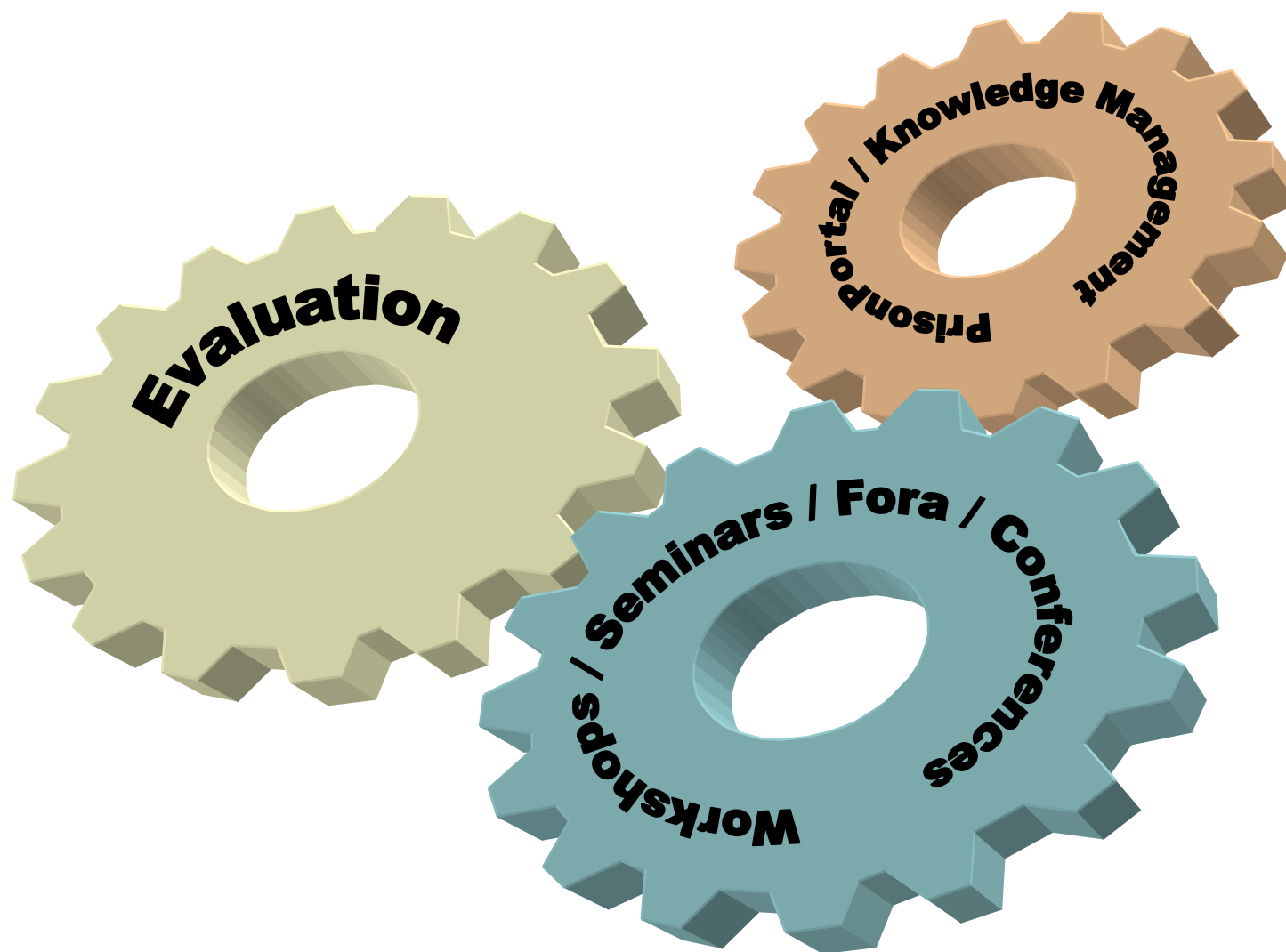


**„Learning for Change“ Initiative**  
**The Re-Integration of (Ex-) Offenders**  
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**EXOCOP – Kick Off Meeting**

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**Juergen Hillmer, Senator for Justice and Constitution, Bremen**





## Topics of the network

- Nature of the network
- Work plan
- Goals



## Nature of the Network

- Partnership
- Common Understanding
- Learning Strategies
- Common Aims & Goals



## Partnership at the beginning of the network

### Ex-OCoP Partner

Austria\*  
Belgium  
Greece\*  
Hungary  
Italy  
Italy - regione Emilia Romagna  
Italy - regione Lazio  
Italy - regione Lombardia  
Italy - regione Toscana  
Netherlands  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Slovenia\*  
Spain  
UK England  
UK Northern Ireland  
Germany

