

MEDEA

~ Developing Communities of Mediterranean and Black Sea
Security Practitioners to respond to evolving threats ~

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Mediterranean practitioners' network & capacity building for effective response to emerging security challenges

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"**Research and innovation** is essential if the EU is to keep up-to-date with evolving security needs".

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"Ensuring that EU-financed **security research** targets the needs of **security practitioners** and develops solutions to forthcoming security challenges [...]."

Mission letter of Julian King as Commissioner for Security Union

LOSS or LACK of effective interfaces among Practitioners, R&D and Policymakers.

- × No availability of requirements
- × No awareness about availability of solutions
- ➔ Available but 'confidential'
- ➔ Available but 'suppressed' or distracted from within the organisation
- ➔ Available but not transferred/not timely transferred
- ➔ Available but not suitable/compatible with requirements
- × Not appropriate 'translation' of DATA into INFORMATION into EVIDENCE into FACTS into ACTIONABLE KNOWLEDGE for policy action

Mismatch in: {
LOGICS (institutional mandates)
LANGUAGES (diagnoses of the problem)
CAPACITIES (to perform necessary tasks)

Out-of-Sync: {
TIME HORIZONS (for planning/delivery)
WILL TO COOPERATE

Problems:

Lost knowledge undermines **EARLY WARNING, REACTIVE CAPACITY, and ANTICIPATORY READINESS** of organisations tasked with provision of security & resilience

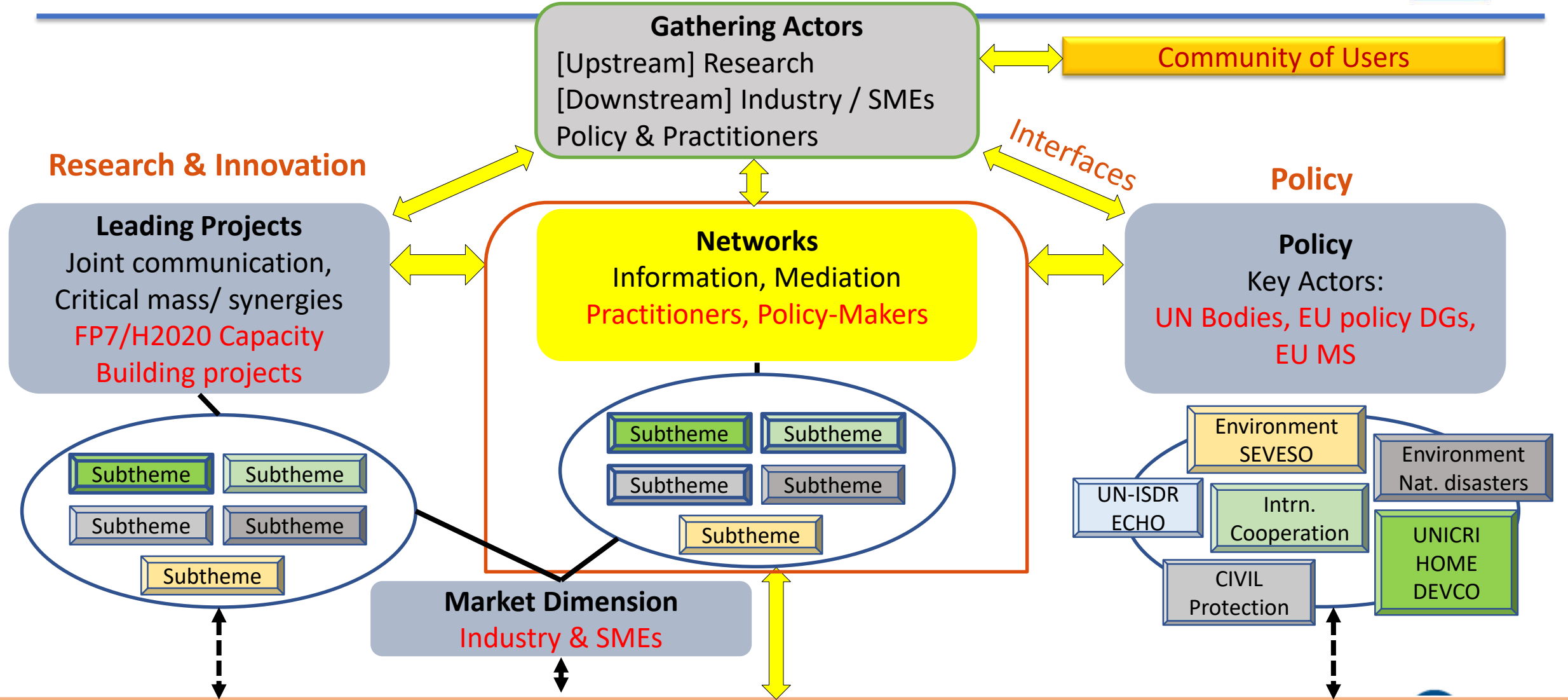
Make R&D innovative knowledge *useful, usable, and factually used* by practitioners

