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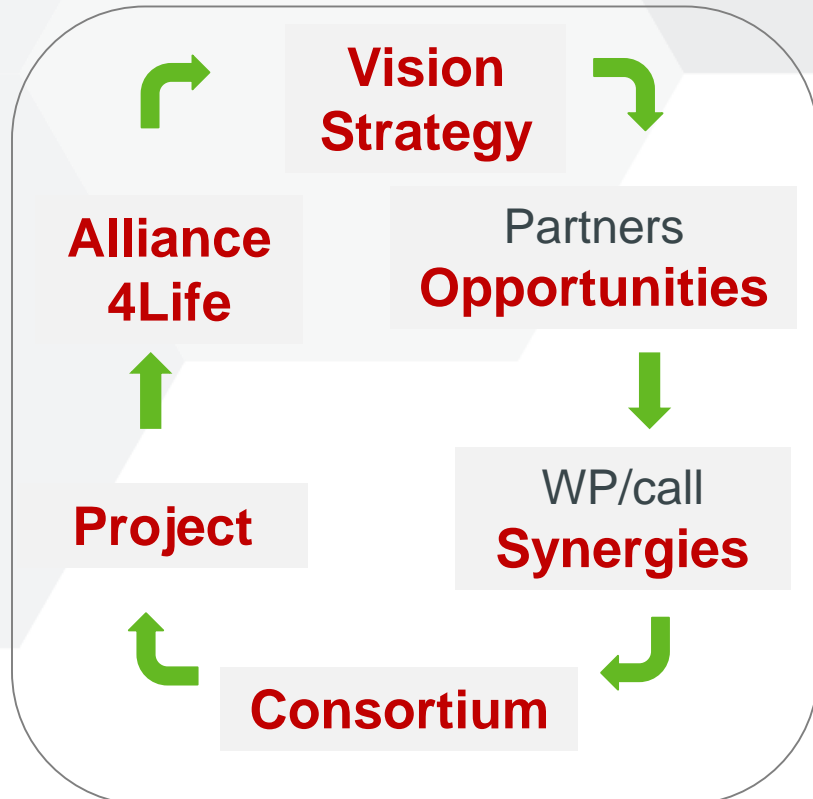
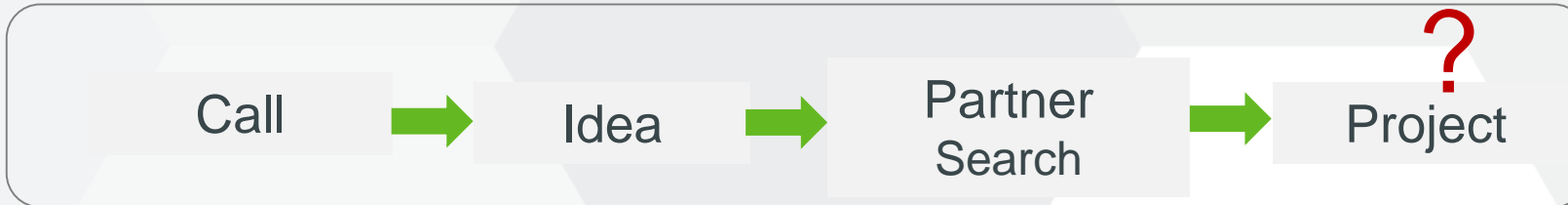
Alliance4Life Kick-off meeting



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From Strategy to Project



- CEITEC MU Strategy 2020
- Contacts and long-term profile in the field
- NCPs network and Programme Committee
- Lessons from existing and finished projects
- Proposal /topic presentation in Brussels
- Personal meetings, teleconferences
- Professional proposal writing (in-house grant office at CEITEC MU)

Vision and opportunities

- **UNESCO Sustainability Science Workshop** (Warsaw, September 2015)
Status and Trends of Science Policy in Central and Eastern Europe (Jiří Nantl)
- **CEITEC membership in EU-LIFE**
- **CEITEC 2020 Strategy** (January 2016)
- **WP Health 2018-2020** („Scoping paper“ – end of 2016)
New topic suggestion: „**Life Science Alliance to address peculiar barriers in EU-13**“
- **Projects implemented based on previous calls**
HCO 14 – 2014: Bridging the divide in European health research and innovation
- **EC recommendation to use the already existing call**
SC1-HCO-08-2017 – **Actions to bridge the divide in European health research and innovation**

