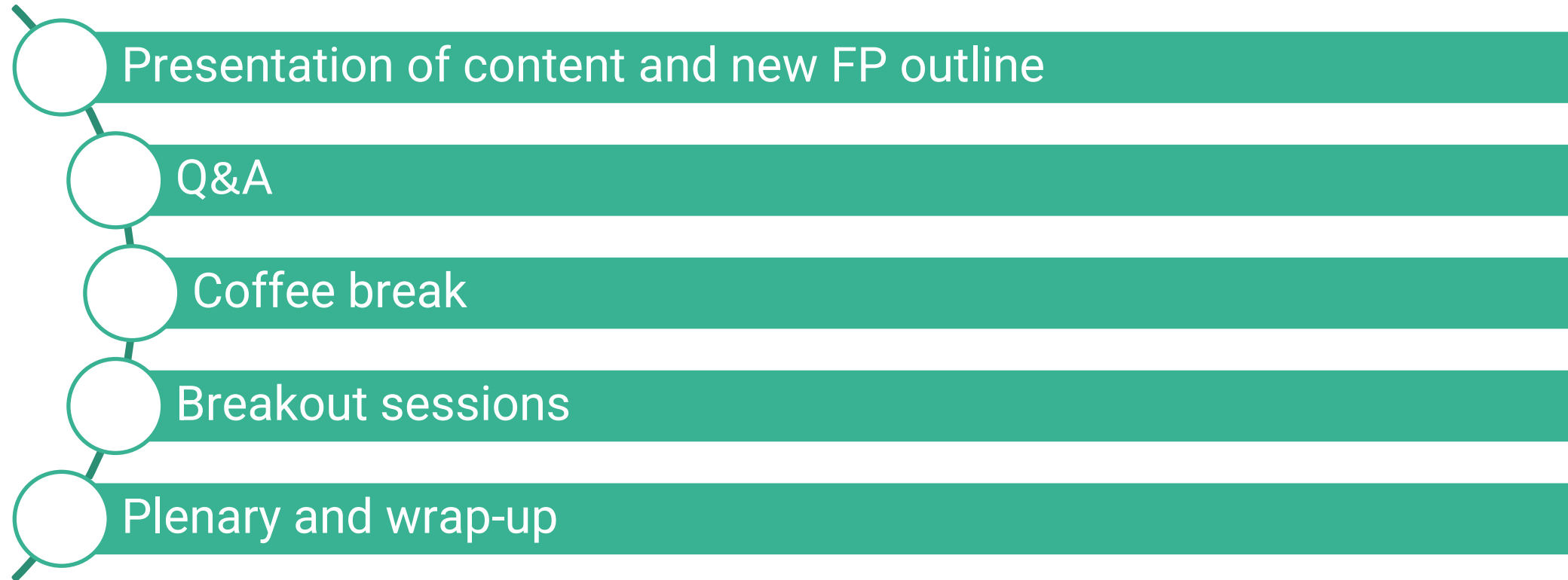


HEALTH CHECK – UPDATE FROM THE EFSA-MS TASK FORCE ON THE NEXT FOCAL POINT FRAMEWORK

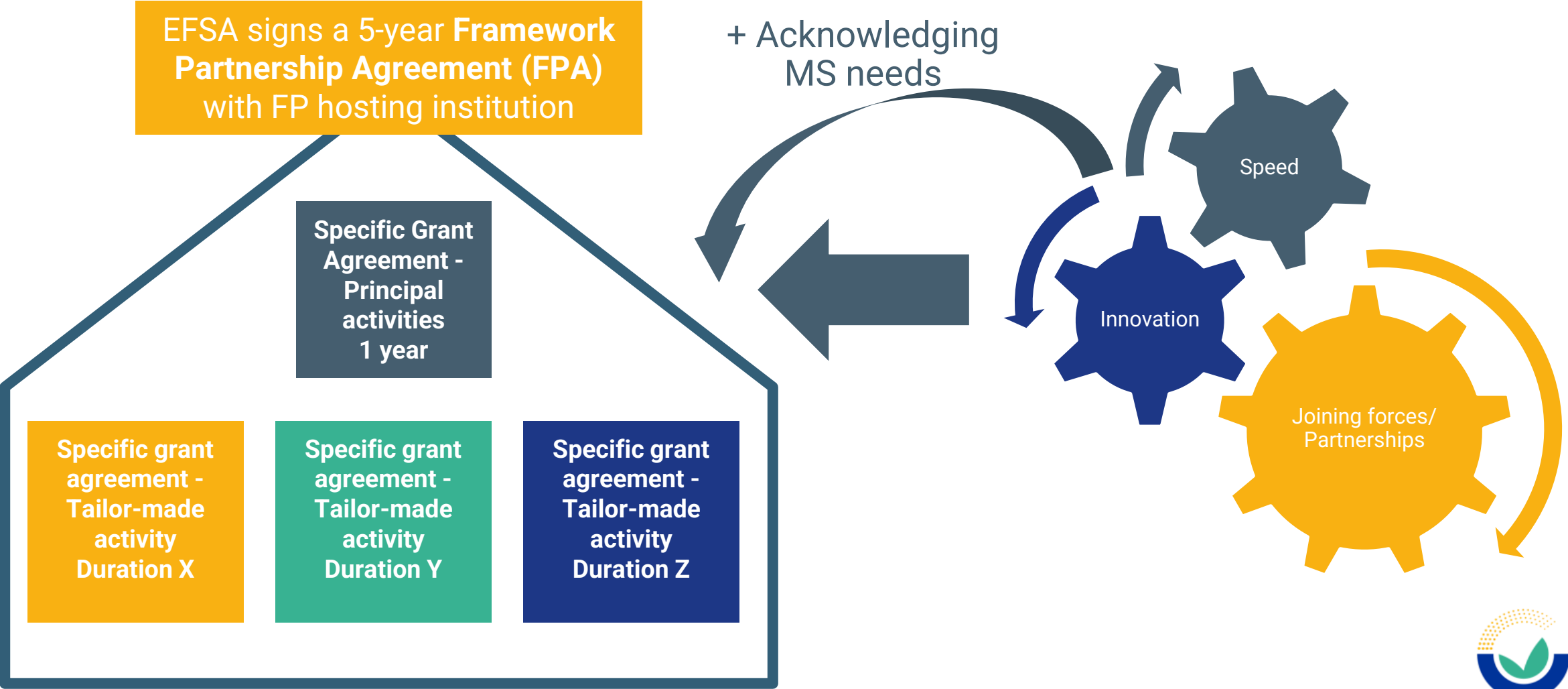
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HEALTH CHECK OF THE FOCAL POINT FRAMEWORK



STRATEGIC DRIVERS



FOCAL POINT FRAMEWORK PILLARS

Support

Exchange of information requests, targeted outreach

Interface between AF/MB/SN/ etc.

Support to science

Connect

G&P support to Art.36 organisations

Supporting Partnerships

Capacity Building

Incubate

