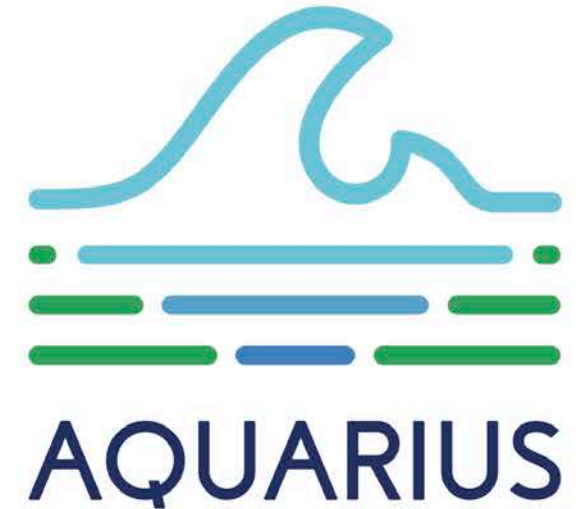


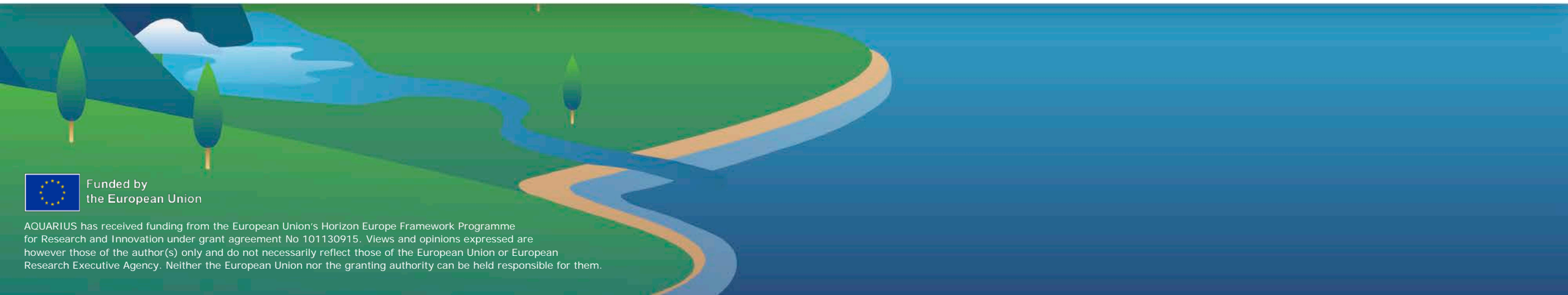
# AQUARIUS KICK OFF Meeting

WP3: RI Call Design, Management, Evaluation and  
Access Platform



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# Work Package 3 Tasks



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T3.1

- TA Call Priority Analysis
- M1-M48, Lead: SYKE



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T3.2

- TA Call Design and Development
- M1 – M36, Lead: CNR



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T3.3

- Integration of access procedures and call implementation
- M1-M24, Lead: AWI



T3.4

- Access Platform Customisation and Development
- M1-M48, Lead: INAP/INKODE



T3.5

- Scientific and logistic evaluation
- M8 –M40, Lead: AWI



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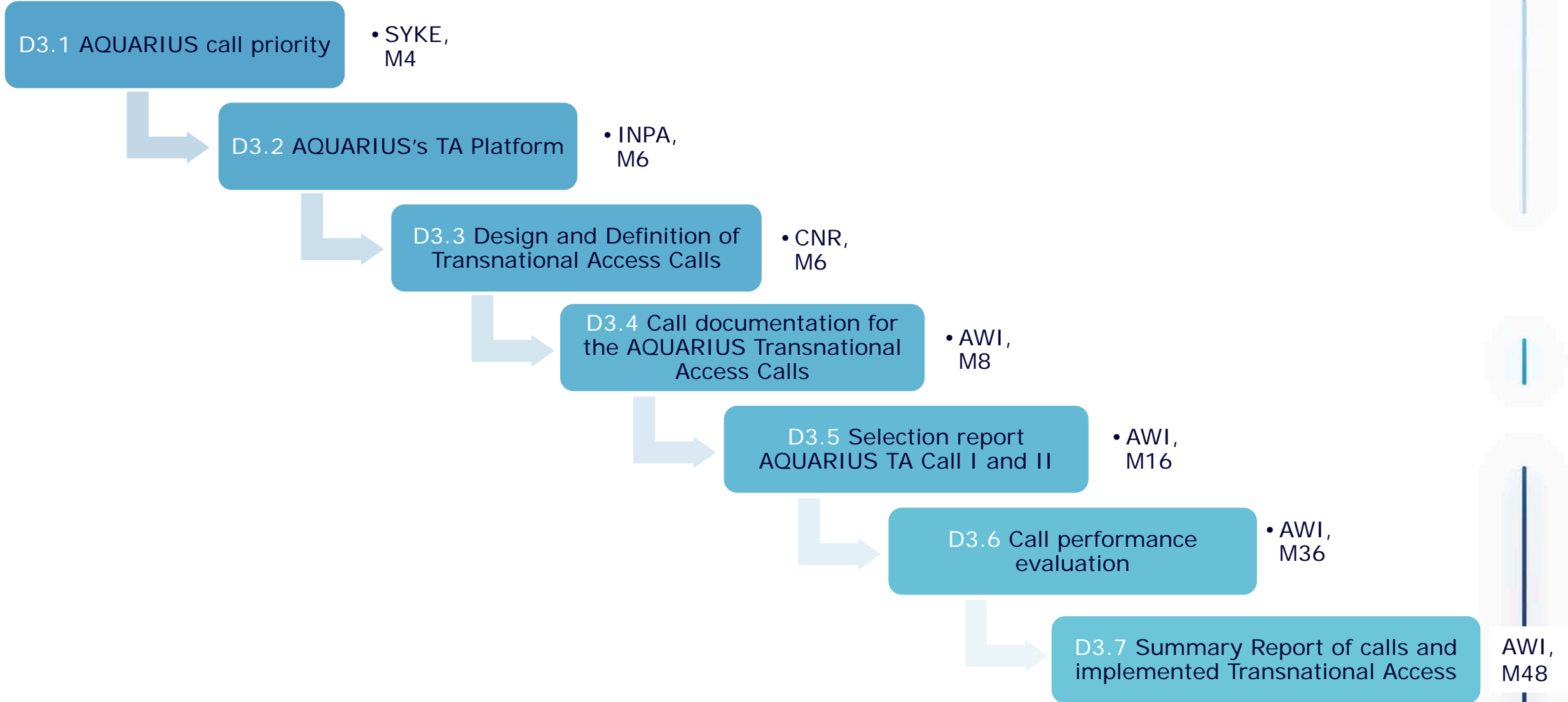


T3.6

- Follow up implementation
- M8-M48, Lead: AWI



# WP3 Deliverables



# WP3 Milestones



Milestone No.	Title	Lead beneficiary	Due month
3	TNA Calls designed	CNR	6
4	Technical specification for AQUARIUS TNA Platform	INPA	2
5	AQUARIUS TNA Platform established	INPA	9
6	AQUARIUS TNA Call 1 open	AWI	9
7	TA campaigns selected for funding Call1	AWI	15
9	AQUARIUS TNA Call 2 open	AWI	16
10	TA campaigns selected for funding Call 2	AWI	19
12	Performance evaluation completed for Call for proposals	AWI	36

# Task 3.1 TA Call Priority Analysis

SYKE, with MI, FMI, CNR, EMBRC-ERIC, EMSO-ERIC, GEOECOMAR, UPC



- M1 – M48
- T3.1.1 Analysis of challenges across Marine and Freshwater including analysis of knowledge deficit and data gaps
