

FLAG-ERA (THE FLAGSHIP ERA-NET): COORDINATING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL FUNDING FOR THE FET FLAGSHIPS

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FLAG-ERA in a nutshell

- An ERA-NET to coordinate national and regional funding contributing to the FET Flagship initiatives
- involving virtually all European funding organisations
- aiming at
 - leveraging existing calls covering the domains of the Flagships and
 - launching dedicated transnational calls
- organised around regular workshops gathering all Flagship stakeholders

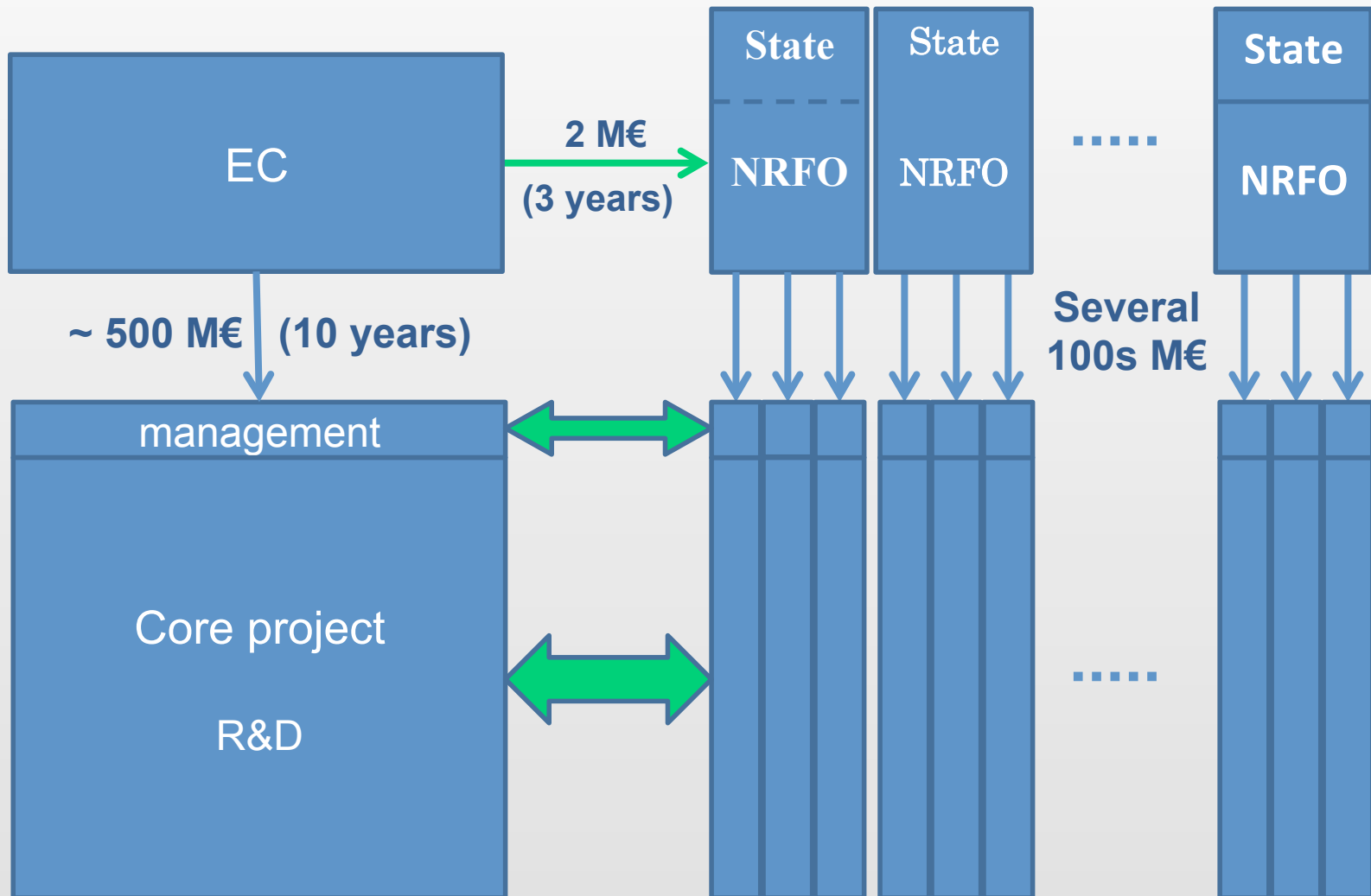
Key figures

- Currently 36 members from 25 countries, keeps growing
 - 22 founding members from 17 countries
 - Currently 14 associated members, adding 8 countries
 - Virtually all European countries represented in General Assembly
- 2 workshops per year on average
 - Each gathering 50-100 persons
 - For about 2.5 days
- 2 M€ for 3 year duration
 - About 2% of the total FET Flagship programme ramp-up funding

The Flagship concept

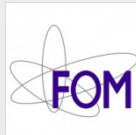
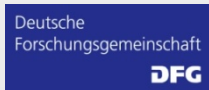
“Certain research goals are so ambitious that they are **beyond the reach of any single national or EU funded research initiative.** Only by mobilising the best researchers Europe-wide via a **shared vision** towards a clearly defined **unifying goal**, and by supporting them over a long period, can such objectives be reached.”

