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International guidelines on people centred smart cities

(UNHA Resolution 2/1)

Executive Board, second session

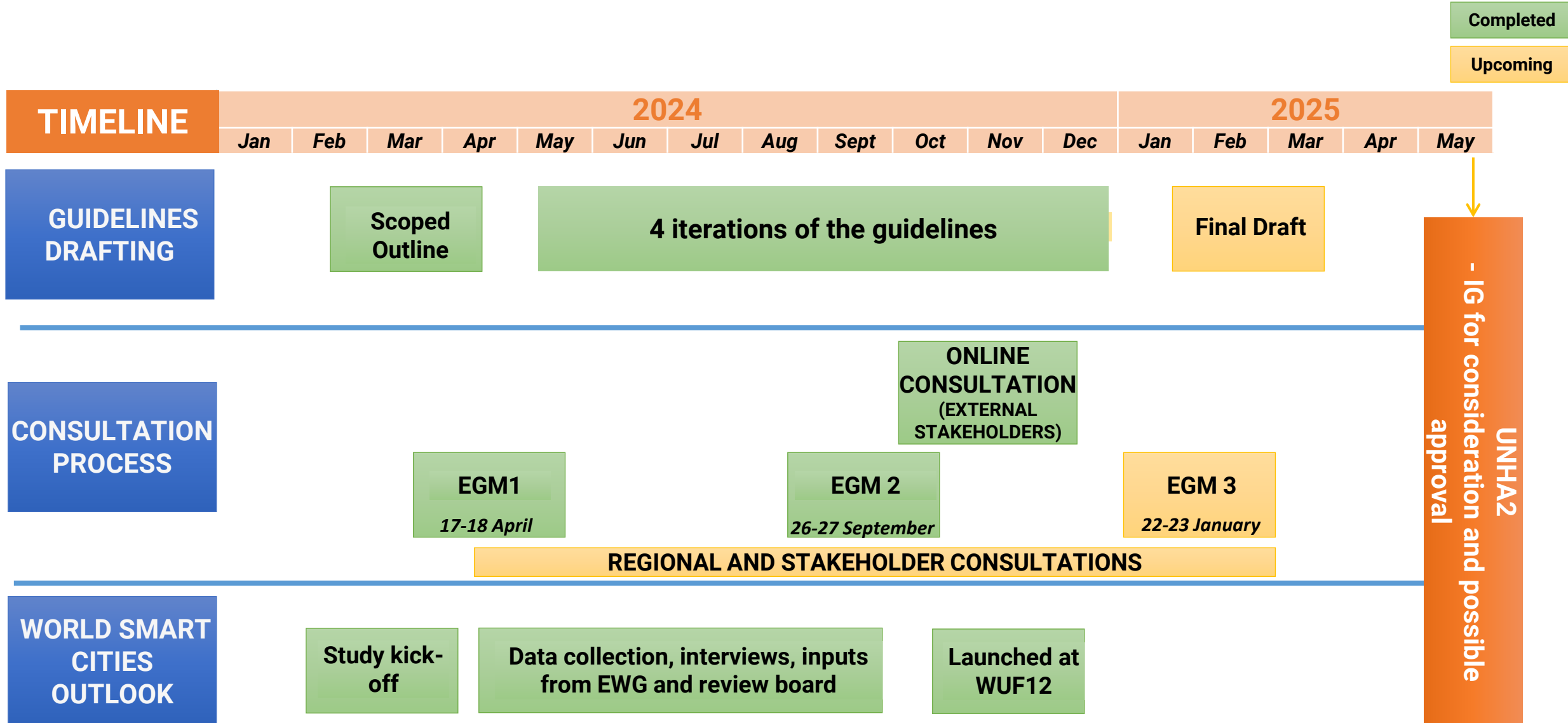
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Achievements and key milestones



Consultative process: consultation plan

Global consultation		
Meeting	Date	Location
EGM1	17-18/04	Strasbourg
EGM2	26-28/09	Online
EGM3	22-23/01/25	Baku



Stakeholders and thematic consultations		
Stakeholder	Date	Location
CSO	9-10/05	Civil Society Conference (Nairobi)
Academia	18-20/06	UNITAC (Hamburg)
LRGs	10/09	Online
Climate	11/09	Innovate4Cities (Montreal)
UN-Habitat consultation	12/09	Nairobi/online
International organizations	25/09	Online
Private Sector	2/10	Carnegie (California)
Open Online consultation	Oct/Nov	Online

