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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Danish EU Presidency Horizon Europe negotiation process - PowerPoint presentation

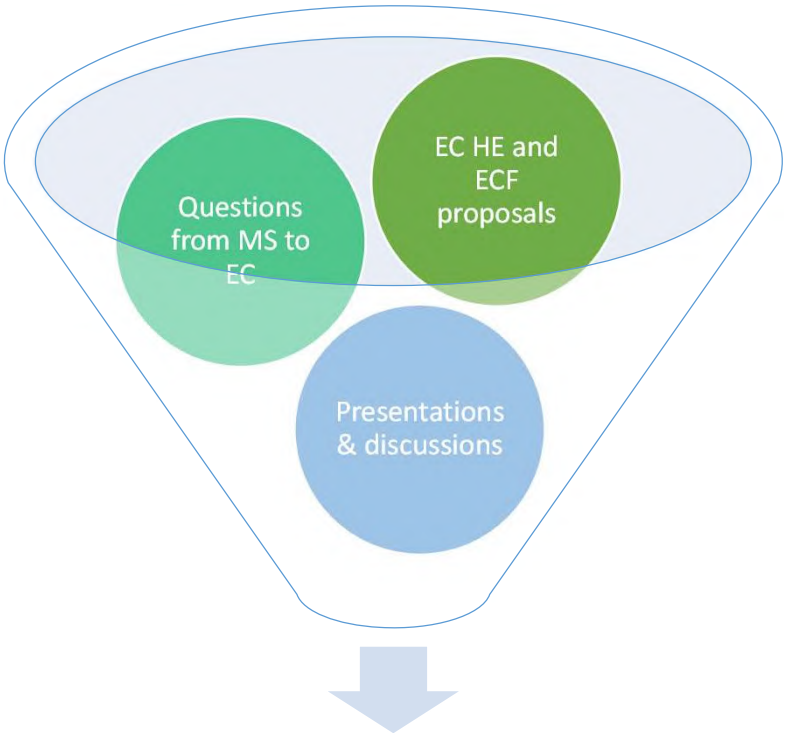
Delegations will find attached a PowerPoint presentation on the above-mentioned subject made by the Presidency at the Research (Atomic Questions) Working Party Meeting held on 6 October 2025.

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Danish EU Presidency

Horizon Europe negotiation process

Takeaways and starting point for next steps



Time to propose solutions

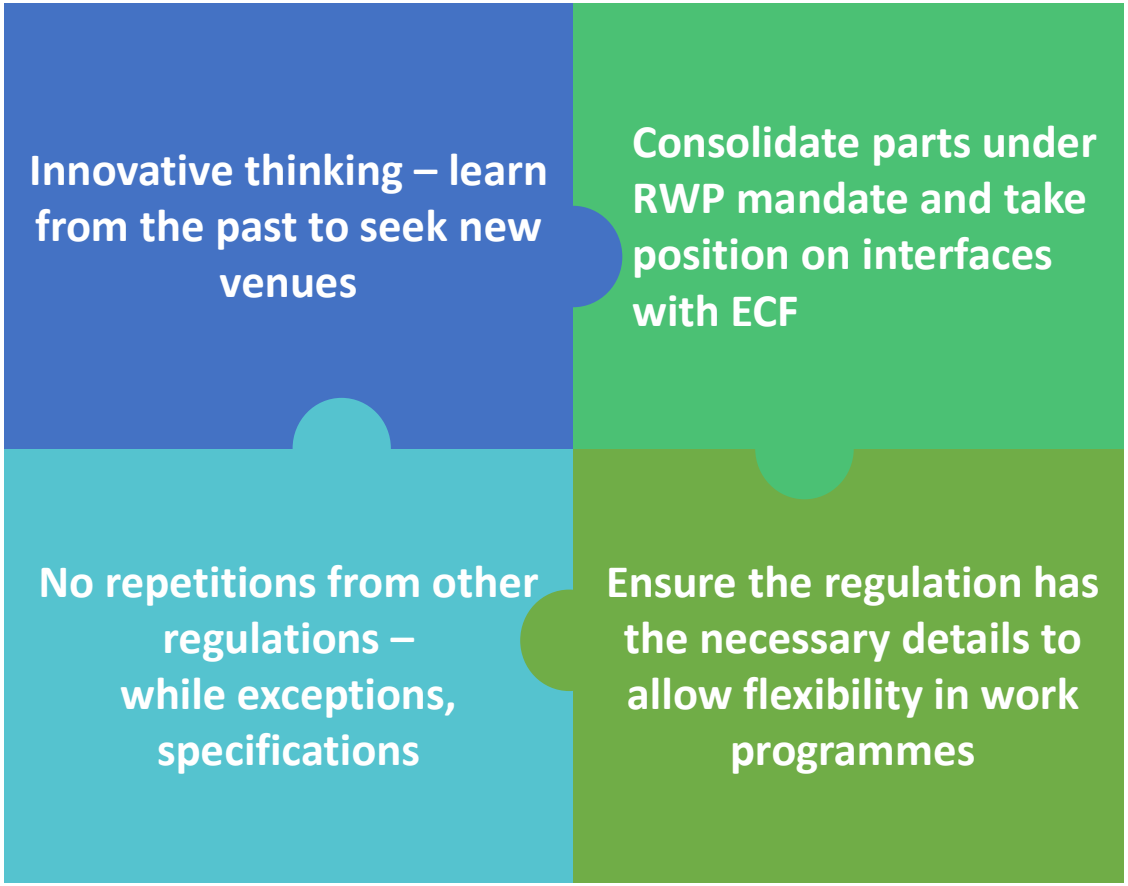
Pending overall MFF governance and structure: allocation of budget to political priorities