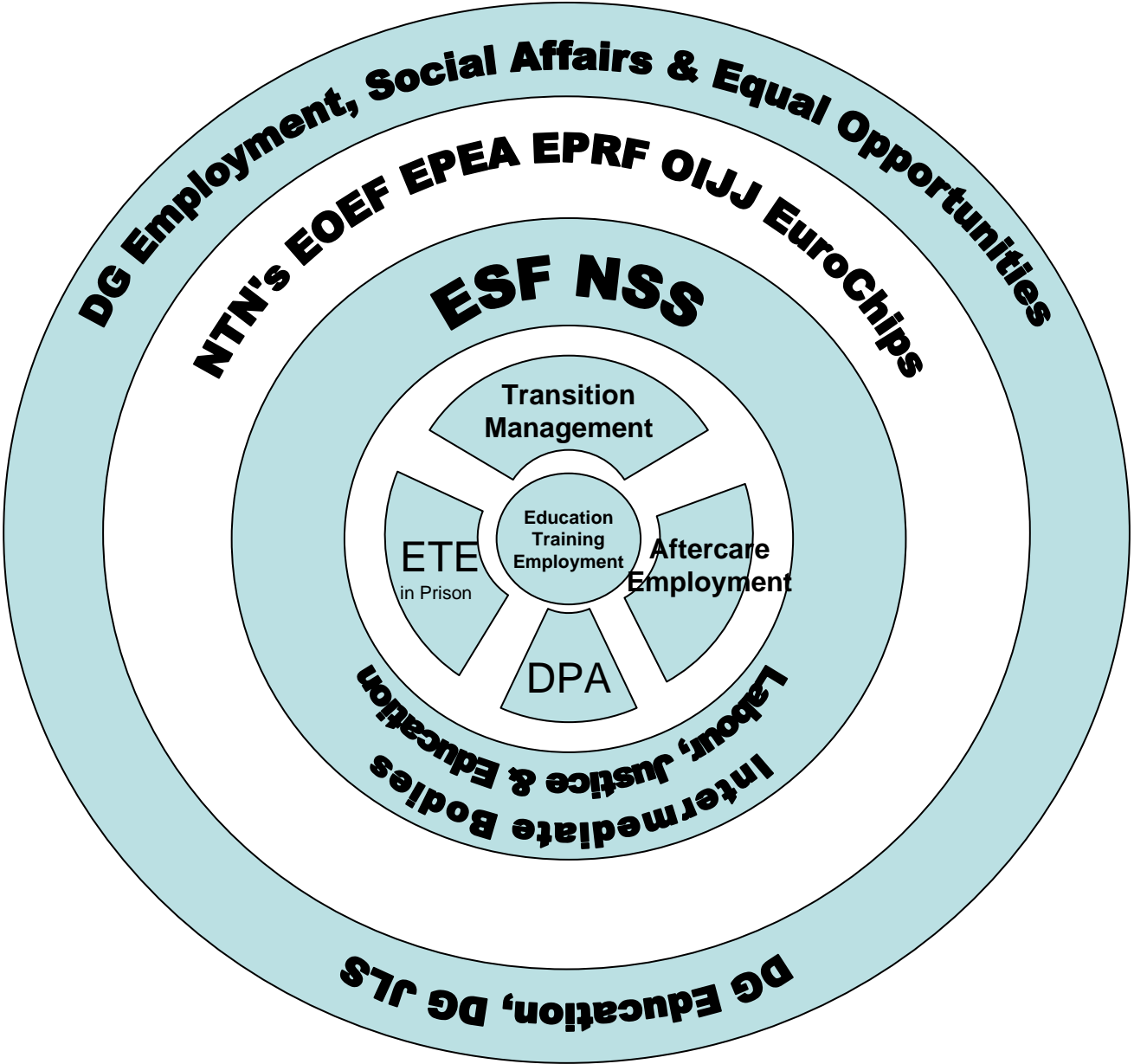
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## Partnership

- ESF Authorities of member states & regions
- Justice & Prison administrations
- Professional Organisation on European Level
- DG Employment, DG Education & DG Justice





## Common Understanding

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Willingness to contribute and to participate
- Sharing competencies, knowledge and experiences
- Pro-active cooperation concerning the targets
- **Result:** plus value for all participants





## Learning strategies

- Intensive and reflexive discourse on ETE
- Check & calculate the possibilities of implementation
- To formulate Policy recommendations on ESF & other European Programmes
- Mainstreaming the recommendations on national, regional and local level



## Common Aims & Goals

- Changing structures
- Better use of the resources
- Better share of knowledge & tools
- Common standards and Quality Management



