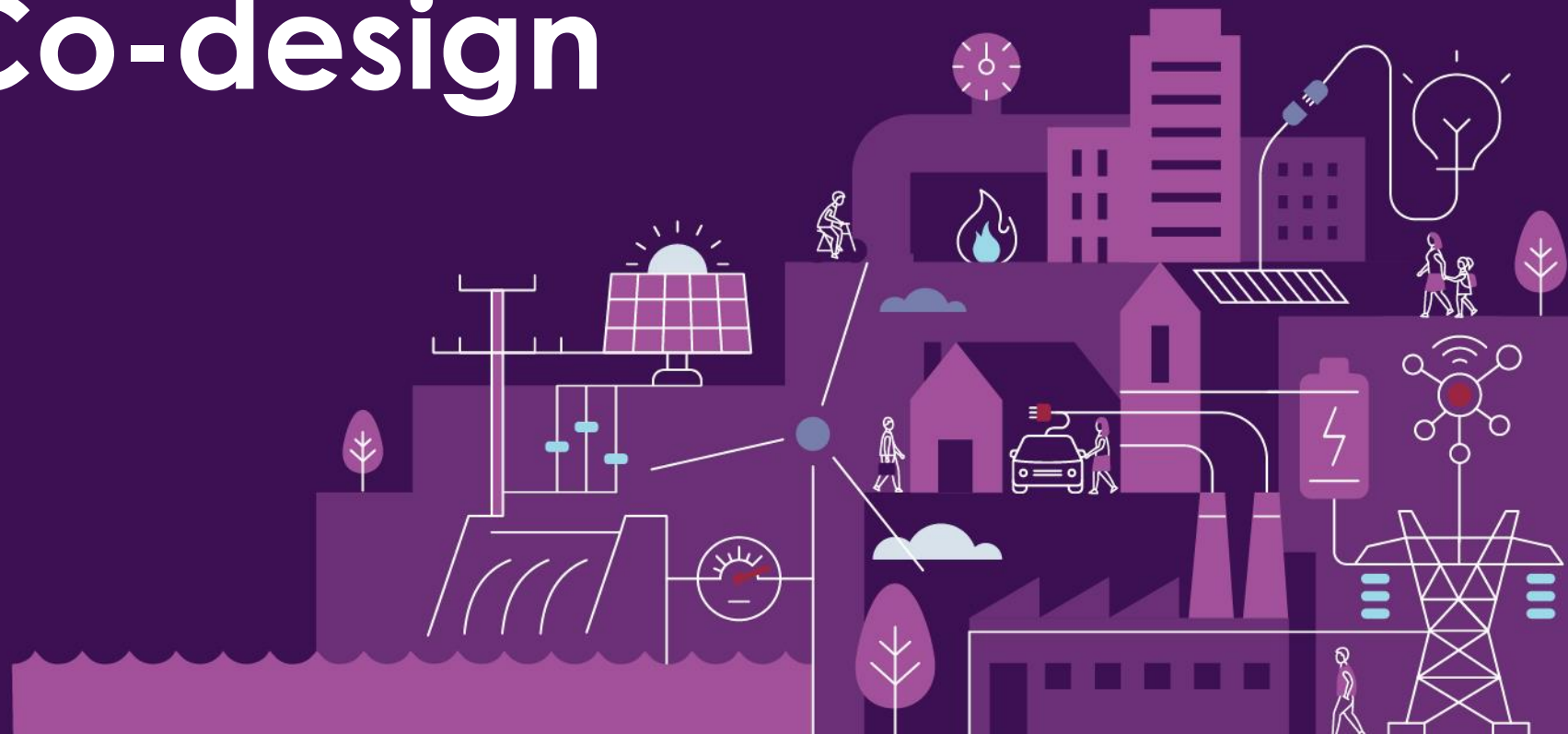


# CER Data Exchange Industry Co-design

## Workshop 1

6 August 2024



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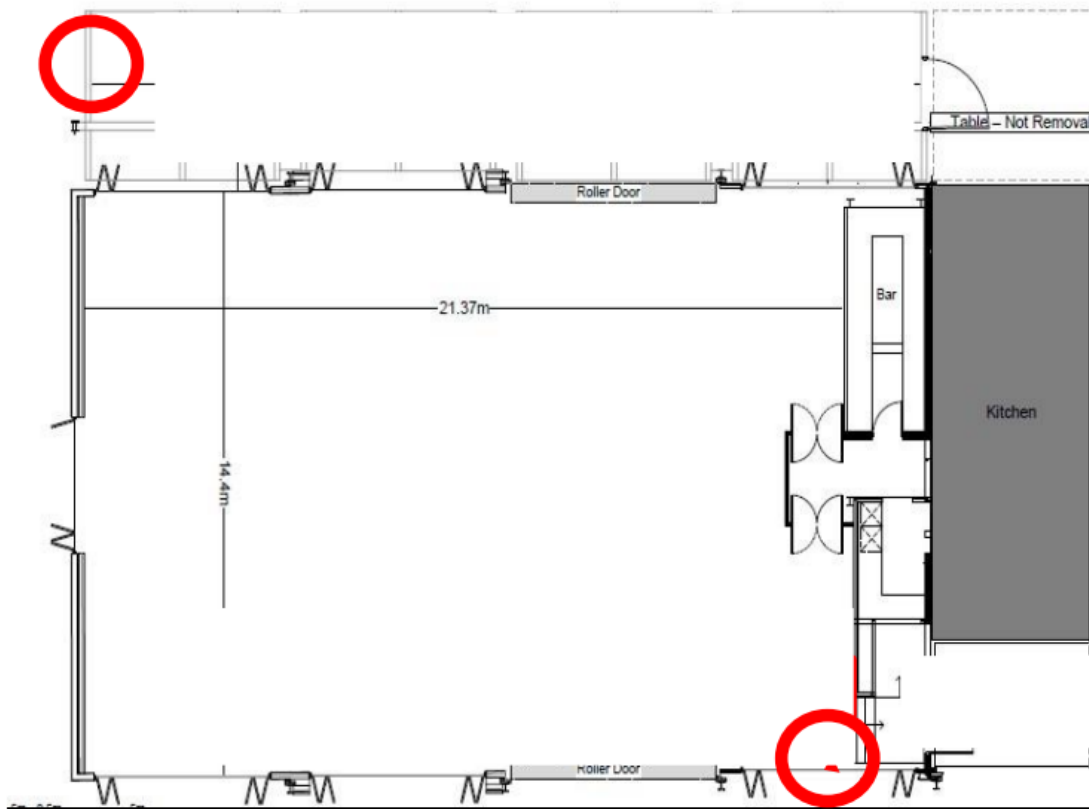


# Emergency Exits

## Two emergency exit points:

- Guest entry on the river side
- Entry door on Dukes Walk

THE CARGO HALL



## Emergency Muster Points:

- In front of Novatel Car Park Entry
- Towards Webley Bridge



# Broad range of industry participation at Workshop 1

## Stakeholder Groups

-  Consumer advocates
-  DNSP
-  Government and Market Bodies
-  Retailer and Generator
-  Equipment manufacturers
-  Aggregator
-  Academia and Industry Body
-  Other (Metering and Consultants)

# Workshop agenda

#	Description
1	Registration
2	Welcome & Introduction
3	<b>Macro Context Setting</b> - SURVEY GROUP DISCUSSION - TABLE ACTIVITY - Placemat
4	<b>Morning Tea Break</b> - Networking - Contribute to the Ideas Wall & Parking Lot
5	<b>Use Case Deep Dives</b> - TABLE ACTIVITY
6	Lunch
	Panel Discussion
7	<b>Use Case Deep Dives 2.0</b> - TABLE ACTIVITY
8	<b>Afternoon Tea Break</b> - Networking - Contribute to the Ideas Wall & Parking Lot
9	<b>Evaluation Considerations &amp; Design Preferences</b> - TABLE ACTIVITY - Actor role play
10	Large Group Sharing and Synthesis, Outcomes & Next Steps
11	Closing Remarks