Solution

Strengthen Security practitioners' involvement aiming to:

- ✓ Enhance policy support
- ✓ Improve market uptake
- ✓ Increase Innovation dimension
- ✓ Reduce oversubscription
- ✓ Reduce duplications

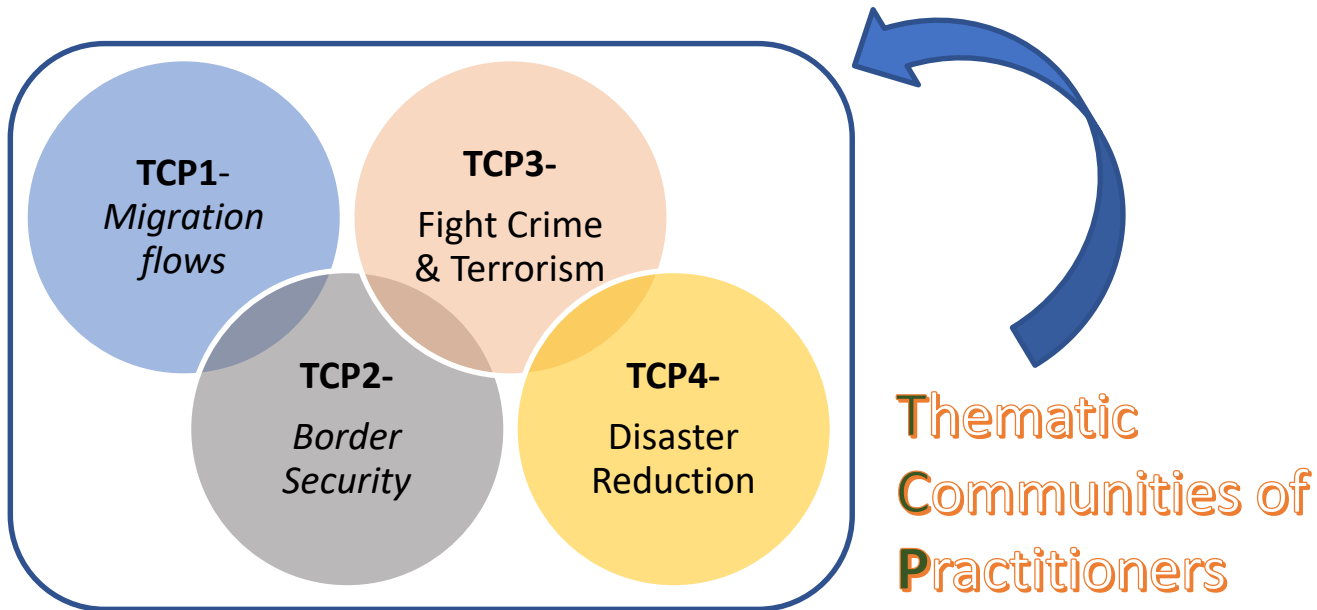
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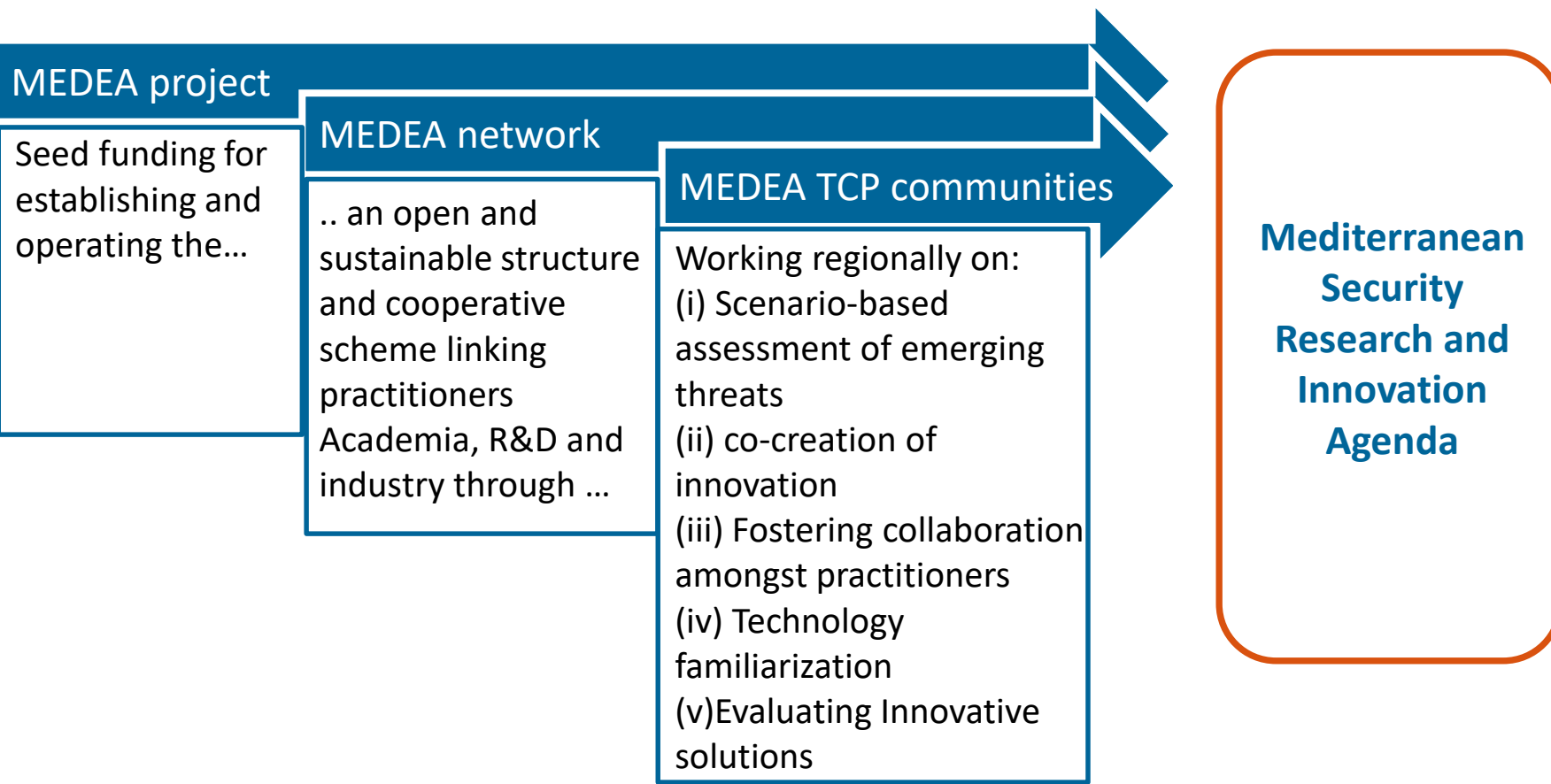


