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Introducing EUP AH&W: A Horizon Europe Partnership for Animal Health and Welfare

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Vision of the EUP AH&W

‘To provide society with a **sustainable livestock production sector** where **infectious animal diseases** are prevented and controlled with appropriate means, **antimicrobials are used prudently**, and **animal welfare** is respected in every phase of the production process, until death.’

The EUP covers animals:

- for food production
- terrestrial or aquatic
- from conventional to organic production systems

Due to the close link between animal health, animal welfare and human well-being, the **One Health-One Welfare perspective** will take a prominent place in the EUP AH&W.

Who? European Partnership on Animal Health & Welfare

90 partners, >1000 researchers

55 Research Performing Organizations (RPO)

30 Funding Organizations (FO)

EFSA, EMA, Ministries

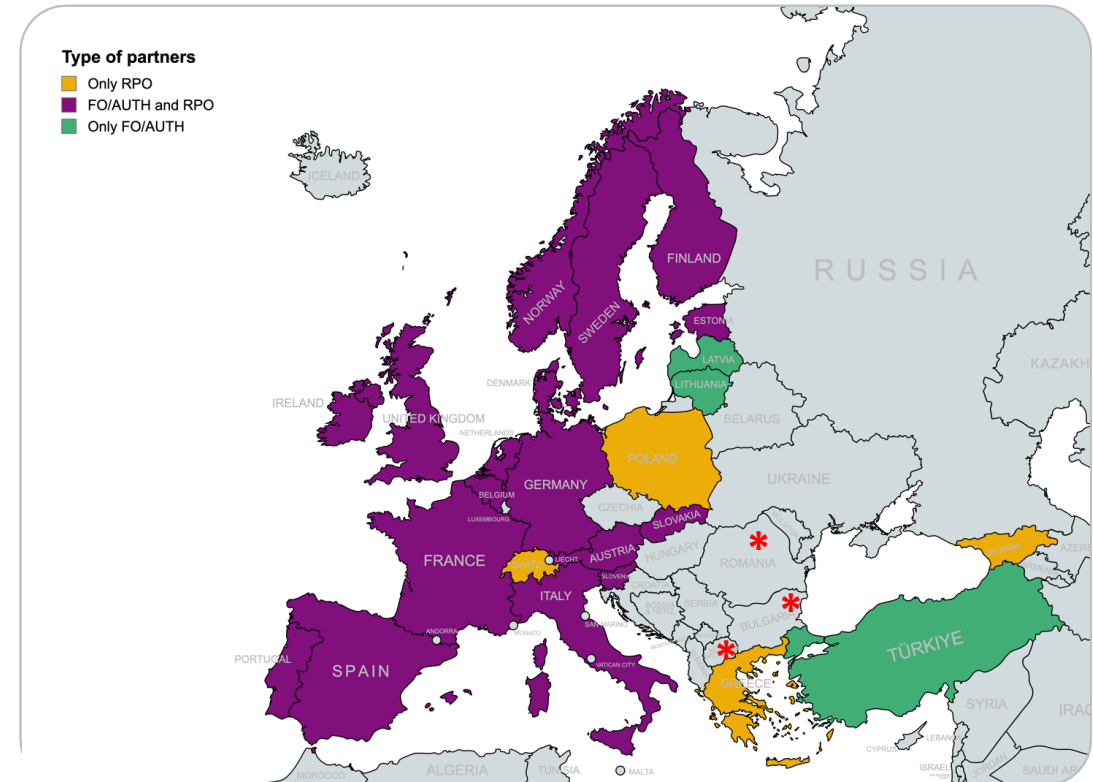
From 19 EU and 5 non-EU countries

Launched in January 2024, duration 7(+3) years

50% Co-funded Partnership

Expected total budget: **360 MEUR**

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Focus on Belgian partners



Research Performing Organisations

- University of Ghent
- Sciensano

Funding Organisations

- F.R.S - F.N.R.S
- FIO
- FWO
- VG
- FPS Health

What? Main activities of the EUP AH&W

Internal Programme (integrative & research activities) performed by **member-RPO** who bring 52% **in-kind** contribution

→ internal projects **only partially** (48%) EU-funded.

