1a. Expectations, approach, plan for 3rd call(s)

Monitoring Committee Task Force meeting on 3rd call(s)

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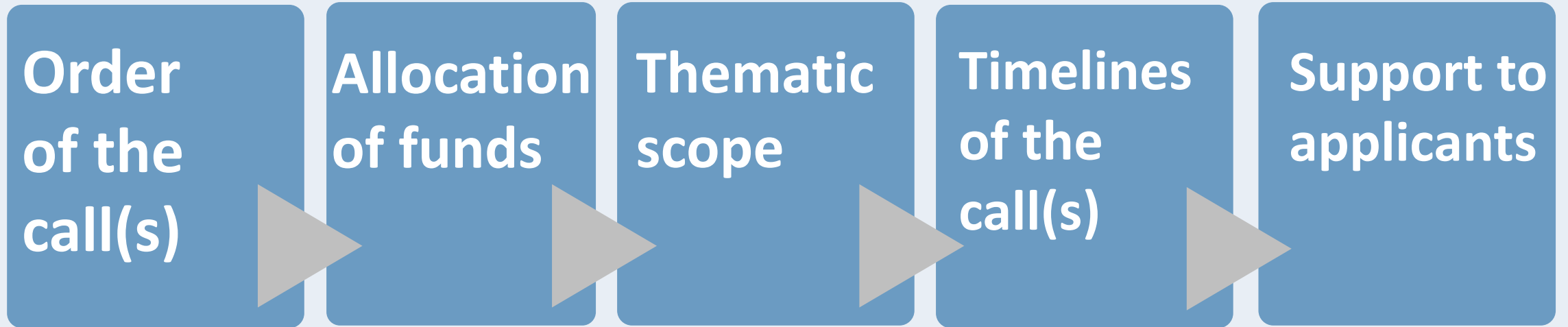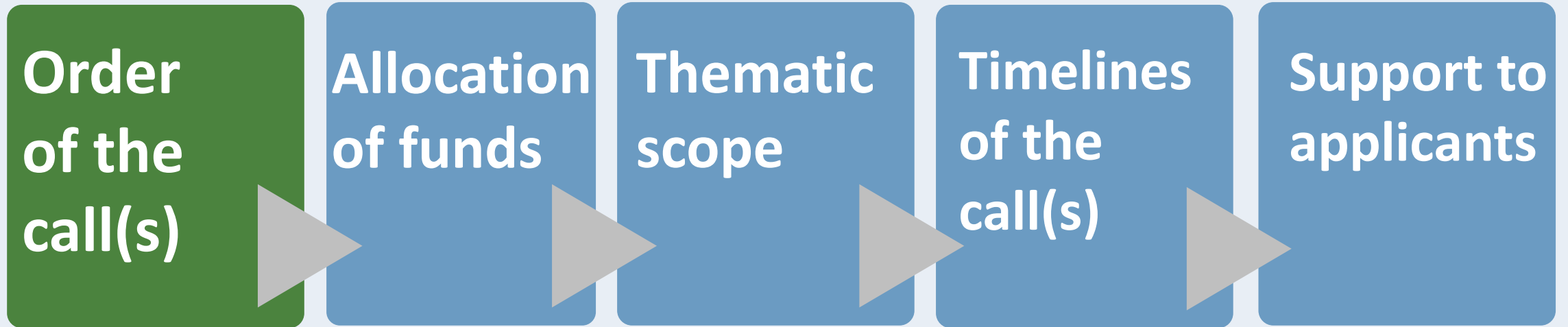Thomas Weber, Anna Gałyga, MA/JS**

Aim:
to reach agreement on the third call(s)
that allow:

- To ensure fulfillment of the Programme targets
- To accommodate the strategic needs of the countries
- To communicate the call to applicants

Order of discussion

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Order of the call(s)

Options for the timelines of the call(s)

Interreg Baltic Sea Region

Co-funded by the European Union

Option 1

Small project call following core project call

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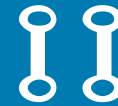
Option 2
Simultaneous small and core project calls

Options for the timelines of the call(s)

	2024												2025											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Expected number of progress reports

1	41	13		16	24	2	31	14		1	24	14	30	12	11	2	24		30			12	24

Option 1

Generation	Admissibility Assessment		MC	Analysis	Generation	Admissibility Assessment		MC	

Option 2

Generation	Admissibility		MC	
Generation	Assessment			

Platforms tbc.

