

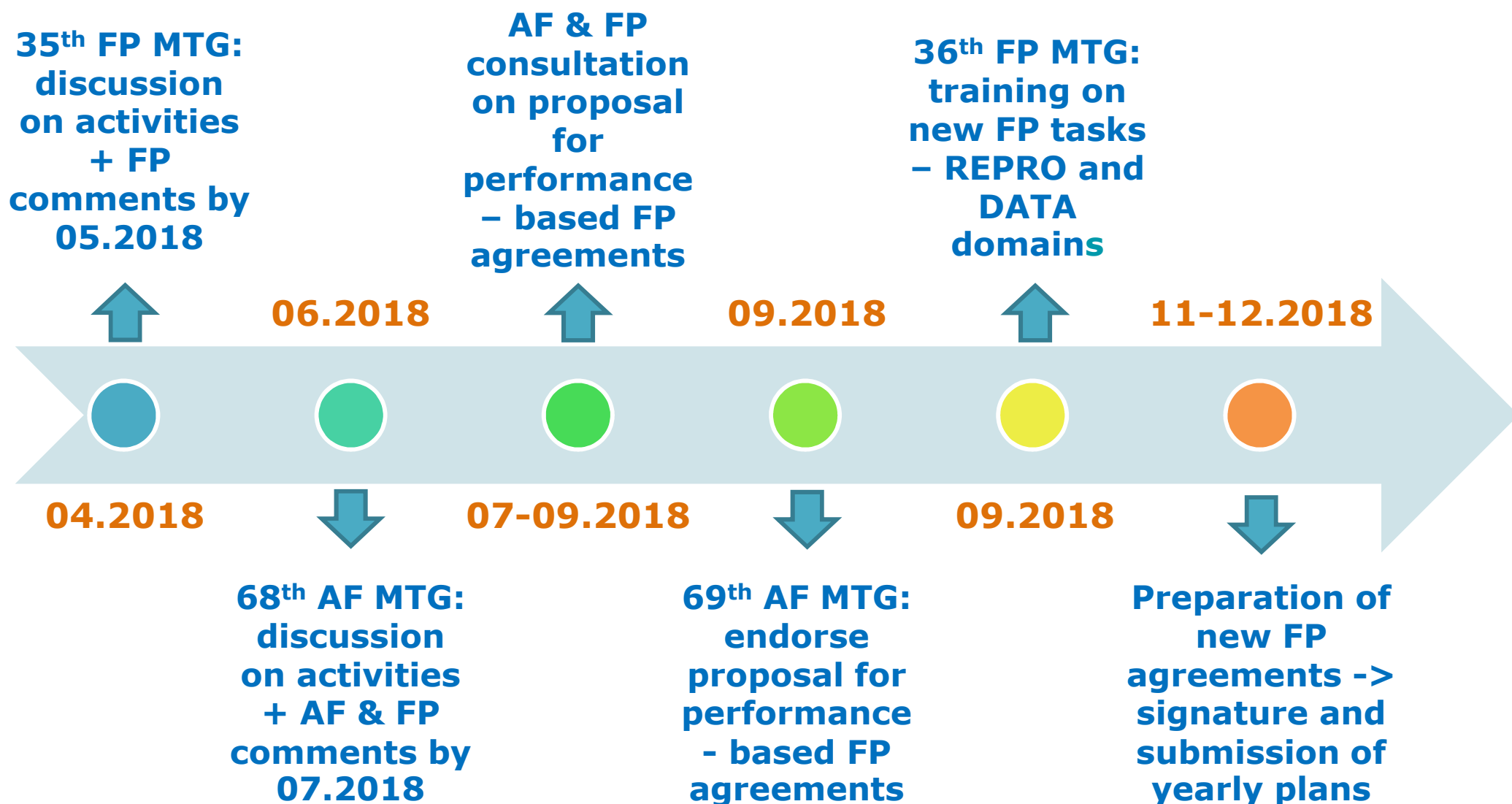


Focal Point Agreements for 2019-2022

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FOCAL POINT AGREEMENTS 2019-2022: TIMELINE



MAIN CHANGES TO NOTE

- ✓ **Flexibility** through three **types of activities** (mandatory, high, low priority) -> linked to their **strategic priority**
- ✓ **Performance-based** approach
- ✓ **Maximum grant/country updated**

MAIN FOCAL POINT ACTIVITIES

1. Exchange of scientific information

2. Networking and engagement

3. Outreach and scientific visibility

4. Capacity building

5. Support on data related matters

6. Support to scientific networks

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES AND GRANT VALUE

- ✓ **Six mandatory activities** + flexible combination of **discretionary activities**
- ✓ Two categories of **discretionary activities**:
 - ✓ **High priority** (8 activities)
 - ✓ **Low priority** (7 activities)
- ✓ **High priority activities** contribute with **higher value** to FP grant than **low priority activities**
- ✓ **Final grant value** will depend on:
 - ✓ **No. & type** of reported activities
 - ✓ **Execution** against **performance target**

FLEXIBILITY THROUGH CHOICE

Type of specific activity	Achieving the full Grant (no. of activities)			Leading to partial Grant
Mandatory (max. 6)	6 +	6 +	6 +	6 +
High Priority (max. 8)	4 +	3 +	2 +	1 +
Low priority (max. 7)	0 =	3 =	5 =	7 =
Total	10	12	13	14

PERFORMANCE-BASED FP AGREEMENTS

Key principle

*The **more activities** a FP implements and the **better** they are implemented, the **higher** the overall **grant** amount*