- T3.1.2 Set Scientific Challenges and goals for the Transnational Access Calls M4-9
- T3.1.3 Evaluation of scientific impacts of implemented projects against call priorities M24-M48

## T3.2 Call Design & Development

CNR, with AWI

- M1 - M36
- Call design based on priorities identified in Task 3.1
- Supported by a call design expert panel:
  - Representatives of the Horizon Europe lighthouse projects,
  - Relevant projects funded under HE Cluster 2 and 6
  - Research infrastructures operators / managers
- Development of **two Super Integration Calls**
  - **Call 1**: targeted themes for each of the four lighthouse regions
  - **Call 2**: adapted on the outcomes of first Call, focussed on new emerging issues
- Guidelines on call design:
  - Outlining objectives, topics, call eligibility criteria
  - Definition of funding rules
  - Dates, deadlines

## T3.3 Integration of Access Procedures & Call Implementation

AWI, with CNR

- M1 – M24
- Implementation of an evaluation system and process
- Call documentation:
  - Proposal templates, application and evaluation guidelines
  - **Eligibility criteria:**
    - Affiliation: user group leader and majority of users must work in a country other than the country that owns and operates the infrastructure
    - International collaboration (min. 3 partners from 3 different countries)
    - Dissemination
    - Scientific expertises
    - Alignment with call theme and challenges
    - Access for user groups with a majority of users not working in a EU or associated country is limited to 20% of the total amount of units of access provided under the grant

