



Methodological insights on S3 revisions: the importance of monitoring

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1 National S3



21 Regional S3s

- 5 Less Developed - GDP < 75% EU27 avg
- 3 In Transition - 75% =< GDP < 90% EU27 avg
- 13 More Developed - GDP > 90% EU27 avg

A heterogeneous picture of how each of the Regions defined their S3.

Different objectives, timing, approaches

The 21 regional S3s

- Regions are characterized by different:
 - levels of administrative abilities;
 - implementation structures;
 - levels of experience in managing R&I policies.
- Regional S3s were approved with different timing (from 2014 to 2017)
 - different stages
 - different needs to revise their strategies

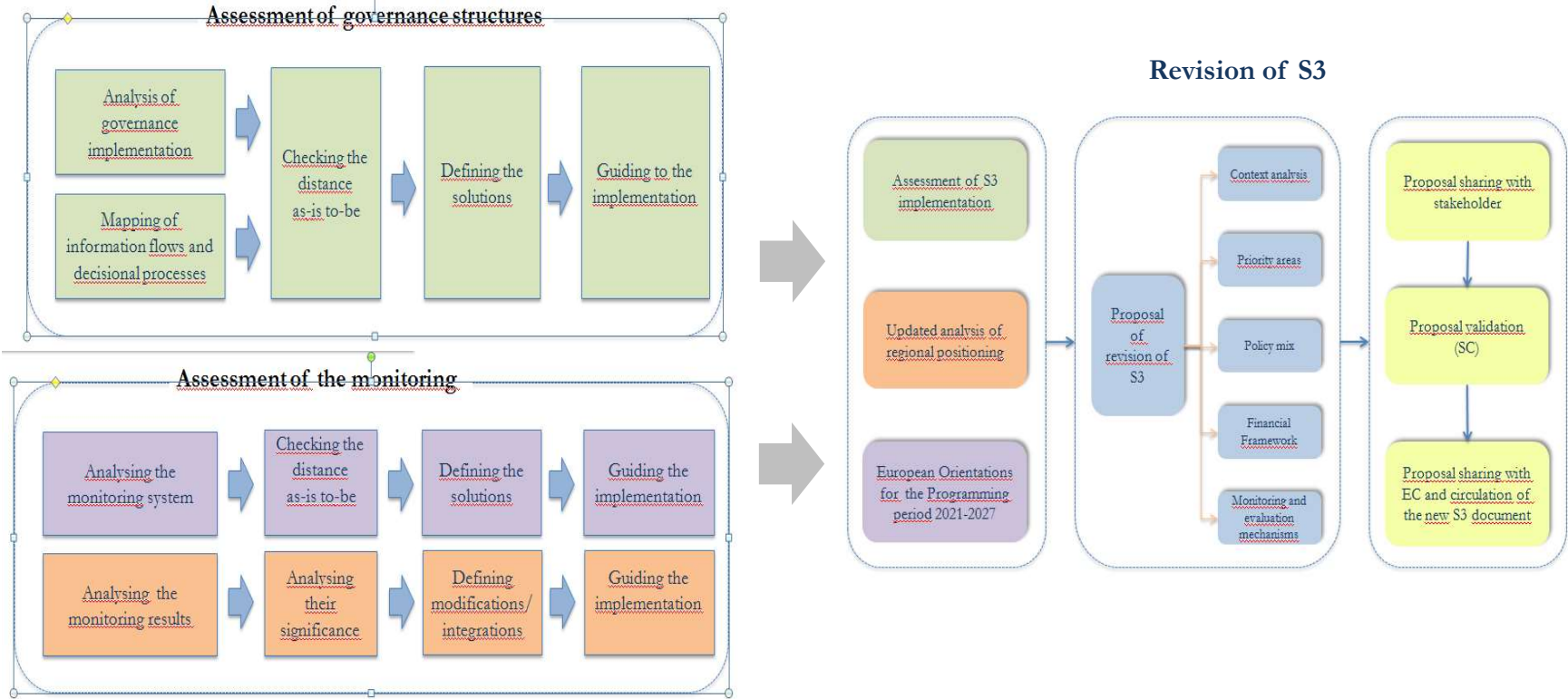
Different stages of S3s

- All the regions planned to have a mid term revision in 2018/2019

To date:

