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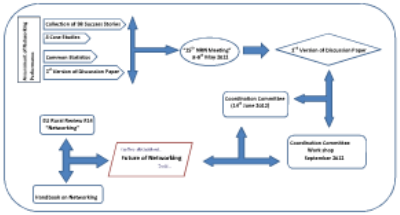

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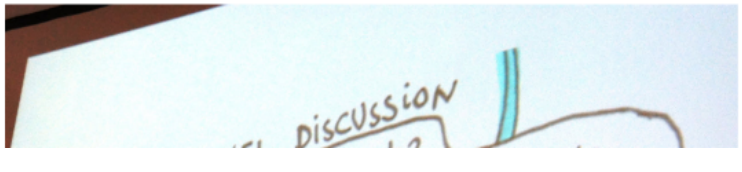

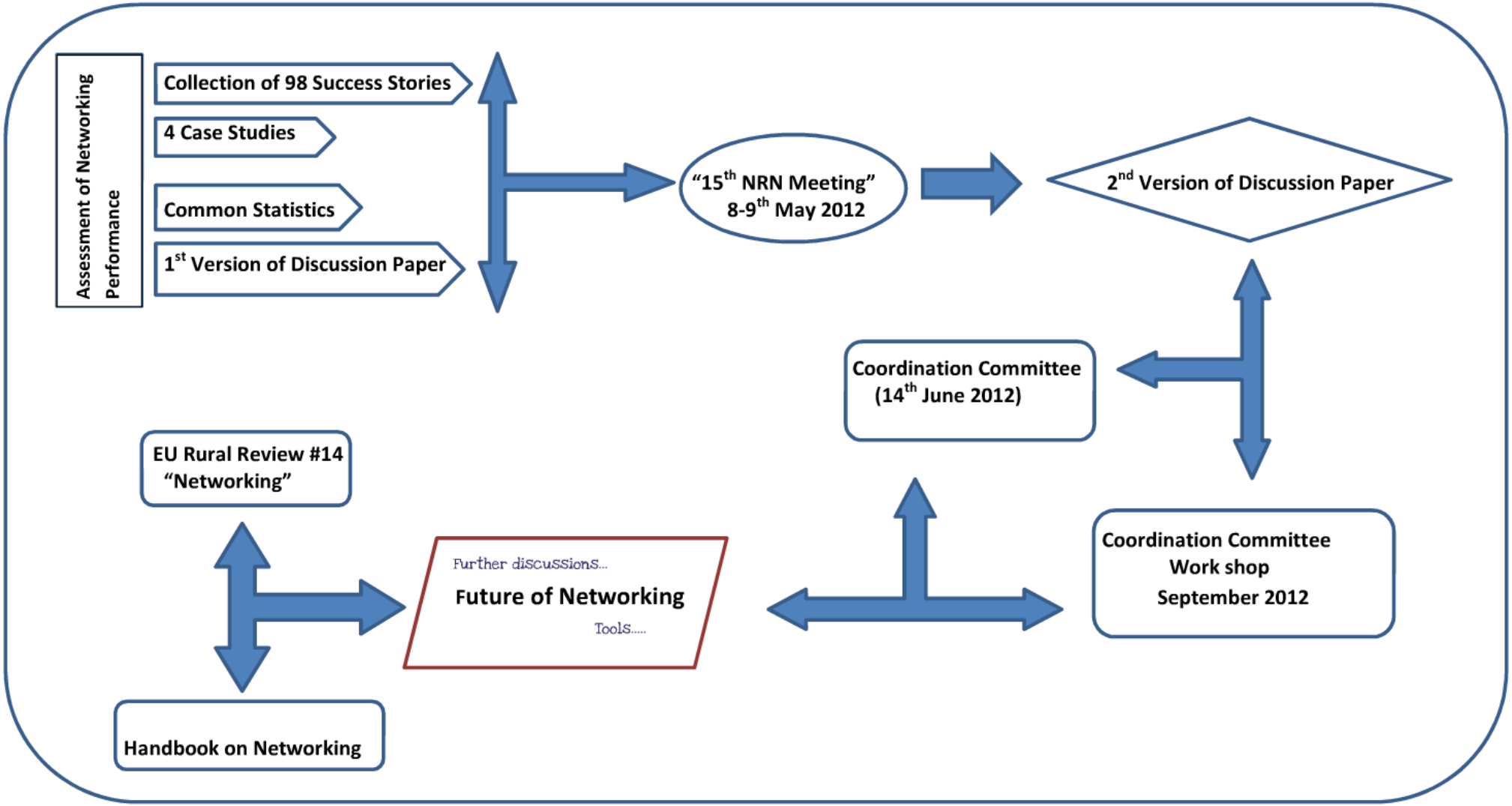
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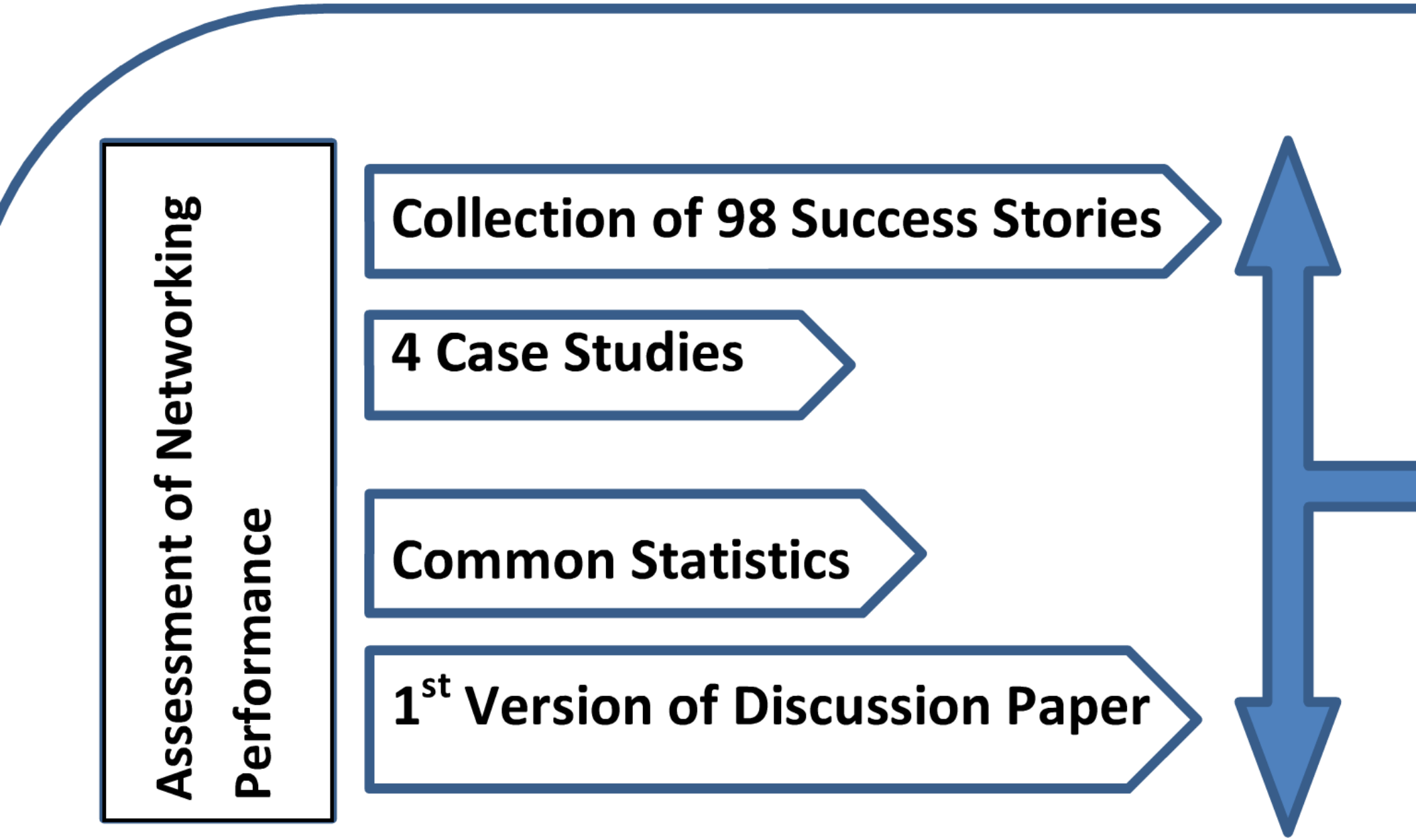