Joint responsibility to develop a **strong and innovative new Horizon Europe programme** for **leadership in science, technology and innovation**:

- Boosting competitiveness, sustainability and European values, etc.
  → R&I to provide innovative solutions and showcase possibilities
- Strong complementarity between national and EU level R&I
  → How to maximise EU added value, joint objectives
- Setting priorities – where they are needed, while how?
  → Prescriptive > < Open
  → Methods and criteria when needed
- Strike balances by giving a clear frame
  → Flexibility > < Predictability
  → Short term > < Long term
  → Top down > < Bottom up
- Moving research to deployment (pipelines)
  → Ensure a workable and practical link with the ECF
- An attractive programme for stakeholders – at all level
  → Keep it simple and clear

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Guiding principles for the negotiations



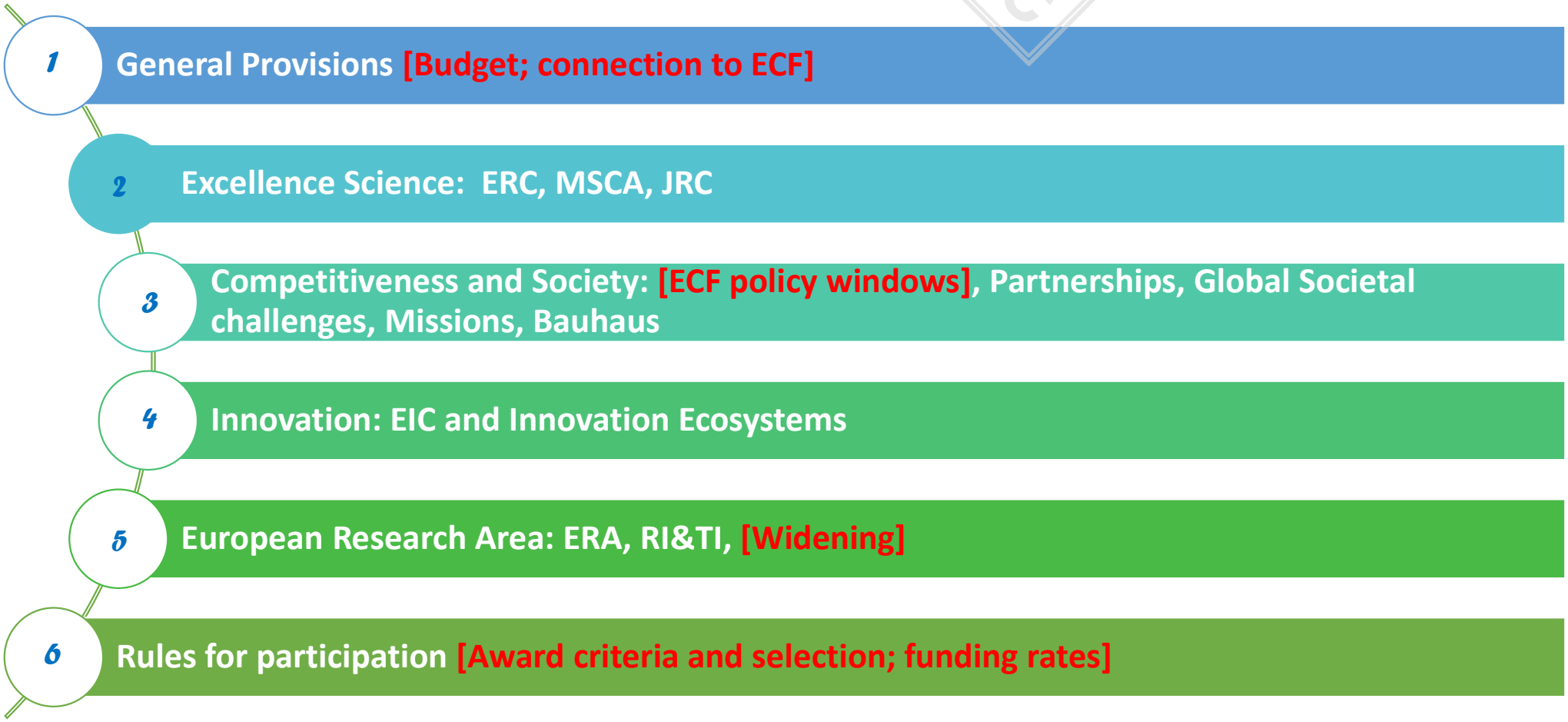
"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change"

Quote by Albert Einstein

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The six negotiation blocks [minus bracketed parts]

