

Supporting Ukraine's resilience and green recovery on the way to EU accession

**IKI Workshop – Implementers Meeting
28th April 2026**

On behalf of:



of the Federal Republic of Germany



Welcome of Hosts and Official Opening Remarks

Welcome



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Agenda IKI Workshop - Tuesday, 28th April

Time CEST	Topic
9.00 – 9.30	Welcome, Agenda & Check-In
9.30 – 10.00	Connecting and Exchanging
10.00 – 11.00	<u>Session 1</u> IKI contributions to NDC and NBSAPs implementation (in preparation for session 1 on day 2)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	<u>Session 2</u> Exchange between IKI Office (ZUG) and IKI projects
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14:30 – 17:30	<i>Only for representative of Ukrainian and German government: Bilateral Talks between BMUKN and Delegates from Ukrainian Ministries</i>
18.00	Dinner

Check-In at Table

- **What is your mood coming into today's session?**
- **Share a story from your commute to the venue.**
- **What is the most important thing we need to tackle by tomorrow evening?**

Session 1: IKI contributions to NDC and NBSAPs implementation



Three parallel groups:

1

**Climate Policy
(Post Office 2+3)**

2

**Biodiversity Conservation
(Post Palais)**

3

**Renewable Energy and
Energy Efficiency
(Post Office 1)**



Guiding Questions and Tasks

- How have IKI projects supported in preparing and/or implementing Ukrainian climate and biodiversity policies?
- What is the outlook for the next 12 months? How will IKI projects be supporting further progress in climate and biodiversity goals?
- Select 1-2 persons to present on day 2 (5-10 min.)

Climate Policy (Post Office 2+3)

Priority	EU Climate Alignment & Net-Zero Framework	Carbon Pricing & ETS Implementation	Climate Finance System & Green Taxonomy	International Carbon Markets (Article 6)	Methane, Ozone & Sectoral Compliance
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Climate neutrality by 2050 ❖ Integration with EU climate acquis (ETS, MRV, CBAM) ❖ Sectoral decarbonization (energy, transport, buildings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Launch ETS, expand MRV, align with EU ETS ❖ Carbon pricing as economic modernization tool, addressing CBAM impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ National climate finance strategy & green taxonomy ❖ Dedicated funds (e.g., modernization fund via ETS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Carbon registry ❖ ITMOs and pilot transactions ❖ Bilateral cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Methane reduction (–30% by 2030) ❖ Kigali amendment & ODS and F-gases regulations ❖ Industrial emissions compliance

Biodiversity (Post Palais, main conference room)

Priority	National Biodiversity Strategy & EU Approximation	Biodiversity Monitoring & Data Systems
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Biodiversity Strategy to 2035❖ Alignment with EU Directives (e.g. EU Birds & Habitats Directives, EU Law on Nature Restoration)❖ Implementation of international conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Integration into EEA/EIONET environmental information systems❖ Biodiversity monitoring programs in protected areas❖ Data systems for decision-making and EU reporting

Energy (Post Office 1)

Priority	Energy Efficiency and Demand Reduction	Decarbonization and the “green transition”	Energy Security and System Resilience	Integration into the European Energy Market	Resource independence
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Reduction of the energy intensity of the economy: introduction and enforcement of energy efficiency standards in industrial and residential sectors. ❖ Modernisation of energy networks: reduction of electricity and gas transmission and distribution losses through the deployment of Smart Grid technologies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Increasing the share of renewable energy: Actively promoting the construction of wind and solar power plants, as well as developing energy storage capacity. ❖ Phasing out coal: Gradually phasing out coal-fired power generation and supporting regions in the process of a just transition. ❖ Development of hydrogen energy: Creating a foundation for the production and export of “green” hydrogen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Infrastructure restoration and protection: The top priority is to repair damaged facilities and protect the power grid from further threats. ❖ Decentralization of generation: Transitioning from large, vulnerable facilities to a distributed power grid (small-scale generation, cogeneration plants), which increases the system’s resilience in wartime conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Synchronization with ENTSO-E: full implementation of EU rules to enable free trade of electricity and gas between Ukraine and the European Union. ❖ Market reform: alignment of Ukraine’s energy markets with EU standards, including transparency, competition, and market-based pricing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Increase in gas production: scaling up domestic natural gas extraction to fully meet internal demand. ❖ Biomethane development: leveraging the agricultural sector’s potential to produce biomethane and integrate it into the gas transmission system.



