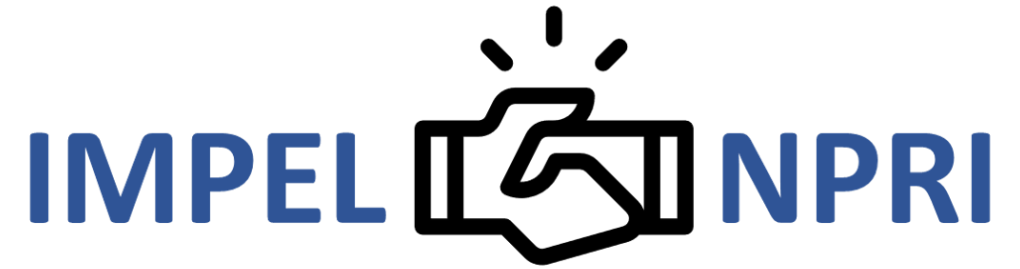




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National Peer Review Initiative (NPRI) Project Online Seminar
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Introduction to the Seminar
NPRI: the actual implementation
New experiences and way forward

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- State Environmental Inspectorate, North Macedonia.
- Environnent Agency, Portugal.
- National Environmental Guard , Romania
- Slovak Environmental Inspectorate, Slovak Republic
- Inspectorate of RS for the environment and spatial planning, Slovenia
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- Natural Resources Wales, United Kingdom

**19 Organizations,
13 Countries**

Co-led by:

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Background NPRI Project

‘Improve continuously – from good to better’

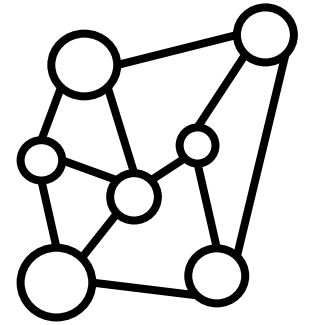
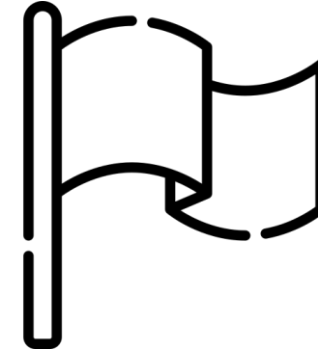
The needs at the base of National Peer Reviews concept

*“which are the common issues that my Colleagues in
my Country face everyday?”*

*“how do my Colleagues in my same Country tackle
my same issues?”*

*“Why we do not look for common solutions and we
do not help each other to tackle these common
issues?”*

My Country



My Network

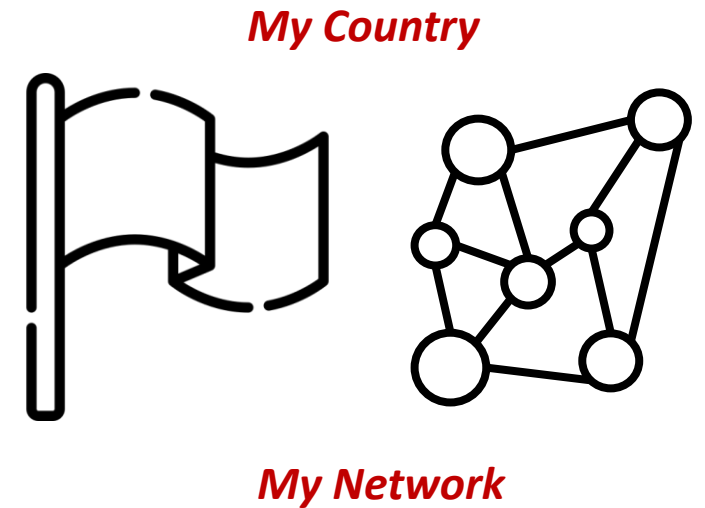


Peer Reviews as tool to fix issues in networks:

- the homogeneity of the behaviour,
- interpretations, time of responses,
- technical approaches
- Et cetera....

