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COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP ON A CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATIONS AND INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION

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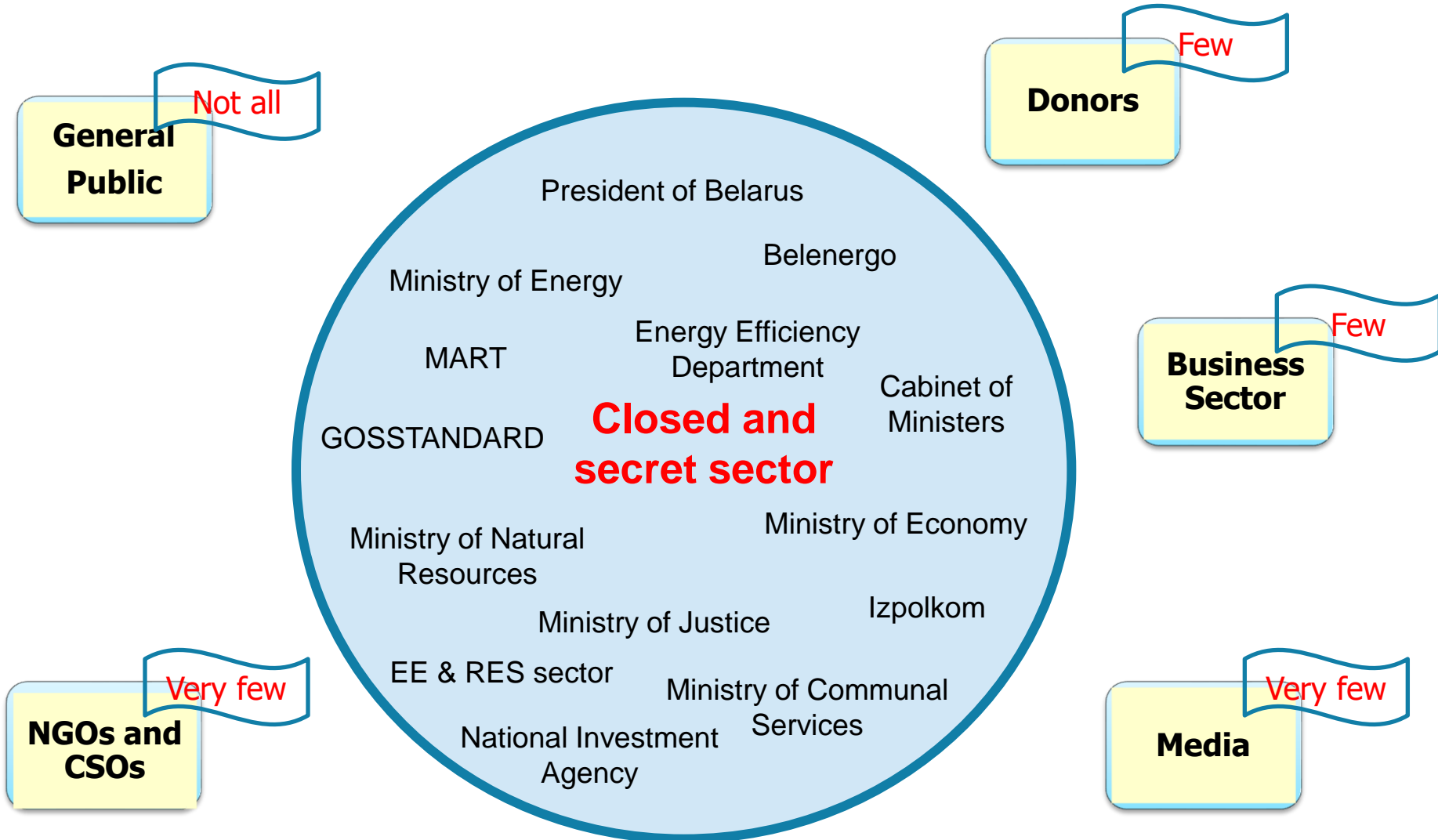
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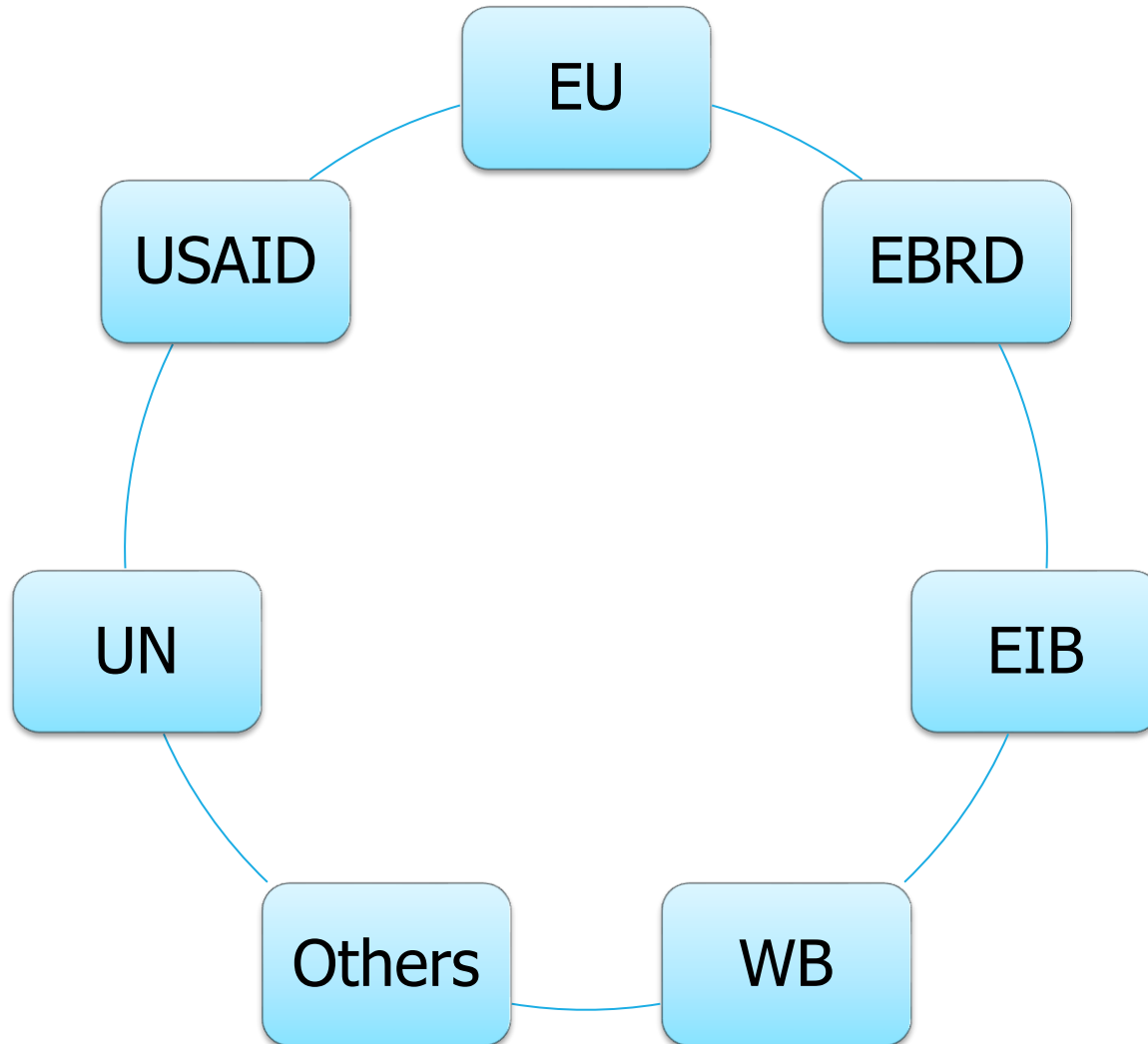
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Perception of the Belorussian energy sector & stakeholder mapping





