



Integrating environmental mitigation rules into One Stop Shop application workflows

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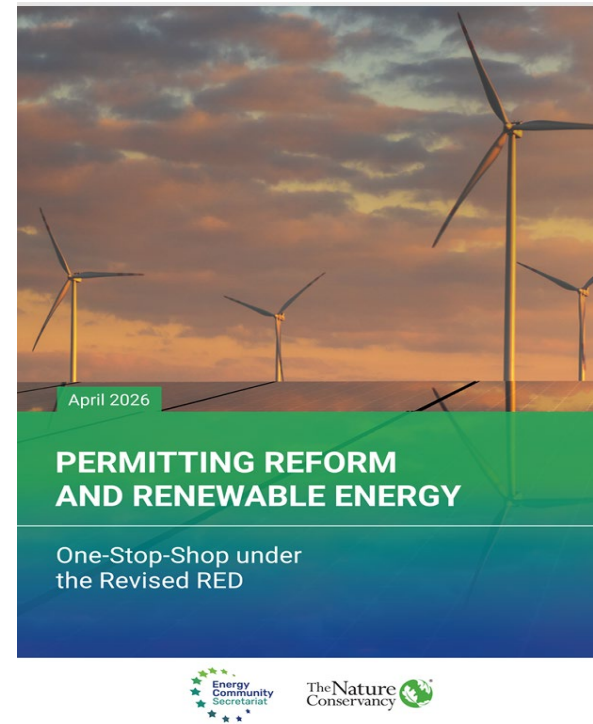
Agenda

1. About TNC and ECS cooperation and RAA PERMIT BOOST project
2. Rational - Why do we need One Stop Shops (OSSs)?
3. RED III – Renewable Acceleration Areas (RAAs) and OSSs
4. Models of OSSs
5. OSS for RAAs

Operational Blueprint for RAAs and Permitting protocol



- RED III – RAAs explained
- TNC smart siting methodology
- Step by step in designating RAAs
- Mapping Dataset
- Mitigation measures for solar and wind



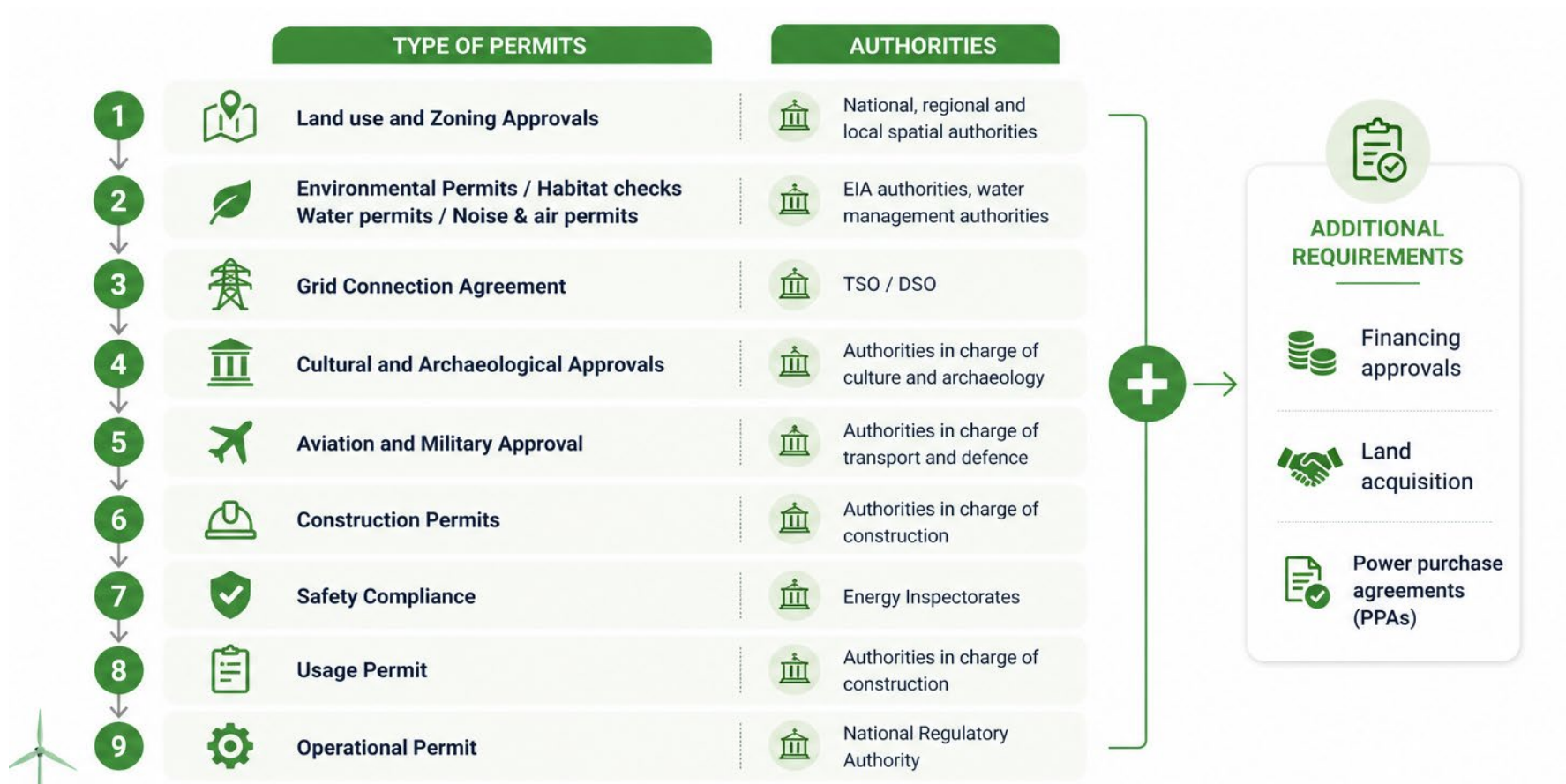
- Comparison of RED II and RED III – novelties explained and deadlines table
- Models of OSSs
- Step by step in establishing OSS
- Case studies



