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International Collaborations in NL

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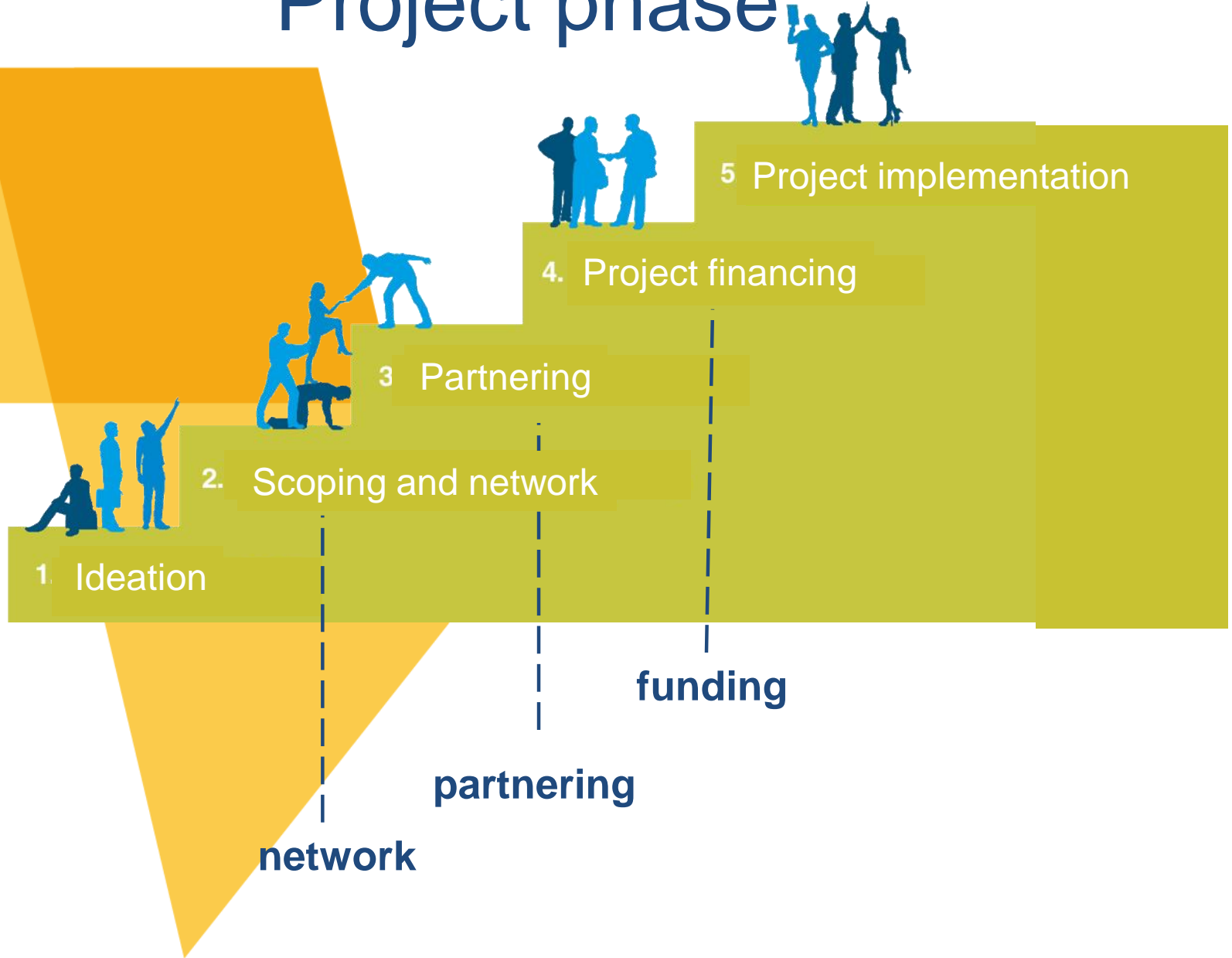
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Project phase



1. International collaborations and funding

- **BBI – specific calls**
- **ERDF – regions: topics and calls**
- **H2020**
- **Interreg – different kinds**