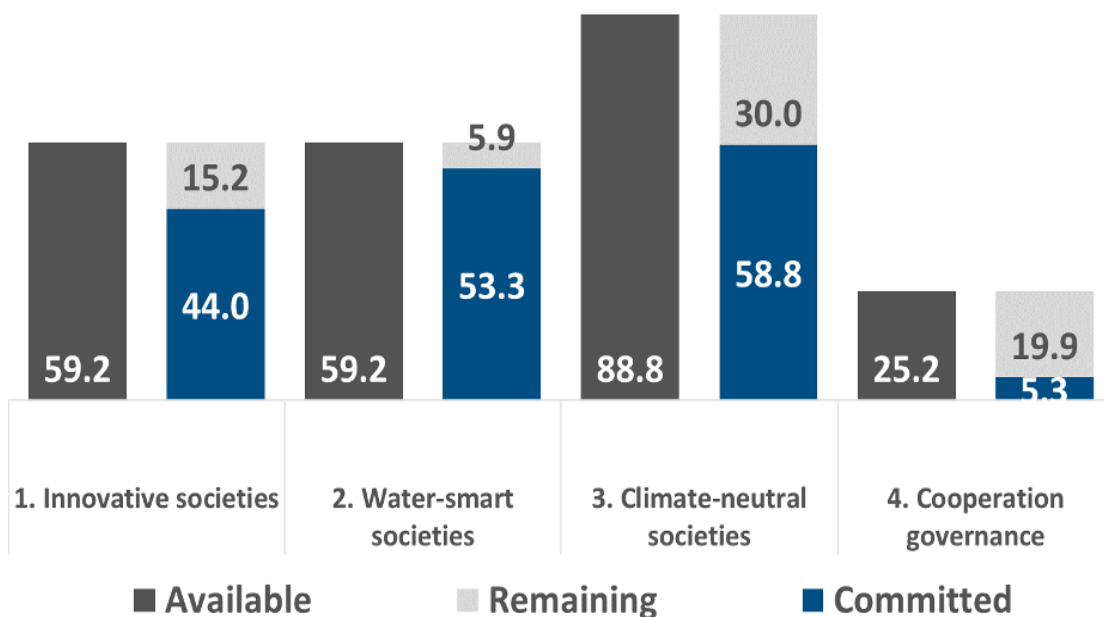|	Discussion and preparation of the call	tbc.	

