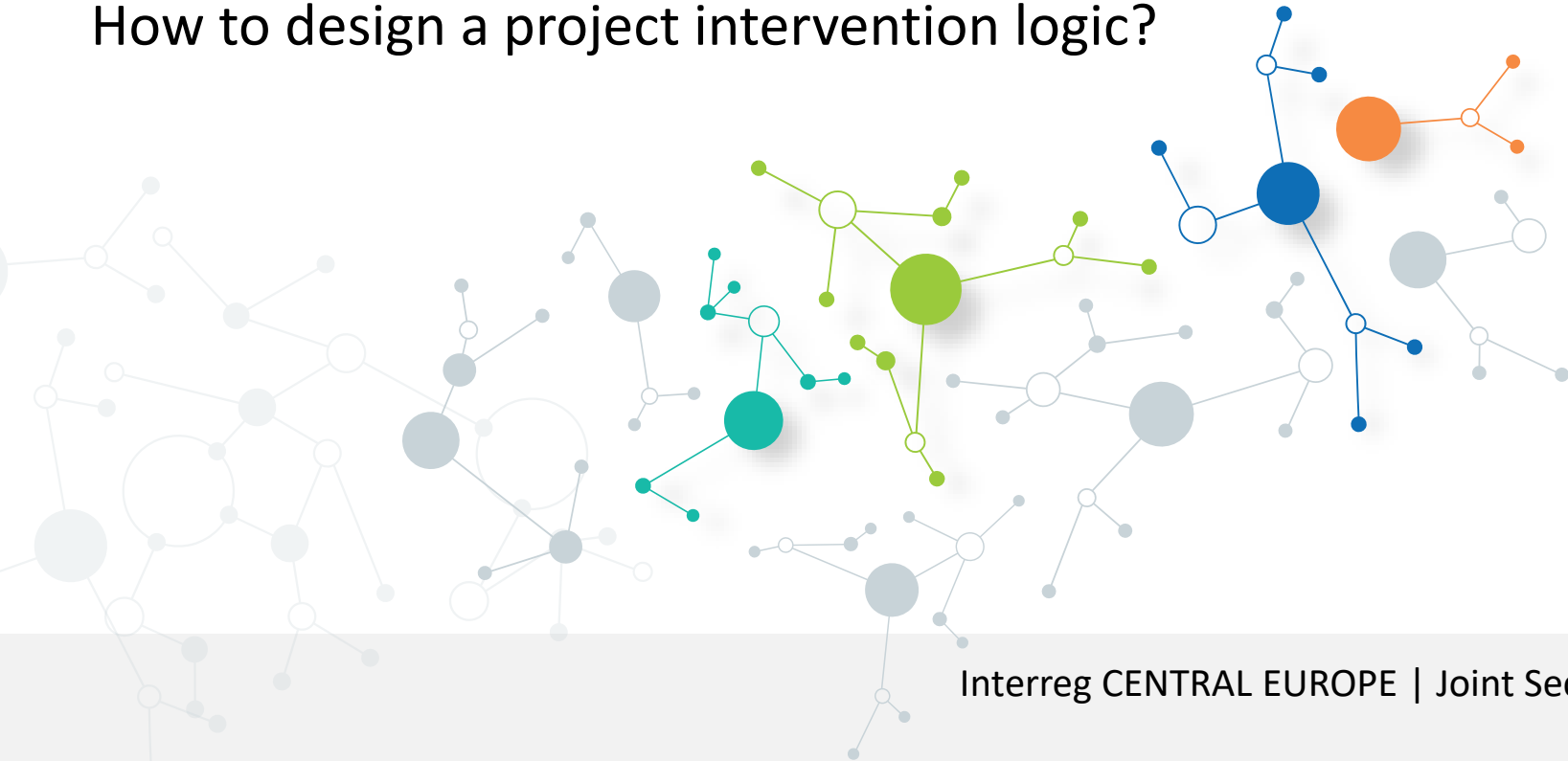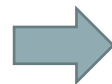# How to design a project intervention logic?
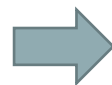
What is an intervention logic?