Characteristics

- **Project funding**
- **Often based on smart specialisation**
- **Not all applicable for BPF**

2. International collaborations and partnering

- **Vanguard**
- **Smart Industry platforms**
- **Smart Regions**



3. International collaborations and network

- **ERIAFF: European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry**
- **ERRIN: European Regions Research and Innovation Network**
- **ECRN: European Chemical Regions Network**

- **Biobased Delta and their partners**
- **Big-C**
- **3BI**



Observations

Smart Specialisation is a good basis for collaboration between regions

International collaboration lies one or more steps before financial support

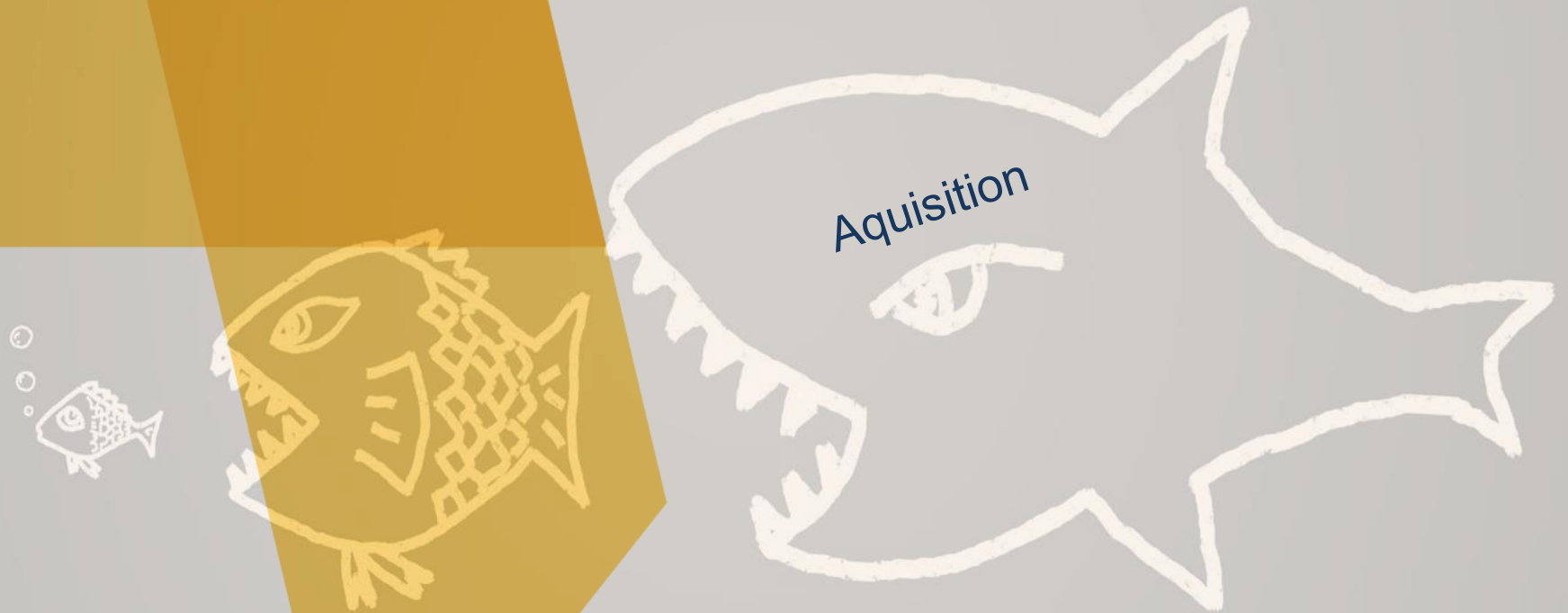
Difficult balance between 'leading' and 'following'

Pilot facilities are 'expensive' especially for SME. A (European) voucher system would be helpful.

BPF is considered a 'large company' in funding systems and that hampers participation.

Finding clients

Projects? Just plain B2B contacts to recruit customers!



- **An other kind of international collaboration.**
- **Pilot facilities fit in specific projects or on specific places in a longer process ... not so easy to initiate**



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