



# ***2015 CEF Transport Calls***

## ***Evaluation process***

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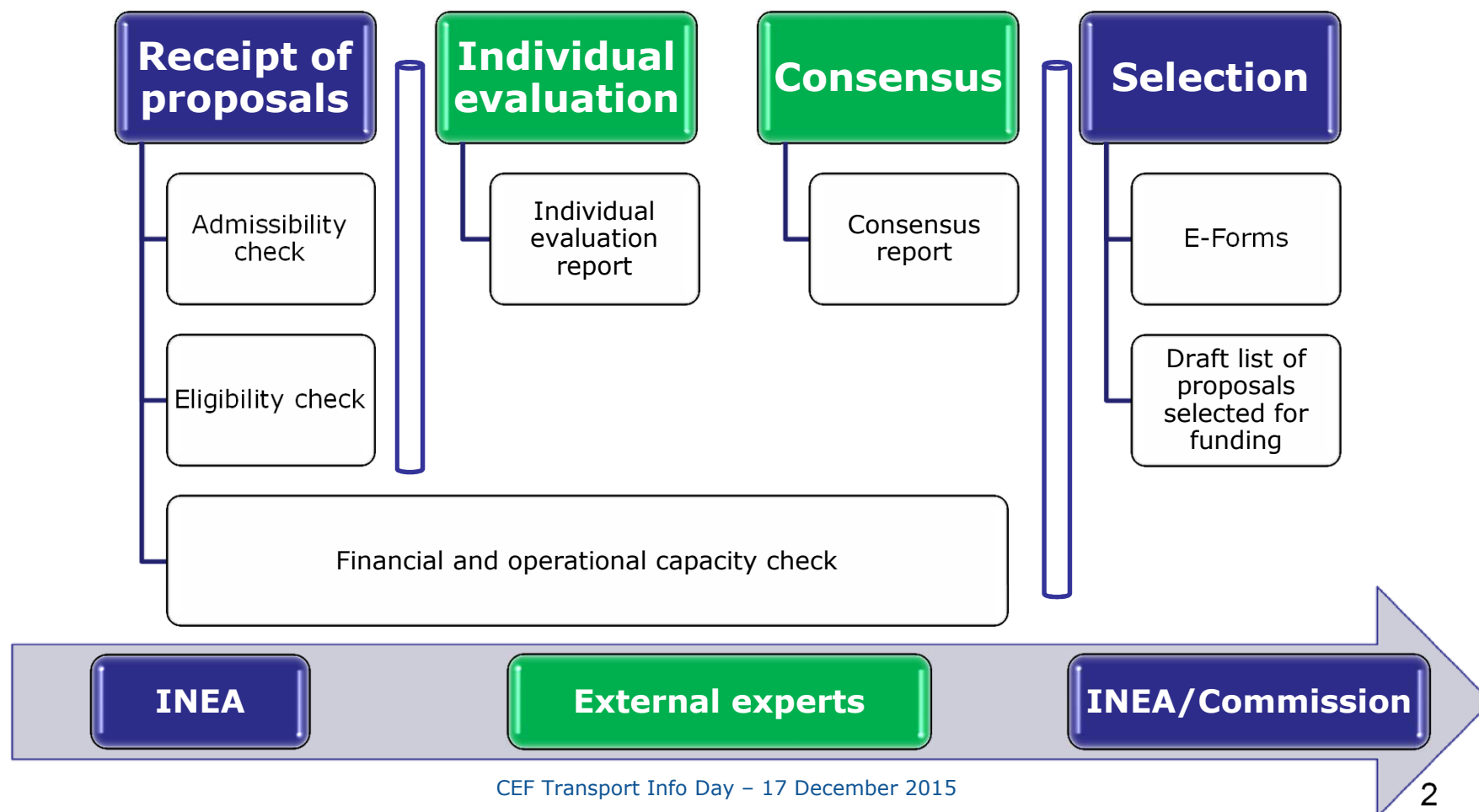