Long-term profile of CEITEC MU in the field

- **FP7 Capacities** (2 REGPOT, Regions of Knowledge)
- **Horizon2020** – Widening (ERA Chair, 3 Twinning)
- 22.4.2015 – **Lunch debate at the European Commission**
 - Coordinator's presentation “**Synergies case study – CEITEC Masaryk University**“
- 11.10.2016 – **WIDE Net Symposium**
 - Coordinator's presentation “**Strategy & Synergies in Research Funding at Institutional Level**“
- 23.11.2016 – **SECID – Spreading Excellence and Crossing Innovation Divide**
 - Mary O'Connel's presentation on mobility (ERA chair at CEITEC MU)
- ...

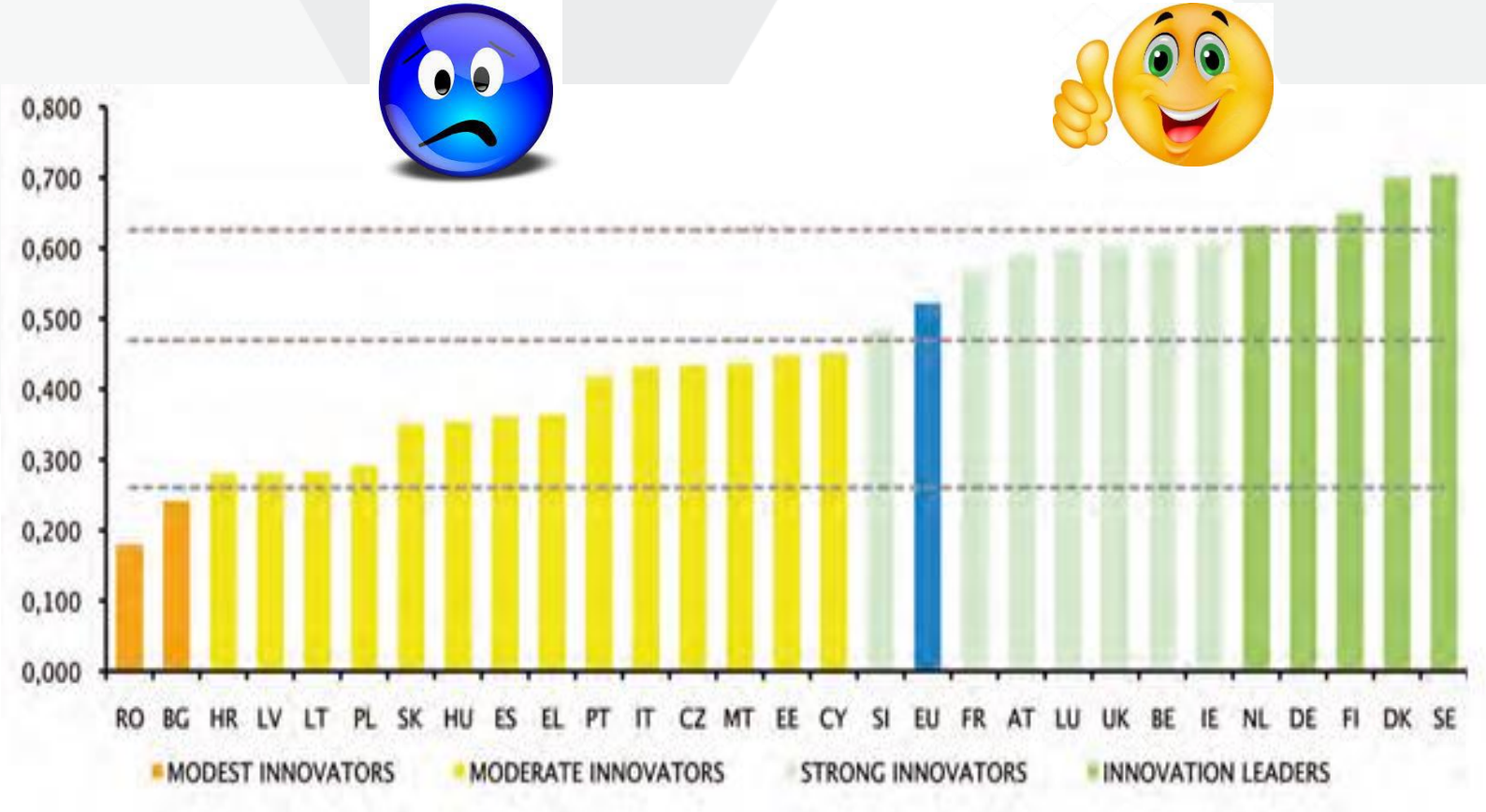
Alliance to address the EU challenges

“We need national reforms in EU-13, but they will take long time. Can we afford to be patient and wait for national reforms? Research institutions can take their own responsibility!”

Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General for Research and Innovation

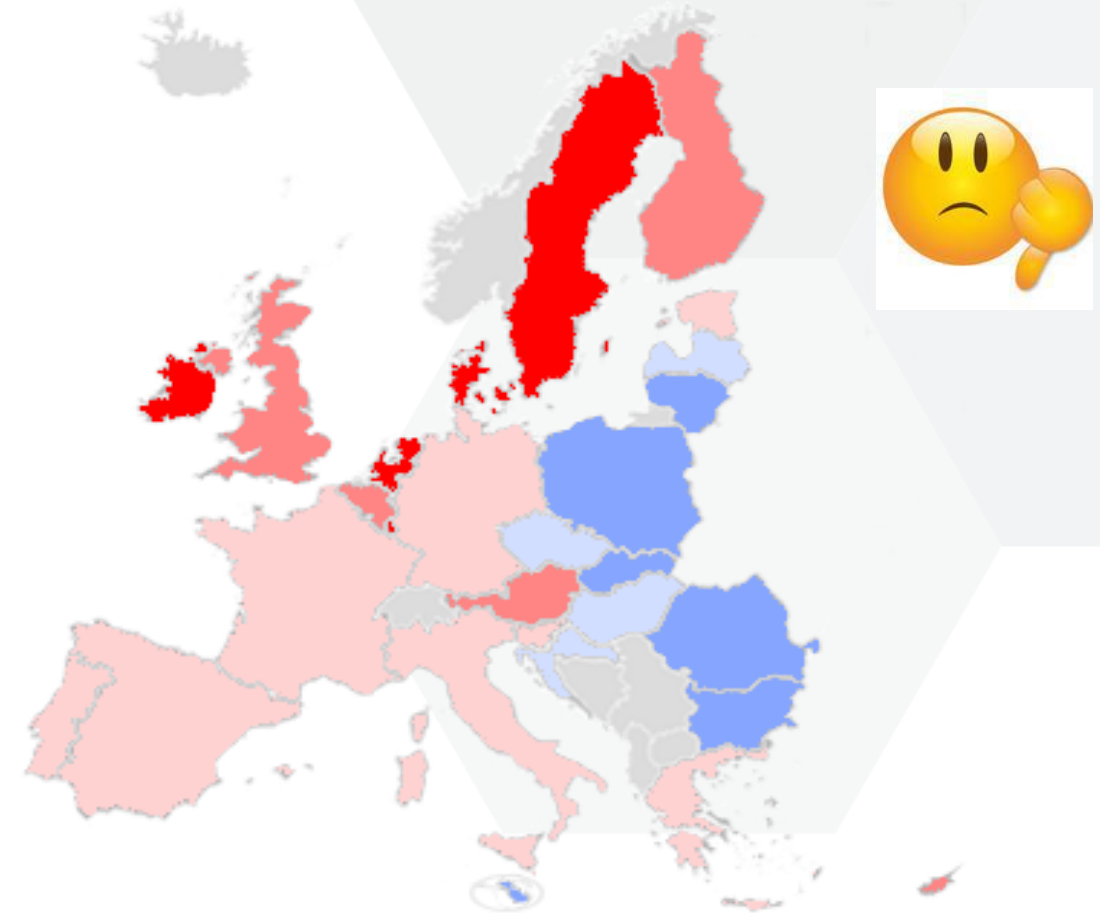
(EU conference on Spreading excellence and closing innovation divide, SECID 2016)