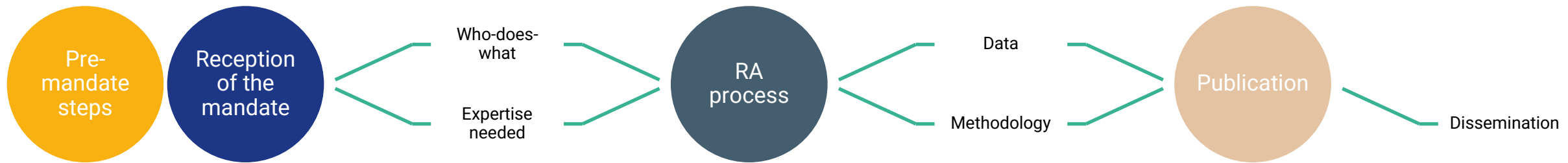
Tailor-made activities **definition**

Reviewed **assessment** process

One single MS assessment body



SUPPORT FUNCTION - E2E SUPPORT TO SCIENCE

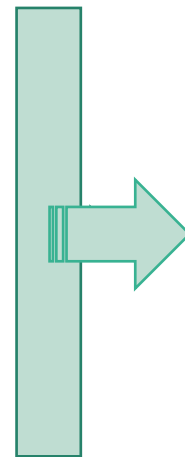


EFSA prepares

- FP workplan in year N-1 for year N
- Preparatory session with FPs in N-1

FPs collaborate with

- Scientific Network representatives
- AF, CVOs, COPH, etc



Delivery and Integration

- FP delivers aggregated national information to EFSA
- Systematic integration into EFSA's work