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

**We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.**

# Video messages



# Gavin Dufty

National Director – Energy Policy and Research  
St Vincent de Paul Society

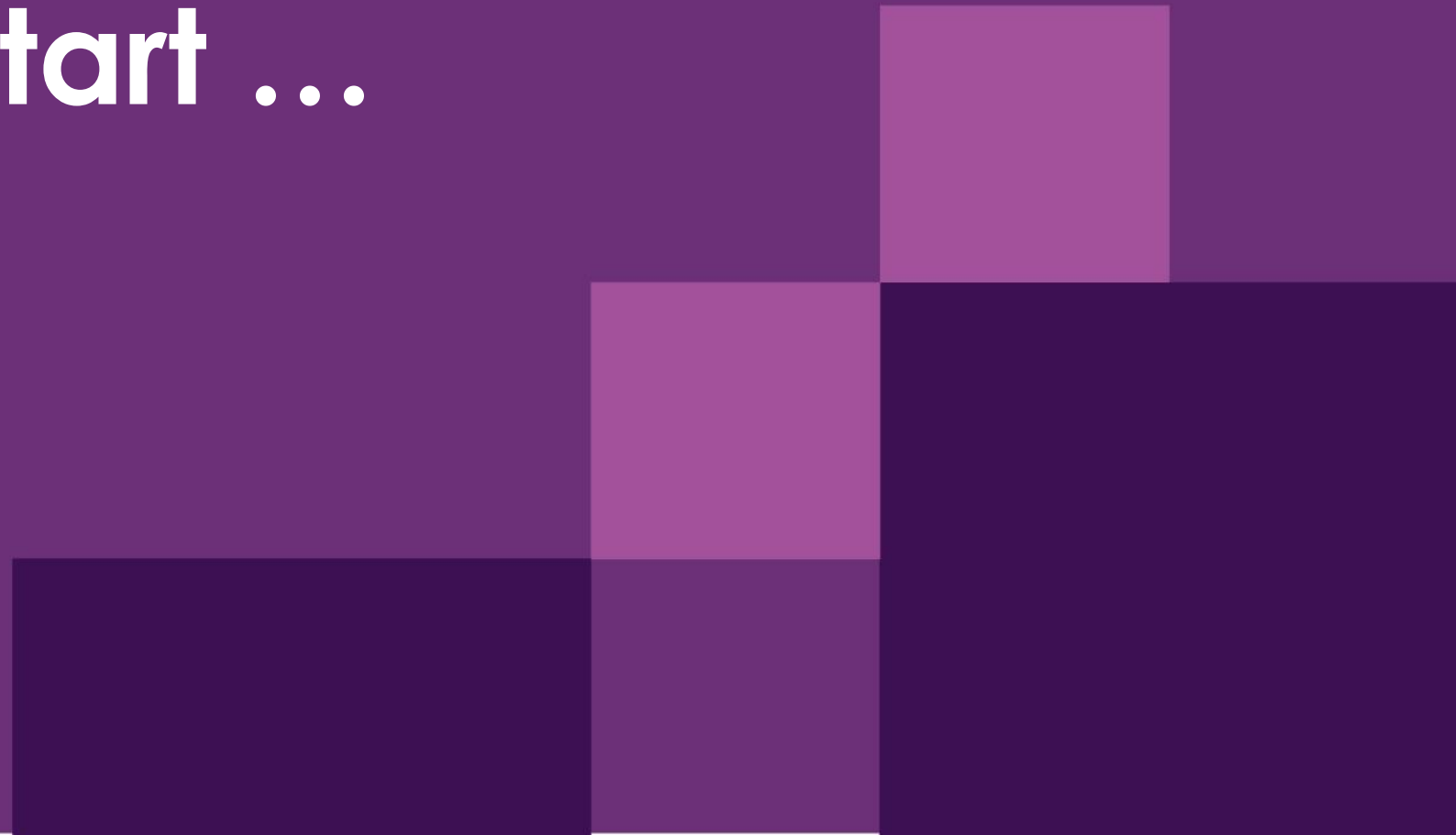






# Before we start ...

A word of thanks



# We had help from a group of experts

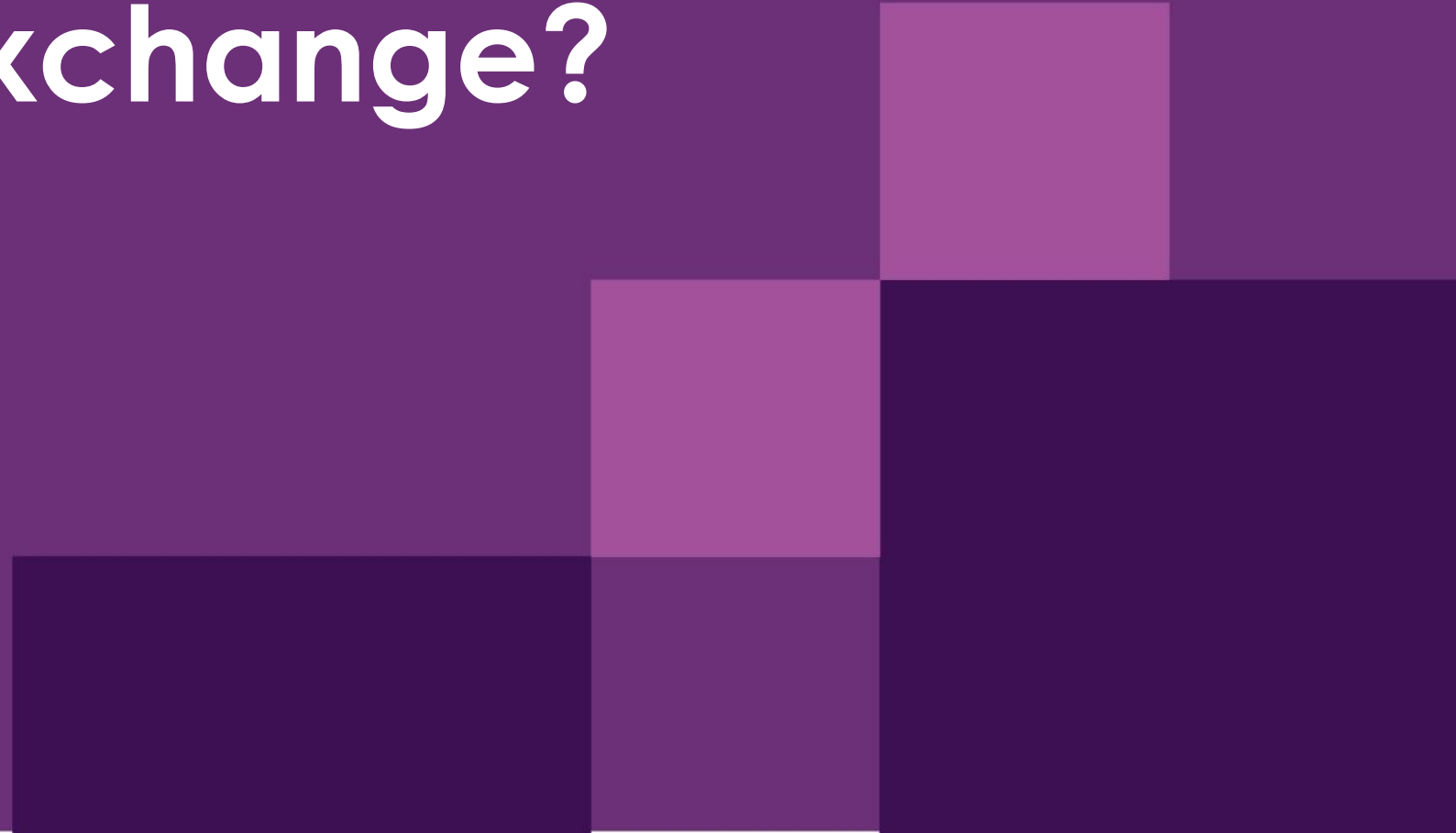


22 members  
8 broad stakeholder groups

4 x EWG meetings  
8 hours of collaborative discussion

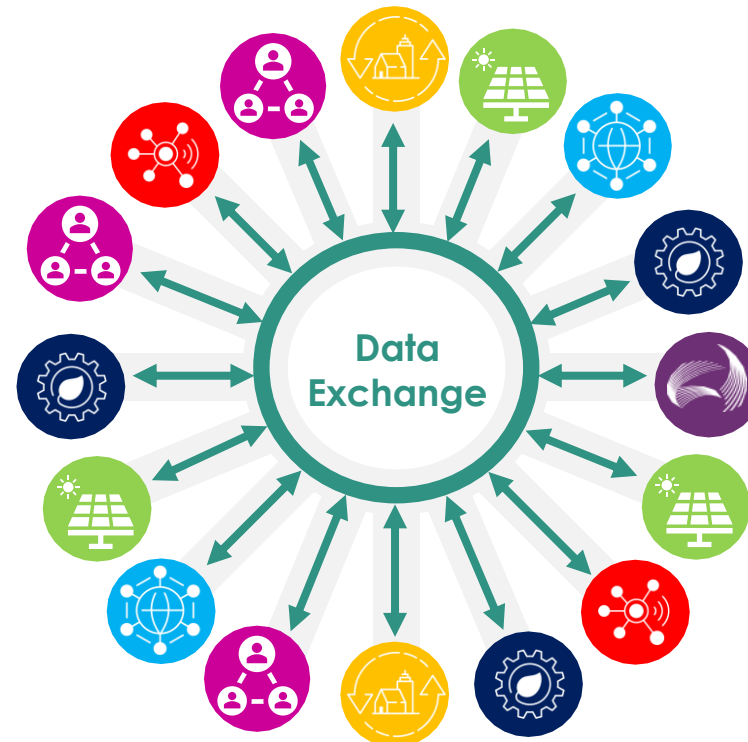
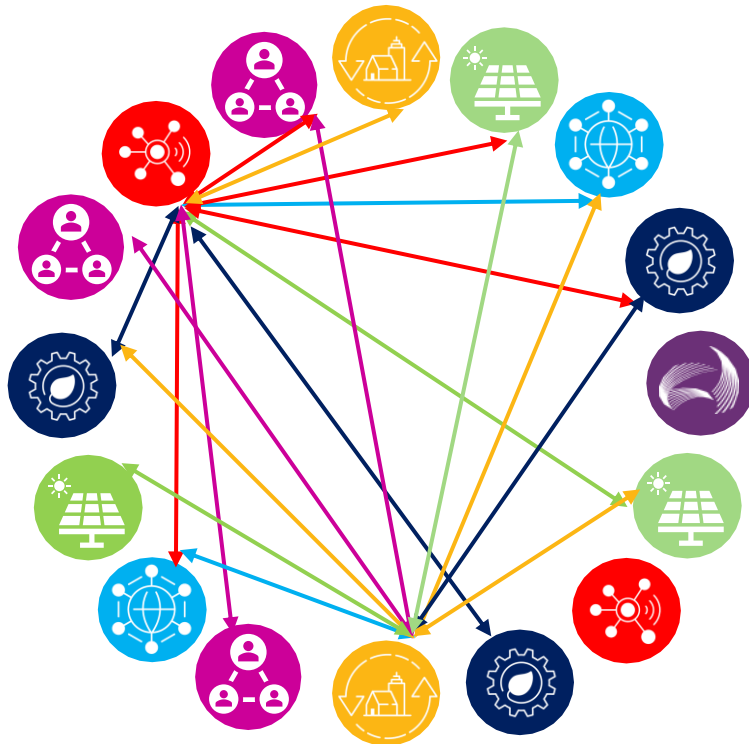
- ✓ Shaped how we structure our workshop today
- ✓ Very active, robust, and constructive discussions on use cases
- ✓ Tested two of the use cases we're exploring today

# Why do we need a CER Data Exchange?



# But first, what is a data exchange?

*Current CER organisation-to-organisation arrangements*



*Legend*

-  Retailers
-  Aggregators
-  DNSPs
-  OEMs
-  AEMO
-  3rd party integrators
-  Customer / device agent

# Australia is not alone in thinking about this

## United States

'Digital Spine' (early investigation stage) - US Dept of Energy, California ISO

## United Kingdom

UK Digital Spine (feasibility study phase) - enables plug and play options, encouraging whole system interoperability and standardised data sharing.

UK flexibility services standardisation (development phase)

UK EV Charge Point Data Hub (procurement phase)

## Austria

EDA Data Exchange Platform (Est. 2012, owned by 15 DSOs) - create a uniform, decentralised, electronic data exchange for the Austrian electricity and gas sector.

## Portugal

MOBI.E (operational) - industry data hub for EV data

## Australia

- AEMO / AusNet / Mondo, Project EDGE
- Western Power/Synergy/AEMO, Project Symphony
- RACE for 2030: National Charge Link - Public-good EV Data Hub
- Greensync, Decentralised Energy Exchange (deX)

# Other industries have already implemented a data exchange



## New Payments Platform

A distributed switch of individual 'Payment Access Gateways' that route and exchange financial messages between each other.



## Australia's Digital ID System

Delivered by a number of organisations who work together to provide a safe, secure and convenient way to prove identity online.



## Australian Agricultural Data Exchange

Enables participants to share and use data from disparate systems in a secure cloud environment.

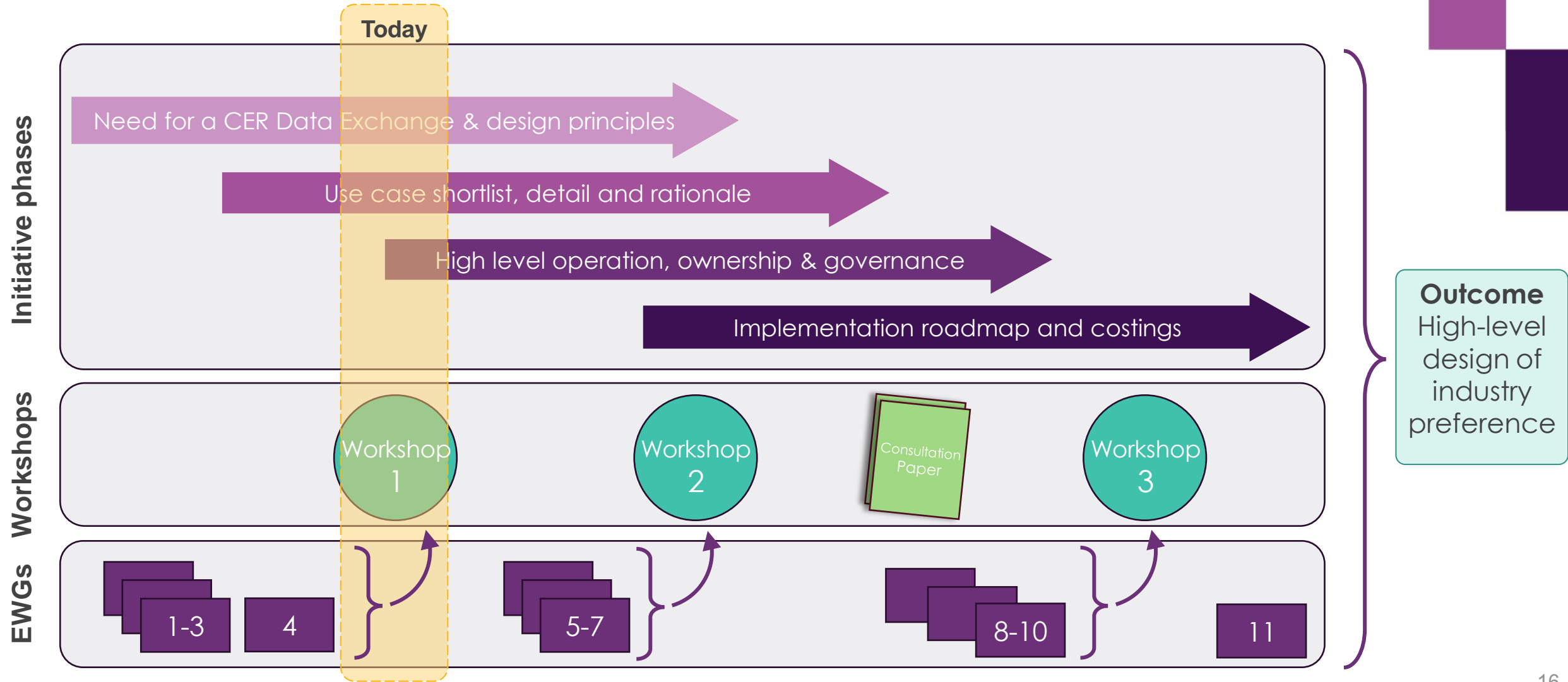


## European Health Data Space

Common European data space allowing for wider availability, improved quality and re-usability of data held by private and public sectors.

# Today's workshop

# Where is the co-design process at?





# Public workshop 1 – our goal and target outcomes

## Our target outcomes



Build awareness on the need for a CER Data Exchange



Share our preliminary view of CER Data Exchange use cases



Develop foundations for future workshops



Equip industry to respond to the upcoming consultation paper

## What we are not doing

- Achieve 100% agreement – we are seeking feedback and input on what we need to achieve
- Detail designs and discuss technology choices
- Determine participants' roles and responsibilities

# Let's make this a positive workshop



Be open to different perspectives



Outcome focused – focus on the problem we are trying to solve, but we can't solve everything



Welcome constructive questions

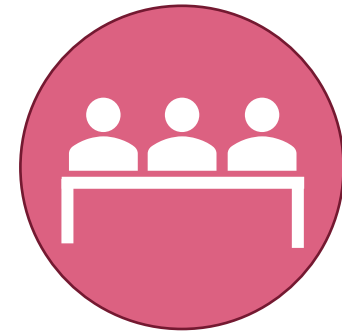
# What's in store today?