Session I

**Connecting and
Exchanging**

Session I

IKI contributions to NDC and NBSAPs implementation

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Coffee Break



Session II

Exchange between IKI Office and IKI projects

Speaker



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Project Manager International Climate
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The International Climate Initiative (IKI)

IKI Workshop Ukraine 2026

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Federal Ministry
for the Environment, Climate Action,
Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

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IKI Office at ZUG

- Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft (ZUG) translates as *Future – Environment – Society*
- ZUG is a federally owned company
- ZUG supports the German ministries with the implementation and management of funding programs and projects
- The IKI Office is hosted by ZUG, which acts as the project management agency for the IKI



IKI Office

Projects managers

**Administrative
project
manager**

**Technical
project
manager**

Seven technical teams, e.g.
Climate Policy, Adaptation, ...

Country managers for Ukraine:
Carmen Begerock & Fabian Twerdy

Helpdesks, e.g. iki-office, iki-
communications, iki-complaints,
...@z-u-g.org

www.international-climate-initiative.com

The International Climate Initiative (IKI)



- Since 2008, the IKI has been financing climate and biodiversity projects in developing, emerging, and transition countries.
- More than 1100 projects with a current funding volume of almost €8 billion.
- Project selection mainly in ideas competitions for various types of funding
- IKI Strategy 2030 focusses funding on the 14 IKI priority countries

Mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions

Adaptation to the impacts of climate change

Conservation of biodiversity

Conservation of natural carbon sinks
Focus on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+)

The IKI strategy up to 2030

- Defines how the IKI will contribute to overcoming the climate and biodiversity crises in developing and emerging countries up to 2030
- Bundles competencies of the Federal Government in the lead ministries for climate action, biodiversity conservation and foreign policy (BMUKN and AA)
- Provides focus as well as flexibility for maximum impact
- Allows for strategic steering of the funding program

IKI targets up to 2030

Raising ambitions

more ambitious NDCs, NAPs and/or NBSAPs

in at least

30

partner countries, including the priority countries

Improving the enabling environment

for cross-sectoral or sector-transformative climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, and/or climate change adaptation

in at least

20

partner countries, including the priority countries

Implementation

of climate change mitigation, biodiversity and/or climate change adaptation measures through piloting and scaling

in at least

20

partner countries including the priority countries

Mobilising private investment

the IKI mobilises investment in climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation and adaptation to climate change in the partner countries