✓ Causal links between the territorial challenge or need that will be tackled, and the foreseen activities, outputs as well as desired results, thus the change to be achieved (**'theory of change'**)

➡ **Programme intervention logic** – defined in the Interreg CE programme document
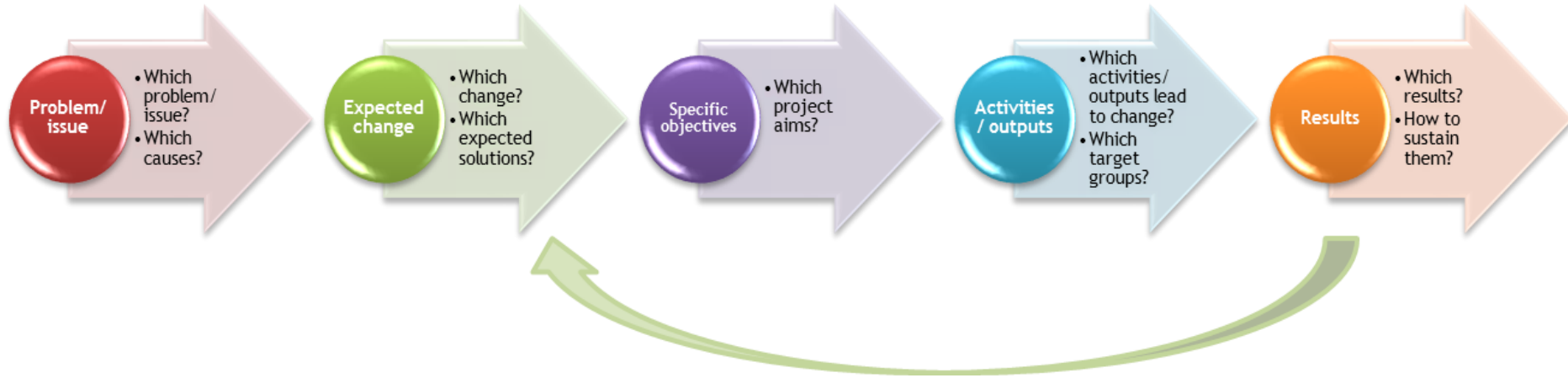
➡ **Project intervention logic** – to be developed by applicants and clearly presented in the project application form

= **Relevance, clarity and coherence of project intervention logic** – pre-condition for project approval and funding

HOW TO BUILD THE PROJECT INTERVENTION LOGIC?

Problem/issue
- Which problem/issue?
- Which causes?

Expected change
- Which change?
- Which expected solutions?

Specific objectives
- Which project aims?

Activities / outputs
- Which activities/outputs lead to change?
- Which target groups?

Results
- Which results?
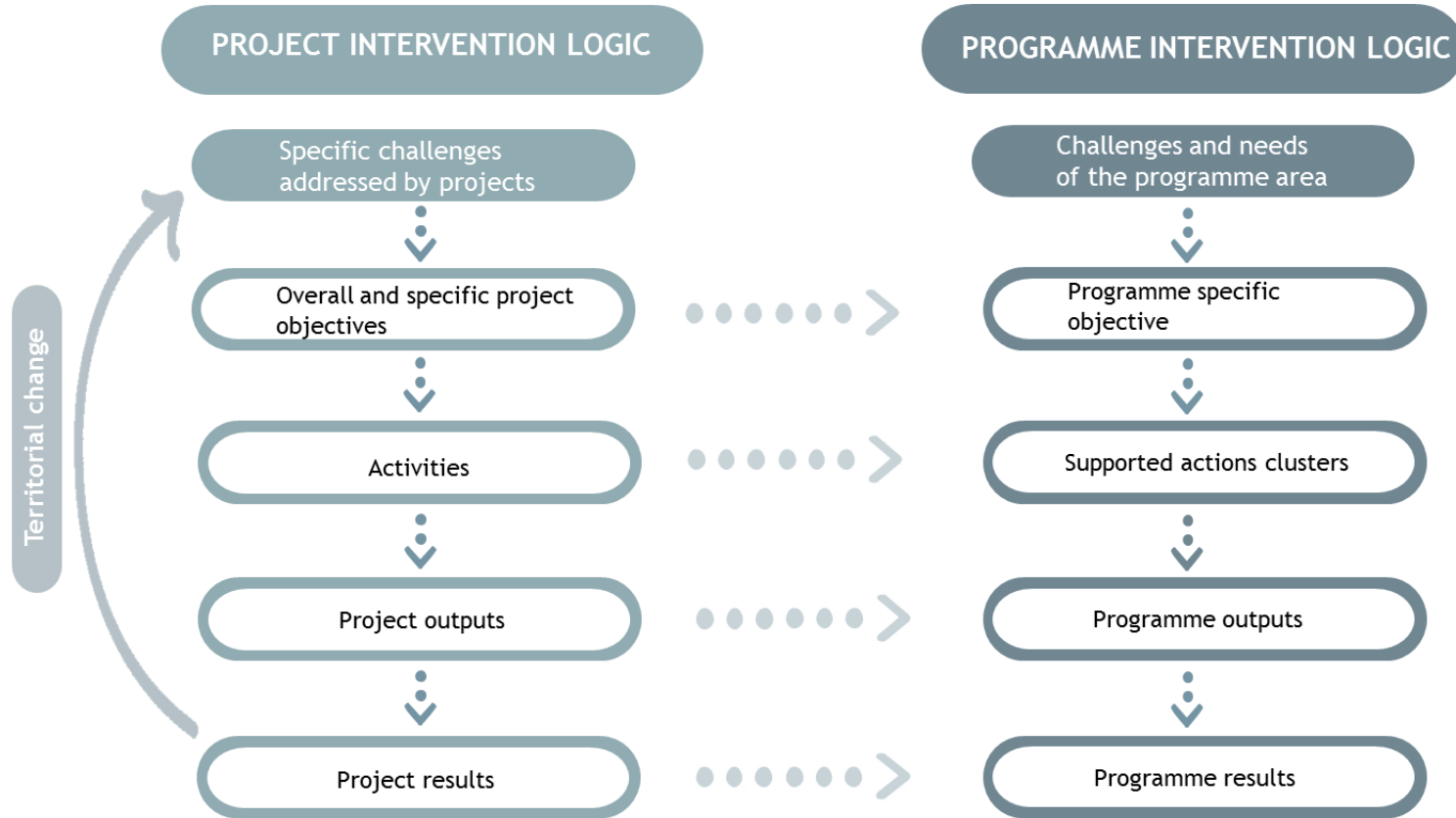- How to sustain them?