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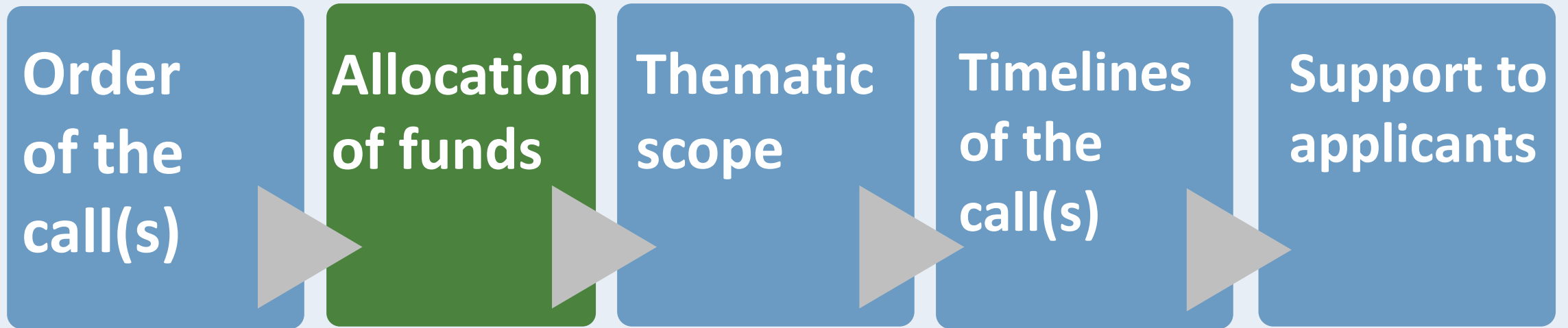
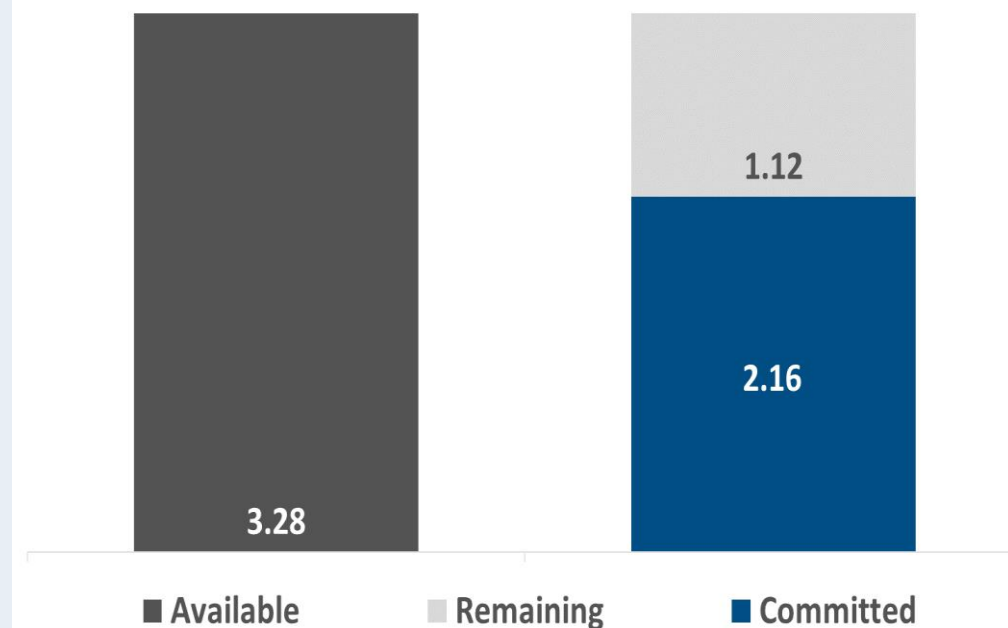Allocation of funds to Programme priorities

Budget allocation to priorities

Status quo after call 2

ERDF: Available funds vs. committed co-financing (in million EUR)

Priority	Available	Remaining	Committed
1. Innovative societies	59.2	15.2	44.0
2. Water-smart societies	59.2	5.9	53.3
3. Climate-neutral societies	88.8	30.0	58.8
4. Cooperation governance	25.2	19.9	5.3

Norway: Available funds vs. committed co-financing (in million EUR)

Available	Remaining	Committed
3.28	1.12	2.16

Budget allocation to priorities

Options & Flexibility offered by the Interreg Regulation

Article 19 (5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059

*Following the consultation of and the approval by the monitoring committee and in compliance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, the managing authority **may transfer** during the programming period an amount of **up to 10 % of the initial allocation of a priority** and **no more than 5 % of the programme budget to another priority** of the same Interreg programme.*