Federating efforts through an ERA-NET



FLAG-ERA consortium

22 founding members from 17 countries



+ associated members



Virtually all European countries involved

Two levels

- Strategic (ministries, national policy making)
- Operational (agencies, call implementation)

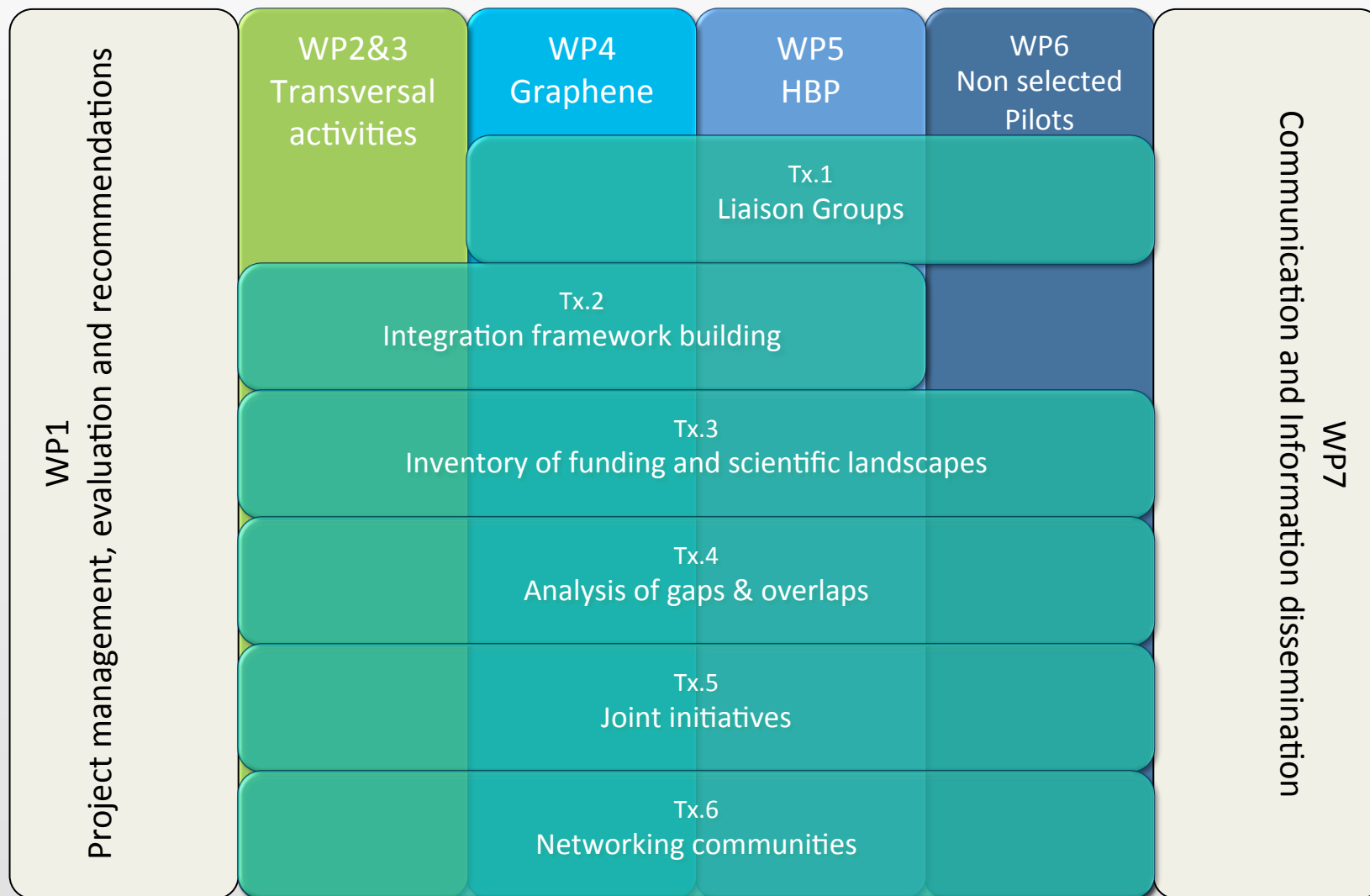
FLAG-ERA goals and activities

- Tightly **connect NRFOs with** each **core project** through a small liaison group, and regular workshops involving all stakeholders
- Set up mechanisms to **facilitate and encourage integration** of nationally/regionally funded research into the Flagship work plans
- Maintain an **inventory** of funding and scientific landscapes
- Analyse **overlaps & gaps** to adapt national/regional research agendas
- Launch **dedicated transnational initiatives**, for instance joint calls for allowing researchers from several countries to join simultaneously
- **Network** with potential **new participants**

