

“How missions can be opened up to a wide group of stakeholders, from individuals, and civil society organisations, to citizen movements or political parties, is critical to forming missions and to ensuring their longevity.”

Mariana Mazzucato (2019): *Governing Missions in the European Union*

proEthics is a 4 year project funded by the EU H2020 scheme, running from 2020 to 2024. Our aim is to facilitate more relevant, fair and effective research and innovation activities.

PRO-Ethics brings together a consortium of research and innovation funding organisations (RFOs) from across Europe to test ethical ways of involving citizens in research and innovation activities: Participation in innovation projects, strategy development and evaluation processes.

Through real-life experiments in the context of 11 pilots, dialogue with relevant stakeholders, and theoretical assessments, the project will develop an Ethics Framework and guidelines for participation.

▶ PROJECT TIMELINE

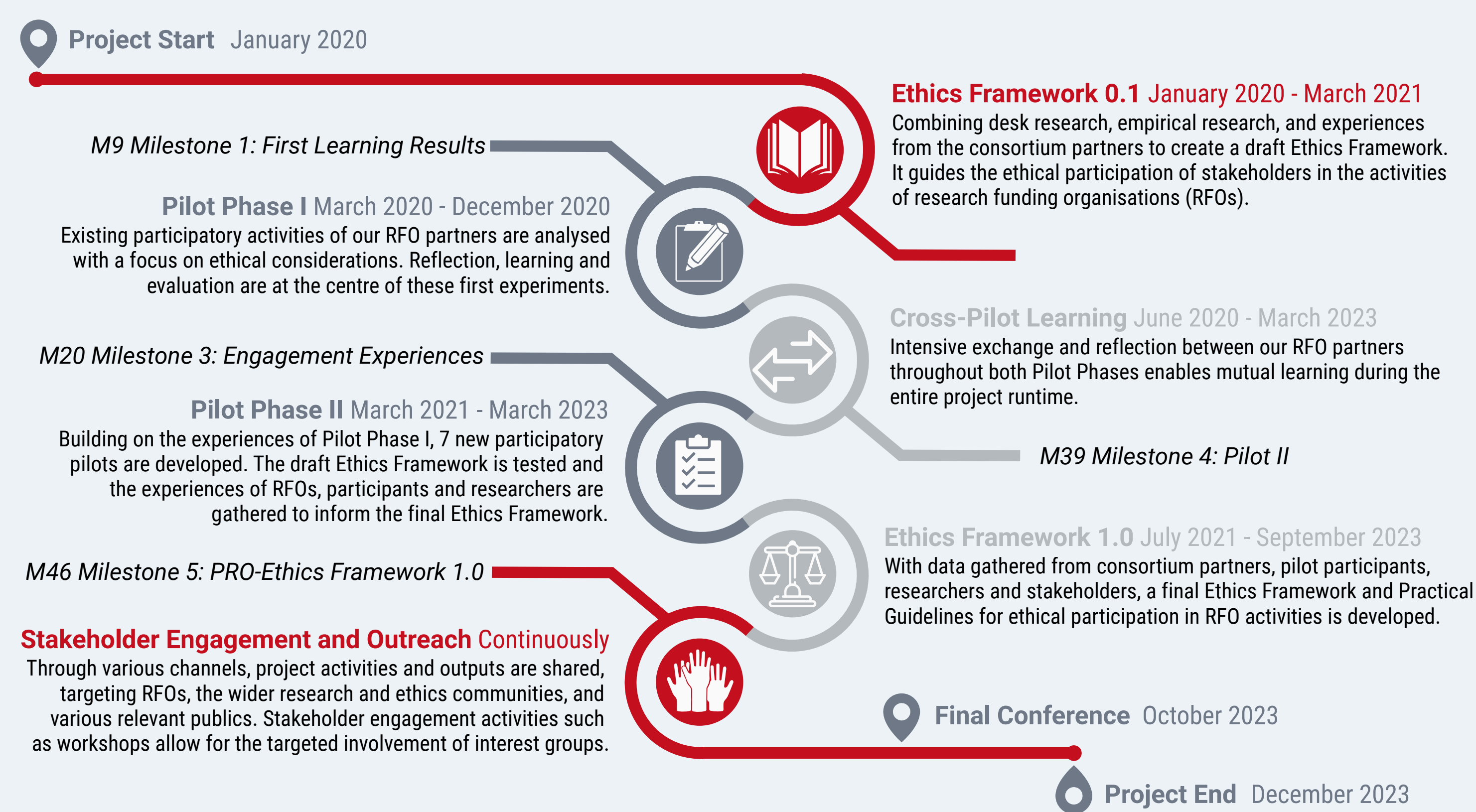


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Cross-learning is an important cornerstone of PRO-Ethics. Within our discussions it was important not only to define main requirements to be evaluated and reported by the pilots, but also to discuss how to turn them into “doable demands” which can be met by the RFOs and which are replicable in other contexts, too.

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As research and innovation begins to involve citizens in more of its activities, organisations must be aware of potential participation fatigue - when the same communities are asked to contribute for little return time after time.

