



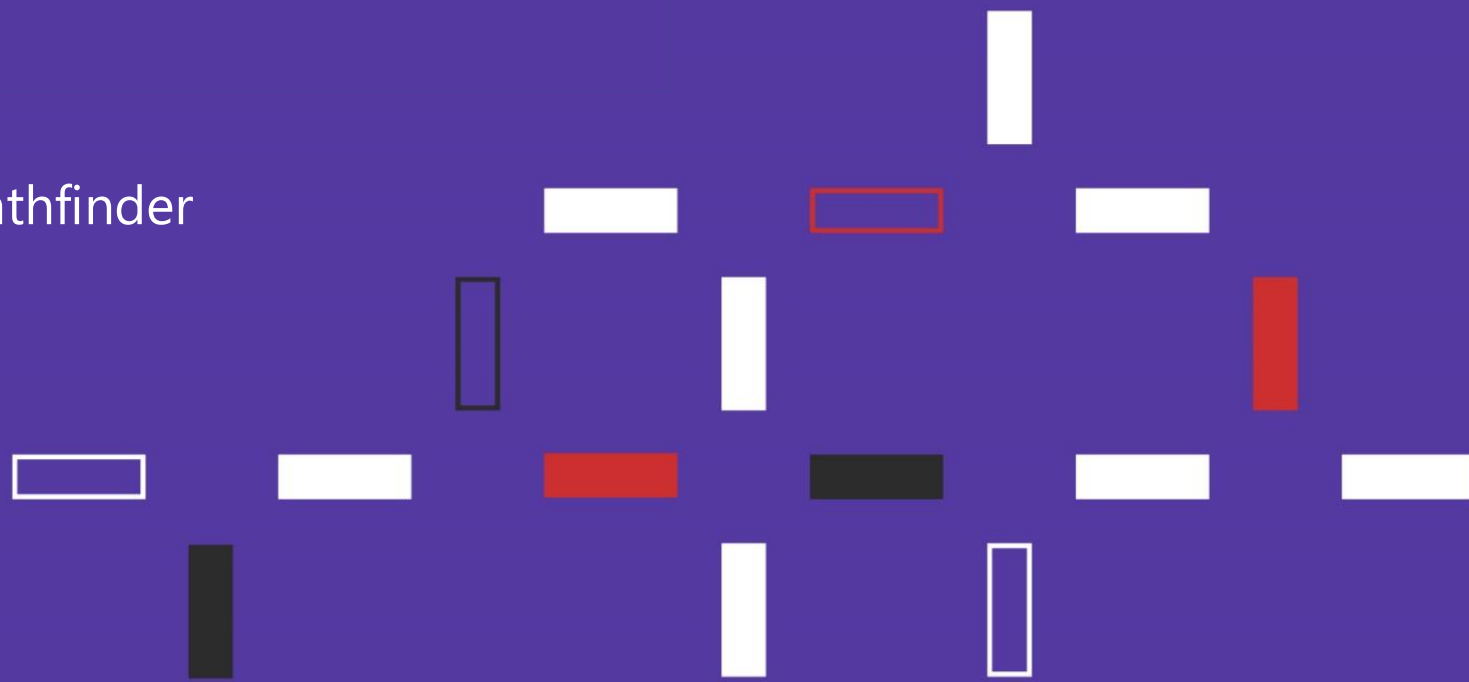
Proactive Management in EIC Pathfinder and Booster Grants

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EIC Pathfinder Beneficiaries' Day

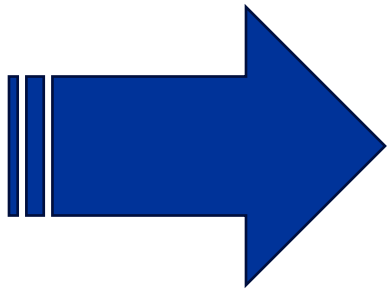
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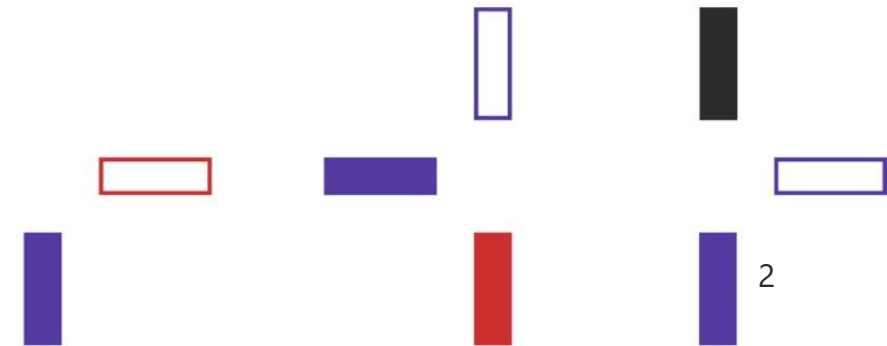
Why Proactive management?