The MEDEA network aspires to contribute to the establishment of **more safe and secure societies** throughout the M&BS region **using research and innovation as a catalyst to promote collaboration between practitioners from diverse disciplines and countries.**

19 Members / 13 countries

- **Med: 8** - AL (1), CY(1), EL(3), ES(2), IT(2), FR(1), IL(1)
- **BS: 2** – BG(1), RO(1)
- **Other EU MS: 3** - BE(1), DE(2), EU(1)

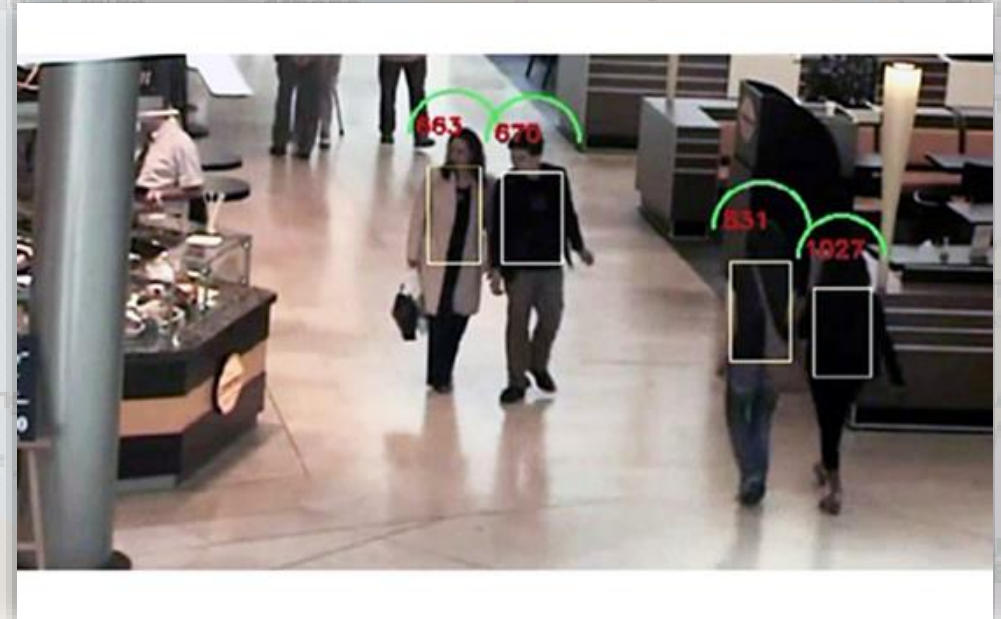




- SAR Operations
- Humanitarian Aid
- Electronic identification of migrants upon arrival
- Safe and secure operations of reception centers
- Management and registration of asylum seeking persons
- Refusal of entry: improve the return process
- Identify and dismantling human smuggling networks



