Developing National Energy and Climate Plans

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The context – Governance Regulation (Reg. (EU) 2018/1999)

- **In force in the Energy Community since Dec 2021, transposition deadline: 31 December 2022;**
- **Focuses on climate and energy planning and reporting but goes beyond those two policy areas:**
  - ✓ Industry;
  - ✓ transport;
  - ✓ heating and cooling and buildings sector (residential and tertiary);
  - ✓ agriculture;
  - ✓ waste;
  - ✓ land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF)**.**

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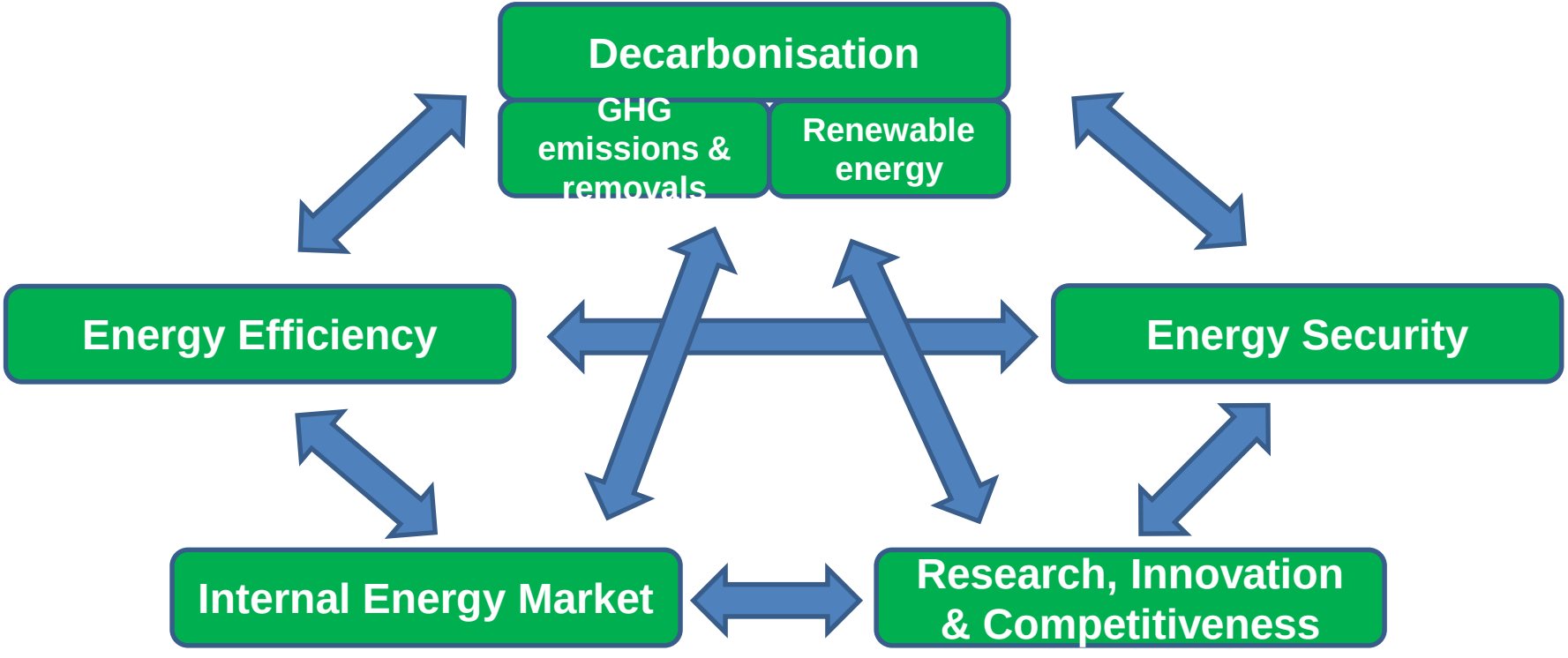
NECPs are one of the tools in the Regulation

Function:
Central vehicle to design, implement and govern the strategies and measures in energy and climate to reach 2030 targets and beyond

Pool various national strategies, reduce administrative burden, provide predictability and stability for the policy decisions for 10 years

Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans + Biennial progress reports Span of 10 years, first iteration 2025-2030	Long-term strategies 30-year perspective (until 2050) Former Low-Carbon Development Strategy*	Cooperation and coordination Complementary solutions, economies of scale, cost-efficiency	GHG inventories EU and national inventory systems, review, registries

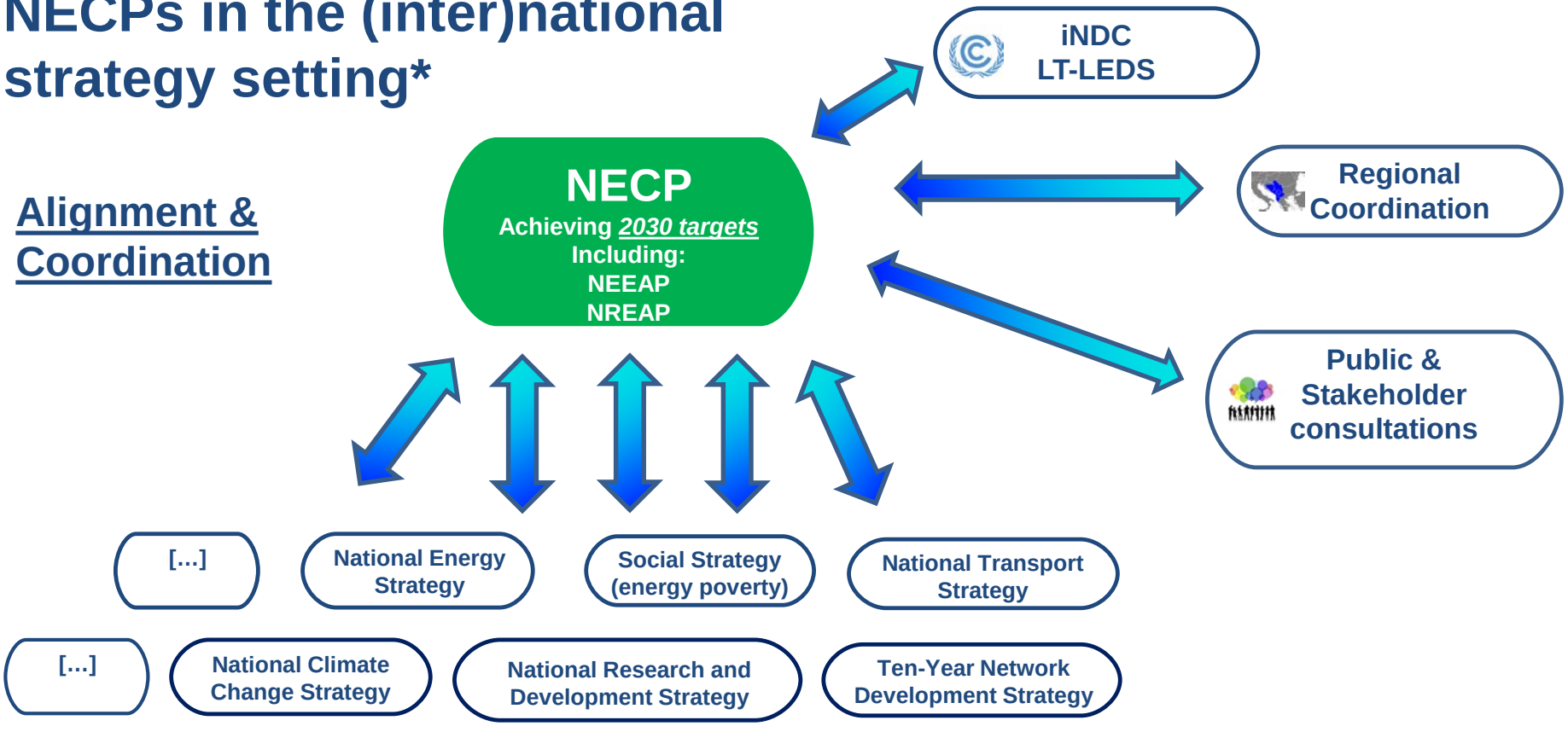