External research calls performed mostly by **non-member RPO** and **industry** and **funded by national/regional funders** who bring **cash**: financial support to third parties (FSTP)

→ external projects 100% funded; EU contribution to funders to increase funding (30%)

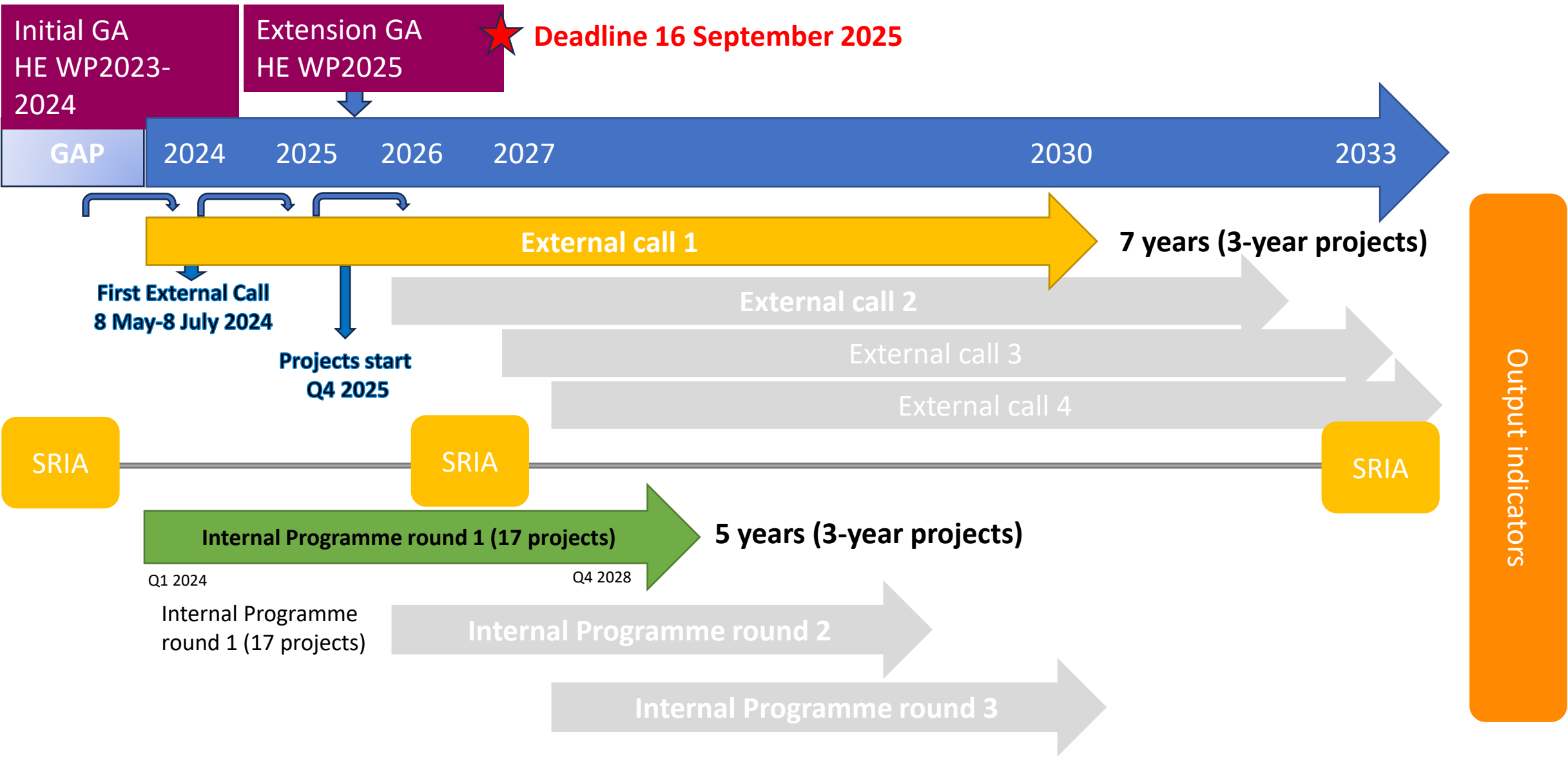


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Timeline



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Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and Priority Areas