- To support you, researchers and innovators
- To help valorize **Key Exploitable Results** of your project

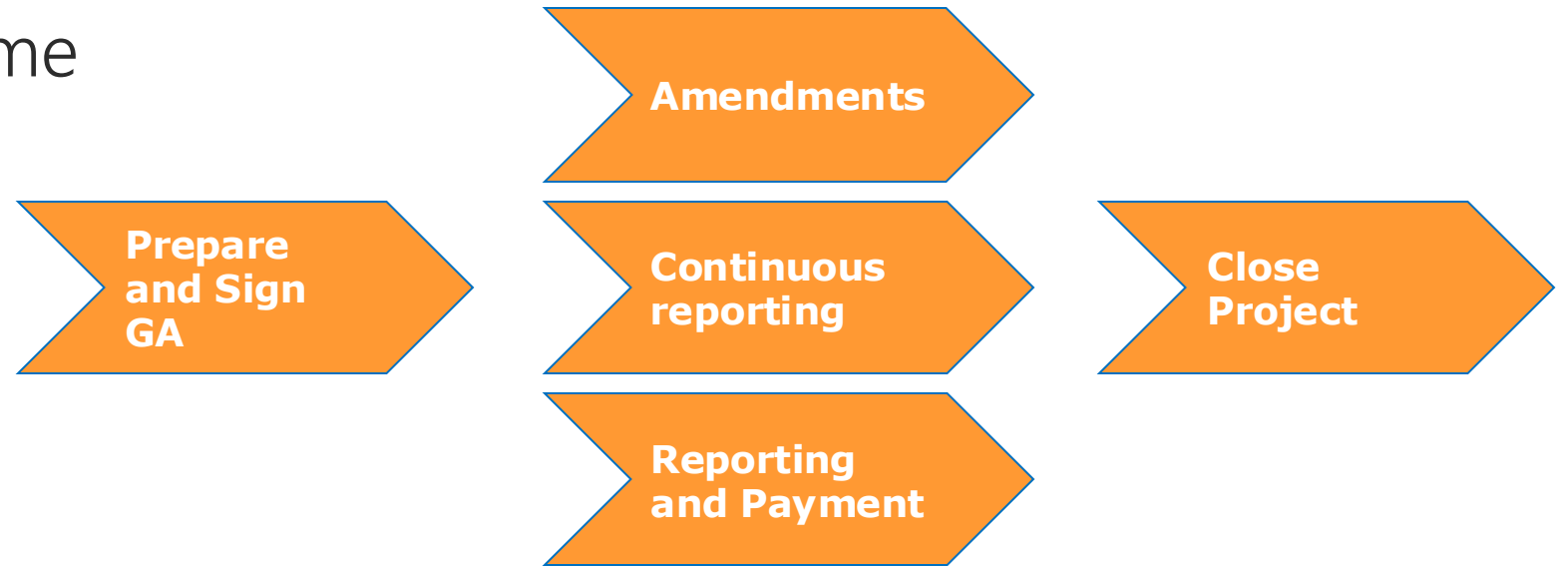


- Recognizing opportunities, readiness
- Help navigating in available services
- Making connections between projects and with services

