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Key steps of planning and programming for Component V, Rural Development

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- IPA - Policy framework and Programming
- Institutional set-up for the IPARD
- Timeframe and What next?



IPA - Policy framework and Programming



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- IPA - Integrated Pre-Accession Instrument to assist candidate and potential candidate countries
- Replaces 5 different programmes and instruments: PHARE, ISPA, SAPARD, CARDS and Turkey pre-accession instruments
- Financial envelope allocated for the period 2007-2013 - EUR 10.2 billion
- Has five components

Main steps towards the IPARD

Receiving of a "Candidate Country" status



Adoption of IPA Rural Development Programme



Framework and Sectoral Agreements



National accreditation of IPARD operational structures



Accreditation and conferral of management decision



Multi-annual Financing Agreement



Rural development component (IPARD)

Main objectives:

- To prepare countries for the implementation and management of the Common Agricultural Policy
- Contribute to the sustainable adaptation of the agricultural sector and rural areas

Multi-annual rural development programme

Three "axes" containing 9 "measures"

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Priority Axes

- **Axis 1 Improving Market Efficiency and Implementation of Community Standards**
- **Axis 2 Preparatory Actions for Implementation of the Agri-environmental Measures and Leader**
- **Axis 3 Development of the Rural Economy**



Axis 1 - Improving market efficiency and implementation of Community standards

- Investments in agricultural holdings to restructure and to upgrade to Community standards
- Support for the setting-up of producer groups
- Investments in the processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products to restructure those activities and to upgrade them to Community standards




Axis 2 - Preparatory actions for implementation of the agri-environmental measures and local rural development strategies

- Actions to improve the environment and the countryside
- Preparation and implementation of local rural development strategies



Axis 3 - Development of the rural economy

- Improvement and development of rural infrastructure
- Diversification and development of rural economic activities
- Improvement of training
- Technical assistance - preparation, monitoring, evaluation, information and control activities for the implementation of the programme



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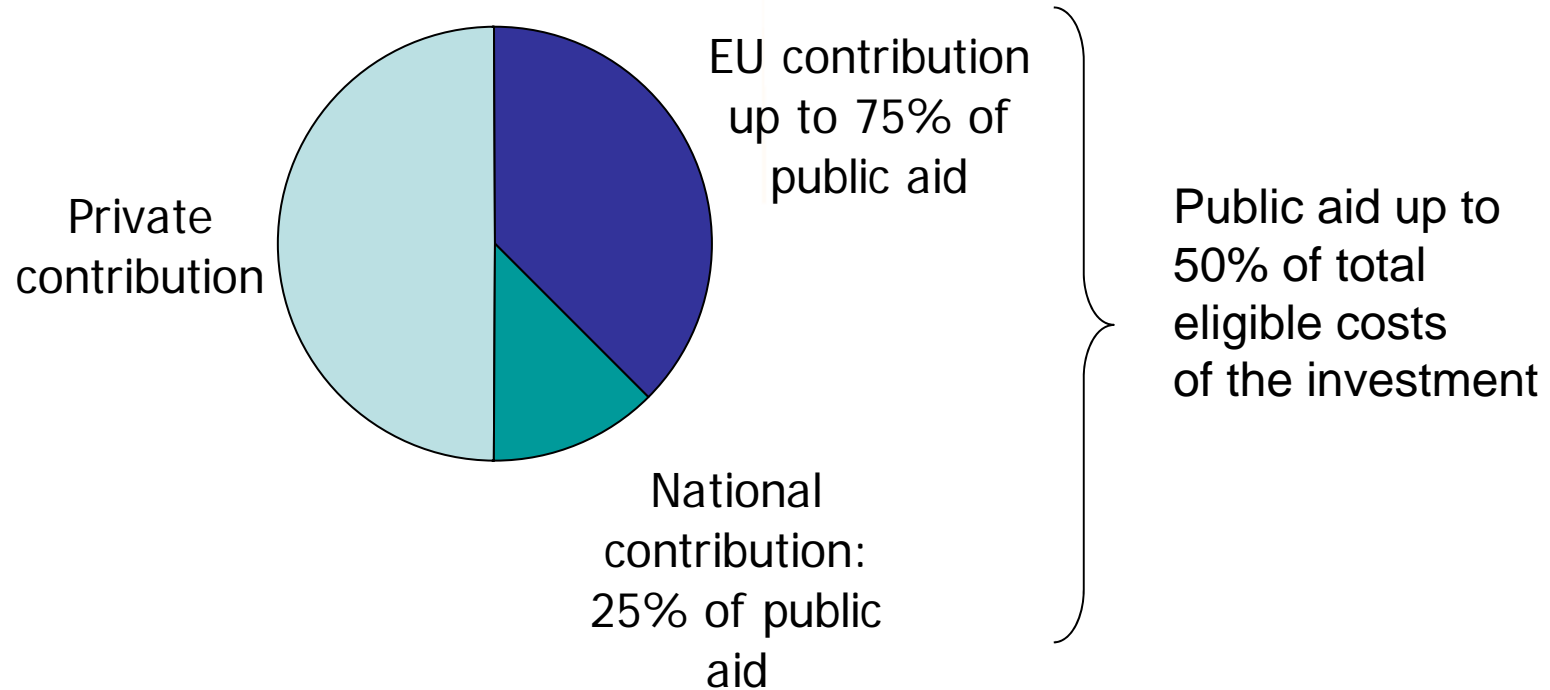
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Programme (Art. 184 of Reg. 718/2007)