SUPPORT FUNCTION - FP SUPPORT TO SCIENCE IN PRACTICE

Generic Mandates

Rolling agenda with yearly tasks

Standing activity:
Mapping of data sources
in the area of AH

Interface between
national actors and EFSA

Regulated Products

Rolling agenda with yearly tasks

Support mapping of actors
in specific domains - GMO,
FCM, Novel Foods

Support on Health Claims
(e.g. use of information
pack)

Pesticides

Rolling agenda with yearly tasks

Organisation of trainings

Reaching out to experts
(Cross-cutting, mandates
not substance-specific)



CONNECT FUNCTION – ART.36 PARTNERSHIPS

G&P support

*Request for input
from all FPs*

Partnership

Capacity Building

*New approach for
mapping training needs*

Knowledge
Broker 2.7

**Central
elements of
the connect
function**

FP works together with EFSA as knowledge broker and **supports the establishment and operation of partnerships including the formation of the corresponding consortia** (through the available tools and channels), and their interaction with the RA community, as well as supports the exchange of information and implementation of research-actions and funding opportunities.



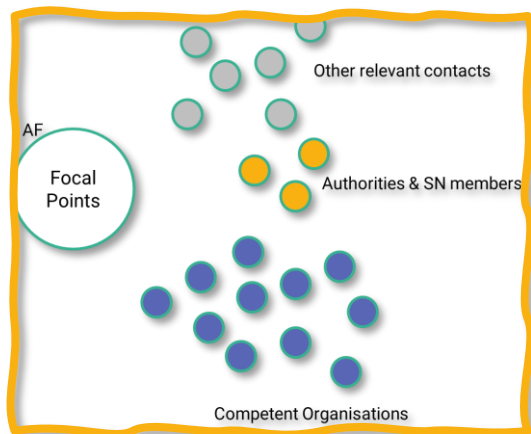
MAKE SENSE OF? IMPORTANT IN STIMULATING COOPERATION

Organisations perceive

EFSA's work & messages
EFSA's calls

through

- Communication material available
- Relevance to their work & mission
- Compatibility (or not) with their knowledge & practice
- Benefits (or risks) that they can bring
- Value that they can create
- Etc.



