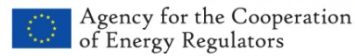


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GRI NW European Energy Work Plan 2011 – 2014

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20th Madrid Forum, 26 September 2011

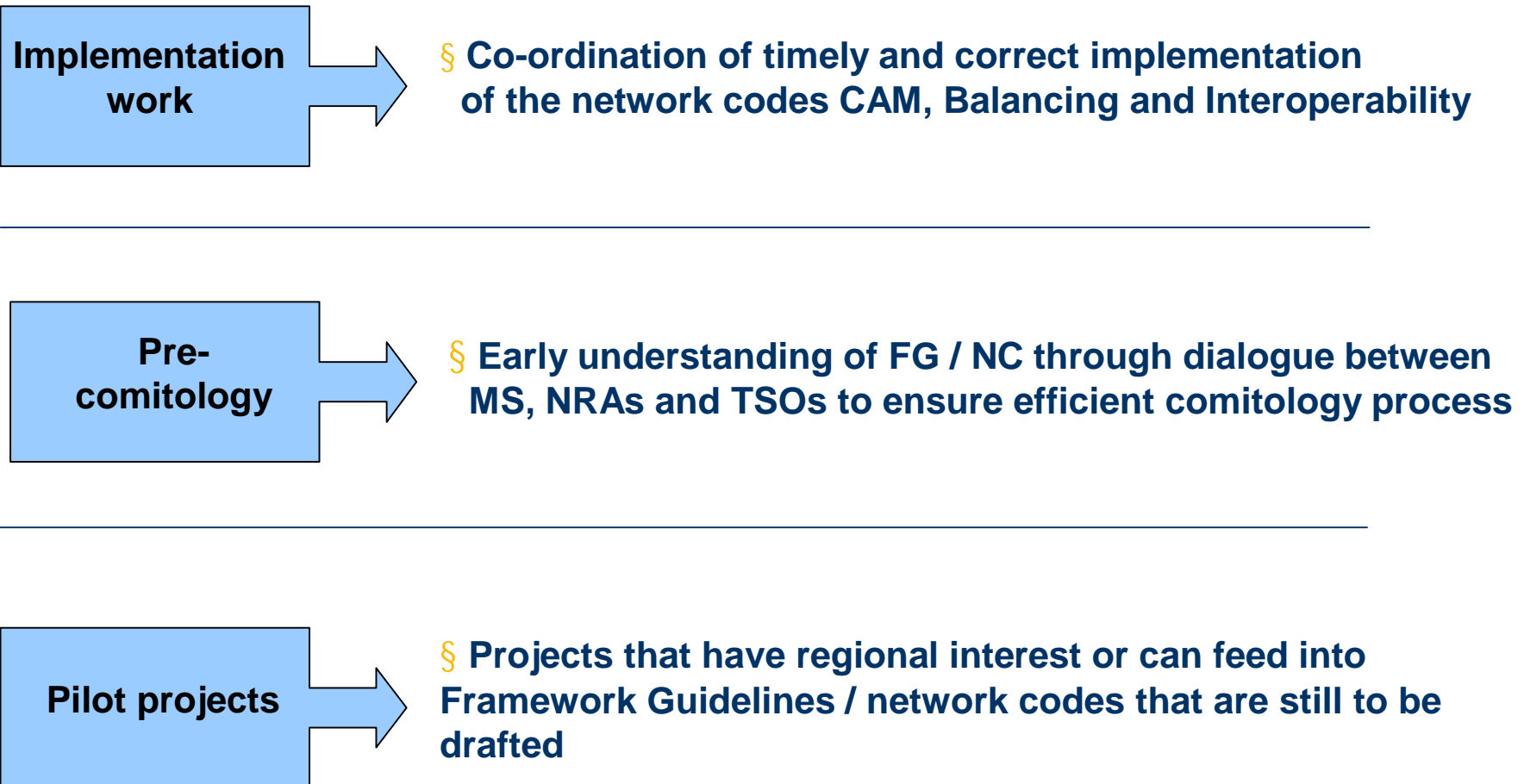
Applied criteria in elaboration of work plan

§ **Drafting process should result in work plan with realistic ambitions**

Work plan should meet different criteria:

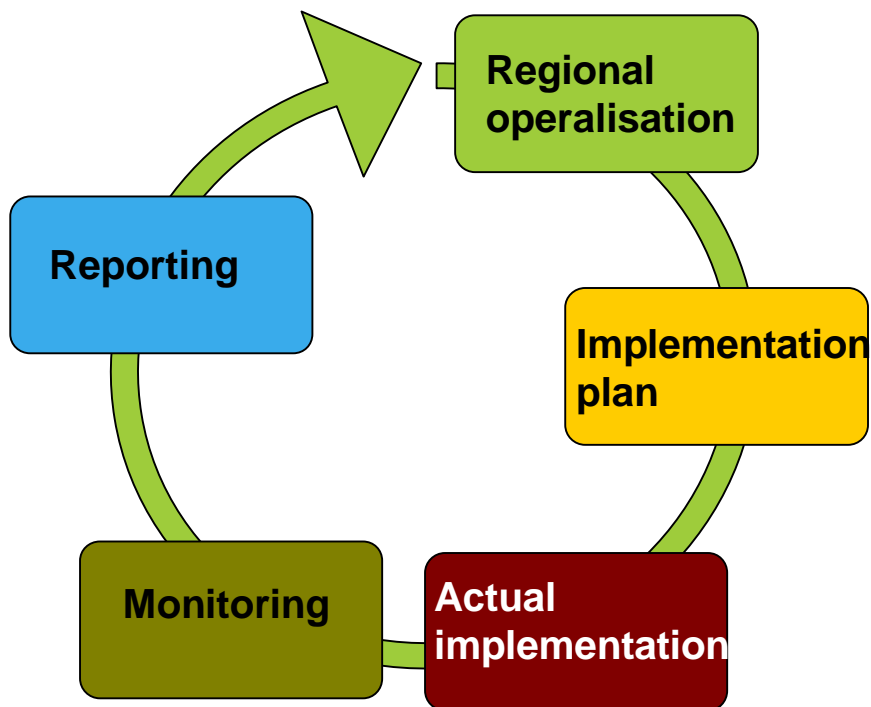
- § Focus on Framework Guidelines / network codes;
- § Linked to 3-year forward plan of the European Commission;
- § Commitment from relevant stakeholders is a prerequisite for success;
- § Added value from regional approach.

