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Alliance for Languages Technologies
ALT EDIC Proposal

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What are EDICs ?

- EDIC: European Digital infrastructure Consortiums
- A new European type of infrastructure derived from ERICs
- Enforces the Digital Decade programme and actions
- **Focused on the Industry**
- Proposed by at least three member states
- Initiated by the EU Commission
- Financing by member states and EU

Financing the EDIC

Member States

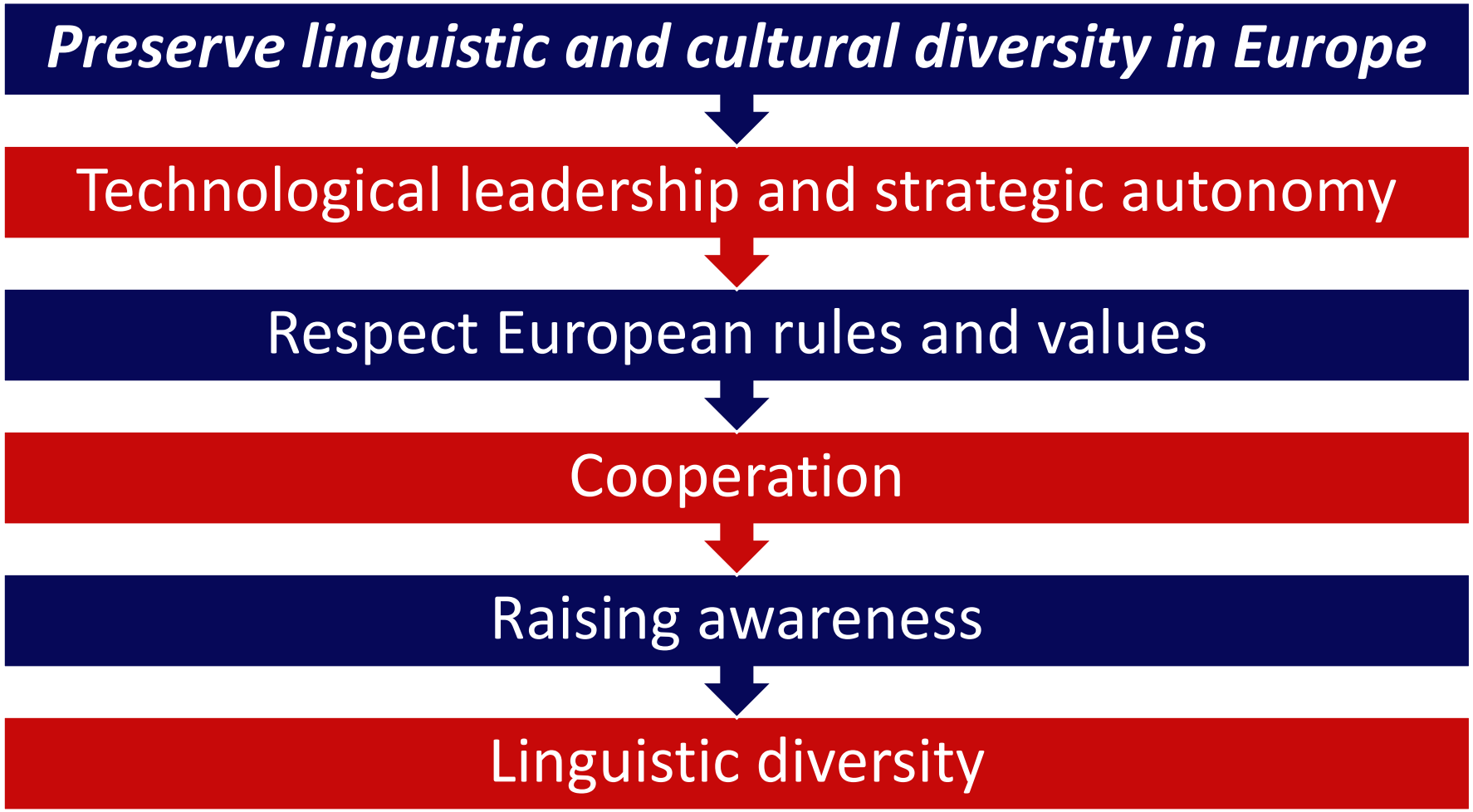
- Direct financial support
- In-kind contributions (GPU, Premises, Personnel …)
- Minimum total contribution between 50k€ and 500k€ per year depending on GNI

