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Rural Affairs

Presentation to Fermanagh and Omagh Community Planning Strategic Partnership Board

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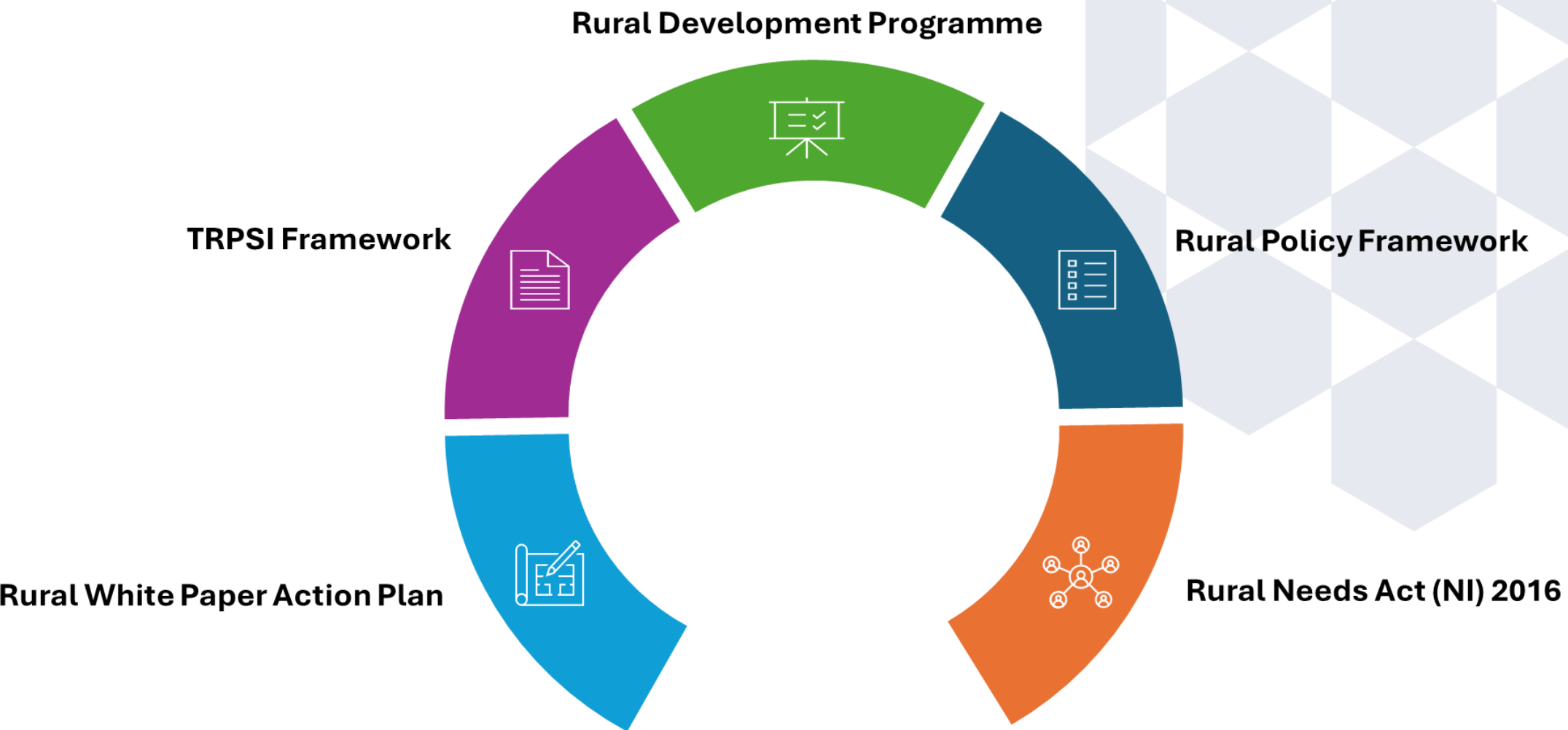


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History of DAERA's role in Rural Policy



DAERA's Statutory Remit

- DAERA's legislative remit in relation to rural policy is limited - Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 and Article 4 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1994
- DAERA does not have the policy levers to address all rural issues
- DAERA working in Partnership with other Departments – a key element of the new rural policy



New Rural Policy – Background and Context

The Minister has committed to:

- DAERA developing a new evidence-based rural policy following closure of the NI Rural Development Programme 2014-20
- DAERA consulting on proposals for a new rural policy during 2025
- DAERA developing the new rural policy using a co-design process involving departments, local councils, rural stakeholders and rural experts/academics



Proposed Aim, Objectives & Key Principles

Aim: To support, understand and champion sustainable and inclusive rural places and people



To inform, influence and support strategic government policy development and implementation from a rural perspective.



To improve the scope, accessibility and timeliness of rural research, statistics and other evidence and their use across government.



To encourage and support innovative and collaborative approaches to address existing and emerging challenges and opportunities within rural communities.



To maximise opportunities for local growth in rural communities and positively contribute to a net zero future.