WHAT WE DO:



Our Priority Areas

- **Surveillance/Monitoring System and Risk Assessment**
- Procedures, methodologies and tools to analyse AH&W
- Management on farm, during transport, at slaughter and at sea
- Treatments and Vaccines
- Socio-economic area



The EUP AH&W SRIA

- **Describes 51 actions in 9 Operational Objectives**
 - OO1. Design and harmonize **surveillance and monitoring systems**
 - OO2. Adapt **risk assessment and alert communication** to the new needs
 - OO3. Procedures and **tools for disease surveillance**
 - OO4. Procedures and **tools for welfare monitoring**
 - OO5. **Fight against animal infectious diseases** on farm and during transport
 - OO6. **Advance animal welfare** on farm, during transport, at end of life
 - OO7. **New interventions & treatments** against specific priority diseases
 - OO8. To develop new **vaccines** or improve existing vaccines
 - OO9. An integrated approach on AH&W including **socio-economic aspects**
- **These will be transposed in either:**
 - Specific actions for the **internal programme** (integrative and research projects) (WP3).
 - Specific actions for **external research calls** (WP4).



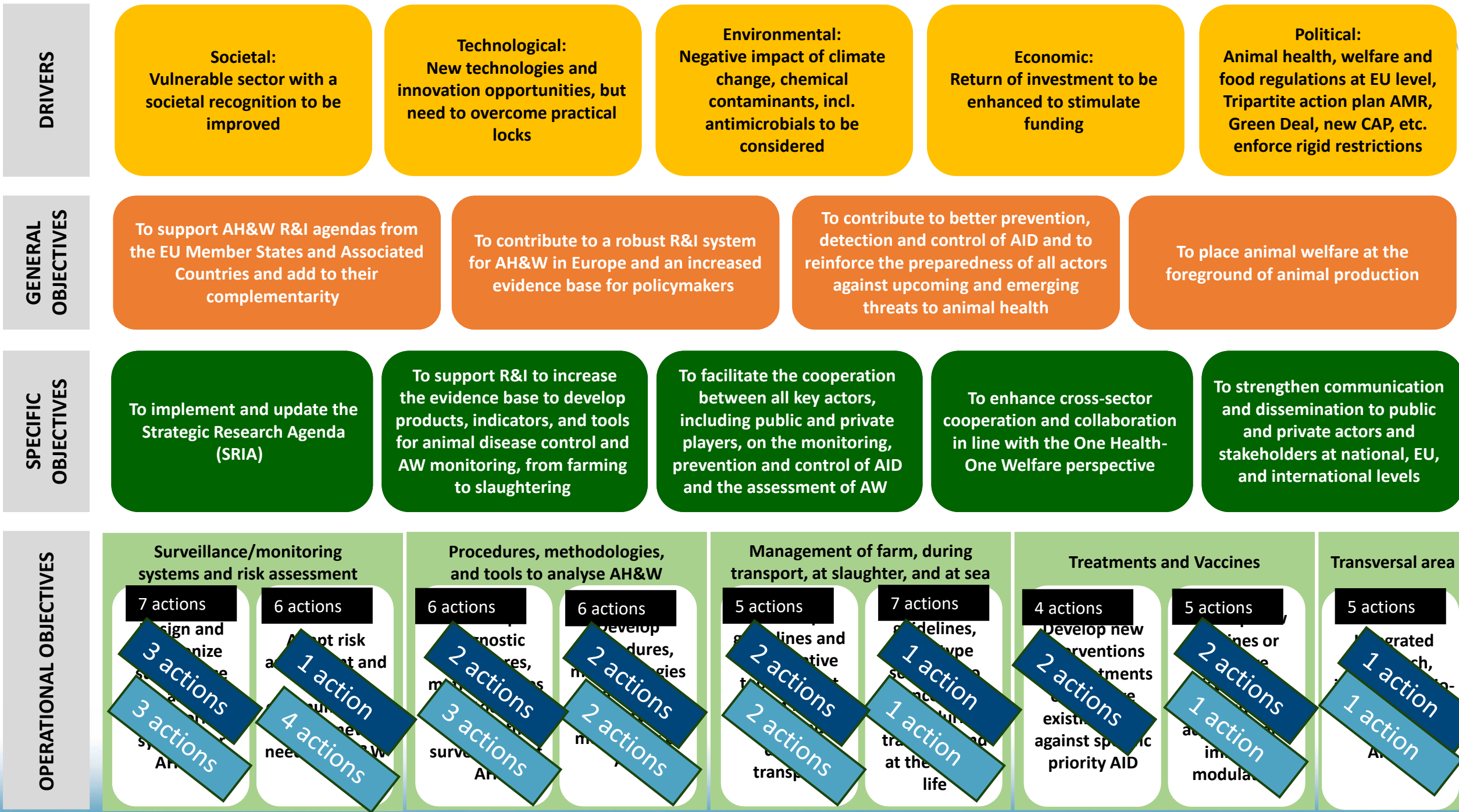


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Internal Programme



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External Research Calls



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EUP AH&W First External Call-2024

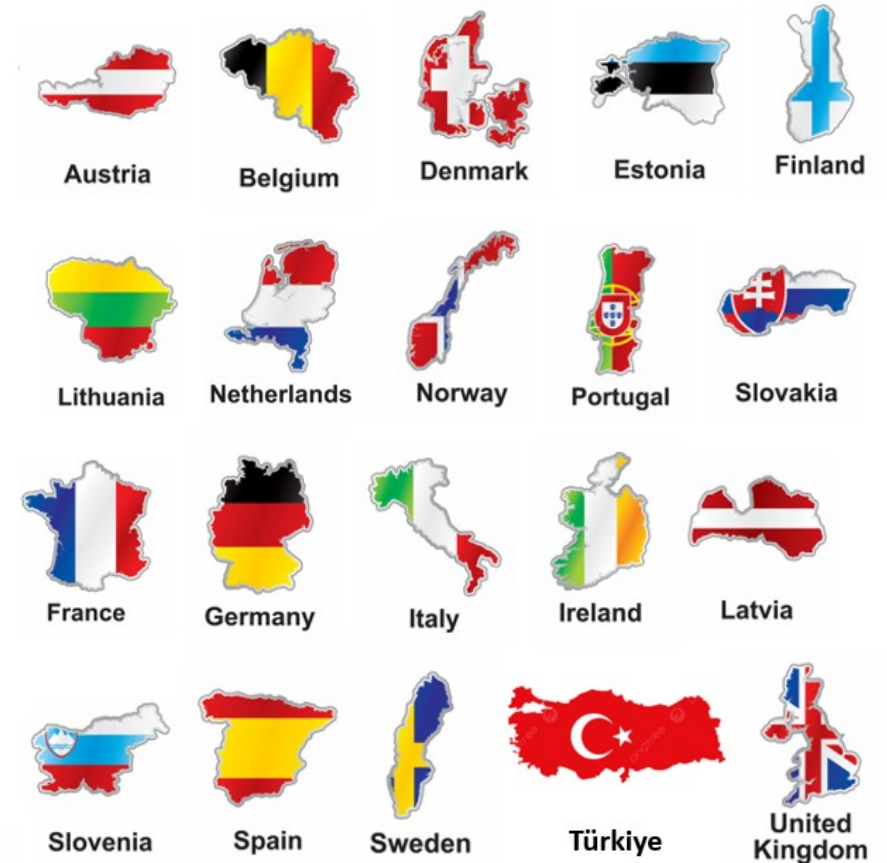
«Supporting the Future of Animal Health and Welfare»