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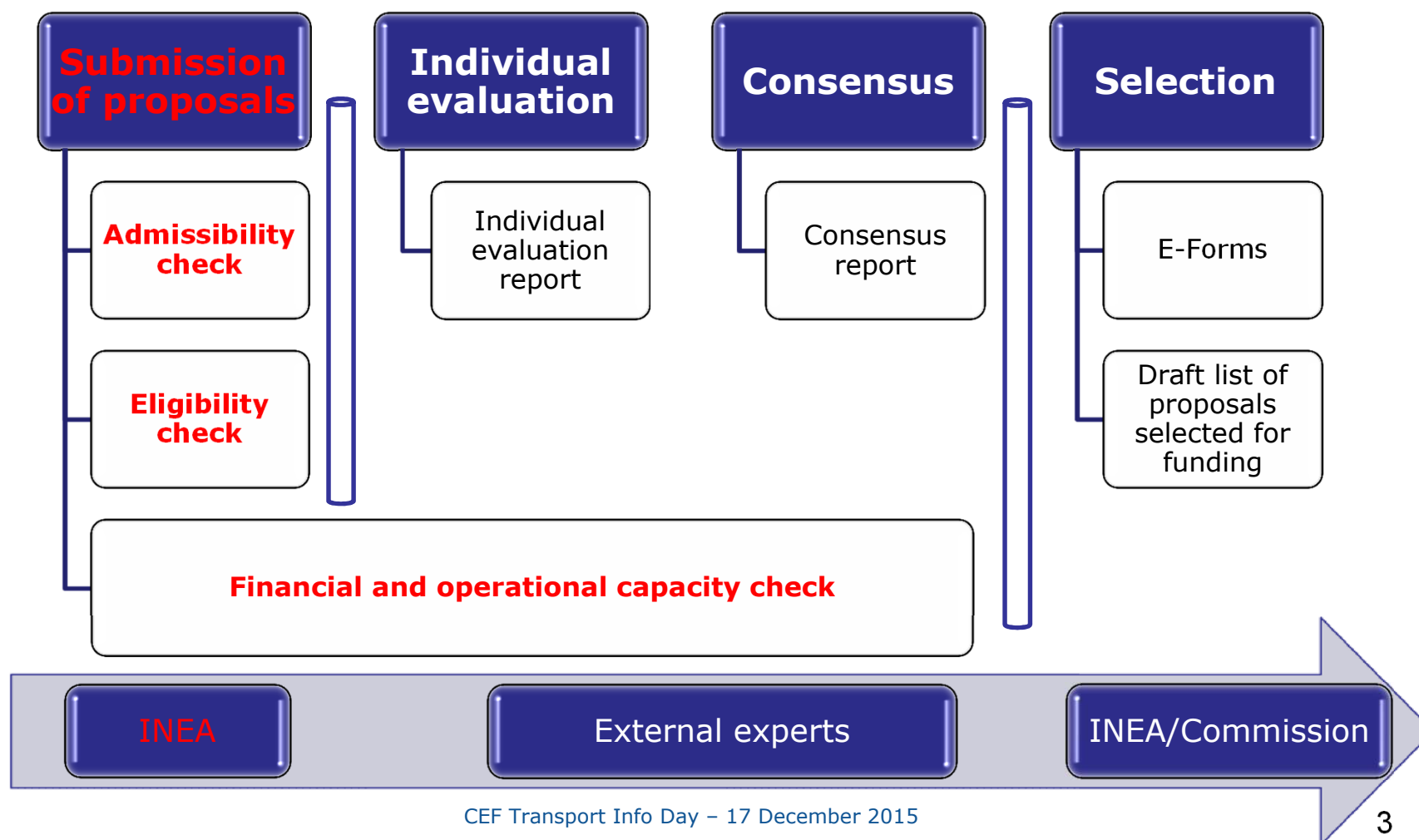