→ *See table in the supporting document*
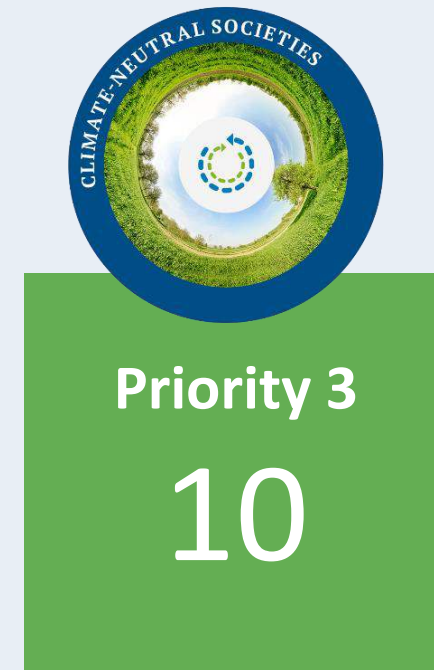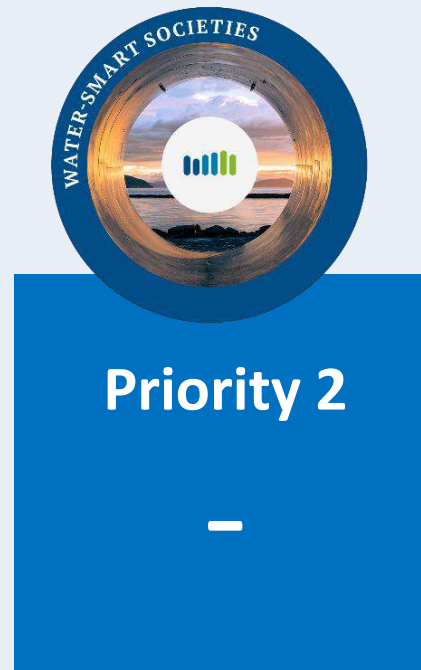
Budget allocation to priorities

Option 1 – No reallocation of budgets

Priority	Remaining after 3.1	10% reallocation (max)	No reallocation	Available for 3.2	thereof Small projects	thereof Core projects
1	15.2	-	-	15.2	1.5	13.7
2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	30.0	-	-	30.0	3.0	27.0
Total	45.2			45.2	4.5	40.7

Number of core projects based on allocated funds

Option 1 – No reallocation of budgets

Priority 1
5

Priority 2
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Priority 3
10

Budget allocation to priorities

Option 2 – Transfer of 10% from Priority 3

Priority	Remaining after 3.1	10% reallocation (max)	10% reallocation from P3 to P2	Available for 3.2	thereof Small projects	thereof Core projects
1	15.2	5.9	-	15.2	1.5	13.7
2	-	-	8.9	8.9	0.9	8.0
3	30.0	8.9	-8.9	21.1	2.1	19.0
Total	45.2			45.2	4.5	40.7

Number of core projects based on allocated funds

Option 2 – Transfer of 10% from Priority 3

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Priority 2

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Priority 3

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Budget allocation to priorities

Option 3 – Transfer of 5% of the total budget on a pro-rata basis from Priority 1+3

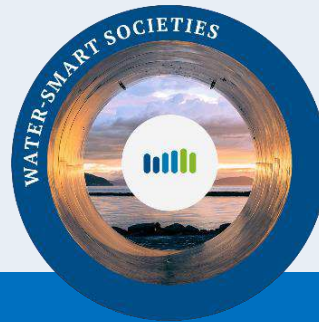| Priority	Remaining after 3.1	10% reallocation (max)	Pro-rata reallocation of P1+P3 to P2	Available for 3.2	thereof Small projects	thereof Core projects
1	15.2	5.9	-4.6	10.6	1.1	9.5
2	-	-	11.6	11.6	1.1	10.5
3	30.0	8.9	-7.0	23.0	2.3	20.7
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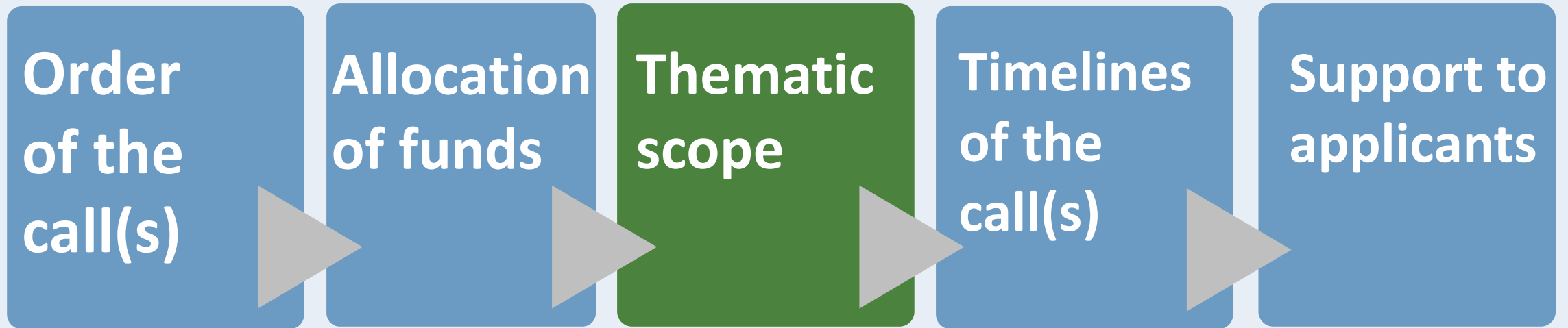
Priority 1