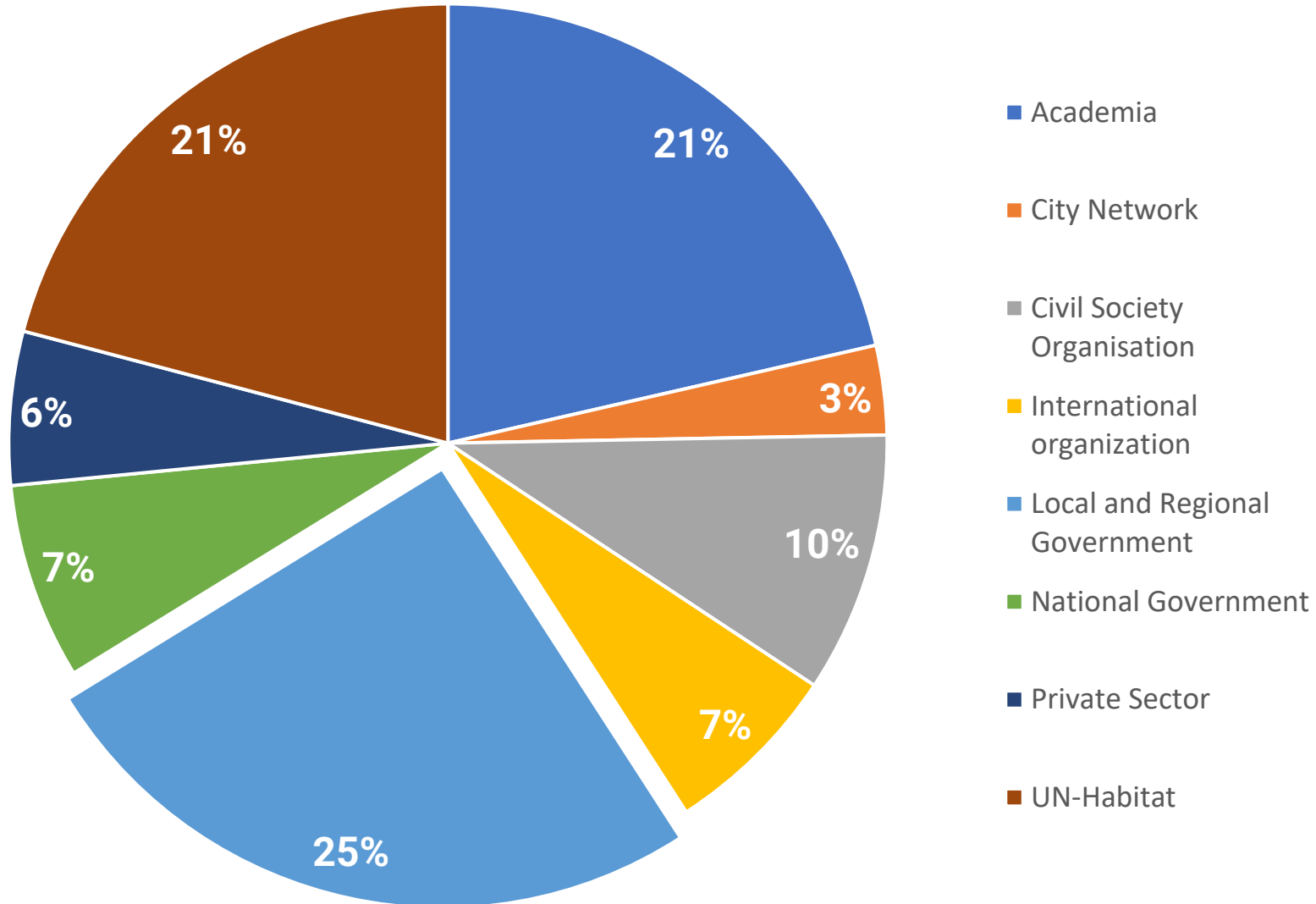


Regional online consultations	
Region	Date (2024)
Latin /North America	21 November
Eastern Europe	22 November
Africa/ Europe	26 November
Asia Pacific	28 November