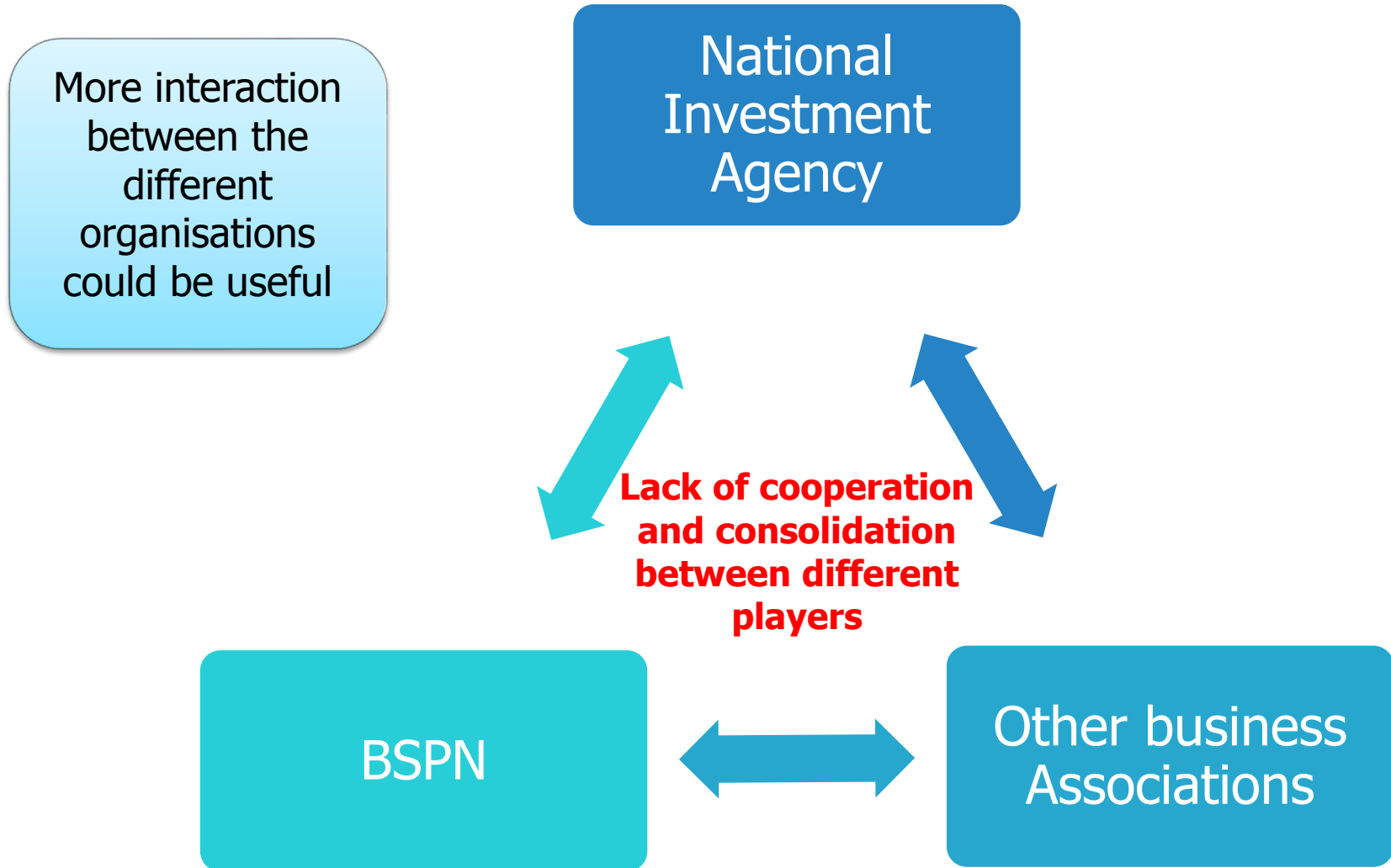
Stakeholder group: Donors





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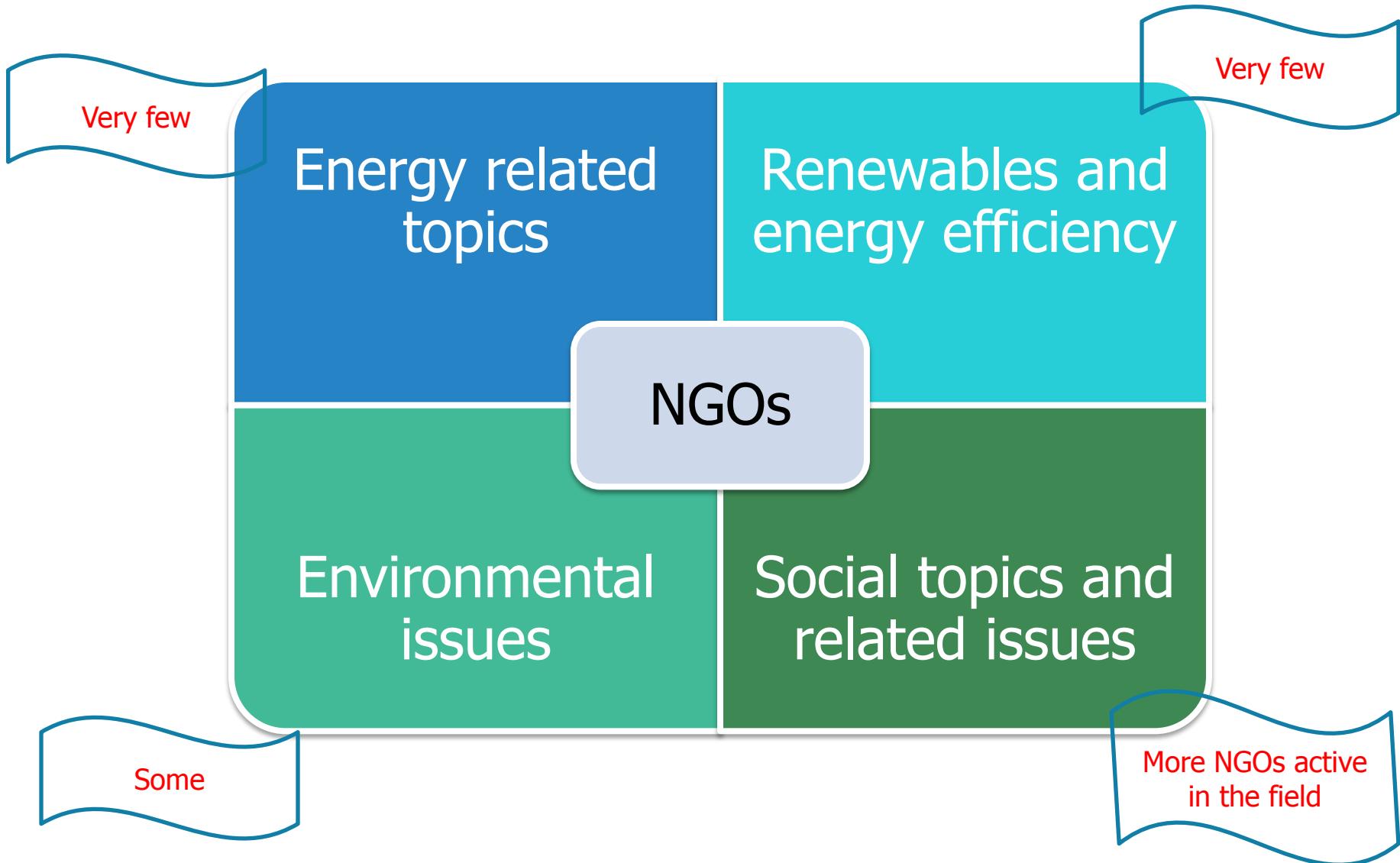
Stakeholder group: Business sector