- Drawn up at the national level
- Contains measures available under the rural development component, IPARD
- Prepared by the authorities designated by the beneficiary country
- Submitted to the Commission after consulting the appropriate parties



Co-financing principle SAPARD = IPARD





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Institutional set-up



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Structures and authorities to be put in place

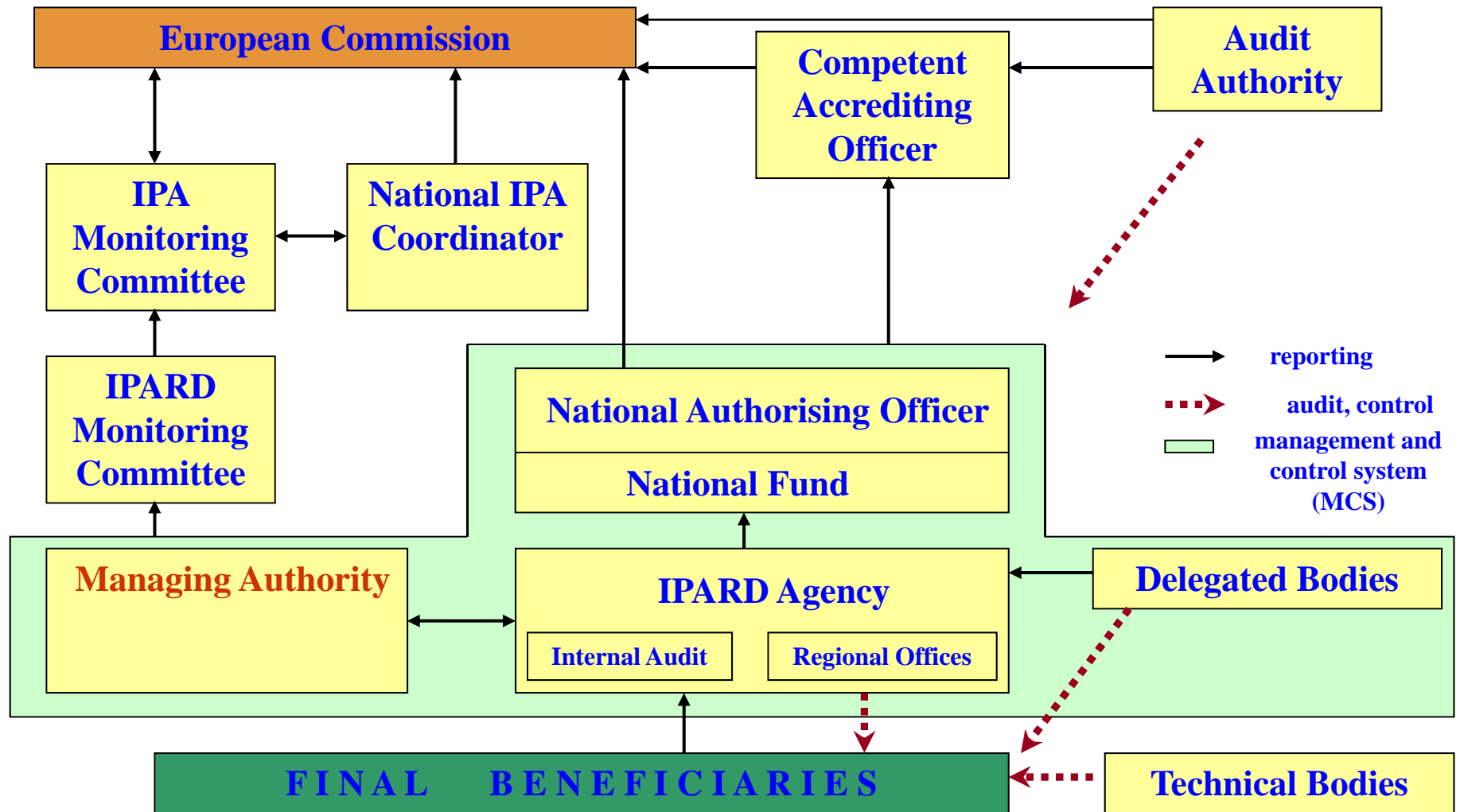
Common for all IPA components:

- National IPA Co-ordinator NIPAC
- National Authorising Officer NAO
- National Fund NF

IPARD-specific:

- Operating Structure consisting from Managing Authority and IPARD Agency
- Audit Authority AA