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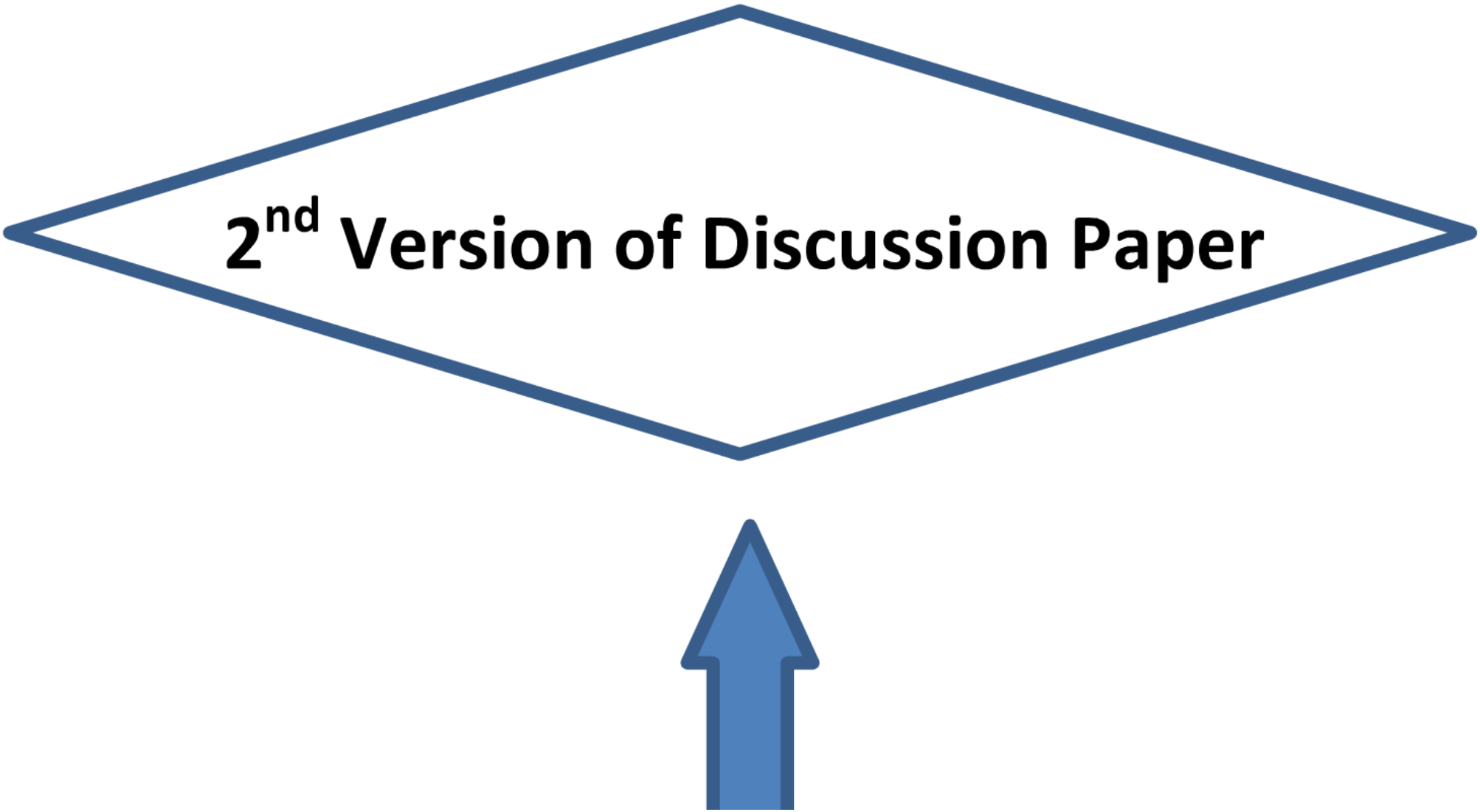
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