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Stakeholder group: NGOs





Stakeholder group: General public

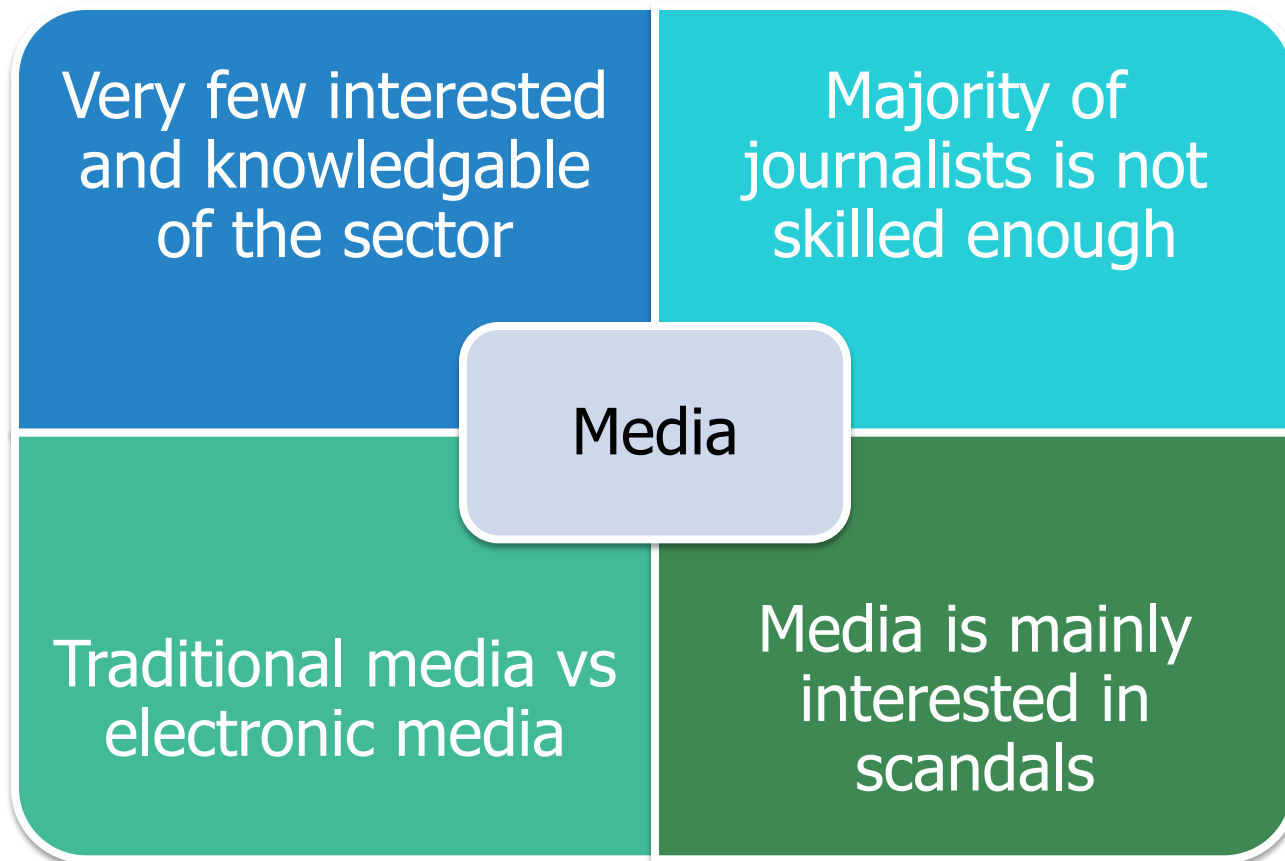
General public was almost in each case named in the beginning as one of the main stakeholder.