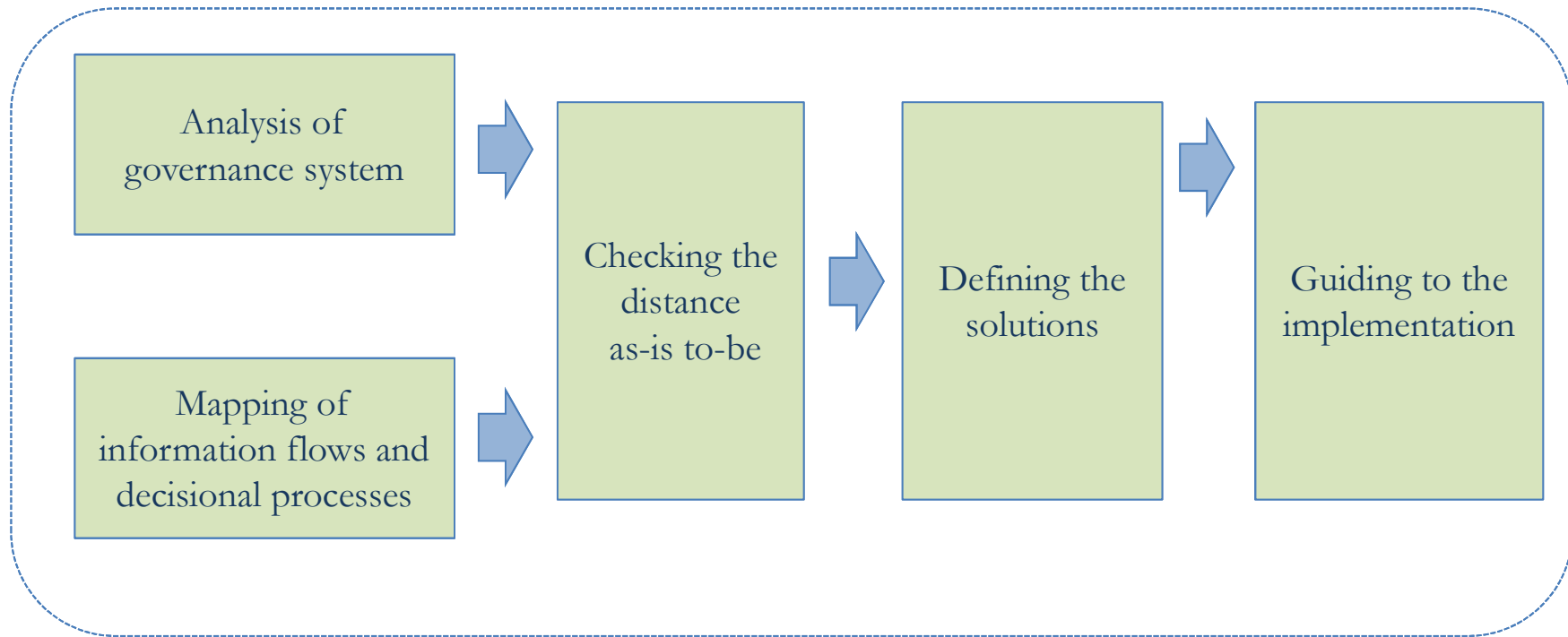
- Valle D'Aosta, Lombardia, Friuli have already revised
- Emilia Romagna, Toscana, Umbria have begun the updating process

