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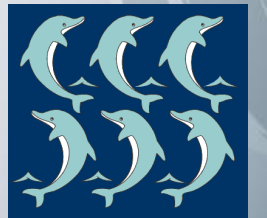
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Securing the science we need for the ocean we want - the role of Regional Sea Conventions



Mediterranean
Action Plan
Barcelona
Convention



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What is a Regional Sea Convention (RSC)?

- A RSC is a set of legally binding commitments agreed by countries that share a particular sea or ocean.
- Can be established under the auspice of the UN or independently.
- The goal is to promote transboundary cooperation among the countries and improve shared governance and management of a common marine area.
- Decisions/measures/recommendations under the RSCs are commonly taken by consensus.
- RSCs can provide platforms for cooperation, sharing knowledge, tackling transboundary challenges and pooling resources. They also drive coordinated action to monitor, assess and develop measures to address the pressures impacting the health of the marine environment in their respective regions.
- Much of the RSC work is linked to, or synergistic with, other international commitments that Contracting Parties have agreed to (e.g. SDGs, GBF, BBNJ Agreement, etc.), but are based on regional data/assessments/realities, so the commitments at the regional level can go in fact beyond what has been agreed at the global level).
- Observers and other stakeholders representing civil society, science, private sector, other IGOs, etc, are involved in the work of RSCs.



Strength in numbers

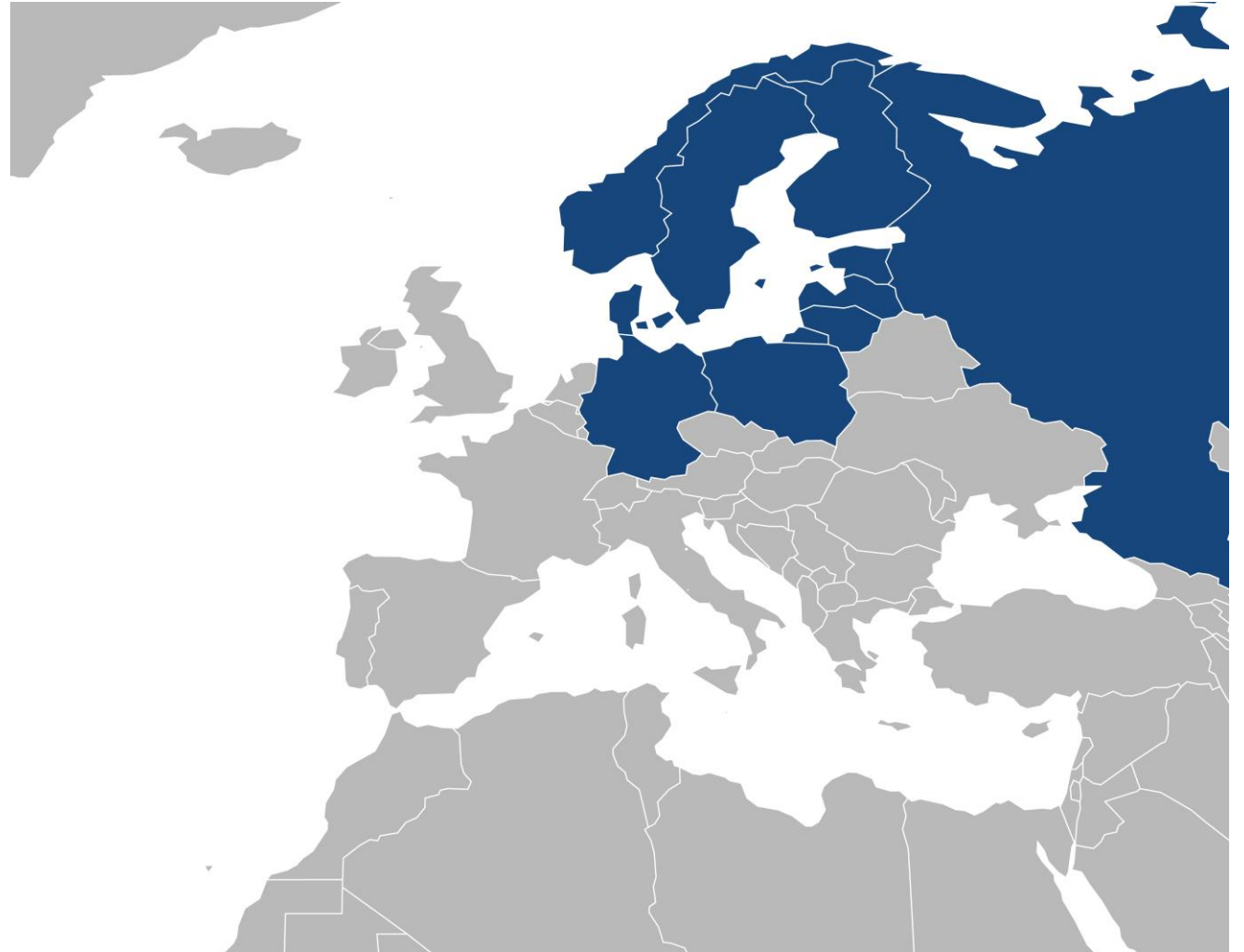
HELCOM (9 countries + EU)