Public should have a say in some legislative processes, but not in the energy sector.



The public is represented in the consultation process through the public council.

General public would not understand the technicalities of the sector and are not sufficiently educated.





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Formal law draft processes in the Belorussian energy sector



Law draft consultation process

Rather closed government-internal process

Green papers /
Law initiatives

Working groups are set up formally through decree of the Ministry of Energy

Members of working group (usually civil servants from different ministries)

Public participation process via Public Advisory Council and possible through different channels

After consultation is closed there is no clear feedback mechanism on decision-making process provided to stakeholders.

Would be beneficial to have more stakeholders included at this point

Usually lack of feedback on comments given

At this point public consultation should start formally via the Public Advisory Councils.



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EU best practice examples



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Твой голос в Европе

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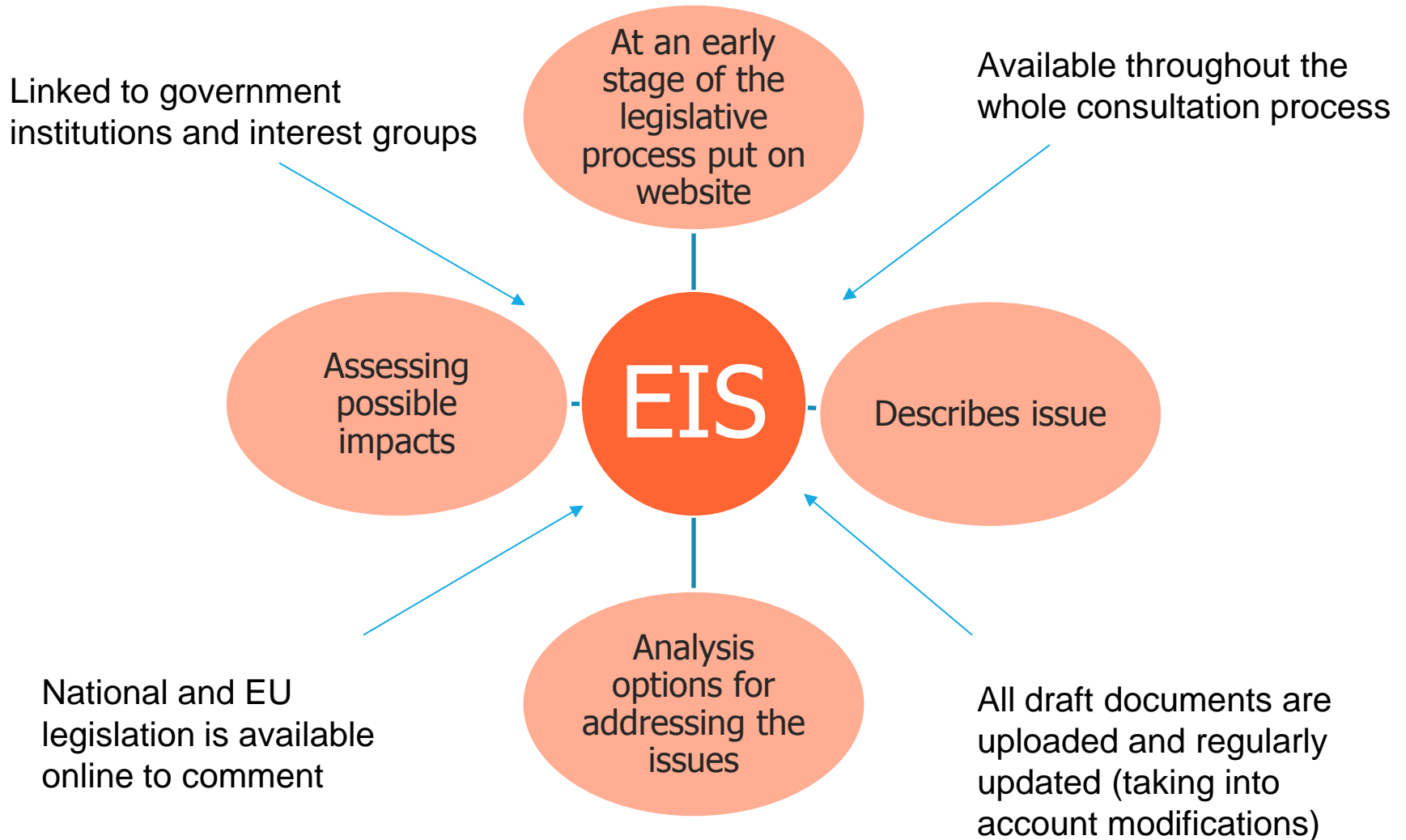
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Estonia: Digital tools

