



# Bilateral relations

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**Increased cooperation and improved mutual knowledge and understanding between Donor and Beneficiary States.**



# European Economic Area



# Strategic approach

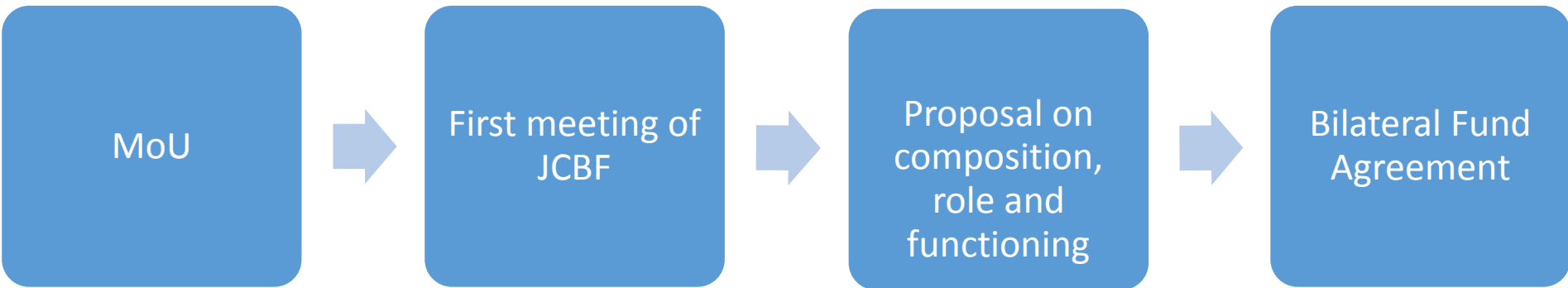
- Results-based management
- True partnerships – from planning to finalising
- Make it attractive
- Sustainability
- Going beyond programmes and projects
- Relevant stakeholders

# Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds (JCBF)

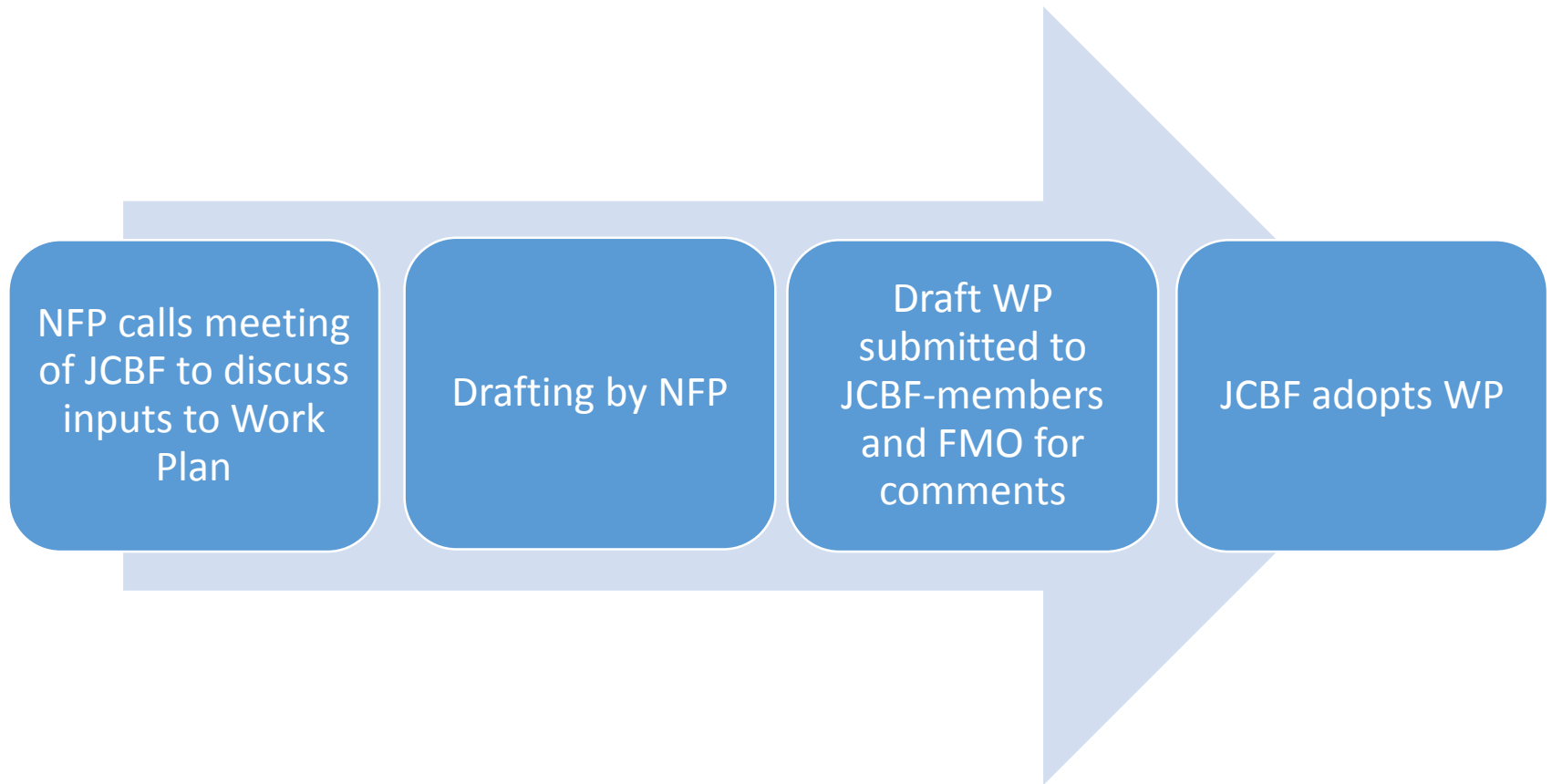
Its tasks shall, inter alia, include:

- a) discussing matters of bilateral interests, identifying initiatives and reviewing the overall progress towards reaching the objective of strengthened bilateral relations;
- b) adopting the Work Plan for the fund for bilateral relations to be discussed at the annual meeting; and
- c) identifying and allocating bilateral funds to programmes of bilateral interest.

# Next steps for the NFP



# Work Plan



# Bilateral Fund – First allocations to programmes

## Advance payments

- Available from designation of PO
- Bilateral activities during programme development
- Max. €50,000
- Payment by FMC to POs in agreement with NFP

## Allocations in the MoU

- *Minimum* allocations
- No further review or approval by JCBF or NFP
- Planned use to be described in concept note & agreed in CC
- Payment by NFP



# Bilateral relations in the concept note

- How will the programme strengthen bilateral cooperation?
- Plans for use of bilateral funds
- Role of the DPP
- Intention to request funds from Bilateral Fund

# Donor Programme Partners

- Strategic partners – key instrument to achieve bilateral objective
- DPPs in all programmes of bilateral interest
- DPP framework agreements being finalised
- DPP+PO cooperation expected from designation of PO+DPP

# Next steps for FMO

- Bilateral Guideline
- DPP framework agreements
- Training
  - NFPs
  - POs
  - DPPs