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State of the Art of the NPA 2021-2027 Preparations

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First steps in the programming process

- **NPA Impact Evaluation, January 2019**
- **Visioning exercise with Lead Partners, October 2019**
- **Joint paper transnational programmes about more coordination, Oct 2019**
- **European Commission's Orientation Paper for the NPA 2021-2027, Jan 2020**

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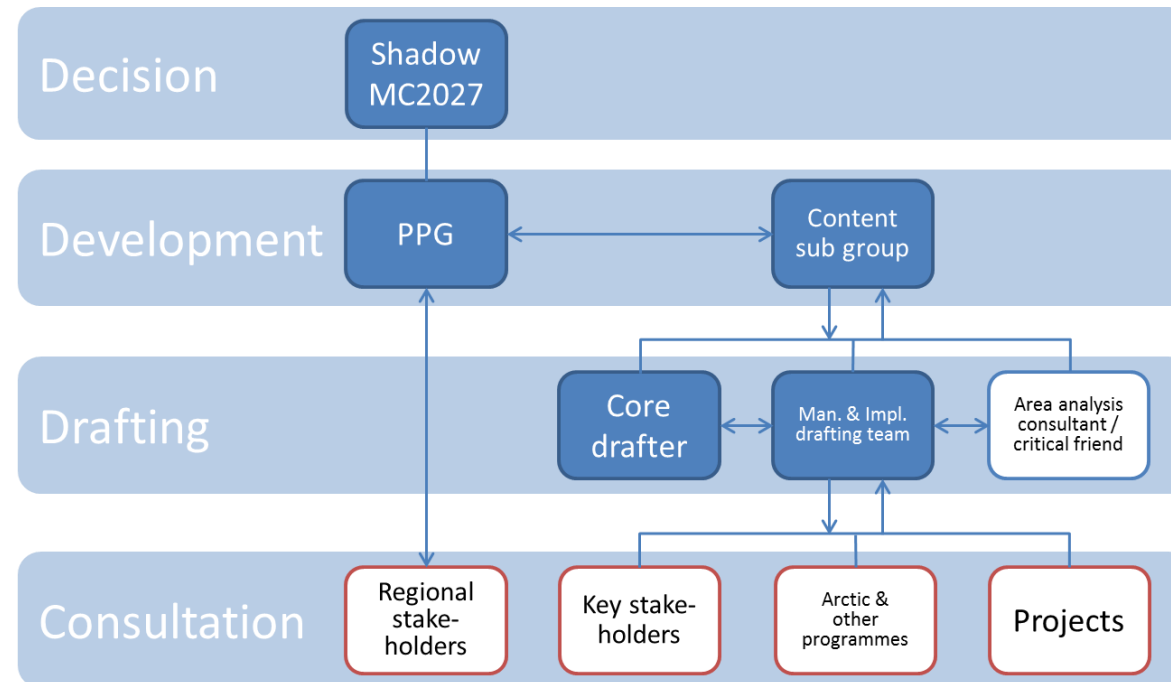
Formal Programming Process

- **Task Force Meeting, April 2020**
 - Structure for the process
 - Budget
 - Procurement of consultants for the area analysis & “critical friend”
- **Programme Planning Group, June & September**
 - National and regional reps for 7 countries (FI, SE, NO, IE, FO, IS, GL) & observers
 - Content Sub Group between PPG meetings, 4 regional representatives (FI, SE, IE, FO)

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Formal Programming Process





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Achieved so far

- **Area Analysis carried out**
- **Preliminary selection of Policy Objectives and Interreg Specific Objective**
- **Managing authority and JS**
- **Ongoing: coordination with other programmes**
 - **Arctic Cooperation, Coordination in Baltic Sea Region, and North Western Europe**

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Themes under discussion

- **Policy Objective 1: A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation**
 - a) enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies;
 - b) reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments;
 - c) enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs;

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Themes under discussion

- **Policy Objective 2: A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management**
 - a) promoting energy efficiency measures;
 - b) promoting renewable energy;
 - d) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience;
 - f) promoting the transition to a circular economy

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Themes under discussion

- **Interreg Specific Objective 1, A better Cooperation Governance**
 - a) **enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies**

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Next Steps

- **Designing Priority Axes**
 - Incl. types of actions supported, target groups, and matching indicators
- **Regional stakeholder consultations, Sep-Nov 2020**
- **Consultations with projects early 2021**
- **Programme geography and financing**
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment**
- **Public consultation, early 2021**
- **Aim to have an advanced draft Cooperation Programme document by March 2021**

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Thank you very much!

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