



Technical assistance opportunities to support ENV investments

New opportunities for building green and greener investments

Directorate-Generals for Environment (DG ENV) and Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM)

Raising awareness and providing assistance to build a solid projects pipeline in each MS

Awareness raising on EU funding for ENV priorities

EU Vademecum and conferences on ENV funding opportunities



Technical assistance targeted support:

- 1) LIFE top-up (InvestEU advisory hub)
- 2) GreenAssist)
- 3) Technical Support Instrument (TSI)
- 4) Peer2Peer TAIEX



Additional Green and Greener Investments

through EU funding (InvestEU guarantees, Cohesion policy funding, RRF, ...) – tracking mechanisms and DNSH



1. Raising awareness: Vademecum on EU funding for ENV

Vademecum on Funding the environment under the 2021-2027 MFF and Next Generation EU

Output 1

- Based on survey of practitioners
- practical, user-friendly online publication presenting all EU environment funding opportunities (both direct and mainstreamed)
- Including TA

30 on-demand online conferences at MS level (June 2022- April 2023)

Output 2

- Themes related to access to funding in MS context (sector, funds, others..)
- On Demand : upon request from MS to Trinomix (consultant)
- Focal points by MS to be designated

2. A dedicated TA from LIFE programme: Why ?

- Need to strengthen the green investments and greening of others
- Set up a pipeline of bankable green projects
- In the context of the € 10 billion natural capital and circular economy initiative (InvestEU)
- Earmarked allocation of € 50 million funded from the  program
- Built on the lessons learned by the Natural Capital Financial Facility (NCFF)

*InvestEU
Guarantee F*

*InvestEU
Advisory Hub*

*InvestEU
Portal*

InvestEU pillars

2. A dedicated TA from LIFE: What ? (1)

Target the environmental sectors with special attention to:

- *Nature and ecosystem-based solutions to contribute to environmental improvement, enhanced biodiversity, ecosystem resilience as well as climate change adaptation;*
- *Investments in the waste sector which contribute to a transitioning to circular and sustainable economy;*
- *Investments and activities contributing to the protection and conservation of terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems and their services, including soils, biodiversity and water cycle conservation/regeneration; investments in the water sector which aim supporting the implementation of the EU water legislation;*
- *Green- and blue-infrastructure*

2. A dedicated TA from LIFE: What ? (2)

Significantly improve the environmental performance of projects in other sectors:

- *In particular energy, transport, bio economy, blue economy and broadband*
- *Includes investments that upgrade or replace traditional infrastructure and corporate investments combining natural capital and circular solutions*

Support the uptake of green investments by:

- *Encouraging and supporting blending and combined use of funds*
- *Providing trainings, capacity building, market development and close-to-market products in the field*

2. A dedicated TA from LIFE: How ?

Earmarked allocation of € 50 million funded from the LIFE programme



EU Advisory Hub TOP-UP

€20 million

- *Contributing to establish green pipeline*
- *Targeting both environment sectors and mainstreaming environment in others*
- *Promoting blending with LIFE projects and combined use of fund*

By EIB and advisory/implementing partners

GREEN ASSIST

€30 million

- *Support green structured finance services with dedicated roster of Experts*
- *Greening traditional investments*
- *Developing deep green investments*
- *Providing trainings, capacity building, market development and close-to-market products*

By CINEA

3. Focus on: “GREEN ASSIST”

- Objective of GREEN ASSIST: provide access to Advisory Services that enable beneficiaries to prepare green/greener investment projects, across diversified sectors and private & public beneficiaries,
- On demand, customized (ie on-the-ground & hands-on) Advisory Services that effectively result in the generation of a pipeline of Green Investment projects,
- CINEA, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, is in charge of managing this advisory initiative,
- GREEN ASSIST is essentially a process for building up pools of expertise, and then mobilizing this expertise to directly provide advisory services, matching the needs of eligible incoming requests for advisory,
- Implemented by Contractors, selected under a Framework Contract,