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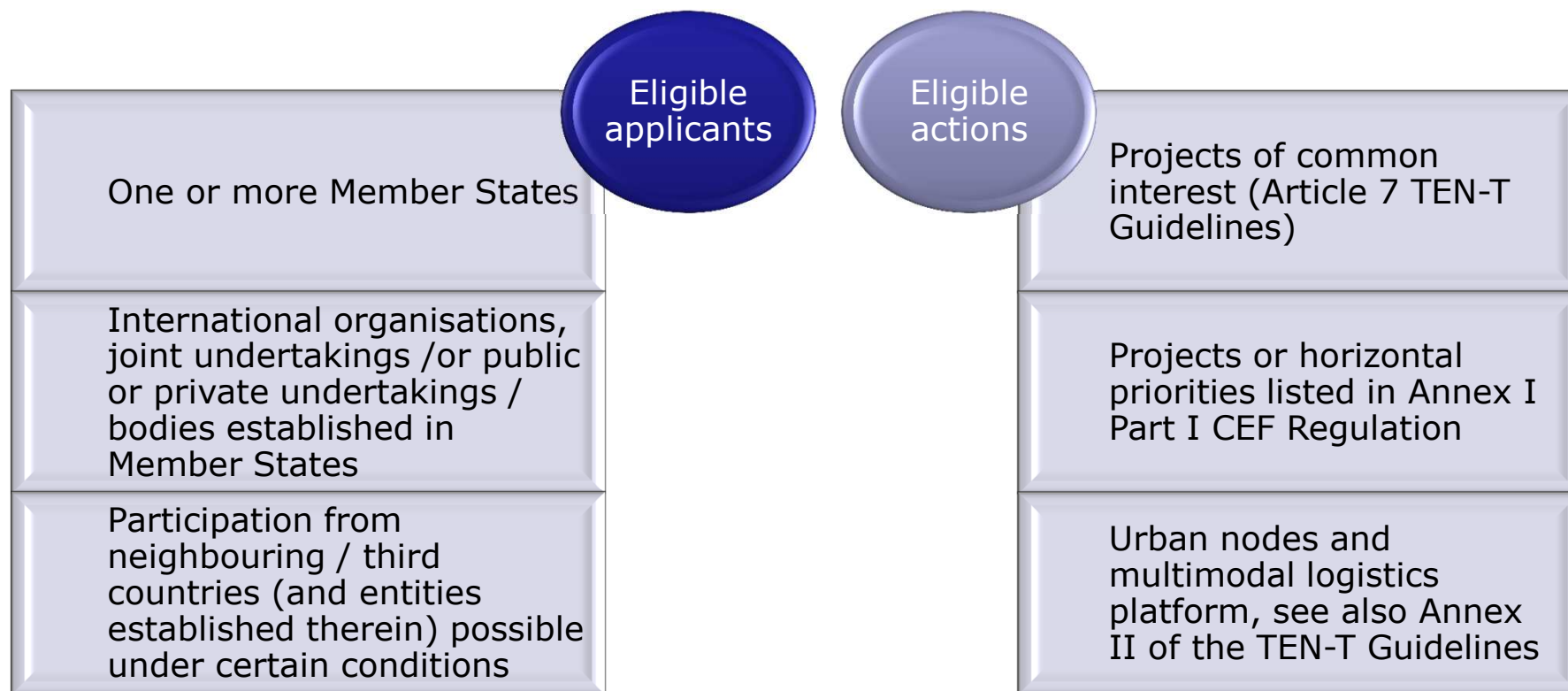
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