FOCAL POINTS ACTIVITIES AND AREAS

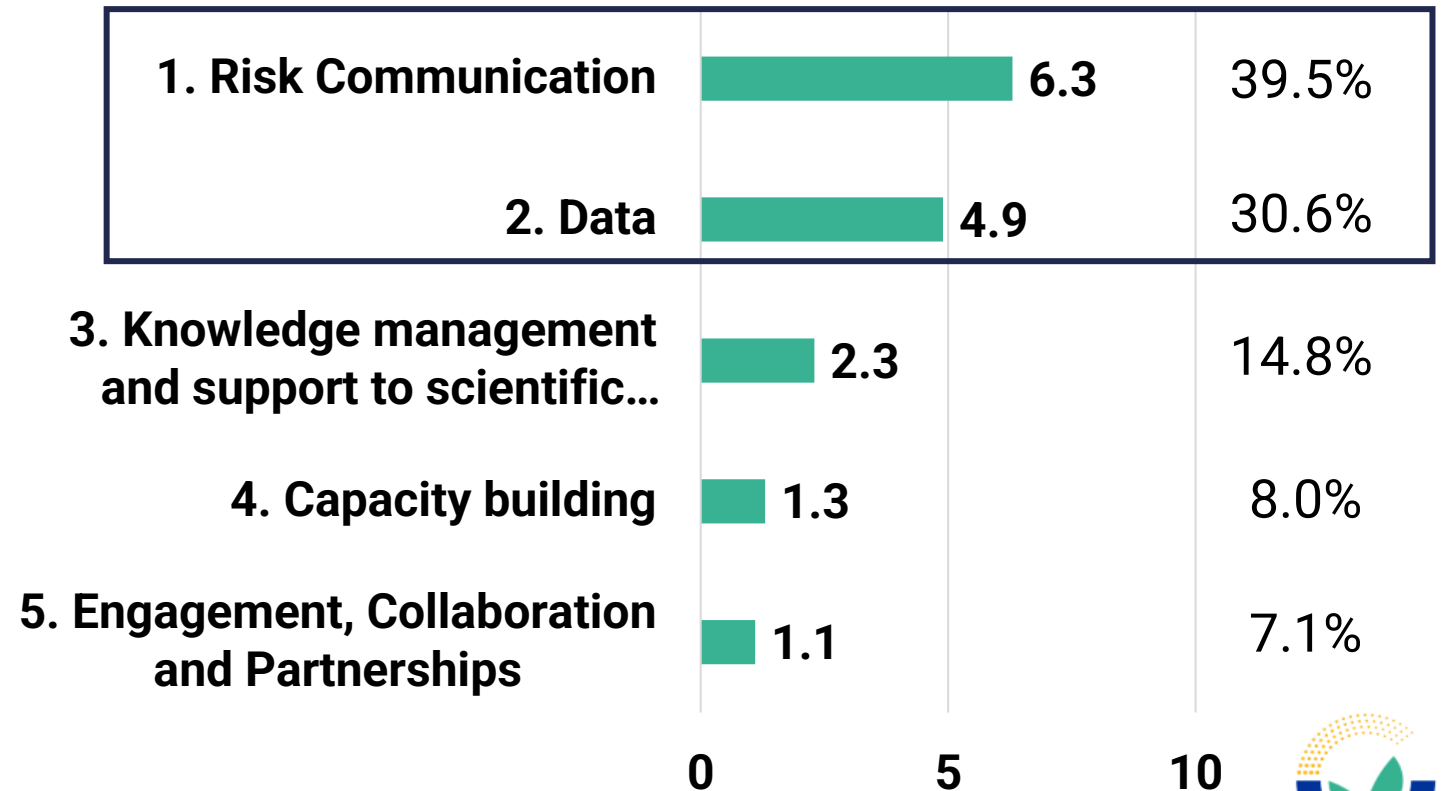
2M /
yr

- Principal activities

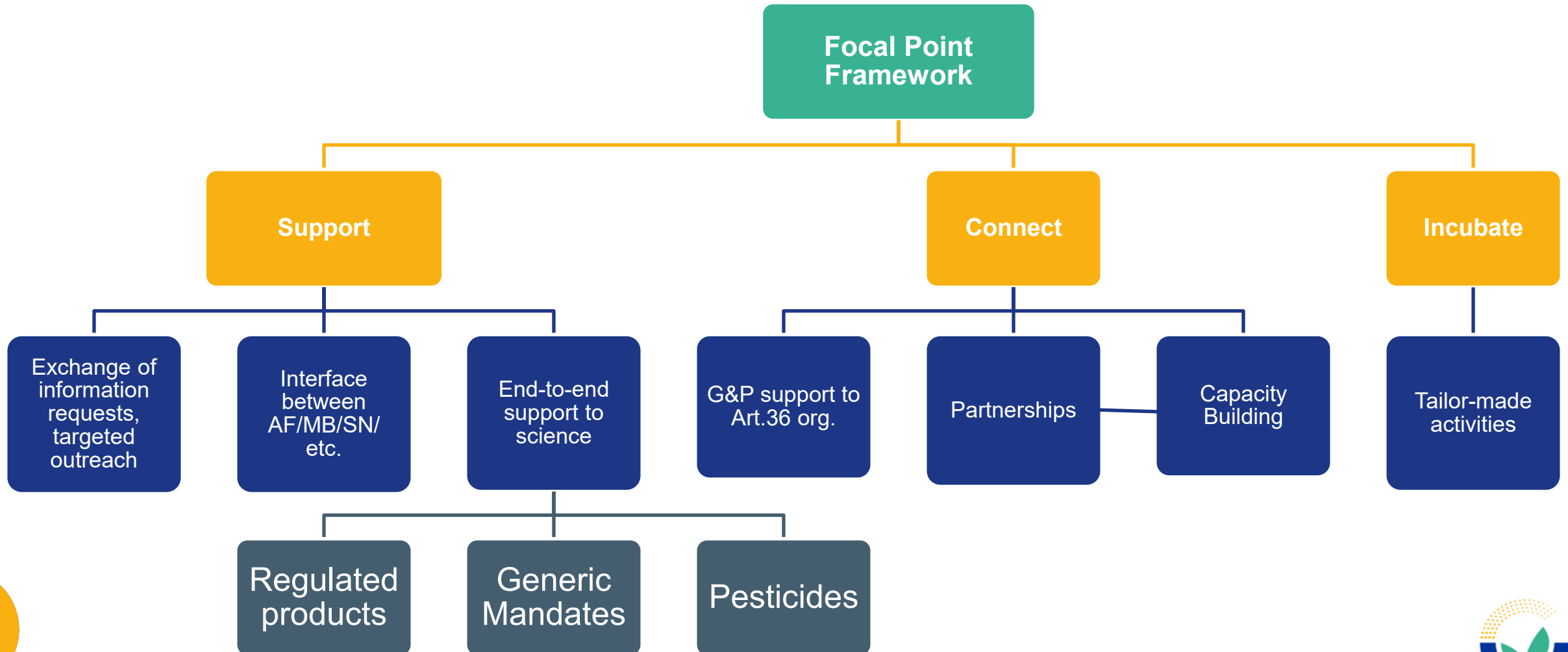
4M /
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- Tailor-made activities

Total TMA investment / area (2023 – 2026, M, Euro)



FUTURE FOCAL POINT FRAMEWORK



DEFINING “TM” ACTIVITIES

Tailor-made activities are short-term, EFSA-funded project-based actions implemented through the Focal Point Network that support initiatives addressing clearly identified needs of mutual interest between EFSA and Member States. They are designed to provide initial support for collaborative, multi-country projects with strong relevance to EFSA and to the mandate of the FP network. Such projects should support MS in evolving national or bilateral initiatives to broadly shared, sustainable and transferable outcomes for the benefit of the community through a clear scaling-up and maintenance plan and should not overlap nor concur with EFSA-funded initiatives.



A close-up photograph of a person's hand reaching into a cardboard box filled with fresh produce. The person is wearing a white shirt with black polka dots. The box contains various items including dark leafy lettuce, red bell peppers, a banana, a green avocado, and a package of noodles. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