Challenge No. 1 – Innovation divide in the EU

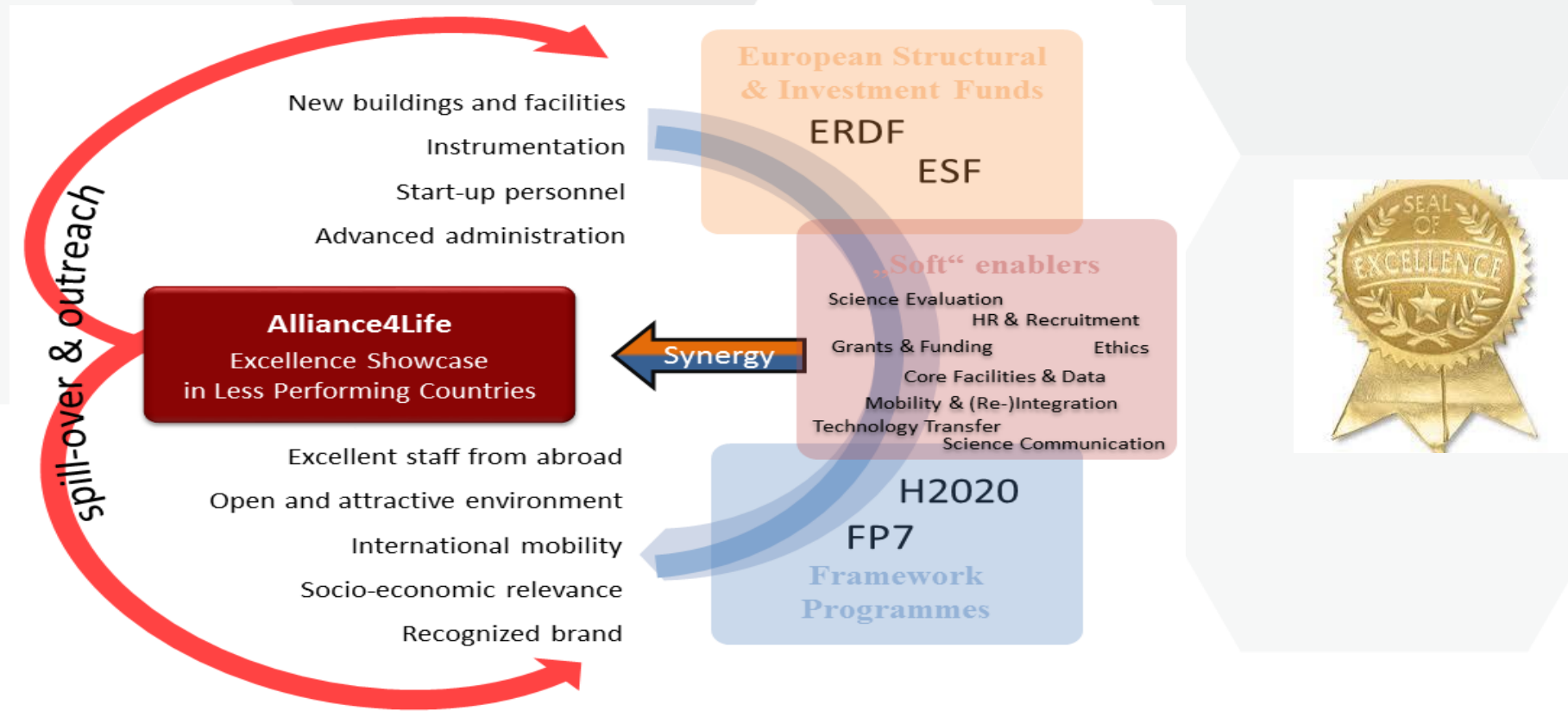


Challenge No. 2 – Participation in H2020

Member State	No. of participations	Awarded funding (EUR)	Awarded funding (EUR) per inhabitant
SI	35	7 028 994	3,41
EE	17	3 808 598	2,89
LV	16	2 217 011	1,13
HR	14	3 365 567	0,80
HU	32	7 856 382	0,80
CZ	31	7 841 829	0,74
PL	49	13 304 178	0,35
SK	12	1 661 867	0,31
LT	2	197 917	0,07