## T3.3 Integration of Access Procedures & Call Implementation

AWI, with CNR

- Call documentation:
  - **Evaluation criteria:** e.g.
    - Scientific excellence
    - Interdisciplinarity
    - Alignment with the call theme and challenges
    - Quality of the work programme with clearly identified challenges
    - Inclusion of scientists from less well-equipped countries
    - Career status of the applicants, gender dimension,
    - Training, dissemination, exploitation and communication practices,
    - Commitment to open science practices
    - Integration of relevant RIs
- Launch of two phased calls in Month 9 and 16
- Establishment of a Scientific Expert Panel (SEP) and Operational Expert Panel (OEP)

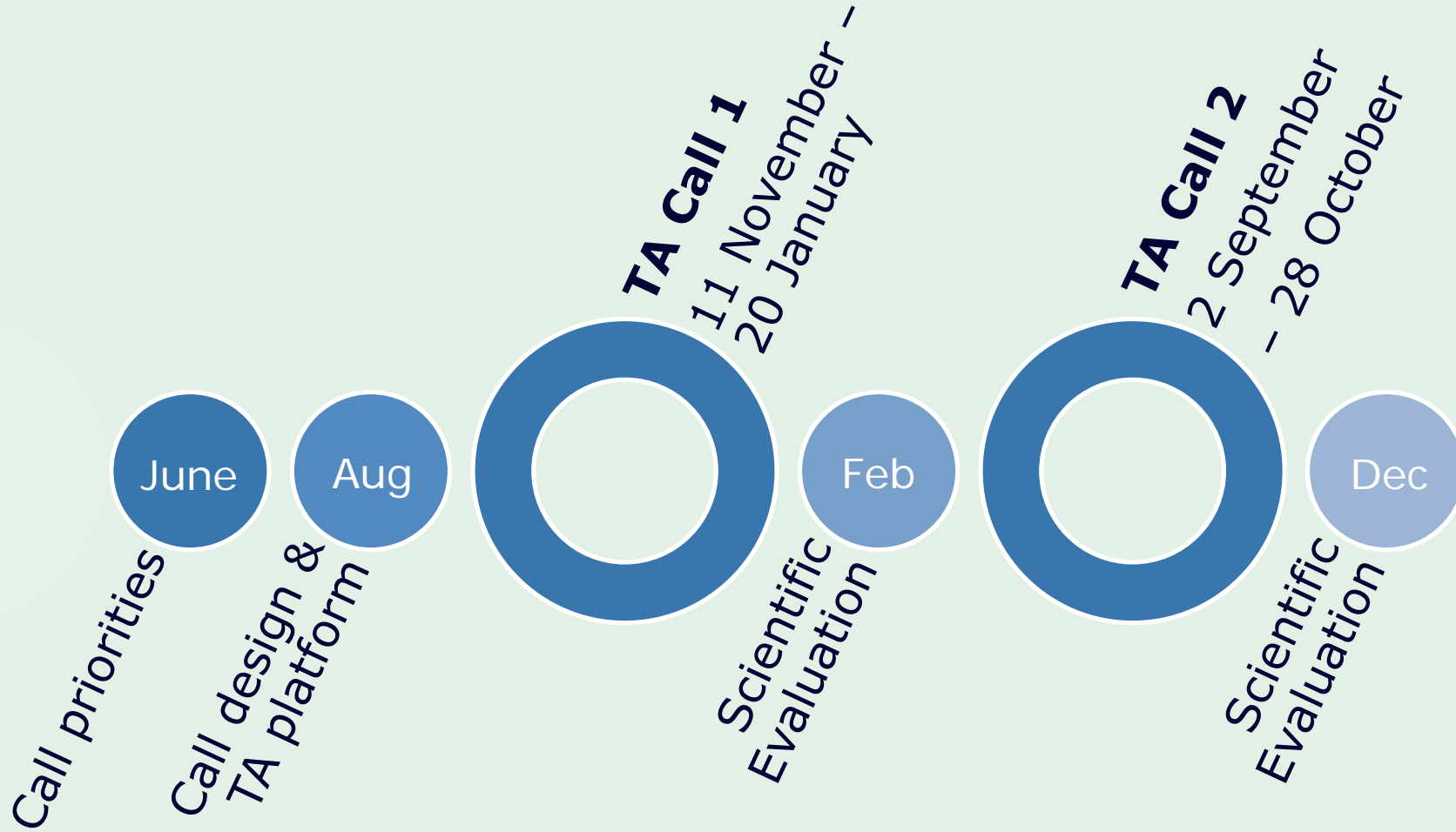


# T3.3 Transnational Access (TA) Calls



2024

2025



## T3.3 Establishment of a Scientific Expert Panel

Scientific experts from inside and outside the consortium, expertise spanning major scientific disciplines and geographic areas covered within AQUARIUS

Tasks of the SEP:

- Evaluate the proposals
- Propose external experts for the proposal evaluation
- Consensus evaluation: Proposal ranking and recommendation
- Assess reports of completed TA projects



Nominations until 22 May 2024



**Nomination for the Scientific Expert Panel (SEP)**

We ask all AQUARIUS members to nominate independent, international experts for the AQUARIUS Scientific Expert Panel (SEP).