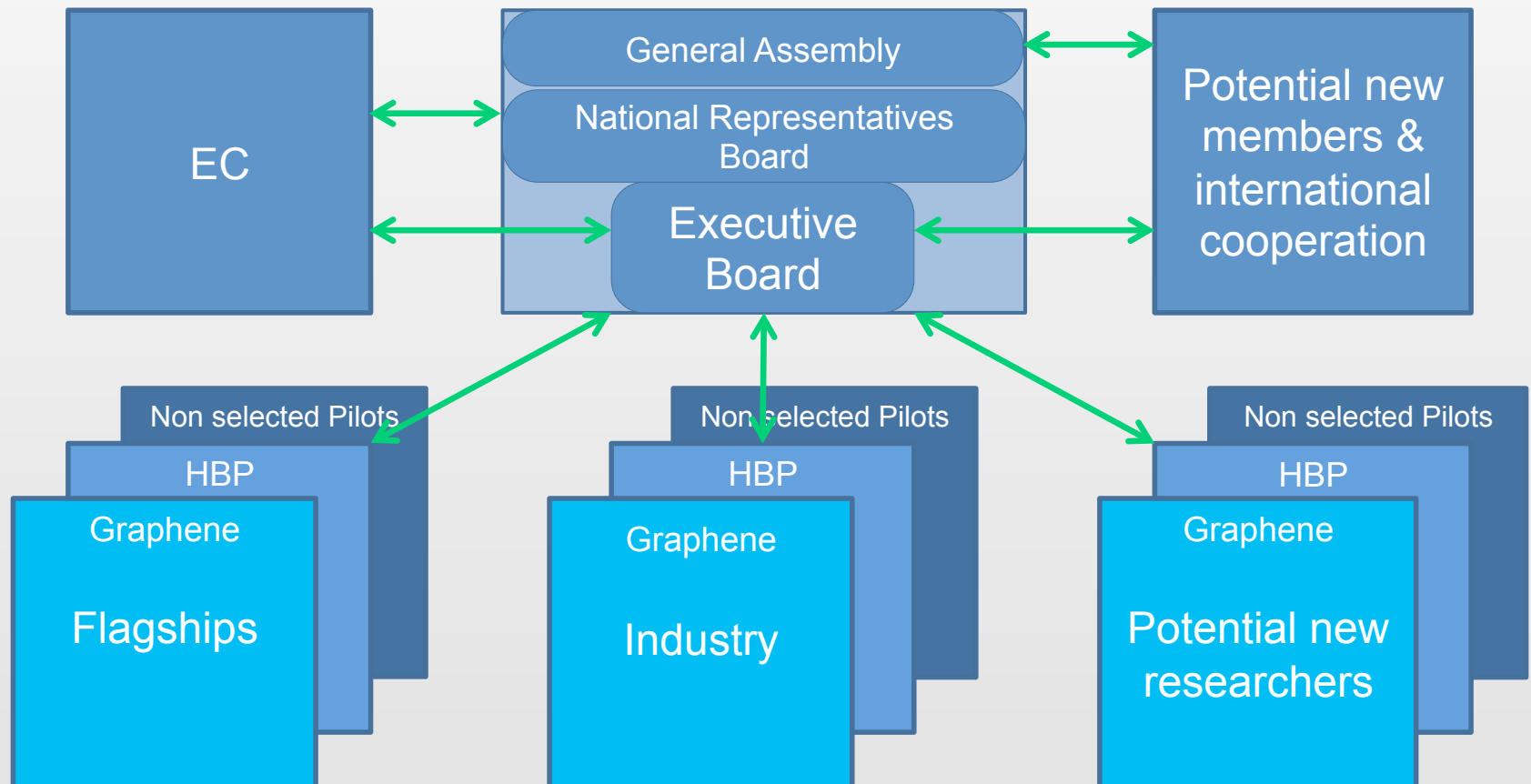
For the 2 Flagships, while offering similar support to the 4 non selected Pilots

- Foster international cooperation beyond Europe
- Set up mechanisms for the whole Flagship duration (10 years)

WP and transversal task structure



Interfaces with other stakeholders



FLAG-ERA timeline and workshops

- T0 = 1/10/2013
 - In sync with the two Flagship core projects
- 3 year duration
 - To cover transition to fully operational phase, including initial follow-up of nationally funded projects (esp. in the framework of the joint calls)
- Regular workshops
 - acting as hubs where all stakeholders can easily meet
 - NRFOs, Flagship core projects, EC, industry, etc.
 - structured in sessions devoted to specific topics
 - 1st workshop in Amsterdam on November 13-14, 2013
 - 2nd workshop in Italy on February 18-19, 2014
 - 3rd workshop TBD (May-June 2014)

Funding opportunities for researchers

- Flagship members and potential new members can apply to the relevant national and regional calls
 - according to the eligibility rules of each national or regional call
 - while explaining how the proposed work complements the Flagship current work plan and the added value of integrating the proposed work in the Flagship work plan
 - A goal of the NRFOs in FLAG-ERA is to best take into account such applications
- A dedicated joint transnational call is foreseen
 - by some of the participating countries
 - for allowing researchers from several countries to join simultaneously

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