1.5 billion

EUR private capital

IKI funding instruments at a glance

for climate and biodiversity projects in developing and emerging economies



IKI Compete

- IKI Large Grants
- IKI Medium Grants
- IKI Small Grants

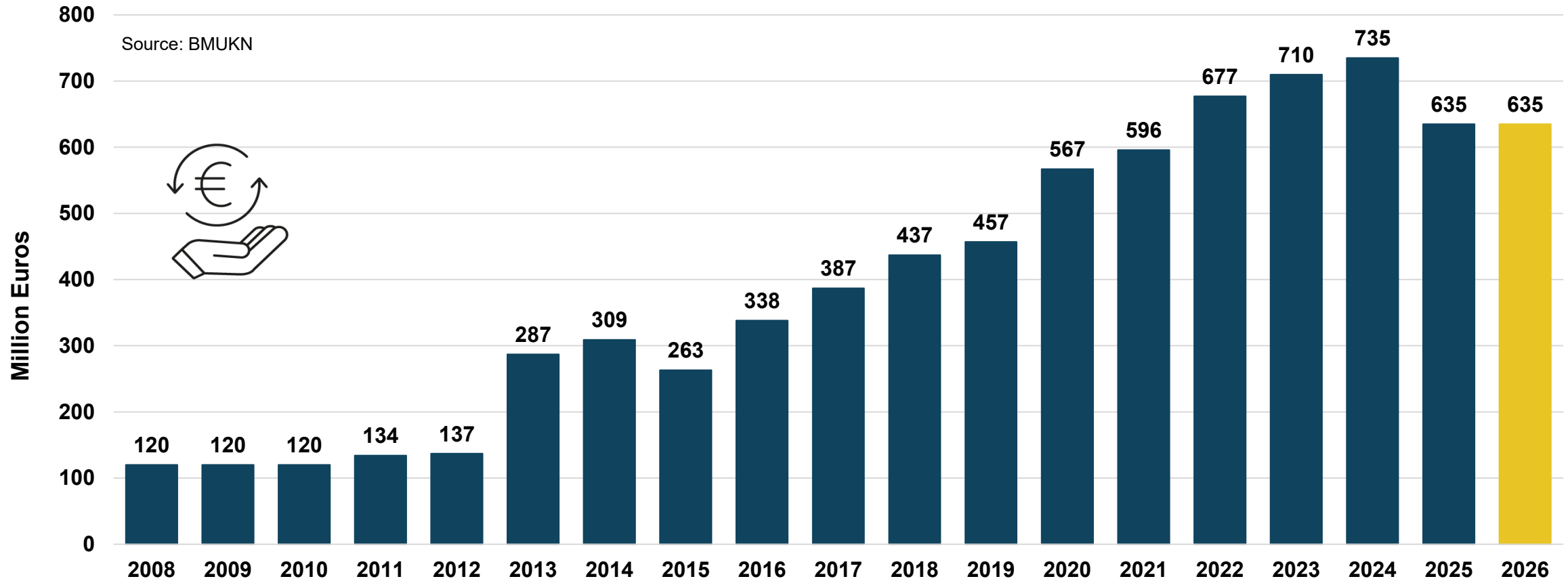
IKI Invest

- Contributions to funds
- Participation in multilateral initiatives

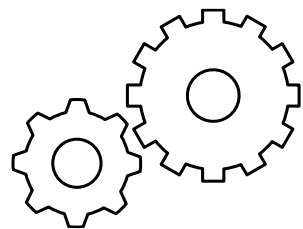
IKI Strategic Action

- Interface projects in IKI priority countries
- Sustaining successful projects

Budget development



IKI in Ukraine



24 projects ongoing

**14 bilateral:
138.6 million EUR**



Mitigation of greenhouse gases

21 projects



Biodiversity

3 projects

IKI Public Relations

Communication channels for your projects



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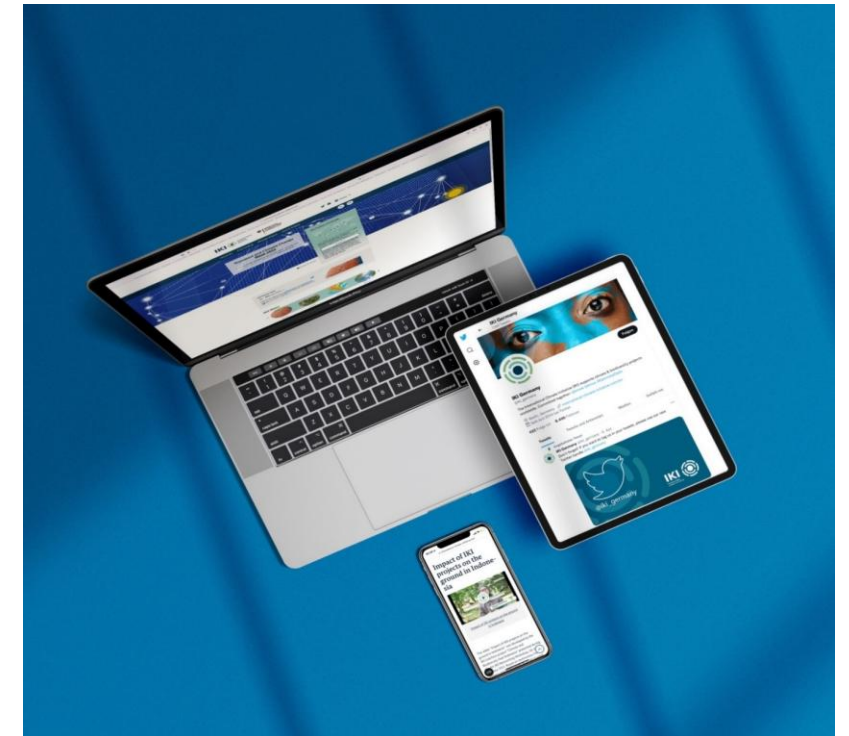


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iki-redaktion@z-u-g.org

- Website with information on
 - Funding calls and application procedures
 - All IKI projects, their results and evaluation reports
 - News about project successes, interviews, events
 - Database with project publications etc.
- X (Twitter) channel
- Public newsletter
- IKI Brown Bag Lunches
- Project videos from Global Ideas TV of Deutsche Welle
incl. Instagram & Facebook channel





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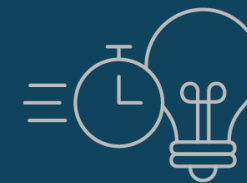


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Supporting slides

IKI funding through ideas competitions until mid-2025

To promote climate and biodiversity projects in developing and emerging countries



