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1ST PLENARY MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON PARTNERSHIP

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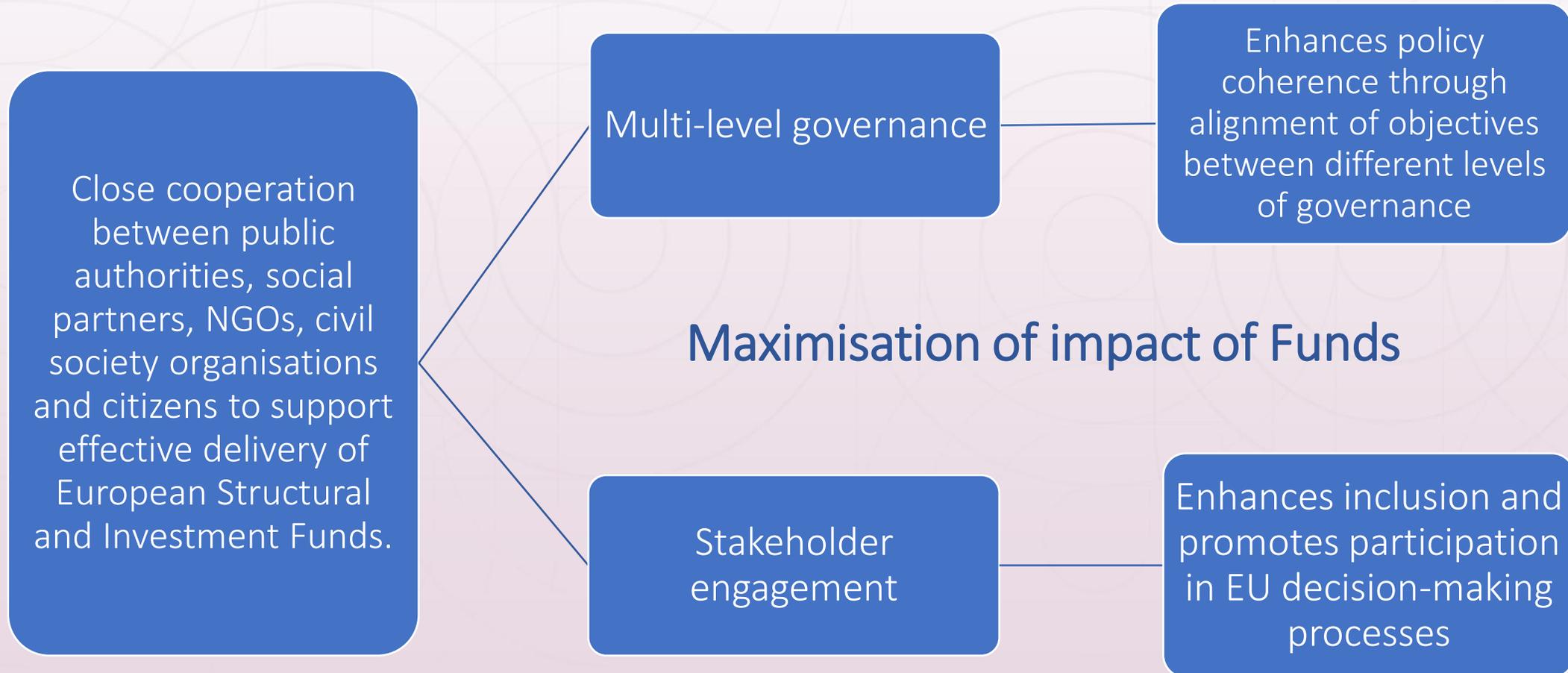
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The Rationale for the ECoPP

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What is the partnership principle?



The partnership principle (2021-27)

- Principle is a key feature in the implementation of ESI Funds.
- Builds on multi-level governance and involvement of regional, local, urban and other public authorities, civil society, economic and social partners and, where appropriate, research organisations and universities.
- Member States shall involve partners in the preparation of Partnership Agreements and during the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes
- Member States shall, where relevant, allocate an appropriate percentage of resources coming from Funds for administrative capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations.
- **The European Code of Conduct on Partnership** for Partnership Agreements and programmes should continue to apply to Funds in the 2021-27 programming period.

Article 8, Partnership and multi-level governance

Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council (24 June 2021)

The European Code of Conduct on Partnership (ECCP)



Commission Delegated Regulation (7.1.2014)

- Provides common standards for partner involvement in ESI Fund Partnership Agreements and programme preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- Reiterates the need for wider stakeholder involvement across national, regional and local levels to maximise the impact of funds.
- Calls for a Community of Practice on Partnership covering all ESI Funds to facilitate exchange of good practice, strengthen institutional capacity and disseminate relevant outcomes among Member States, managing authorities and representatives of partners.