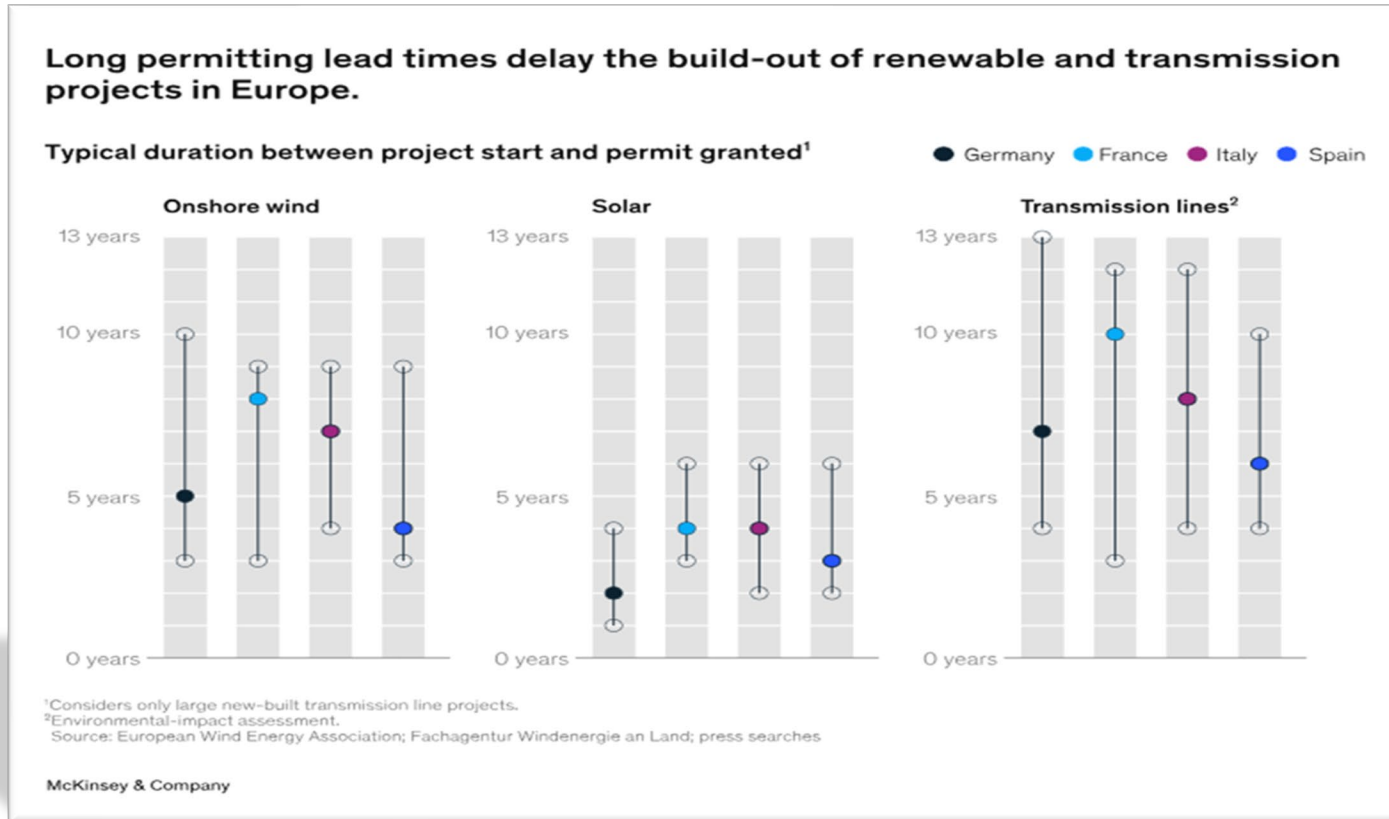
RAA PERMIT BOOST project

- **RAA-PERMIT-BOOST** supports the implementation of RAAs and RE permitting reforms across Europe through research, peer learning, technical assistance and practical tools
- ▶ **Consortium partners:** TH!NK E, Austrian Energy Agency (AEA), Eclareon, Ecorys, European Renewable Energies Federation (EREF), TNC, ICLEI, UAB CIVITTA
- The core of the project are **two Communities of Practice (CoP)**:
 1. **CoP for Siting and Designation** – gathering siting technicians, GIS experts or public authority involved in RAA designation
 2. **CoP for Permitting and Implementation** – gathering permitting authorities
- Bi-monthly meetings with interactive formats discussing particular challenges around mapping and permitting
- Observers: DG ENER, JRC and EEA
- Collaborating with the EnC Secretariat RES Center
- If you are siting technician, GIS expert or permitting authority, reach out to us for joining the meetings of CoPs

RE projects-related permits and responsible institutions



Permitting delays in numbers

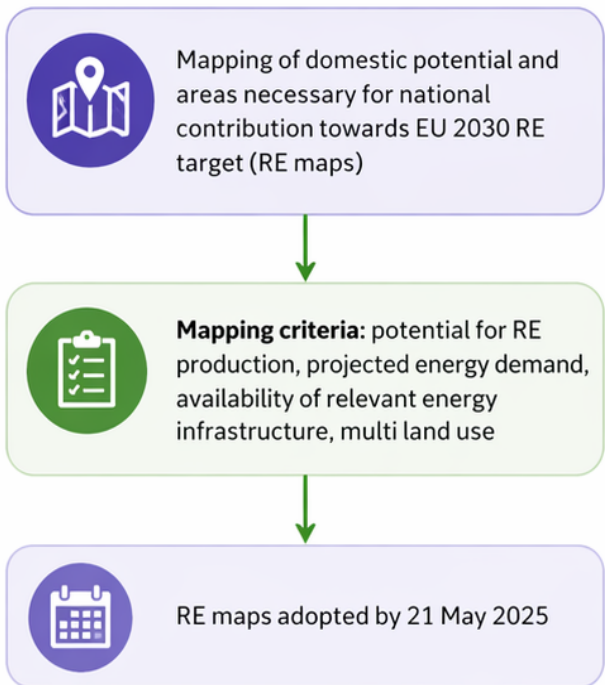


McKinsey & Company, Five key action areas to put Europe's energy transition on a more orderly path, August 2023.