European funding

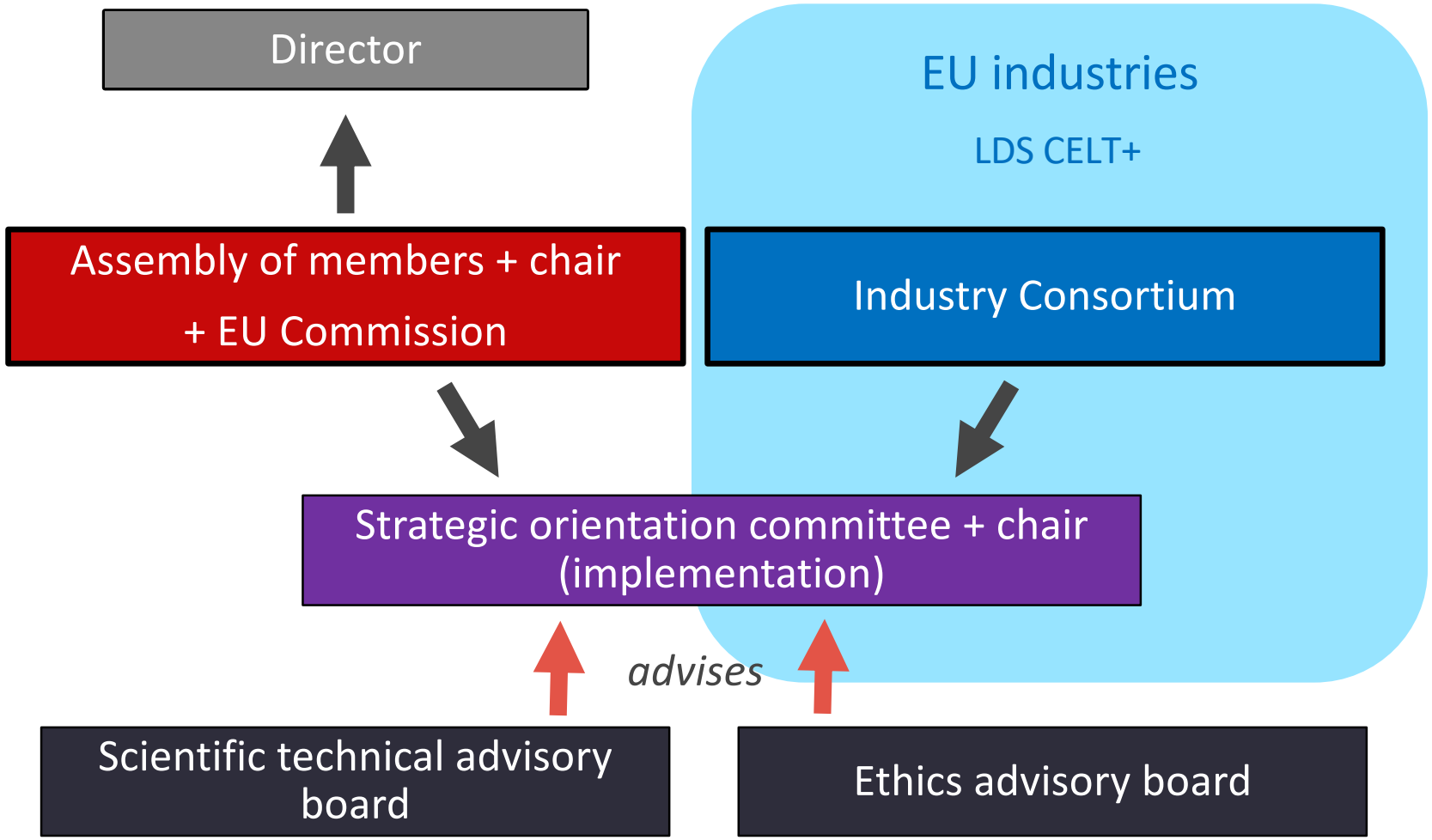
- DIGITAL programme (the LDS), eLangTech
- HORIZON research calls on LLM, … (Cluster 2 & 4)
- EuroHPC JU.
- TEF, AI on demand Platforms, AI-EDiHs, …
- DIGITAL EDIC dedicated topics.