- including 30 Funders from 20 countries
- Total budget: **24 Mio€ (FO) +6 Mio€ (EU)**

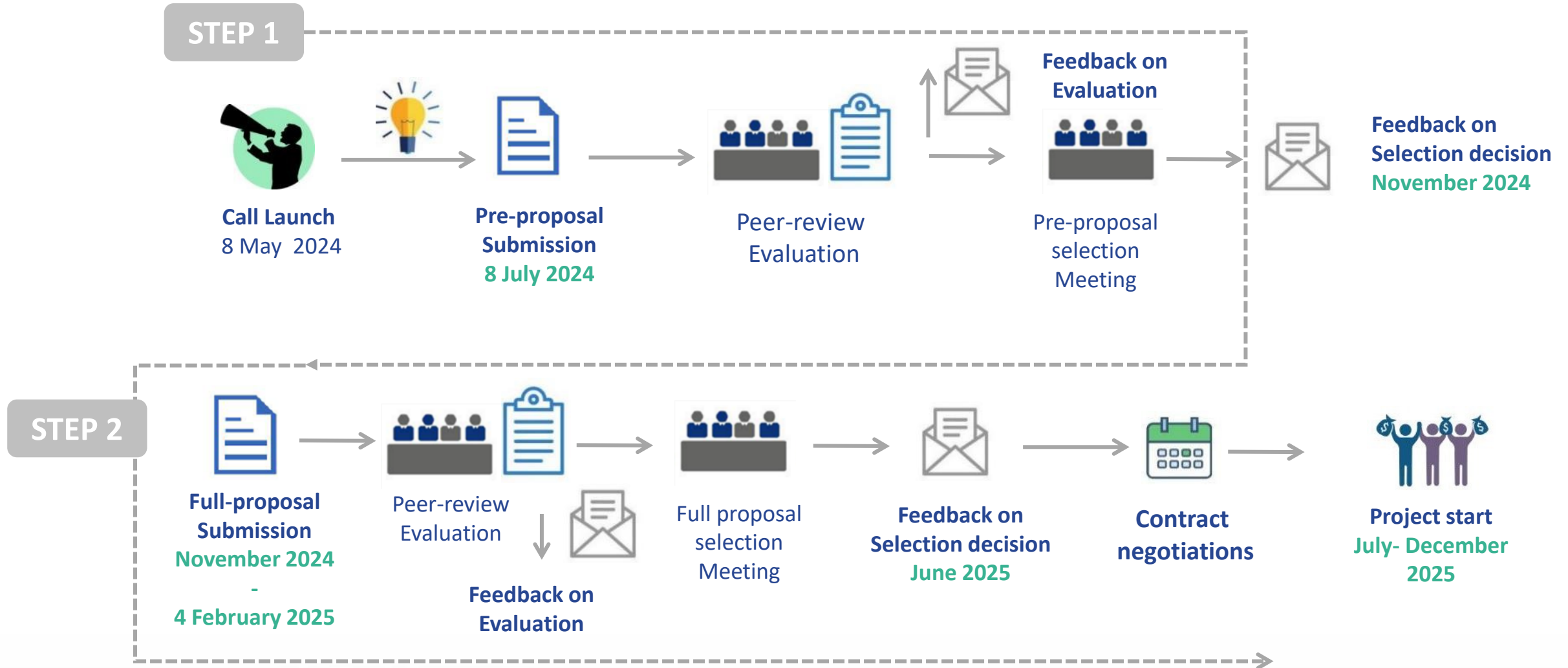
Topic 1: Novel Technologies for Prevention, Detection, Assessment, and Management of Animal Health and Welfare