BREAKOUT SESSION



DATA COORDINATION ACTIVITIES. MIRO AND AGOD

DATA - Related Challenges

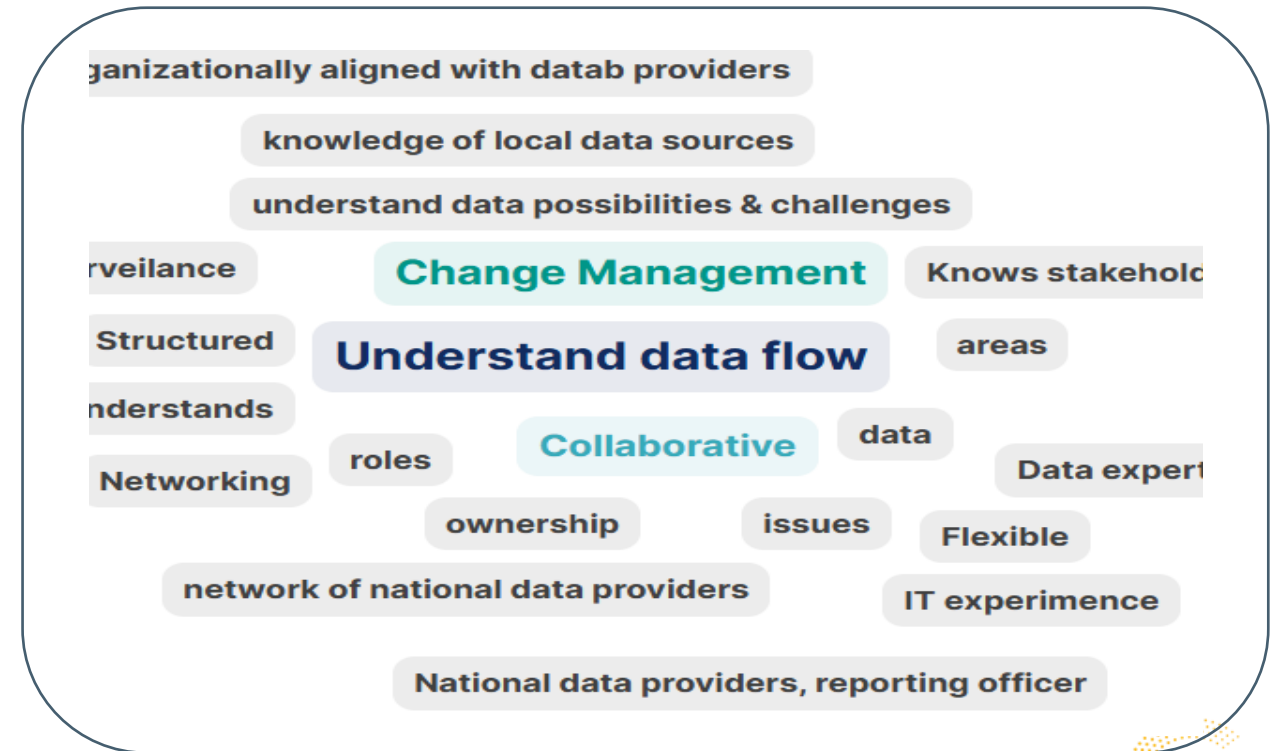
Overlap and duplication of roles

Lack of expertise

High workload vs limited resources

Separation b/n FP and experts involved in data reporting

DATA Coordination Persona



BREAKOUT QUESTION 1

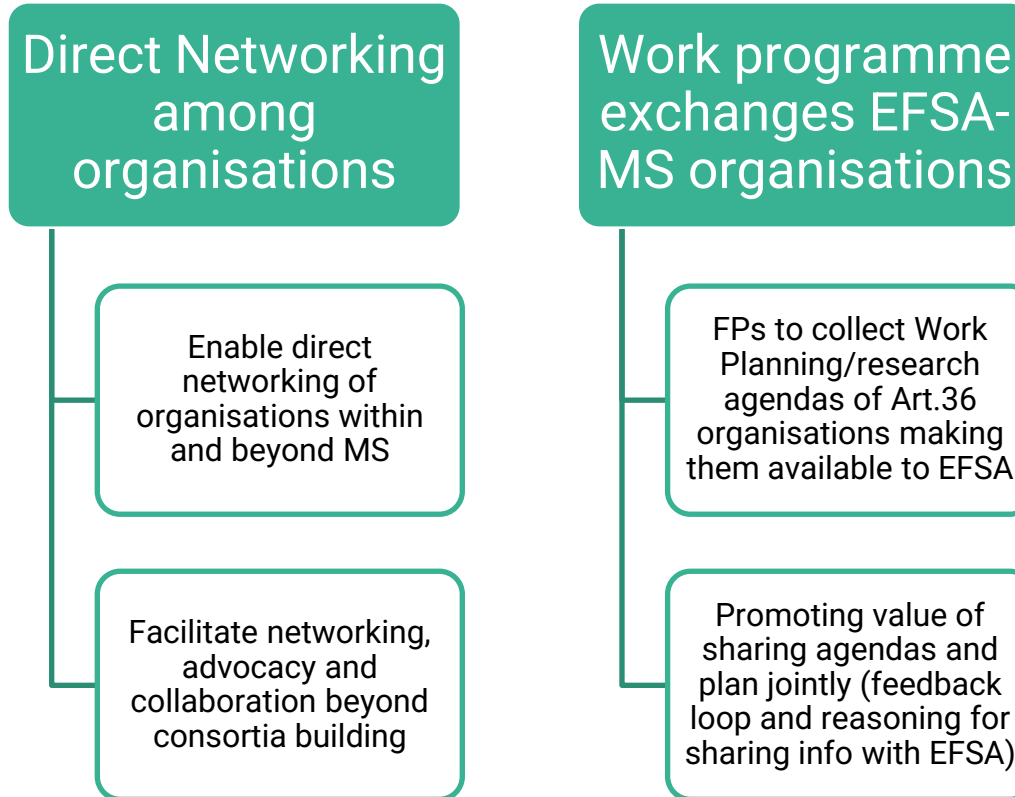
- How did you organise the execution of data coordination tasks?
- What challenges did you encounter and in case, did you find any solutions?