Outline of GRI NW European Energy Work Plan



Implementation of the network codes

§ Implementation process is currently operationalised



Role of the region:

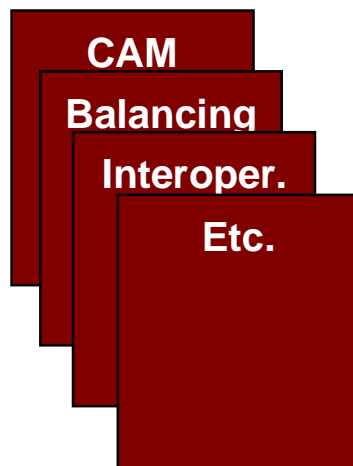
Regional operationalisation to make rules
"fit for purpose"(where and if required)

Assist in timely monitoring and
consistent implementation of the codes

Report progress / obstacles to
ACER/European Commission/Member
States

Pre-comitology meetings

§ Provide early understanding to ensure an efficient comitology process



- Defined principles and rules
- Impact on energy market
- Stakeholders point of view



The 3-year work plan sets the agenda for the pre-comitology meetings

Principles in Guidelines and network codes are explained and opinions communicated

Pre-comitology takes place between MS, NRAs and TSOs during Government meeting

Possible pilot projects in 2012-2014

§ Precise deliverables and timeschedule to be chosen on annual basis

Criteria for a pilot

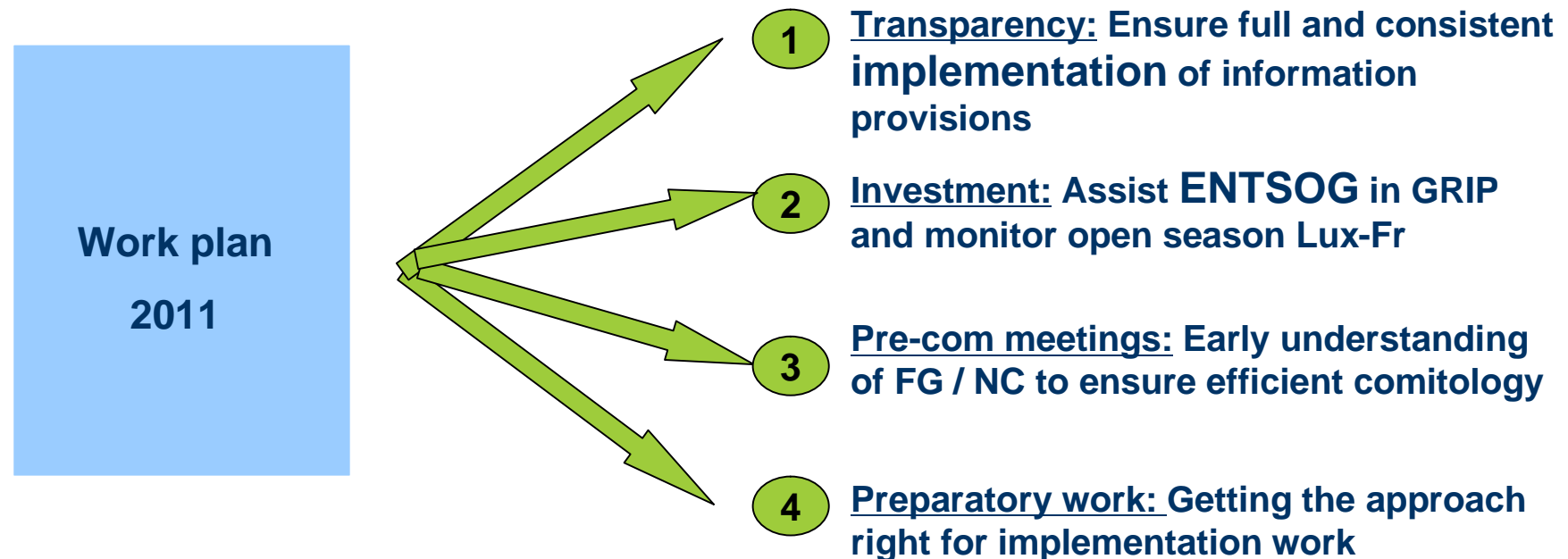
- § Commitment of relevant stakeholders
- § Realistic achievable goal
- § Foreseable timeframe
- § Beneficial to market and/or FG / NC discussion

Possible projects

- § Research into possibility of exploring market coupling
- § Gas Regional Investment Plan
- § Creation of joint regional booking platform for CAM

Work plan of GRI NW for 2011

§ All projects are ongoing



Thank you for your attention

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