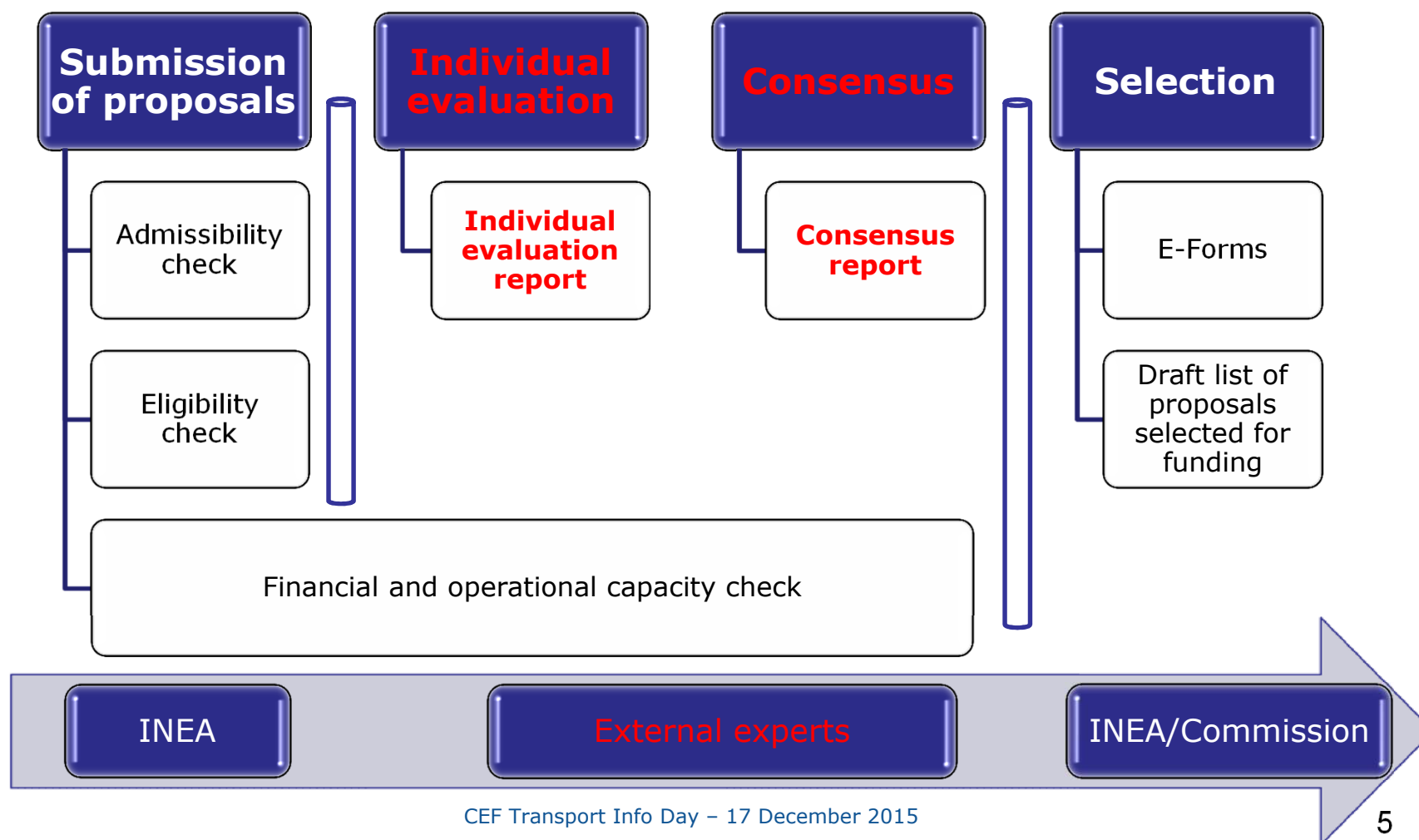
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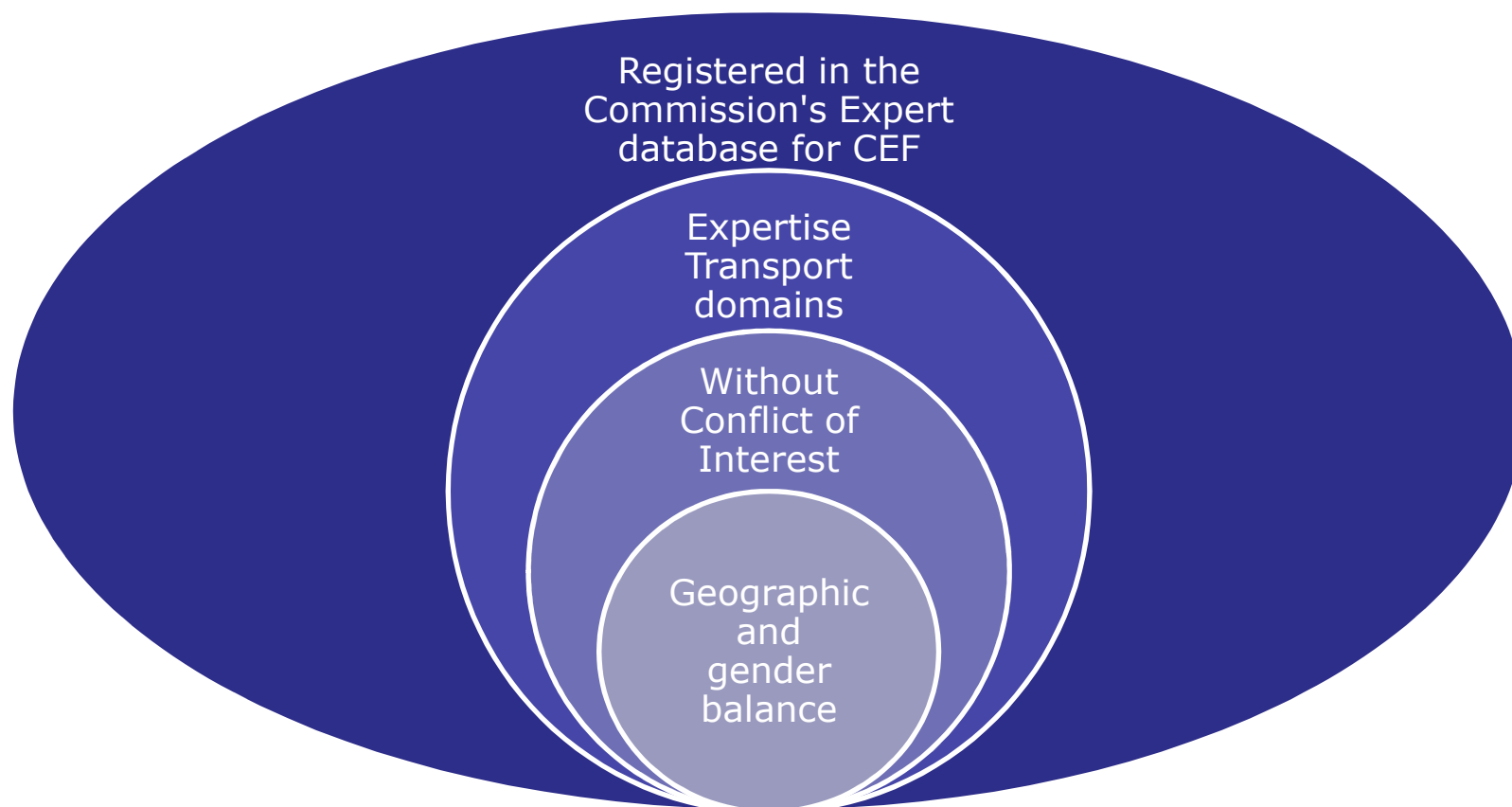
# Eligibility check