Dimensions of the NECP



The context

NECPs in the (inter)national strategy setting*

Alignment & Coordination



*illustration

NECP structure

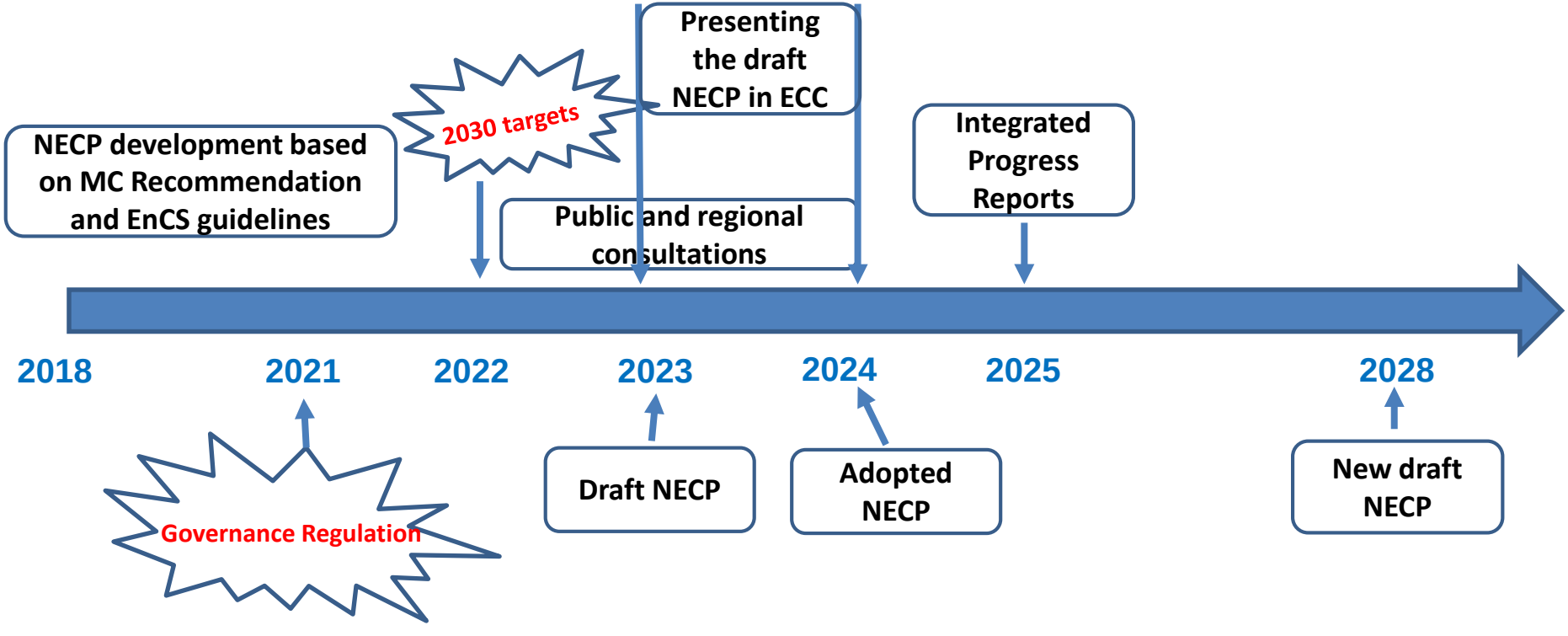
Descriptive part

- Overview of current policy situation;
- Consultations and regional cooperation;
- National objectives & targets (*in all 5 dimensions*);
- Policies and measures (*in all 5 dimensions*).