EIS – Estonian Information System for Legal Drafts





Situation: Danish Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs seeks to maintain close dialogue with business community (review and revise business regulations)

Forum participants (inter alia):

- Industry associations
- Labour organisations
- Businesses
- Technical experts

Meeting frequency:
3 times per year

Topics elaborated (inter alia):

- Barriers to growth
- Digitalisation
- Tourism
- Transport
- Implementation of EU regulations

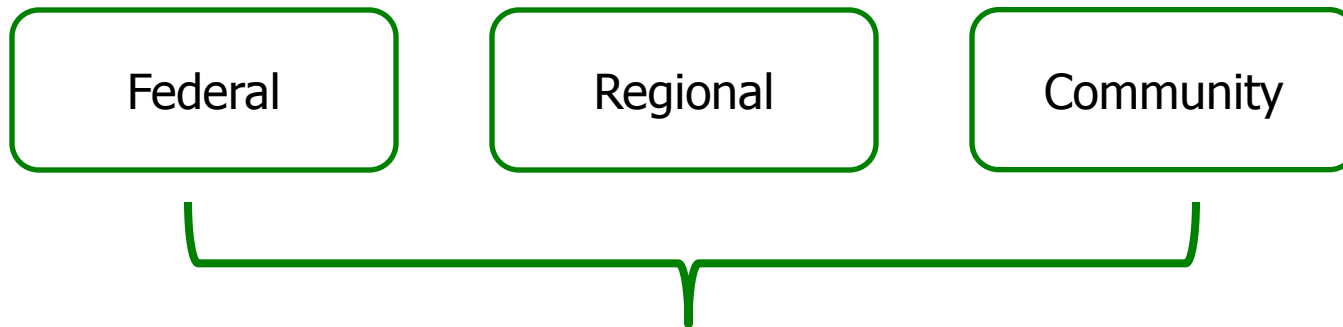
721 proposals submitted, 266 were implemented



Belgium: Advisory Boards

Situation: Belgian Stakeholder engagement is institutionalised through permanent advisory bodies (Attention: Should ideally be complementary to public consultations).

**Government defines composition and scope of advisory bodies.
They act on three levels:**



They provide input on:

- Strategic advice
- Conduct studies on development in different sectors
- Assess potential impacts of government decisions
- Formulate opinion on draft document



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Stakeholder communication



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Important factors for a successful stakeholder communication and consultation



Co-ordination

Openness

Structured
planning

Regularity

Accessibility

Information
management



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Working session: How can a successful stakeholder communication look like?



⇒ Please, collect in a brainstorming session what comes in to your mind spontaneously, when you think of stakeholder communication in the energy sector in Belarus:

Some supporting questions:

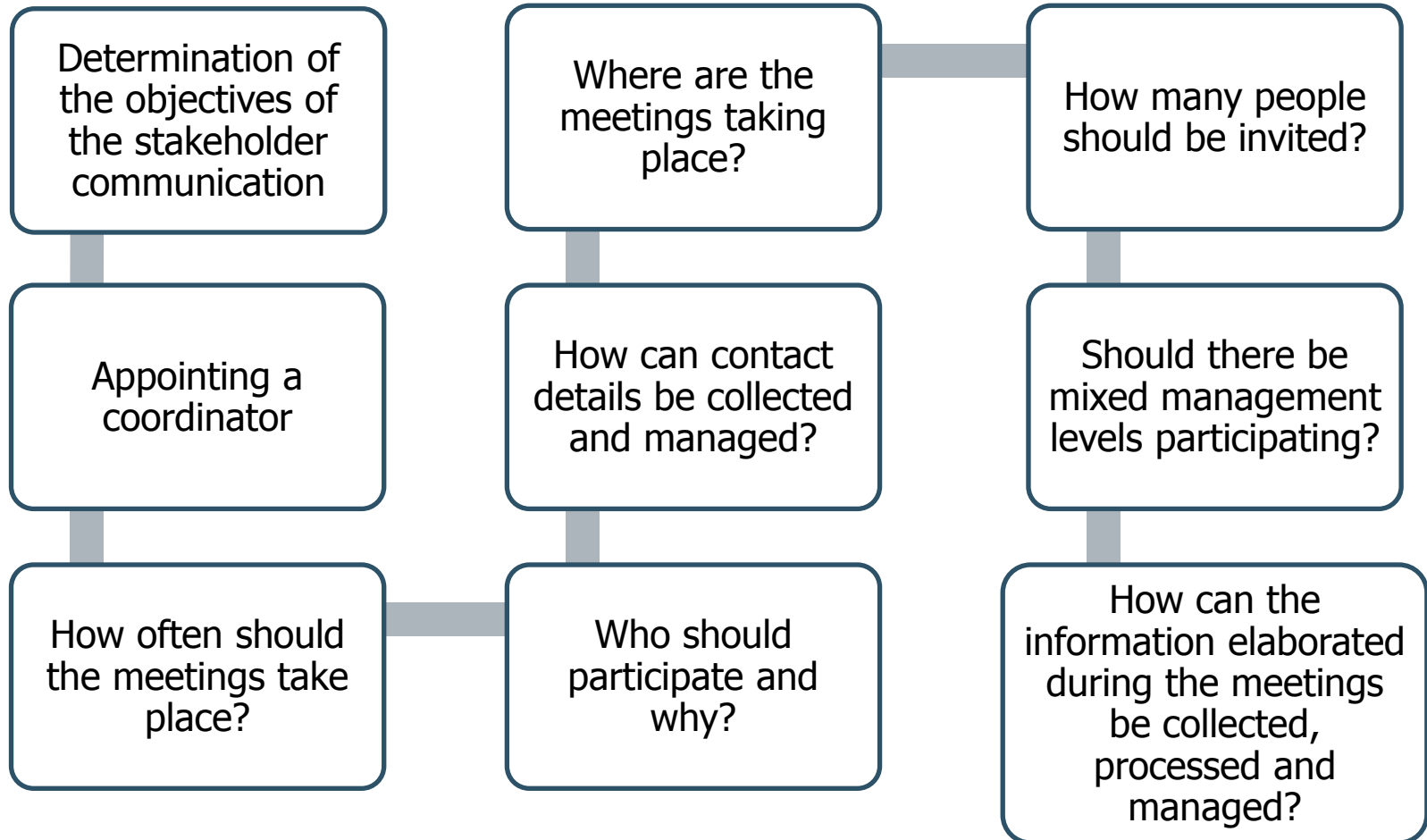
- How do you understand stakeholder communication?
- What should be taken into consideration in Belarus?
- What are the benefits?
- What are the disadvantages?
- In which way there is stakeholder communication already taking place?
- Do you have any examples of Belarus?

