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# AF Thematic Discussion on Partnerships

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# Major drivers for change

## Responsiveness to policy & societal needs

E.g., Green Deal strategies; Sustainable food systems; Participation; Transparency, etc.

## Addressing complexity

E.g., New trends in data/ evidence, technological innovation, advances in science, cross-discipline nature of problems, etc.

## Inspiring and maintaining trust

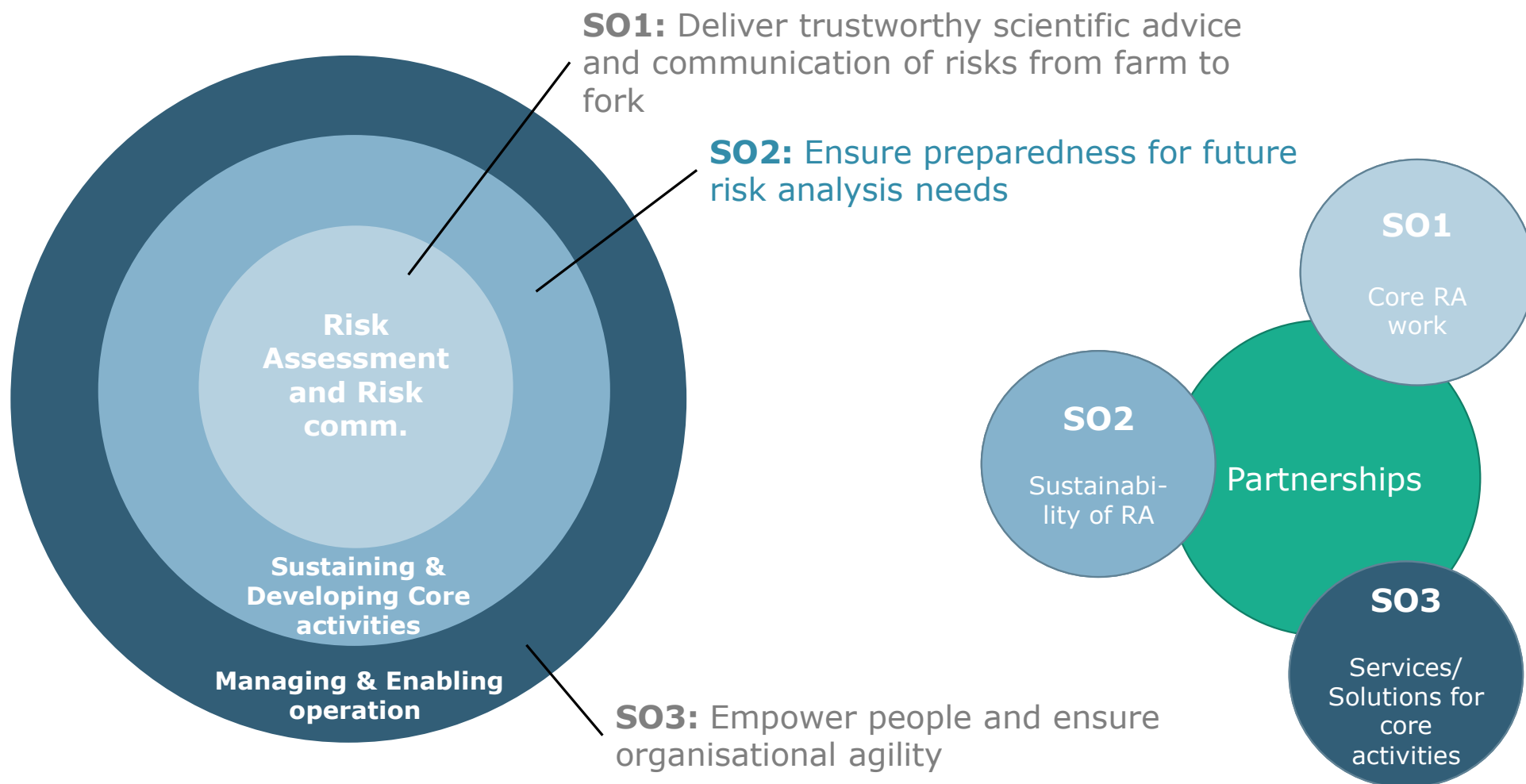
E.g., by employing appropriate practices for engagement, partnering, communication, etc.