GREEN ASSIST Framework Contract

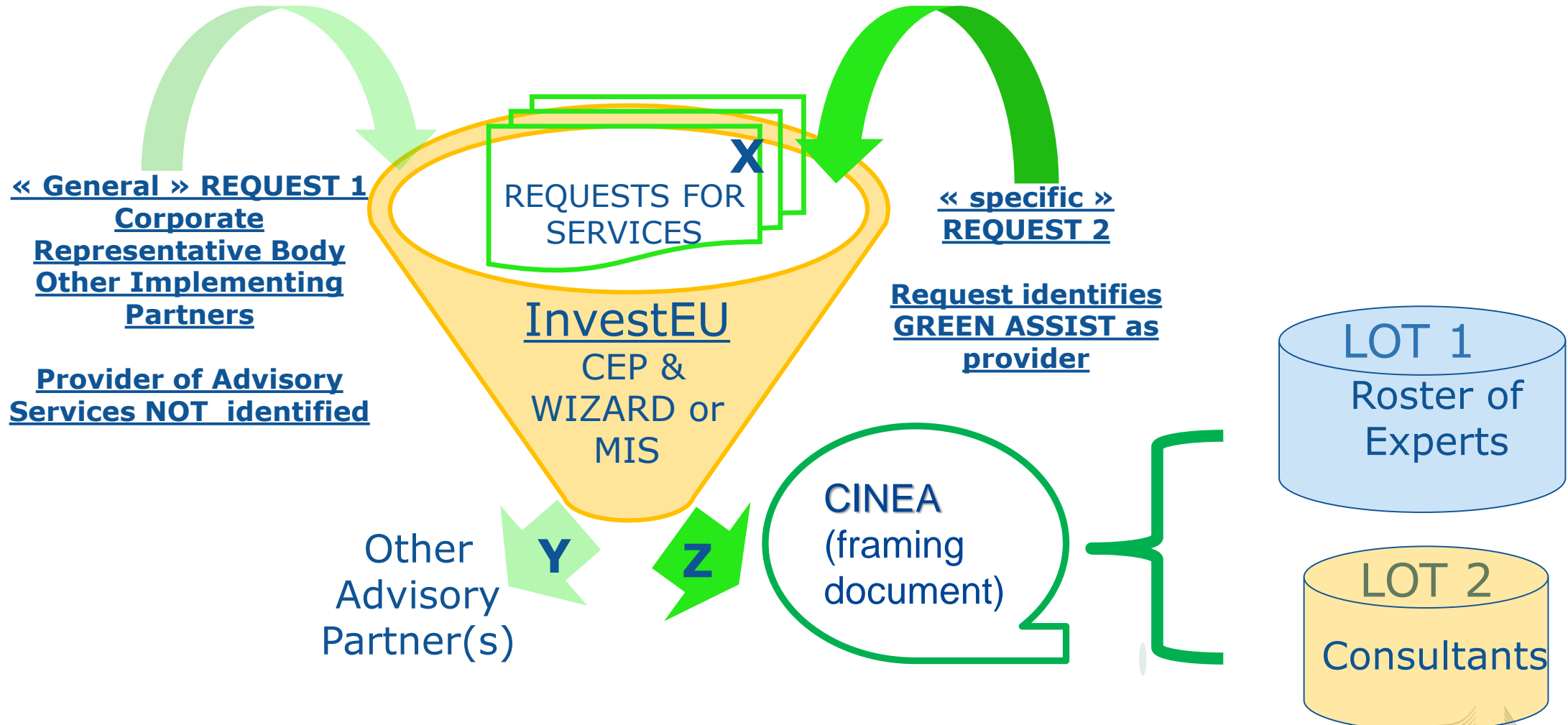
LOT 1 Single Framework Contract

- **Management of Advisory Services**
- Management of **Roster of Experts**
- **Analysis** of incoming Requests for advisory services for green investment
- **Matching** Expert contracting & supervision
- **Monitoring, reporting & communication**
- **Budget 22,5 M€**

LOT 2 Multiple Framework Contract, reopening to competition

- **Advisory services provided by Contractors**
 - Capacity building
 - Market development studies
 - Green investment advisory services
- Tasks consists in **provision** of these services, **including** audience mapping, review of **business model**, and communication.
- **Budget 7,5 M€**

GREEN ASSIST: Submission & allocation process



GREEN ASSIST: Campaign for Experts

- **Roster: Overall Target: several hundreds of experts, across sectors and geographies**
- **Targeted Profiles**
 - **Sectoral Expertise**
 - **Thematic expertise**
- **Next milestones:**
 - **Launch of campaign** (Social Media, CINEA web page, others)
 - **Roster Population**

GREEN ASSIST: Where Environmental & Managing Authorities can help...