⇒ You have 15 minutes to collect and write down all your thoughts on the flipchart paper.

⇒ Afterwards the findings should be briefly presented to the other participants.



Successful stakeholder communication – an example





- ⇒ First meeting: Person should present his/her professional background, department and organisation. Max. 3-5 minutes per person.
- ⇒ Presentation of a topic followed by a moderated discussion of the whole group.
- ⇒ Brainstorming in working groups. Groups should be mixed. Results should be presented after elaboration and protocolled.
- ⇒ Representatives of each Ministry present one major topic, which is currently important. In groups there should be overlaps identified
- ⇒ Three main outcomes of the meeting should be written on a flipchart. Those will be used as the basis for the next meeting. Meanwhile participants will collect more information on the elaborated outcome.



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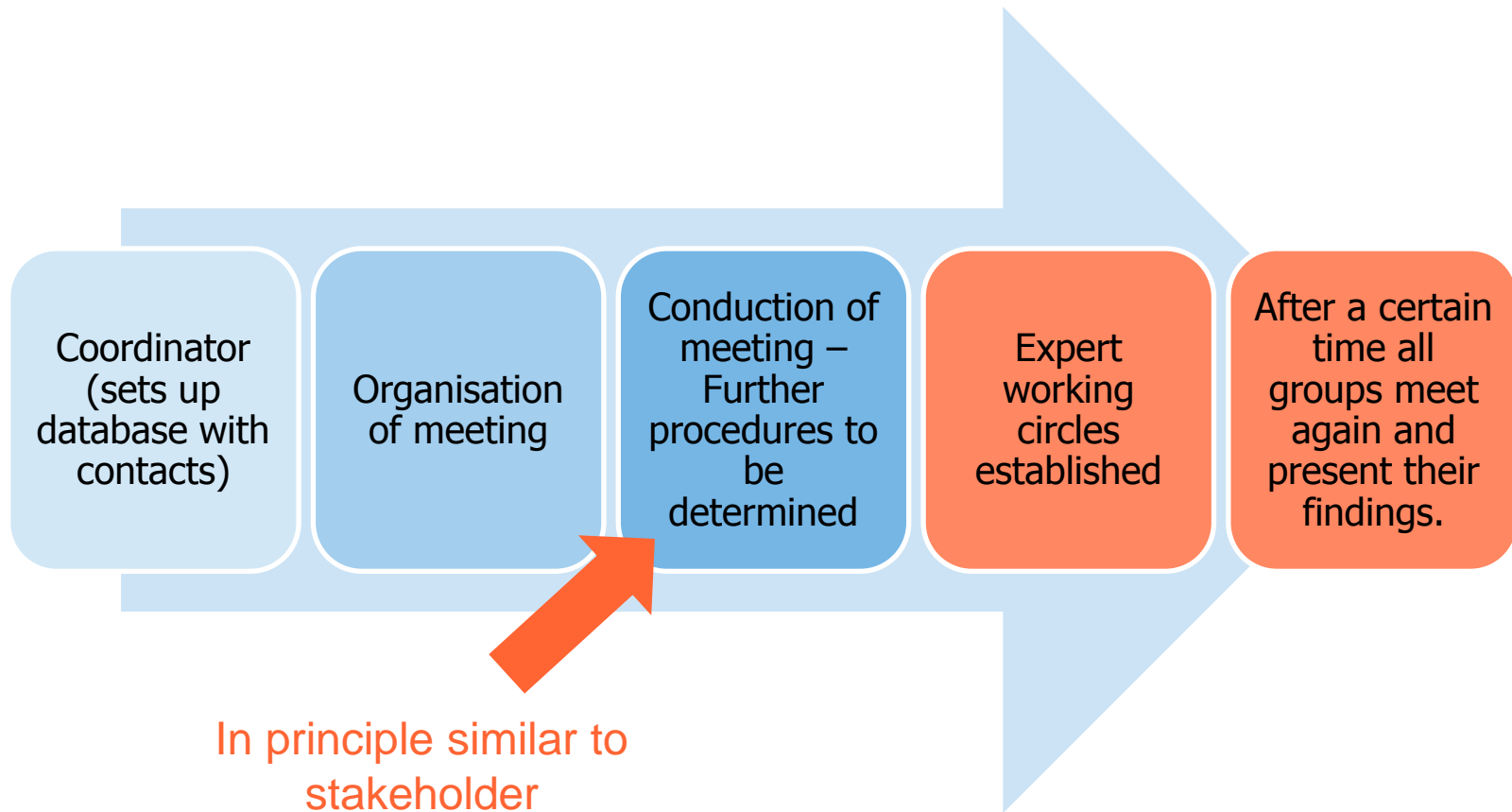


