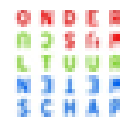




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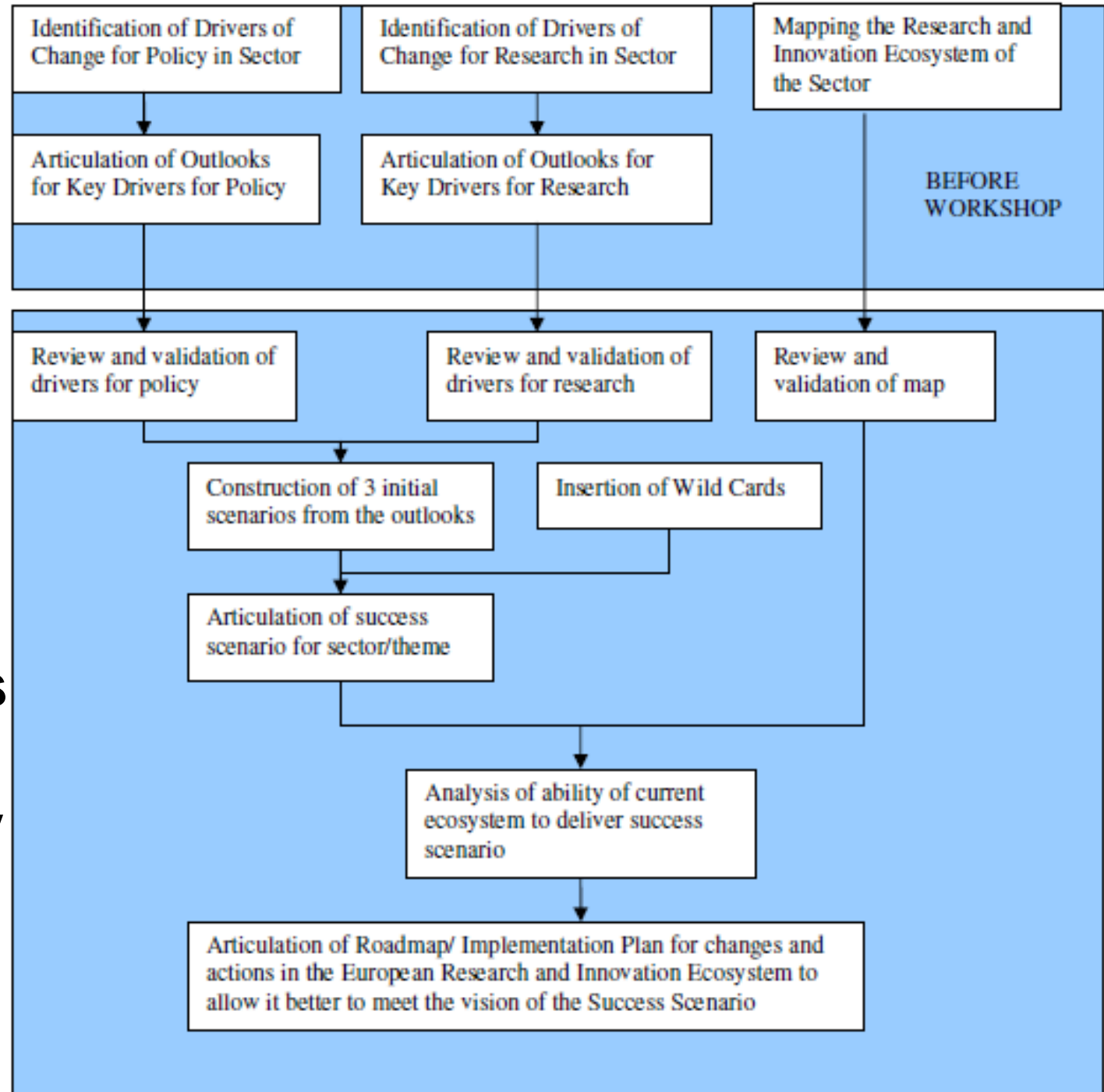
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Goals and Objectives

