



New operational framework for Focal Point Network

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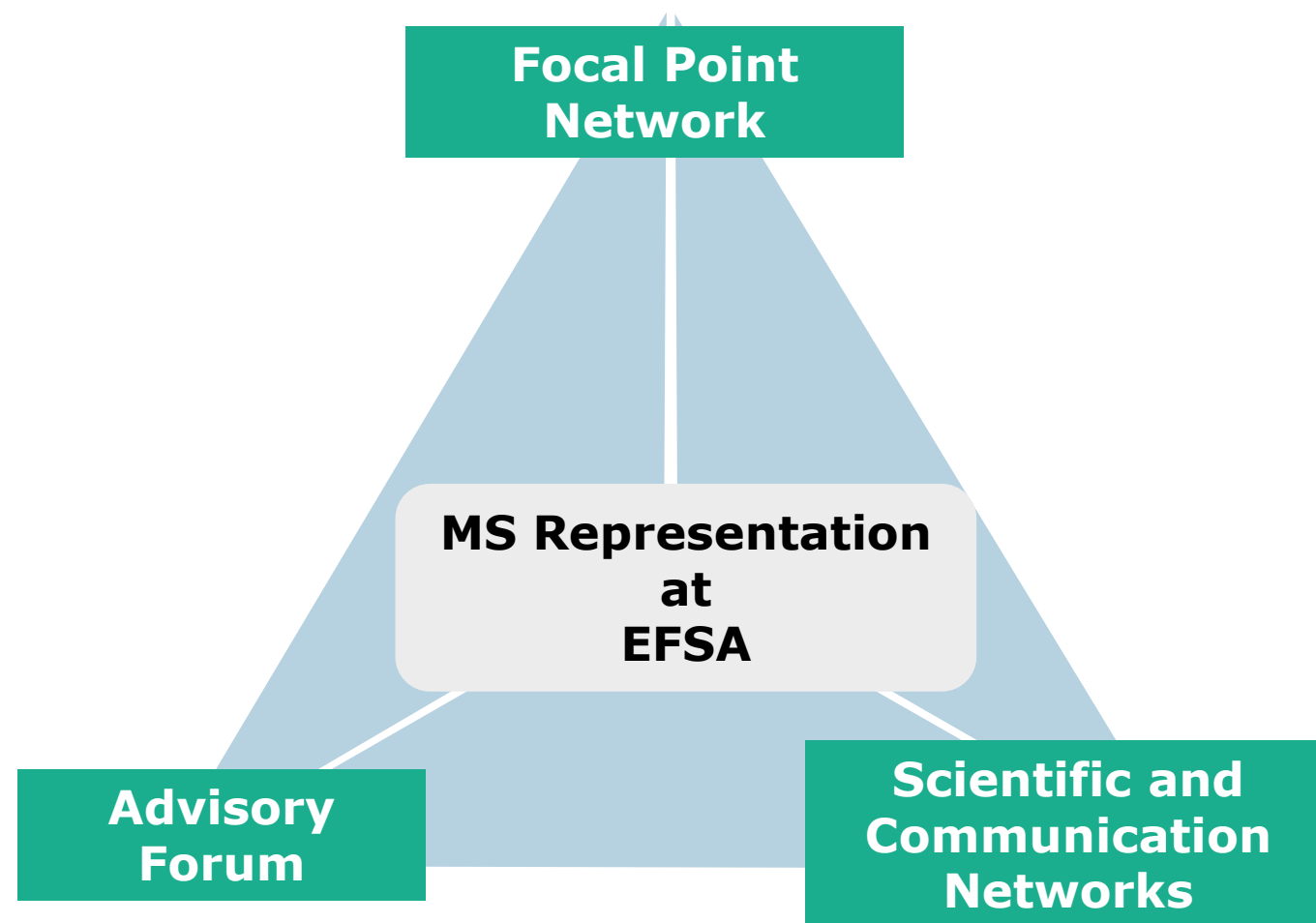