Table discussion  
and input



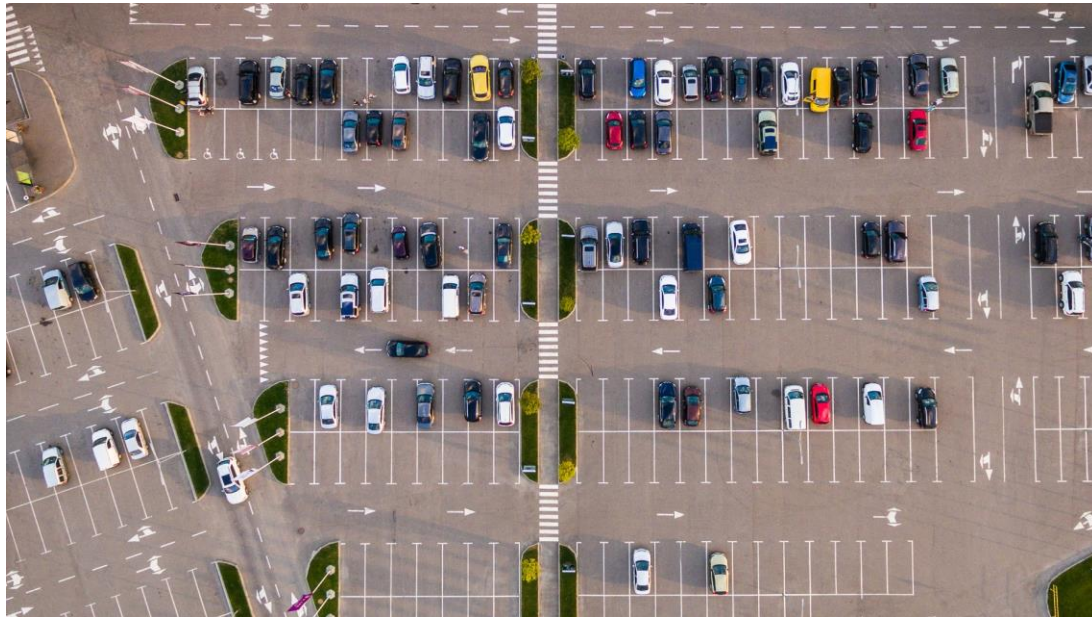
Surveys



Panel discussion

# Ideas wall and Parking Lot

Capturing all our ideas today



# Ice Breaker

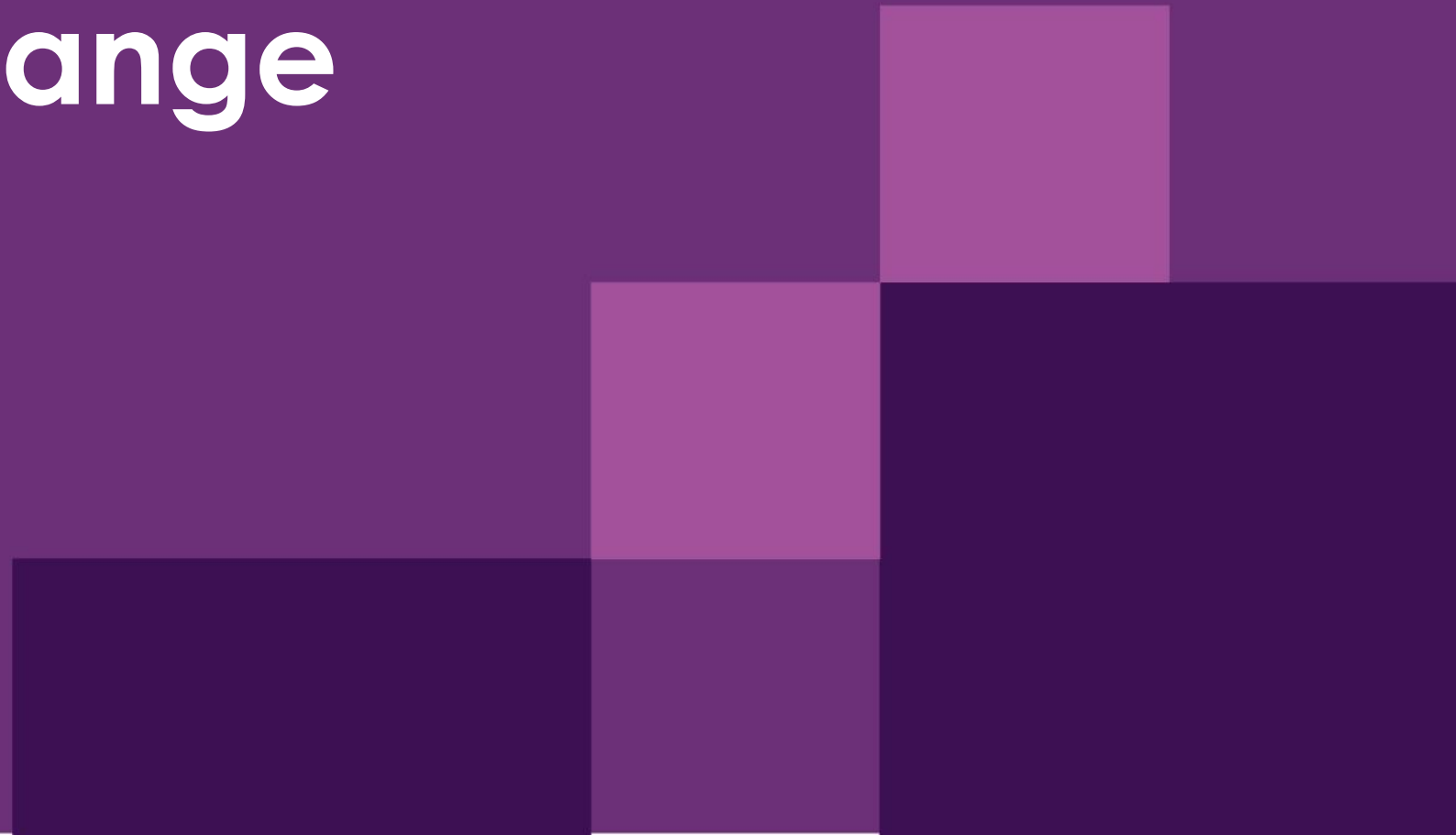


# Speed date x 3!

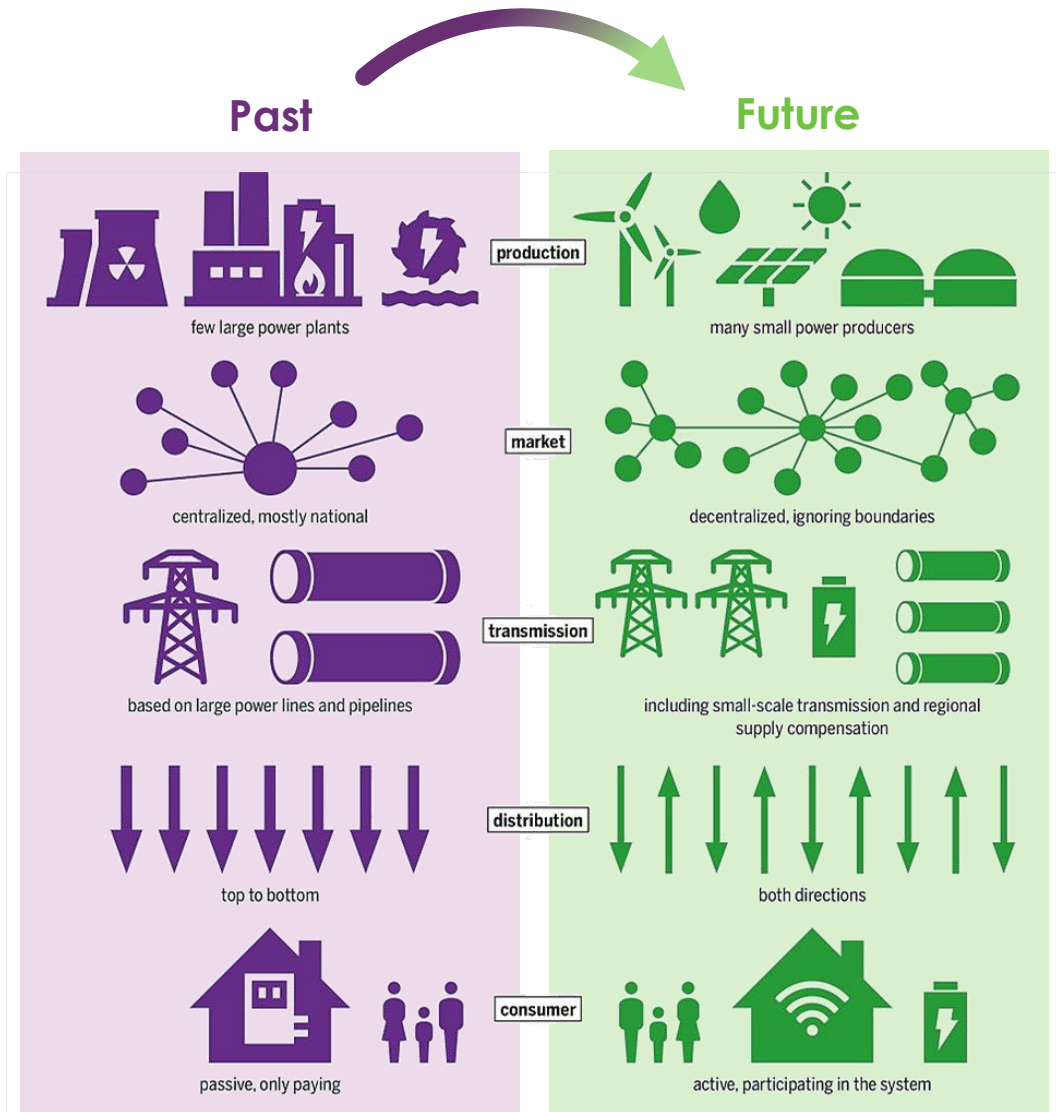
- Who are you, and where are you from?
- What is your favourite CER technology?
- What do you hope to get out of today?

# Case for change

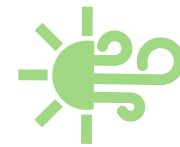
What is the macro story?



# As we transition to net zero, the power system requires increasing flexibility and coordination



## Drivers of flexibility and coordination needs of the future grid



Inherently weather dependent with faster response times



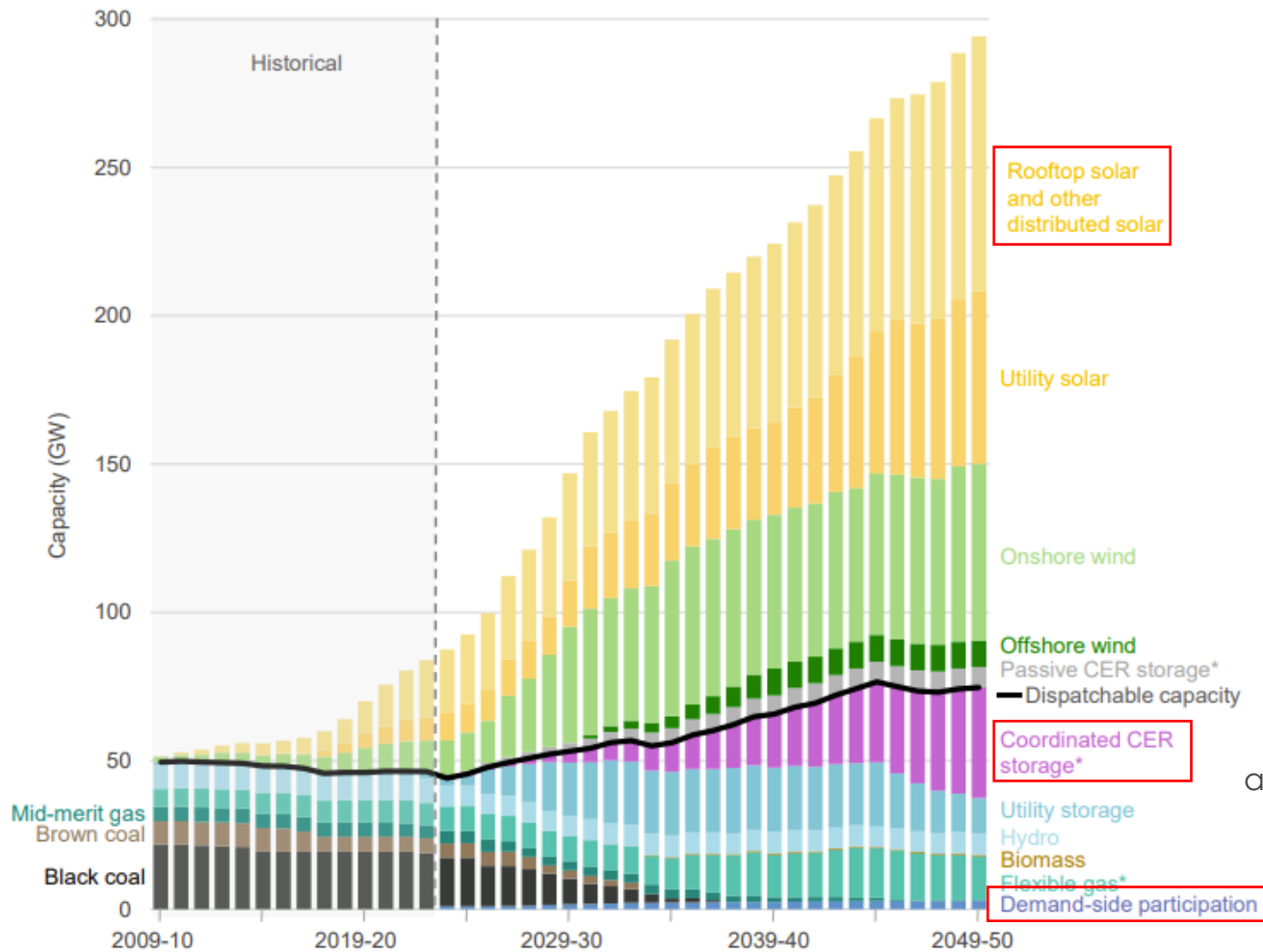
Driven by many customer choices and behaviours



Need to make best use of generation, network, and consumer assets



# CER can provide a material source of system flexibility – benefiting all consumers – if we coordinate it



By 2050, CER is forecast to...

Increase in capacity by

5x

Provide

45%

of all dispatchable capacity

Distributed solar PV  
forecast to increase by

4x

or 12 million homes

Residential batteries  
forecast to increase by

7x

or 3 million batteries

Electric vehicles ownership  
as a portion of the road fleet up to

97%

or 19 million vehicles

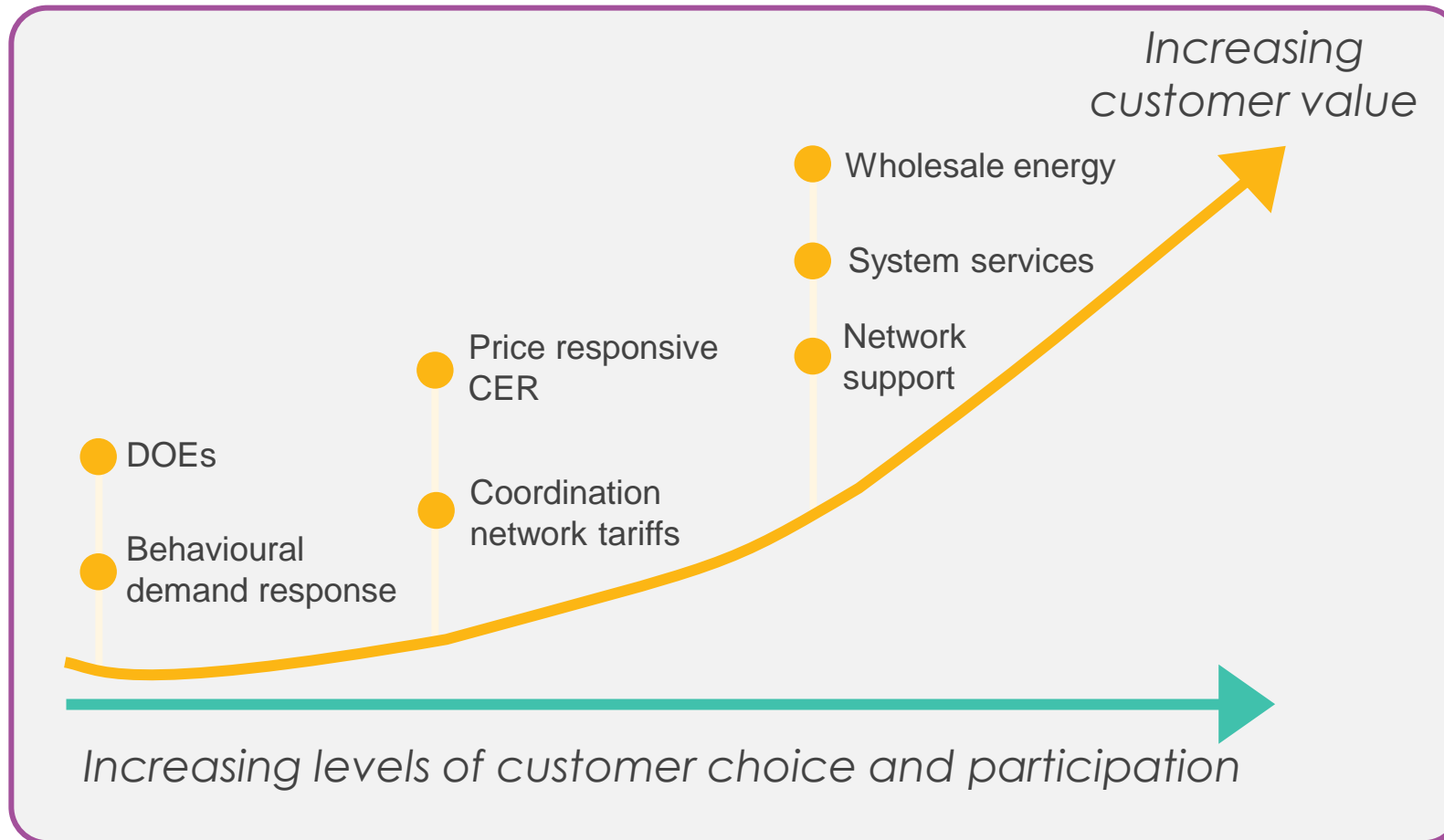
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In additional grid-scale investment,  
if consumer batteries are effectively  
coordinated