- New surveillance technologies for Green/Blue borders
- Information systems and their interoperability
- Faster / more accurate checking
- Identification of irregular crossing points
- Fraudulent documents
- Clandestine entries

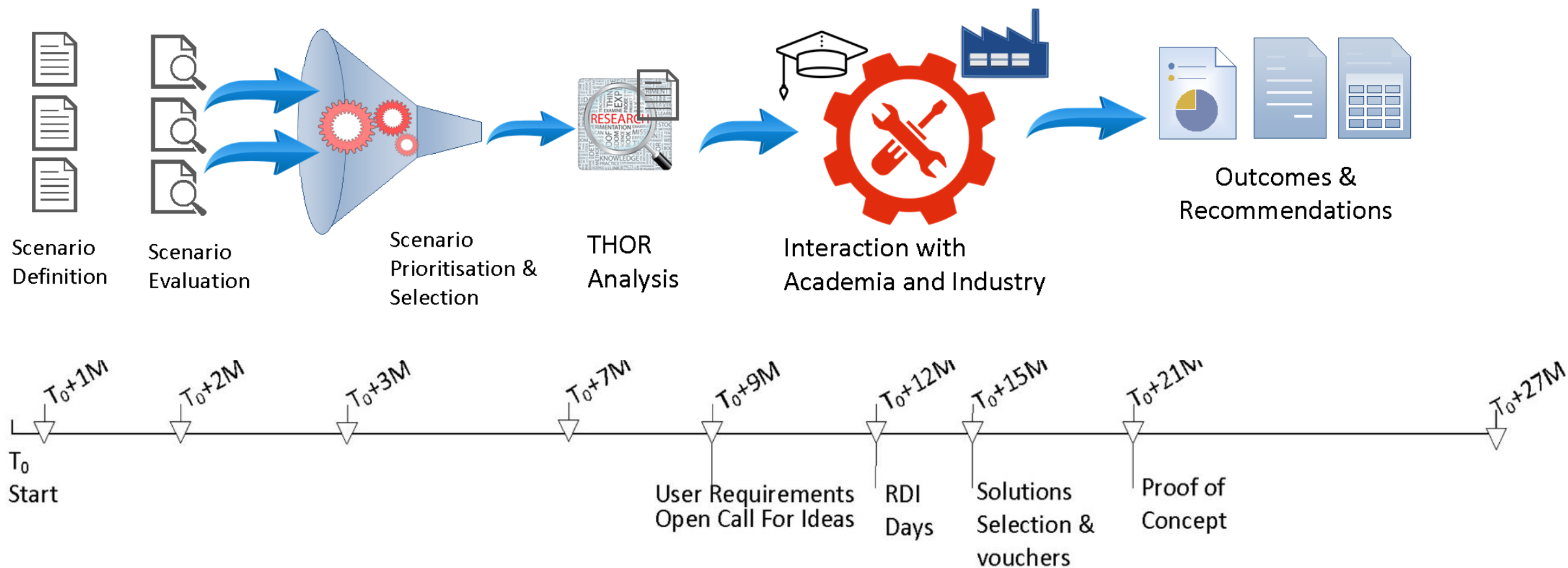


- Radicalization
- New terrorism forms
- Return of Foreign fighters
- Smuggling of illicit drugs + weapons
- Exchange of information between LEAs
- Electronic Ids, biometrics, Fraudulent documents (TCP2)
- EU intelligence management plan - suggestions



- Wildland-Urban Interface fires
- Extreme weather
- Rapid flooding
- Impact of climate change
- Geophysical events (earthquakes, tsunamis)
- Technological accidents
- Critical infrastructure resilience





- ❑ Better connect centralized 'Brain' intelligence with distributed 'Sensory' intelligence within and across organisations:
 - How to build up capacity; turn capabilities into capacities?
(Anticipation; Situational Awareness, R&D absorption, ...)?
- ❑ Minimize Blind Spots in Horizon Scanning for emerging threats AND innovative solutions:
 - How practitioners can move outside their 'ZONE OF COMFORT' and get engaged in multi-stakeholder pilots so that they influence a demand-driven future agenda?
- ❑ Build up trust and promote community-building at operational/planning level:
 - How to proceed with targeted (win-win) sharing of sensitive information?

Thank you for your attention!

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