## Leveraging the power of the Ecosystem

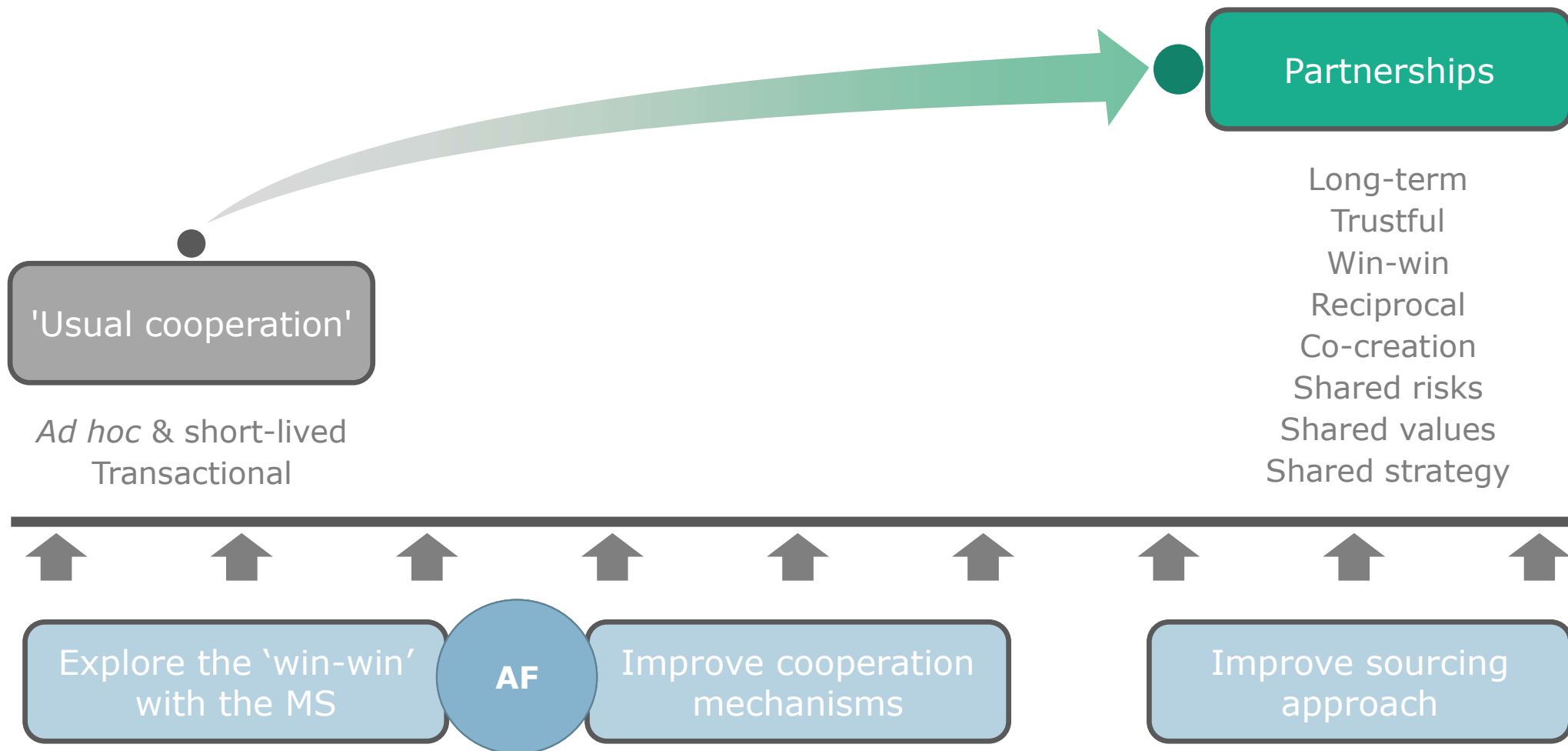
E.g., via working closer with MS partners, EU Agencies and others, facilitating identification of and interaction with experts, etc.

EFSA Strategy  
2027

# Partnerships in EFSA Strategy 2027



# From 'cooperation' to Partnerships



# Challenges

- Lack of staff resources (e.g., staff to work on preparing or implementing a Partnership initiative, staff to be allowed to act as expert, etc.)
- Lack of sufficient funding for joint actions (e.g., limitations in the total budget or co-financing rate)
- Complexity of administrative processes or incompatibility of such processes
- Lack of joint work planning leading to activities out of synchronisation
- Limited visibility or uptake of MS work in national initiatives
- Diversity and limited interoperability of tools and processes
- Limitations in engaging with ecosystem actors (e.g., in non-food domains)

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Engagement opportunities in envisioned calls for grant and procurement

EFSA's grant and procurement mechanism in a nutshell

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