Joint projects

- Large funding volume
- Long project term
- Implementation by **consortia**

Small-scale project funds

- Small funding volume
- Short project term
- Implementation by individual implementing organisations

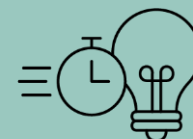
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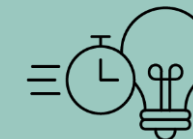
Country Calls



IKI Small Grants

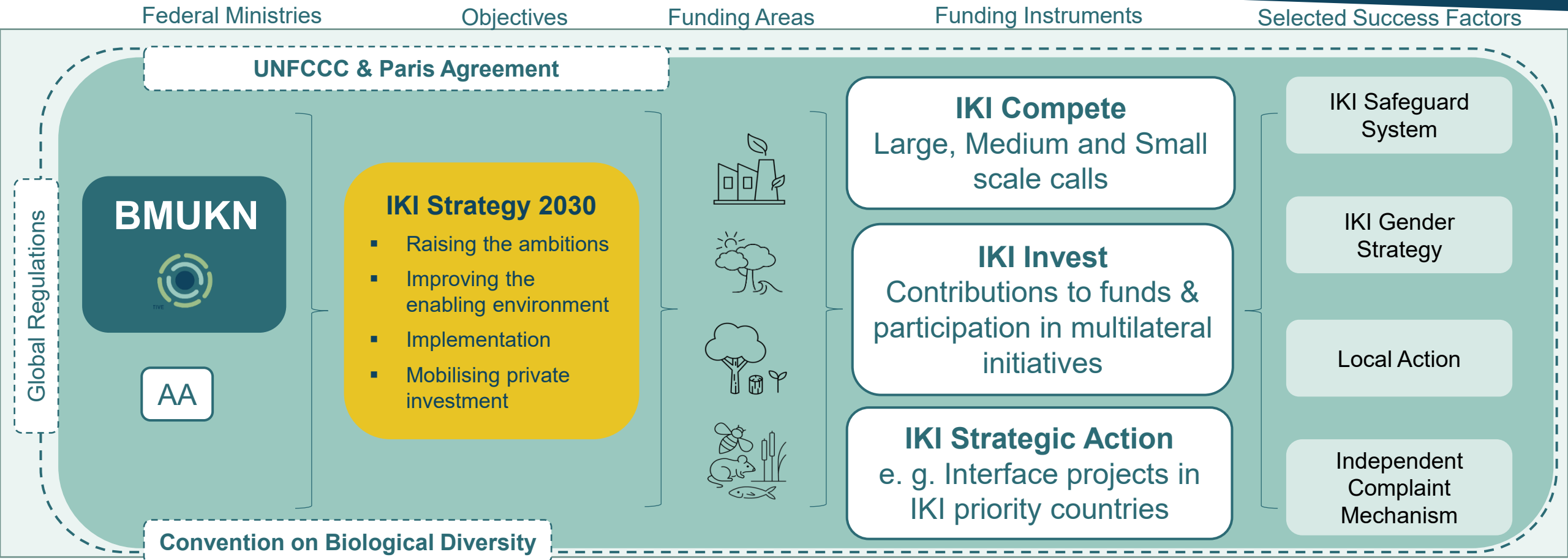


IKI Medium Grants



IKI at a glance

The core elements of the International Climate Initiative (IKI)

