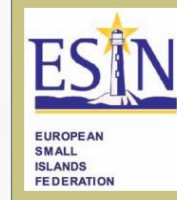




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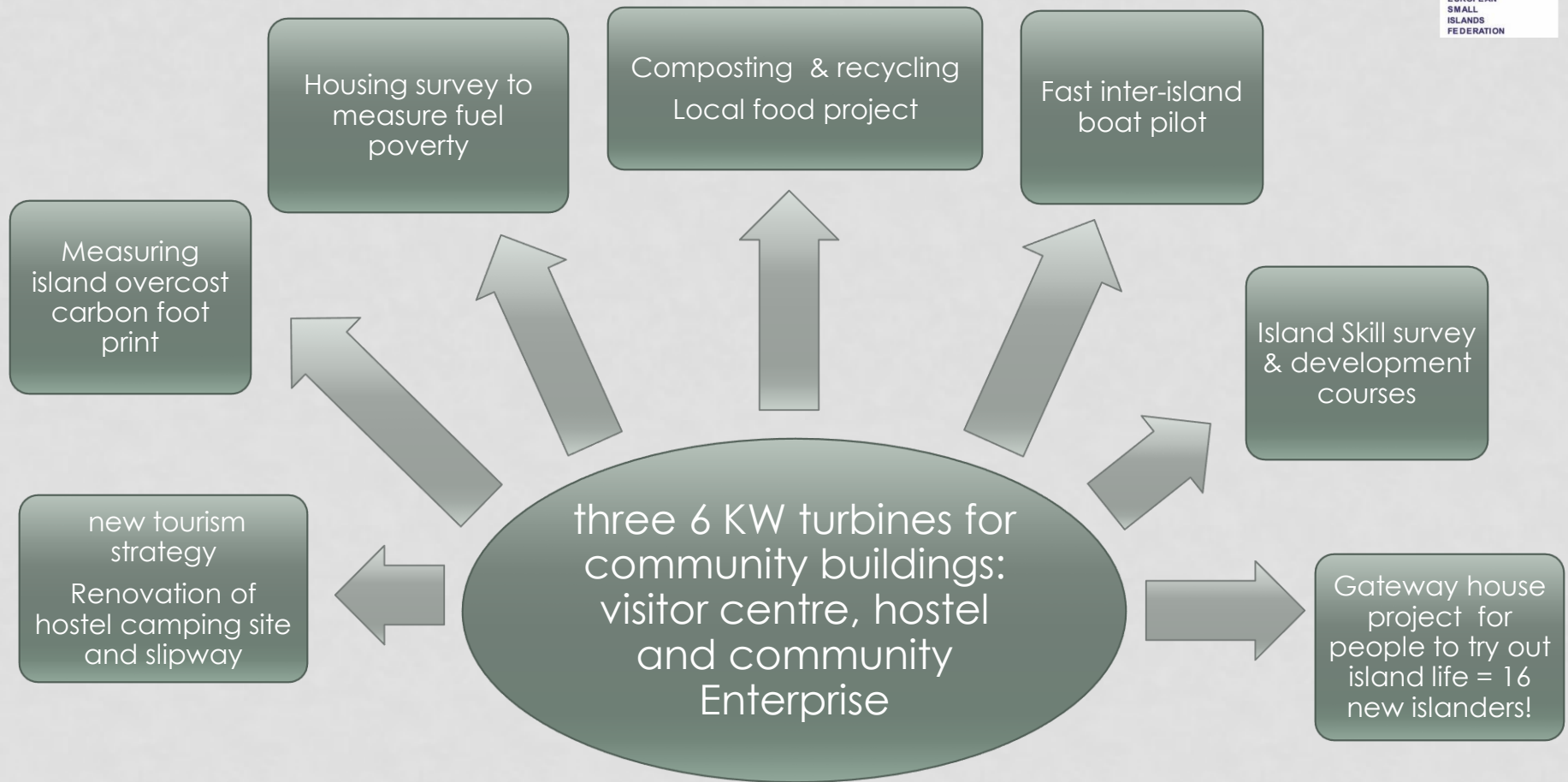
# SMALL ISLANDS ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY

- Harder to achieve due to small population size, distance from markets, difficulty in attracting expertise and funding.
- Easier to motivate islanders to get involved as they know sustainability is a condition of their well-being and their survival as a community.
- Community Led Local Development is the way to approach energy sustainability, by building social, economic and environmental capital from the bottom up. A good example is the 2012 Transnational training LEADER program for sustainable use of energy on 6 small islands in Denmark and Ireland.
- Once the impetus is given, islands as research test beds become very attractive to universities and other bodies and this can provide them with a new income stream.
- The multiplying effect: islands can use feed-in-tariffs from renewables to finance social benefit projects: this often act as inspiration for other islands to follow. However this is all too often dependent on national government policy which is subject to change.