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Co-design: A New Rural Policy

Co-design Process: *Minister Muir has committed to a Co-design process*

Work overseen by:

A Rural Policy Co-design Oversight Group

Proposed Key Strands:

1. Championing Rural Communities
2. Understanding Rural Communities
3. Supporting Rural Communities

Key Principles: 10 Key Principles

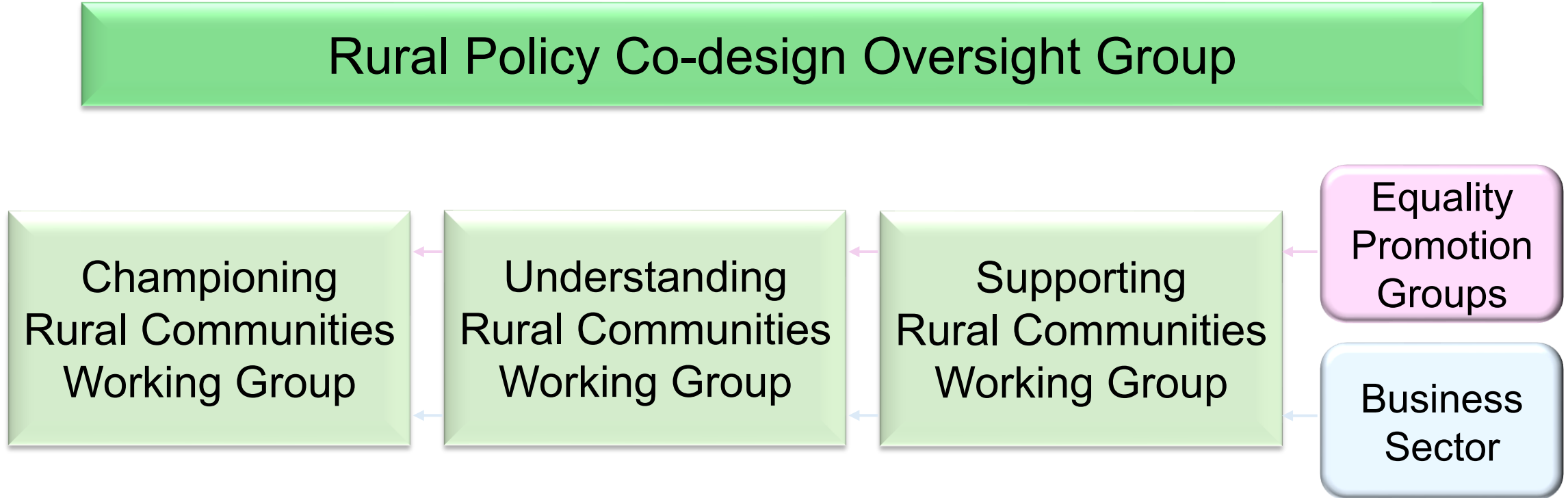


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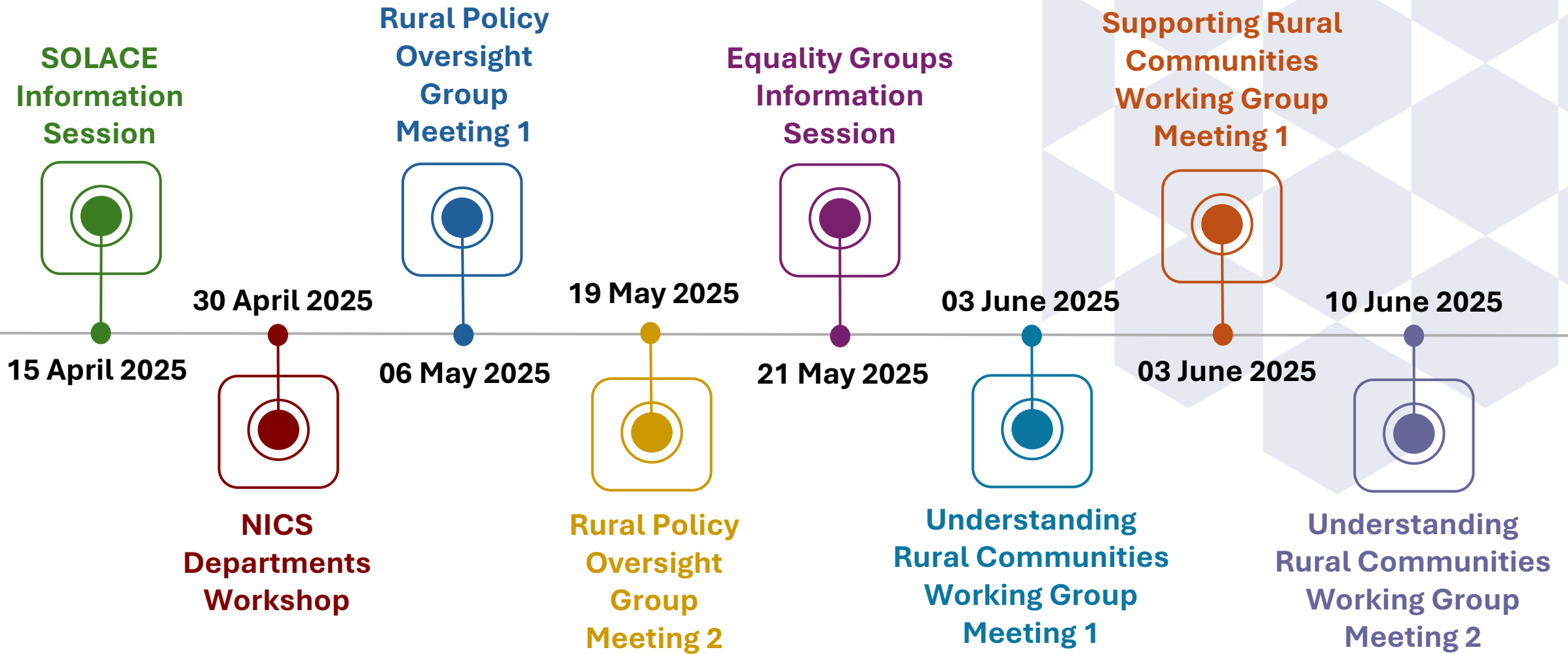
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Structure & Linkages



Co-design Meetings Held to Date



Delivery

Executive Priorities - PEACEPLUS, City and Growth,
Complementary Fund

Departmental Priorities – TRPSI, Collaborative Work

Transitional Arrangements



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Questions?



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