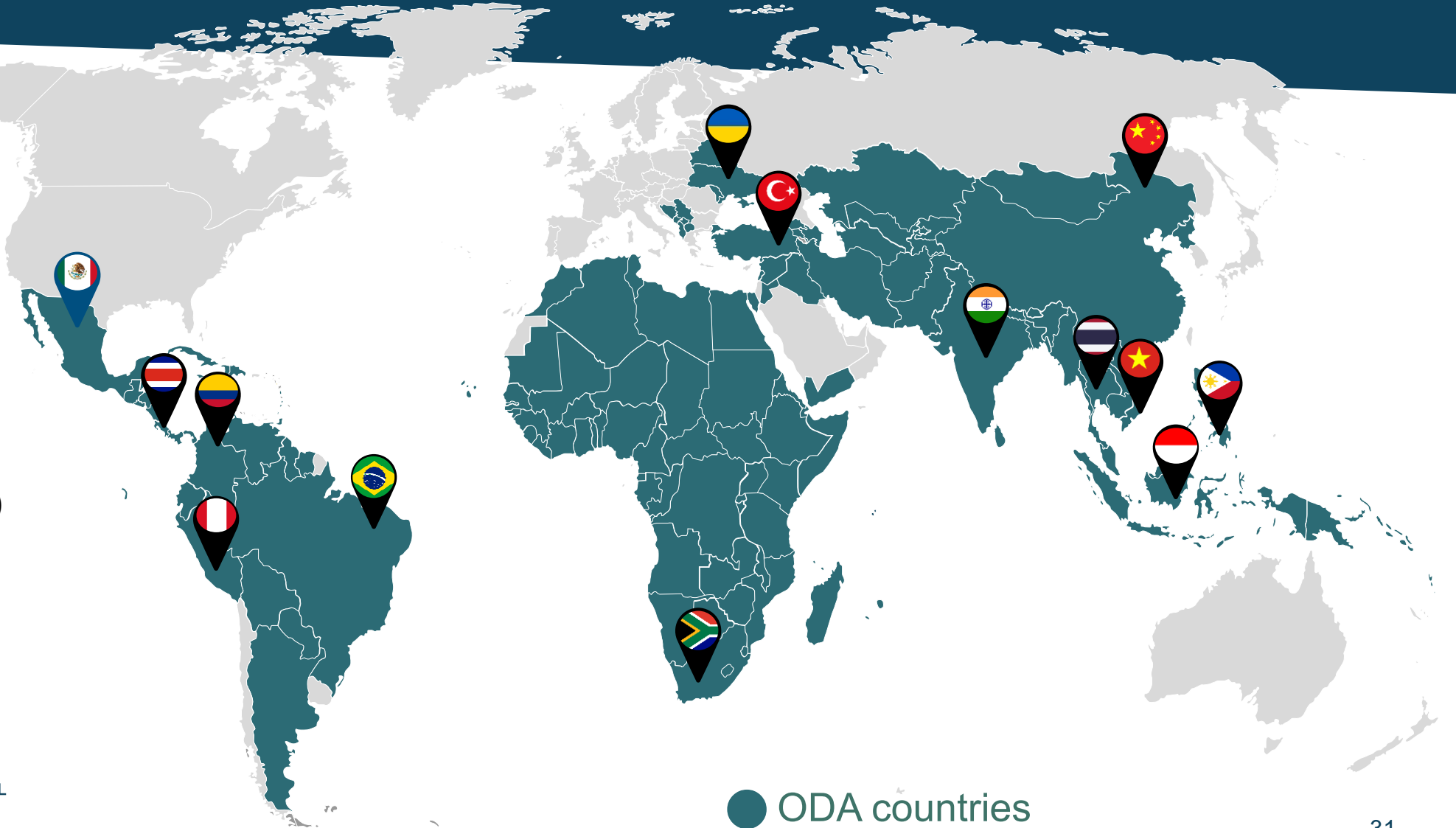




The IKI in numbers

IKI priority countries

- Brazil (BRA)
- China (CHN)
- Colombia (COL)
- Costa Rica (CRI)
- India (IND)
- Indonesia (IDN)
- Mexico (MEX)
- Peru (PER)
- Philippines (PHL)
- South Africa (ZAF)
- Thailand (THA)
- Türkiye (TUR)
- Ukraine (UKR)
- Vietnam (VNM)



The IKI Independent Complaint Mechanism — how does it work?

Which complaints?

- Violation of environmental or social safeguards
- Improper use of public funds or economic crime
- Reprisals as a result from cooperating with IKI ICM
- NOT: rejection of funding

What is the process?

1. Formal complaint
2. Two procedures
 - Review procedure (compliance) or
 - problem-solving procedure (mediation)
3. Panel of 3 independent experts leads investigations

Who can complain & how are they protected?

- All project-affected persons can complain
- To protect complainants and whistleblowers, the anonymity can be guaranteed

Accessibility

- The Office of the IKI ICM can be reached at iki-complaints@z-u-g.org

How does the ICM affect the implementation of an IKI project?



- Inform all project stakeholders, project partners and particularly project-affected persons about the IKI independent complaint mechanism and how to submit a complaint, e.g. in meetings, workshops etc.



