European Commission

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Study on Macro-regional Strategies and their links with Cohesion Policy

Some general observations

- Baltic Sea, Danube and Adriatic-Ionian have heterogeneous economies
- All MRS show strong integration
- Complex picture on competitiveness indicators
- Macro-regions generally capacity to implement policies

Review of the EUSBSR

The review of the EUSBSR objectives concludes that the majority of the chosen objectives and sub-objectives correspond to a need or opportunity and are also regionally relevant

Summary of content achievements of EUSBSR

[1] From question: What are the drivers for collaboration within your area/topic?

Types of achievements	Survey %	PA Education	PA Innovation	PA Nutri	PA Safe	PA Transport
More policy dialogue across countries Increase development of common/joint policy in macro-region	76	**H**	M	M	**H**	**H**
Increase in mobilization of finance for projects	38	**H**	M	**H**	**H**	M
Increase in (joint) generation of ideas for specific projects/activities/actions	74	**H**	**H**	**H**	M	M
Increased cooperation on major issues in the macro-region	88	**H**	M	**H**	**H**	M
Increase in implementation of (regional/EU) polices in the macro-region	64	**H**	**M/H**	**H**	**H**	M

Summary of process achievements for EUSBSR

Types of achievements	Survey %	PA Education	PA Innovation	PA Nutri	PA Safe	PA Transport
The MRS–process brings together (new) actors across sectors (cross sectoral cooperation) The MRS –process brings together actors across countries (all countries in the MRS)	85 93	**H**	M	M	**H**	**H**
The MRS-process brings together actors across levels (national/regional) and type (public/private)	81	**H**	M	**H**	**H**	M
Cooperation with relevant EU Commission Services	-	**H**	**H**	**H**	M	M
Increase in cooperation with third-countries (in and outside the MRS)	52	**H**	M	**H**	**H**	M

Comparison of the achievements with the objectives

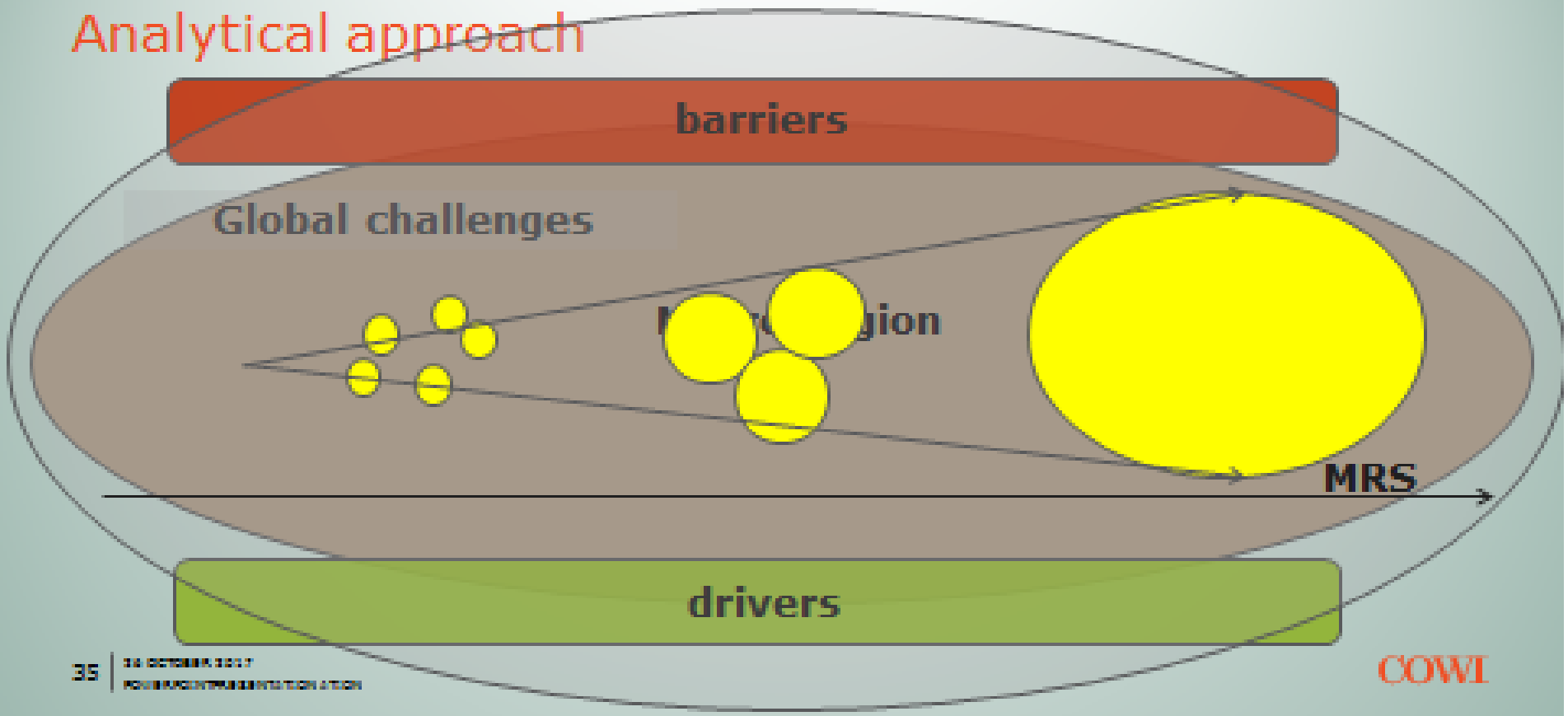
- Results are broadly formulated and targets and indicators are set at different levels (limited or no monitoring and reporting on indicators)
- The log-frames illustrate a 'link' between the activities and the targets (impacts, results, outputs)
- The assessment of progress against indicators on targets show mixed results