# Customers have choice in the flexibility of their CER

*Industry needs to create an environment that facilitates customers activating these choices – which could all change over the course of a day*



# CER-provided flexibility requires the exchange of data at gigawatt scale

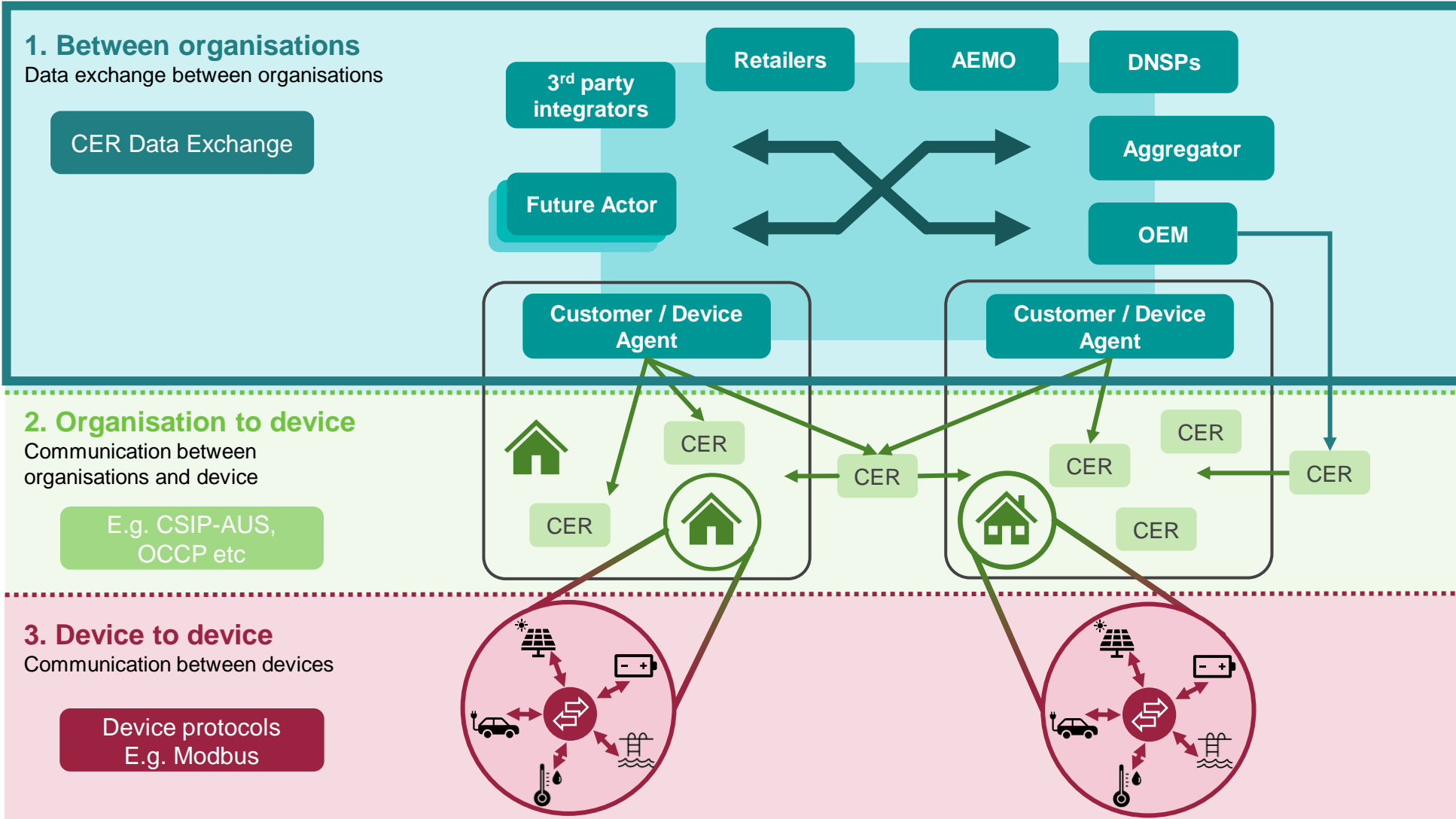
‘Step change’ assumes multiple layers of flexibility and coordination in the system for it to continue working – and coordinating the flow and access of data is crucial to achieving this at scale



Each consumer, CER asset, and organisation will need to consume and produce data – multiplying the number of relationships and exchanges of data required to coordinate CER by an exponential rate.

# Gigawatt scale exchange of data can be broken down into three distinct but interrelated layers

OUR FOCUS



# How data is exchanged between organisations today will limit the value of CER in the future

Australian CER trials and international experience (UK) have shown that a streamlined and secure data exchange between organisations is a critical enabler of CER integration and coordination at GW-scale

## *So what?*

There is a fundamental gap in the CER ecosystem for common data sharing infrastructure between organisations – and it should not be in the too hard basket.

It is too risky, costly and potentially unstable to continue down this path.

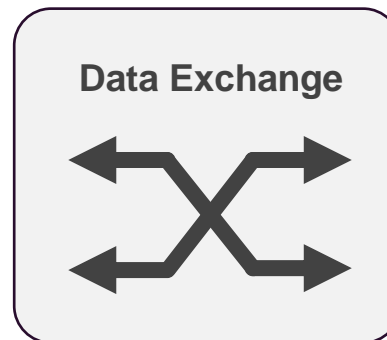
Changing course will reduce the overlapping investments required to make sub-optimal organisation to organisation data exchange processes work at scale – reducing time and duplication of effort to set up, coordinate, and maintain, with better customer choice.

# CER Data Exchange is a foundational element we need now

*Through this process, we will work collaboratively with stakeholders to define what a national data exchange for CER will deliver for all consumers*

## Key benefits of an exchange

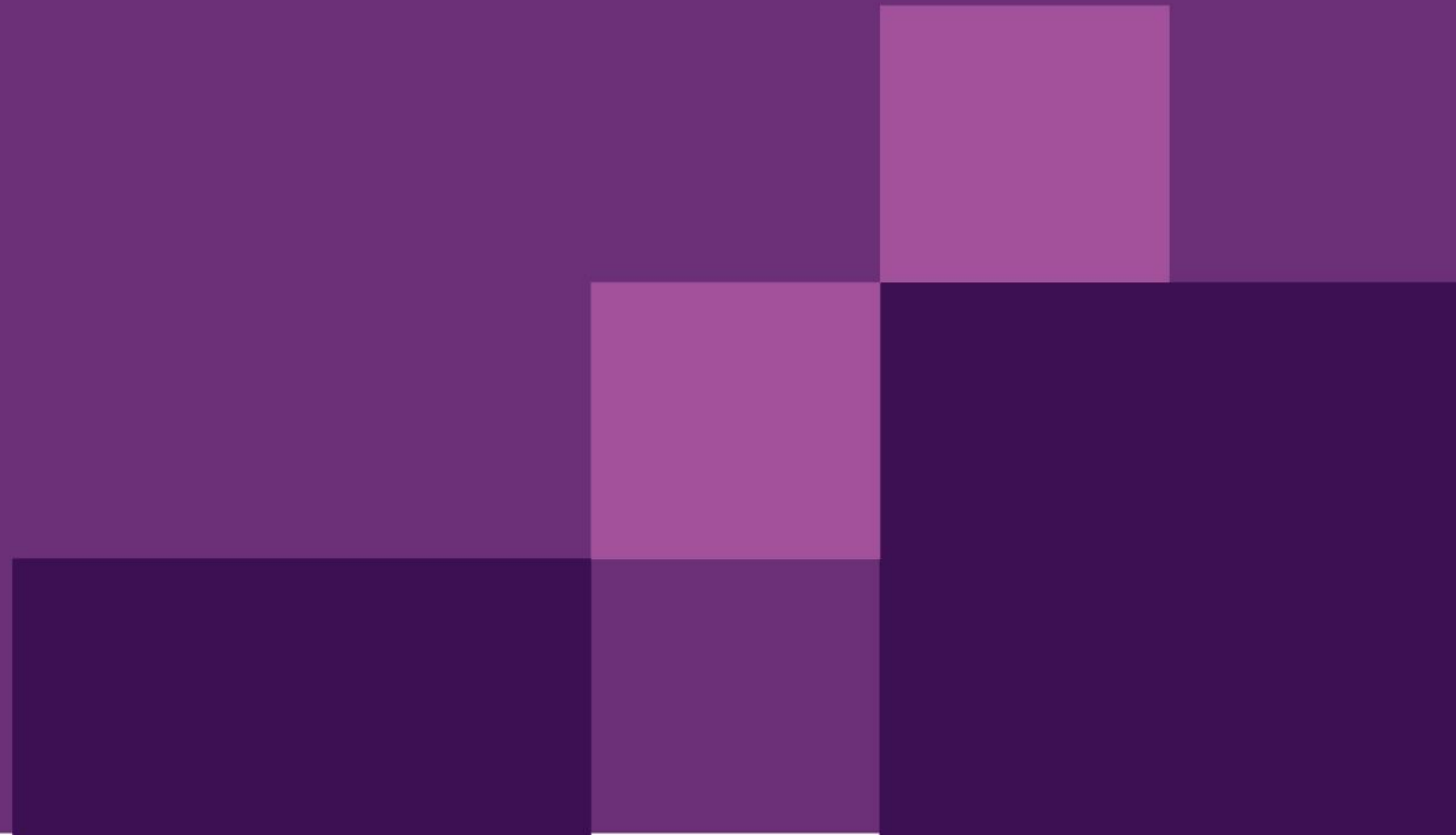
- ✓ Support greater choice
- ✓ Support entry and innovation
- ✓ Reduce cost to serve
- ✓ Flexible foundation for future needs



## What it does not do

- ✗ Control devices
- ✗ Create a single repository
- ✗ Make tech decisions
- ✗ Force one way to exchange
- ✗ Absorb systems and functions