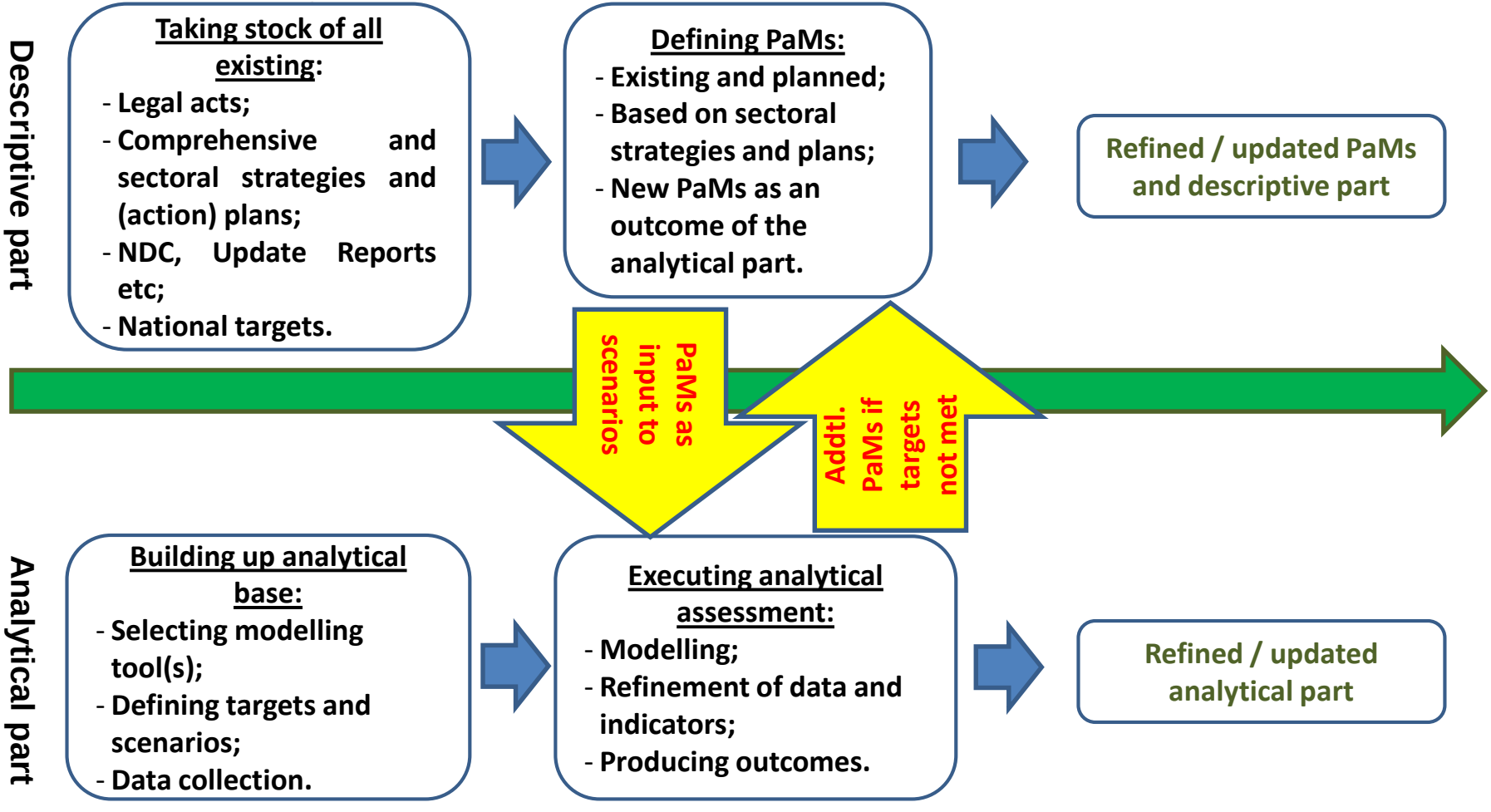
Analytical part

- Current situation and projections with existing policies and measures (*in all 5 dimensions*);
- Impact assessment of planned policies and measures (*in all 5 dimensions*).

