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**EU and partner country collaboration:
The EU Twinning instrument:
Experience of E-Control**

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What is Twinning?

- Twinning is an instrument for the cooperation between public administrations of EU Member States (MS) and of beneficiary countries (BC).
 - ▶ Provide support for the transposition, implementation and enforcement of the EU legislation (the acquis).
 - ▶ Share good practices developed within the EU with beneficiary public administrations
 - ▶ Foster long-term relationships between administrations of existing and future EU countries.

How Twinning works?

- Twinning projects are built around EU policy objectives agreed between the public authorities of the beneficiary country (BC) and the Member States (MS).
- Two Project Leaders, a Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA) and a RTA counterpart are the backbone of Twinning projects.
- The RTA coordinates the project and is seconded from the lead MS to the beneficiary administration
- Each project has mandatory results.
- The work plan of a Twinning project usually foresees expert missions, training events and awareness raising visits.
- MS and BC partners are expected to contribute to the project to the same degree.



The Twinning approach

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Solution-focused

Thoughtful action

Building ownership

Teamwork in practice

Sustainable partnership

Building social relationships

Focus on knowledge transfer and capacity building



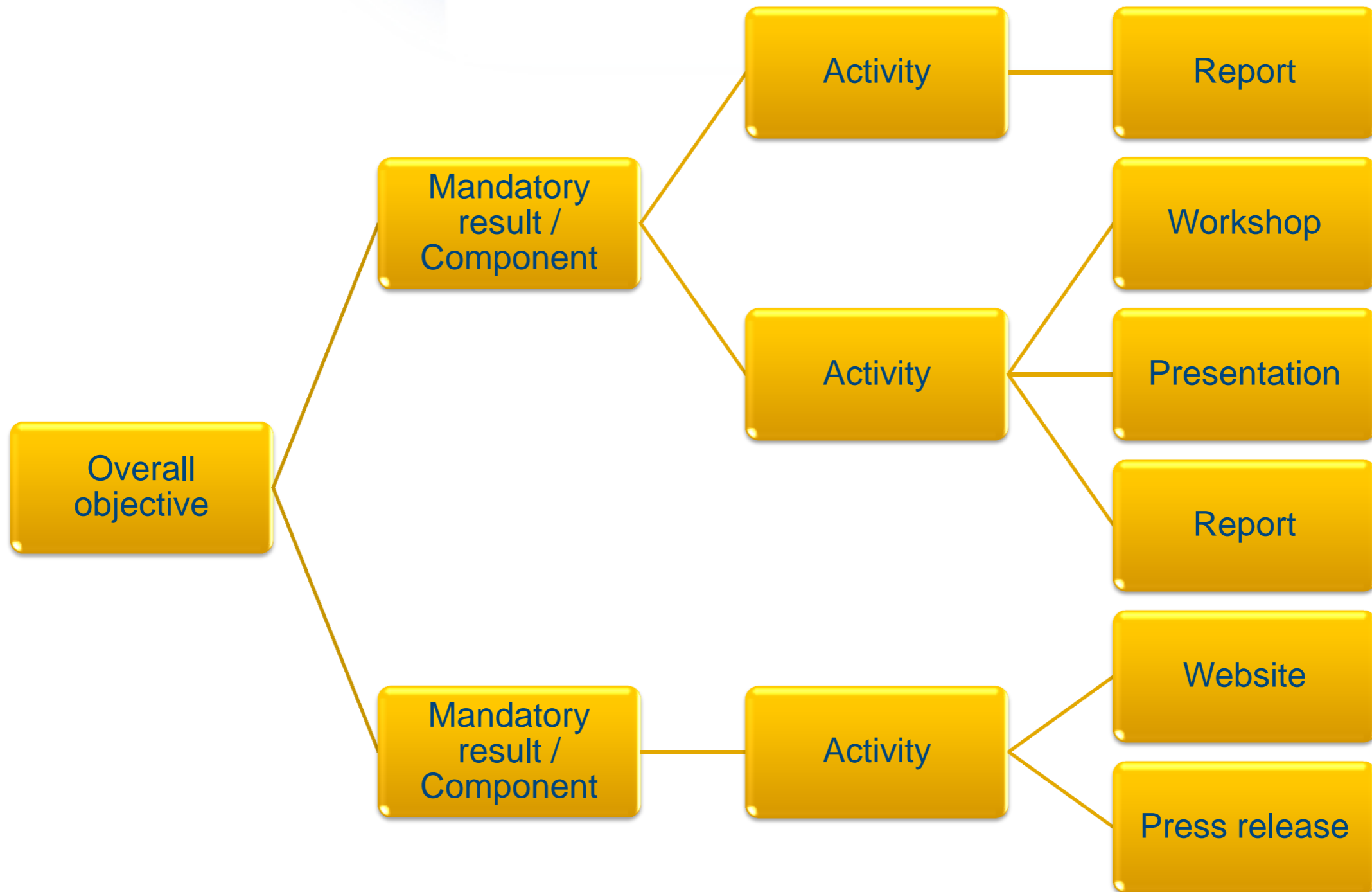


Twinning project lifecycle





Structure of a Twinning project



Twinning rules

Twinning Manual 2012 – Update 2013-2014 and annexes (valid for projects circulated from 1st January 2013)

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/tenders/twinning/index_en.htm



E-Control and Twinning

Projects with regulators:

- Ukraine (Italy lead MS; Austria and Czech Republic junior partners)
- Macedonia
Austria lead MS; additional experts from Slovenia
- Georgia
Austria lead MS; additional experts from Latvia, Germany
- Algeria – 2014 +
project under preparation; Austria lead MS; Spain junior partner

Projects with ministries

- Croatia (Austria lead)



The benefits of our Twinning project for GEORGIA

In case of the sustainable implementation of the project recommendations:

- **One step forward to the EU** concerning energy regulation: EU requirements fulfilled
- **Positive impact on investments:** stable regulatory framework, regulation predictable, no regulatory risk
- **Strengthened regulatory independence** through increased know-how
- **Increased quality of network operations** via stable regulation

The benefits of our Twinning project for GNERC

In case of the sustainable implementation of the project recommendations:

- **Know-how of EU standards** in energy regulation available
- **Institutional capacity** increased
- **Transparent** way of regulation & decisions
- **English language skills** increased
- **International contacts** for further cooperation

NEWS

- 22 January 2015, GEORGIA TODAY
 - ▶ Regarding important changes in the internal market, in the summer of 2014 the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) introduced new electricity tariff methodology. ... Mariam Valishvili, Deputy Minister of Energy of Georgia stated, launching new methodology is a major step toward Energy Community membership.



NEWS

- 23 February 2015, The FINANCIAL
 - ▶ “A stable investment environment and legislation are the most important things for investors. Legislation must take into account the fair and legal interests of the investors. Investors should feel stability during the payback period of investments. On its side GNERC has implemented a new tariff methodology. We tried to find a bright and clear set of rules while creating the tariff regulation. It is important for investors to be aware of what the investment return rate is, the costs reflected in the tariff, when and how a company’s revenue can be corrected, as well as other details,” said Irina Milorava, Chairman of the Georgian National Energy



**Thank you
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