- Publish the IKI ICM on project websites: explain what it is and provide a link to the IKI ICM website (template available at IKI ICM)



- In case of own complaint mechanism: inform the IKI ICM of complaints you received within 72 hours/3 working days



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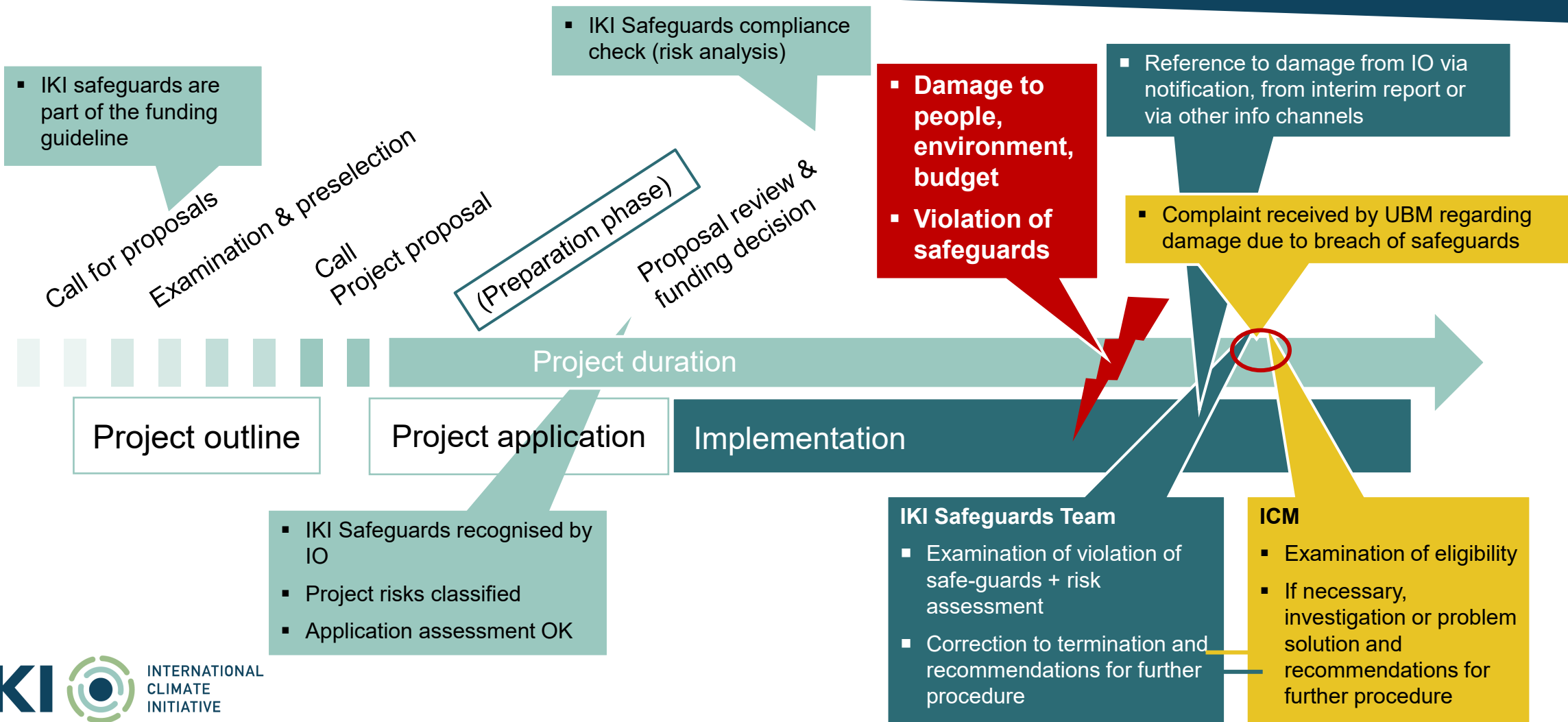
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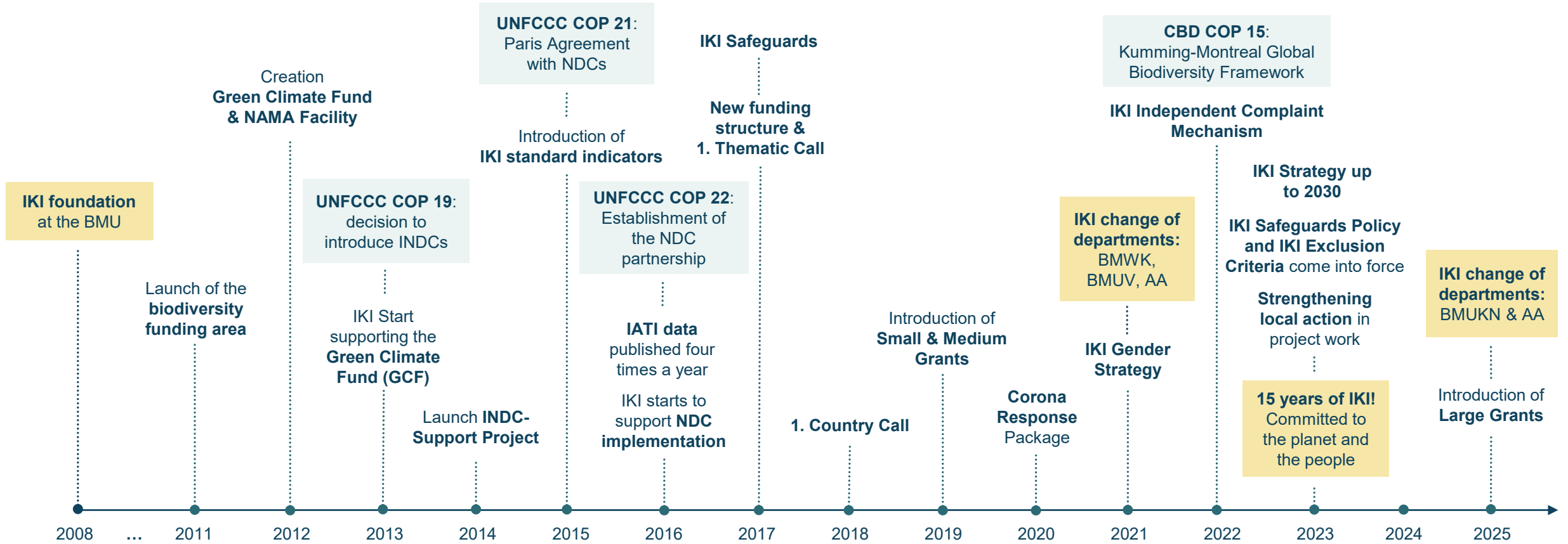
Safeguards team and complaints mechanism (ICM)