Peer Review: a process that:

- is not an Audit and it is not aimed at checking if rules are fulfilled
- is mainly dialogical, and it is aimed at seeking and sharing among peers the way to improve their performances
- Can be used for a variety of themes and of scopes: is up to the National network to define the specific program deemed useful

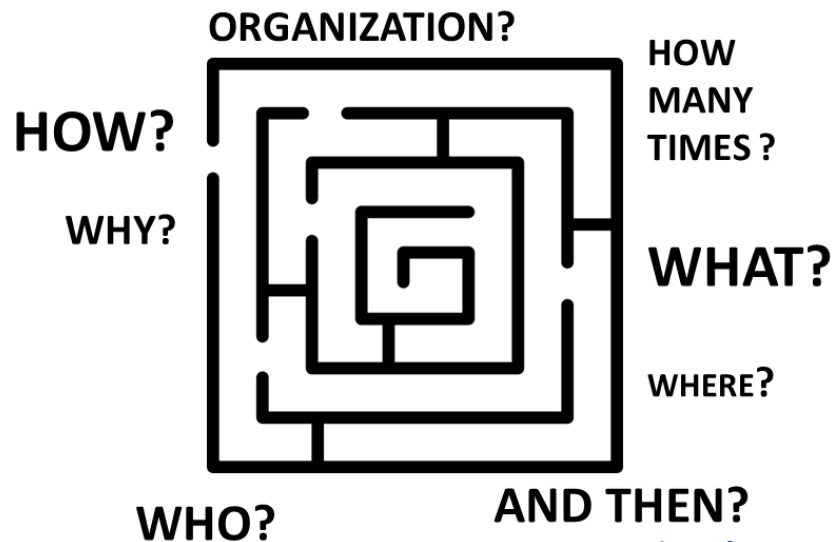


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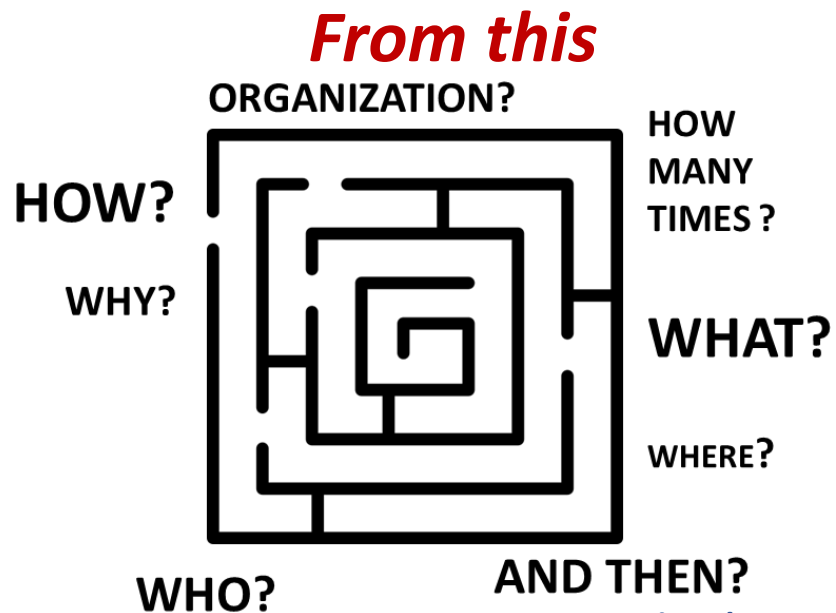
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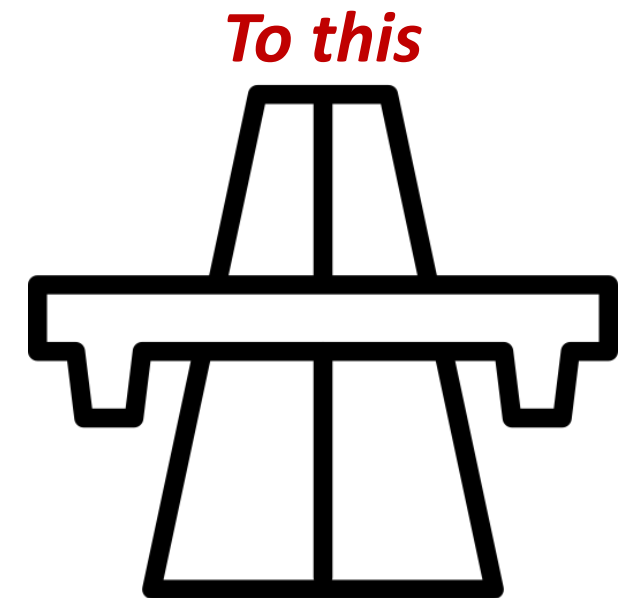
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Scope of the NPRI Project is to straighten the road to achieve all the advantages of PR processes at National level, where IMPEL has the role of advisor that can supply backstopping in acquiring autonomy