Challenge No. 3 – Synergies H2020/ESIF



Building consortium and project

- **Dec 2016** – Cooperation with **NCPs and Delegates of EU-13**
Presentations at the pre-meeting and meeting of SC1 HEALTH Programme Committee
- **Jan 2017** – **Recommendation** of leading institutions from **NCPs a delegates; WoS benchmark**, addressing resulting institutions **via NCPs**
- **Feb 2017** – **First teleconference** of the Consortium
- **March 2017** – **Visits: BMC SAV Director** at CEITEC MU; Coordinator's visits to Baltic countries (**Tartu, Riga, Vilnius**)
- **April 11th, 2017** – **Proposal submission** (call deadline)
- **April 2017** – Coordinator's **visits to Ljubljana**
- **July 28th, 2017** – **Evaluation result**: 15 points and the best project of the call

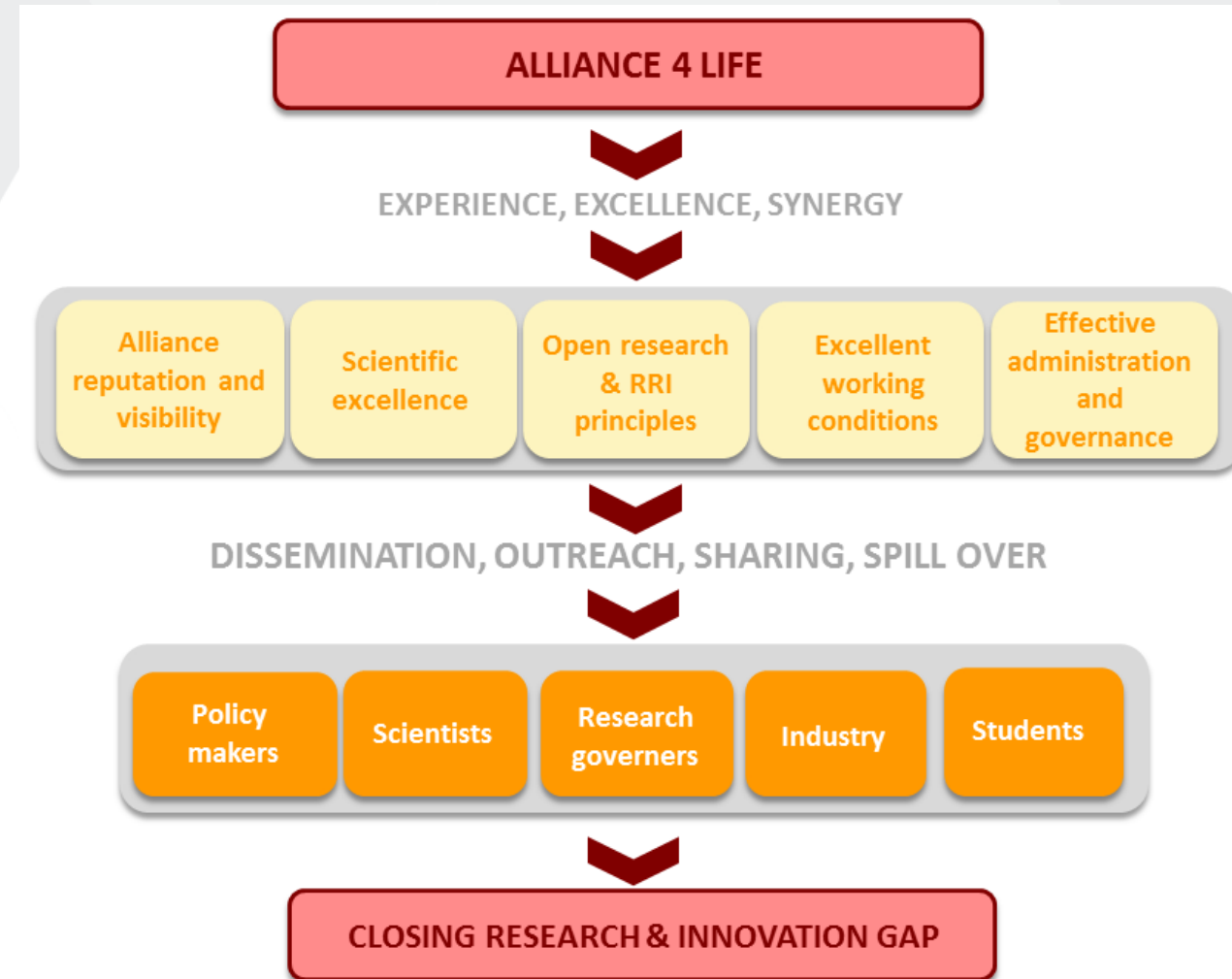
Alliance4Life project in a nutshell



- **Title:** Alliance for Life Sciences
- **Funding scheme:** Horizon2020 / Health, demographic change and well-being
- **Duration:** 1.1.2018 –31.12.2020
- **Budget:** EUR 945 000
- **Consortium:** 10 institutions from 9 countries of EU-13
 - **7 Universities:** Masaryk University – CEITEC (Brno), Medical University of Łodz, School of Medicine – University of Zagreb, University of Tartu, Vilnius University – Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana, Semmelweis University (Budapest)
 - **2 Research institutes:** Biomedical centre SAV (Bratislava), Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis (Riga)