ECCP principles

- Adequate and appropriate representation of partners
- Consideration of capacity for active participation

Representation



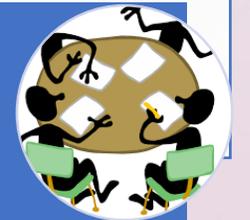
- Clarity of information on involvement of all relevant partners
- Consultation processes with partners conducted in an accessible and timely manner

Transparency



- Partners should be represented in programme monitoring committees
- Participation should take place throughout cycle preparation, implementation, monitoring & evaluation

On-going
involvement



ECCP principles

- Strengthening of institutional capacity of relevant partners
- Capacity building activities should target social partners and civil society organisations involved in programmes

Institutional
strengthening



- Assessment of the role of partners in implementation of Partnership Agreements and programmes
- Performance and effectiveness of partnership should be reviewed

Participatory
review



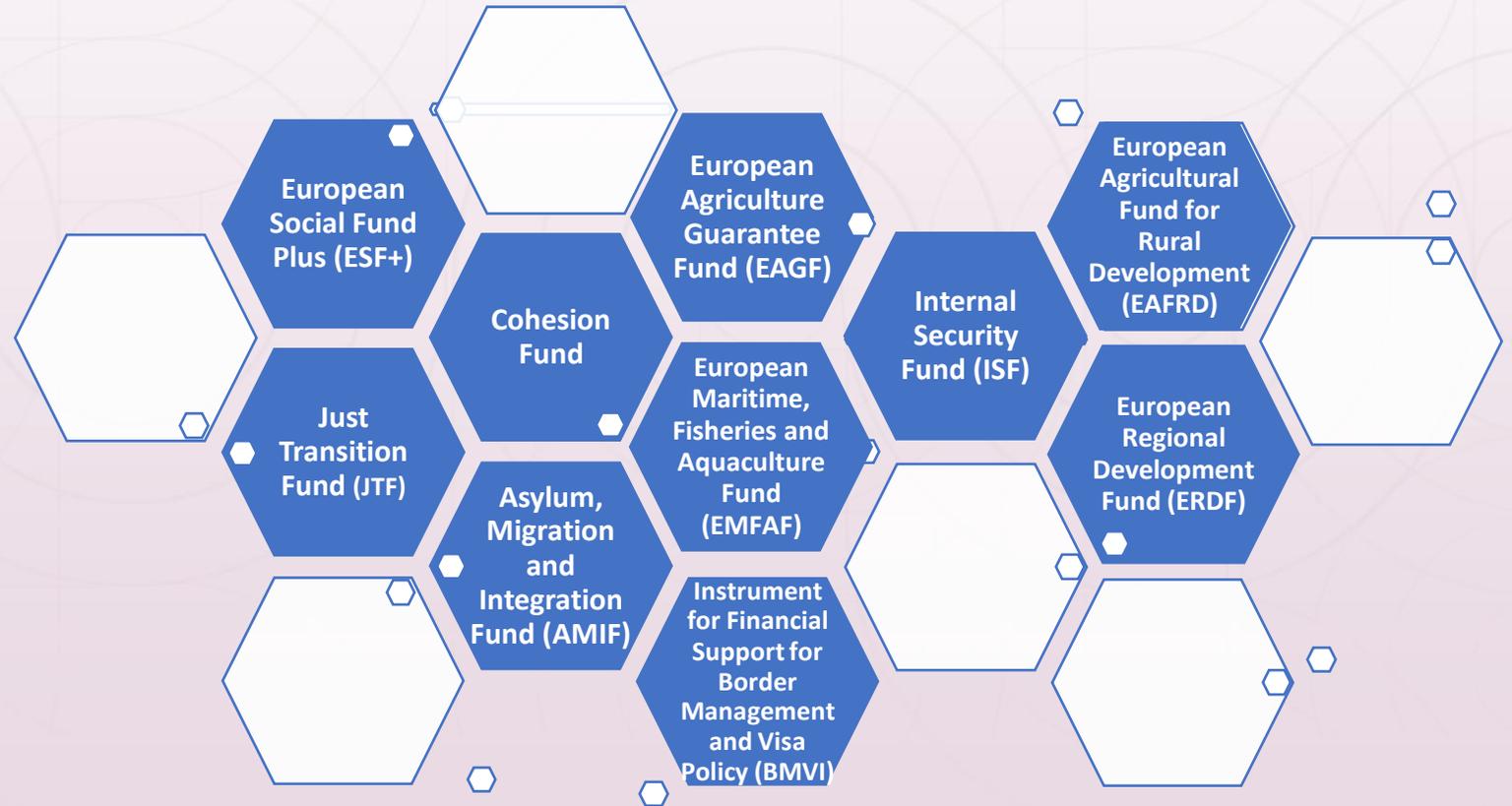
- Learning about partnership should be promoted across ESIF
- Sharing of good practice examples and exchanges of experience
- Dissemination of findings

