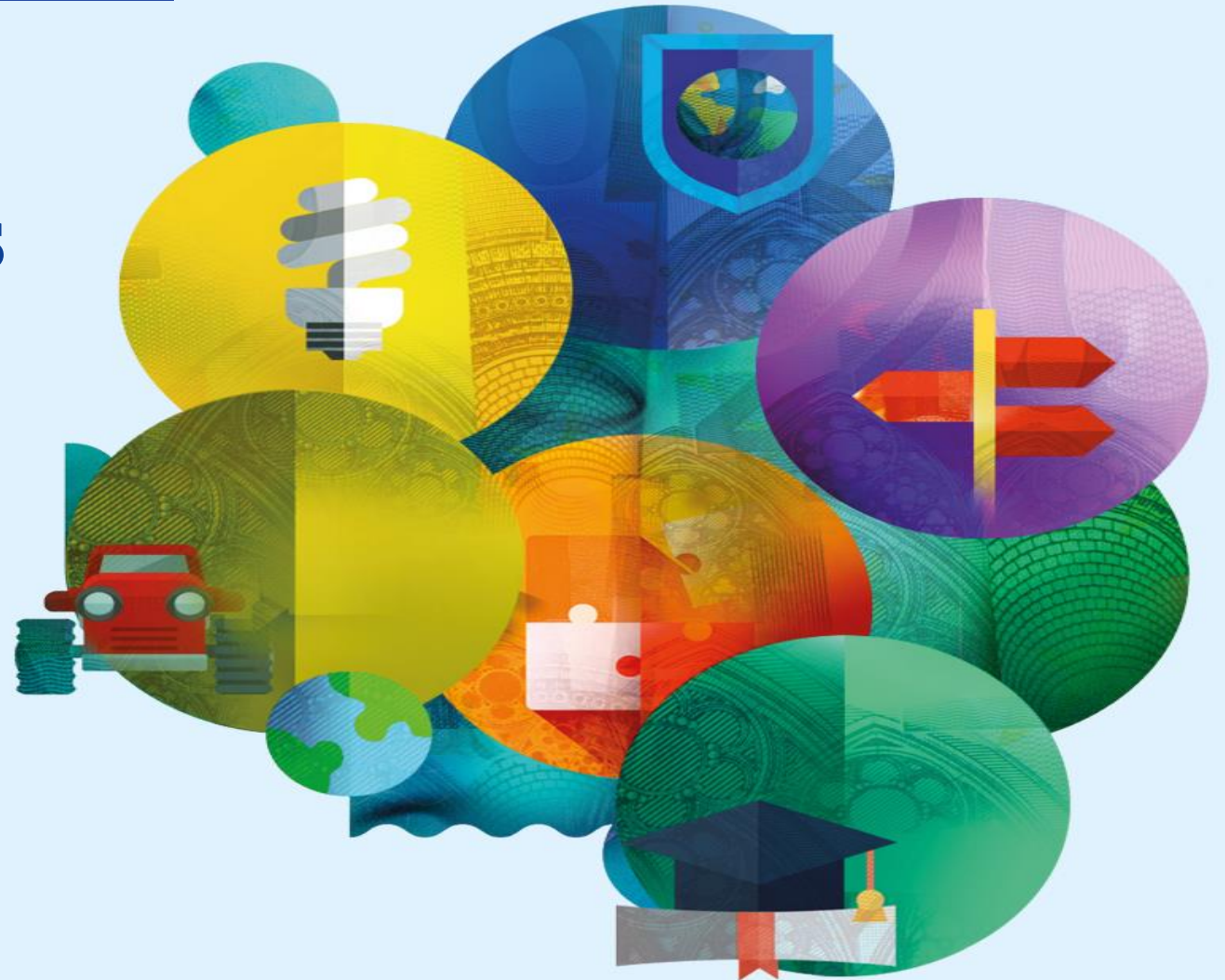


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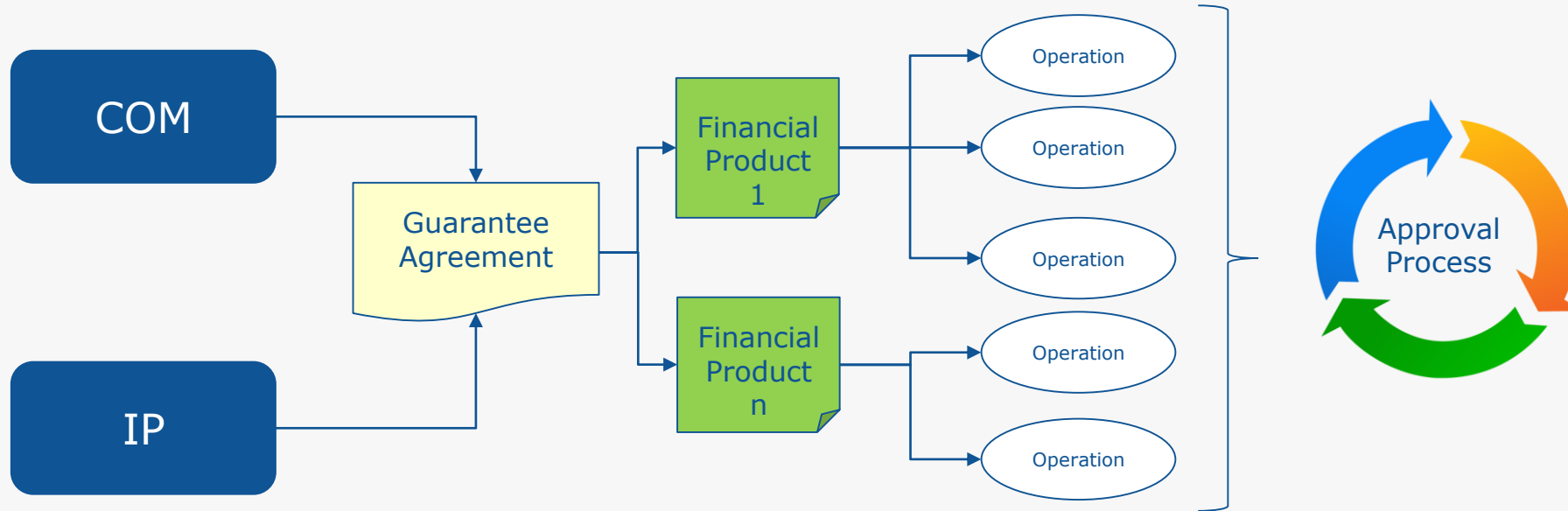
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# OVERVIEW



# Legal references

## Legal References

- ***InvestEU Regulation***
  - Article 17b: Scoreboard
  - Article 18: Policy Check
  - Article 19: Investment Committee (IC)
- ***Treaty on the functioning of the EU***
  - Protocol 5, Article 19 (EIB Statute Article 19)

# Key principles

- **A common set of documents**
  - level playing field between IPs and comparability of Operations
  - easier consolidation and reporting
- **Consistency between policy check and EIB Article 19 Procedure** to ensure level playing field between IPs and EIB
- **Well-defined scope** for:
  - the policy check/Article 19 opinion by the Commission and
  - the approval by the IC

- **Two-step approval process**
  - **Step 1**: Commission policy check (for EIB: EIB Statute Article 19 Procedure)
  - **Step 2**: Investment Committee approval (only after favourable COM policy check or favourable Article 19 opinion)
- **Timing** of different steps
  - Specific deadlines for each step
  - Step 2 starts only after step 1 has been completed (**SEQUENTIAL**)

# Operations to be submitted

- All Operations are subject to policy check (EIB Statute Article 19 procedure and approval by the IC).
- Possible to submit more than one Operation at the same time (Batch of Operations)
- Possible to group sub-projects into one single Operation and to submit such Operation to IC **if such Operation is a facility, programme or structure** (see paper sent in July) – to be set out in the relevant guarantee agreements.
