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Moderator: Jennifer Baker

Feedback from workshops:

- Rapporteurs from the parallel workshops

Wrap-up and next steps towards 2014-2020 ex post evaluation:

- **Mariana Hristcheva**, Head of Evaluation and European Semester Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- **María José Cueto Faus**, Head of Better Regulation Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission



The ex-post cycle

Scoping 2020-21



Implementation 2022-23

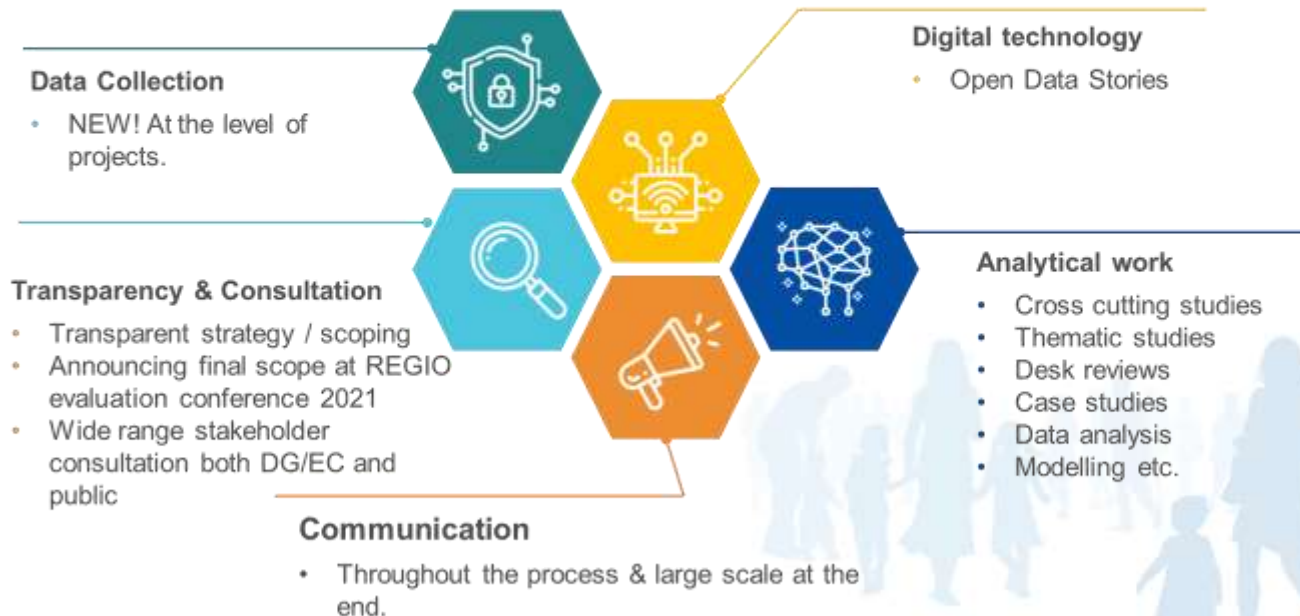


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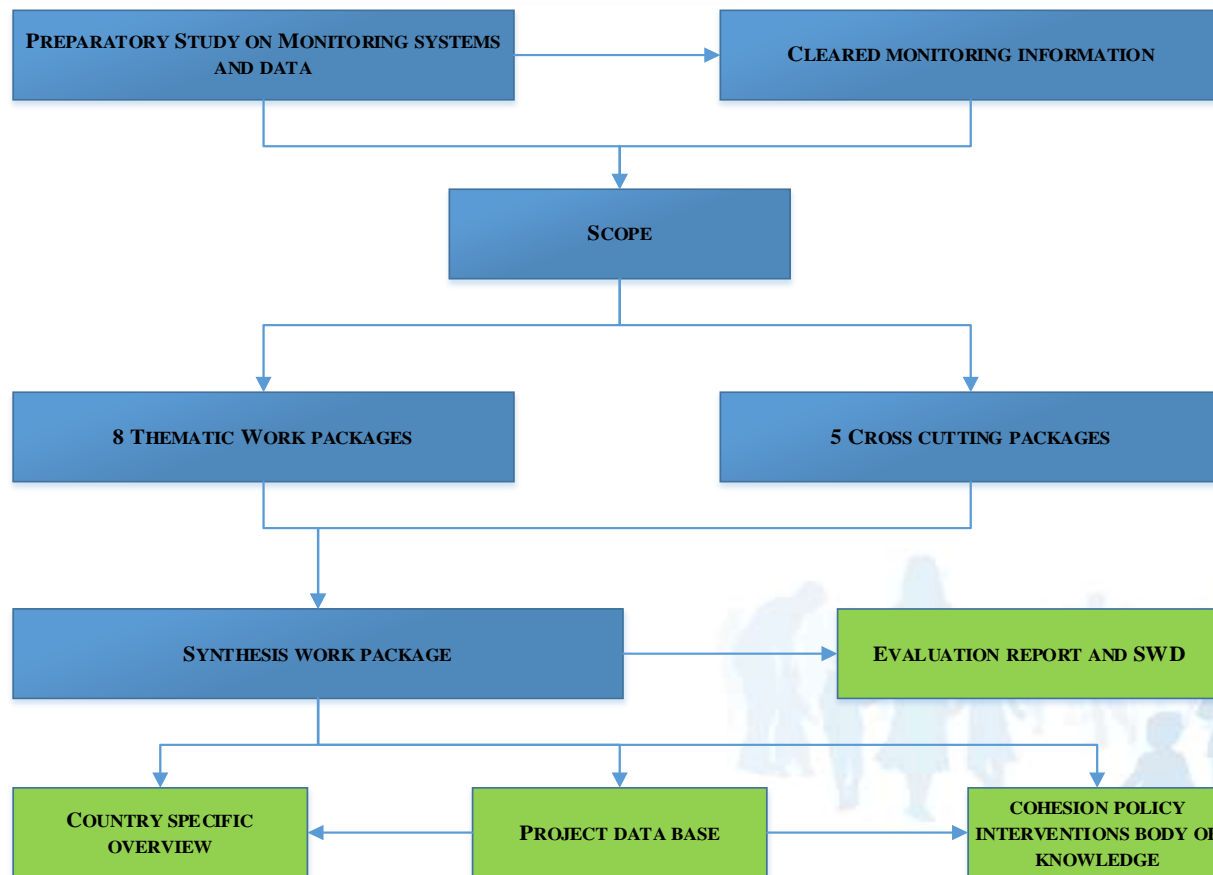