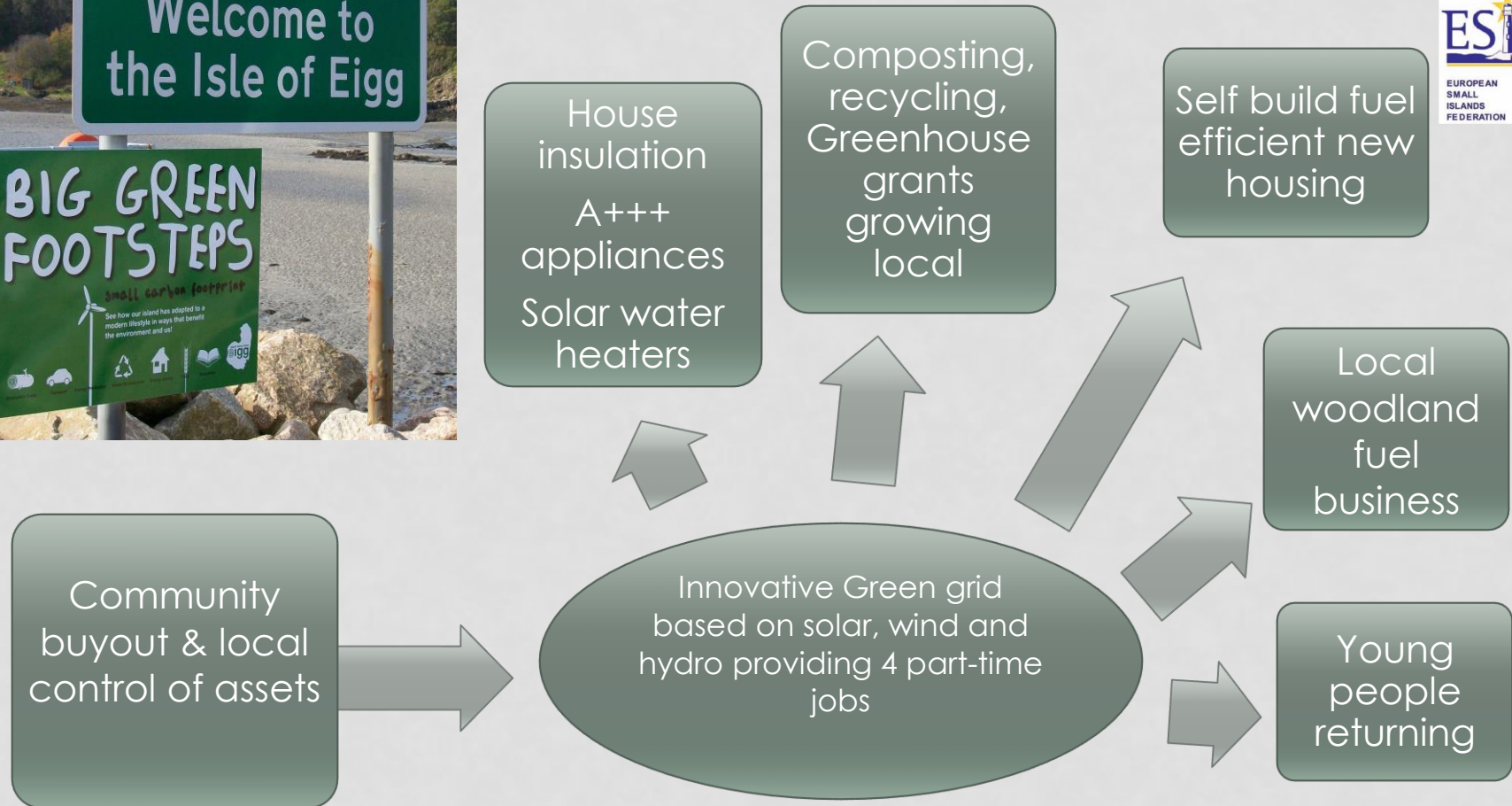


# EDAY, ORKNEY

## 150 INHABITANTS



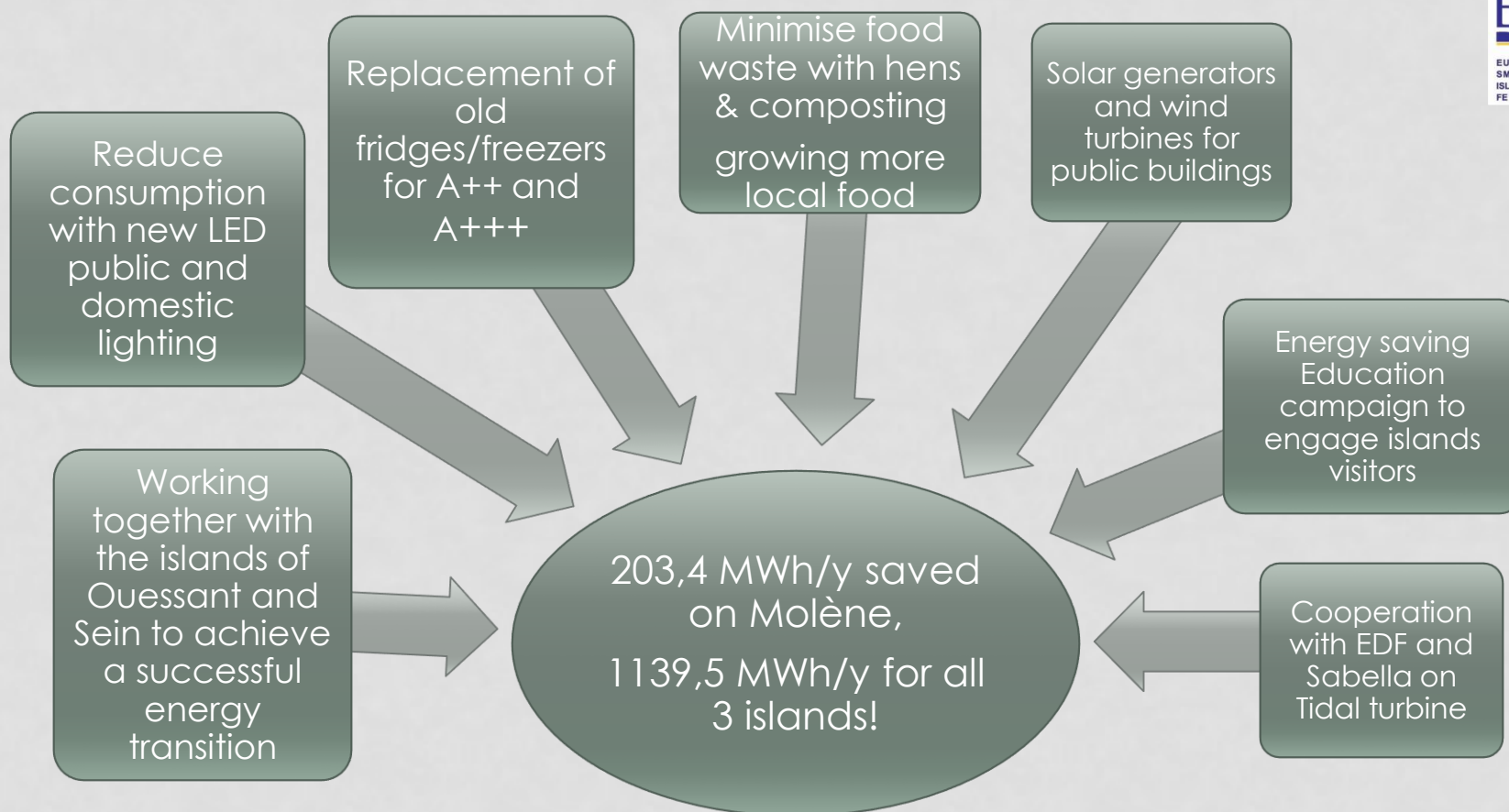
# EIGG, HIGHLAND, 105 INHABITANTS





# MOLÈNE, BRITTANY

208 INHABITANTS







# SIMSKÄLA, ÅLAND

## 35 INHABITANTS