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Some PCY reflections

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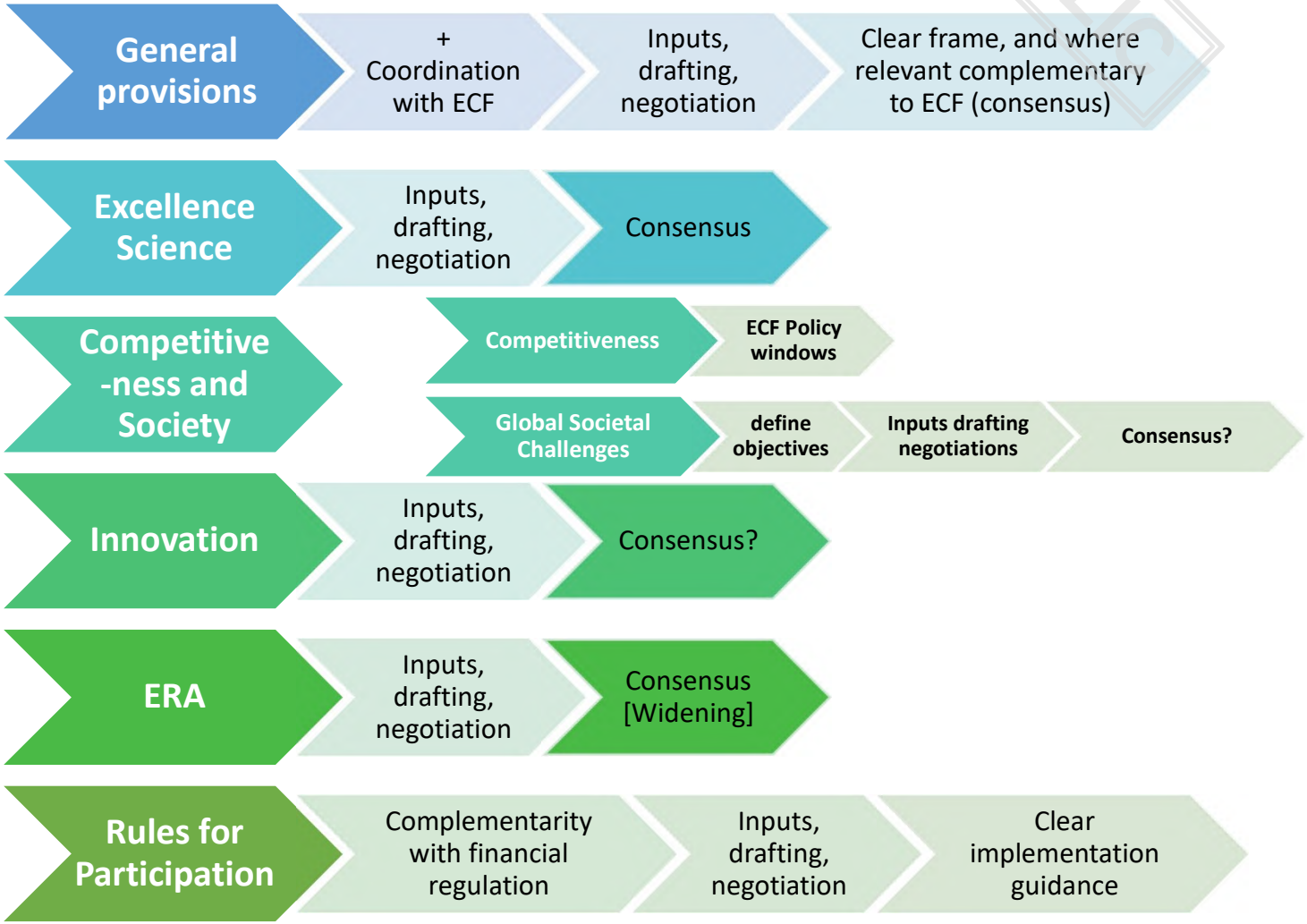
Overall:

- The presidency is responsible for driving forward the Council's work on EU legislation

On the proposal:

- The connection with the ECF, incl. mechanisms for priority setting
- The architecture of the Horizon Europe proposal
- The scope of certain pillars and parts of the Horizon Europe proposal, incl. titles
- The Moonshots
- The simplification agenda, incl. lump sums and unit costs
- The involvement of Member States, incl. comitology
- Some fiches are needed on certain topics (to spell things out)

PCY understanding and aims per block



Nothing is agreed before everything is agreed

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Questions?

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Pillar I: Excellent Science – plans and points noted

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Status
- RWP
- Support for continuity

To do Oct/Nov
- Inputs: 06/10 – 13/10 – 03/11
- Drafting
- Negotiations in RWP: 06/10 – 27/10 – 14/11

Expected by Dec
- Consensus on articles and recitals

ERC
- Excellence as only driver
- Terms of office of President and support from ERCEA
- Autonomy of the ERC, which safeguards?
- Coordination with Observatory on Emerging Technologies
- Information sharing with PC on implementation

MSCA
- Prevalence of bottom up nature/research
- Definition of fields of intervention?
- Clarify 'subject to security considerations' and its implementation
- Thematic and geographic directionality and allocated budget
- Shall instruments be defined?
- Award criteria – only excellence?
- Synergies with ERC, EIC and ERASMUS+ (+infra?)

JRC
- Nothing special, while placement in the Horizon architecture

Pillar I: Excellent science - Articles and recitals

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Framework programme

- Art 12 (European Research Council)
  - Recital 13
- Art 13 (Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions)
  - Recital 14
- Art 14 (Joint Research Centre) [1 sentence]
  - Recital 17 [last sentence]

Specific Programme

- Art 6 (European Research Council)
- Art 7 (ERC Scientific Council)
- Art 8 (ERC dedicated implementation structure)
- Art 9 (Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions)
- Art 10 (Joint Research Centre)

Today: three blocks – one on each part (JRC, MSCA and JRC), going through the articles to gain your comments