Topic 2: Fundamental Research for Animal Health and Welfare

Topic 3: Animal Health and Welfare and Society



Timeline



External Calls and timelines

(subject to approval of our WP2025 amendment)

1st Call:
finalised
2024-2025

2nd Call:
Early
2026

3rd Call:
Early
2027

4th Call:
Early
2028



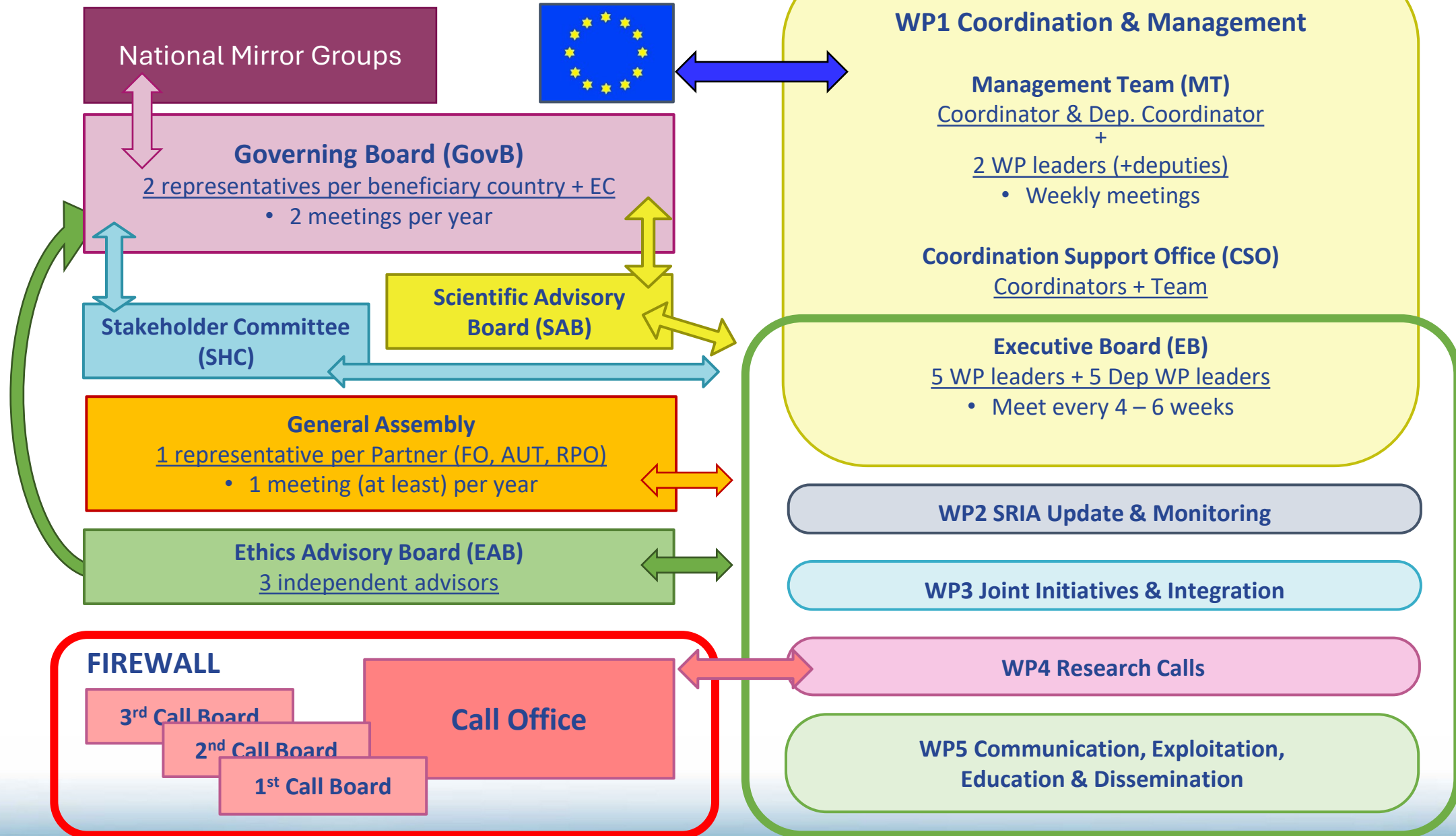
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Governance and National Mirror Groups