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▶ TEAM



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▶ WORKPACKAGE FLOW

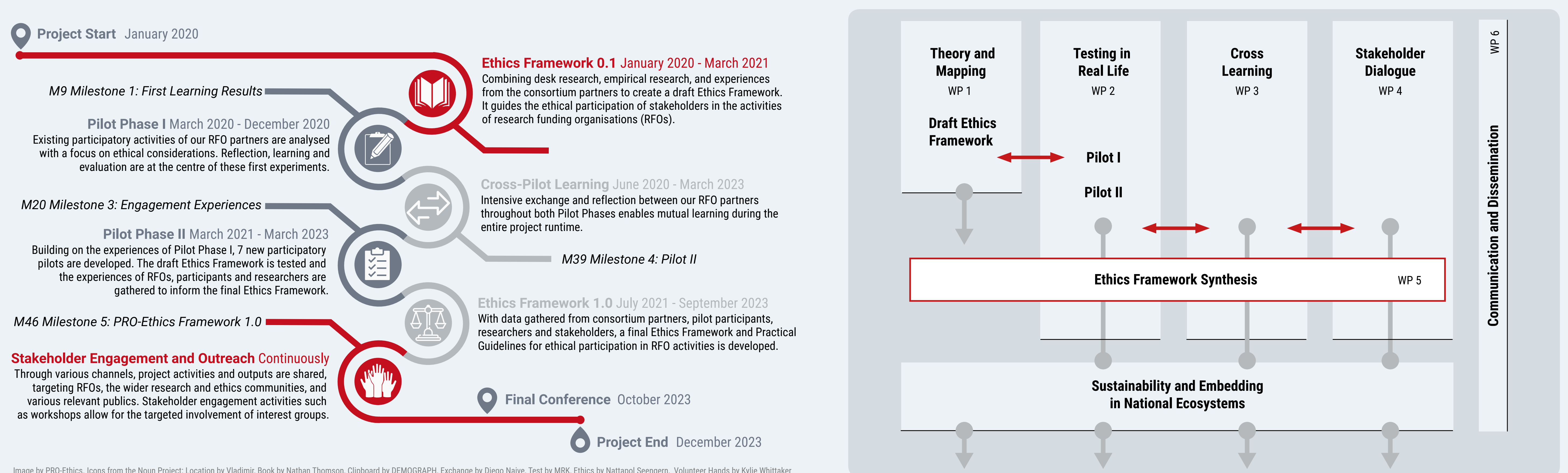


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‘Participation’ is a broad concept with loose interpretation. Guaranteeing the participation of non-traditional stakeholders (such as NGOs, social entrepreneurs, etc.) in research funding organisations’ activities requires an effort of translating the concept into concrete procedures and measurable outcomes.

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Citizen involvement and citizen science generally imply concepts such as inclusion, openness and democratisation. Nevertheless, the processes and activities involved often carry significant ethical risks of exploitation, manipulation, coercion and control.

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▶ PARTNER MAP

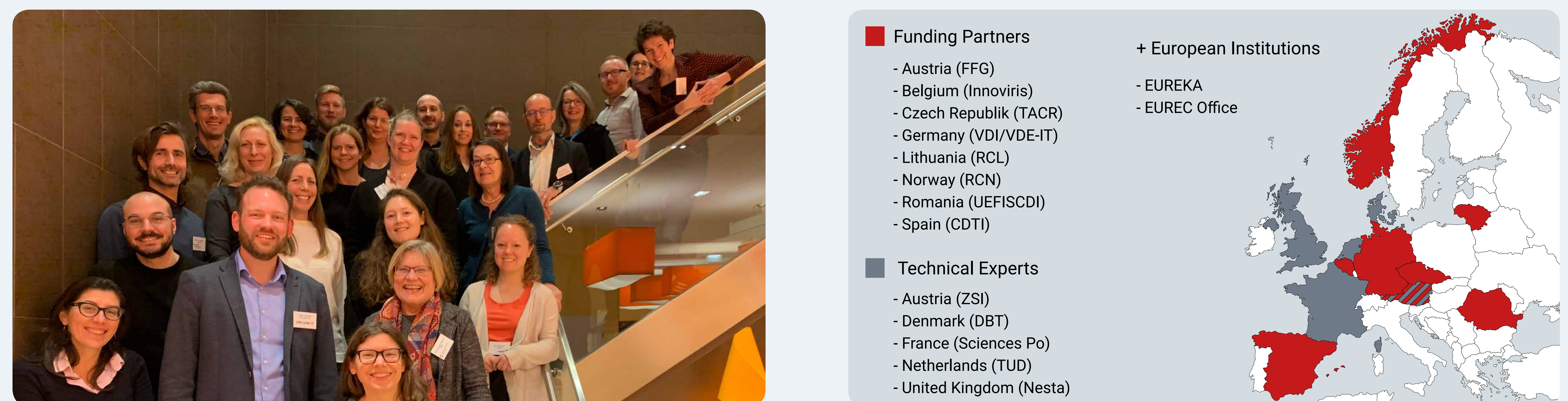


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