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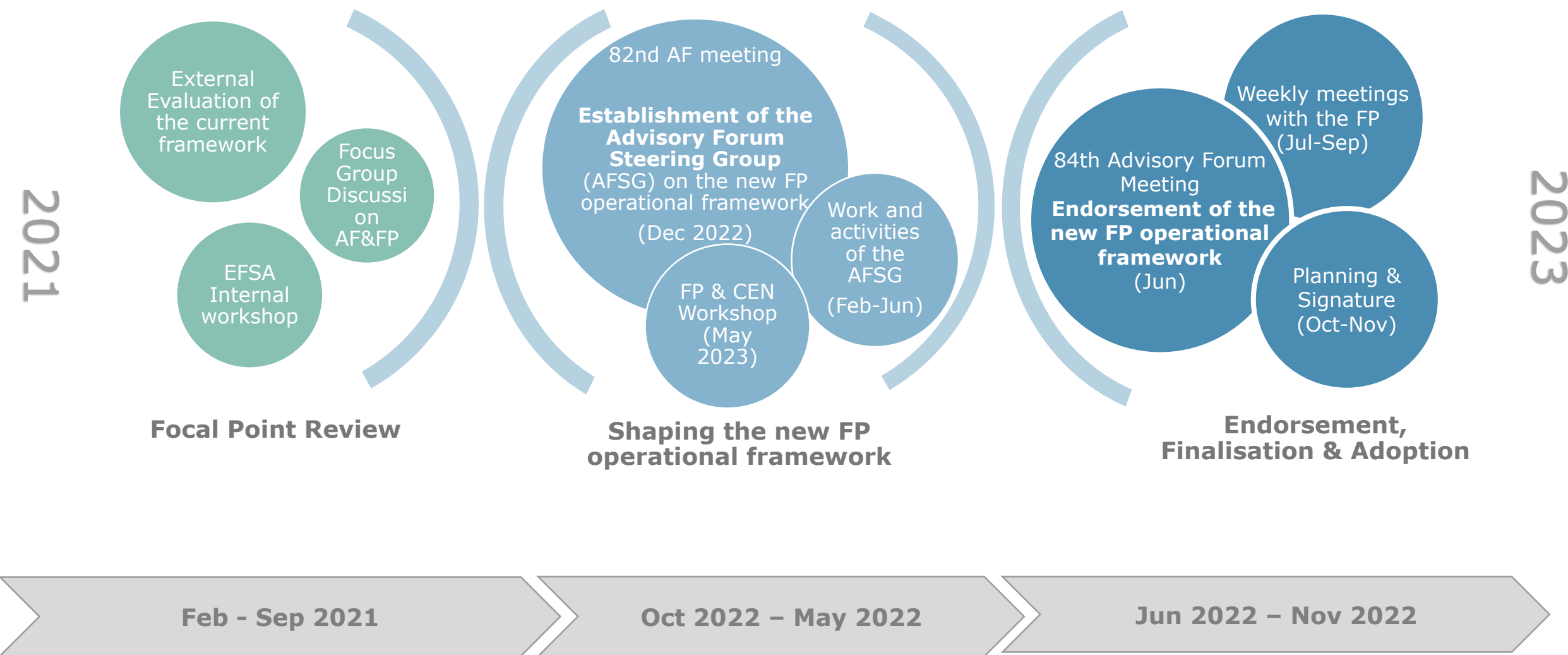
**TR: Transparency,
Sustainability and
Communication
pillars**