INTENSIFYING ART.36 COOPERATION

Targeted networking
beyond admin contact

Increase
information on
funding
opportunities



Direct
exchange, FP
as facilitator, not
matchmaker



BREAKOUT QUESTION 2

- How can the FPs help existing and potential EFSA partner organisations achieve better value from cooperation with EFSA?



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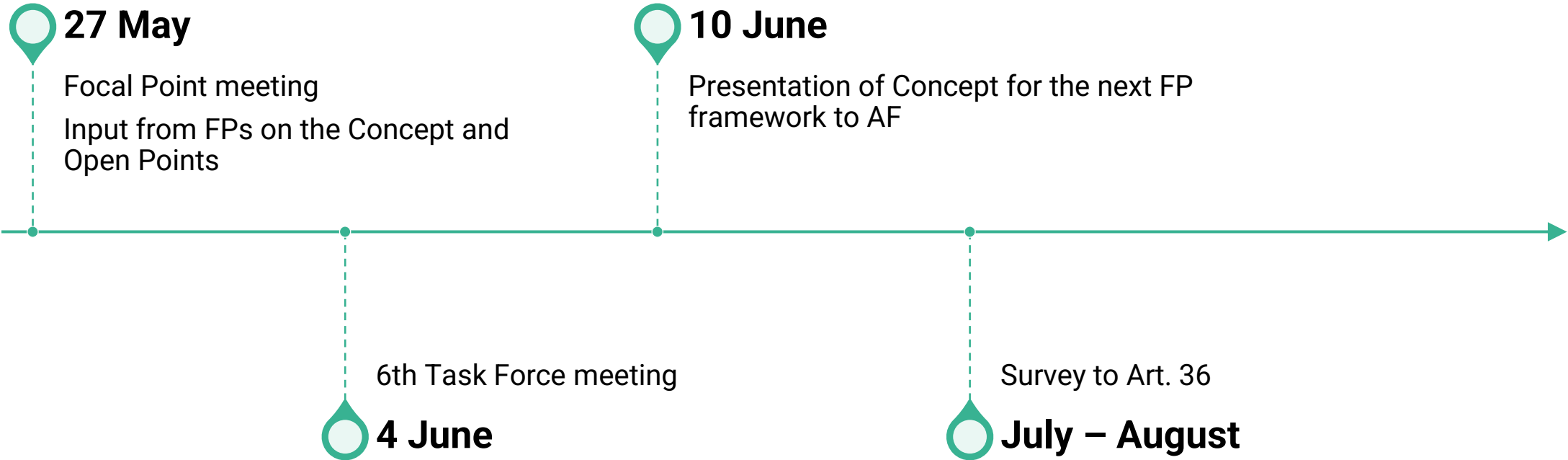
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WHATS NEXT





ANNEX

RETRO-PLANNER TASK FORCE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Task Force meetings	Monthly meetings						Possible ad-hoc mtg		Monthly meetings			
Deliverables at AF meetings			Mission & Vision			Draft FP Framework outline				Near Final FP Framework		New Framework established

Retroplanner