Please support us by nominating experts for the different geographical regions and scientific disciplines that will be at the centre of the AQUARIUS Transnational Access Calls.

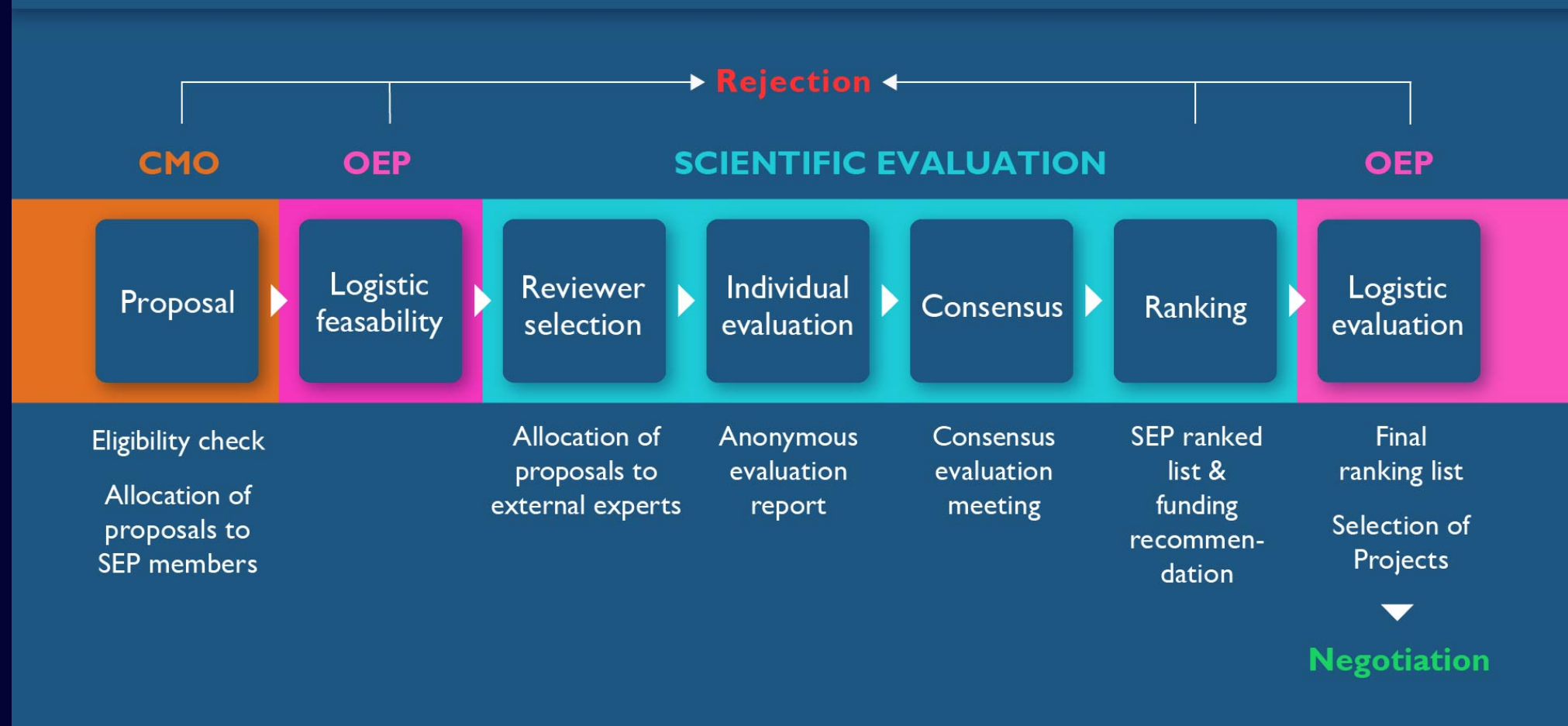
## T3.4 Access Platform Customisation and Development

INPA, with AWI, MI



- Establishment of the AQUARIUS TA Platform
- An online application system for TA applications
- > Details & status: subsequent presentation Elisabeth De Maio, INKODE

# Evaluation Process - Transnational Access Calls



## Task 3.6 Follow up Implementation

AWI, with CNR

- Month 8 – 48
- Funded projects have to submit a TA operational report to the TA platform within 2 months after access completion
- Evaluation of the Transnational Access operational report by SEP
  - Did implemented TA project align with the call eligibility criteria?
  - Have the scientific objectives been achieved?
  - Have the call challenges been met?
- Follow the publications resulting from funded projects

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