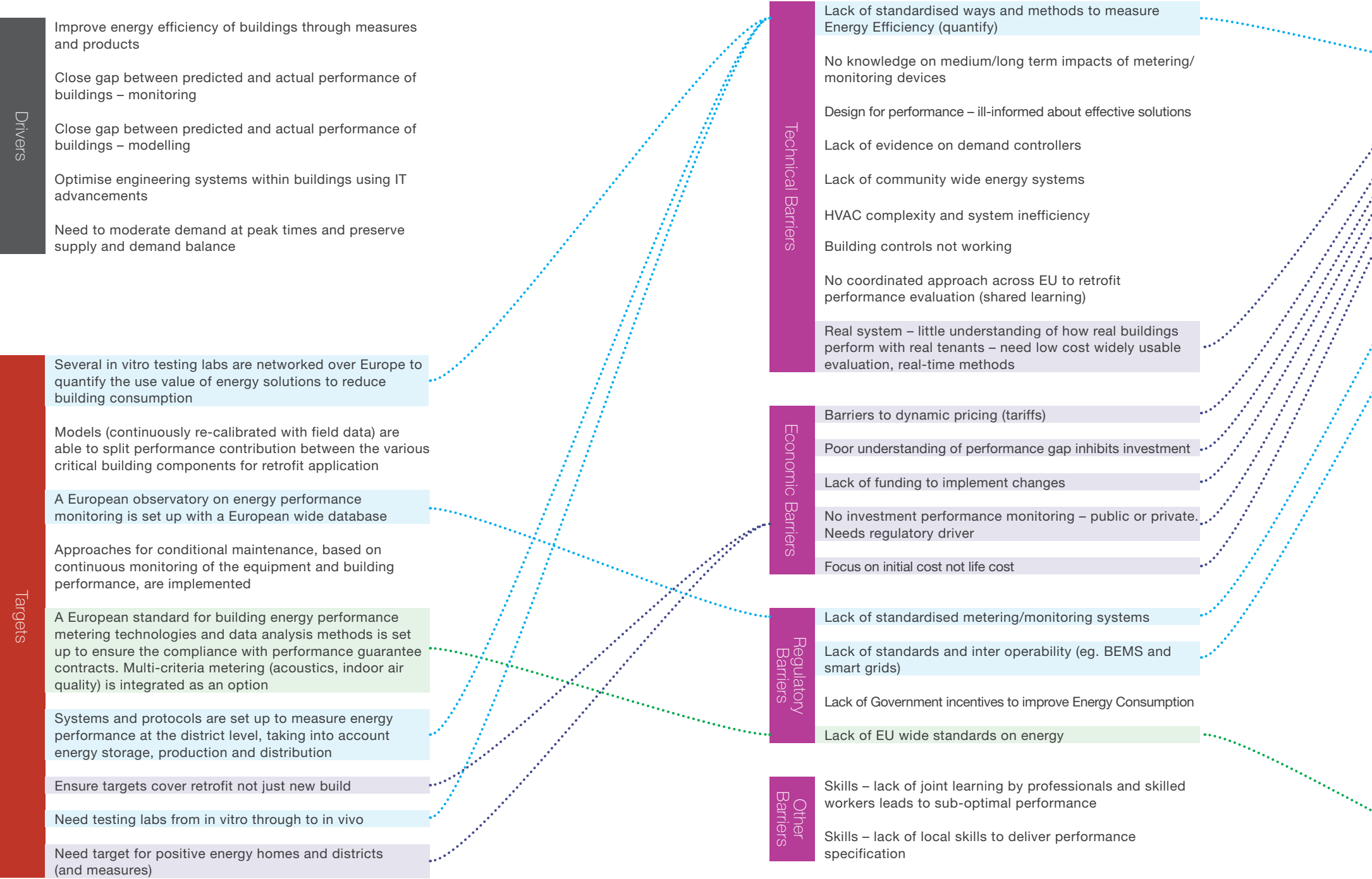
Long term

Construction Process





Energy Performance



R&D

R&D on mass manufacturing of plug and play modular solutions and pre-assembly of building parts in factories

Champion public-private testing strategy and partnership across EU

European platform/network of facilities to test and validate innovative construction processes

Consistent, comparable protocols and formats of building performance data

Demonstration

Smart Buildings – R&D on ICT tools to improve interfacing (communication and data sharing) between the workers involved in the construction process

R&D for cost effective innovation ICT-assisted (eg. based on robust smartphones and tablets) construction tools

Smart building energy use metering and control

Buildings operating interactively with people, learning user behaviour and preferences, optimise the use of power and heating

Research into systems-level approaches to managing and operating buildings to reduce CO2 emissions and optimise energy use

Deployment

People in Buildings – Develop products for wiring and controls (whole house systems and the interplay between technology and consumer behaviour, switching appliances on and off, control speed of fans and motors, plug-in display wiring)

Development of training and education platforms (using ICT-enabled tools) to provide certified training sanctioned by an evaluation process

Monitor post-occupancy performance as a formal structured part of procurement process as a verification of predicted value/design criteria

Stimulate consumer demand through a framework of incentives, interventions, via carbon price, taxes, subsidies, and regulation

Management of energy use in buildings (currently in residential and commercial sectors energy costs are small proportion of total costs)

Understanding appropriateness/feasibility of different fiscal incentives to overcome inertia and low customer awareness of energy efficiency in domestic buildings

Selected Actions

Maintain EU investment in a pan-European PPP network to provide a consistent basis for energy performance R&D funding support

Timeframe



Short term

Develop a long term strategy for R&D investment to improve maintenance approaches and practices in energy performance

Timeframe



Mid term

Disseminate and roll-out of solutions

Timeframe



Long term

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