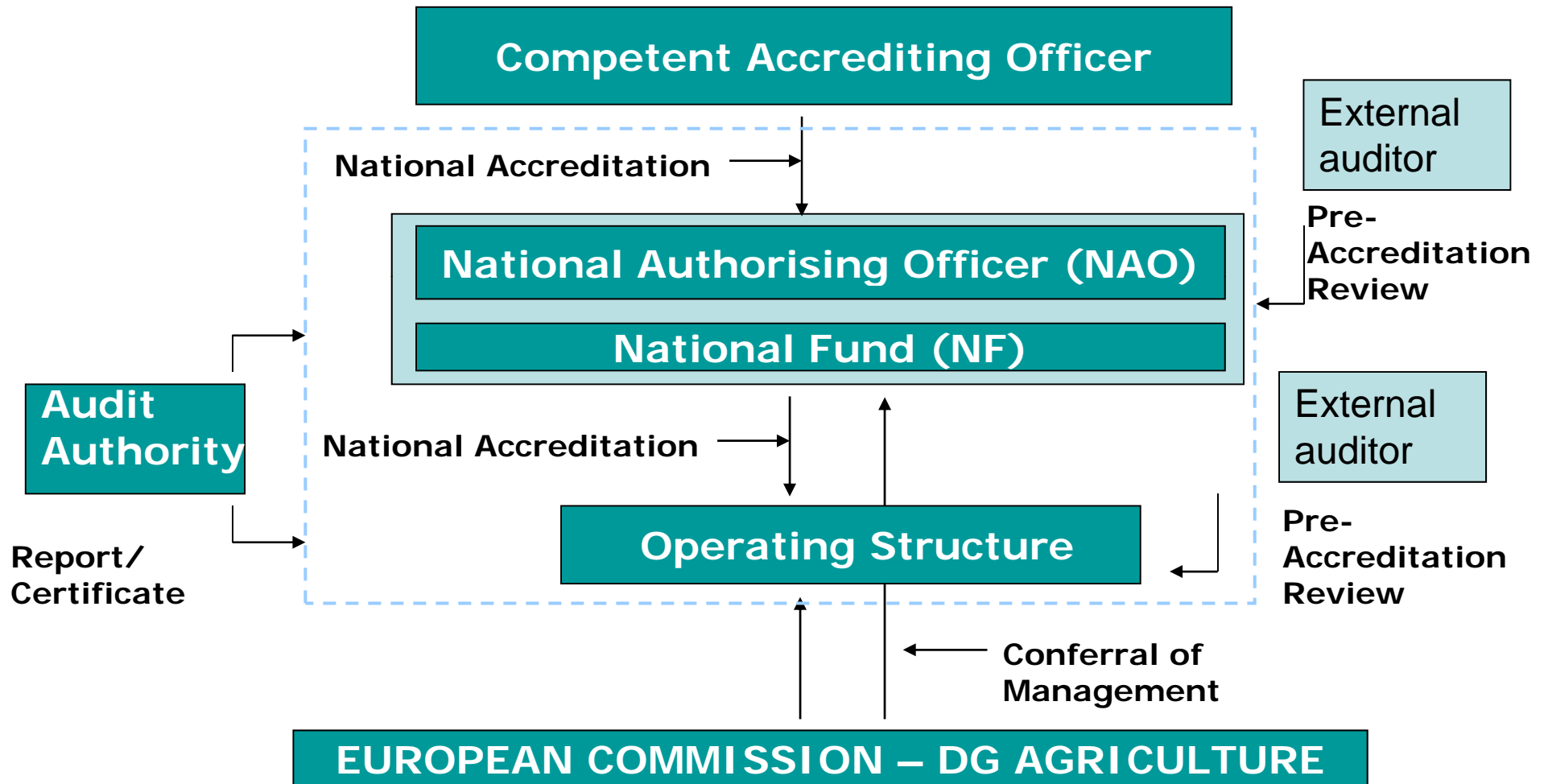
IPARD structures



Functions of IPARD structures

General Functions	Specific Functions	NAO / NF	Operating structure	
			IPARD Agency	M.A.
Managing Function	Programme monitoring			X
	Evaluation			X
	Reporting			X
	Coordination			X
Implementing Function	Selection		X	
	Publicity		X	X
	Assurance	X		
Paying Function	Authorization & control of commitments		X	
	Authorization & control of payments	(X)	X	
	Execution of payments		X	
	Accounting for commitment and payment	X	X	
	Treasury	X		