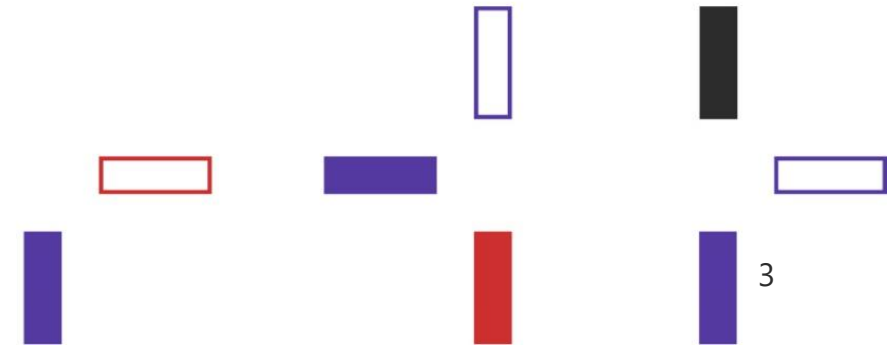




- Along the Project lifetime

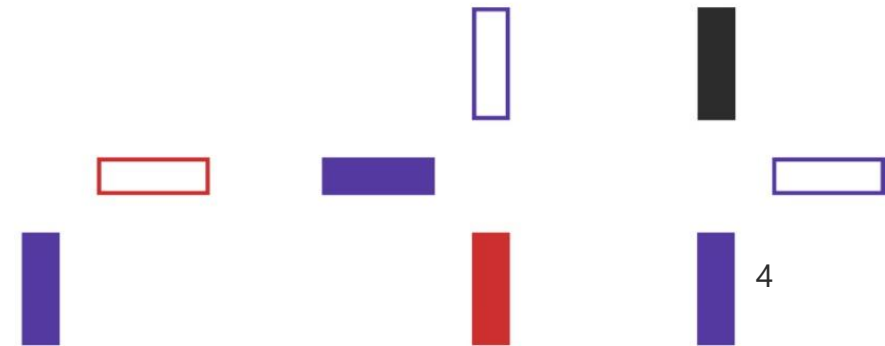


- To support you to be successful in your project
- To watch the grant management obligations





- Especially for EIC Pathfinder Challenges projects
 - Vision for the challenge (starting with the call)
 - Portfolio of projects
 - Portfolio activities (specific workpackage)
- Specific EIC Pathfinder Open projects can also draw the attention of the Programme Manager
 - Option to join a portfolio when in the area of the challenge
 - Thematic portfolio activities

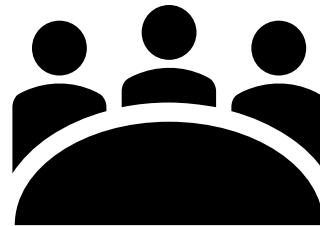




Project Officer

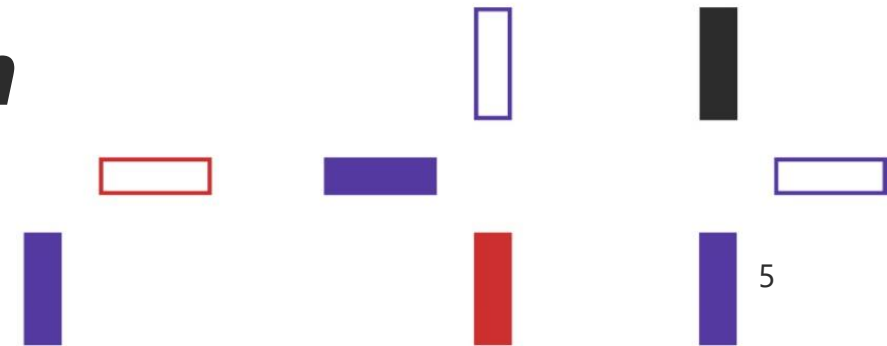
Scientific Monitors

Programme Manager



Innovation Radar Expert

Project Consortium



Review process – your input/preparations (1/2)



- Periodic report
 - Objectives, status of WPs, Impact
 - Update of dissemination and exploitation plan, Open science
 - *Exploitation primarily in non-associated third countries (if applicable)*
 - Deviations
- Financial statements and Use of resources
- Continuous reporting (see next slide)

Project Continuous Report															
ON...	Project Summary	Researchers involved in the project	Deliverables	Milestones	Critical Risks	Publications	Results	Disseminat... activities	Communic... Activities	Standards	Intellectual property rights (IPR)	Datasets	Impact	Impact Continuation	Other Results
PEN-01 OPEN-01	✓	✓	i	i	✓	i	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- Innovation Radar Questionnaire

Review process – your input/preparations (2/2)



