

UAEU Roadmap to Ljubljana

Report on the Working Process leading to the Input Papers

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The trio presidency

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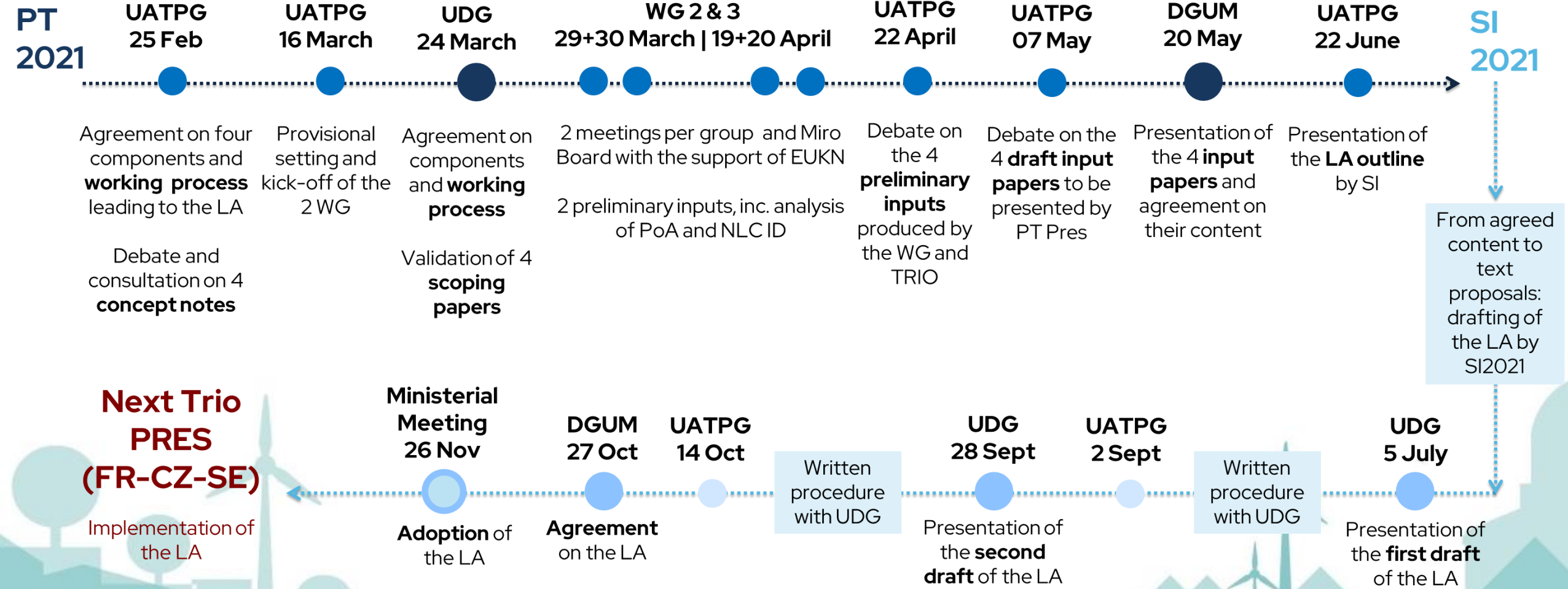
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The four components

	Governance	Priority themes and delivery modes	Implementation and support to policy development	External coherence, alignment and linkages
Scope of the component	Governance structures and procedures Programmatic approach UAEU secretariat	State of play and present partnerships Future partnerships Current and new themes Alternative cooperation and delivery modes	Operational bottlenecks Dedicated policy making and implementation vehicles UAEU secretariat mandate	Global agendas European policies Territorial agenda National urban policies EUI and URBACT

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- + Survey to Thematic Partnership Coordinators, April
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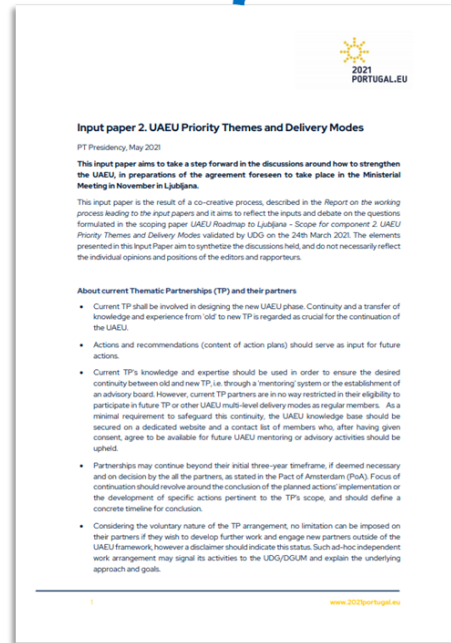
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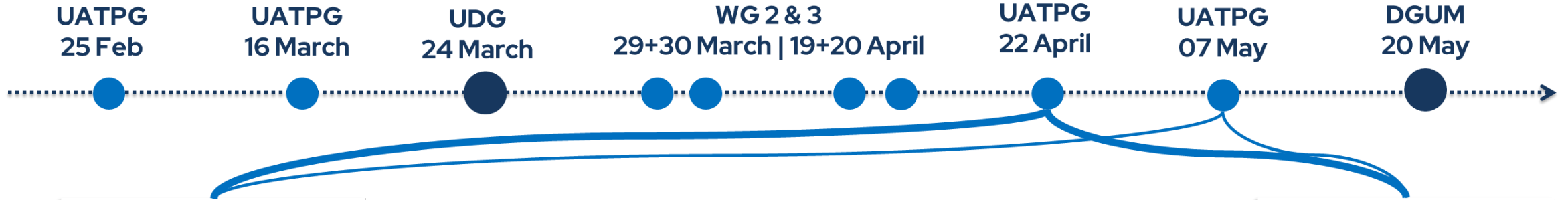
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