IPARD accreditation process

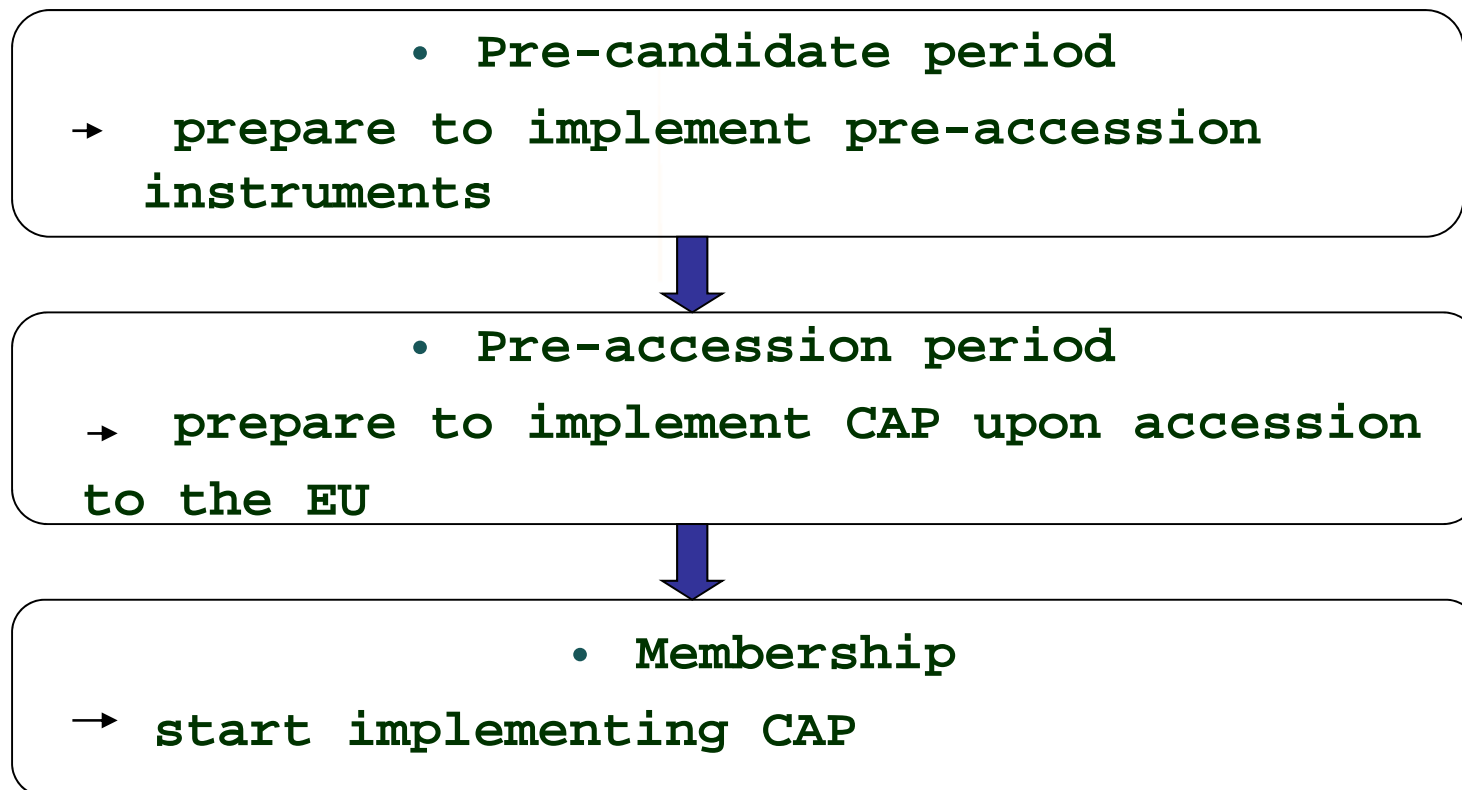




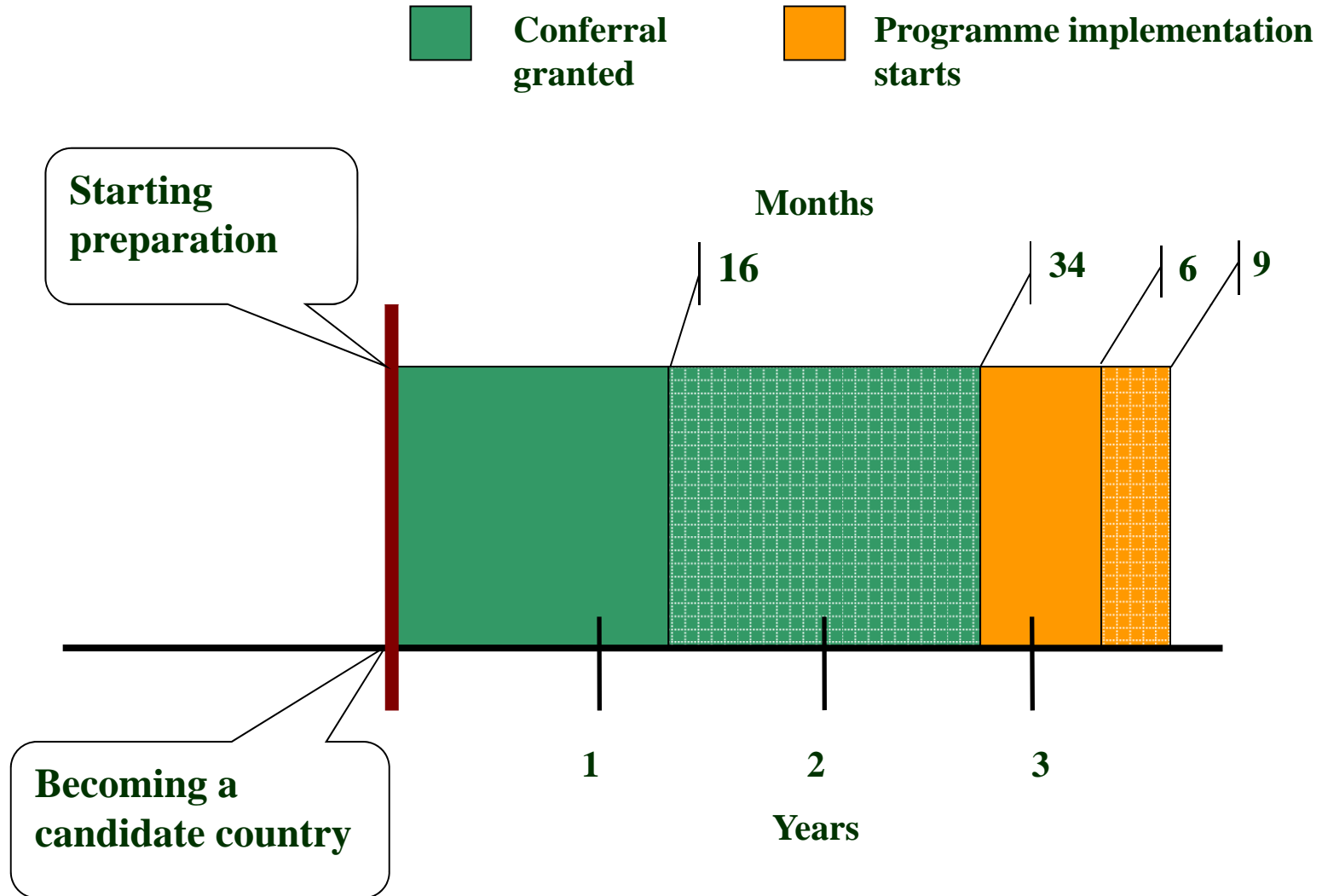
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Steps towards accession

