A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO REACH SUSTAINABILITY

WHAT IS THIS?

ARGUMENTATION MAP
The circular economy

This argumentation map based on the Robert Horn's principles for information mapping aims to describe the points supporting and disputing the importance of the application of a circular economy to reach environmental, social and economic sustainability.

A legend is provided to help you, the reader, navigate through the map.
The map can be read on multiple levels.

The main question (*"A circular economy is fundamental in order to reach sustainability"*), leads you to the main claims. These are interconnected and are provided with support, we claims, rebuttals and argumentations position in such a manner to allow you the most comprehensive and rapid understanding.

If a claim is disputed by a rebuttal a connecting arrow will show the statement "is disputed by", in the same way if a claim is supported by an argumentation the connecting arrow will show the statement "is supported by".
This rule also applies to rebuttals, so if a rebuttal is being supported or disputed by an argumentation the connecting arrow will show respectively "is supported by" and "is disputed by".

Green and red circles will show you the level of relevance of the map. Blue circles will help you identify at first sight supportive and refuting areas as a tool to think immediately possible points of intervention in order to obtain the results proposed to the main question.

About the content

The main statement of a circular economy is rooted in the need for a sustainable, resilient and profitable economy so to maintain and foster humans' welfare and advancement in assonance with the biosphere we live in. If this is to achieve production and consumption systems will need to move from the current approach of production, consumption and disposal, to circular production systems characterized by closed-material loops, the use of cascading energy methods and technological innovation.

It is now time to have a new look at how we manage resources so to integrate environmental, social and economic considerations into our production and consumption costs, so to guarantee future prosperity, effective technological development and a more egalitarian society that perceives nature as a source of resources but also as the system in which our society is embedded and that ensures our sustenance.

This argumentation map highlights the reasons why and why not the circular economy is important not just for sustainable development and environmental protection, but also as a way to ensure growth and profit in favor of a stable and egalitarian economy.

The information is divided in supportive and disputing argumentations aiming at providing you with the tools to assess the importance of the circular economy to reach sustainability and economic prosperity while keeping our attention on feasibility constraints and enhancers, and economic opportunities.

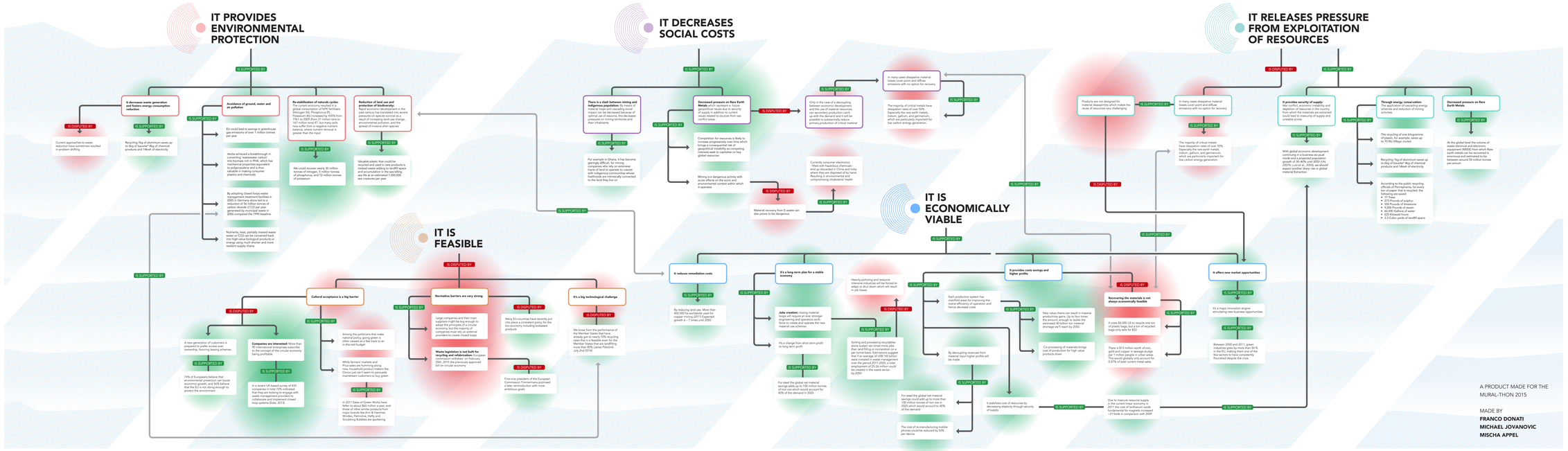
SUBCLAIM/ SUBQUESTION

IN FAVOR OF THE CLAIM
The bigger, the more important

AGAINST THE CLAIM
The bigger, the more important

IS SUPPORTED BY — **SUPPORTING A CLAIM OR ARGUMENT**

IS DISPUTED BY — **DISPUTING A CLAIM OR ARGUMENT**



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