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- Continuous reporting (more extensive in HE)
 - Project summary, deliverables, milestones, risks
 - Publications and datasets (open access obligations)
 - Standardisation and patents
 - Dissemination and communication
 - Results (KER) and Impact
 - Identification of the results
 - Identification of the owners (Results Ownership List)
 - Identification of needs to exploit the results

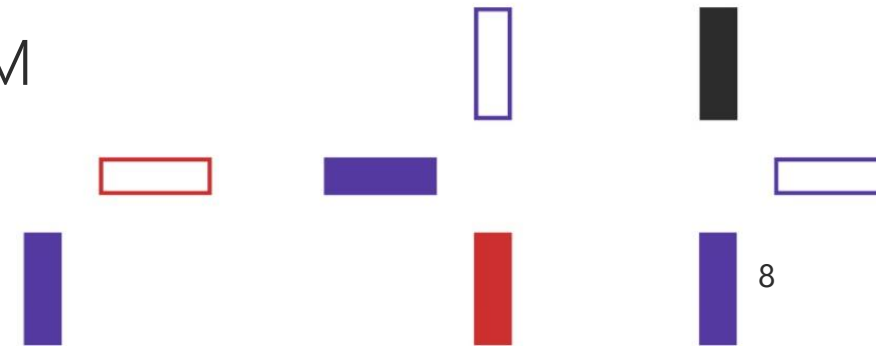
Importance of a signed Consortium Agreement!
Build further on previous reporting

Review process – outcome (1/3)



- Review report and letter (*scientific monitors and PO/PM*)
 - General comments and recommendations
 - EIC specific considerations:
 - EIC follow-up actions; additional EIC grants
 - Prioritize IP protection over dissemination when applicable
 - Stakeholder engagement; translation to innovation; empowering key actors
 - Status of IPR protection and plan for ROI
 - Standardisation aspects
 - D & C; Open Science obligations
 - Ethics
 - If applicable, specific recommendations by PO and PM

OBJECTIVES and WORK PLAN
IMPACT
IMPLEMENTATION
RESOURCES
DELIVERABLES & MILESTONES



Review process – outcome (2/3)

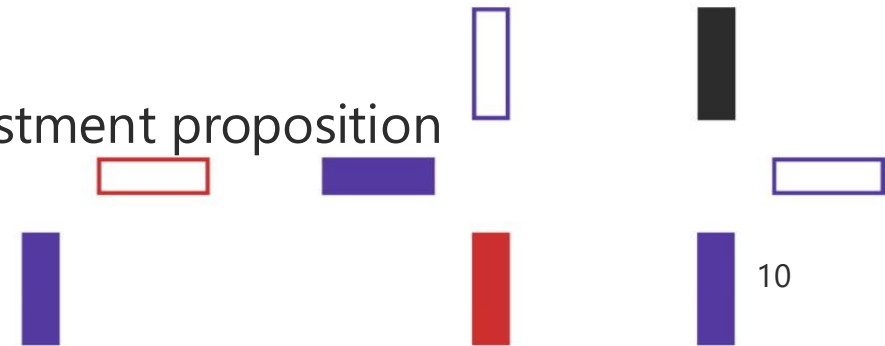


- Innovation Radar Questionnaire (*Innovation Radar Expert*)
 - Identification of innovation(s), type and its status
 - Identification of innovator(s)
 - Identified needs
 - IP and market aspects; potential barriers
 - Recommended follow-up
 - Titles of innovations are published on the EU Innovation Radar Platform
- List your results (Key Exploitable Results) on the Horizon Results Platform (*you*)
 - Just access [Horizon Results Platform](#)

Review process – outcome (3/3)



- Opportunities and navigating the services – Just in time!
 - Tech2Market trainings
 - EIC Business coaching
 - Fast track to EIC Accelerator
 - EIC Transition
 - Specific Business Acceleration Services (BAS)
 - IPR helpdesk
 - The Booster
 - EIC Booster grants (for innovation or portfolio activities)
- Via the Horizon Results Platform:
 - Showcase projects' KER to business partners or investors
 - Allow business partners or investors to discover business/investment proposition
 - Influence policy