# Survey and group discussion



# The survey says ...





# WORKSHOP ACTIVITY #1

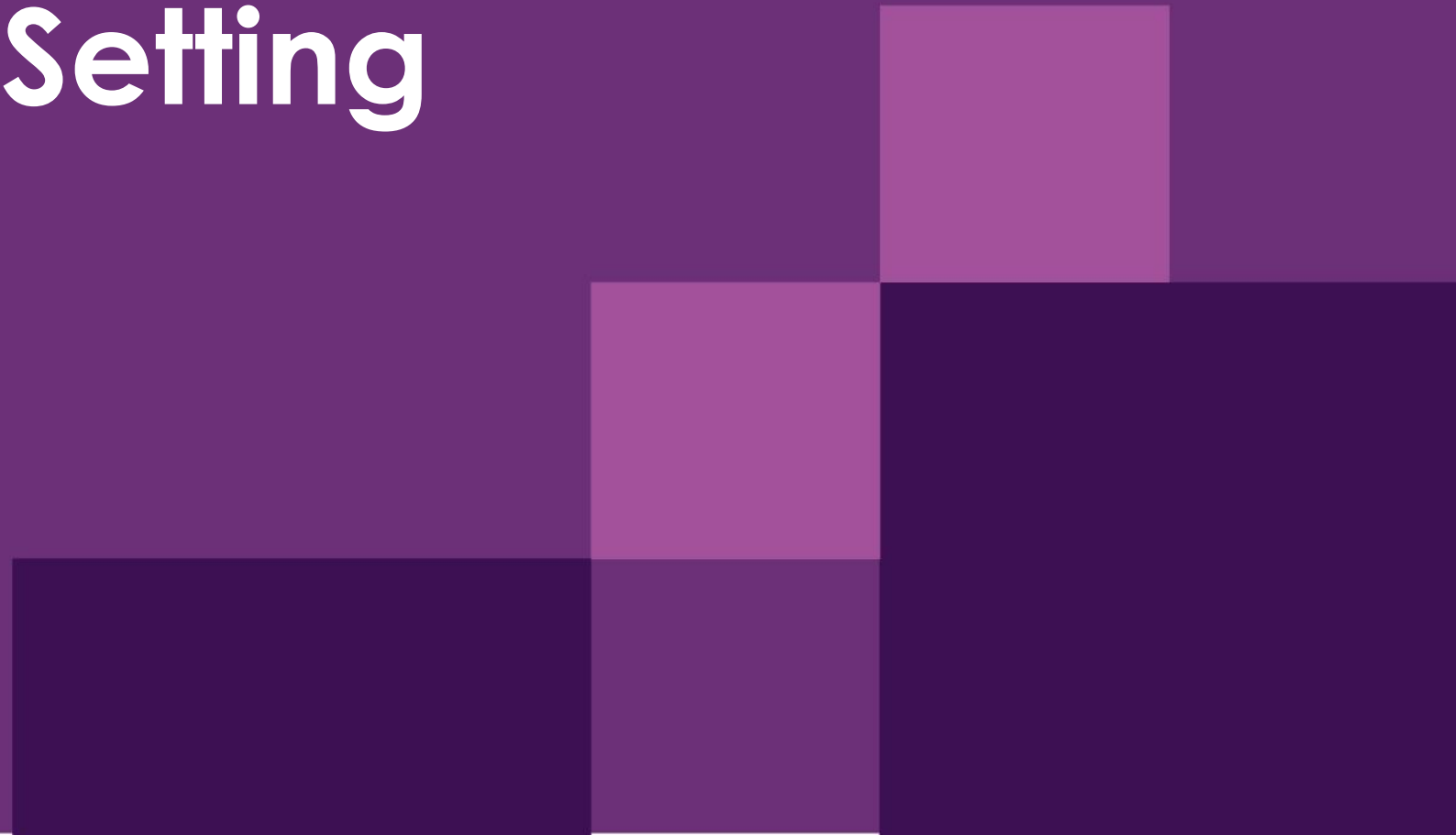


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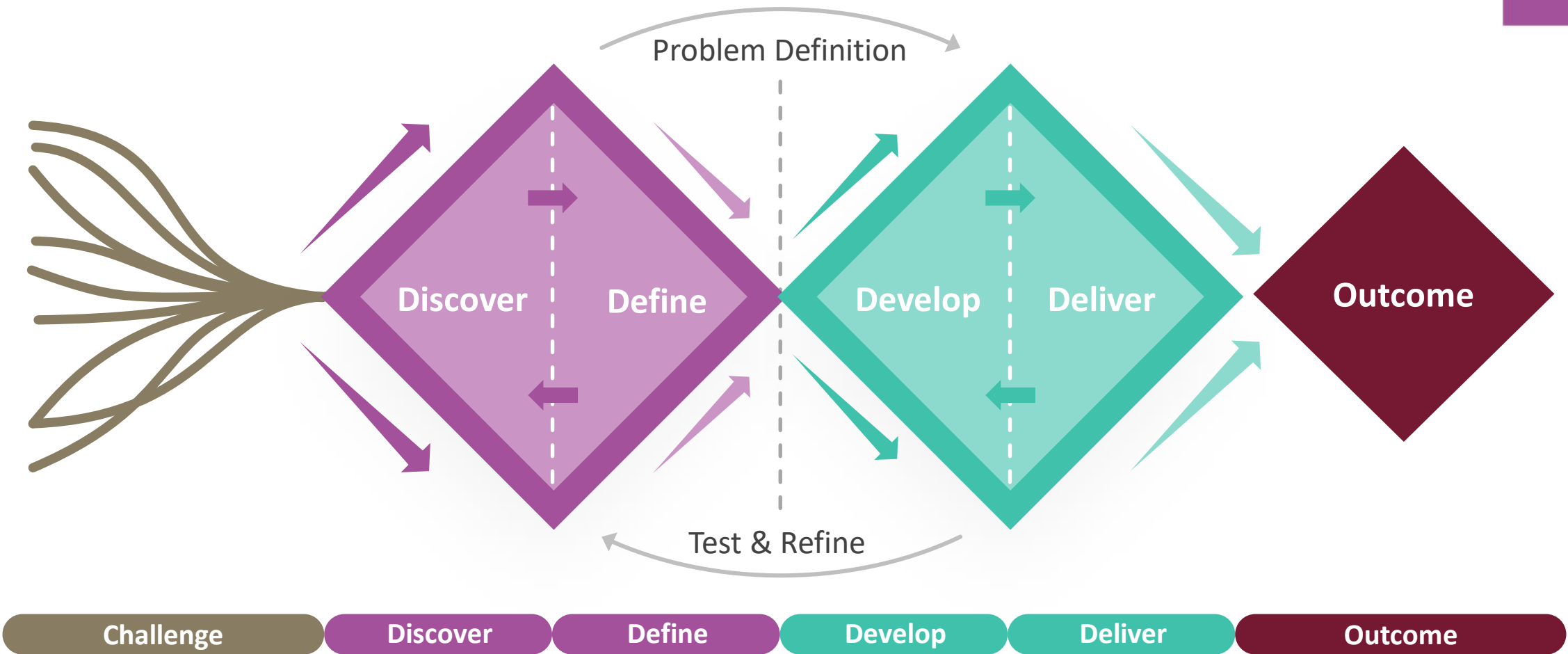


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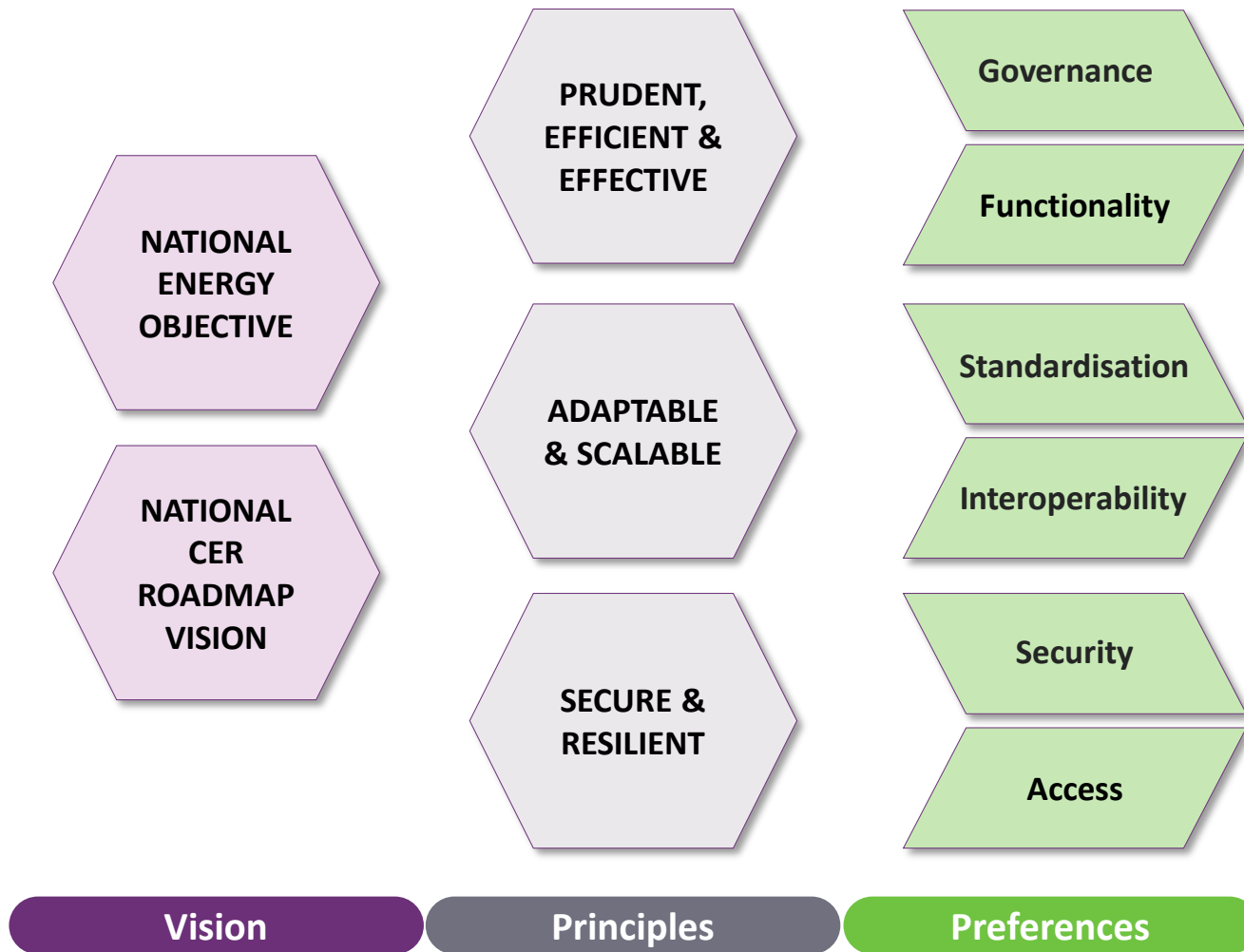
Take 2



# Codesign Engagement Framework



# Table Activity #2: Preference Setting



## Vision

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[National Consumer Energy Resources Roadmap](#)

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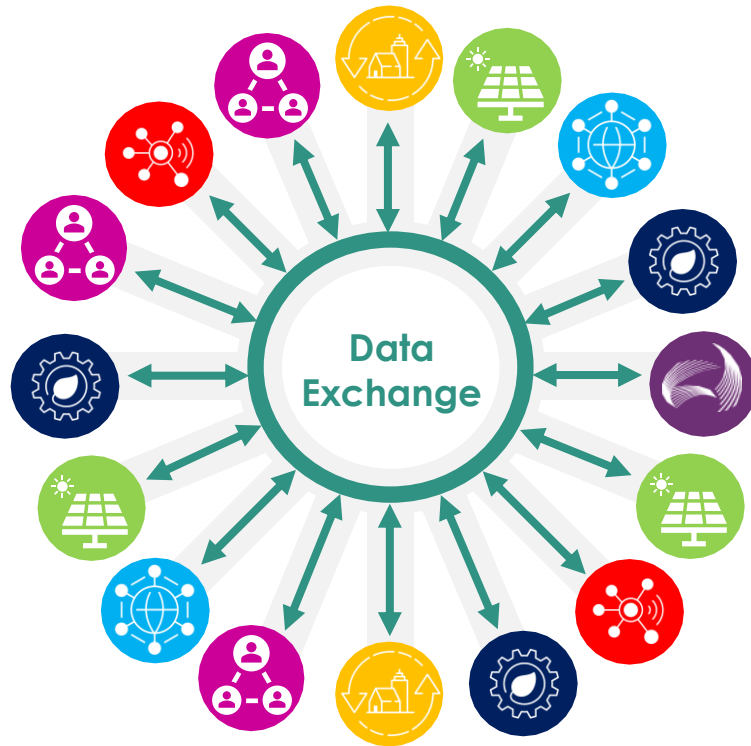
**ACTIVITY TASK:** Consider, comment, change or refine these overarching guiding principles.

## Preferences

**ACTIVITY TASK:** Consider the ‘must haves’ and ‘deal breakers’ by role playing alternative perspectives.

# CER Data Exchange

## Considering alternative perspectives



### Potential value to customers

- Cost savings lower energy cost
- Operational efficiency faster service
- Reduce risk and increase confidence
- Easy scaling of diverse options
- Lower barriers to entry
- Promote innovative solutions
- Flexible foundation for future needs
- More local renewable energy

### Legend



Retailers



Aggregators



DNSPs



OEMs



AEMO



3<sup>rd</sup> party integrators



Customer / device agent

# Placemat Overview

## CER Data Exchange: Preference Setting

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### Response

### Proposed Principles

PRUDENT, EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE

ADAPTABLE & SCALABLE

SECURE & RESILIENT

**ACTIVITY TASK:** Consider, comment, change or refine these overarching guiding principles?

### Response

### Preferences: Deal Breakers

**ACTIVITY TASK:** Role play to consider alternative perspectives

### Must Haves



# Morning tea break



# Use cases deep dive

Testing the usefulness of a CER Data Exchange through exploring use cases



# Group activity to explore use cases

**Purpose** Explore key use cases through a rapid and structured group activity

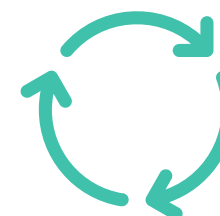


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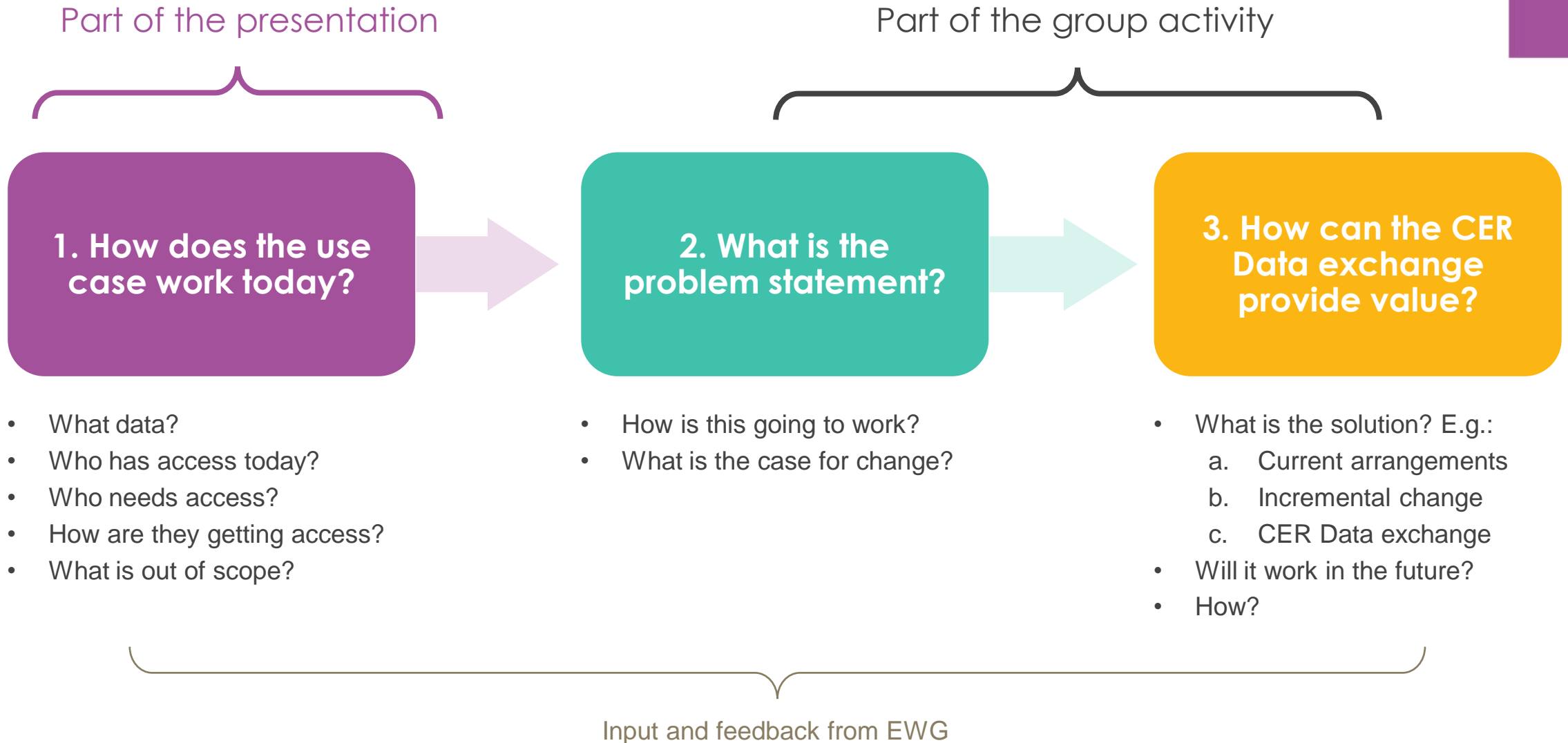
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# Placemat that we're using for the group activity

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*Brainstorm the potential functions or characteristics of a CER Data Exchange that are required to deliver this use case*

# Use case categories

## System Operation & Security

- Exchange of information for securely managing power flows and risks.
- Help organisations coordinate more efficiently to deliver electricity and CER services.