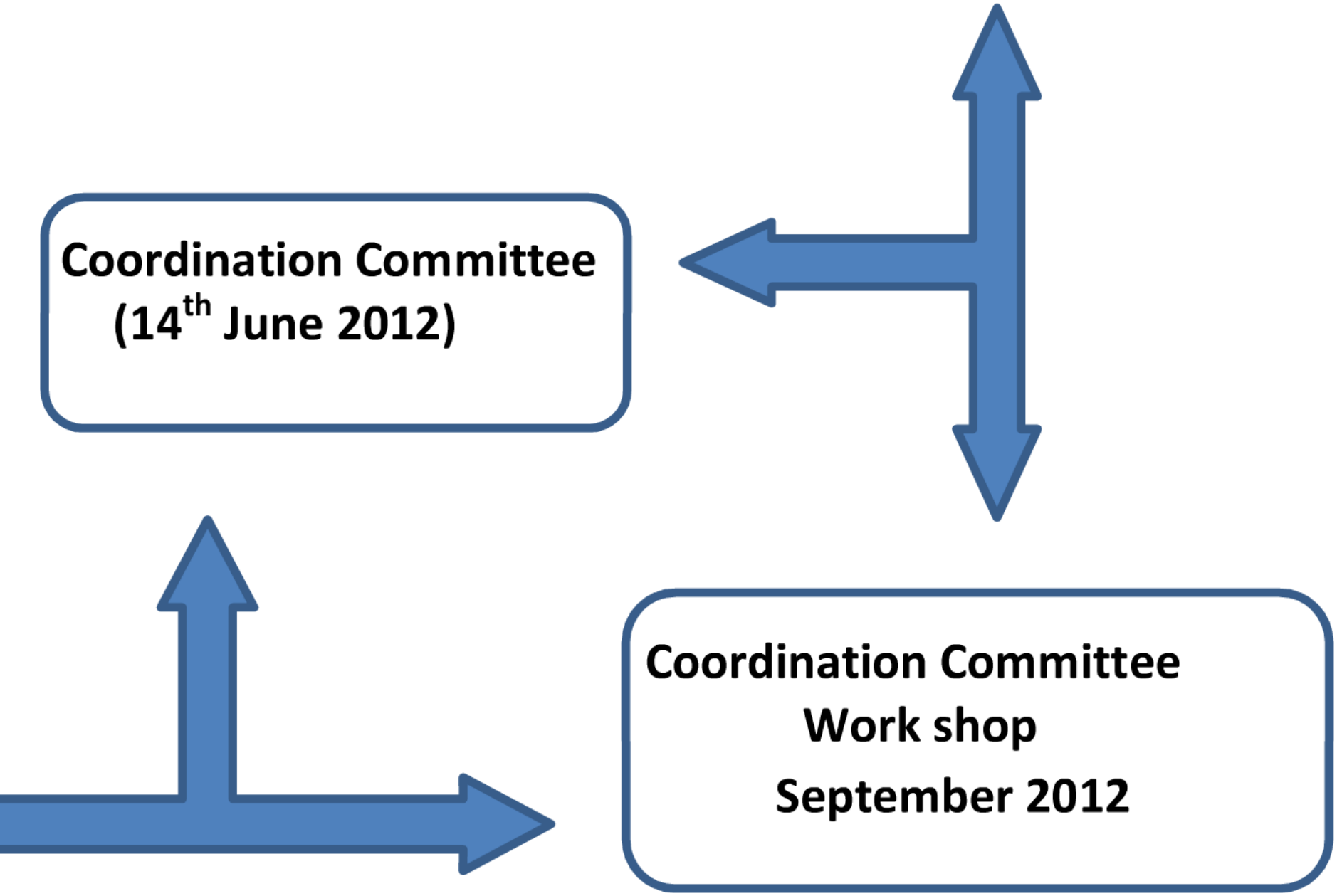
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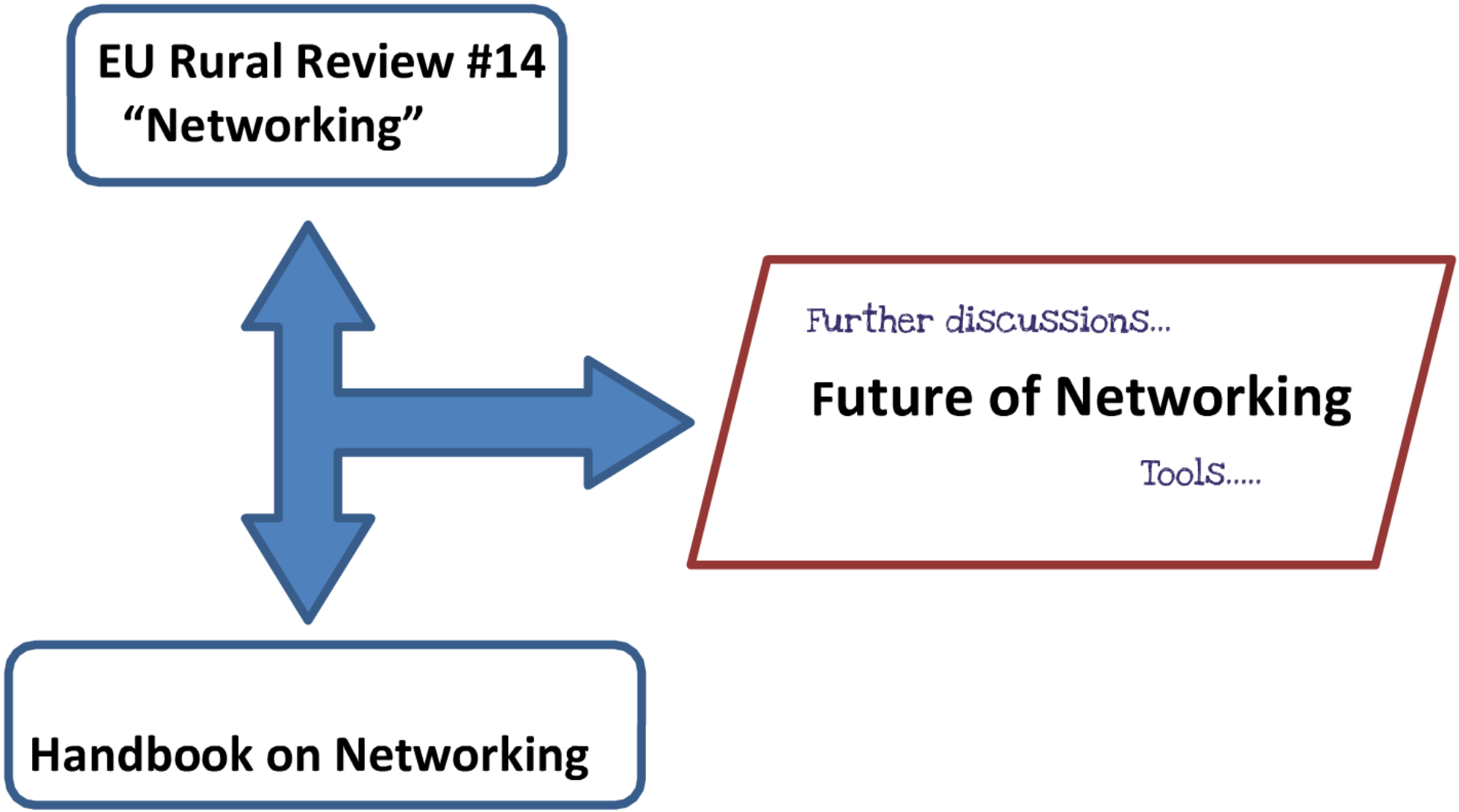