Ideally: a balanced mix of both sources

Main objectives

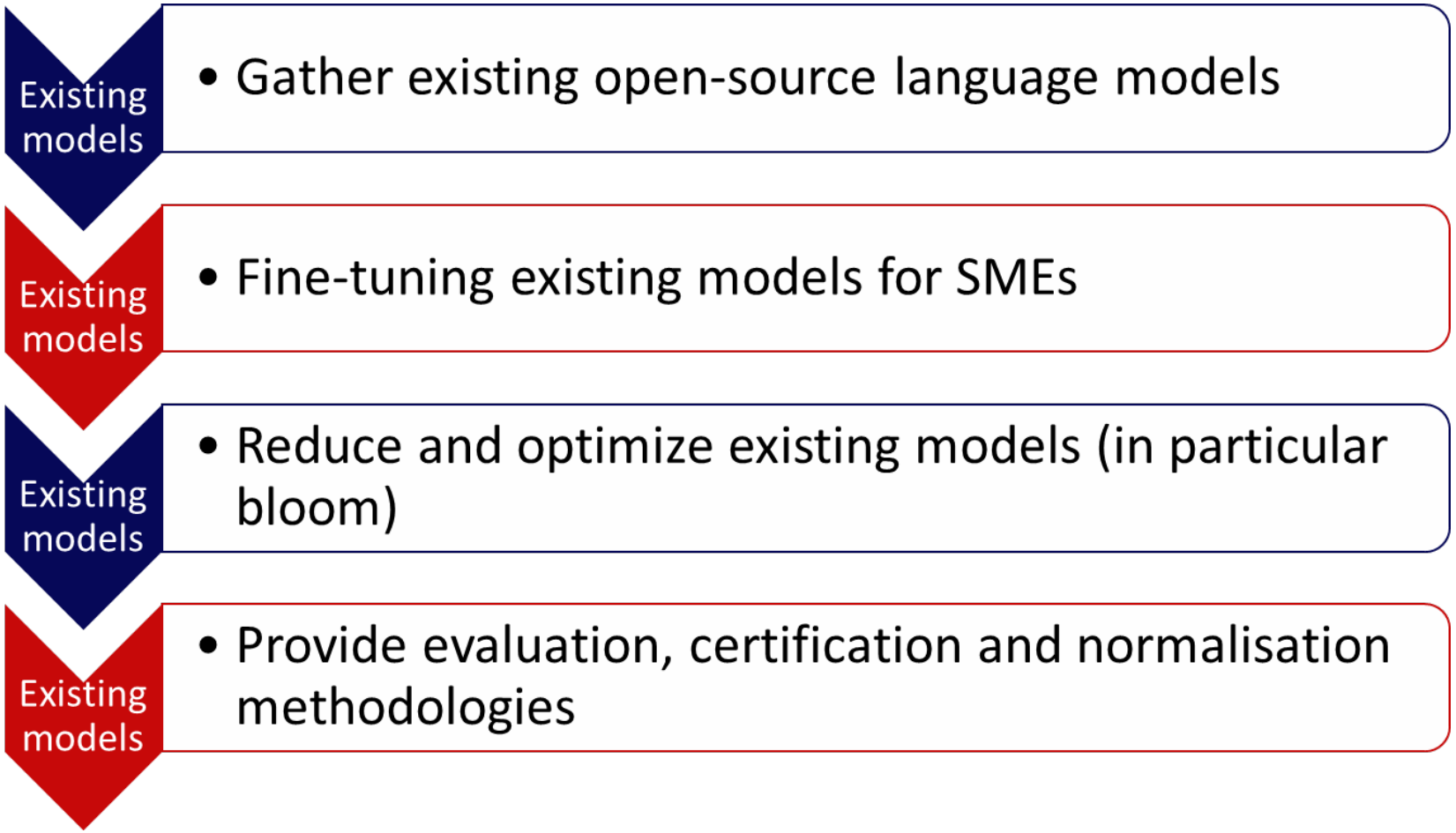


ALT EDIC Structure

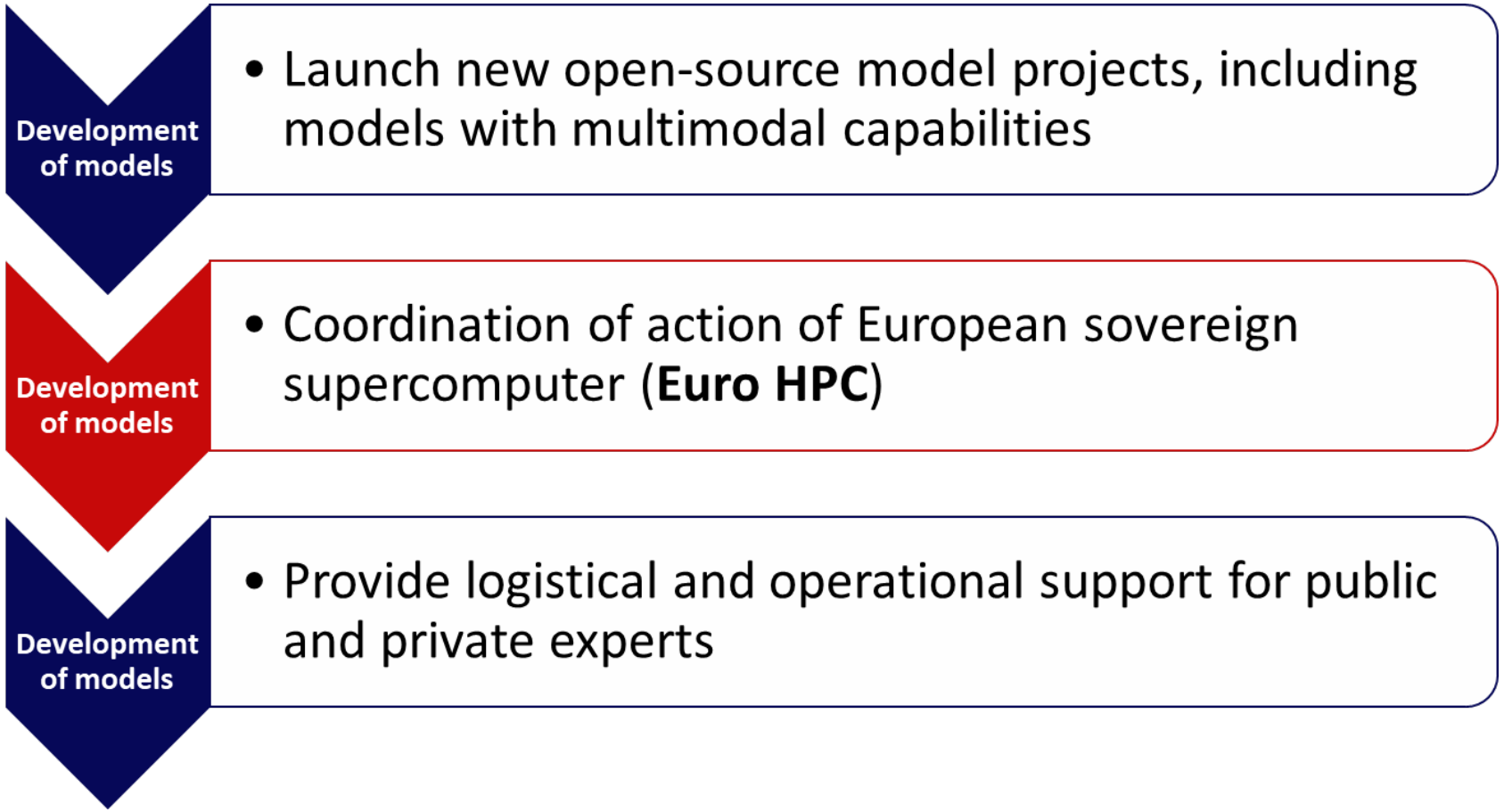


Main thematic areas of action plan

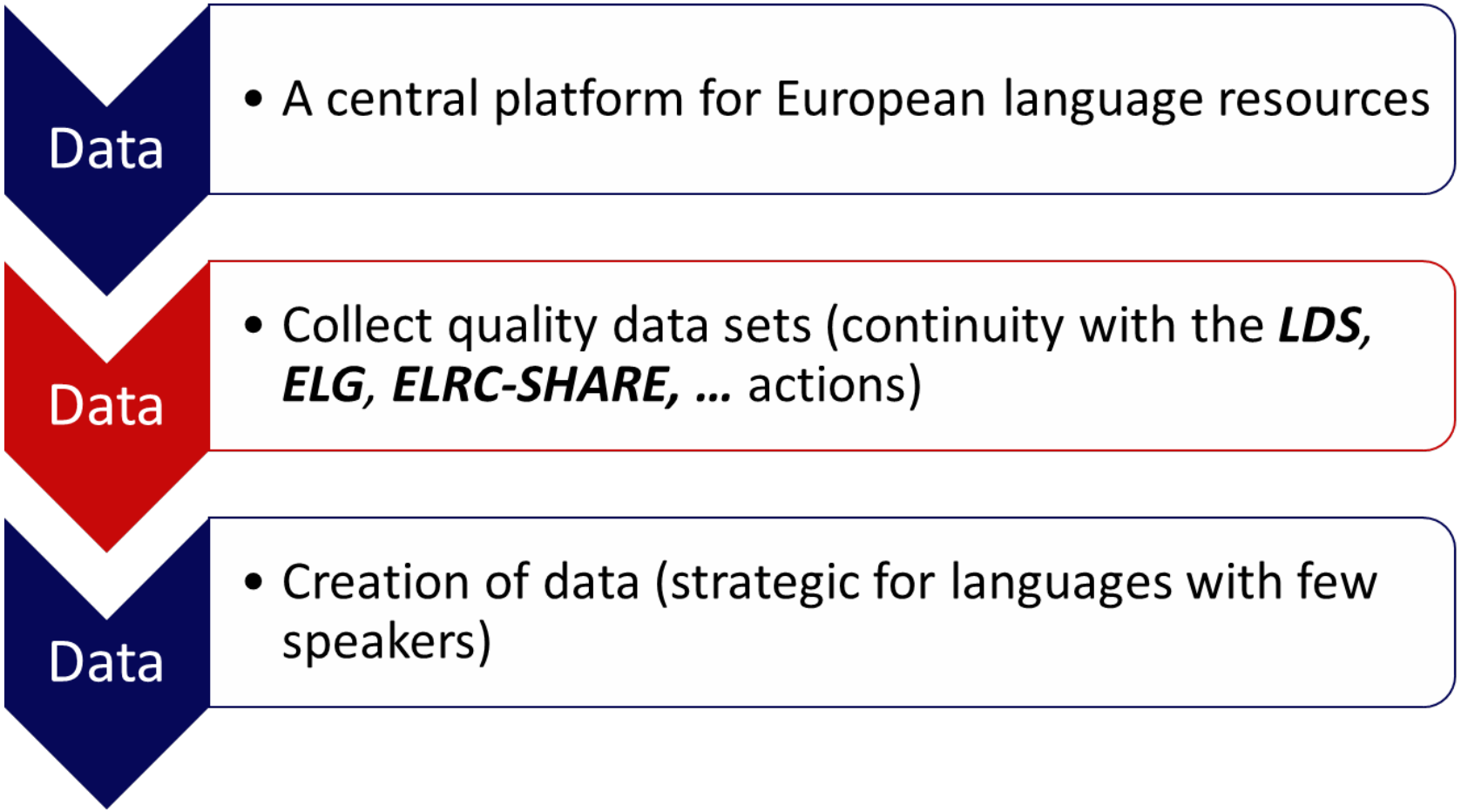
Area 1: Existing models



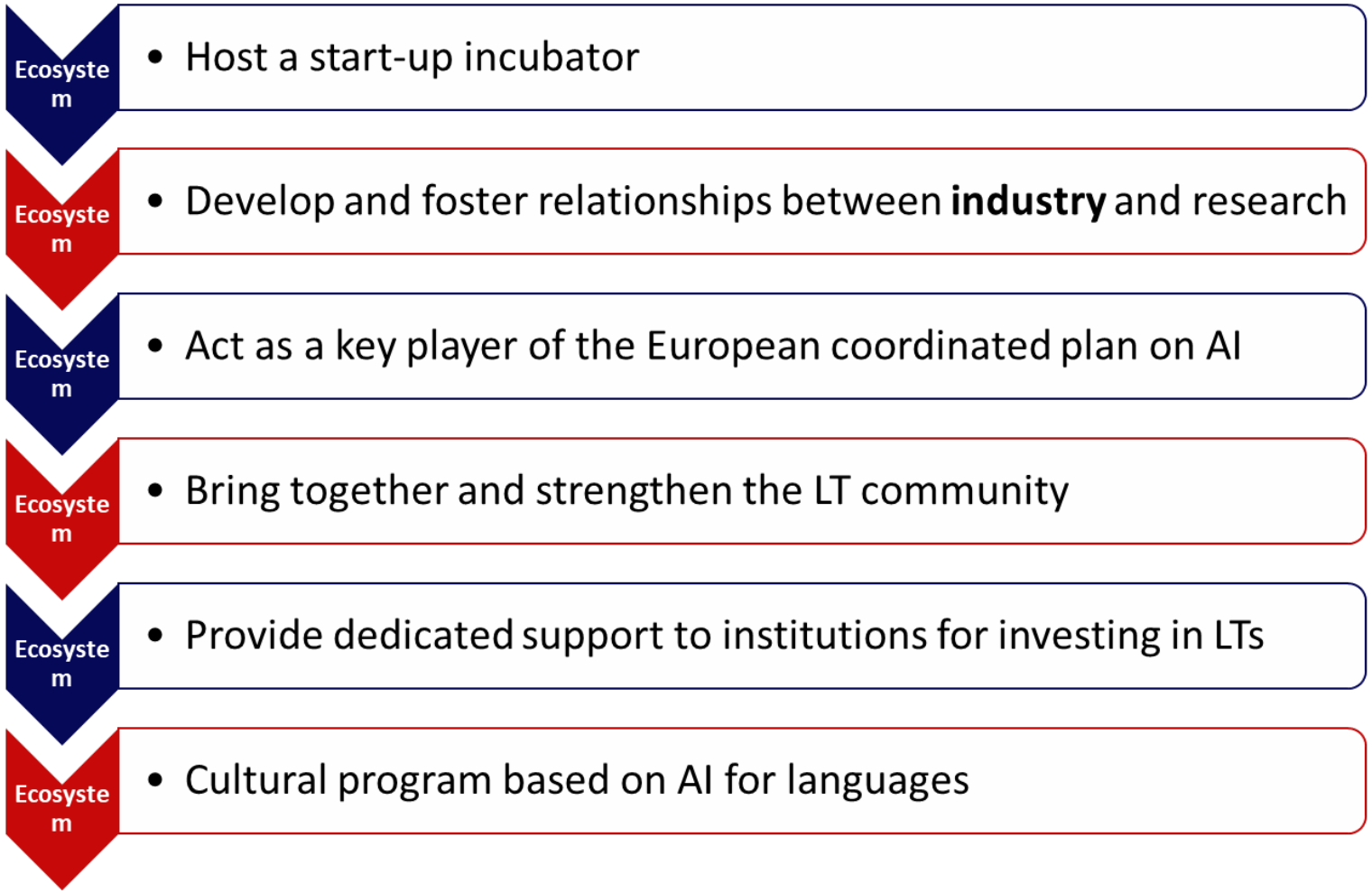
Area 2: Development of new models