Stakeholder communication as first part of Code of Good Practise



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Stakeholder Communication (First part of Code of Good Practice – Partner Dialogue)



In principle similar to stakeholder communication (same questions to be asked and similar procedures)



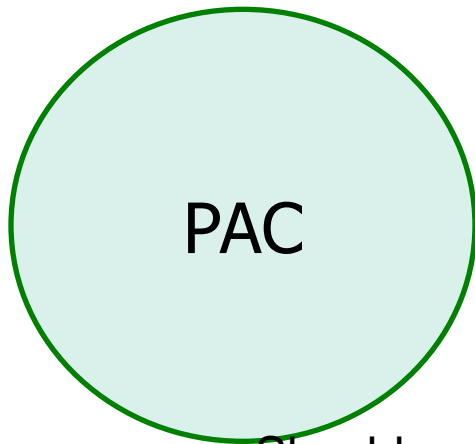
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The role of the Public Advisory Council in the consultation process

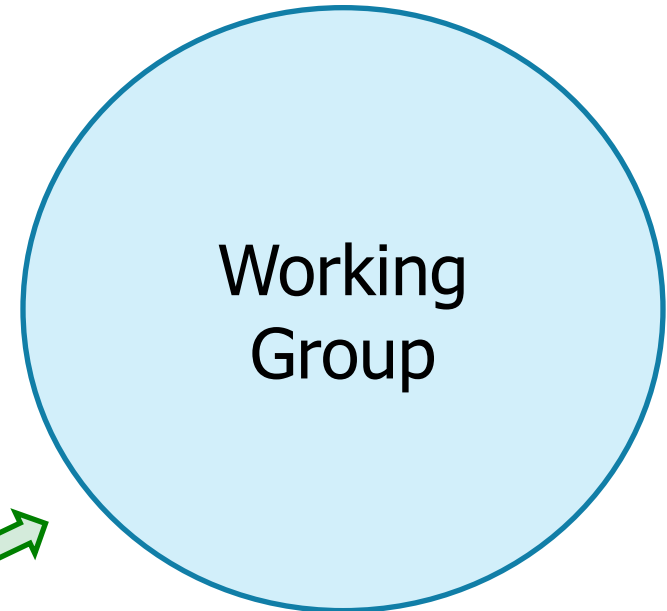


1. Members of the PAC should be balanced (50% public sector / 50% external stakeholders)

2. Mailings should inform about the possibility to become a PAC member – Interested people should be able to apply for a membership



Should consult the working group on a regular basis



3. The Ministry of energy will select the members of the PAC



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Code of Good Practice - Part 2



Rather closed government-internal process

Green papers
/ Law
initiatives

Working
group (set up
formally and
sometimes
non-formally,
depending on
topic)

Members of
working group
(usually only
civil servants)

Public
participation
process through
different
communication
channels

After
consultation is
closed there is
feedback on
the
consultation
process
published.

Members of the Public
Advisory Council could
become consultees to the
working group at this stage



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Wrap-up and conclusions



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**Thank you very much for your co-
operation and your attention!**