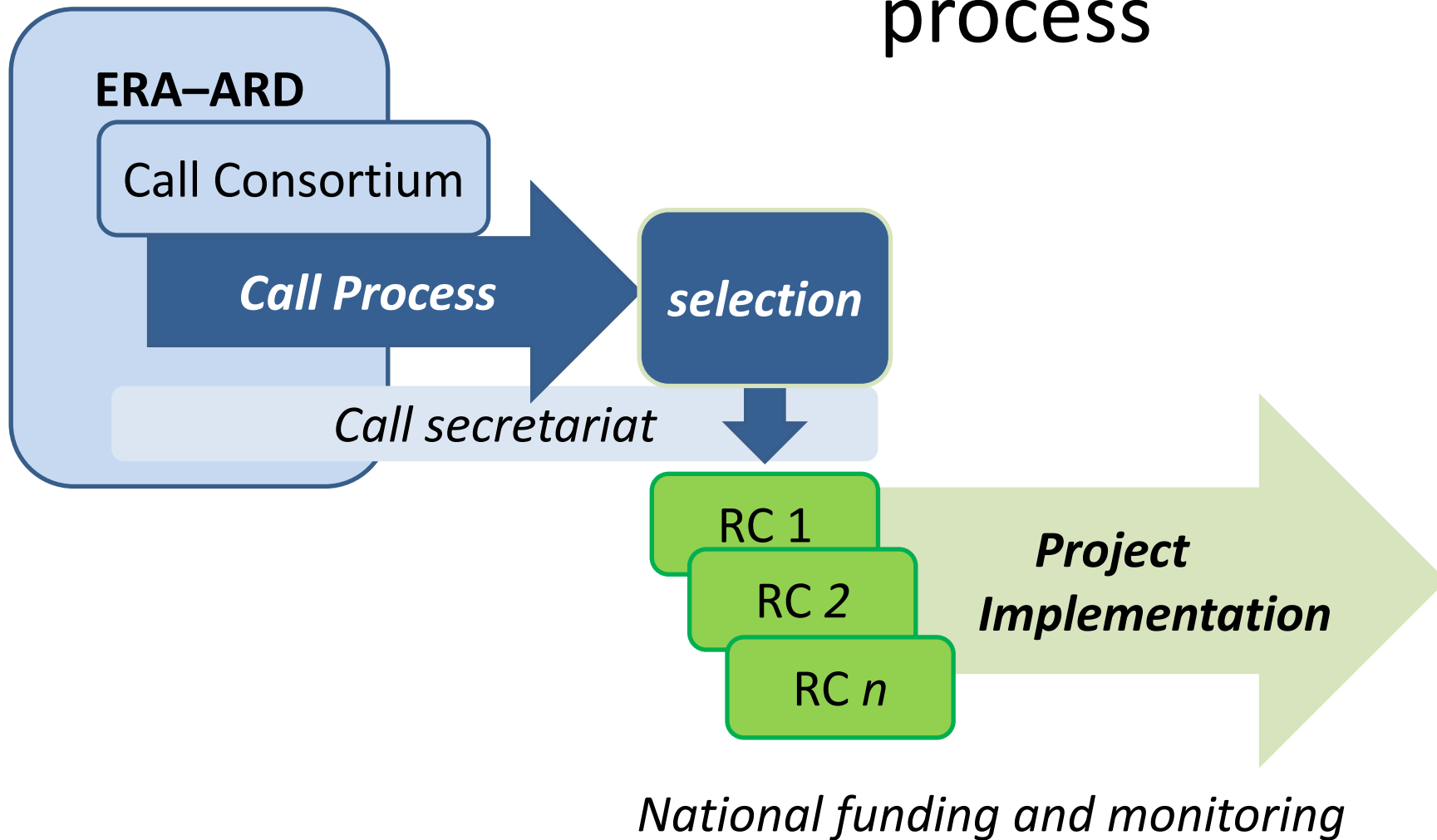


The experience of joint calls under ERA-ARD 1 & 2

A few conclusions

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Joint call structure & process



Research fields

call 1: *“Bioenergy – Risks and opportunities for the rural poor in developing countries”*

call 2: *“Improved livelihoods of smallholders and rural communities in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) through sustainable and climate-smart intensification of agricultural systems”.*

Identification of research theme

- Avoidance of large mapping exercises, make use of **existing agendas** and frameworks
- broader calls better accepted, but risk of **thematic fragmentation**

> Future funding could bring existing research networks together, strengthen them, and support practical recommendations and policy messages

Funding models and mobilised funds

- Shortcomings of virtual common pot

Alternatives?

- amount of funds vs transaction costs
acceptable ratio?