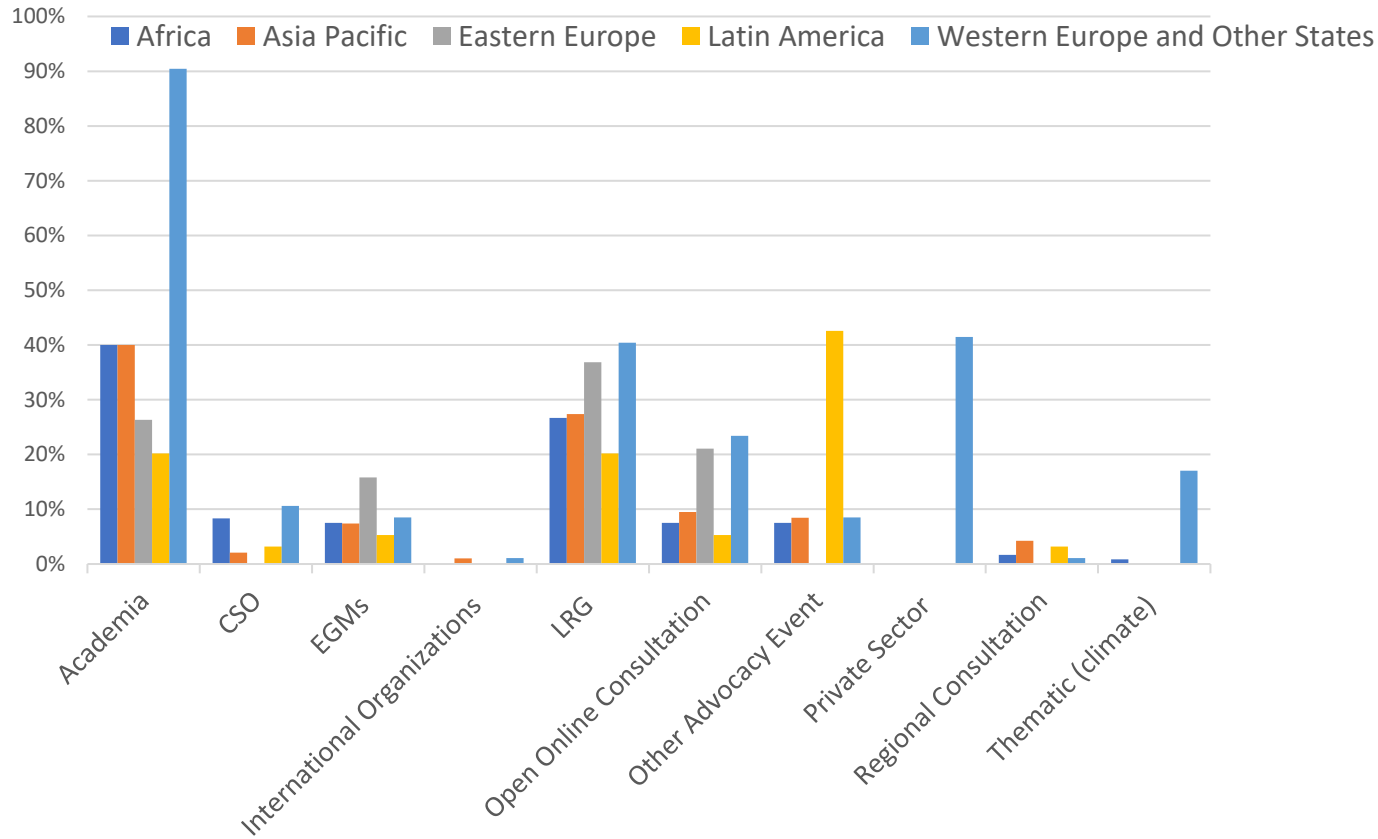
Regional validation consultations (in-person)	
Region	Date (2025)
Eastern Europe + WEOG	15-16 January