Exchange and
learning

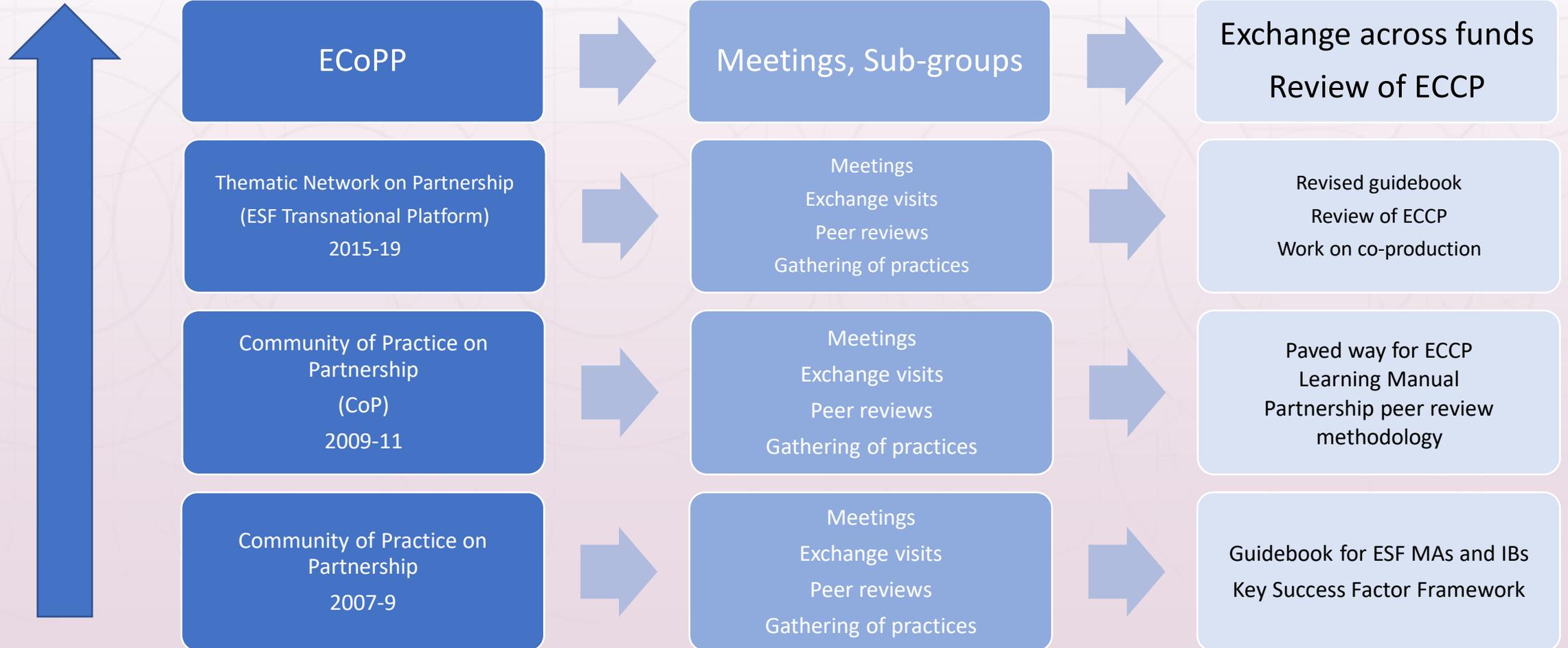


The European Community of Practice on Partnership (ECoPP)

- Complies with ECCP call for a Community of Practice on Partnership covering all ESI Funds
- Will work to facilitate and improve implementation of the partnership principle and ECCP among all funds covered by the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)

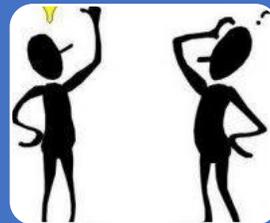


Background to the ECoPP



ECoPP aims

To offer a genuine forum
for practitioners at all
levels of funds'
implementation to
exchange partnership
knowledge and practices



Exploring different partnership experiences
in order to better understand what works,
what does not and why