➤ Communication Campaign for Experts: Spread the word!

➤ CINEA's GREEN ASSIST web page: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/green-advisory-service-sustainable-investments-support-green-assist_en

➤ #GREEN ASSIST on Social media: e.g.



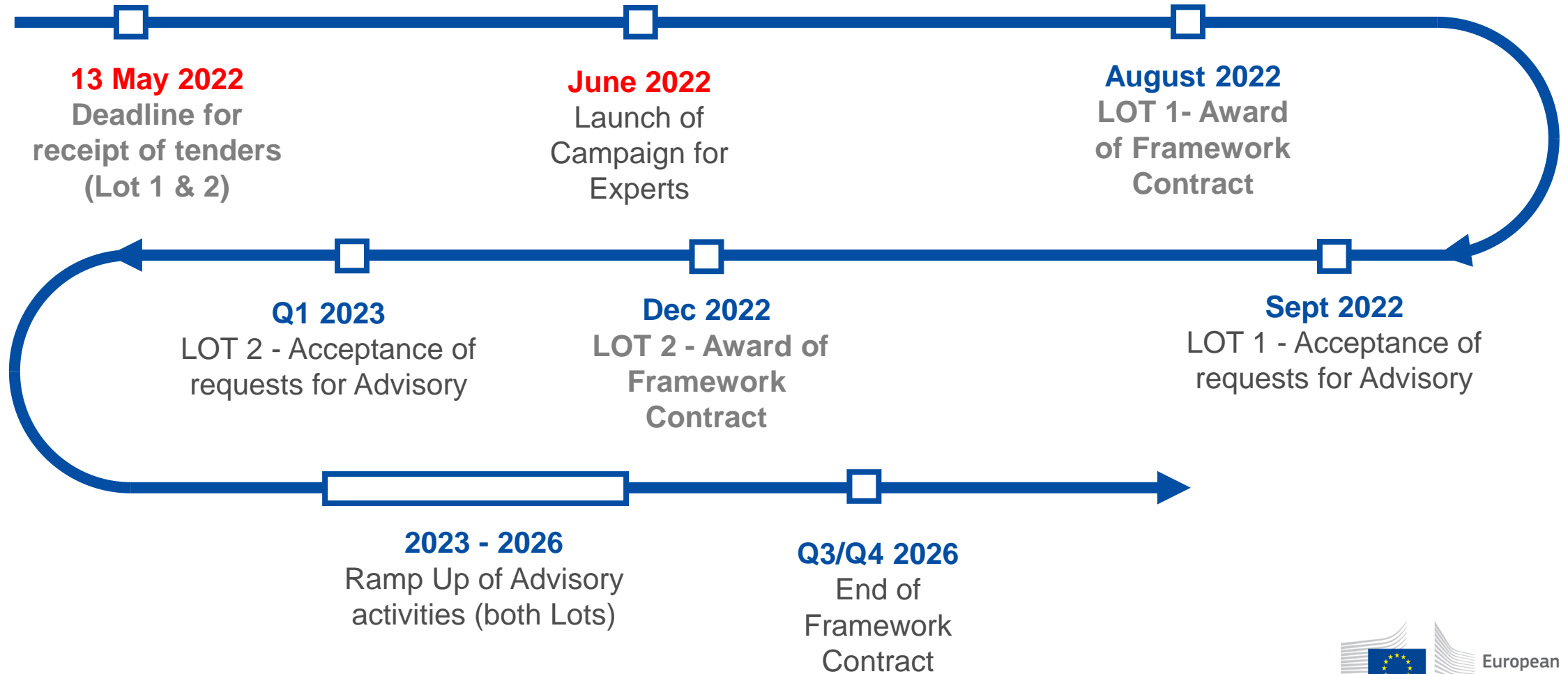
➤ With regard to potential beneficiaries:

➤ Play a proactive role in the identification of projects and beneficiaries

➤ Make sure that Advisory Services requested relate to a credible project or activity, with clear boundaries and focus

➤ Aligned with GREEN ASSIST's objectives, "making the difference"!

