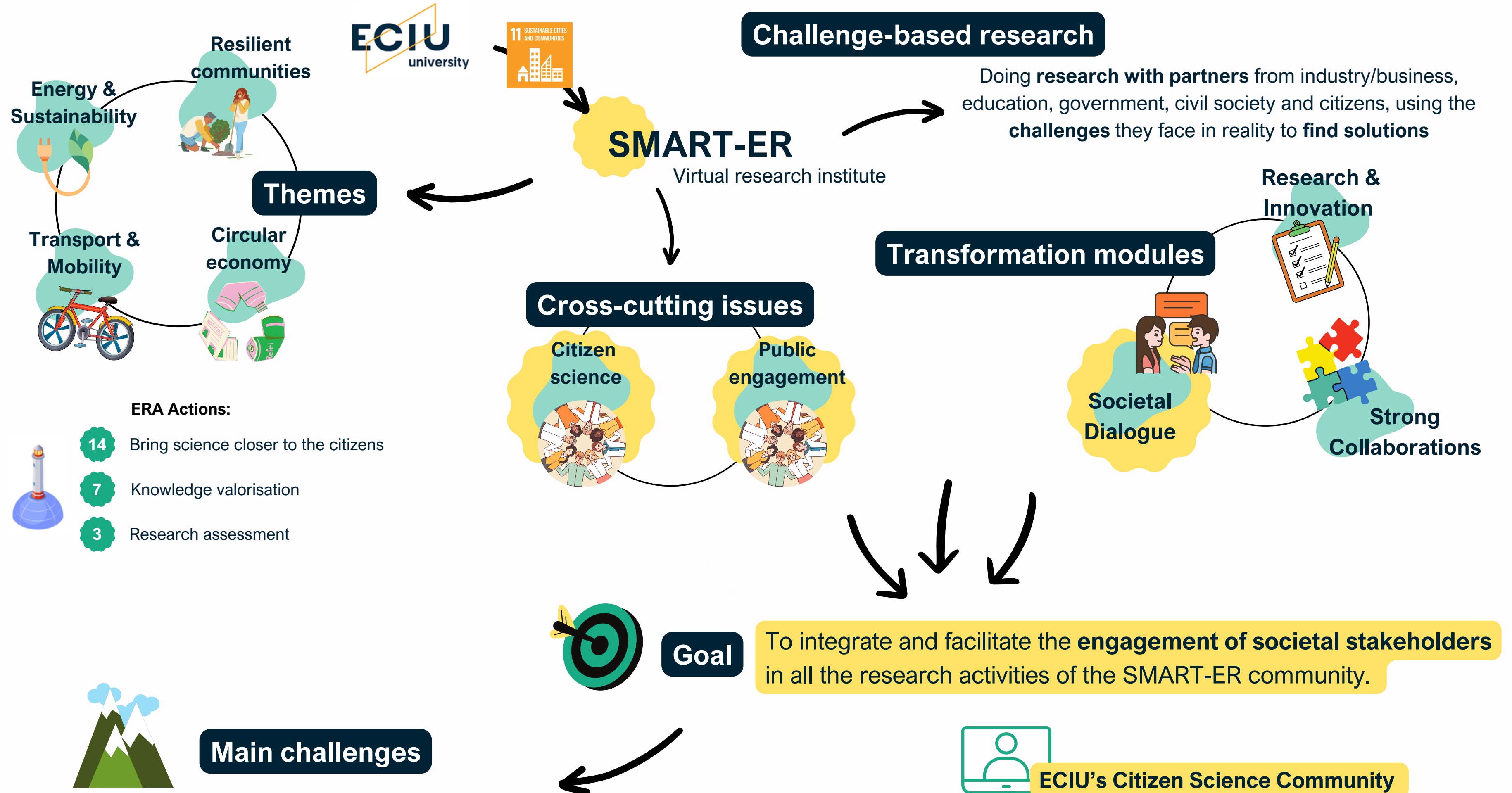


Engaging citizens and society through the ECIU SMART-ER virtual research institute

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- To generate a **shared and empowered vision** among stakeholders and researchers.
- To build challenge-based research **communities** beyond individual projects.
- To implement **long-lasting public engagement** strategies, structural and stable units at HEI.
- To overcome barriers concerning **data protection and research ethics**.

Mutual learning community supported by an **online platform** to share resources, data, and projects, and to **increase project impact and visibility**. This platform helped to initiate the transition towards challenge-based research communities instead of individual projects.