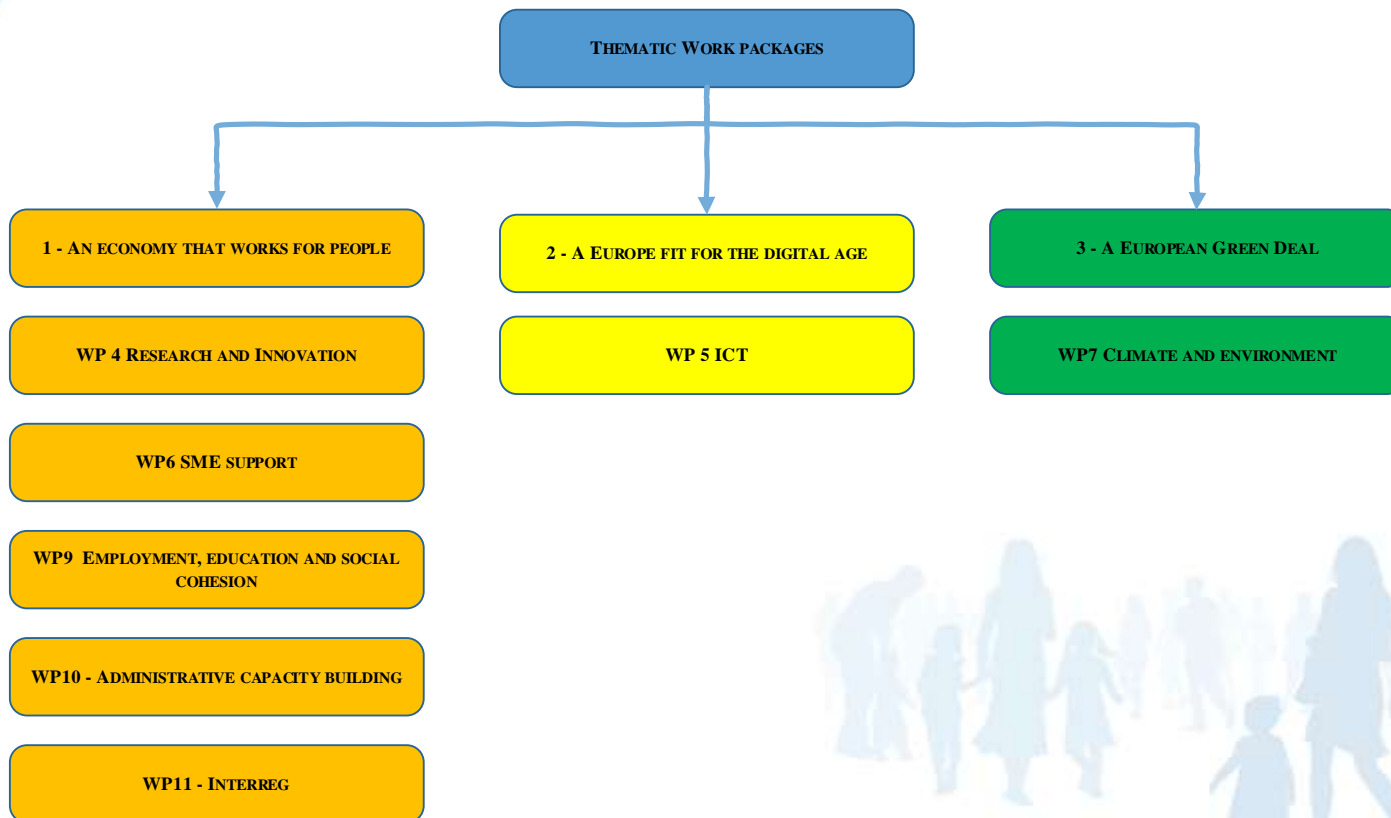
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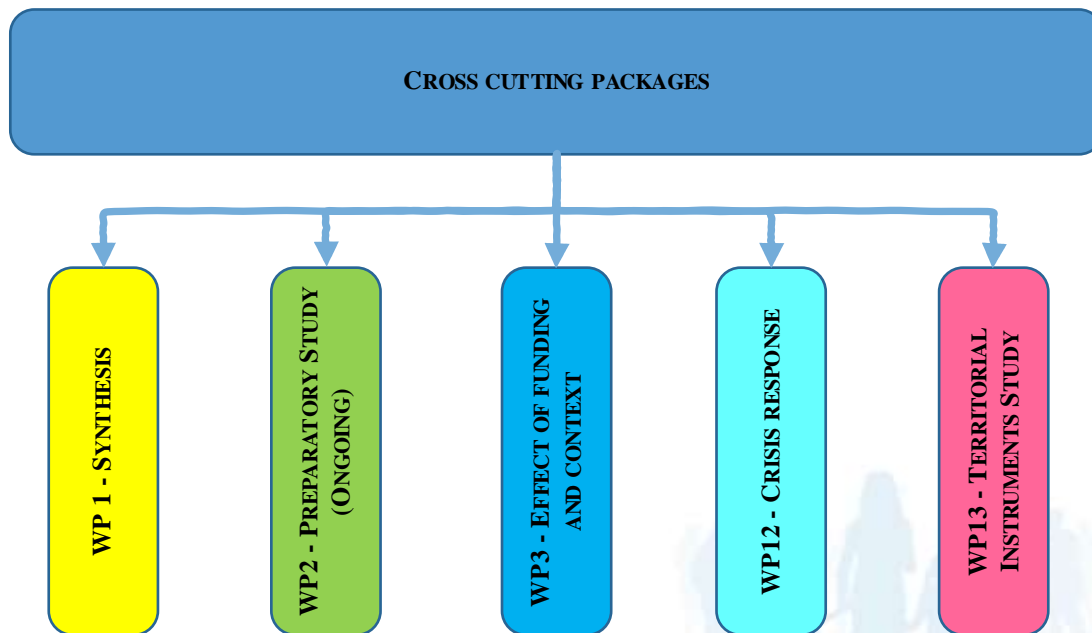


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2014-2020 ESF ex-post evaluation: main steps

- Will be building on the thematic evaluations carried out in 2019 (covering 2014-18 for TO 8-10) and preliminary evaluation of CRII and CRII plus
- **First step:** update of the thematic evaluations + TO 11 in 2022/Q2 2023
- **Second step:** ex-post synthesis in Q2 2023/2024 leading to the Commission Staff Working Document in **Dec 2024**





2014-2020 ESF ex-post evaluation: methodology

- Building on evaluations by MS (in particular impact evaluations, with focus on counterfactual methods), cooperation with ESF partnership and ESIF DGs
- Case studies, focus groups... on specific subjects
- Modelling in cooperation with DG REGIO



2014-2020 ESF ex-post evaluation: focus

- All Better Regulation Criteria, with a particular emphasis on coherence
- Lessons distinguishing between lessons already implemented under the 2021-2027 regulations and other points of attention





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Closing remarks: 12:15 pm GMT+1

- **Elisa Ferreira,**
European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
- **Ana Abrunhosa,**
Minister for Territorial Cohesion, Portugal