PARTICIPATION BY STAKEHOLDER GROUP TO THE CONSULTATION

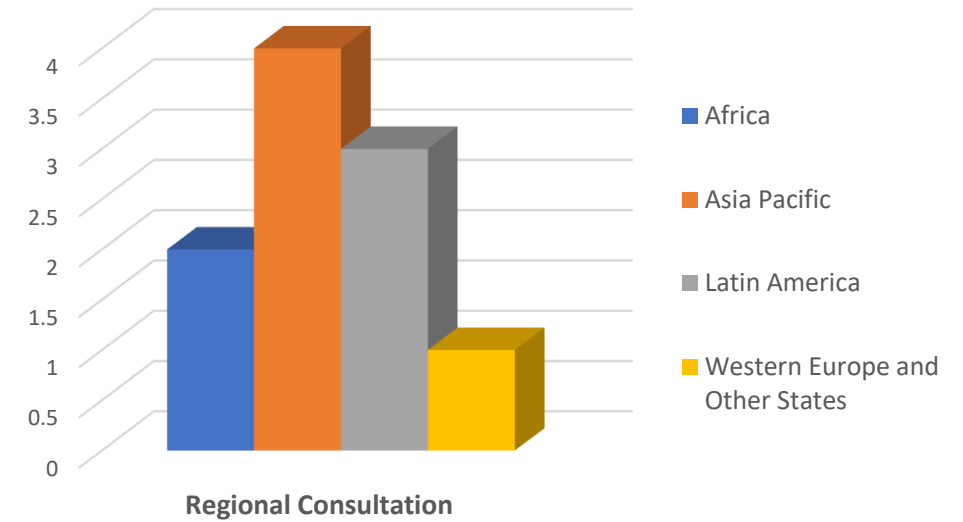


Consultative process: Regional balances

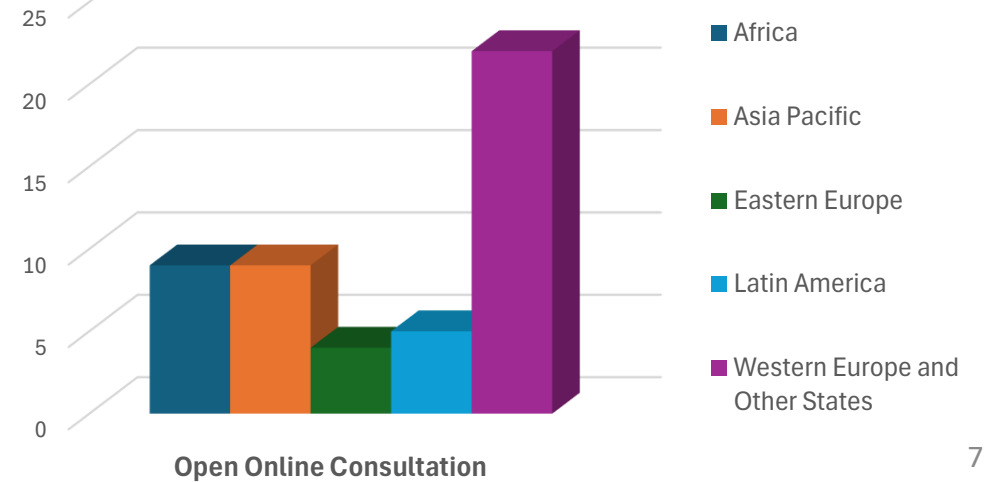
REGIONAL BALANCE IN ALL CONSULTATIONS



FOCUS ON REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS



FOCUS ON OPEN ONLINE CONSULTATION



Persistent digital divide

- **38%** of world population has no access to mobile internet
- Worldwide **65%** women use the Internet **against** the percentage of male (70%) – *gender usage gap*

Regulatory issues

- Smart city strategies often not aligned with other national/municipal strategies
- **Only 30%** of municipalities with AI strategies
- Data protection laws lacking in 58 countries globally
- **Only 5.6%** of world nations adopted data governance policies
- Ethics and digital human rights missing in procurement processes, as well as Human Rights Impact Assessments

Digital skills gap

- **45% of municipalities** report that digital literacy is an issue affecting citizen engagement
- **60%** reporting digital skill gap in public administration
- In the Global South access to educational resources is limited

Financial gaps

- **40%** funding gap for units or departments to oversee smart cities projects (e.g smart city units)
- **65%** funding coming from municipal funds, but there are quite a lot of regional disparities
- Private sector funding amounts to **only 13%**
- Rigid procurement processes, unsustainable business models deter private sector participation, affecting **64%** of respondents, especially in Africa and Latin America

Monitoring

- **37%** municipalities with smart city monitoring process
- **30%** of municipalities lack technical standards for data in smart city initiatives
- **Environmental impact** of smart cities projects is less measured than social and economic impacts

