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Joint European Forum for Important Projects of Common European Interest JEF-IPCEI

Industry Working Party

18 September 2023

GROW.C Investments

*COMP.H State aid:
general enforcement and scrutiny*

JEF-IPCEI: Background

- IPCEI important tool for delivering breakthrough innovation when market alone does not deliver
- Up to now six IPCEIs have been launched and approved
 - 225 projects across 21 member states, unlocking €50 billion of private investments with an approved max. of €26.7 billion of state aid
- However, also challenges related to IPCEIs remain
 - Code of Good Practices in May 2023
- JEF-IPCEI aims to further address challenges and realise the instrument's full potential for competitiveness and resilience of the European economy

JEF-IPCEI: Proposed objectives



Identify areas of strategic EU interest for potential future IPCEIs

Better aligning potential new IPCEIs with the policy objectives of the EU industrial strategy

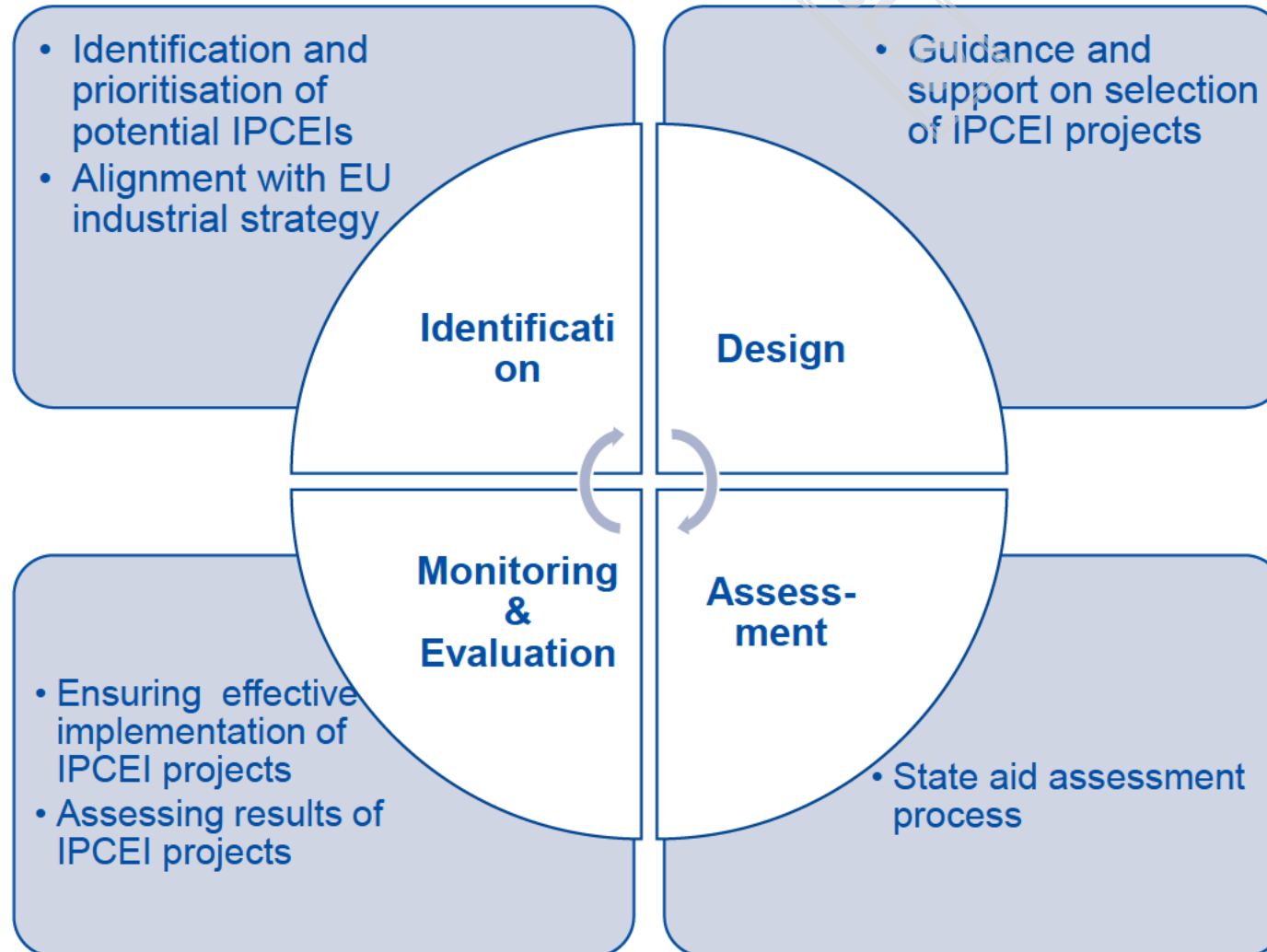
Fed by monitoring and evaluation process



Increase the effectiveness of the IPCEI process

Improving the process, speed and design of IPCEIs (based on existing State Aid rules) through facilitating exchanges on best practices, lessons learnt and streamlining procedural and operative framework conditions

JEF-IPCEI: Workstreams covering life-cycle of IPCEI



JEF-IPCEI: Proposed key principles and success factors

- **A partnership between the Commission and Member States:**
central point of contact for Member States for coordination between each other and with the Commission.
- **Covering the entire “lifecycle” of the IPCEI process:**
identification, design, assessment and monitoring
- **A single forum** co-led by GROW/COMP
 - Relevant Commission services invited when relevant
 - Representatives of industry and/or academia invited when relevant

JEF-IPCEI: Proposed operational functioning

- Forum organised **around 2 levels**:
 - High-level: senior MS officials responsible for economic and industrial policy + Director-Generals (EC)
 - Technical level: Member State authorities responsible for IPCEI matters (nominated by Member States) + EC officials
- **Forum functioning similarly to SMET**: technical level meets more often and prepare discussions of the high-level format

JEF-IPCEI: Proposed next steps



- Meeting on 20th October 2023 at technical level
 - Present the proposed concept for the JEF-IPCEI in more details and discussed on common rules of procedures
 - Initiate first discussions and work at technical level
- Based on feedback from Member States, formal institutional set-up of the JEF-IPCEI

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Background

Joint European Forum on IPCEI – JEF-IPCEI

Key activities

Exchange best practices
and lessons learnt

Define common tools
and procedures

Coordinate activities on
technology assessment

Share information on
implementation / roadblocks

Objectives

Aligning existing and potential
new IPCEIs with EU industrial
strategy

Improving the process, speed
and design of IPCEIs

Functioning – SMET model

- Partnership between EC and MSs
- Co-lead by DG GROW and DG COMP
- Format: Commission special expert Group
- Membership: 2 levels
 - High-level : senior officials responsible for economic and industrial policy (MS) + Director-Generals (EC)
 - Technical level: MSs authorities responsible for IPCEI + EC officials from DGs
- Stakeholders invited where relevant

For all steps of the IPCEI lifecycle:

Identification (prioritization of technologies), design (support to identify projects),
assessment (SA evaluation) and implementation (delivery of results)