

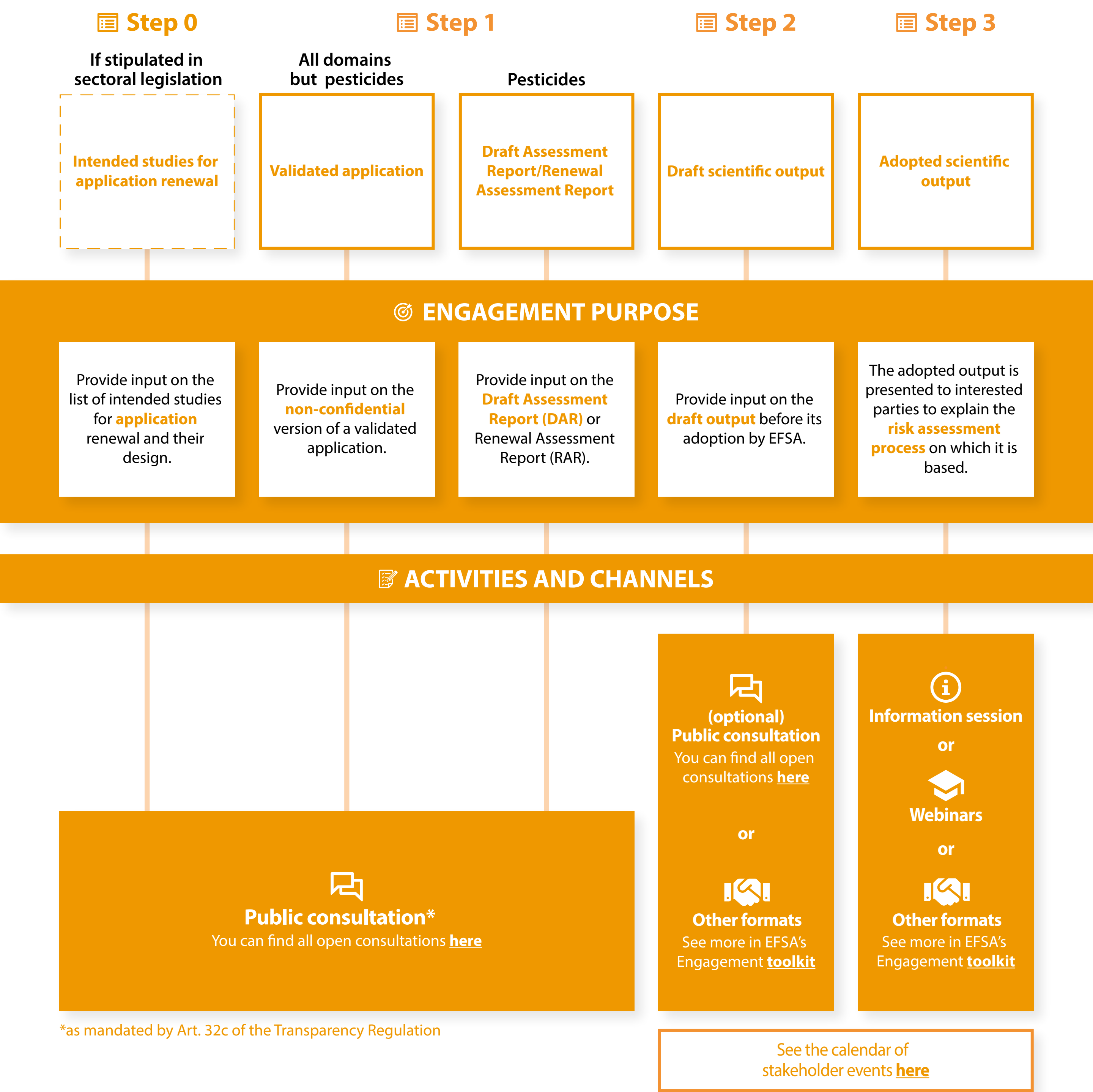
Engagement windows in the life cycle of an application

Interested parties can engage with EFSA’s risk assessment process at different stages in the life cycle of an application. Since the Transparency Regulation came into force, public consultations have been mandatory.

There are two consultations for substances that are going through the renewal process and one for all others. Other engagement opportunities may be offered according to the complexity of the requested task and the level of expert and stakeholder interest.

The methodology for the assessment of applications is established in consultation with interested parties, following a process similar to that of a **generic mandate**.

This infographic explains when and how it is possible to contribute to EFSA’s scientific work.



*as mandated by Art. 32c of the Transparency Regulation

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