**Strategy 2022 -
2027:
trust,
preparedness,
engagement (SOs)**

- ▶ New domains for FP activities (e.g. data, communication)
- ▶ Increase in EFSA budget
- ▶ New sourcing framework
- ▶ Enhanced involvement of MSs
- ▶ MS membership in EFSA's MB
- ▶ Ecosystem vision for Partnerships



The process



Vision



A **fit-for-purpose** and **sustainable** network of national Focal Points working together with their national relevant actors and actors of the EU/EEA Member States and observer countries and in partnership with EFSA, to contribute to **a resilient food safety system** in Europe.

Mission



National Focal Points act as **connecting hubs** between EFSA and their relevant national actors and actors of the EU/EEA Member States and observer countries. Within a changing and increasingly complex environment and to respond to the ambitions of the EU Green Deal, Focal Points address EFSA and national needs and priorities to contribute to a **cohesive food safety system** in Europe. In this regard, Focal Points use the opportunities brought by the **Transparency Regulation** in order to foster **partnerships**.

Road to 2027

Total investment

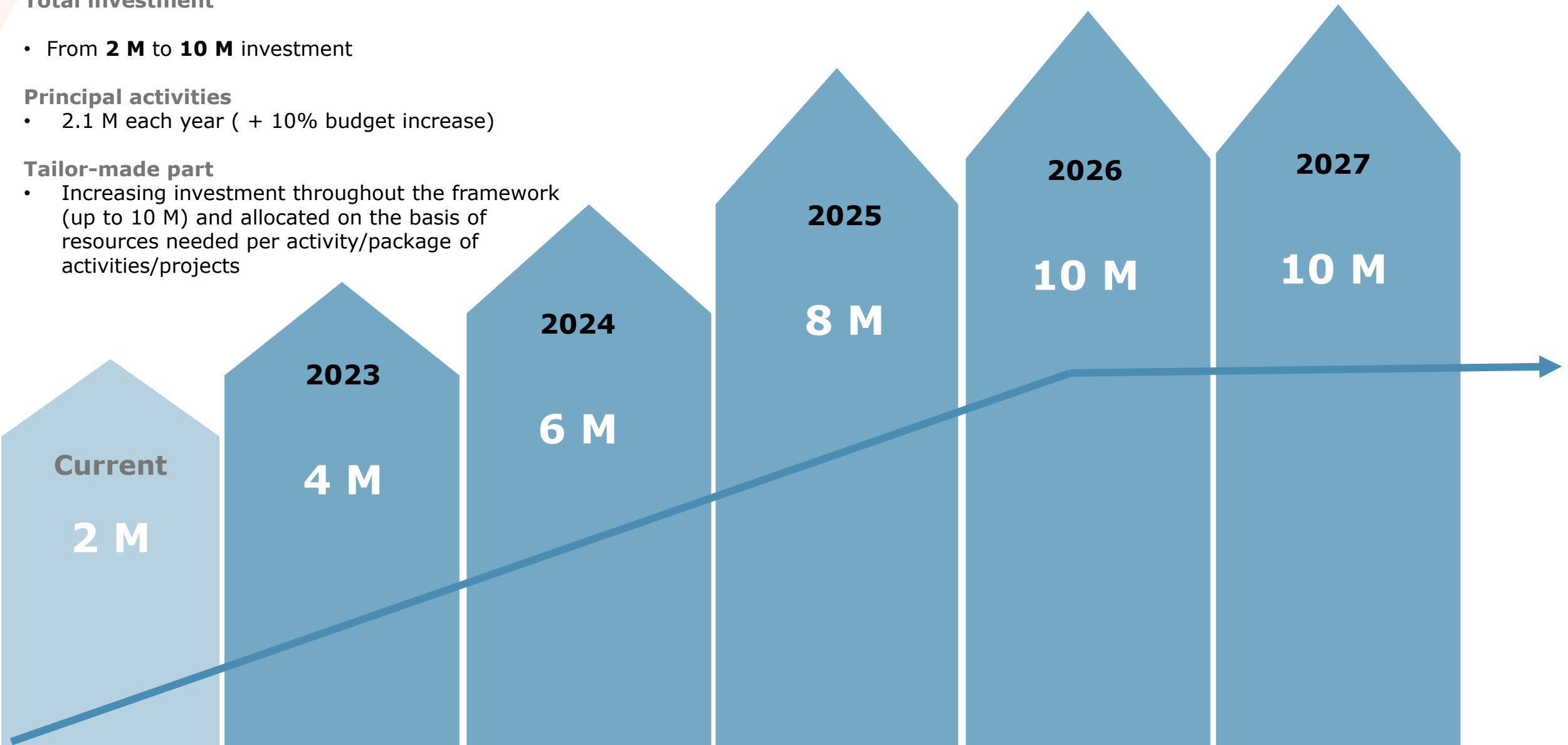
- From **2 M** to **10 M** investment

Principal activities

- 2.1 M each year (+ 10% budget increase)

Tailor-made part

- Increasing investment throughout the framework (up to 10 M) and allocated on the basis of resources needed per activity/package of activities/projects