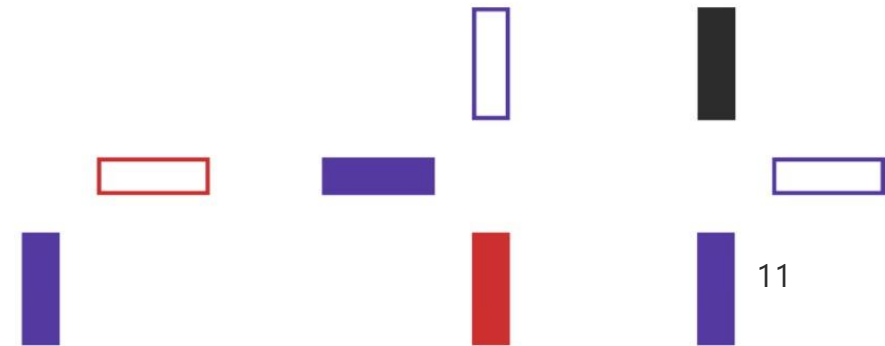


- **Proactive** management tool
- All EIC Pathfinder projects (Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe)
- Up to EUR **50 000** (lumpsum)
- CSA (funding rate 100%)
- **Mono** or **multi** beneficiary(ies)

Eligible **activities** (2 types):

- **Innovation Activities** for exploration of potential pathways to commercialisation
- **Portfolio activities**

Max 3 grants / Pathfinder project



EIC Booster Grants – two types



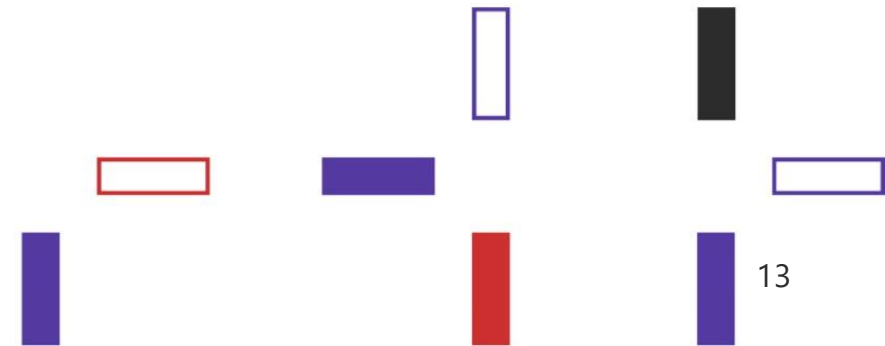
	Type of activities	Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Innovation Activities	market analysis, tech assessment, consolidation of IPR, business case development; spin-off creation, incubator/accelerator support, etc	Timeliness and pertinence of the activities proposed (importance of right TRL for transitioning!)	Potential of the proposed deep-tech innovation to create new market or to solve pressing societal needs / problems	Expertise, capabilities and motivation of the applicants to take this innovation forward to the market
Portfolio activities	Define common objectives and activities, build synergies, engage strategic partners, events, data sharing, visibility of EIC and Portfolio	Contribution of the activity to the objectives of the EIC Portfolio	Timeliness of the activity proposed to maximise its impact	Engagement of EIC Portfolio's projects and relevant external partners



by invitation

Identified beneficiaries will:

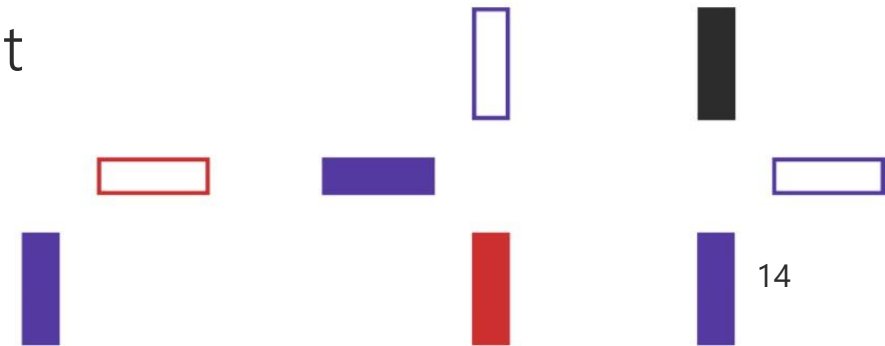
- Receive a letter inviting to submit a proposal
- Prepare a short application: recommended 5 pages for part B of the proposal
- Submit the proposal using the submission link
- Deadline to submit: max. 6 months after reception of the submission link