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TA guidelines

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Governance models

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Culture & Context

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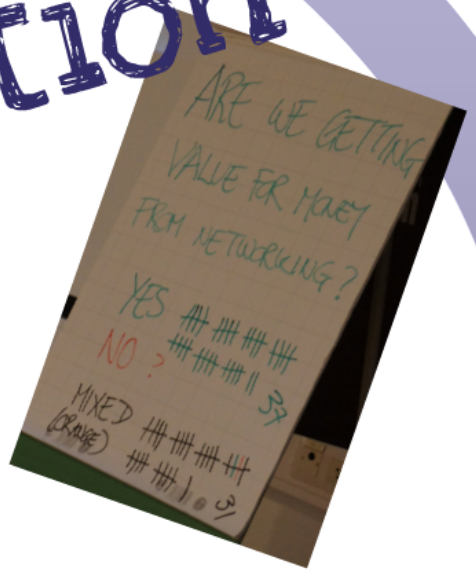

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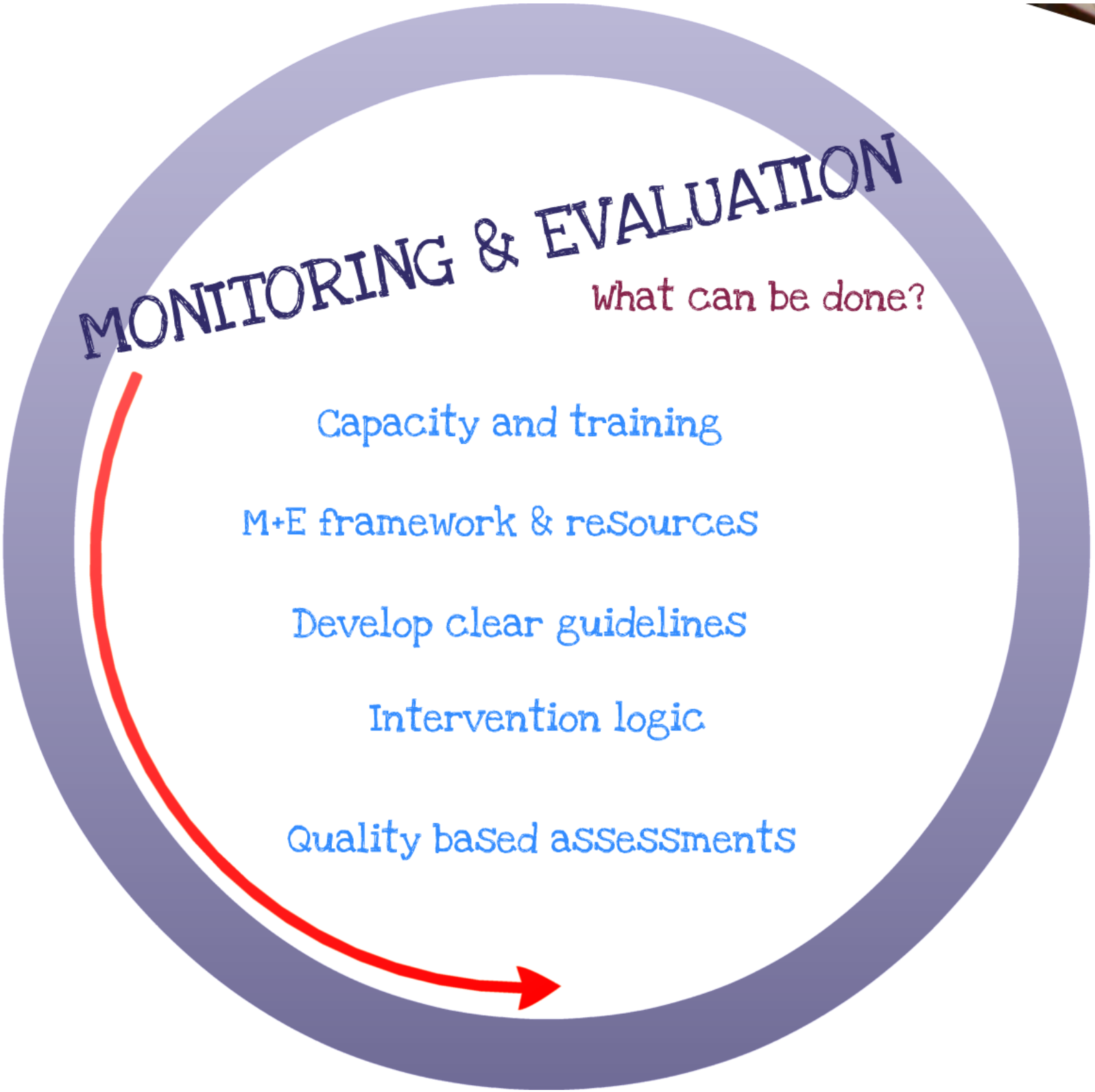
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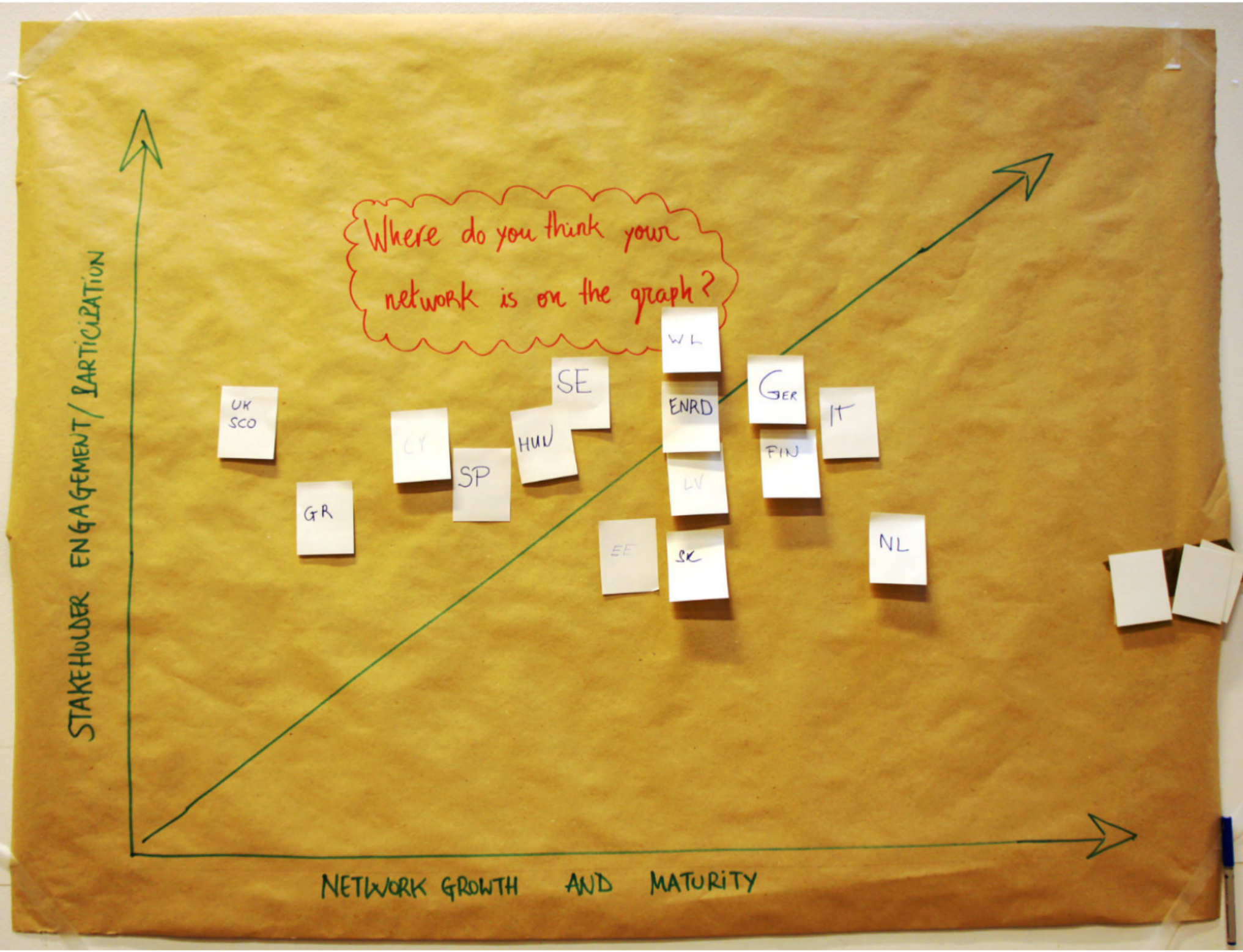
