

# 4th Working Group Meeting

## European Burden of Disease Network

Tallinn, Estonia, 14-15 September 2023

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# What is next?

- Grant Periods
  - GP1: 01/12/2019 – 30/04/2020
  - GP2: 01/05/2020 – 30/04/2021 → 31/10/2021
  - GP3: 01/11/2021 – 31/10/2022
  - GP4: 01/11/2022 – 27/10/2023
  - **GP5: 01/11/2023 – 30/04/2024**

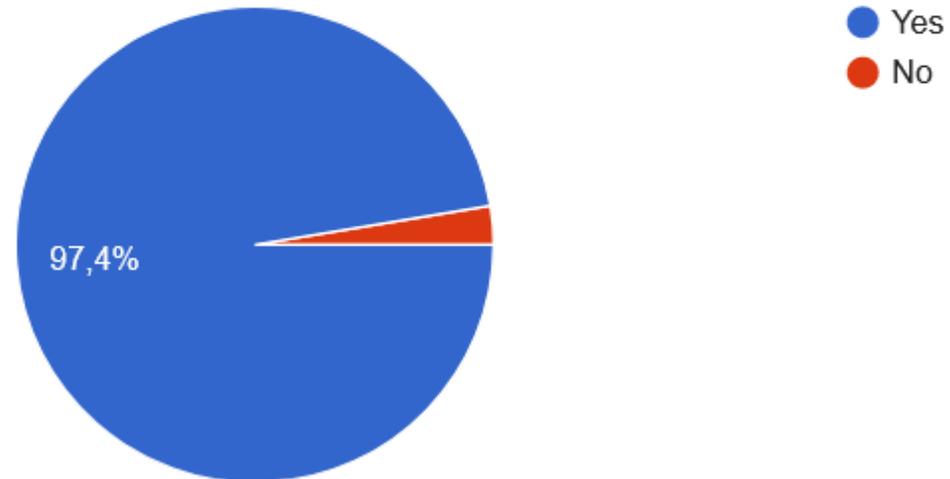
# Core Group meeting Ghent, June 2023



# Member survey

Are you planning to work on burden of disease in the future?

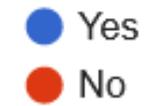
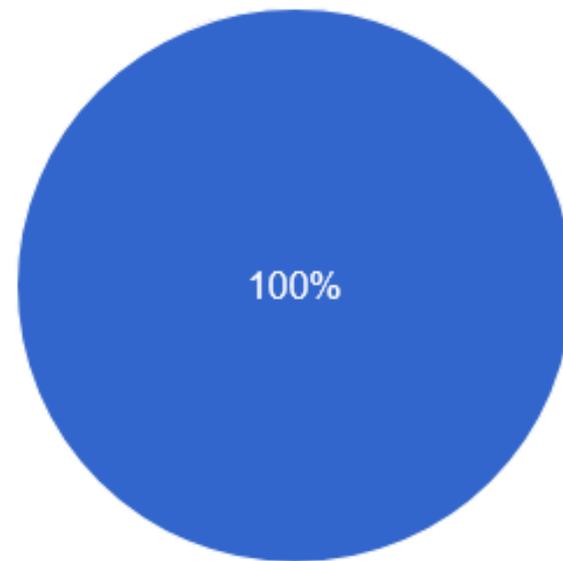
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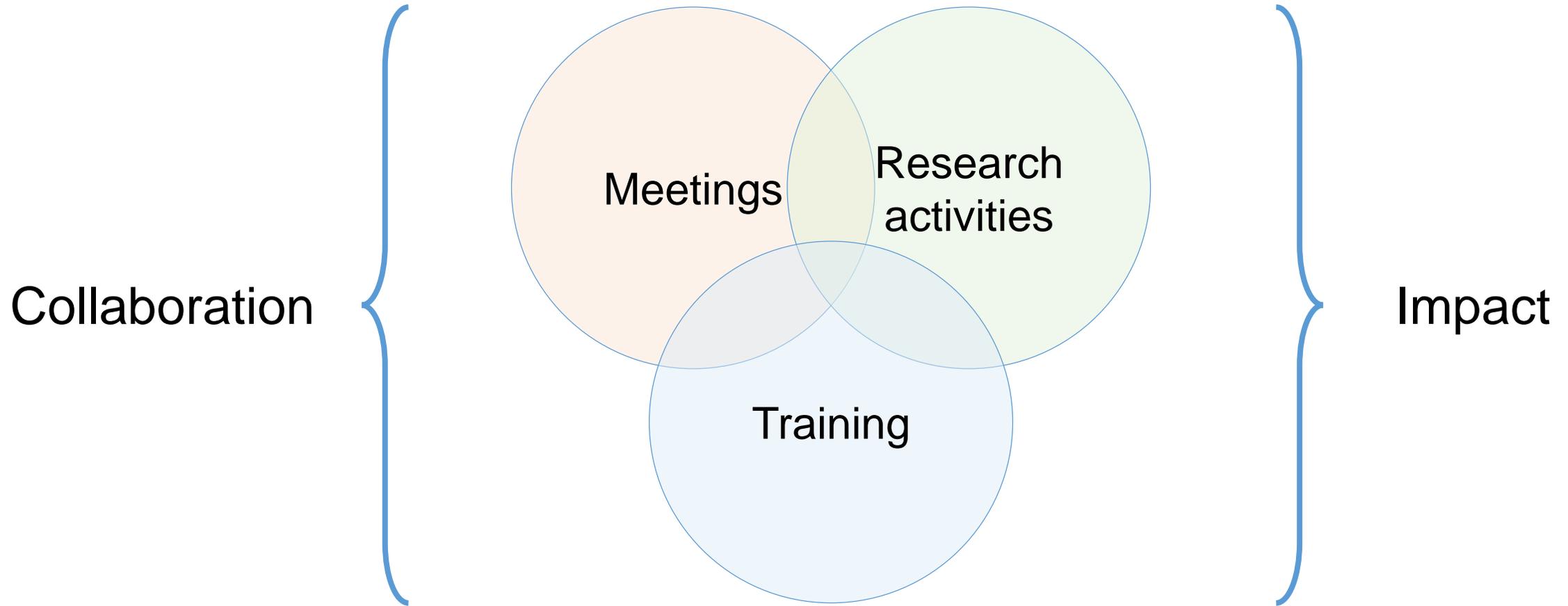
Would you like the network to continue?