**Communicating DOEs to multiple parties**  
**Facilitating local network support services**

## Market Efficiency & Performance

- Exchange of information for CER energy market participation and service provision.
- Enables organisations to provide trading services that value stack CER assets.

**Retailer flexibility requests**  
**Sharing market and network prices**

## Customer, Asset, & Agent Records

- Exchange of information on customer participation choices.
- Ensures organisations can engage with and deliver services per customer preferences.

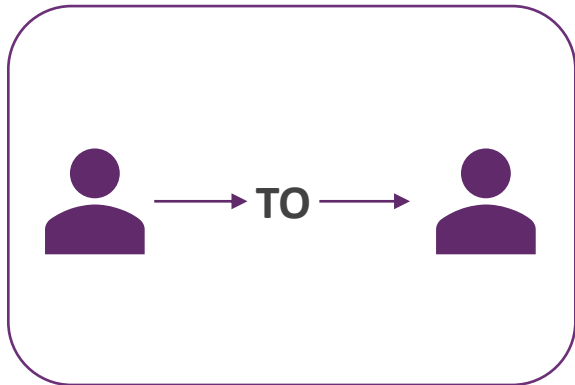
**Visibility of customer choices**  
**NMI and DER Standing data**

## Non-functional Requirements

Use cases related to the characteristics or functions that must be performed to deliver any one of these use cases.

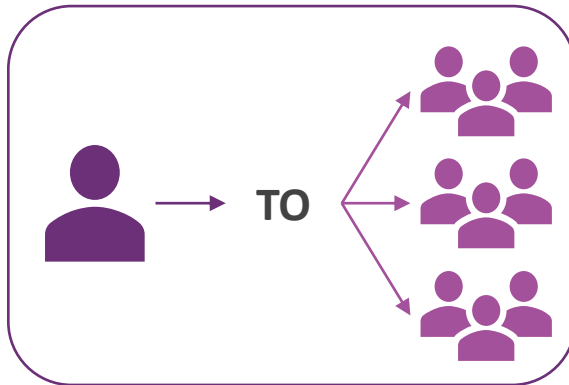
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**One to one**



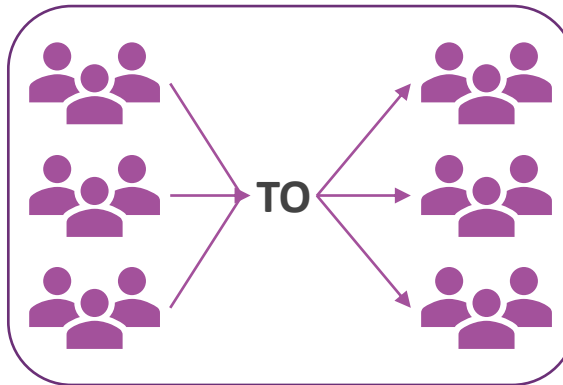
**Sending a text message with a photograph to one person**

**One to many**



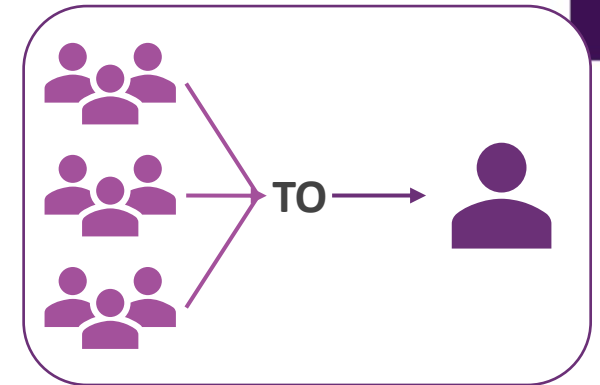
**Sending an email with a document to a group of people**

**Many to many**



**Using a social media platform to like, comment, subscribe to other people's posts**

**Many to one**



**Receiving feedback from customers through a survey response**

# Preliminary use case selection criteria

## Creates customer value

- Does the use case create customer value today?
- If the use case is emergent, is it at least likely to provide customer value in the future?
- 

Prevents customer lock in  
 Decreases sharing costs  
 Enables innovation  
 Provides transparency

## Relevant to market need

- Does the use case address a current market need?
- If the use case is emergent, is it at least likely to address a future market need?

Part of the broader CER coordination picture  
 Organisations performing their current or future roles

## Feasible and needs scale

- Is the use case technically and physically feasible?
- Does the use case need scale to maximise customer value?

Within exchange guardrails  
 Economically feasible  
 Needs a critical mass  
 Can generate scale and scope economies

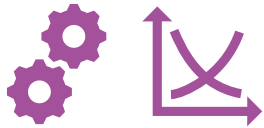
## Supports an orderly transition

- Does the use case support the orderly transition to a more decarbonised CER-rich energy system?

Facilitates integration of CER  
 Decarbonisation sector convergence

# Priority use cases at this stage

## System Operation & Security



### Communicating DOEs to multiple organisations

Communication of dynamic limits by one DNSPs to one and/or many organisations

One-to-one  
One-to-many

## Market Efficiency & Performance



### Retailer flexibility requests

Communication of requests for CER / many organisations to respond to market price signals by one retailer

Many-to-one

## Customer, Asset, & Agent Records



### Visibility of customer choices

Recording choices that customers have made for organisations to provide services, that can notify or is discoverable by other organisations

Many-to-many  
One-to-one



### Wildcard

Use cases provided by workshop participants today.

Could be from any category or be any type of pattern.

# Group activity on use cases







## Use case #1: Visibility of customer choices

### What is the goal of the use case?

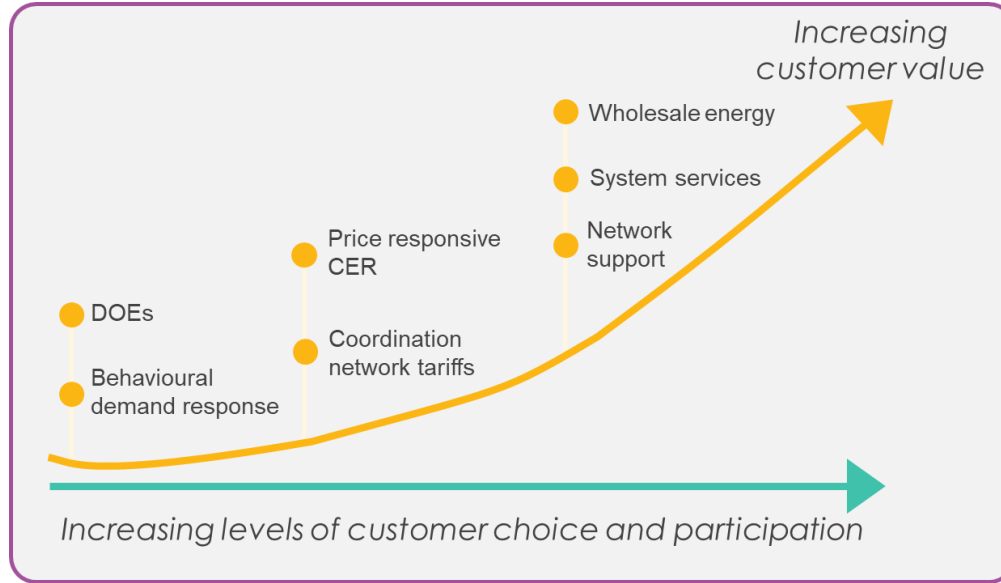
- Enable visibility of customer choices regarding service providers and service levels.
- Customer agents (service providers) can get access to the data and information that they need to perform their role.
- Facilitate more efficient switching between different customer agents and updates to relevant systems.

### What are the current barriers?

- No current system to enable visibility of customer choices.
- Emergent arrangements are creating information silos and asymmetry between customer agents.

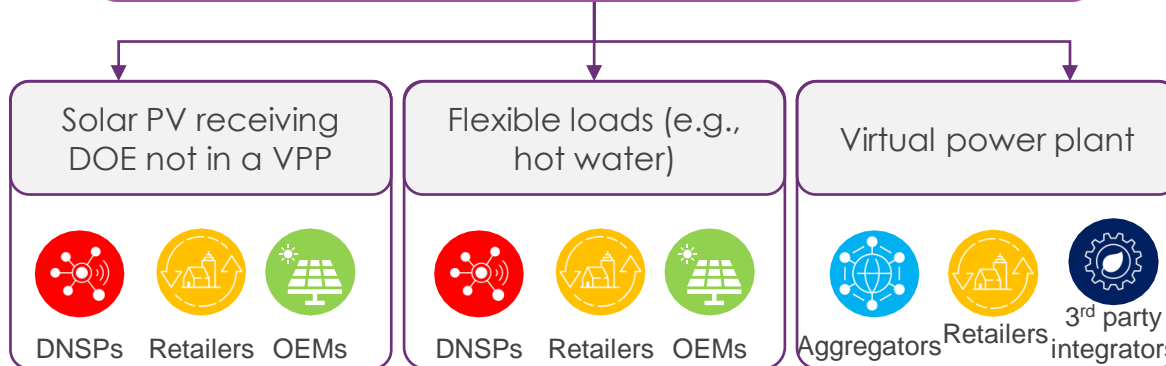


# Variety of customer choices to be enabled



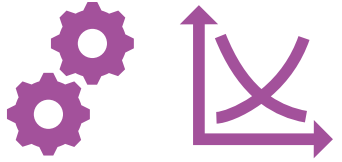
*Different service choices*

*Different potential agents*



## Enabled by different types of customer agents

- Many organisations need to collaborate to deliver customer value in a high CER world
- Different organisations can be a 'customer agent':
  - The Retailer or FRMP.
  - The DNSP (e.g., native DOEs)
  - The aggregator or VPP.
  - OEMs or 3rd party integrators.
- At GW-scale, multiple organisations besides the primary customer agent may need access to and visibility of customer, asset, actor data.



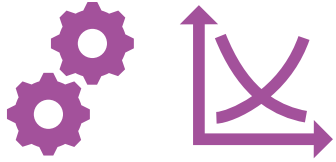
## Use case #2: Communicating DOEs to multiple organisations

### Which part of the process are we focusing on?

- Communication of dynamic limits by one DNSP to one site, multiple organisations at a site, or in aggregate to other organisations
- How multiple parties receive and maintain visibility of DOEs from multiple DNSPs
- Enable secure grid operations and customer choice of service providers

### How does it work today?

- DNSP publishes the site DOE to their utility server
- Each customer agent establishes connection with each DNSP for each CER asset at a single end point (device, gateway, or cloud)
- Separate integration required for visibility of site (or aggregate DOEs) for other entities that need it