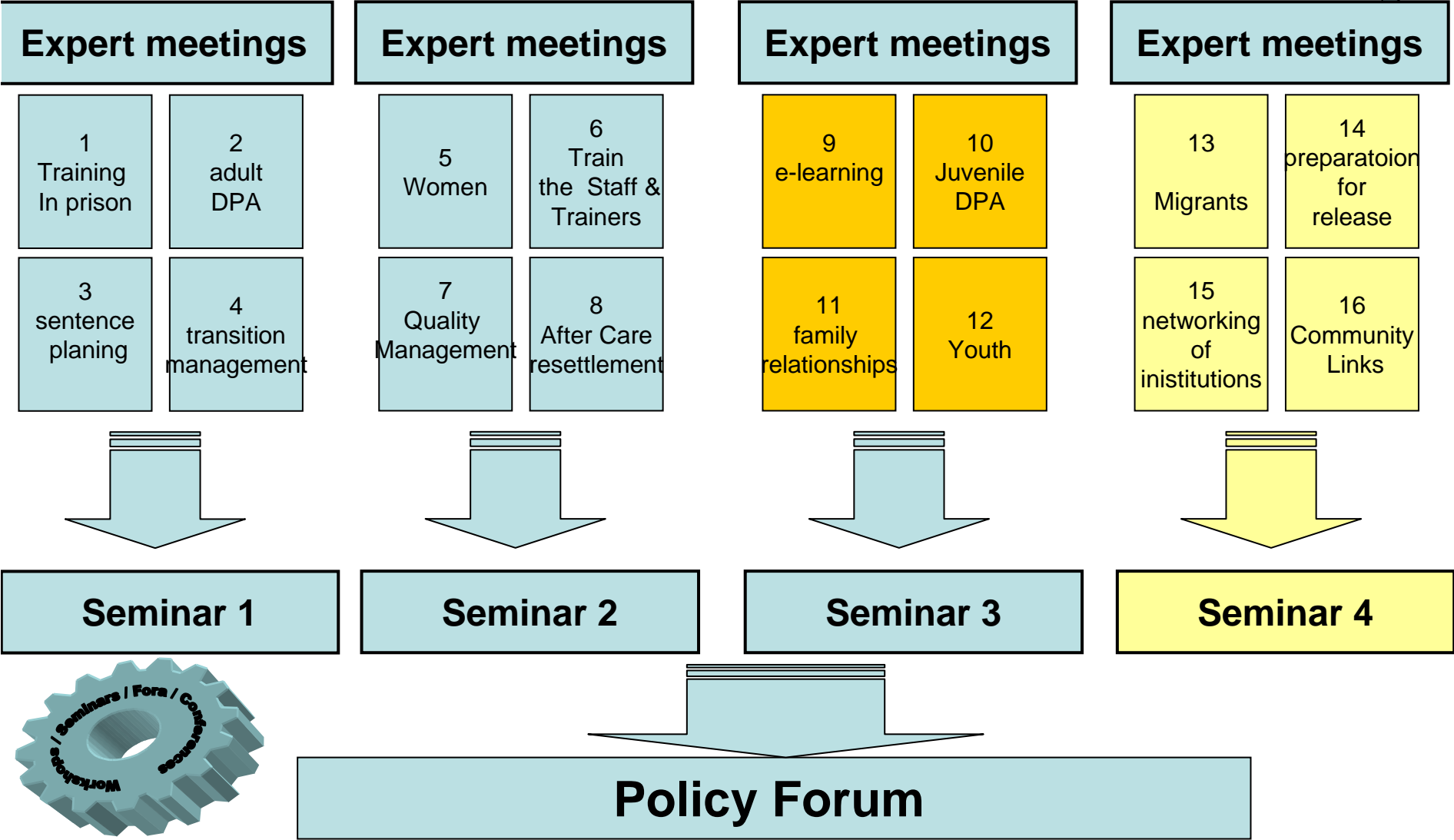
## Work plan

- Experts advisory group meetings (workshops)
- Learning seminars
- Policy Forum
  
- Sub-projects Evaluation and Knowledge management
  
- Cooperation with CEP,EOEF,EPEA,EPRF,ICPA, OIJJ & NEON's
- EXOCOP Infrastructure



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INTAKE in Prison DPA in Prison ETE in Prison Gate through management Aftercare / Employment