Main elements of the new FP framework

Multiannual

**Framework
Partnership
Agreement**

5 Years (2023-2027)

Flexible

Choice-based activities

**Principal activities +
tailor-made part**

Different
implementation
timeframes

Tailor-made

Allows to implement
specific activities
relevant for MS-EFSA
under identified areas

Tailor-made activities
might **evolve, adapt
and new activities**
can be added

**Collaboration
among MS** on specific
project is at the core
of the model

Elements	Current	New
Cycle	4 years	5 years
Financial instrument	4 year Agreement (1 Lump Sum Grant Agreement for initial tasks and 1 amendment for additional tasks)	5 year Framework Partnership agreement (possibility to sign different agreements within it) implemented with specific agreements.
Financial instrument x type of activities	Initial and additional activities – lump sum grant agreement	Principal activities = specific lump sum grant agreement signed with FP institution Tailor-made activities = specific grant agreement (financing not linked to cost) signed with FP institution
Activities	Initial (mandatory, high, low) and Additional (high, medium, low)	Principal activities and tailor-made activities
Renewal	Every year	Every year for the principal activities and ad hoc deadlines for the tailor-made ones
Reporting	Every year	Every year for the principal activities and ad hoc deadlines for tailor-made ones
Payment	Every year	Every year for the principal activities and ad hoc timelines for tailor-made ones