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## What to continue?



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## What to discontinue?

- Nothing 😊
- COVID
- Workings Groups

# Future of the network

## What to expand?

- Tailored meetings
- Methodological support
- Advanced training opportunities
- Impact, advocacy, knowledge translation
- Widening network
- Joint papers
- New topics

# Future of the network

## What to expand?

- Tailored meetings
  - More online events where more people can afford to attend.
  - Small groups to exchange experiences / expertise
  - Monthly scheduled appointments to discuss the progress of participants' research, and/or propose a project, showcase a topic or ask for help.
  - Virtual meetings for knowledge sharing and dissemination of BoD research projects
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## What to expand?

- Tailored meetings
- Methodological support
  - Practical courses or even debates on how to perform burden of disease in different research areas.
  - More focused exchange of experienced countries/institutions; build on those experiences to provide stronger recommendations and evidence
  - Documentation of methodologies of countries busy with BoD study
  - Development of common EU list of IDD, redistribution methods,...all those elements for DALY calculation
  - Expand on alignment of methodologies; Organise online guidelines to perform BOD studies
  - Creating a consortium of experts on various topics of BoD that could give advice to institutes on doing their own BoD studies at small scale
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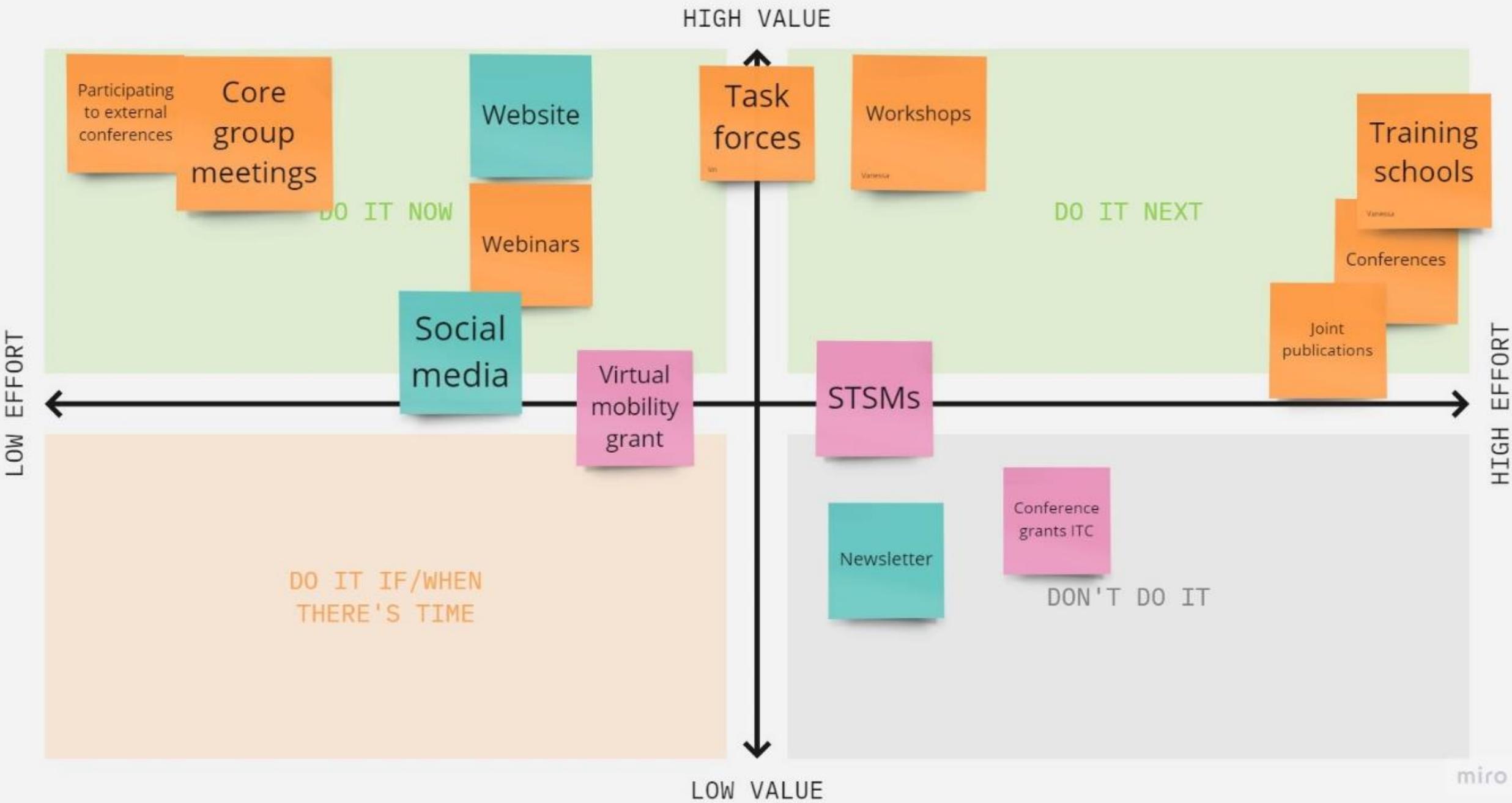
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- Tailored meetings
- Methodological support
- Advanced training opportunities
  - More advanced level training. Perhaps opportunity to collaborate in a case studies together.
  - Internships; post-graduate program in burden of disease and health metric
  - The trainings should occur more often (twice a year, for example) to allow everyone who applied to be able to learn
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# Future of the network