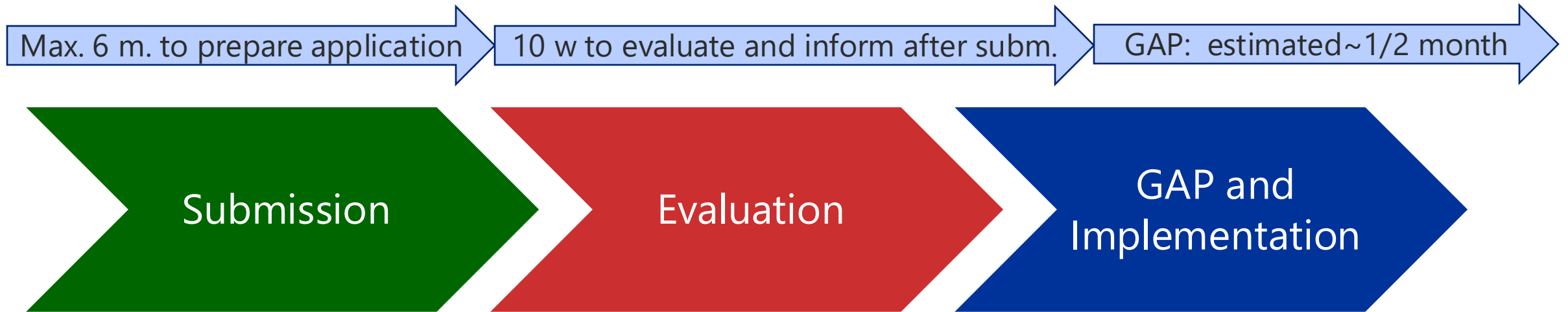
Important aspects to consider



- Cannot fund research activities
- The proposed activities may not yet been foreseen in the original project or covered by other EIC instruments or cannot be done via the available services
- For innovation activities:
 - Ensure ownership or access rights to the project result
 - Appropriateness of the maturity level

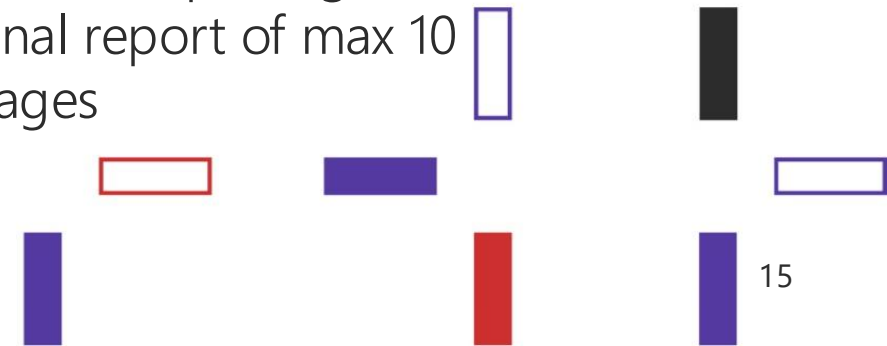


Overview of the process



- Unique submission link
- Based on **decision** and justification **from PMs** (following a review or ad hoc discussion)
- Link sent to identified applicants

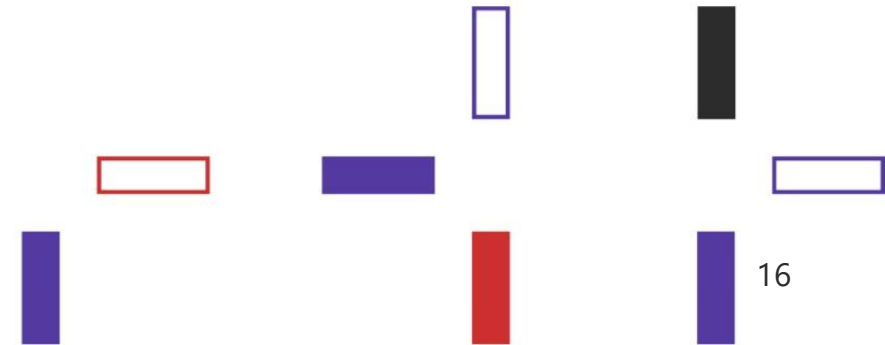
- Simplified GAP
- **Lump sum**
- One workpackage
- Final report of max 10 pages





Proactive Management

- More than just the grant funding
- Seize opportunities
- Access to additional services
- Support from Project Officer, Programme Manager and external experts





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