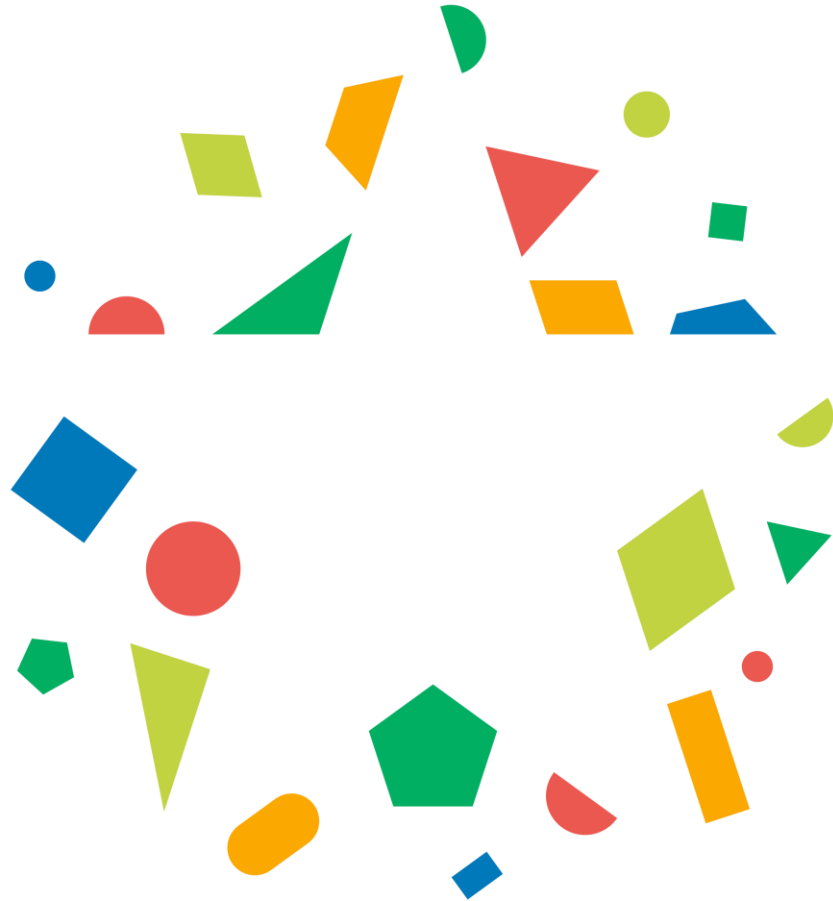




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HOW TO BETTER INVOLVE THE HARD- TO-REACH?

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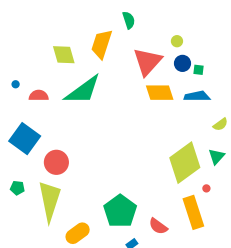
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BACKGROUND