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Priority 2

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**Priority 3**

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Order of discussion

Thematic scope of the call(s)

Contribution to the climate change targets of the EU
(Priorities 2 and 3)

Climate targets	In million euro (ERDF)
Planned in the Programme Document	71.5
Achieved in the first and second call	50.3
To be fulfilled in the remaining calls for applications	**21.2**

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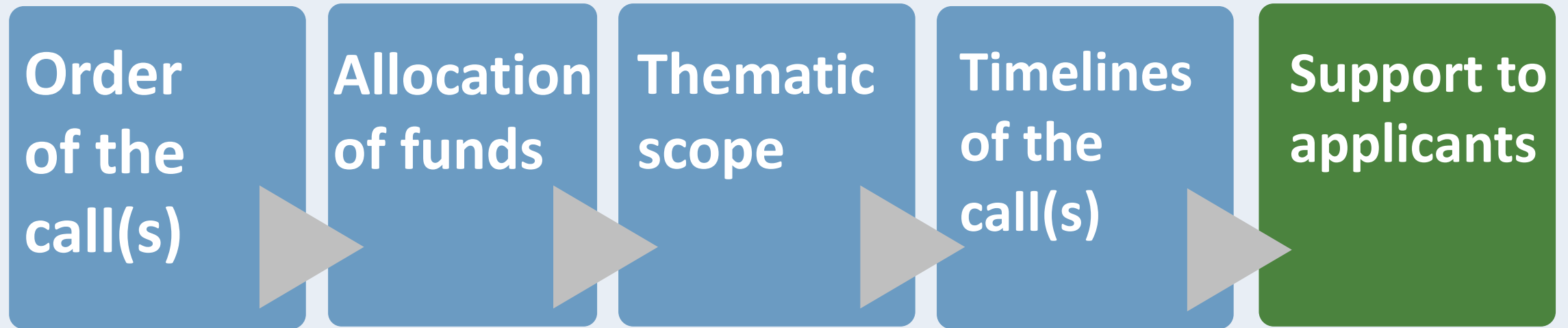Order of the call(s) ▶ Allocation of funds ▶ Thematic scope ▶ Timelines of the call(s) ▶ Support to applicants
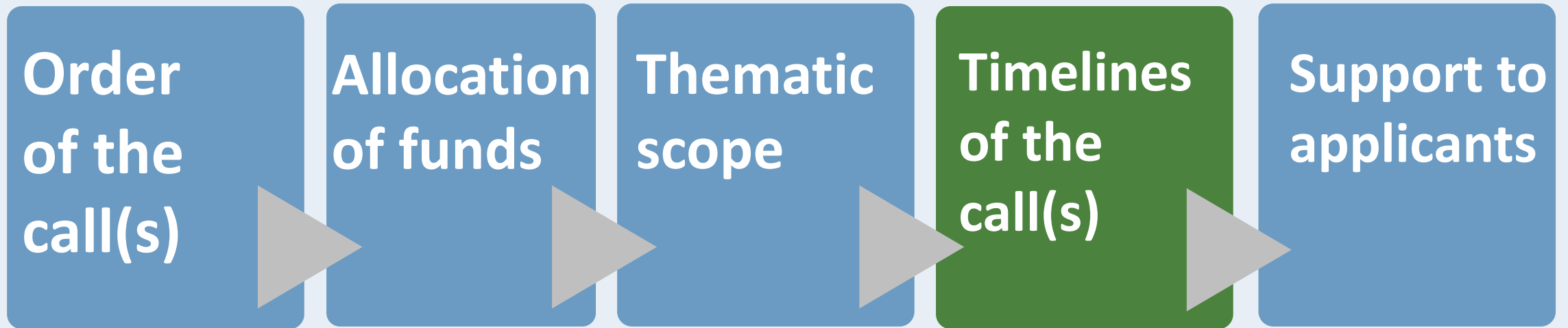
Timelines of the call(s)
Specific comments?