# Steps involved in communicating DOEs to multiple organisations

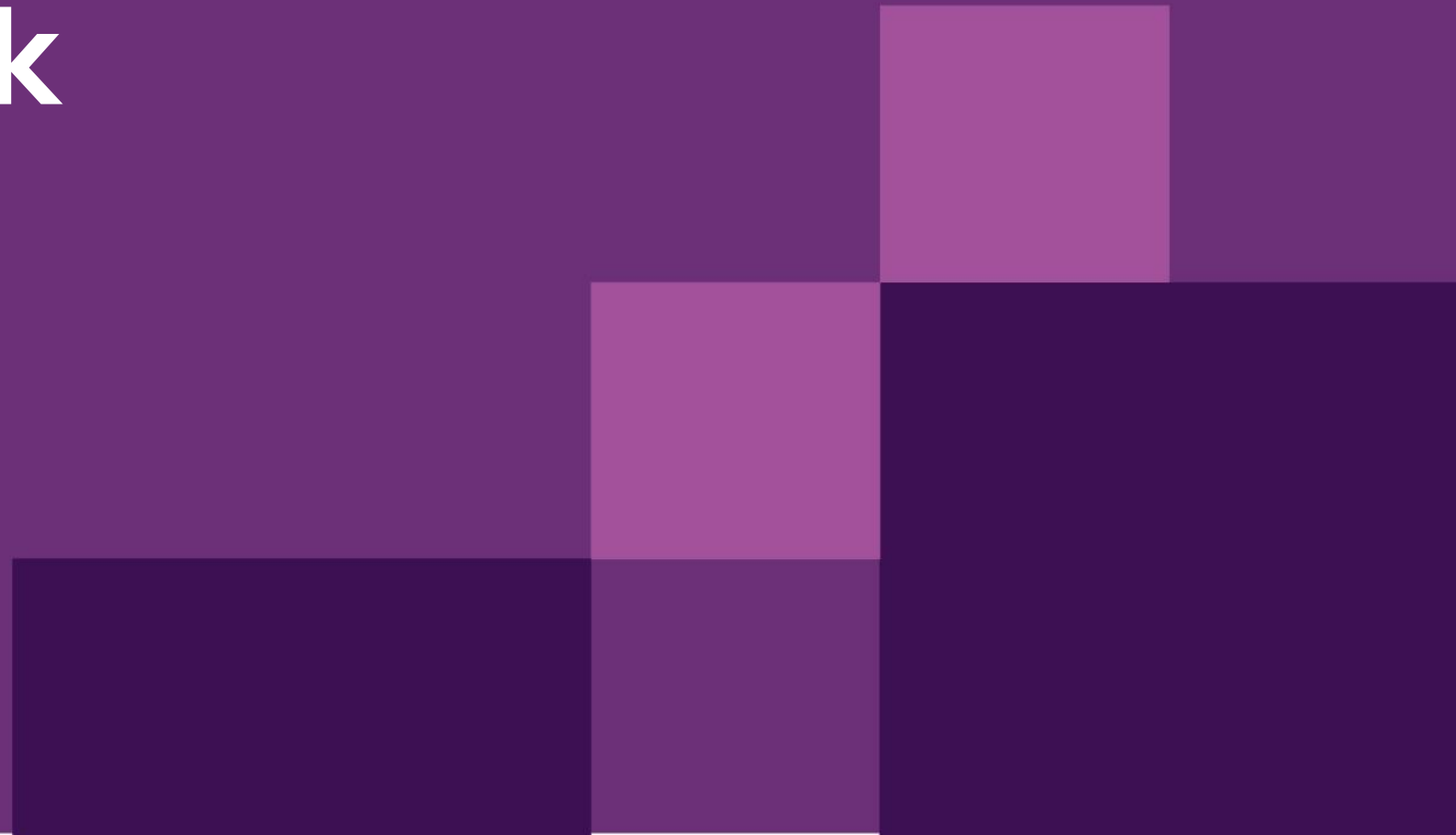
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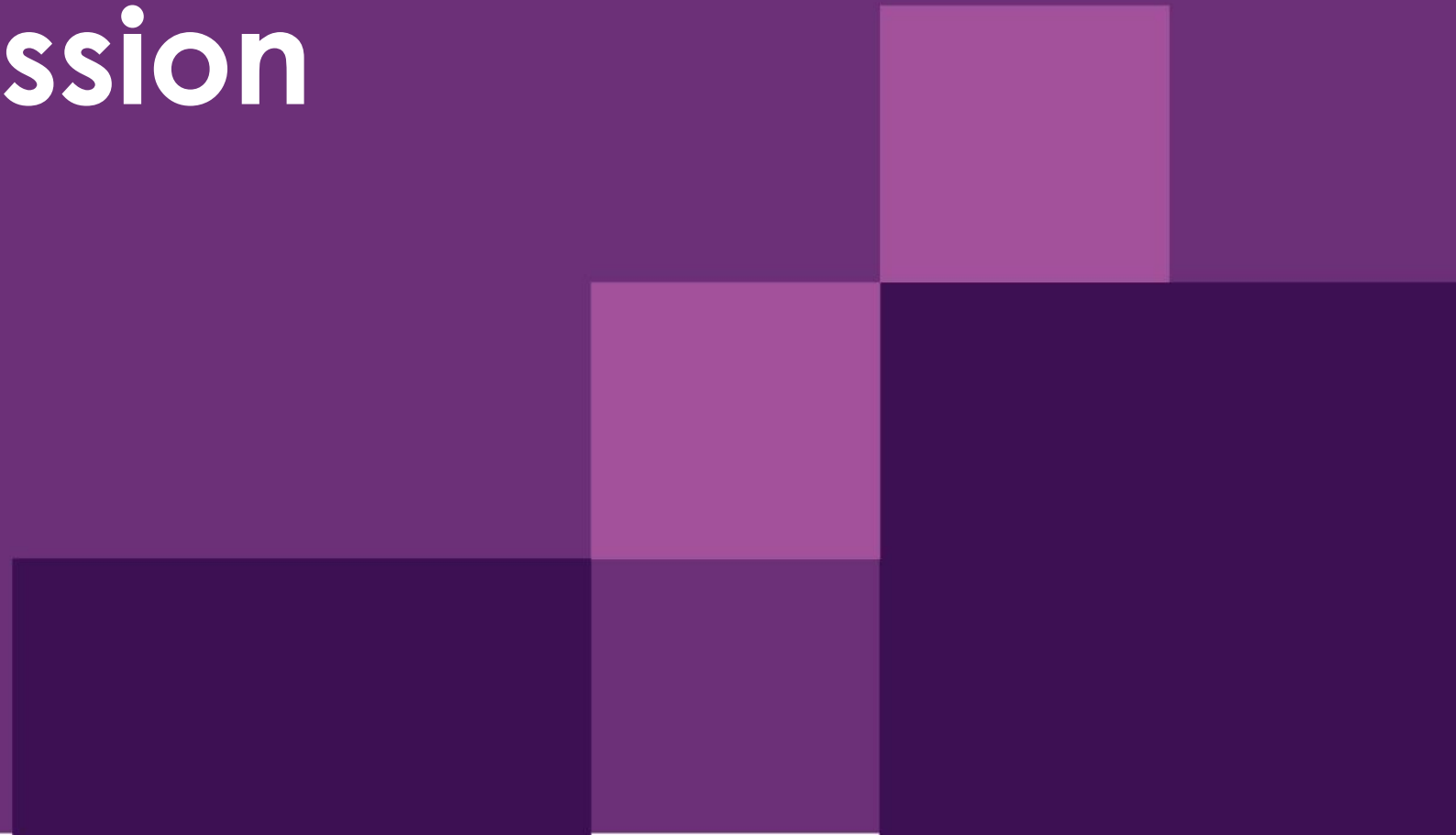
1. Sign up to receive a DOE	2. Publish the DOE	3. Switching and information maintenance
<p><b>Steps involved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOE readiness and initial connection</li> <li>• Identity and access check</li> <li>• Portfolio check and integration</li> <li>• Maintenance of access point</li> </ul>	<p><b>Steps involved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DNSP publishes the DOE</li> <li>• DOE distributed to the right organisations based on role-based access controls</li> <li>• The right organisation receives the DOE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Steps involved</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage and update portfolio and identity information</li> <li>• Notify DNSP of updated information</li> <li>• Use the updated information</li> </ul>



**Lunch break**



# Panel discussion



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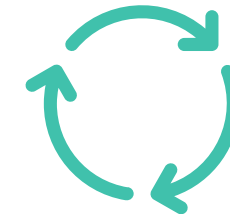


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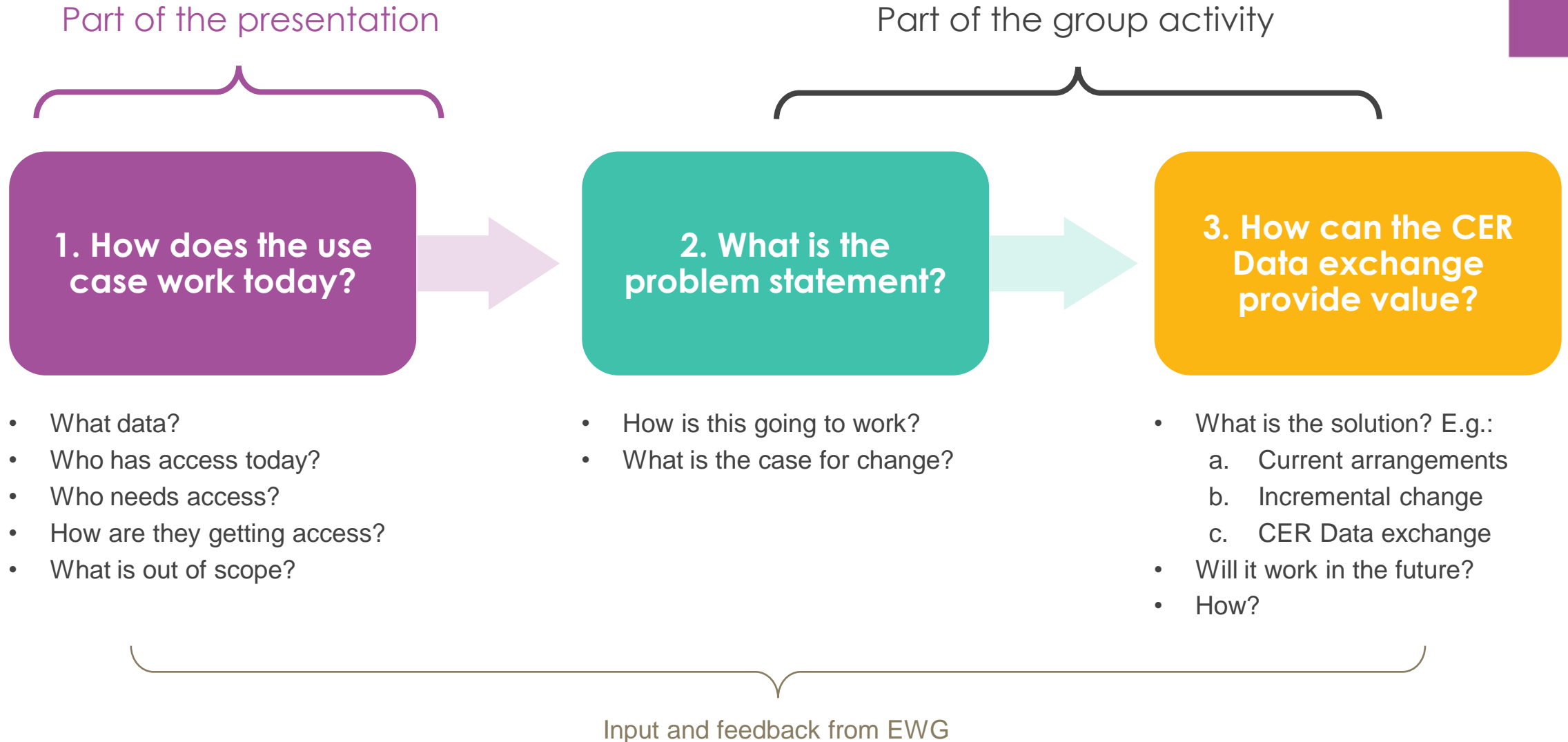
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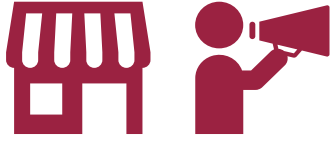
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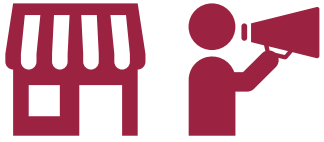
## Use case #3: Retailer flexibility requests

### Which part of the process are we focusing on?

- Communication of structured flexibility requests for many organisations to respond to market price signals using CER, sent by one retailer
- How to send/receive requests to respond to wholesale market prices - regardless of customer switching
- Also providing visibility of services to network and system operators

### How does it work today?

- Retailer sends request through existing integrations that are incomplete portions of their customer base
- To increase scale the retailer could integrate with many other 3rd parties and aggregators or DNSP utility servers



# Steps involved in retailer flexibility requests

## Our focus



### 1. Sign up for flexibility requests

#### Steps involved

- Retailers connecting with customer agents
- Identity verification and portfolio registration
- Validation of information
- Maintenance of access point

### 2. Broadcasting flexibility requests

#### Steps involved

- Retailer sends a broadcast to the exchange for the flexible response request, for customer NMI's that have signed up to flex response product
- Customer agents receive the broadcast request from retailers and respond to the request

### 3. Switching & info. maintenance

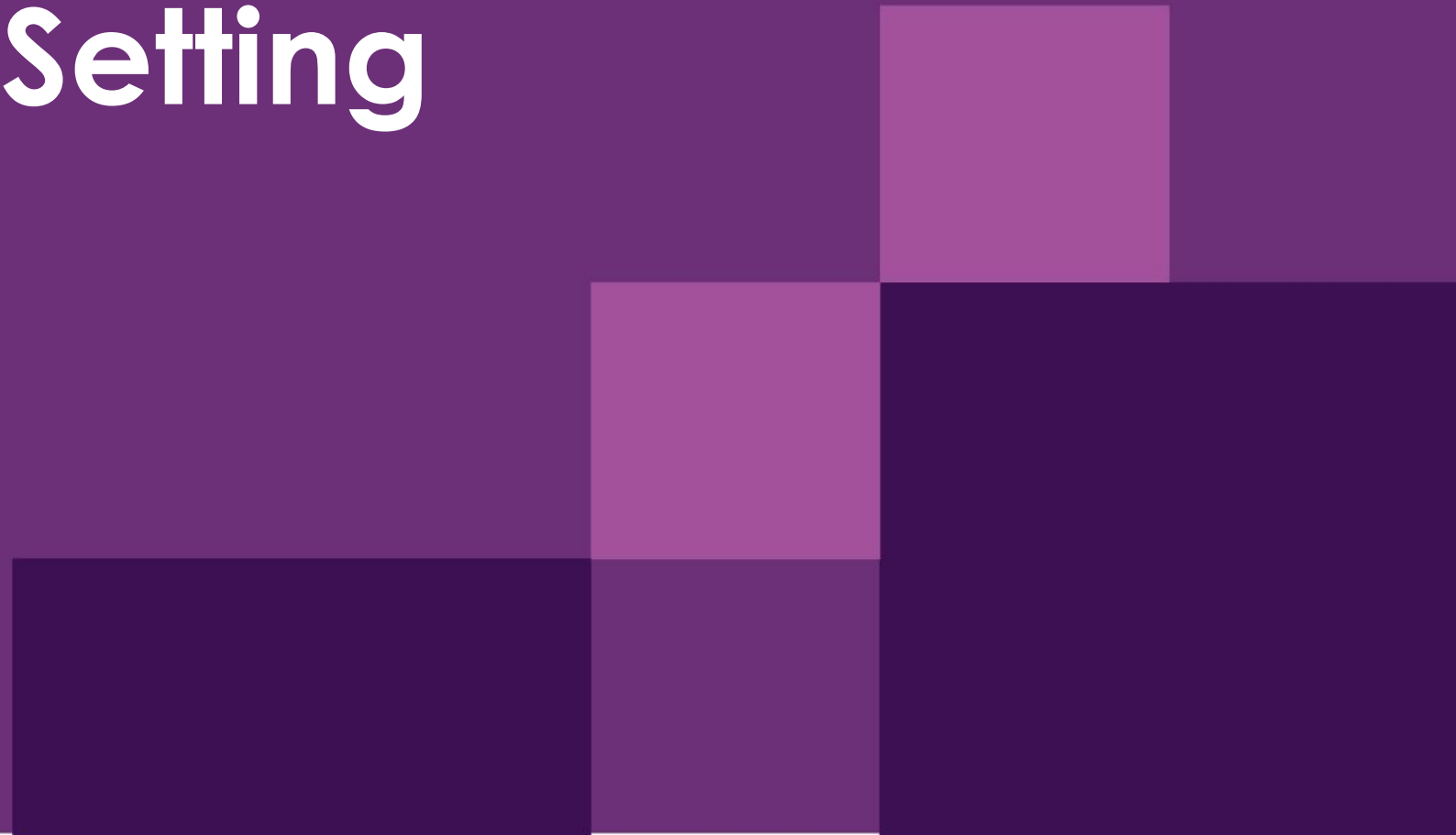
#### Steps involved

- Switching of customer agent or retailer is recorded in systems connected to CER Data Exchange
- Requests are only sent in relation to NMI's where customer consent is recorded (i.e. Signed up to service and customer agent)