- IC may however want to see separately sub-projects  $\geq$  EUR 3 mio

*Art. 19(6): "Where the Investment Committee is requested to approve the use of the EU guarantee for a financing or investment operation that is a facility, programme or structure which has underlying sub-projects, that approval shall comprise the underlying sub-projects, unless the Investment Committee decides to retain the right to approve them separately. If the approval concerns sub-projects of a size below EUR 3 000 000, the Investment Committee shall not retain this right."*



## Documents for IPs to submit

- **Policy Check Request Form**, which includes:
  - a) A **general identification part**, describing the main elements, characteristics and entities participating in the Operation, and
  - b) A **policy-related part**, describing the main policy elements on the basis of which the Commission will carry out the policy check
- **Guarantee Request Form**, which includes:
  - a) A **general identification part** (identical to the one provided for the Policy Check), and
  - b) An **investment-related part**, describing the main economic, financial and compliance elements, as well as the narrative for the information provided in the Scoreboard.
- **Scoreboard (of Indicators)**, which includes indicators on: contribution to EU policy objectives, additionality, financial and technical contribution by the IP, investment impact, financial profile of the Operation and complementary indicators. The Scoreboard shall be **publicly available after the signature of the relevant Operation**.
- **For Operations under Thematic Products** more detailed information on policy aspects shall be provided.