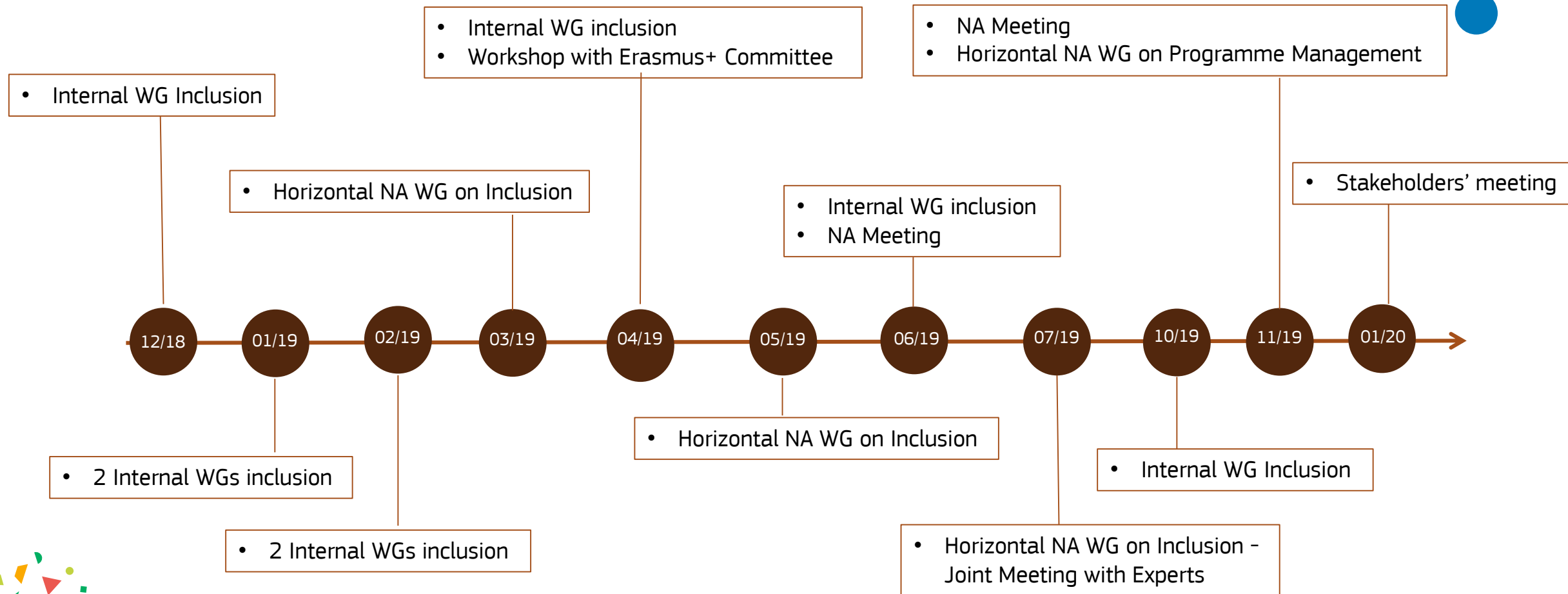
- The **principles of equality and inclusiveness** as part of the core values of the EU enshrined in the EU Treaties
- Current situation:
 - Erasmus+ has reached out to 11,5% participants with fewer opportunities overall (30+% for youth activities)
 - Under the first calls of the European Solidarity Corps:
 - 44% of funded activities targeted people with fewer opportunities
 - 32% of projects addressed inclusion
- Clear political mandate from EU Leaders to **make the future programmes even more inclusive** for all fields

→ As a result, an **inclusion and diversity strategy** is under preparation



THE PROCESS TOWARDS AN INCLUSION STRATEGY

December 2018 – January 2020



KEY FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED STRATEGY

- **Strategic, overarching and flexible framework** for future Erasmus and European Solidarity Corps
 - General principles to be further spelt out into **sectoral and national practices**
 - **Reference** for more specific programme documents and tools (Guide for experts, Programme Guide, etc.)
 - **Guidelines and recommendations** for organizations and National Agencies
 - **Harmonized terminology** across sectors (based on the programmes' legal bases)
 - **Synergies** among different actors and programmes to foster inclusion
- A better measuring and **monitoring process**

DRAFT STRATEGY OUTLINE

- Introduction, background & **aims** of the strategy
- **Definitions**, target groups and types of obstacles faced
- Programmes' **mechanisms** to support inclusiveness and diversity
- **Support** to organisations and participants in inclusion and diversity projects
- The **role** of Executive Agency, National Agencies and Resource Centres
- **Inspiration** from successful experiences and good practices

MAIN QUESTIONS

1. What is the main driver that can help to reach out to more underrepresented groups?
2. What mechanisms or actions could help ensure consistency between a European strategy and those that may exist at national level?
3. Once this strategy is adopted, how to concretely ensure it is appropriately implemented and monitored?

THANK YOU!