GREEN ASSIST: Time planning





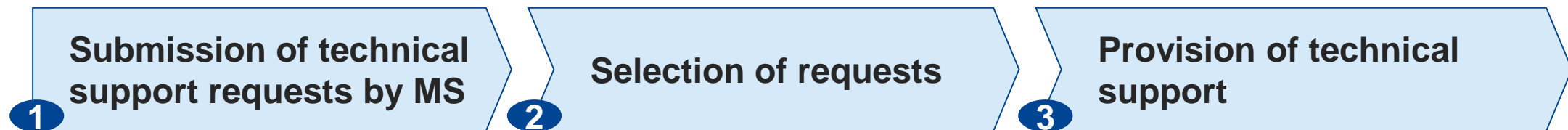
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TECHNICAL SUPPORT INSTRUMENT

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1. Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

- TSI provides **tailor-made technical expertise** to EU Member States to **design & implement reforms**
- Support is provided **upon request** and **does not require any co-financing** – for the period 2021-2027, the TSI has a budget of EUR 864 million
- TSI is an important pillar of the **EU Recovery Plan**
- It can cover **all reform phases**, from design to implementation & evaluation, across **wide range of areas**



Direct provision

European Commission's in-house expertise



Indirect provision

Other international organisations
Member States' experts
Private sector experts

1. Wide range of green reform areas covered