RE mapping and RAAs designation in the revised RED

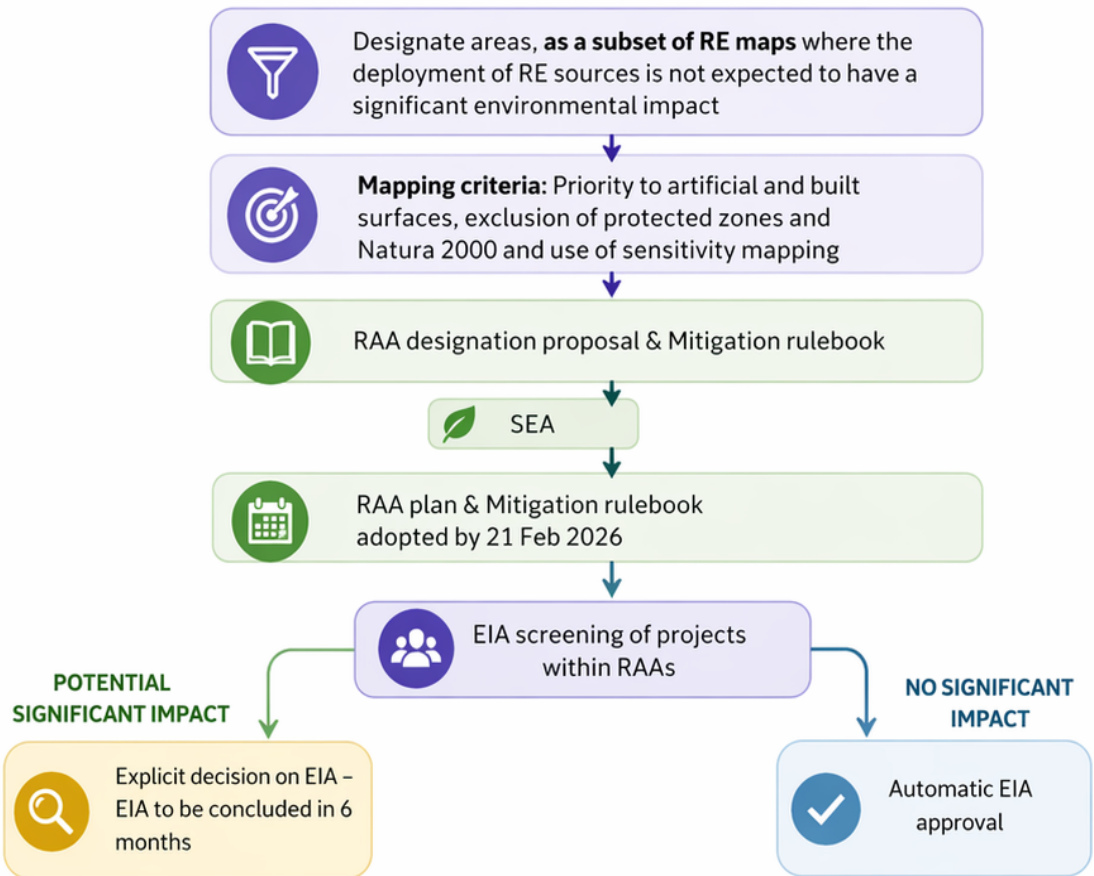
1 1st step – Coordinated mapping for renewable energy

