RE-ACT - Self-reflection tools for smart universities acting regionally
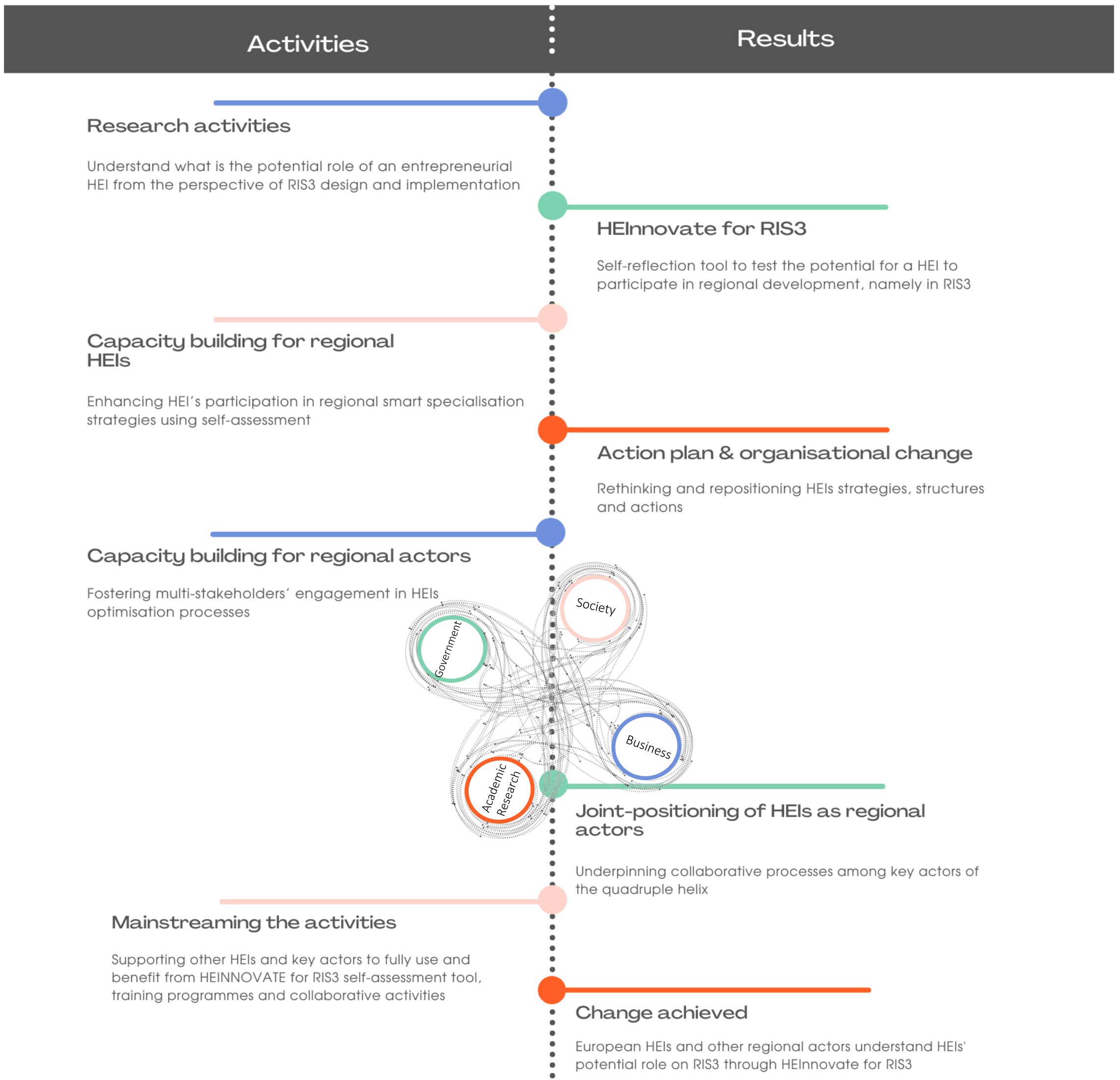
The goal is to exploit the potential of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to participate on regional ecosystem, namely on the design and implementation of RIS3, through HEInnovate.

RIS3 = Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation

Aims

- Assess HEIs' current active engagement in the regional ecosystem;
- Lead HEIs to revise their strategies, structures and practices, in order to become regionally embedded entrepreneurial smart universities;
- Debate and agree upon a joint positioning for HEIs as regional asset;
- Understand the potential role of HEIs in RIS3;
- Engage all the key actors of the quadruple helix and underpin a profound collaborative work on RIS3;
- Offer peer support to quadruple helix networks from other regions.

Activities | Results

Research activities

Understand what is the potential role of an entrepreneurial HEI from the perspective of RIS3 design and implementation

HEInnovate for RIS3

Self-reflection tool to test the potential for a HEI to participate in regional development, namely in RIS3

Capacity building for regional HEIs

Enhancing HEI's participation in regional smart specialisation strategies using self-assessment

Action plan & organisational change

Rethinking and repositioning HEIs strategies, structures and actions

Capacity building for regional actors

Fostering multi-stakeholders' engagement in HEIs optimisation processes

Society
Government
Business
Academic Research

Joint-positioning of HEIs as regional actors

Underpinning collaborative processes among key actors of the quadruple helix

Mainstreaming the activities

Supporting other HEIs and key actors to fully use and benefit from HEINNOVATE for RIS3 self-assessment tool, training programmes and collaborative activities

Change achieved

European HEIs and other regional actors understand HEIs' potential role on RIS3 through HEInnovate for RIS3

Key takeways

- HEInnovate has a potential to be used to achieve different goals, on different topics; RE-ACT used HEInnovate as a basis to analyse HEIs' position on regional ecosystem, particularly on RIS3
- HEInnovate can be transformed into a different platform, such as HEInnovate for RIS3 (developed under the RE-ACT project) or used for different purposes through the original platform
- HEInnovate for RIS3 can be understood as an extension of the HEInnovate, analysing a different feature using the same dimensions