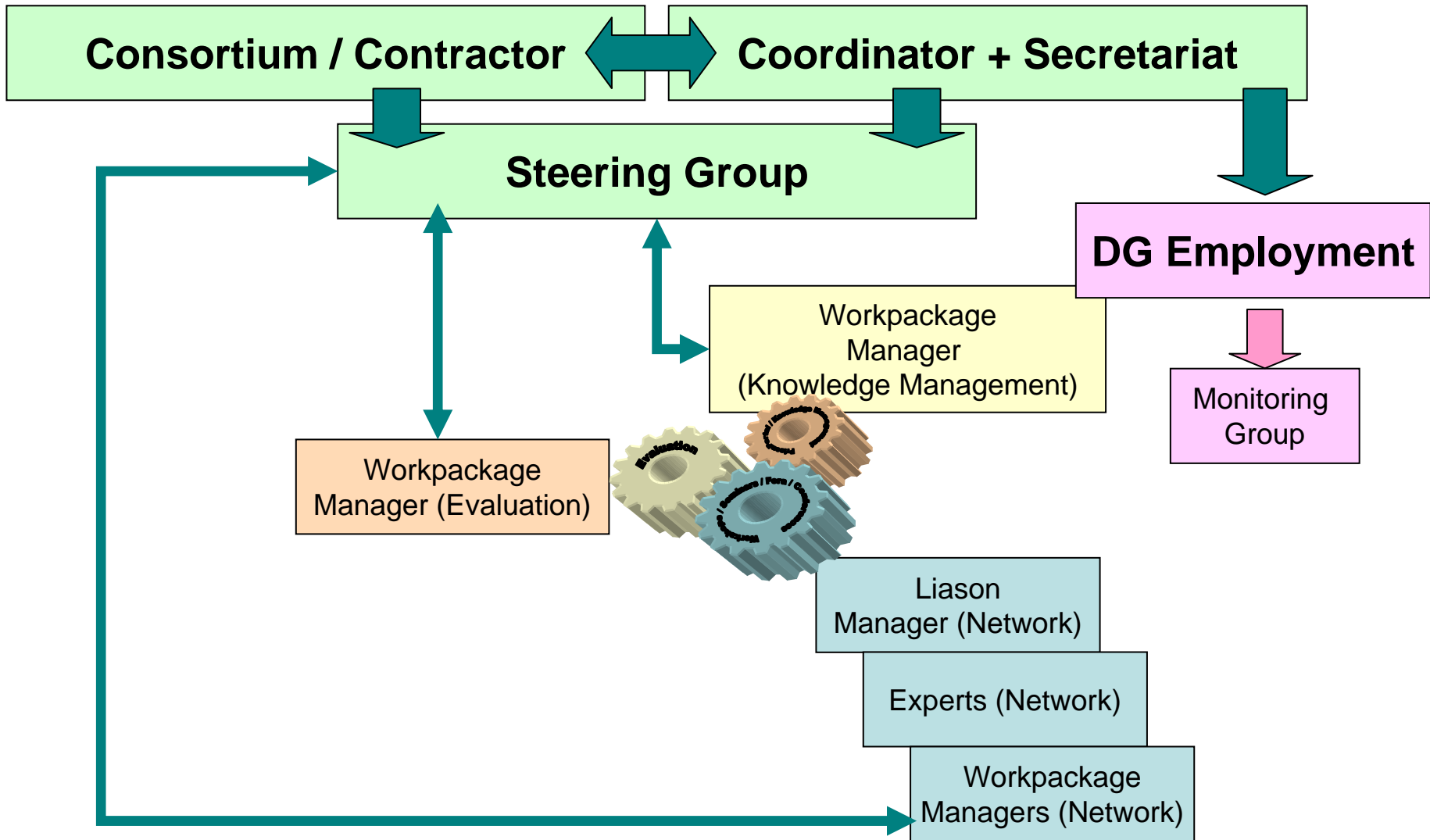


## Workplan II

- Nomination of experts for the workshops
- Nomination of work package manager
- Agreement who is organising and where the workshops
- Nomination of the facilitators
- Agreement who is organising and where the seminars
- Nomination of Liaison persons to CEP, EPEA, EPRF, EOEF, ICPA, OIJJ & NEON's
- Agreement concerning Policy Forum



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## Work plan

- Letter of Commitments
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Agreed common work plan
  
- Consortium
- Steering Group
  
- Communication structure  
e-portal, & [www.exocop.eu](http://www.exocop.eu)
- Technical secretariat



## Success is strongly based on:

- The funding of the ESF and our experiences in the Common Initiatives
- The focusing of the ESF-Programmes on
  - Innovation
  - Labour market orientation
  - transnationality
- Networking
  - Public - private (Third Sector)
  - Justice – Labour
  - European Networks





# Goal: Turning good practice into standard practice

- Effective resettlement & employment strategies
  - Improvement of skills & competences
  - Improvement of vocational resettlement & employment
  - Reduction of recidivism
- Improvement of the funding support structure
  - Closer Cooperation between the EC programmes
  - Closer cooperation between EC & national/regional programmes



Thank you very much  
for your attention !!!!!