Area 3: Data


Data
• A central platform for European language resources
Data
• Collect quality data sets (continuity with the ***LDS***, ***ELG***, ***ELRC-SHARE***, **…** actions)
Data
• Creation of data (strategic for languages with few speakers)

Area 4: Ecosystem

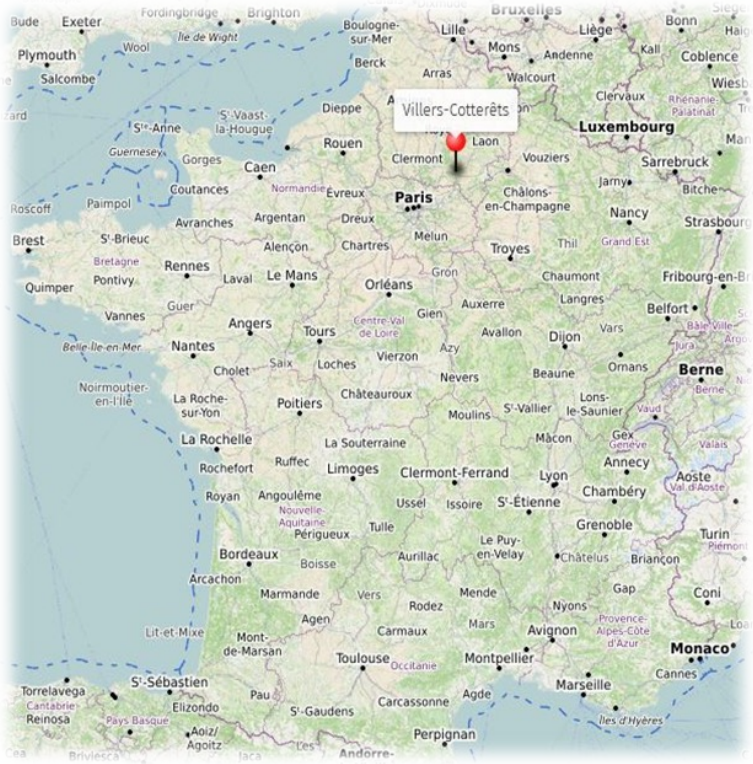


Timeline

February 2023	May 31st, 2023	Autumn, 2023	Late 2023 – early 2024
France + 23 members states interested in language technology	France as coordinator, 10 MS participating, 7 MS observers Draft statutes, budget, action and implementation plan	France as coordinator Working group meetings Final statutes, budget, action and implementation plan	Setting up of the Industrial consortium Initiation of the legal hosting entity Obtaining the status of international organisation

ALT EDIC should be up and running before the end of 2024

ALT EDIC possibly hosted in premises near *Cité internationale de la langue française*



50 min from Paris-Gare-du Nord station

40 min from Paris CDG Airport

- Restoration of the castle of François Ier in Villers-Cotterêts
- Museum dedicated to the French language and the languages of France
- Opportunity to create parallel projects on available premises

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Thank you!

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