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How? Governance

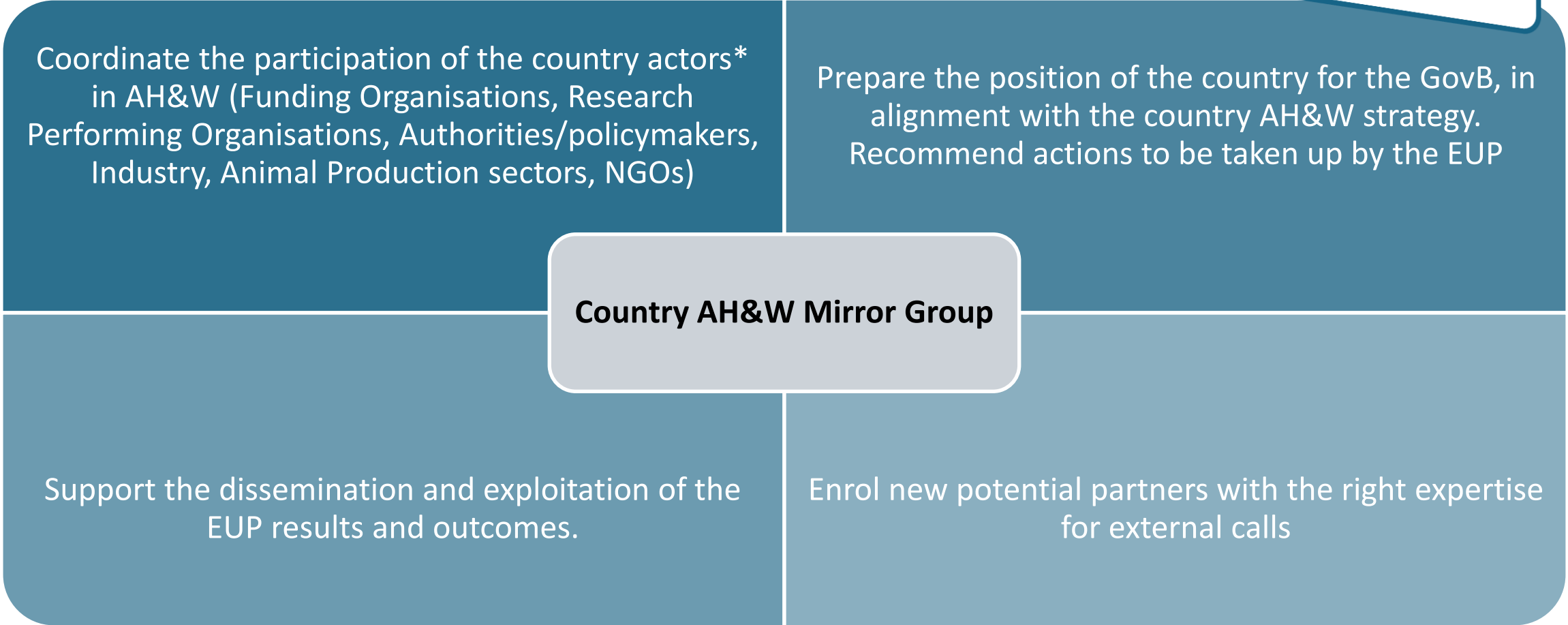


- Update Sept. 2024



Link research and policy/implementation in the field of Animal Health and Welfare

Role of the AH&W Mirror Groups



Country AH&W Mirror Group

* Whether they signed or not the EUP Grant Agreement

Example

BeNMG

STAR-IDAZ.be

UGent
ULiège
Sciensano
FPS Health
ARSIA
DGZ
ILVO
FAVV-AFSCA
SPW

Belgian Actors involved in Animal Health & Welfare

FWO
FNRS
VLAIO-EWI
BELSPO
EUP AH&W
CVO
Many others!