How to support Colleagues at developing the peer review scheme more apt to the specific network they belongs to?

The roadmap the NPRI project chose is based on:

- The study of relevant experiences in place
- The definition of a general scheme to be actualized on the basis of the User's need
- Advices on the governance structure
- Indications on the scoping and on the assessment framework development
- Advices on how to optimize the possibility of the implementation of the results (OfD) of the review
- Accompanying the Networks in the development and implementation of their own NPRI Scheme

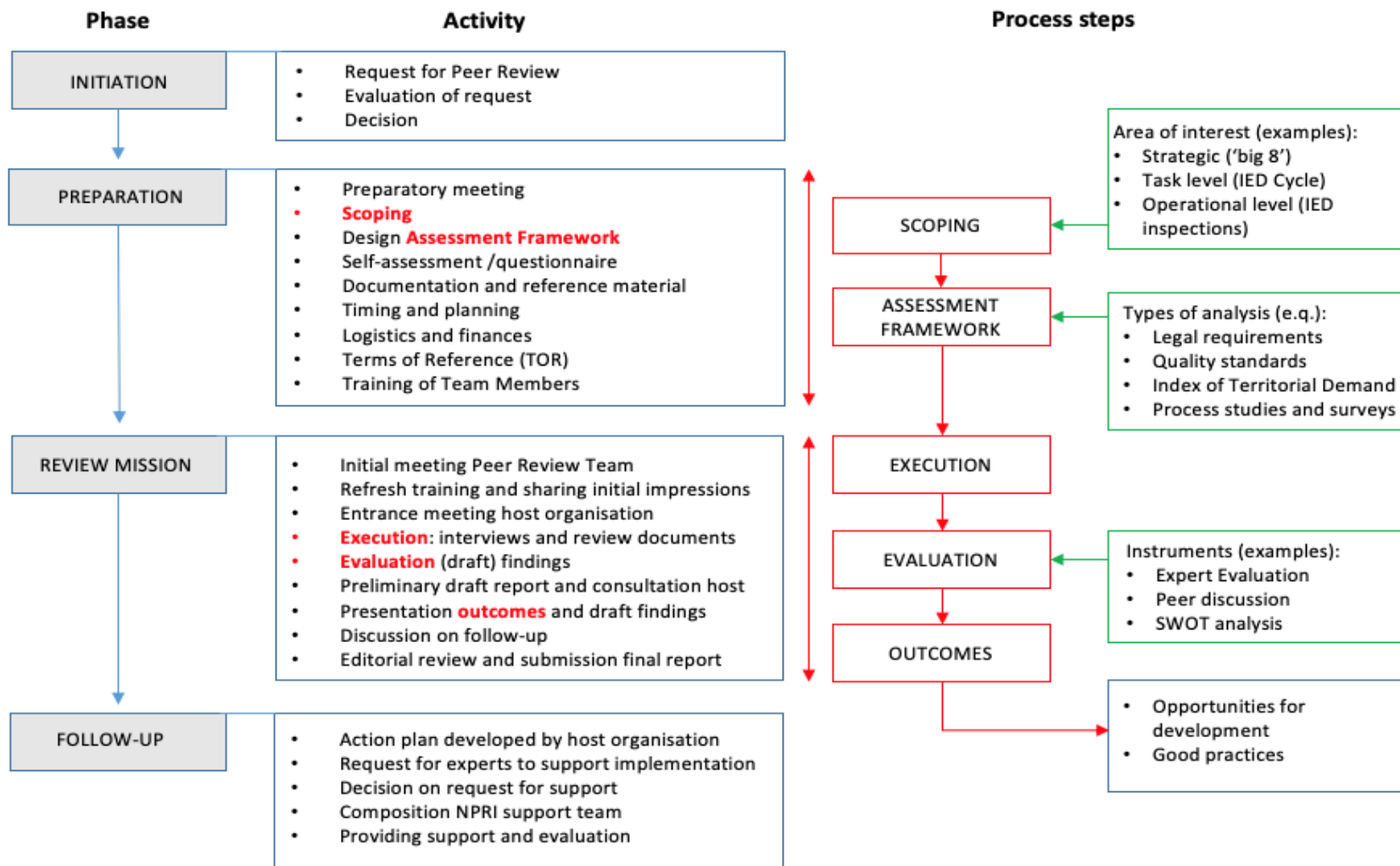


First phase of the project (2019/21 May 2019 – June 2020) 1/2

The NPRI methodology:

Execution of Peer Reviews:

The Scheme and the topics explained





Second phase of the project (June 2020 – December 2020)

Refining important topics already treated in the first phase

Annex I	Guidance on ‘Implementation of a NPRI scheme through a National NPRI Network’
Annex II	Guidance on ‘Request for a National Peer Review’ (plus Appendix example Portugal))
Annex III	Guidance on Terms of Reference (ToR)