Theory of change should be the core narrative of each project

➢ From problem to solution

➢ Clear result orientation

LINKAGE BETWEEN PROJECT AND PROGRAMME INTERVENTION LOGIC

QUESTIONS ?

ZOOM IN ON OUTPUTS

Definition of output:

➢ A product that results from the implementation of project activities

4 types of outputs:

- Cooperations
- Strategies and action plans
- Pilot actions
- Solutions

OUTPUT TYPES

Cooperations

- Cooperations between project partners incl. associated partners (e.g. cooperation networks or governance structures)

- Should ideally continue beyond the project lifetime (documented by e.g. formal cooperation agreements)

Strategies and action plans

- Strategy: targeted way to achieve a goal-oriented process in a specific domain

- Action plan: translates an existing strategy into actions

➢ *To be jointly developed through transnational exchanges of experiences (e.g. co-design or co-creation process, including peer reviews)*
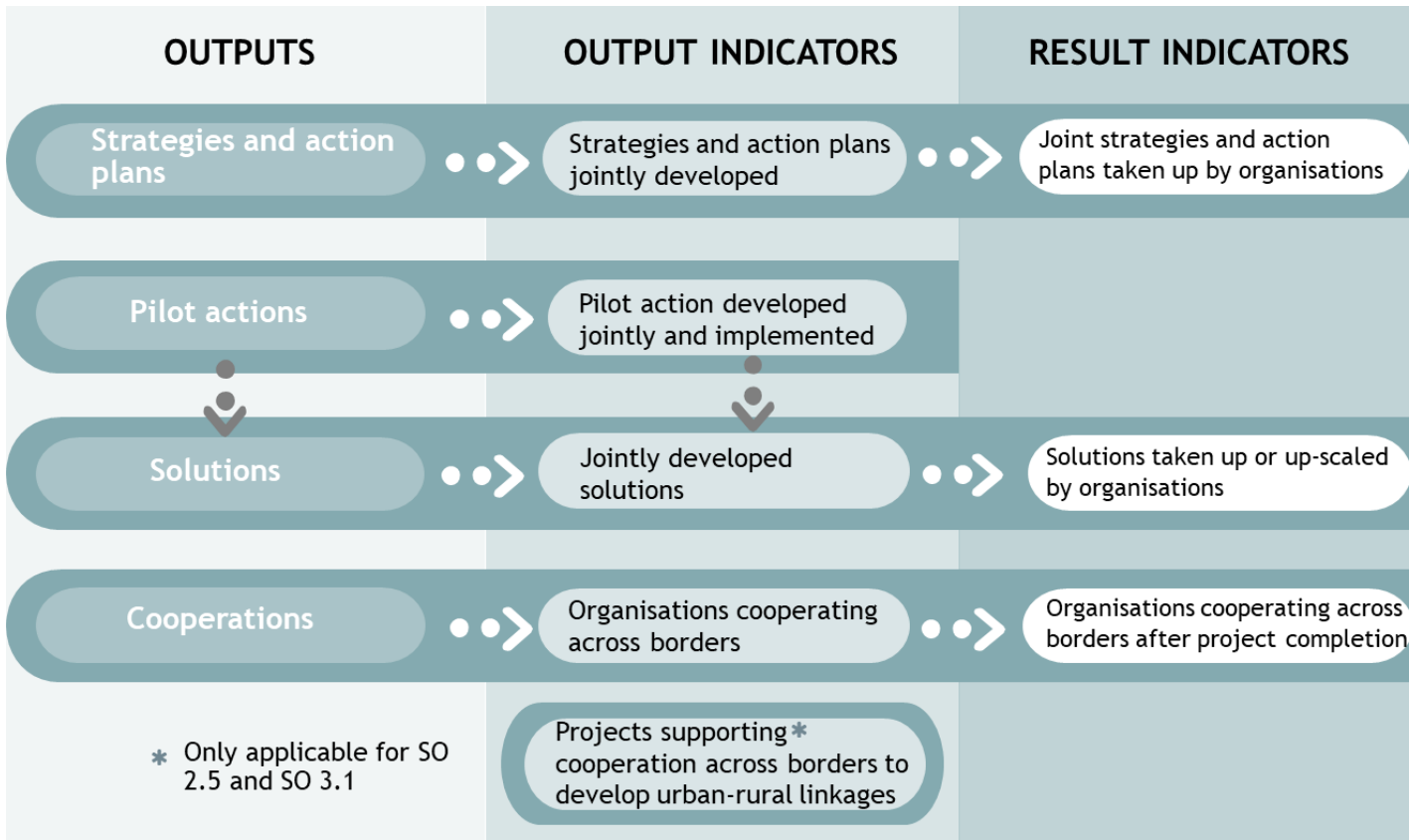
OUTPUT TYPES

Pilot actions

- Testing of novel approaches
- Experimental and/or demonstration character, limited in their scope
- To be different from each other to maximize mutual learning
- ➢ *The development and implementation of pilot actions should be carried out jointly (e.g. co-design or co-creation process)*

Solutions

- Procedures, instruments, services, tools etc.
- To be interlinked with pilots → solutions should derive from pilots
- Should ideally be deployed and taken up during the project lifetime
- ➢ *The development of solutions should be done jointly*

QUESTIONS ?

MEASURING ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH INDICATORS

OUTPUTS	OUTPUT INDICATORS	RESULT INDICATORS
Strategies and action plans	Strategies and action plans jointly developed	Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations
Pilot actions	Pilot action developed jointly and implemented	
Solutions	Jointly developed solutions	Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations
Cooperations	Organisations cooperating across borders	Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion

* Only applicable for SO 2.5 and SO 3.1

Projects supporting * cooperation across borders to develop urban-rural linkages

✓ Each output type has a corresponding output indicator

✓ Output indicators are mostly linked to result indicators

✓ Logical correspondence has to be followed

✓ See indicator definitions in annex 6 of the programme manual

INDICATORS – POINTS OF ATTENTION

Output indicators:

➤ *"Organisations cooperating across borders"* - indicator **mandatory for all projects**

➤ *"Projects supporting cooperation across borders to develop urban-rural linkages"* – indicator **mandatory for all projects in SO2.5** and **SO3.1**, can only be selected within these SOs

➤ **"Jointly"** refers to the involvement of organisations from **at least two participating countries** in order to be counted for indicators related to *strategies/action plans*, *pilot actions* and *solution*s

INDICATORS – POINTS OF ATTENTION

Result indicators:

➢ Result indicators measure the **direct effects** of the project

➢ All result indicators have a **baseline 0**

➢ **Measurement time** - **upon project finalisation** or submission of the last periodic progress report (i.e. 3 months after the project end)

➢ *"Organisations cooperating across borders after project completion"* - the **continued cooperation needs to be formalised** and documented (e.g. LoIs) - indicator should be considered by all projects

➢ For the indicators on the uptake of *strategies/action plans* and *solutions,* this needs to be **documented**, e.g. decisions of local/regional council, letters of commitment, etc.

➢ For all result indicators: **Targets** in the AF and reported values should be **equal to or less** than the values of the corresponding output indicators

QUESTIONS ?

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