Stakeholder Committee



Federation
of Veterinaria
of Europe



World Organisation
for Animal Health



World Health
Organization



STAR-IDAZ
International Research
Consortium on Animal Health



European Commission's Joint
Research Centre (JRC)



Food and Agriculture
Organization



EUROPEAN FOOD
SAFETY AUTHORITY



Farm Animal Breeding
& Reproduction
Technology Platform



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH



European Aquaculture
Technology and Innovation Platform



Experts in Animal Nutrition



A European Public-Private Platform



Sustainable Blue
Economy Partnership



biodiversa+
European Biodiversity Partnership



AGROECOLOGY
PARTNERSHIP



ephra
european
public health
alliance



PRIMA
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA



EU-JAMRAI
Joint Action
Antimicrobial Resistance and
Healthcare-Associated Infections



EOHA
European One Health Association



VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC MANUFACTURERS



CWGSAP
COLLABORATIVE
WORKING GROUP FOR
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Communication & Dissemination



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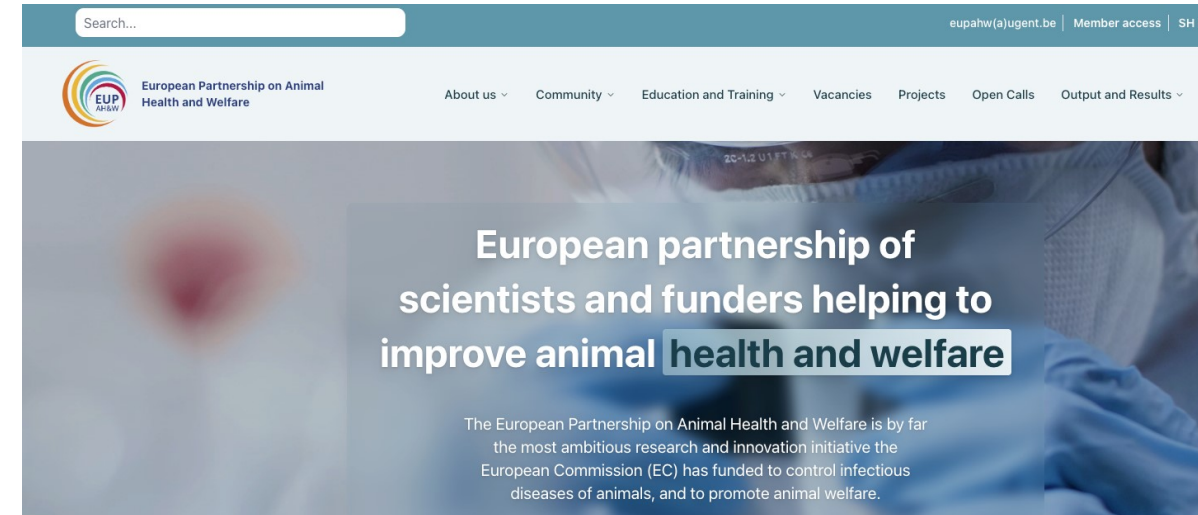
EUP AH&W Communication and Dissemination

- New sections and new functionalities available
- Direct link to **Social Media** accounts ([LinkedIn](#), [BlueSky](#) and [Instagram](#))
- Possibility to subscribe to our **Newsletter**

Member access | SH Platform | in 

- **Stakeholder Platform access** for external interactions

- **Multi-language flyer** available in English, German, French and Italian





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Thank you for your attention!

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