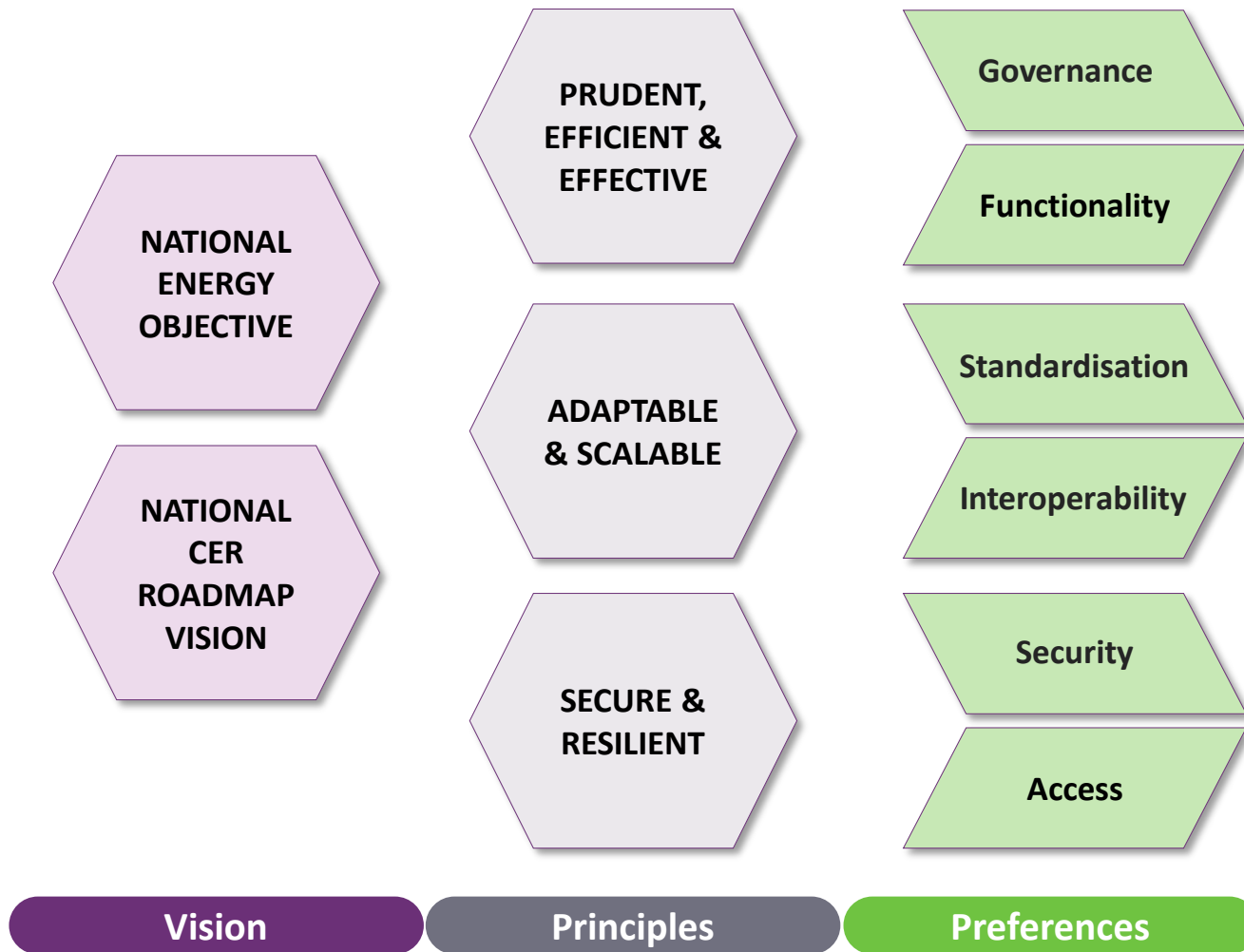
# Afternoon tea break



# Preference Setting



# Table Activity #2: Preference Setting



## Vision

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[National Consumer Energy Resources Roadmap](#)

**ACTIVITY TASK:** How should this vision apply to the CER Data Exchange?

## Principles

**ACTIVITY TASK:** Consider, comment, change or refine these overarching guiding principles.

## Preferences

**ACTIVITY TASK:** Consider the ‘must haves’ and ‘deal breakers’ by role playing alternative perspectives.



# Placemat Overview

## CER Data Exchange: Preference Setting

### Future State Vision

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**ACTIVITY TASK:** How should this vision apply to the CER Data Exchange?

### Response

### Proposed Principles

PRUDENT, EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE

ADAPTABLE & SCALABLE

SECURE & RESILIENT

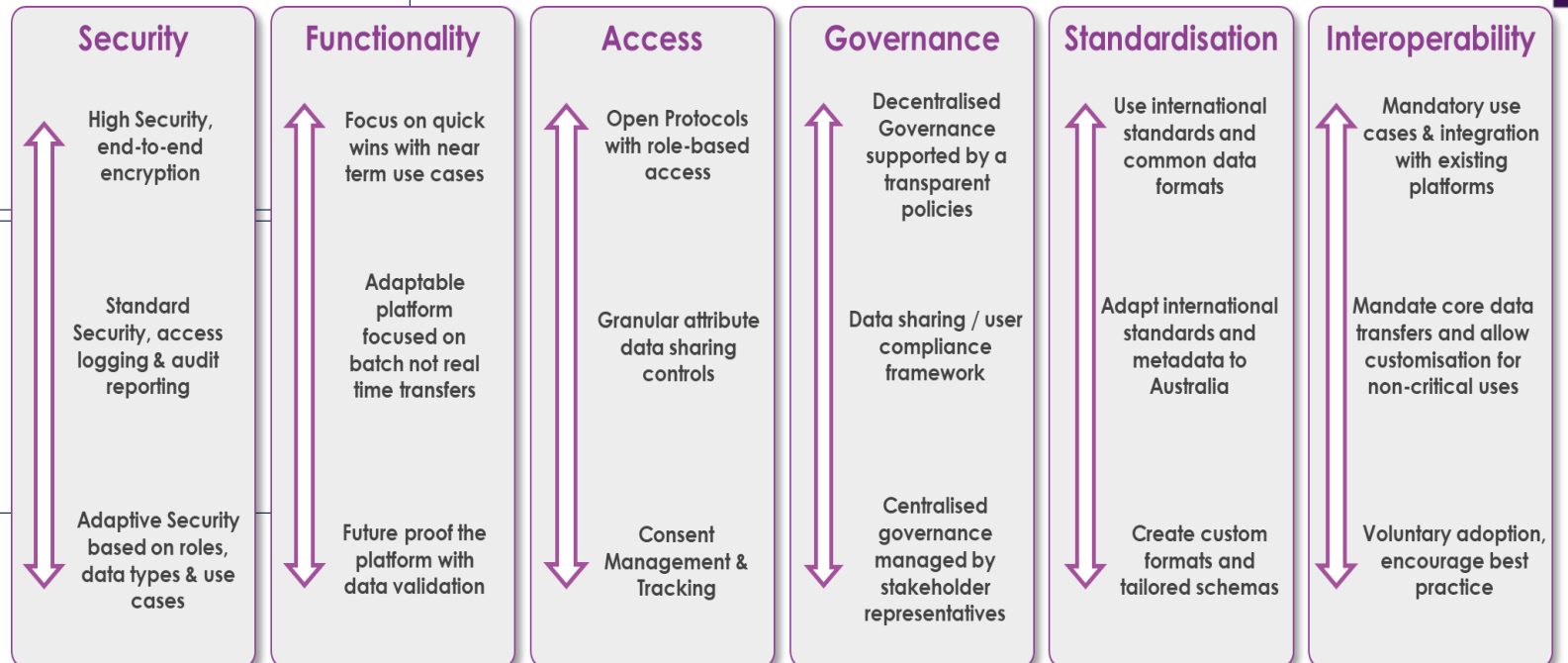
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### Response

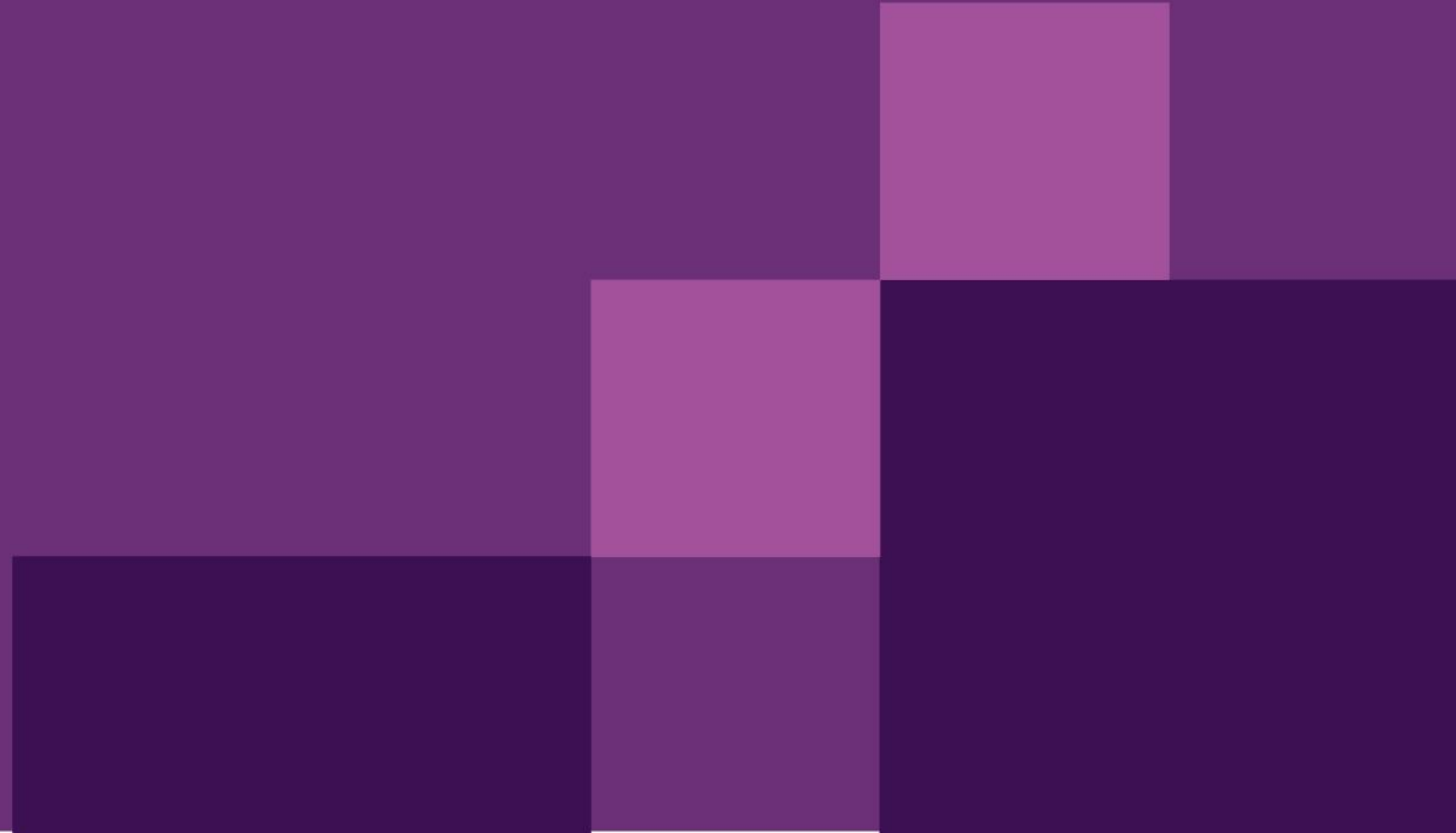
### Preferences: Deal Breakers

**ACTIVITY TASK:** Role play to consider alternative perspectives

### Must Haves



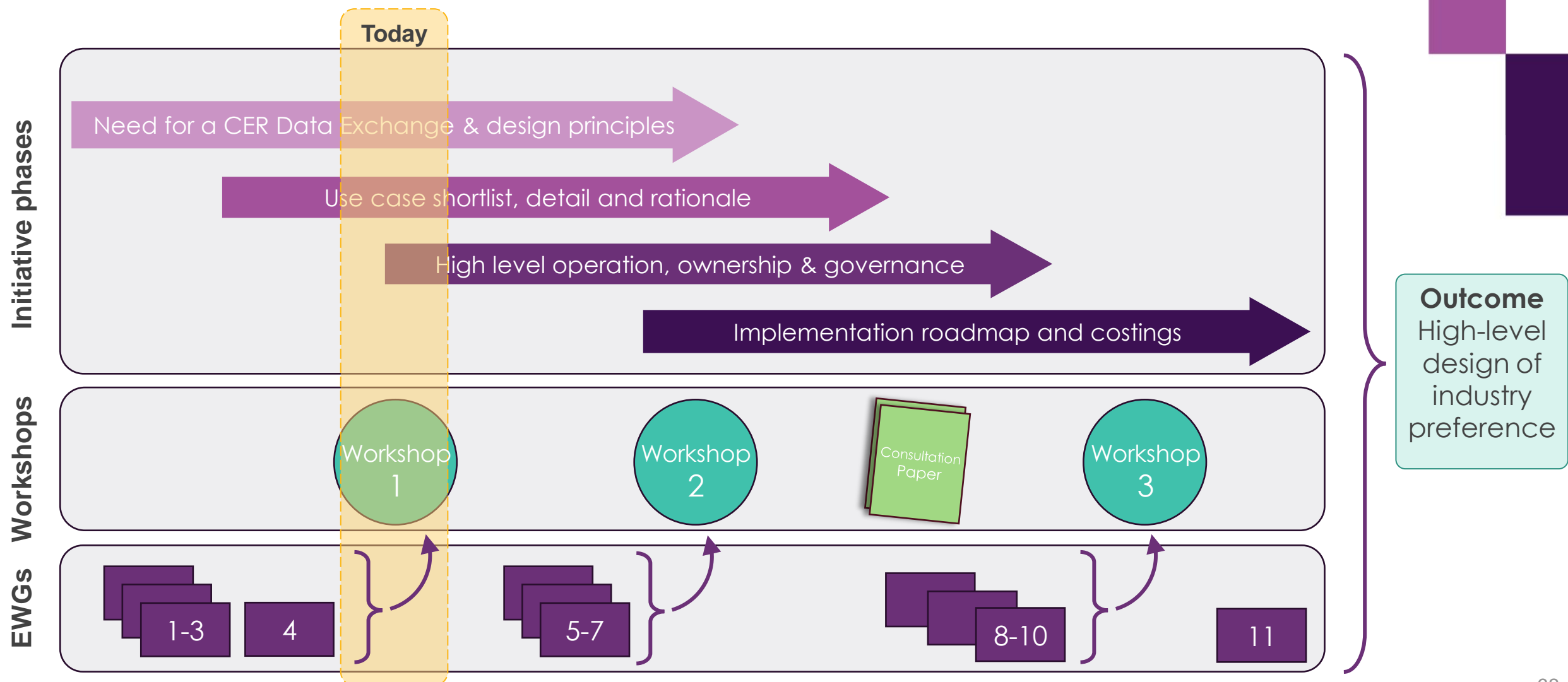
# Wrap up and next steps



# Two more questions to finish the day

- What is your key takeaway from today's workshop?
- What other information would you like to find out about the CER Data Exchange?

# Where is the co-design process at?





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