Annex IV	Guidance on ‘Designing an assessment framework’
Annex V	Guidance on ‘Writing a NPRI report’
Annex VI	Guidance on designing an ‘End of Mission Agenda’
Annex VII	Outline NPRI Training

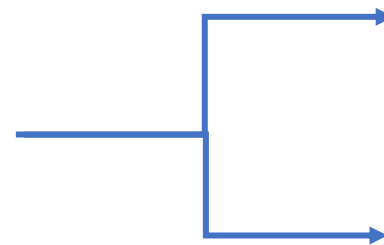
Stakeholders Analysis

Without a clear framework of where and how to deliver the Peer Review outcomes, its execution risks to be a pointless exercise



Today Seminar: activity of the III project phase(January - December 2021)

- Support in the improvement of their own NPRI scheme of Countries already implementing NPRI
- Support to Countries willing to implement NPRI scheme
- Improving NPRI manual and documents

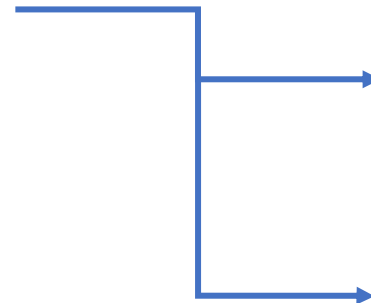


The Netherlands

Collegiate reviews in REPAs on assigned tasks

Italy

Reviews o the achievement of qualitative and quantitative level of key activity of the REPAs activities (quantity, quality)



Romania

Scope: *border controls at border crossing points related to the import and export of waste*

Portugal

Scope: *Revision of permitting procedures in Water resources uses*



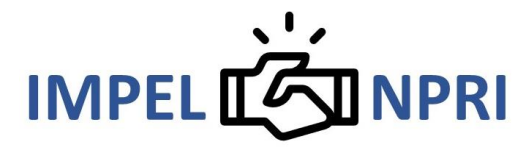
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Let's work together, now!