Safeguards check for every known loss event, ICM in effect only after receipt of a complaint



Development of the IKI

2008 to date



The two phases of the selection procedure

So far for Thematic calls, Country calls and the IKI Medium Grants

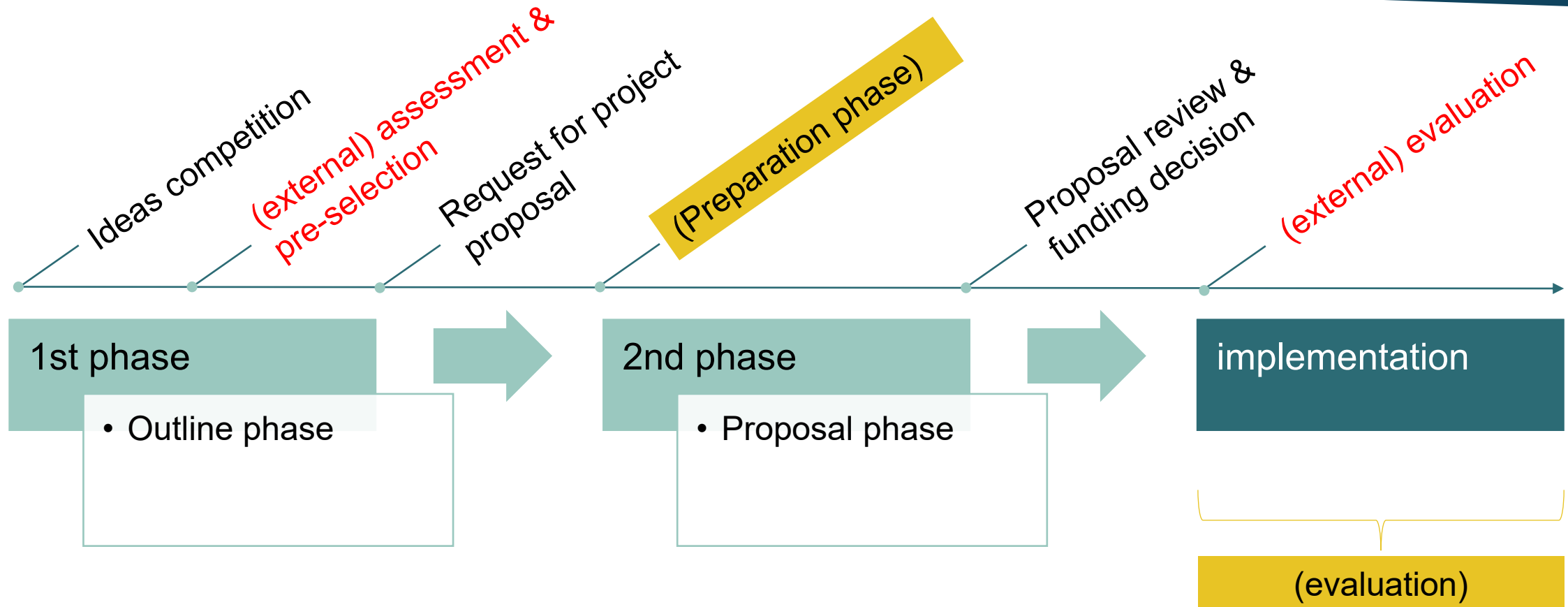
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Calls