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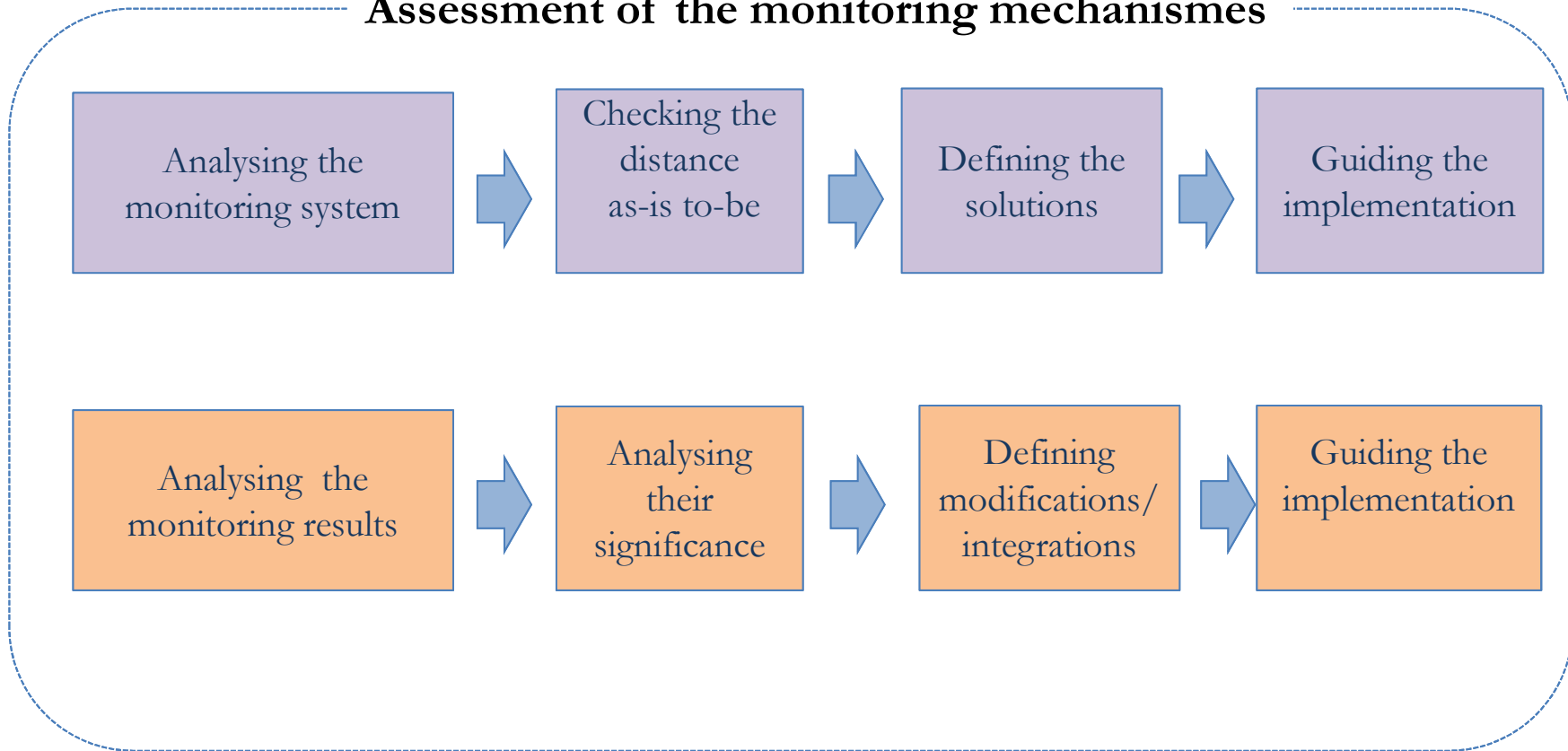
Precondition A - Governance