FLEXIBILITY – PERFORMANCE TARGETS / ACTIVITY

- ✓ **Performance targets** set for each specific activity
- ✓ **Yearly plan** with **level of execution** of selected activities according **performance target**
- ✓ **Level of execution** of activity adjusted during **reporting season**
- ✓ **Three** categories of **performance targets**:
 - ✓ Known at the end of year (**ex-post**) - performance target is typically a **percentage**
 - ✓ Target is an **absolute number**
 - ✓ Target is an indication whether the activity has been executed (**yes/no**)

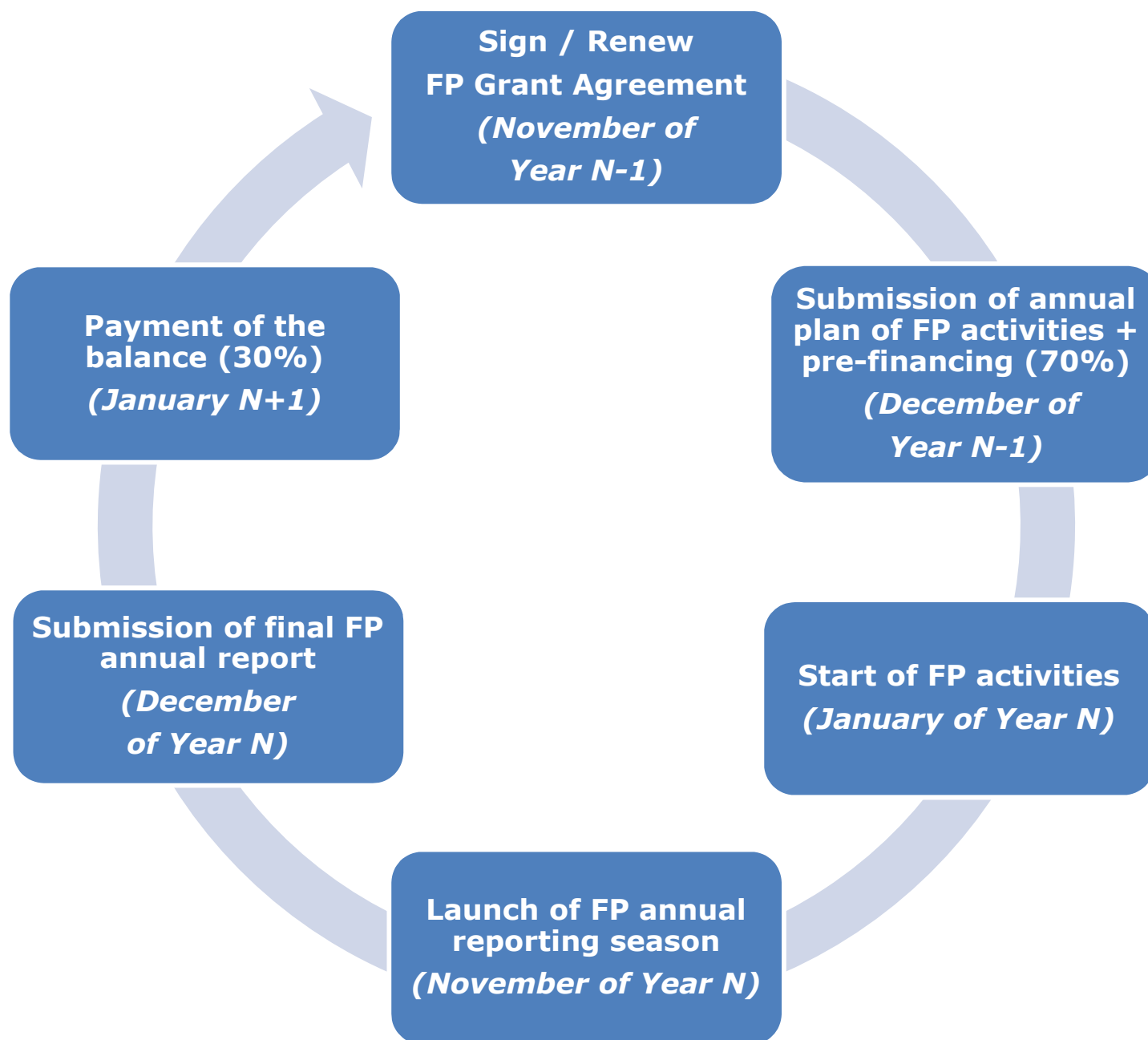
FLEXIBILITY – PERFORMANCE TARGETS / ACTIVITY

Activity (examples)	Priority	Performance Target
Dissemination of requests for information	mandatory	% of requests disseminated within 10 working days
Organisation of national events relevant to EFSA / other FPs	high	Number of events organised during the year
List of national data providers across data domains maintained	low	Yes / No

Note:

*The **relative grant value** of each activity will be paid **proportionally** to meeting the **performance target***

THE FP GRANT AGREEMENT CYCLE



HOW DOES THE FP GRANT CYCLE WORK?

- ✓ FP chooses activities, defines level of execution & submits yearly plan (end of year N-1)
- ✓ 70% of estimated grant is paid at the end of year N-1
- ✓ Deviations from the yearly plan will be indicated during the reporting season (end of year N)
- ✓ Remaining 30% (adjusted, if needed), will be paid at the beginning of year N+1

MAIN QUESTIONS RECEIVED TO DATE

Q1: EFSA services in the area of regulated products

A1: no duplication with APDESK + no contact with applicants + not mandatory

Q2: research / funding oriented actions

A2: promote consortia + no duplication with H2020 contact points + not mandatory

Q3: support on data related matters

A3: improve communication with data providers + on need basis + not mandatory

***Any other questions?
Thank you for your attention!***