NECP development timeline



NECP development process



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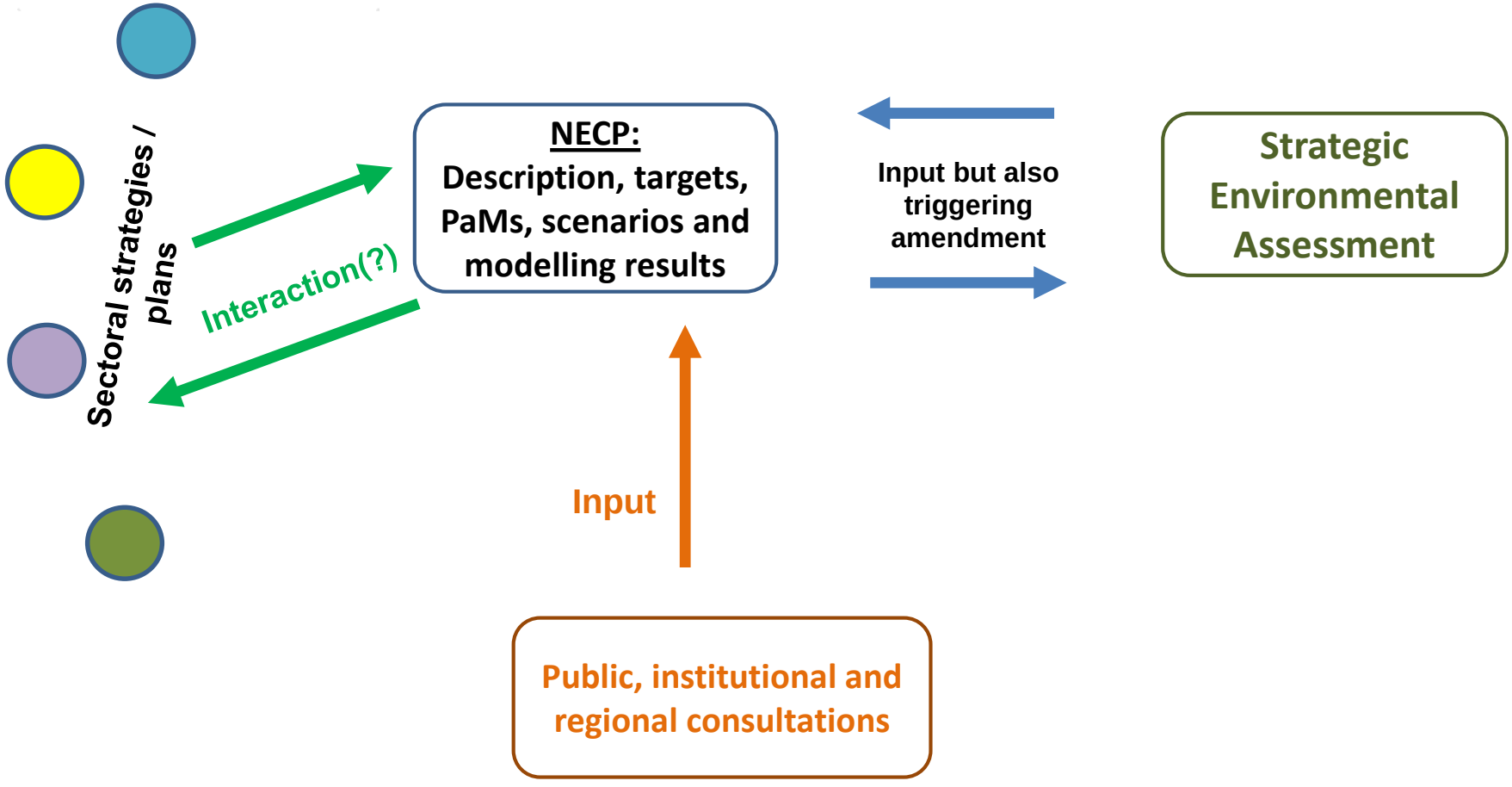

NECP development – state of play

	NECP status	SEA status
Albania	Adopted (Dec 2021), update is ongoing	SEA report was prepared
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Drafts on entity level (early stage on state level)	SEA not initiated
Georgia	Draft is ready and in consultation	SEA initiated, draft SEA scoping report under preparation
Kosovo*	Draft is being developed (mid stage)	SEA not initiated
Moldova	Draft is being developed (early stage)	SEA not initiated
Montenegro	Draft is being developed (mid stage)	SEA not initiated
North Macedonia	Adopted (May 2022)	SEA report was prepared
Serbia	Draft is ready and waiting for	SEA process initiated in 2021, new

NECP development – strengths and weaknesses

- Good overview of national policy objectives in the different sectors;
- Solid analytical part, detailed scenarios and robust modelling tools;
- 2030 targets provide a clear heading;
- The NECP can be a compass document across political cycles;
- Comparability with EU MSs – EU NECPs updated in 2023;
- Clear indication for investment (and international support) needs BUT this also means commitment!

- Most of the effort is focused on collecting the information, but much less is dedicated to synthesis;
- Limited inputs accommodated from consultations, no regional consultations;
- Little focus on cross-border impact and on cross-border solutions;
- Hard policy decisions are often not addressed;
- Policies and measures often cited in general terms (difficulty to check progress).

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