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# Who are the external experts?



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# What do we ask them to do?

## Understand Work Programme and Call Text

- Read briefing material
- Follow remote/on-site briefings

## Evaluate individually

- Remote phase
- 2 weeks to complete
- No contact between experts

## Participate to Consensus meetings

- Discuss with 2 other experts
- Reach consensus on comments and scores
- Recommend / not recommend a proposal for funding

# What will the experts assess?

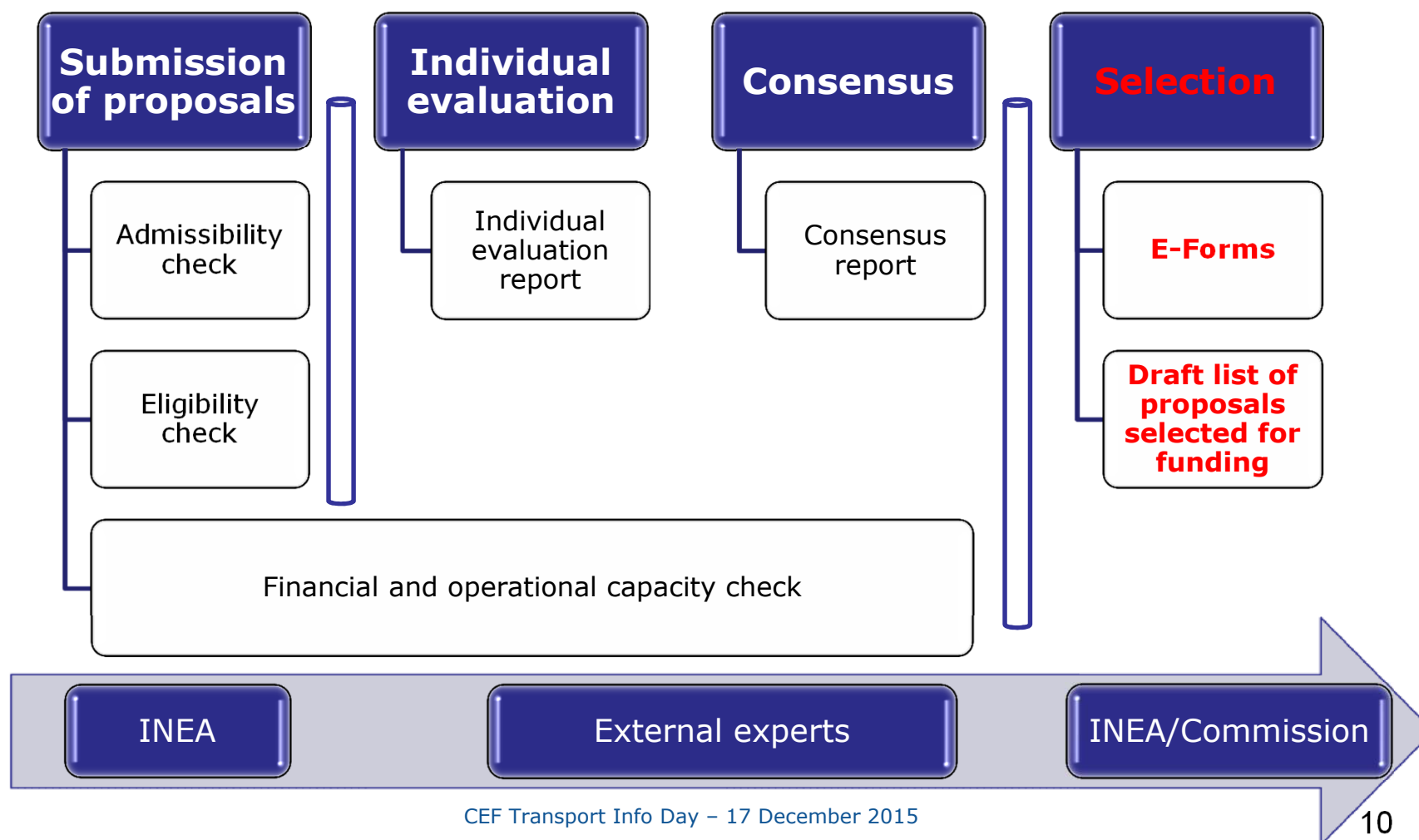
Relevance	Maturity	Impact	Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How does the proposed Action contribute to policy priorities (TEN-T &amp; CEF) &amp; Call priorities?</li><li>• EU Added value of the proposed Action</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is the proposed Action ready to go?</li><li>• No later than 18 months after the call deadline</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why is the proposed Action worth funding?</li><li>• Expected effect of CEF funding on financial viability</li><li>• Socially and economically desirable investment</li><li>• Climate and environmental aspects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is the proposed Action sound?</li><li>• Overall coherence</li><li>• Appropriate planning and resources</li><li>• Is the proposal complete and clearly written?</li></ul>