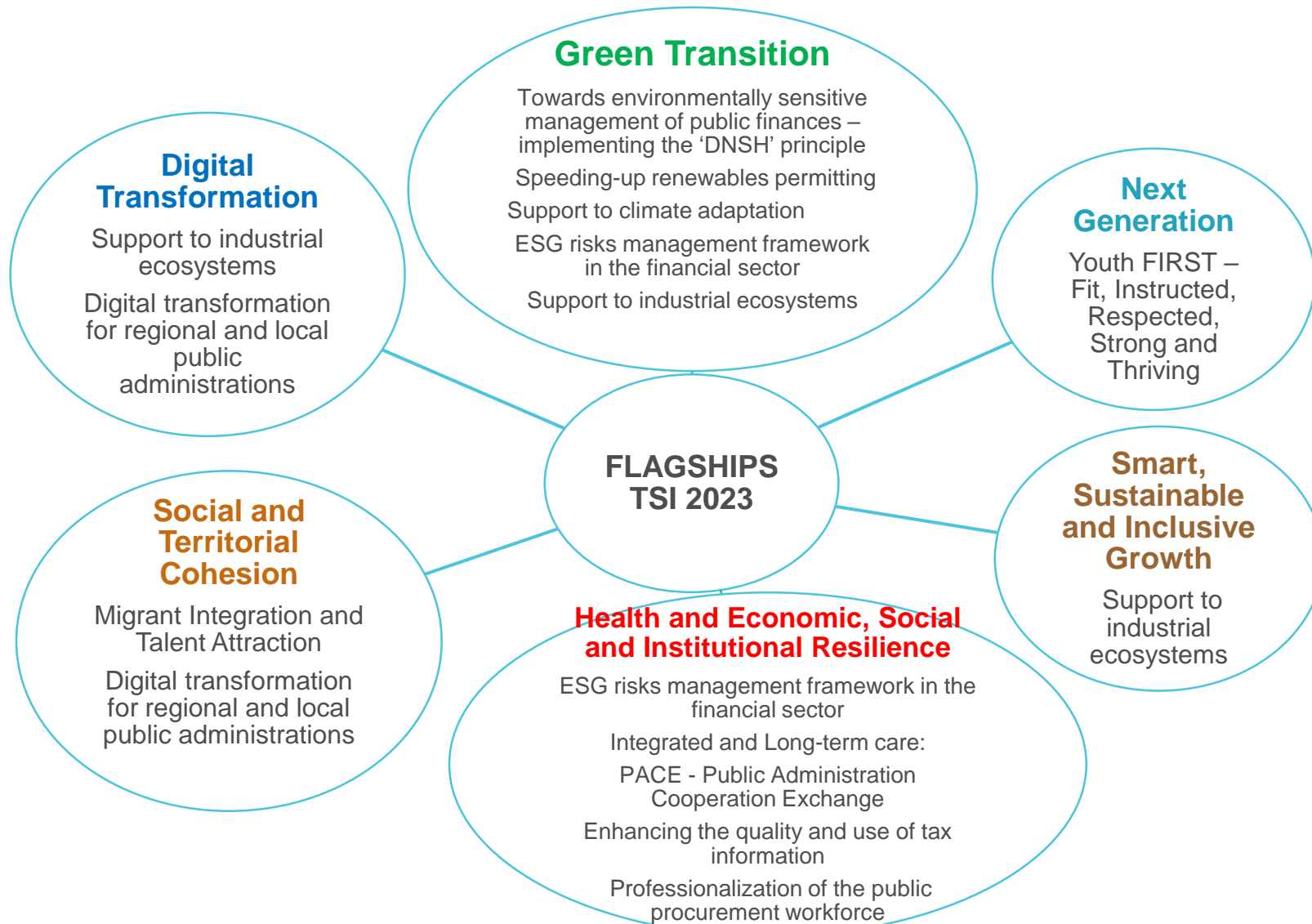


“ Faced with climate change and environmental degradation, Member States need to design and implement reforms that support the green transition and contribute to achieving the goals of the European Green Deal. DG REFORM helps Member States respond to these challenges where reforms are needed.”

MARIO NAVA

Director-General
of DG REFORM

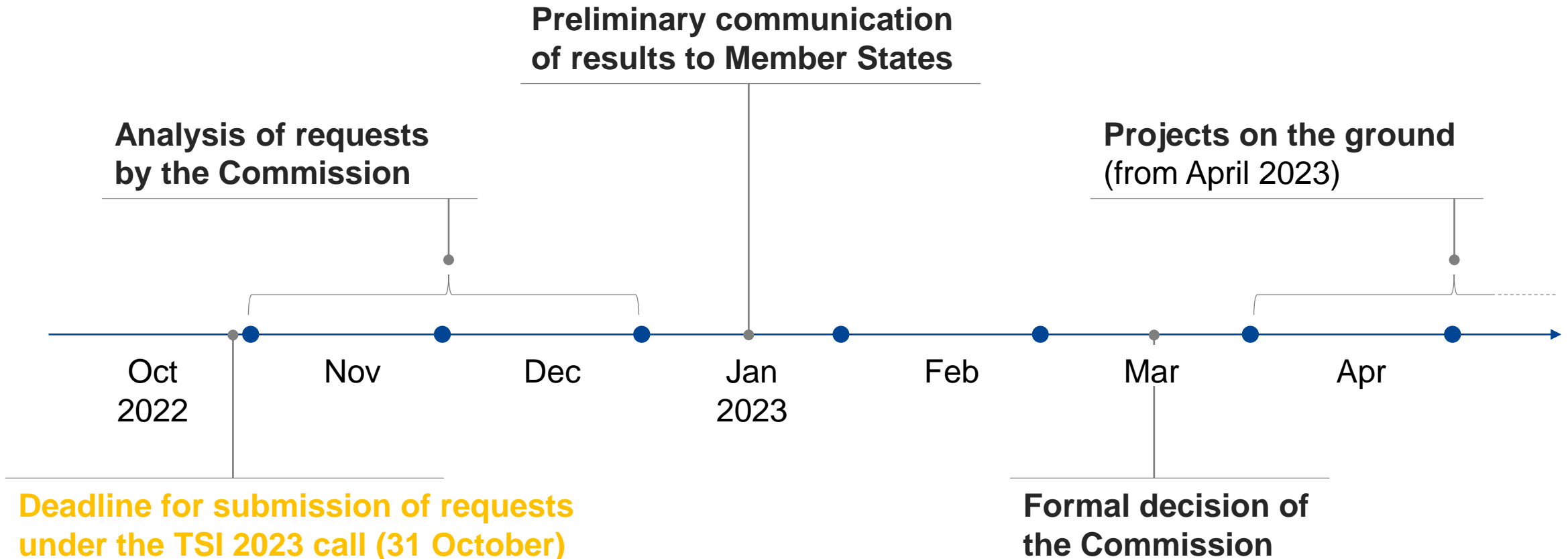
1. TSI Flagship technical support projects



- Flagship technical support projects are **projects proactively proposed by DG REFORM** that:
 - Are **largely needed across Member States**
 - Meet a top **EU / Commission priority**
 - Are designed in a way that **can easily be fitted to various national contexts**
- Their uptake is **voluntary**

!! Requests for support outside of flagships (for any other green area) can also be requested. !!