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Country
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IKI Small Grants



Short profile

- GIZ GmbH runs the **IKI Small Grants** programme on behalf of the German Federal Government
- Programme duration: **2019-2030** with **€ 96.2 million**

Two funding lines:

1. **International Calls:** Worldwide calls for local projects (€60,000-200,000)
 2. **Funding Institutions:** Support for national funding institutions in implementing their own calls for proposals (up to €950,000)
- **Capacity development** for local organisations in ODA countries with project durations of up to 3 years
 - Learn more about supporting local solutions and project examples at www.iki-small-grants.de



Updates

- **7. International Call:** a **record number** of more than **2,400 applications**
- Since 2019, a total of more than **200 project ideas** have been selected, with an average of 82 countries submitting applications

Impact of the programme to date:

- So far, around **47,000 people** have been supported to effectively strengthen their **climate resilience**
- Additionally, approximately **100,000 hectares** of land and marine **ecosystems** have been **protected** or are now sustainably managed – an area the size of 170,000 soccer fields

Reporting, monitoring & evaluation of the IKI projects

mandatory
(project)

- Annual interim reports on project progress, context changes and learning experiences
- Final project report and proof of use

complementary
(project)

- Half-yearly updates
- News, pictures & videos for the website, Twitter & newsletter

mandatory
(IKI Office)

- All large joint projects are subject to a midterm evaluation according to the IKI evaluation criteria
- Final reviews to assess impact & sustainability

mandatory
(IKI Office)

- Selected projects are subject to accompanying impact evaluation from planning to beyond completion











Germany Climate Action Governance

Legislation, strategy, programmes

- **Climate Protection Act** > regularly updated, with annual emission levels, last review & update (07/2024): **2030**: -65%; **2040**: -88%; **2045**: GHG neutrality
- **Further key measures**: National Biomass Strategy, climate-neutral federal administration, introduction of climate money
- **Climate Protection Programme 2030** > comprehensive package of measures 2020-2030 to achieve reduction targets by 2030 > mix of funding, price incentives, regulatory law
- **Climate Protection Plan 2050** > Germany's long-term strategy in accordance with the Paris Agreement (2016 resolution); will be updated at regular intervals
- **Monitoring by**: Expert Council on Climate Issues (reviews annual emissions data & validates prognosis) and projection report with recommendations (Environmental Protection Agency)



Exchange between IKI Office and IKI projects

<p>Table</p>	 <p>Калина – Guelder Rose</p>	 <p>Соняшник – Sunflower</p>	 <p>Полин – Wormwood</p>	 <p>Ковила – Feather Grass</p>	 <p>Барвінок – Periwinkle</p>	 <p>Чорнобривц і – Marigold</p>	 <p>Льон – Flax</p>	 <p>Гречка – Buckwheat</p>	 <p>Береза – Birch</p>	
<p>Project/ Institution First round (12:00 – 12:30)</p>	<p>IFC & Energy Efficiency Fund</p>	<p>EBRD E5P</p>	<p>EU4Climat eResilience</p>	<p>RES</p>		<p>Frankfurt Zoological Society</p>	<p>Rewarm</p>	<p>Ecosphere and UNCG</p>	<p>Gender + conflict sensitivity</p>	
<p>Project/ Institution Second round (12:30 – 13:00)</p>	<p>IKI interface</p>	<p>BAT</p>	<p>EBRD (NDC and bioenergy)</p>	<p>GRP- UNEP</p>	<p>H2diplo</p>				<p>Gender + conflict sensitivity</p>	

Guiding Questions for the Exchange

- How is the project currently running?
- What are challenges, obstacles, etc.?
- What are highlights?
- What are current or future project needs?