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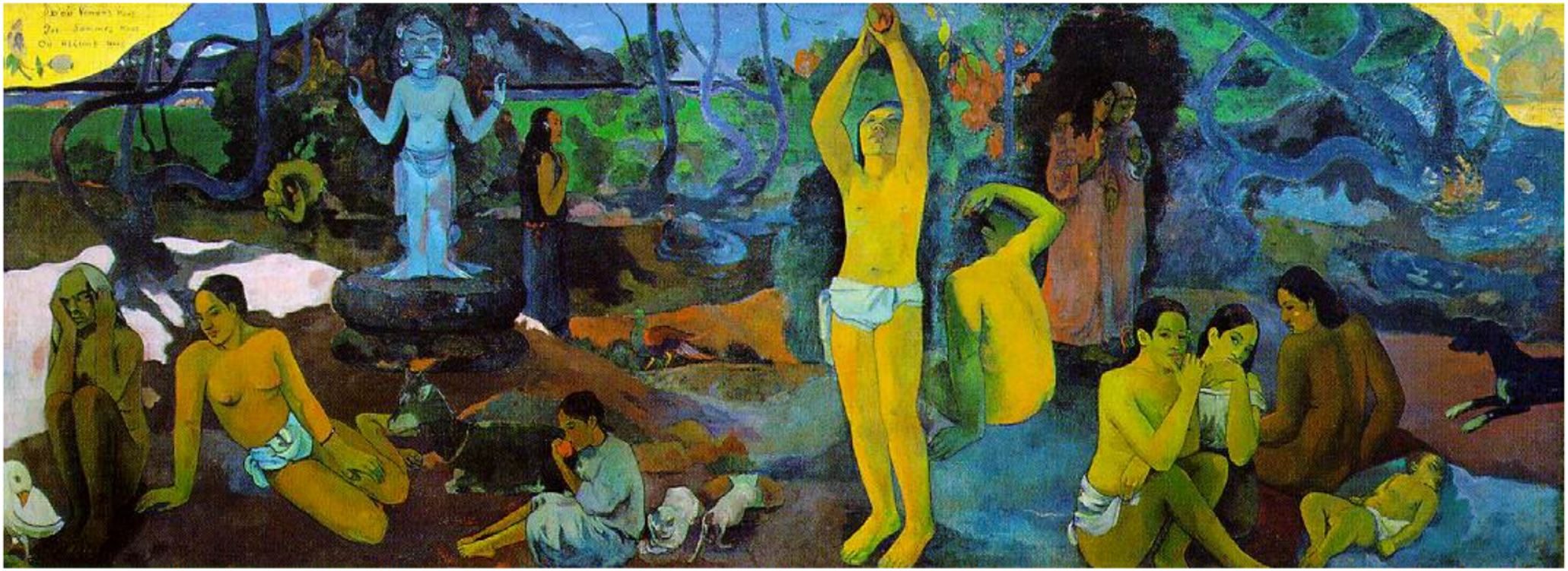

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