## What to expand?

- Tailored meetings
- Methodological support
- Advanced training opportunities
- Impact, advocacy, knowledge translation
  - Better communication for general public
  - Advocacy for getting research and BOD into policy and practice
- Widening network
  - Inclusion of as many countries as possible
  - Host regional networks within Europe, promote the recently created national groups
  - One Health = EBoDN+GBD+GBAD
  - Engaging the wider society
- Joint papers
- New topics



# Future of the network

## How to ensure financial sustainability?

*Would a membership or participation fee be a barrier?*

	Barrier?	Fee, median	Fee, IQR
<b>Membership</b>	43%	50	50–100
<b>Workshop</b>	42%	200	80–250
<b>Training school</b>	47%	200	100–450

# Future of the network

## How to ensure financial sustainability?

- Seek external funding
  - Apply for new projects
  - Sponsorship, fundraising, endowments
- Generate own income
  - Membership fees
  - Courses, workshops with registration fees
  - Provide fee-for-service support, consultancy to countries and other
- Connect with other networks
  - WHO, IHME, EUPHA, ISPOR
- Continue gratis activities

# New COST Action

- Pros

- New Action could focus on same or related topic
- We have the experience
- Funding for networking and capacity building

- Cons

- Not sure if proposal will get accepted
- Extension of “problem” with another 4 years

# Horizon and other EU funding

- Pros

- Several options: RIA, CSA, MC Doctoral network
- Funding for research and/or networking activities
- COST Action as platform to compile expertise

- Cons

- Not sure if will get accepted
- Limited number of partners
- Limited time span, hence extension of “problem”

# EUPHA Section

- Pros
  - Link to a large and well known network
  - EPH Conference
- Cons
  - No funding involved
  - Limited added value

# AISBL (int'l non-profit organisation)

- Pros

- Unlimited timespan
- Experience from other Brussels-based EU organisation
- AISBL can participate as partner to projects

- Cons

- Self-funded

# A vision for the future

- AISBL “European Burden of Disease Network”
- Focus on core activities
  - Workshops
  - Training schools
  - Task forces
  - Webinars

# A vision for the future

## European Burden of Disease Workshops

- Outline
  - No registration fee, but self-funded participation
  - Hosted by different institutes, each year different host
  - Focus on technical discussions, not just BOD results
  - Piggy back on other events?
- Challenges
  - No reimbursement of travel, accommodation
  - Needs funding for breaks, but not for venue
  - Experienced vs beginner participants
  - Needs good planning

# A vision for the future

# Training Schools

- Outline
  - Registration fee and self-funded participation
  - Hosted centrally
  - Building on available material
- Challenges
  - No reimbursement of travel, accommodation
  - Needs funding for venue, breaks, trainers
  - Needs good planning
  - Sufficiently large pool of participants, trainers?

# A vision for the future Task Forces

- Outline
  - Continue as today
  - Tailored, technical discussion/support
  - Focus on online interactions, implying low cost and openness
  - Central organisation of TF platform
- Challenges
  - Highly dependent on availability of chair
  - Visibility currently too limited

# A vision for the future

## Timeline

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023									WG4		EPH	
2024	TS		CONF					TS			EPH	
2025					EU WO BOD			TS			EPH	

*Thank you !*