15b Revised RED

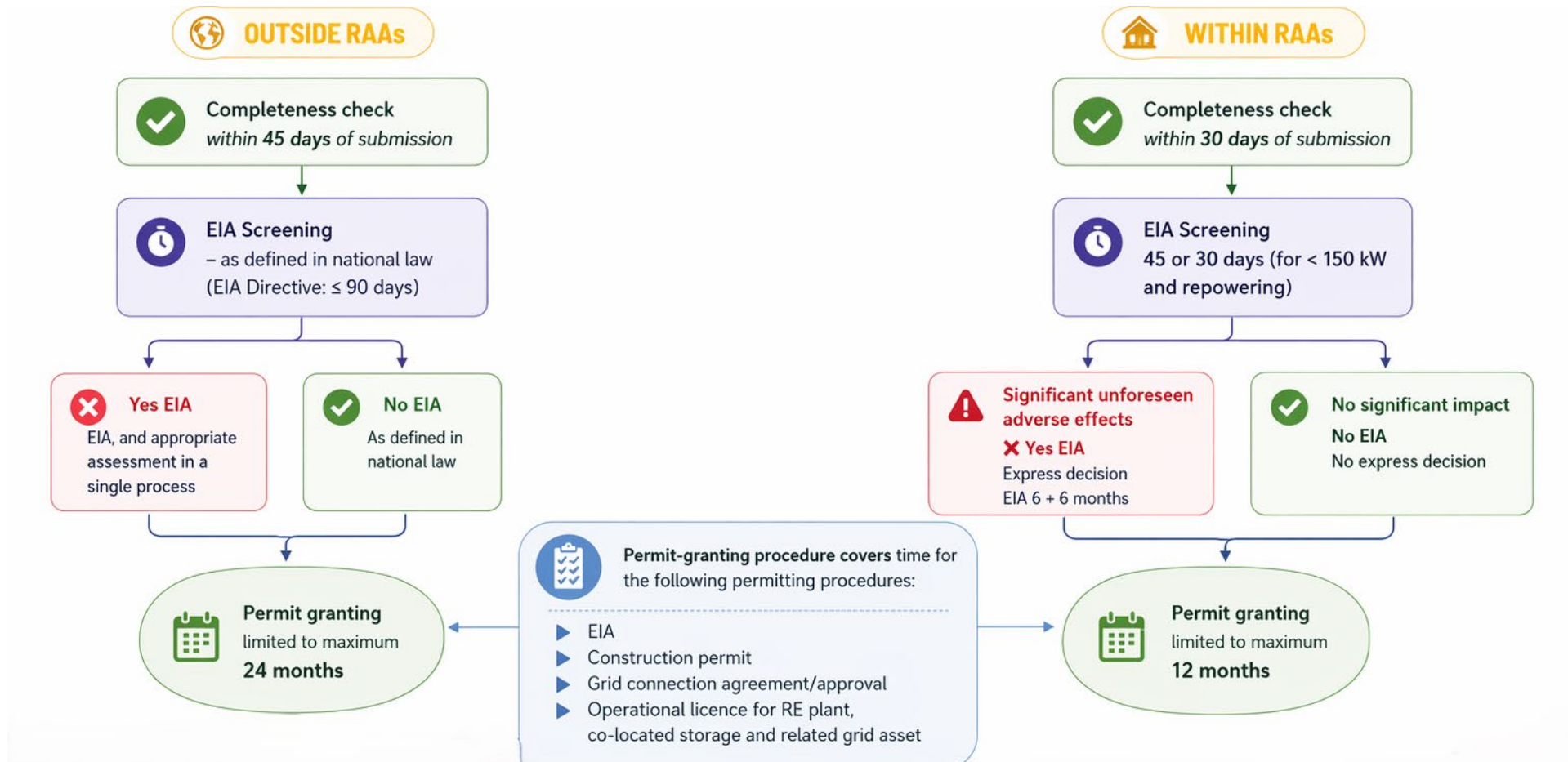


2 2nd step – Renewable acceleration areas (RAAs) mapping

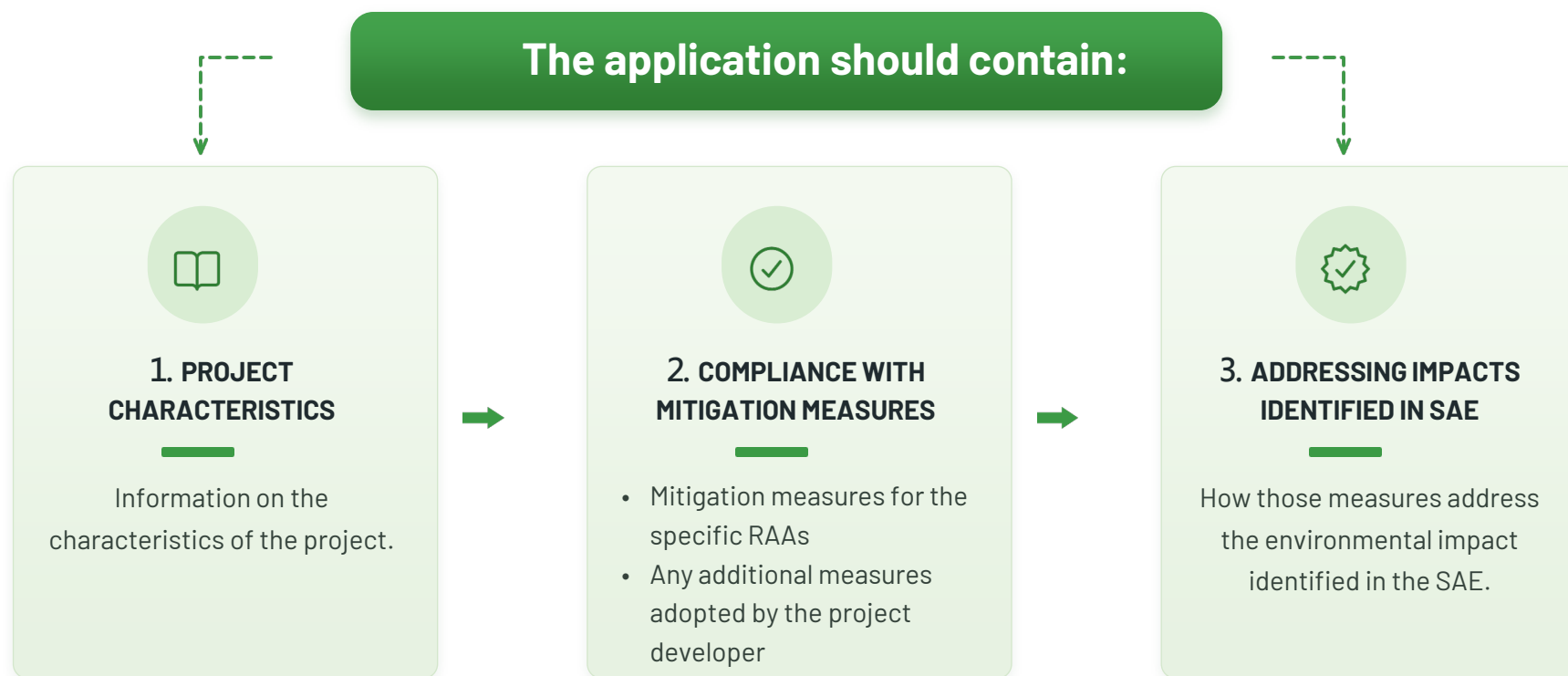
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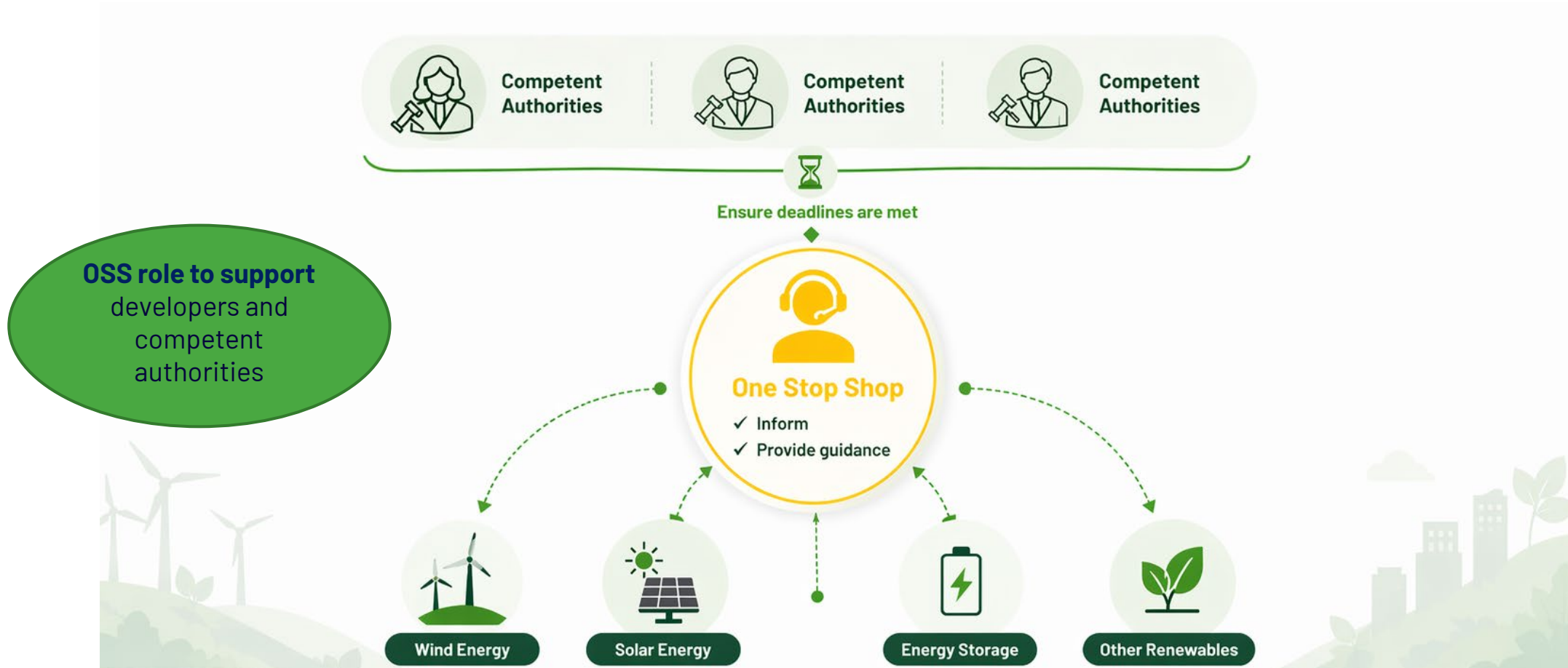
Permitting procedures in the revised RED



Application for EIA screening – Article 16a (4) revised RED



The role of OSS



Defining goal and scope of RE OSS



1.

Responsibilities
of OSSs



Responsibilities of OSS models

Feature	 Informative Model	 Coordinating Model	 Integrated Model
 Core function	Provides guidance	Coordinates authorities	Single authority decides
 Legal and institutional changes	Low	Medium	High
 Improvement	Low	Medium	High
 Complexity reduction	Low	Medium	High
 Administrative capacity needed	Low	Medium	Medium-High



Informative model

Provides guidance
and information



Coordinated model

Coordinates multiple
authorities



Integrated model

Single authority
decides



The OSS model evolves from **providing guidance** to **coordinating efforts** to **enabling a single authority decision**.

2.