> future funding could be connected to existing projects, with strategic value addition or small catalytic projects to initiate larger programmes

Management of call process

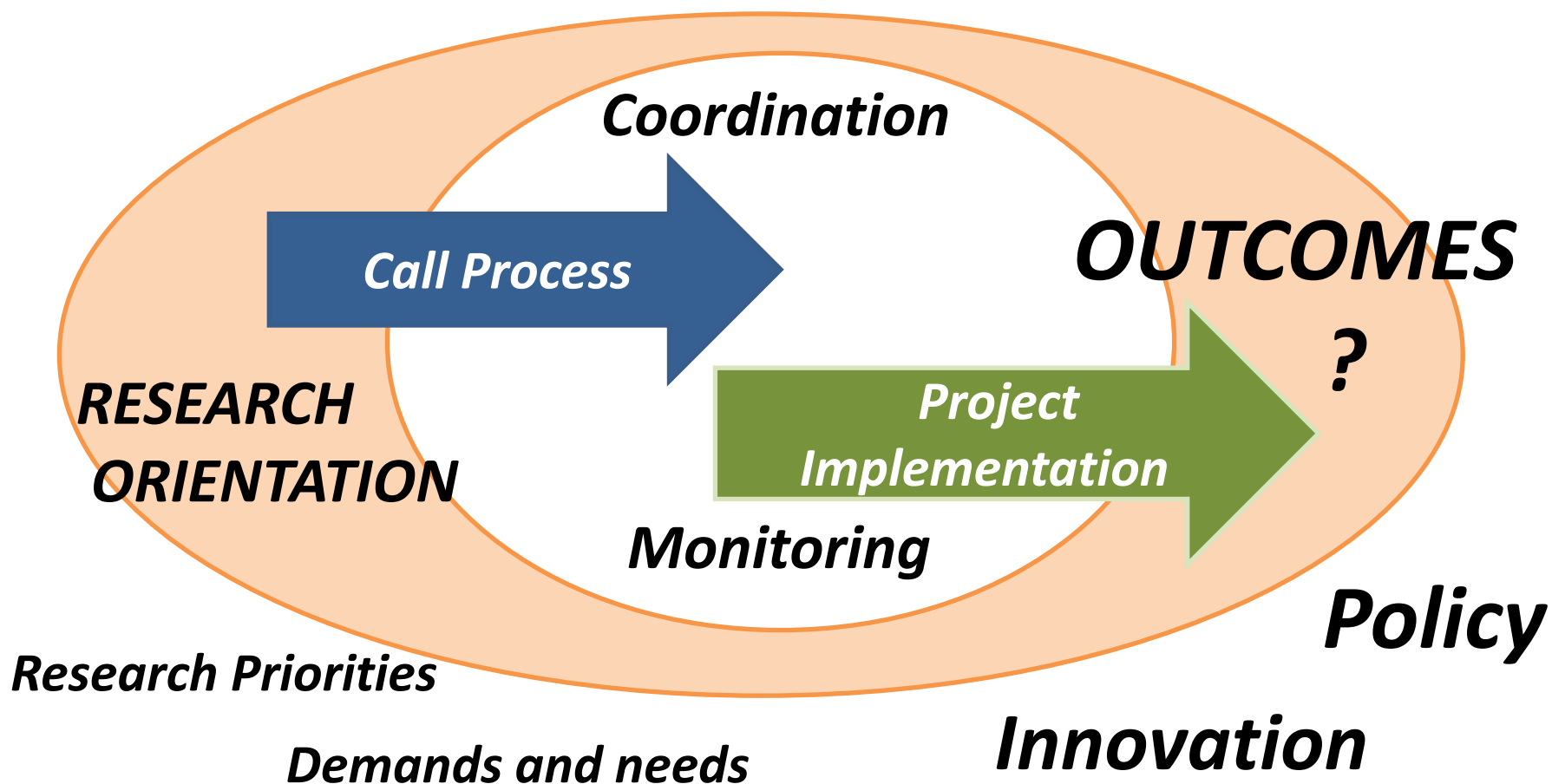
- **Selection criteria** are key (scientific excellence and development relevance)
 - generation of **expertise** through two successful call processes
 - **Independency** of call secretariat important
- > Future research project coordination should go beyond the call process and include monitoring of results and their use at programme level*

Evidence from research consortia

- „**Centrifugal forces**“ in RC due to funding modalities (preeminence of national priorities)
 - Value of **new research partnerships** vs challenge of coordination (size!)
 - **Interdisciplinary research** has high added value
- > inclusion of stakeholders – public, private, civil society at different stages of research to increase responsiveness and efficiency*

From AR to ARD:

research orientation and outcomes





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