1. TSI 2023 – Selection of the requests – timeline



Deadline for submission of requests under the TSI 2023 call (31 October)

⚠ Request to be submitted through Coordinating Authorities



1. Flagship Technical Support project Implementing the 'DNSH' principle

- Enhanced capacities to apply DNSH principle to public investments through EU & national funds/programmes
- Higher quality and sustainability of public spending through integration of the DNSH principle in national public financial management (directing more public investments towards green)

✓ **Assessment of the extent to which and how the DNSH principle is to be applied to different EU and national funds and programmes and defining the scope of application for the TSI project**

✓ **Review of existing legal framework and guidelines at national level for the application of DNSH for related EU and national funds and programmes**

✓ **Development of national guidelines for implementing the DNSH principle in practice in EU and/or national funds and programmes defined in the first work package**

✓ **Pilot implementation of national DNSH guidelines in a selected number of investments/sectors**

✓ **Development of in-depth sector-specific case studies on operationalizing the DNSH principle, building upon the RRF DNSH Technical Guidance**

✓ **Identification of options for further integration of the DNSH principle in public financial management systems**

✓ **Peer-learning and exchange of practices between EU Member States**



1. Flagship Technical Support project Support to Climate Adaptation

- Adaptation solutions take many shapes and forms, depending on the unique context of a country or region
- There is no 'one-size-fits-all-solution'
- We propose **5 technical support packages** that Member States and regions can choose from and tailor to the national and local contexts

Prevention of **wildfires, floods, droughts** and other climate-induced disasters

Preparation, update and implementation of **adaptation strategies and action plans**

Improvement of **Climate risk assessment** and stress testing

Implementation of **nature-based solutions**

Improvement of **spatial and land-use planning** as well as **coastal and mountain protection**

1. How and where to submit TSI requests

- **Factsheets** on the 2 flagship projects are available on DG REFORM websites:
 - [Implementing the “DNSH” principle](#)
 - [Support to climate adaptation](#)
- **Templates** for request for support under the 2 flagships will soon be available on the websites
- **General TSI template** can be used to request support outside of thematic flagships (link to the template coming soon)
- Information about the **TSI Annual Conference on 5 May 2022** with information on the application process can be found [here](#)
- **Requests need to be sent to national Coordinating Authority** (each country has its own internal deadlines)
- To contact us:
 - Implementing the “DNSH” principle flagship: REFORM-B1@ec.europa.eu
 - Support to climate adaptation flagship: REFORM-B3@ec.europa.eu

On Twitter, [@EU_reforms](#)



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TAIEX Peer to Peer

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1.TAIEX EIR Peer2Peer

Peer Learning tool for environmental authorities

- ✓ **Peer 2 Peer:** Networking between Member States and beneficiary officials
- ✓ **Demand driven & tailor-made:** Adapted to environmental authorities' needs; swift response; flexible
- ✓ **Short-term assistance:** Long-term effect

EXPERT MISSIONS



WORKSHOPS

STUDY VISITS



59 events carried out
30 workshops
15 expert missions
14 study visits
2 000+ participants involved
250+ experts mobilised
3 formats available : physical, virtual, hybrid

Already...

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p/index_en.htm
(Past and upcoming events)

1. TAIEX EIR P2P events

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/TMSWebRestrict/resources/js/app/#/applicationform/home>

Existing material from recent events (agendas, ppt presentations)

- *EL: Nature-based solutions to address floods in protected areas*
- *RO: Sustainable forest management*
- *EU: Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water & Soil*
- *CY: Best practices in applying Art. 6(3) of the Habitats Directive*
- *DE/ ENCORE: Climate adaptation and blue infrastructure; examples across European regions*
- *BE:/NL: Circular public procurement training*

Upcoming events

- *ES/IT: Study Visit – Textile, Periurban farming (13-15/6/2022)*
- *PT/IT: Study Visit – Noise Maps and Action Plans (15-16/6/2022)*
- *LU: Workshop on EMAS (28-30/9/2022)*
- *EU: Flagship on new Biowaste requirements (19-20/9/2022)*
- *PT/IT: Study Visit – Implementation UWWT Directive & water reuse in agriculture*

LEAFLETS
available translated
in all EU languages

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p/index_en.htm
(Online Application)

Questions & Answers

Thank you !