Technology and size of projects that the OSS will serve



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Who are beneficiaries of OSS?

 Procedures are different for different type of projects (technology and size) – **One size does NOT fit all**

 To have effective service, it should be **tailor-made** for particular beneficiaries:



TAILORED FOR KEY BENEFICIARIES



Developers of utility scale projects

Large projects, complex permitting & grid access



Promoters of cross-border infrastructure projects

Multi-country coordination & compliance



Energy communities

Guidance, capacity building & financial support



PV rooftops

Simple, fast & low-bureaucracy processes

3.

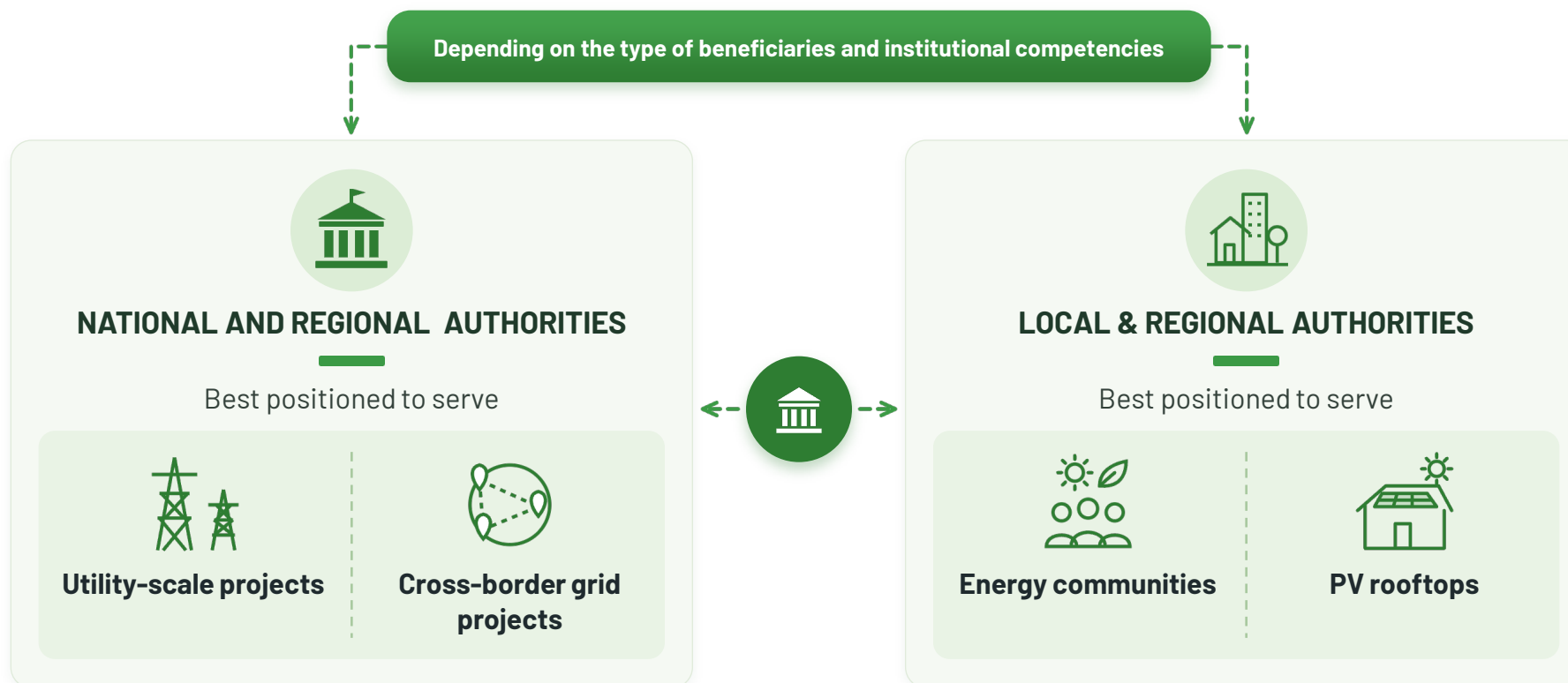
Administrative level
that establish
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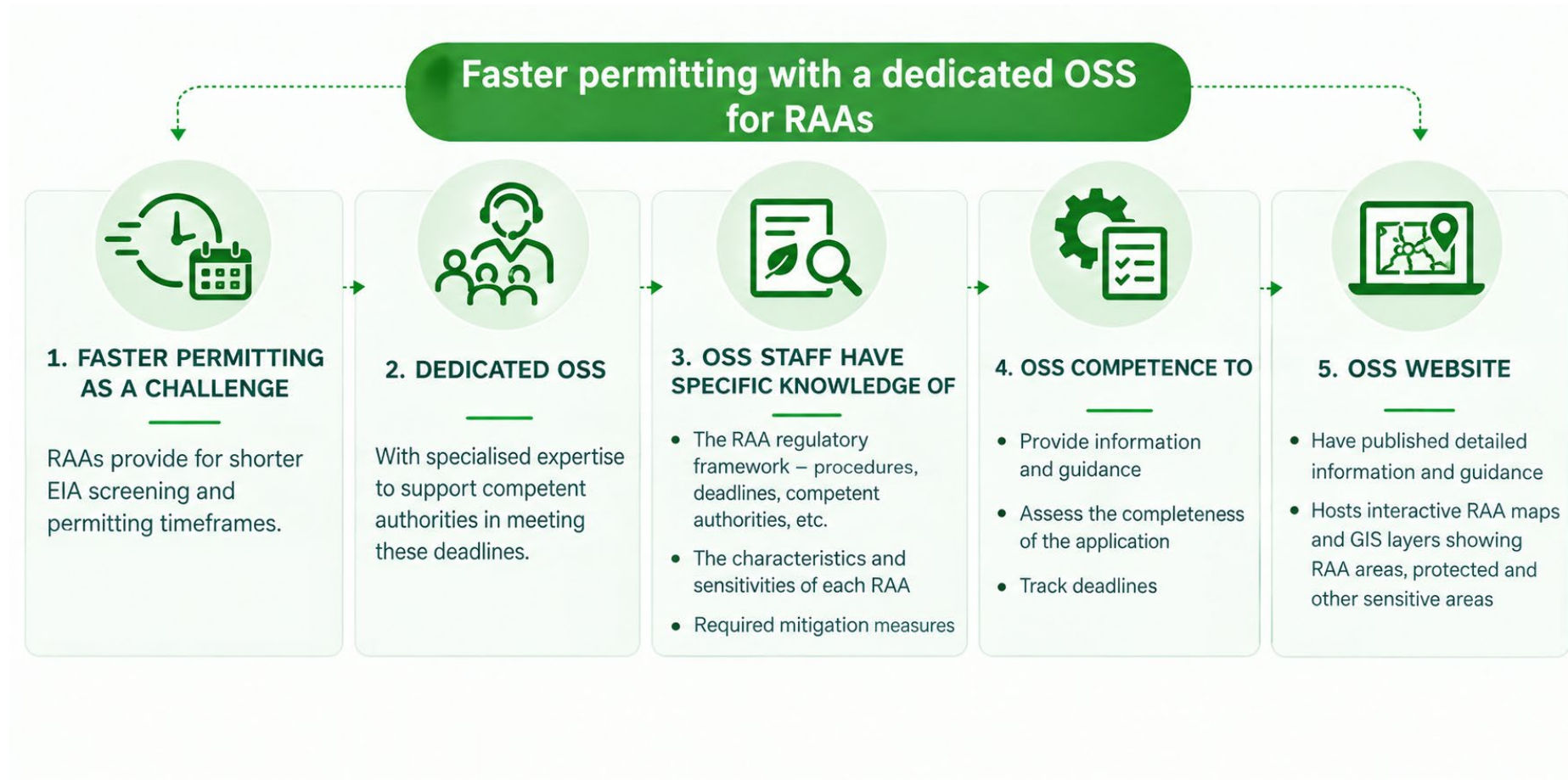
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Who establishes the OSS? Local, regional or national authorities?



Additional functionalities of OSS for projects in RAAs



From pre-application to application

PRE-APPLICATION STAGE · Project developer

-  **Accesses** the RAA plan with the Mitigation rulebook on the OSS website
-  **Analyses and understands** the RAA plan and the Mitigation rulebook that is part of it
-  **Seeks** additional information and guidance from the OSS
-  **Includes** the mitigation measures described there in the project design and the application



APPLICATION STAGE · OSS

 OSS checks: **does the application contain the prescribed measures?**

YES

OSS **forwards** the application to the competent authority for **EIA screening**

NO

OSS **asks for completeness** of the application, after consulting the competent authority

Key Messages

01



OSS is not simple administrative entity but an entity that should contribute significantly to the acceleration of procedures

02



- **Dedicated OSS for RAAs** will move things forward

03



- Make **RAA plans and mitigation rulebook** easily accessible

04



- Integrate **RAAs maps and layers of sensitivity areas** into OSS website

05



- Guide project developers to **integrate mitigation measures** in the application



Thank you for your attention!

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