Understanding specific contextual issues
and how these influence implementation
of the partnership principle



Deepening the learning from national,
regional and local level partnership
programmes and projects

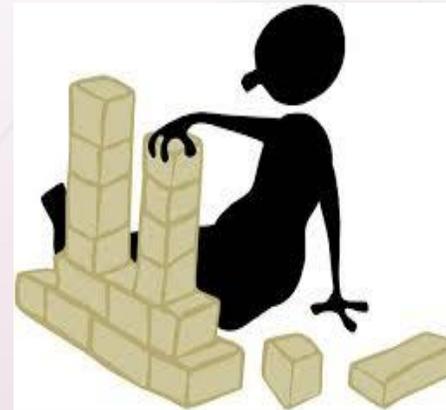
ECoPP in a nutshell



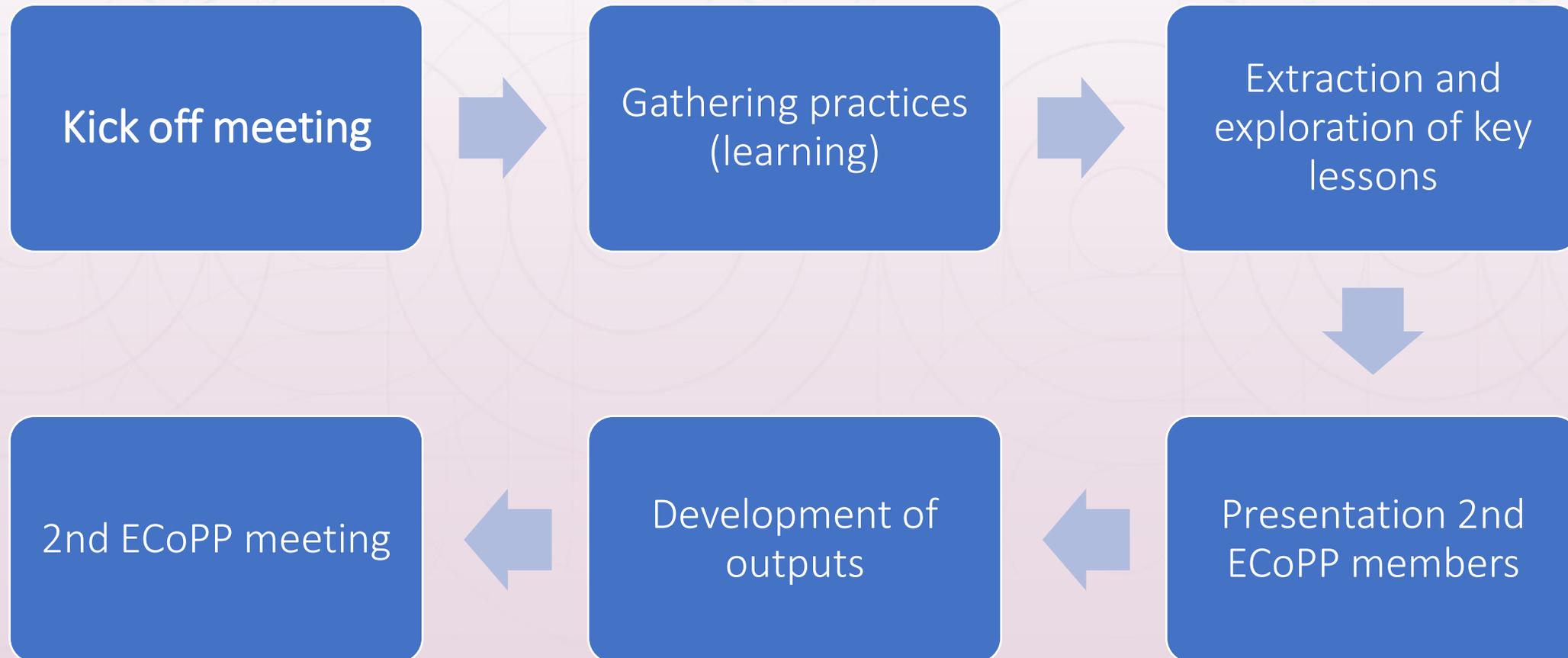
ECoPP - Year 1

Objectives

- To ensure a common baseline for all members in relation to the partnership principle
- To establish and support the development of effective member-driven sub-groups to gather partnership practices and exchange ideas across different implementation levels of CPR funds
- To review the existing European Code of Conduct (ECCP) and preparing proposals for its update



ECoPP – Year 1 timeline



Stakeholder session

What are your
expectations?