Option 1 Small project call following core project call

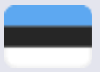|	Core projects	Small projects
Launching of the call	17 January 2024	19 March 2025
Project idea forms/Access to BAMOS+	17 April 2024	30 April 2025
Complete application	21 June 2024, 16:00	25 June 2025, 16:00
Assessment documents available for the Monitoring Committee	15 October 2024	15 October 2025
Monitoring Committee meeting	~~5-6~~ 13-14 November 2024	5-6 November 2025

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Survey among applicants (C2&S2): Who are they?

33% newcomers

newcomers **60%**

| Lead partners | Project partners | Lead partners | Project partners |

171 replies

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Survey among applicants (C2&S2): support by MA/JS

○ **Consultations**
exact or most expectations met for 100% of responding lead partners

○ **Written support**
Very useful or useful for 95% of responding lead partners

○ **Webinars**
Good or very good for 88% of responding participants

Very good

Good

Sufficient

Planning third call:
First considerations

o **Consultations** are at the centre of active support to applicants;

o Carefully planned **timelines** with more time for preparing applications are appreciated;

o **Webinars** ensure easily accessible information;

o It's important to keep **balancing general & detailed information** at webinars;

o More explaination of the **application process & contracting** seems useful;

o It's important to continue building knowledge among applicants about **EUSBSR and engaging PACs.**
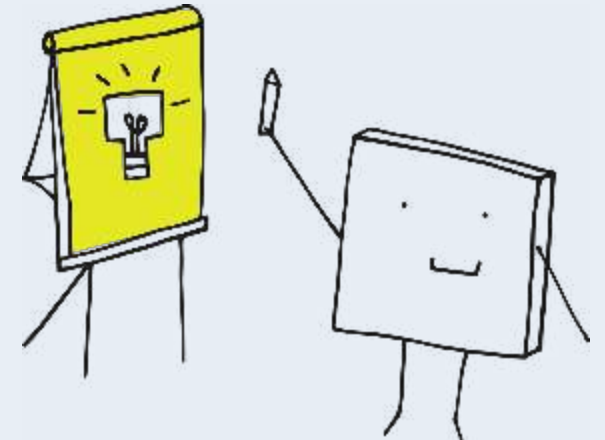
Survey among applicants:
support by MA/JS

o **Gateway for applicants**
90% of responding applicants found it very easy, easy or neutral
to find the information they needed

o **Video tutorials**
50% of respondents made use of them

o **Matchmaking platform**
1/3 of the applicants used the platform to look for partners
or project ideas

Very good

Good

Sufficient

Planning third call:
First considerations

o **Gateway for applicants** is the central information point;

o Guiding applicants through **application process and document sections** is a continuous goal;

o It's important to keep supporting those who struggle with handling **interactive pdf forms;**

o While keeping a close eye on use of **tutorials,** adding transcripts shall meet varied needs of applicants better;

o **Matchmaking platform** is an important tool for partner search and project idea development.