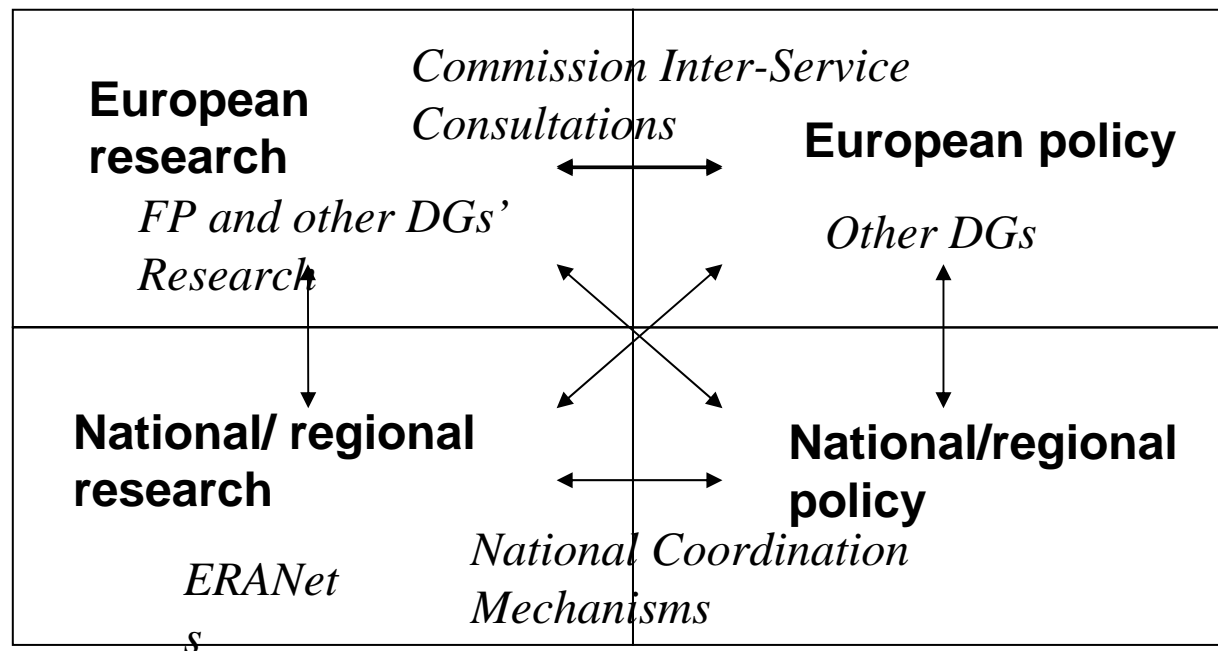
- The aim of this project is to pilot the use of foresight to align research with longer-term policy needs in Europe. It seeks to advance knowledge on:
 - Differences across policy domains in the European Research and Innovation Ecosystem (also further articulating this concept) in terms of the role and the integration of research agendas in long-term policies and vice-versa; and
 - Appropriate foresight designs needed to get engagement and secure follow-up across policy domains/areas.
- The project seeks to produce immediately useful results by selecting areas and participants with a view to stimulating action.
- Four areas with different sectoral characteristics have been provisionally selected with the advice of an independent panel to ensure that the pilot covers a range of circumstances
 - Adaptation of agriculture in Europe to climate change
 - Societally-driven innovation policy
 - Ageing and policy coordination
 - Policy for creative industries OR Future Intellectual Property System

Approach combines R&I Ecosystem mapping with Success Scenario methodology



Policy areas for support

- Thematic
 - environment, energy, information society and media, agriculture, industry and public health
- Cross-cutting
 - enterprise and innovation policy and market policies.



Societal Challenges and Research

- 1) Research at European level needs to be better aligned with the range of policy and regulatory competences that Members of the European Union have agreed should be at European level
 - could be complemented by strategic targeting of priority sectors
- 2) Approach is to regard research in Europe as a part of a wider ecosystem embracing innovation and other policy domains and the actors within them
 - integration, coordination and resources envisaged in the ERA concept is only likely to be achieved via engagement in Grand Challenges and other mission-oriented Joint Programming
- 3) Essential prerequisite is formation of a common vision among key actors
 - based upon shared understanding of emerging trends and drivers of the sector, the mutual benefits of cooperation/coordination in policy approaches, resulting in a single commitment to joint implementation through the sharing of roles and responsibilities
- 4) Foresight approaches may be used to build such a vision and to help the process of translation from broadly desirable socio-economic goals to concrete proposals for action, including recommendation on realignment of the research system