Assessment of regional structures

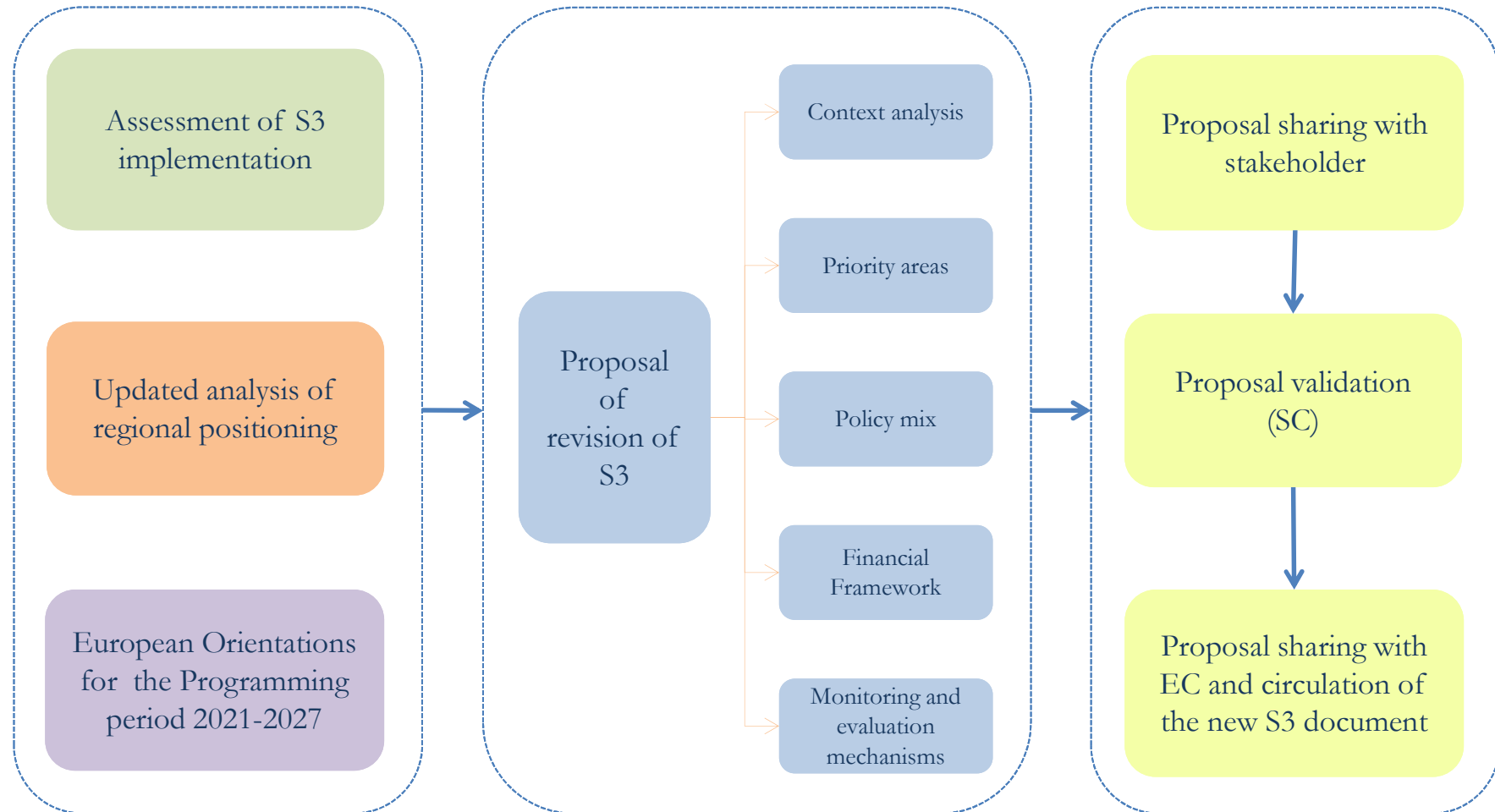


Precondition B - Monitoring

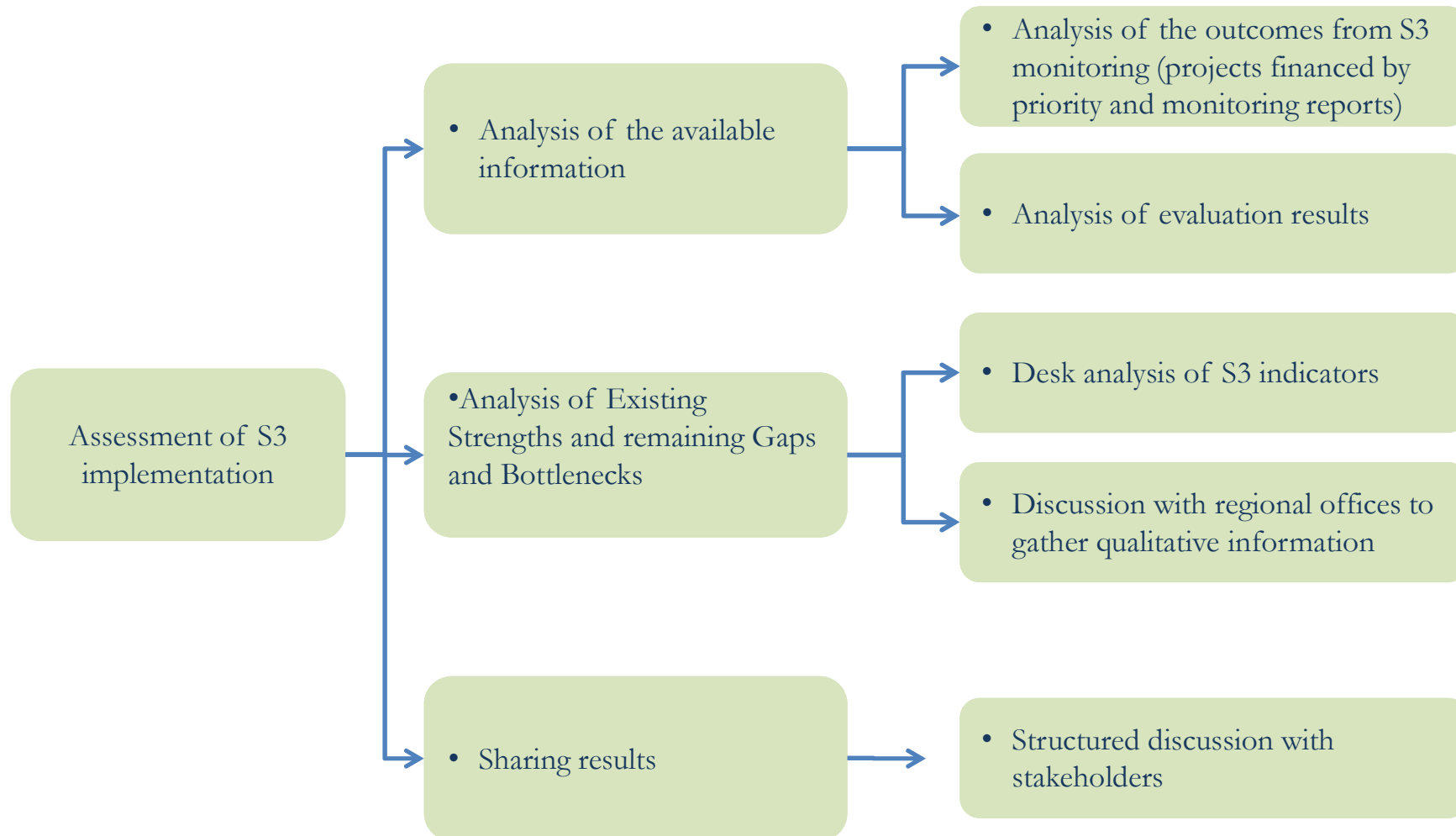
Assessment of the monitoring mechanisms



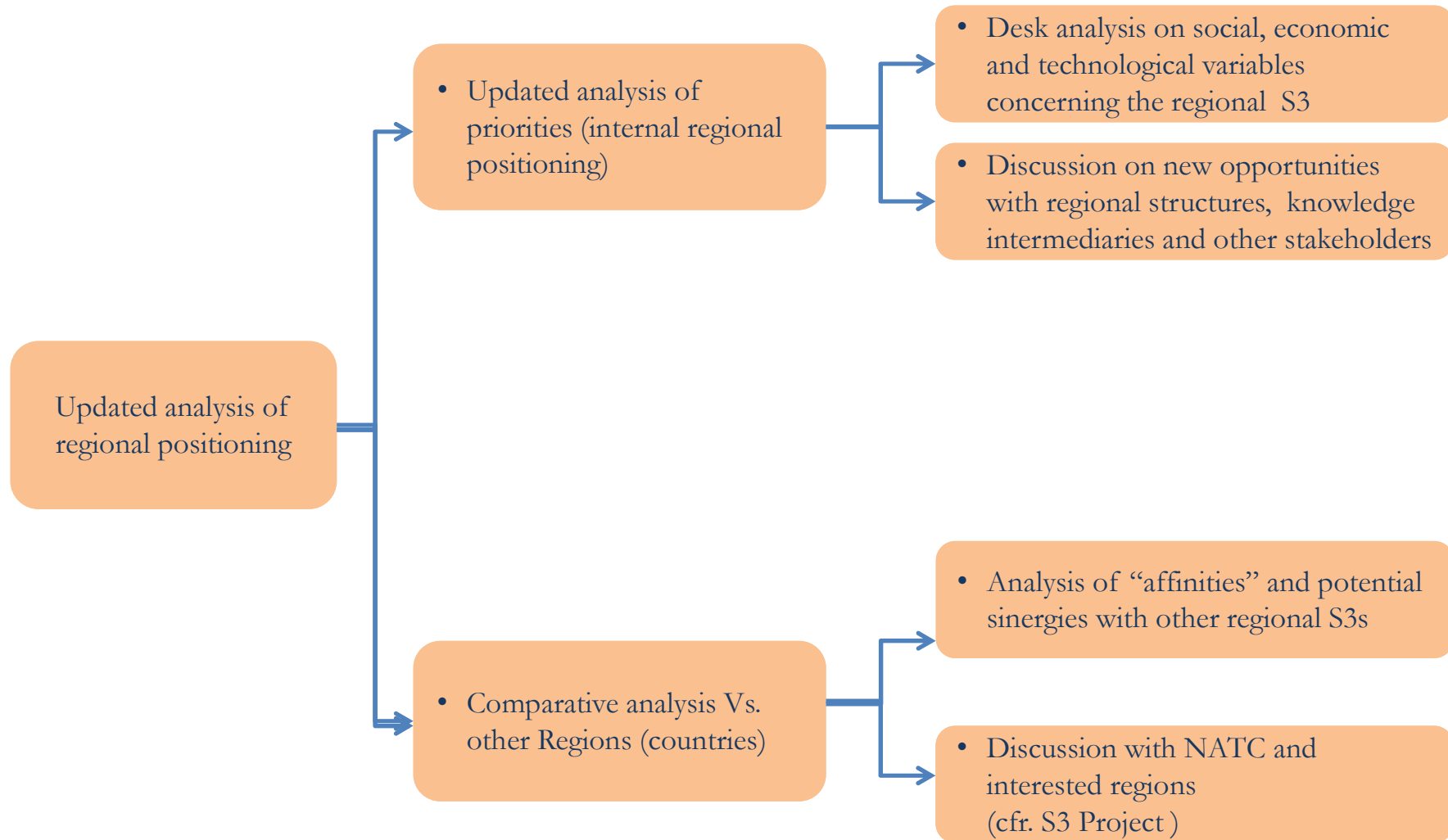
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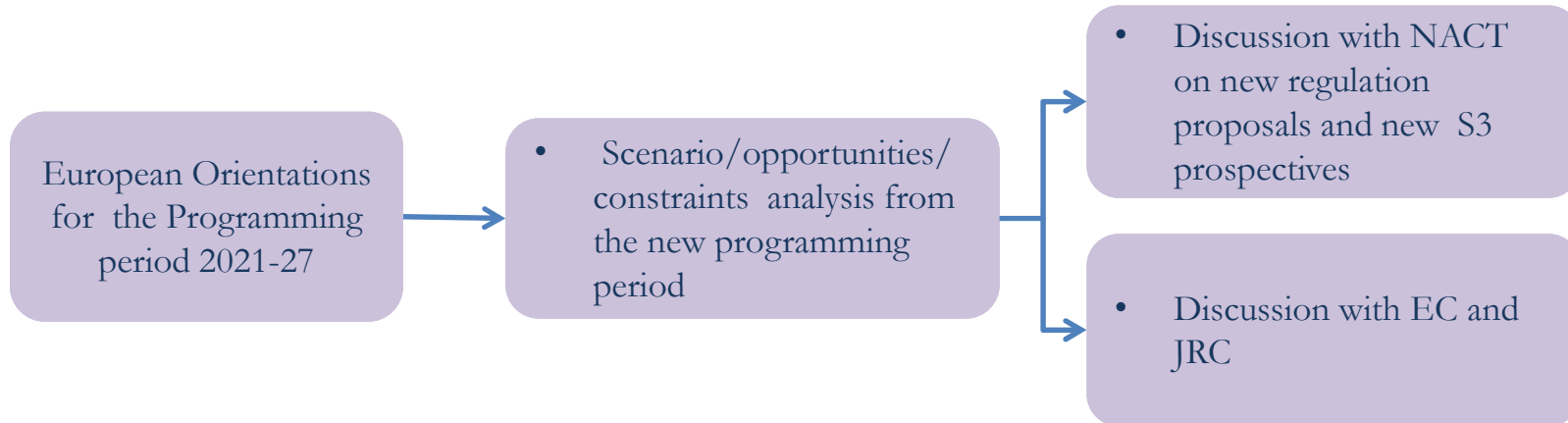
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Final considerations

- **Experimental exercise:** up to now it has been implemented in only 2 regions, Sicily and Umbria
- **Sicily** is a less developed region and it is still working on the preconditions (governance and monitoring), even if has planned the S3 revision in 2019.
- **Umbria** is classified as a region more developed, the S3 of Umbria was approved in 2014, now they are revising their strategy and they have a good governance structure.
- This instrument will be gradually introduced in all the regions
- **Territories need taxonomies and standards:** they must be free to make their strategic choices, but once they have made them, they need clear and standardized instruments and codes to refer to.

Thank you!

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