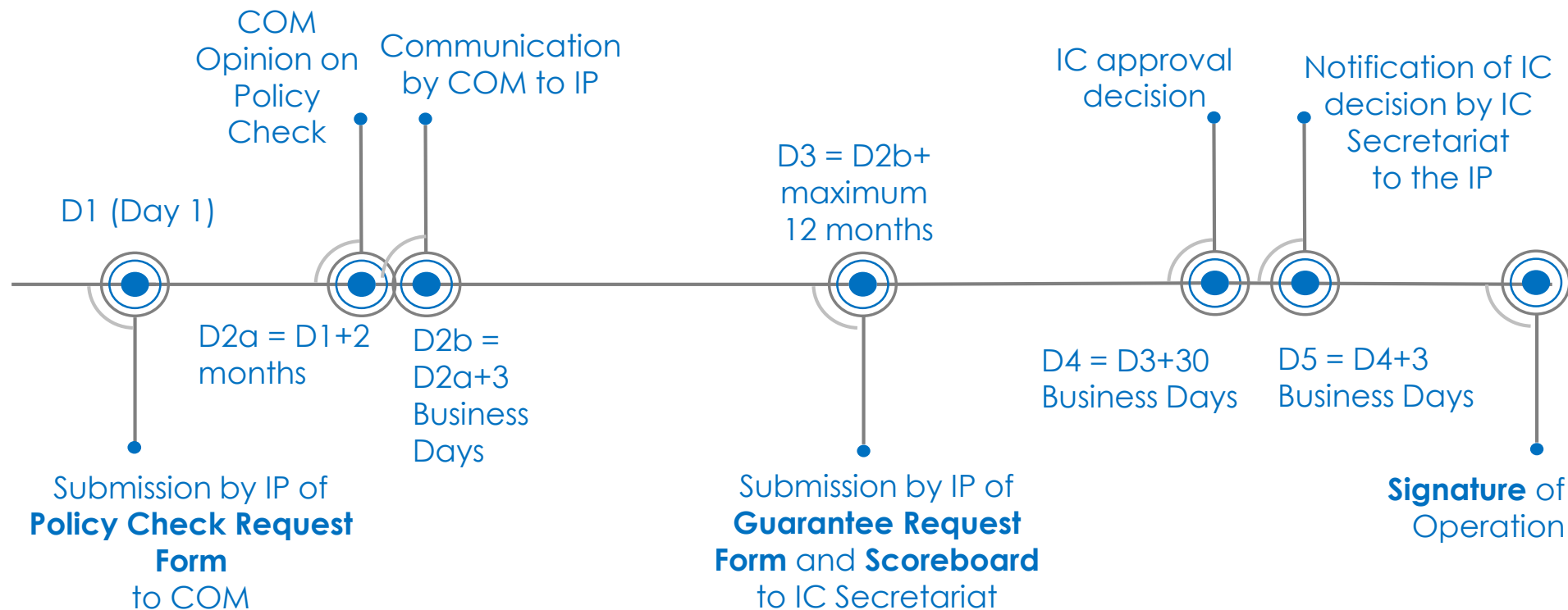
## Procedural steps in detail

- Step 1 (Policy Check / EIB Statute Article 19)
  - Assess information provided by IP
  - Issue COM Opinion and inform IP
  
- Step 2 (IC Approval)
  - Examine proposals submitted by IP
  - Approve the use of the EU Guarantee for the proposed Operation
  - IC Secretariat (hosted by COM)
    - Assess completeness of documentation provided by IPs (other than EIB Group)
    - According to the Rules of Procedure to be adopted by the Steering Board:
      - Organise IC meetings
      - Manage conflicts of interest
      - Notify IP of IC Decision
      - Draft minutes of IC meeting
      - Publish conclusions of IC decisions
      - Publish Scoreboard of signed Operations

# Operations under General Products (indicative dates)

## Step 1: Policy check

## Step 2: approval by Investment Committee



# Information on Operations to be provided by IPs

## *Examples on required information:*

- For direct Operations, name, country or region of final recipient;
- For intermediates Operations, name and type of financial intermediary, targeted country or region;
- Description of the Operation, the target policy areas and the sector(s) targeted at the NACE 2 level, where applicable;
- Expected timing of the Operation;
- Indicative project costs, approximate size of the Operation, EU Guarantee amount;
- Expected leverage of the Operation;
- Compatibility of the Operations with the InvestEU Regulation, the investment guidelines and the relevant guarantee agreement.

## Next steps

### ***Consultation on document content (Q1 2020):***

- Policy Check Request Form
- Guarantee Request Form
- Scoreboard of Indicators
- More detailed information for Operations under Thematic Products

### **Consultation on the methodology for the Scoreboard of Indicators (Q1 2020)**



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