Key funding sources in the EUSBSR

- Baltic Sea Region Programme (Interreg) at various CBC programmes in the Baltic sea Region
- EU Programmes (Horizon, BONUS, LIFE, Erasmus +) are also active in supporting projects
- The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF) are relatively new to funding the cooperation under EUSBSR. A wish for a closer alignment.

Task 3

Analytical approach



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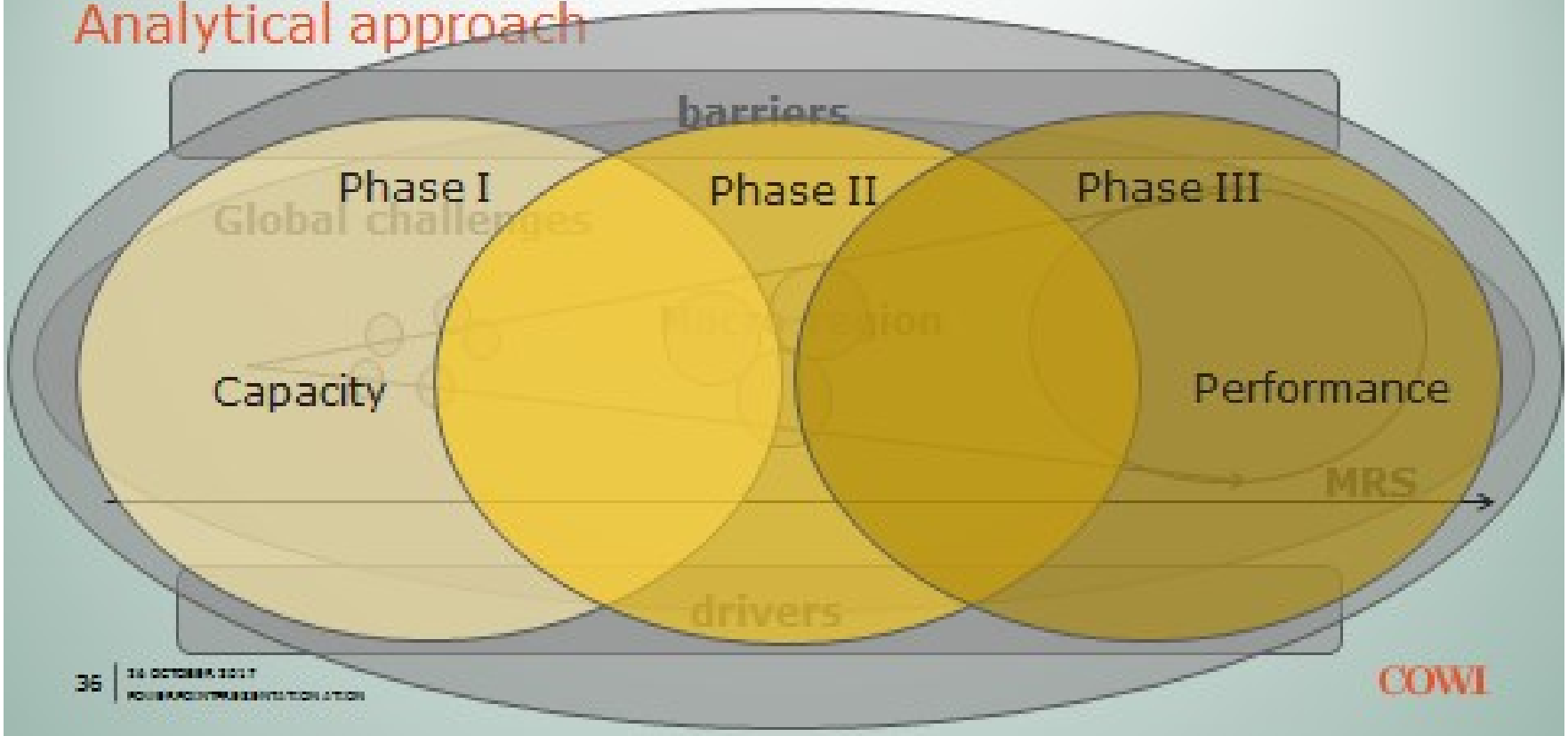

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