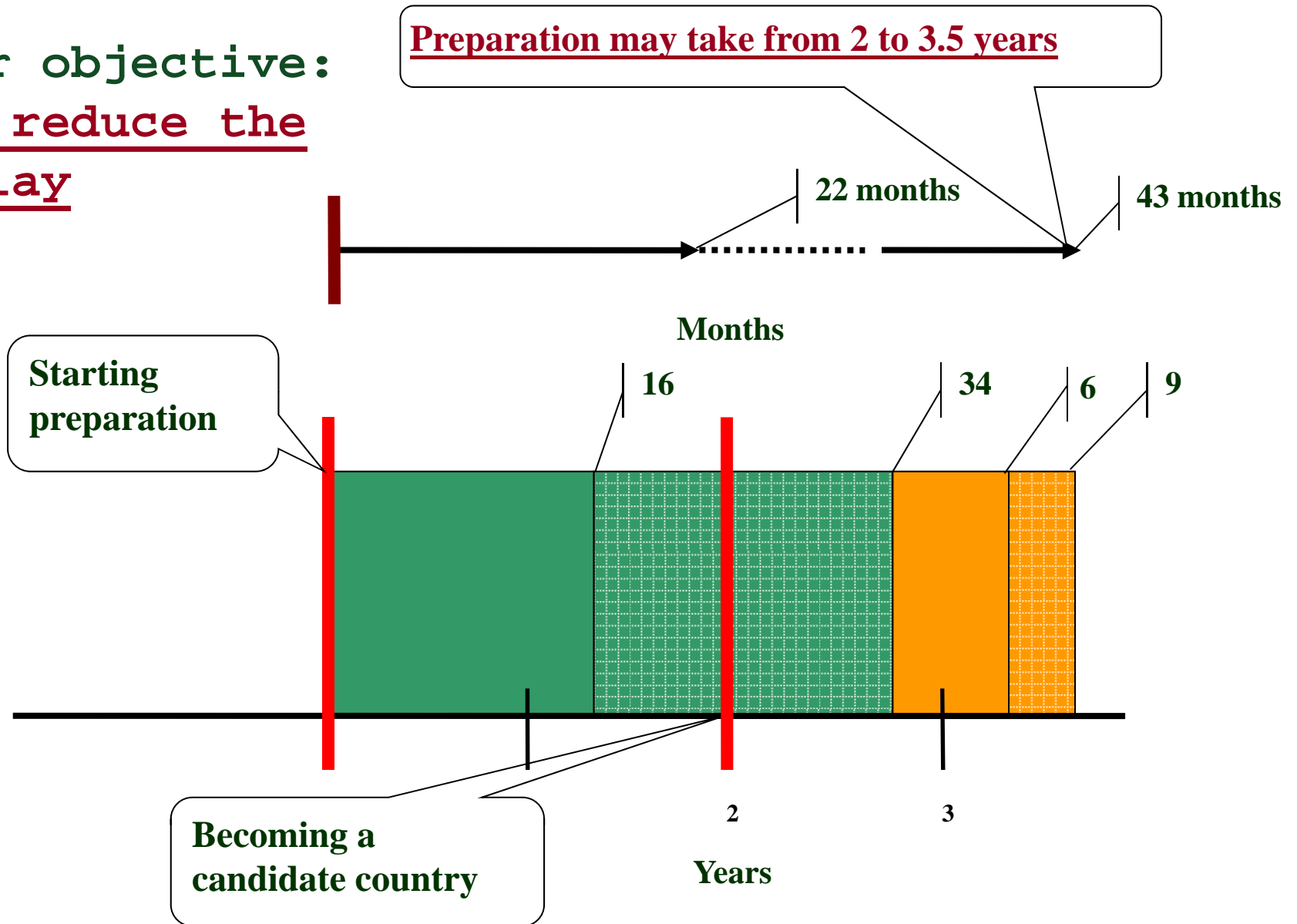


Timeframe: preparation



**Our objective:
to reduce the
delay**

Preparation may take from 2 to 3.5 years





Timeframe



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Pre-candidate period

- Establish legal basis
- Build administrative capacity for the future IPARD Agency and Managing Authority
- Establish farm register, land cadastre, rural census, statistics and advisory services
- Make credits for farmers and rural business available
- Support the organisation of civil society partners
- Establish ongoing dialogue with us



Pre-candidate period

Managing Authority / Programming

- To have a National Strategy
- Use Multi-annual Indicative Programming Document (MIPD)
- Identify key priorities / measures / sectors
- Carry out sector analysis of sectors covered in the Programme
- Start elaborating IPARD programme



Timeframe



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Pre-candidate period

IPARD Agency / financial management

- To have a legal basis
- Identify existing structures
- Review the accreditation criteria in the Sectoral Agreement
- Determine to what extent the conditions for decentralised management are currently in place (gap assessment)
- Start preparations - do the "gap plugging"



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**Thank you for your attention
and
Good luck!**