# Cost Benefit Analysis

- CBA is a key tool to assess the "Impact" criterion for works and mixed proposals
- As a minimum, a CBA must present:
  - **Financial analysis:** calculations of financial profitability and financial stability of the proposed investment and its co-financing
    - For **net** revenue-generating investments, identification of the "funding gap" to be addressed through CEF co-funding
  - **Economic analysis: socio-economic valuations**
- The guidance has been significantly enhanced, please review section 5 of the *Guide for Applicants*

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# Selection Committee – DG MOVE, INEA, DG ENV & DG REGIO

Assesses and validates the list of proposals recommended for funding and those not to be funded paying particular attention to:

Contribution to  
development of the  
network

Complementarity  
with other EU funded  
projects

Comparative EU  
added value in  
relation to other  
proposed Actions

Budgetary  
constraints

Potential synergies

Any risks of double-  
funding from other  
Union sources

The programming for the  
European Structural and  
Investment Funds

How the proposed Action fits in  
the national transport plan in the  
Member State(s) concerned  
where appropriate

## Provisional timeline

Deadline for submission of proposals	16 February 2016
Deadline for submission of translations (if applicable)	23 February 2016
Evaluation of proposals	February – May 2016 (indicative)
Consultation of CEF Coordination Committee; information of EP	June 2016 (indicative)
Adoption of Selection Decision	July 2016 (indicative)
Signing of individual grant agreements	As of September 2016 (indicative)

## Need more information?

- Consult all the available documentation on the call websites
- Read carefully the *Guide for Applicants*
- Consult the FAQ on the INEA website and **follow the updates** (final update = 9 February 2016)
- Send your questions to the Helpdesk by **2 February 2016 at the latest:**

**[INEA-CEF-transport-calls@ec.europa.eu](mailto:INEA-CEF-transport-calls@ec.europa.eu)**

## Tips to increase your chances

- 1 Start preparing your proposal as early as possible. Don't wait until the deadline to submit your proposal
- 2 Write as clearly and concisely as possible
- 3 Refer to the proposal checklist before submitting
- 4 Invest in the quality of your CBA

## Final remarks

- **Evaluations: a transparent, fair, and efficient process**
- Large demand, limited budget and strong competition
- **Electronic submission of proposals only!!!!**
- Keep the originals of all submitted documents

**Good luck!**



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**Thank you!**