How the FP agreements will look like

Framework Partnerships Agreement FPA 2023-2027



1 Grant agreement

Principal activities
Duration: 1 year



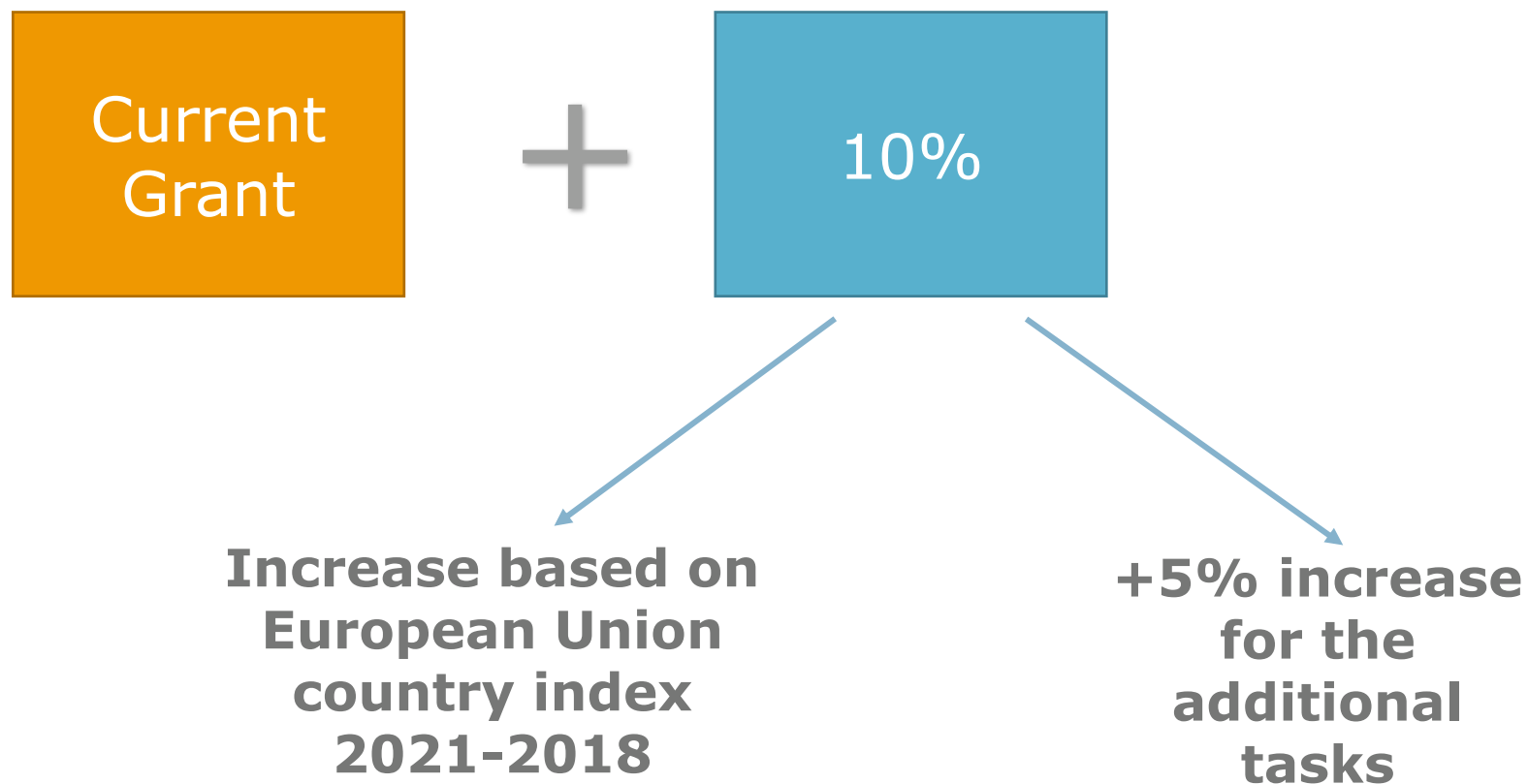
Tailor-made
activities
Duration: 1 year

Grant Agreement
Tailor-made
activities
Duration: 2 or
more years

example



Financial ceilings for the principal activities



Source: Eurostat

In general:

- ✓ The possibility of sub-contracting is indicated in the list of activities. Activities cannot be 100% subcontracted to the Art. 36 org or any other private entity.

Financial Regulation

- Core tasks must not be subcontracted. Only ancillary and assistance tasks can be subcontracted.
- Subcontracts must be awarded to the entity offering best value for money or the lowest price (as appropriate), avoiding conflicts of interests;
- Subcontracting must only cover the implementation of a limited part of the action;
- Recourse to subcontracting must be justified having regard to the nature of the project and what is necessary for its implementation;

- ✓ What is a core activity will be defined in the agreements

- ✓ Example:

Core: FP is responsible and supervise the implementation of the activity

- ✓ Sub-contracting of non-core tasks only should be approved by EFSA before the work starts.
Approval will be asked and given via email.