 - **1 Research institute / Hospital:** St. Anne's University Hospital Brno/ International Clinical Research Center – FNUSA-ICRC (Brno)

Alliance4Life aims

- First ever **bottom-up action of EU-13** aimed at closing the health research and innovation divide through mutual learning, sharing practical experience and receiving feedback from high performing research institutions
- Ambition to serve as a **role model for others**



Long-term objectives

Build a strong profile and reputation of Alliance4Life

- Seek for and support collaborations through **coordinated approach**; identify, support and fully **utilize talent and ambition concentrated in EU-13**;
- **Achieve recognition** across European and international scientific community
- Contribute to national and European **research policies**

Leadership in science, governance, education and innovation

- Attract and help grow **scientific leaders**, adopt best practice for **postgraduate education and training**, IP protection and knowledge & technology transfer
- **Serve as a role model** and source of inspiration within the EU-13 national scientific landscapes

Long-term objectives (2/2)

Excellent working conditions

- Share and adopt coherent, transparent, fair and supportive conditions for employees (**HR policy**, career plans, **work-life balance** and gender equality principles)

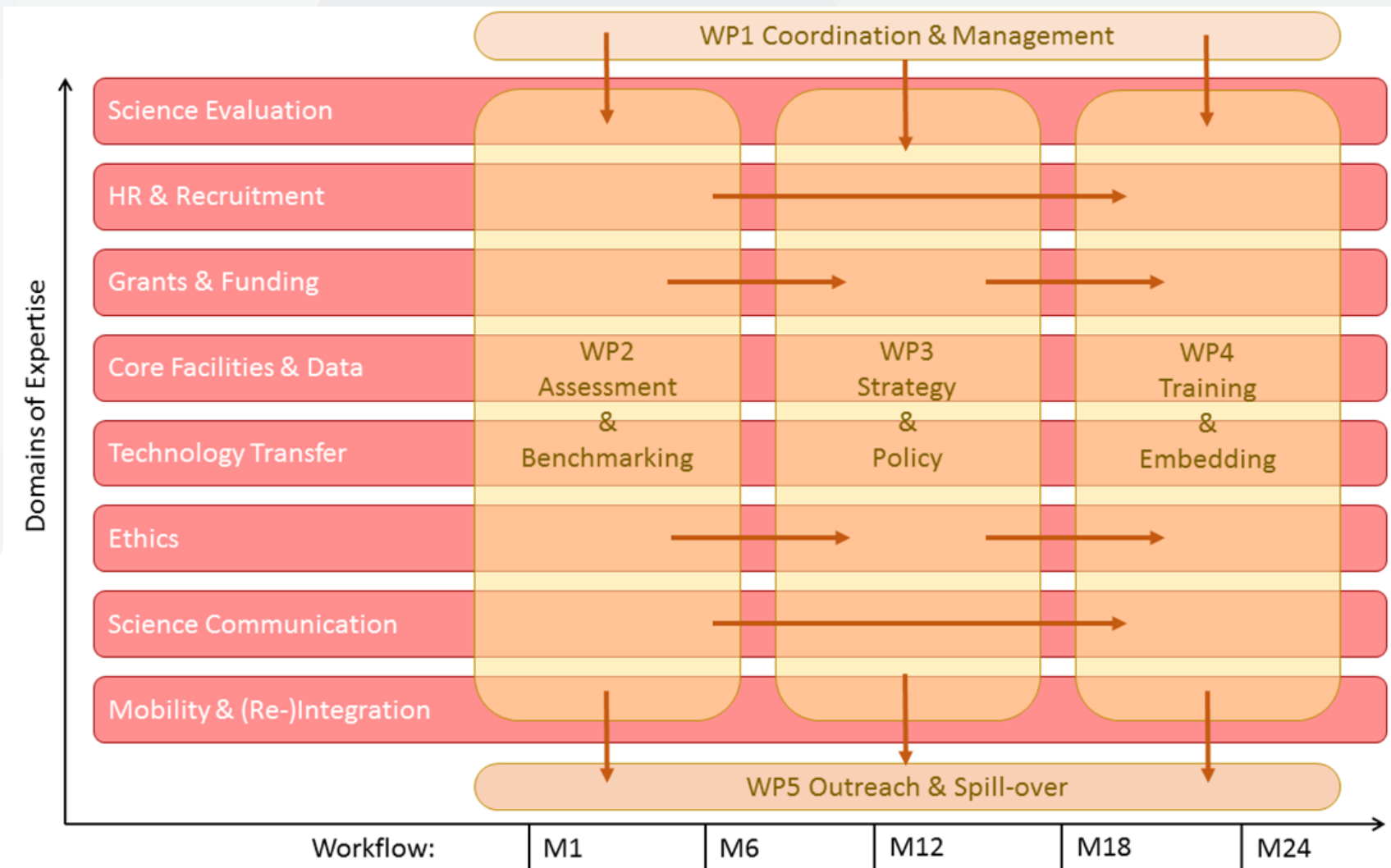
Effective administration and good governance