Update on the financial situation

Donor	Purpose of funding	Amount	Type	Status
France (MoFA)	implementation of UNHA 2/1 Resolution	~\$327.000	Voluntary	Partially received
France (Eurométropole de Strasbourg, Grand Est Region, MoFA)	EMG1	\$102.000	In-kind	Received
Azerbaijan (SCUPA)	EGM3	TBC	In-kind	Planned (TBC)
Slovakia (MIRDI)	Regional consultation	TBC	In-kind	Planned (TBC)
Grand total (received & planned)		\$429.000,00		

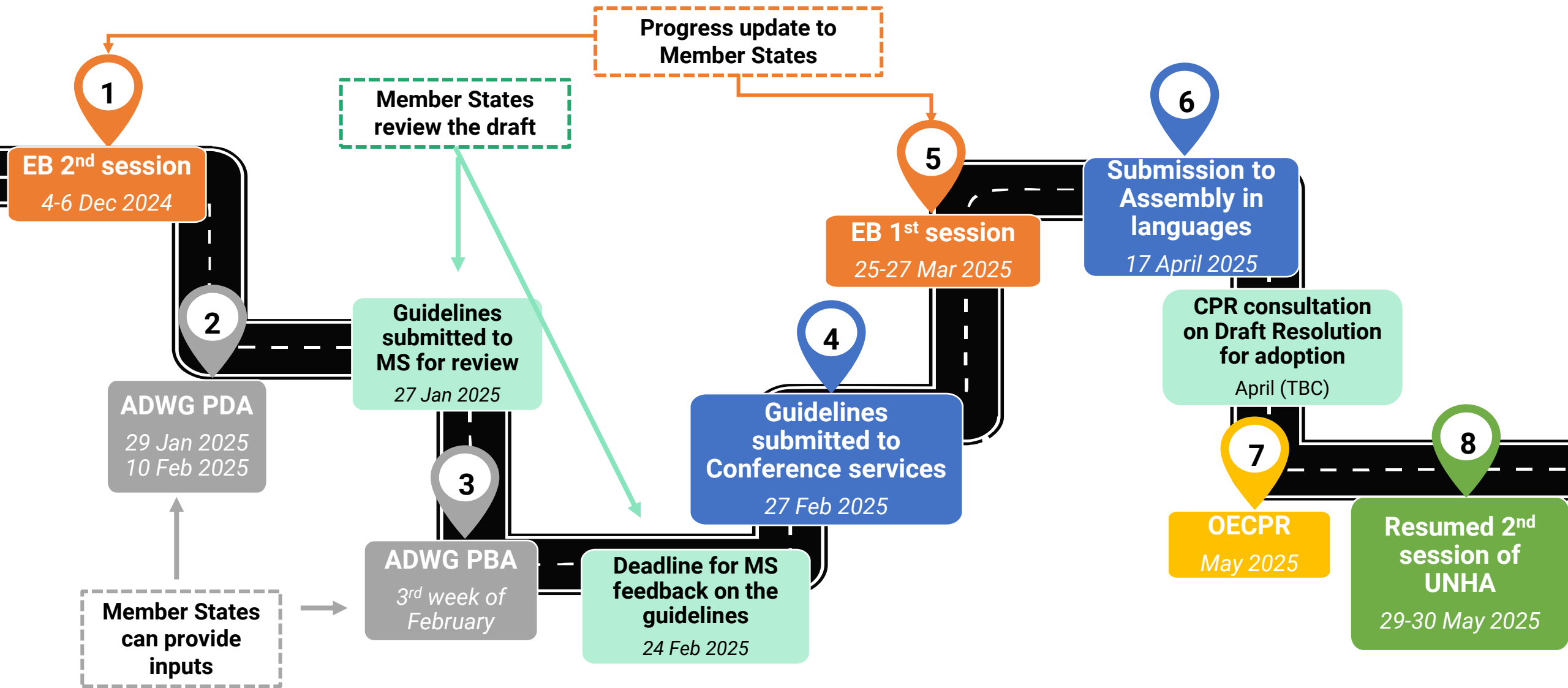
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¼ of desired voluntary contribution received



- **regional online consultations**
- **Internal resource burden**

Roadmap to the resumed session of UNHA



Thank you!

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