■ **Performance Indicators per area** to assess the overall impact

Overarching indicators per area of work in line with a model based on flexibility

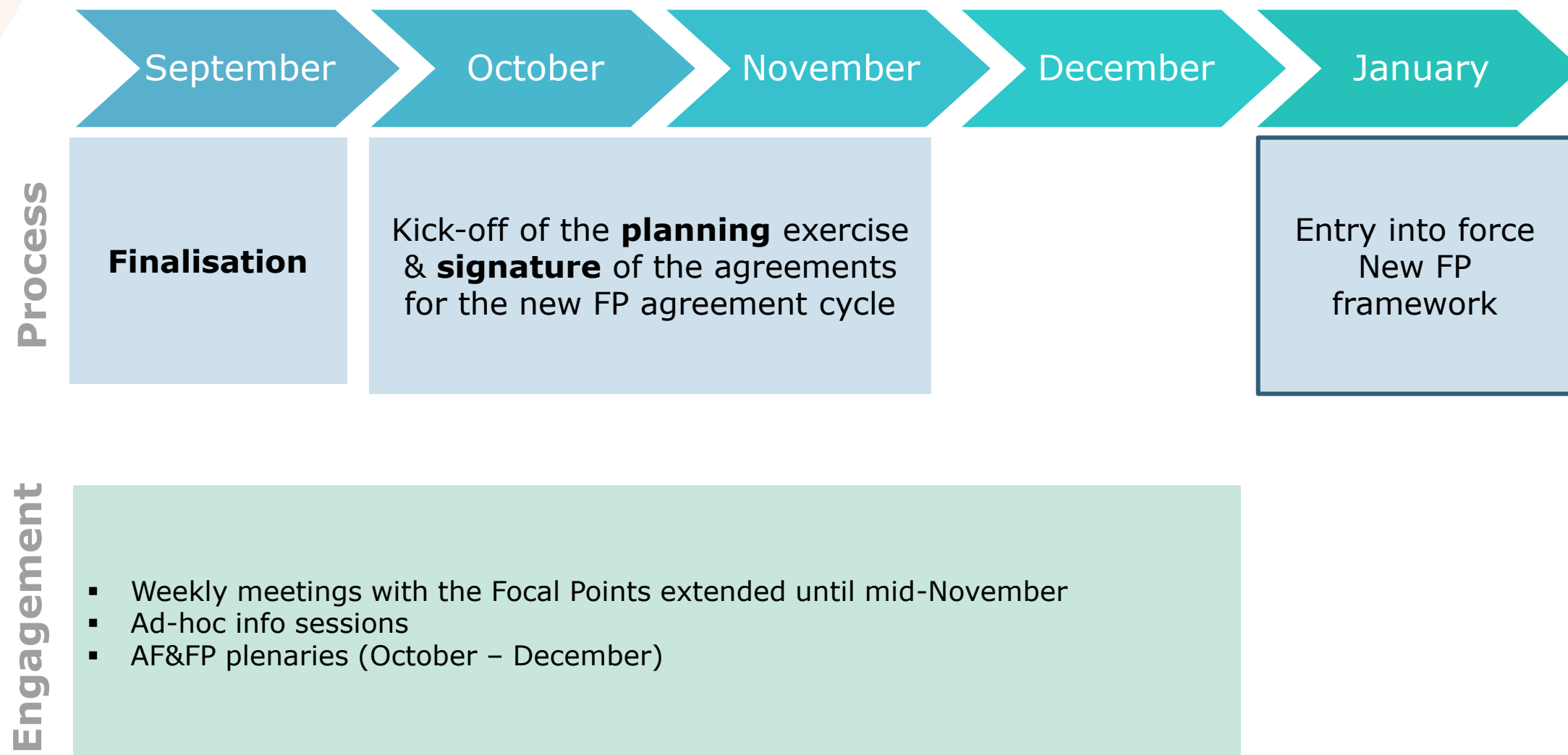
MS-EFSA shared responsibility in the tracking so to monitor the overall performance

Link to the EFSA Strategy 2027 – how FP contributes to achieve the expected results of the Strategy 2027

■ **MS planning & Reporting on the activities:** qualitative self-assessment to build **trust**

■ **Close monitoring of the implementation** via dedicated meetings with the MS to identify **bottlenecks** and **share best-practises**

Next steps



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