- Share good practice to achieve **efficient and client-oriented administration** and operations

Alliance open to its environment and society

- Increase and **intensify academic and community collaborations** (scientific events, outreach activities, interactions with industry, science communication, open science, etc.)

Alliance4Life – Innovative Concept



WP1
COORDINATION & MANAGEMENT (MU)
STRATEGY BOARD & FOCUS GROUPS

WP2
ASSESSMENT & BENCHMARKING (LIOS)

- Identifying determinants of/ barriers to success
- Benchmarking with existing networks
- Inventory of best practice

WP3
STRATEGY & POLICY (UT)

- Alliance4Life common strategy
- Institutional strategies & Action plans
- Influencing national and European R&I policies

WP4
TRAINING & EMBEDDING (ICRC)

- Training modules covering relevant Focus Groups
- Engaging scientific community
- Alliance4Life formal establishment

OUTREACH & SPILL-OVER (MU)
STRATEGY, PLAN, NATIONAL ROUNDTABLES
WP5

Alliance4Life Project Meetings (1/2)

M6 (06/2018) **Meeting in Bratislava/Smolenice, Slovakia;** Main Aims:

- To **identify determinants of / barriers to success**
- To **assess the health R&I performance of Alliance4Life members** against identified benchmarks, (*WP2 – Assessment & Benchmarking*)

M12 (12/2018) **Mid-term project meeting in Riga, Latvia;** Main Aims:

- To **identify best practice** replicable in the context of less performing countries (*WP2 – Assessment & Benchmarking*)
- To **select actions** that may be taken on to (national) policy level as enabling tools increasing efficiency of (synergic) funding (*WP3 – Strategy and Policy*)

Alliance4Life Project Meetings (2/2)

- **M18** (06/2019) **Meeting in Zagreb, Croatia**
- FGs will elaborate up to **10 actions to be actively developed** in less performing countries (*WP4 – Training and Embedding*)
- **White paper on policy recommendations** will be created (*WP3 – Strategy and Policy*)
- **M22** (12/2019) **Final project meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania**
- Strategy of Alliance4Life beyond the project defined which will result in **Alliance4Life Memorandum of Understanding** (*WP4 – Training and Embedding*)

Conclusions

- Wishing a fruitful Kick-off meeting to all of us
- Let's work for it!
- Let's enjoy it!



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Thank you for your attention!

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