OSPAR (15 countries + EU)

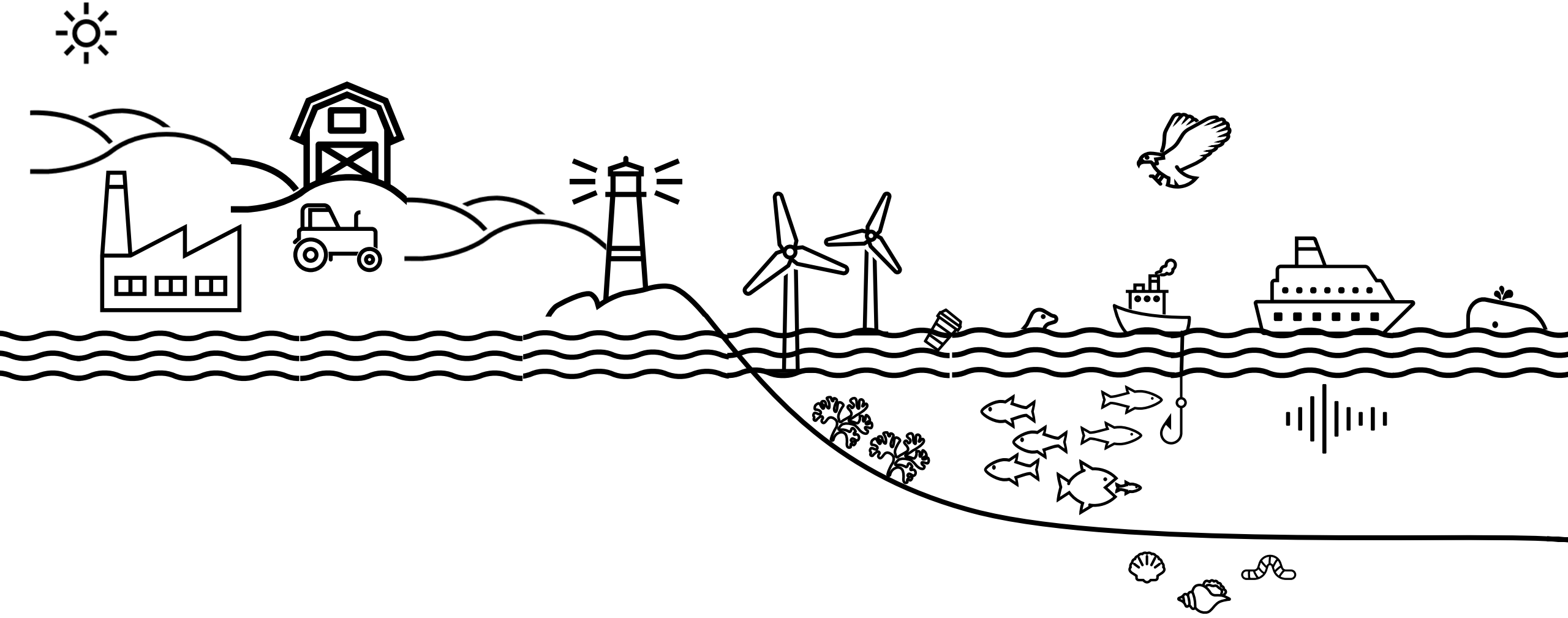
Barcelona Convention
(21 countries + EU)

Black Sea Convention
(6 countries)

Sea knows no borders

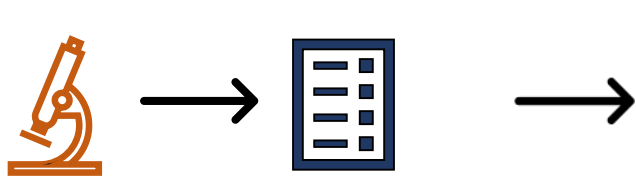


From shrimp to pharmaceuticals – the scope of RSC work



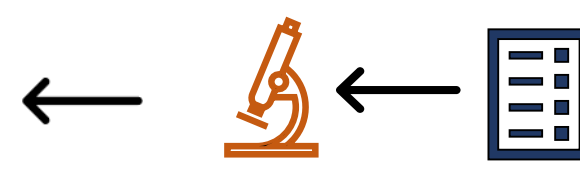
RSC's and science – a dynamic two-way street

Science to policy



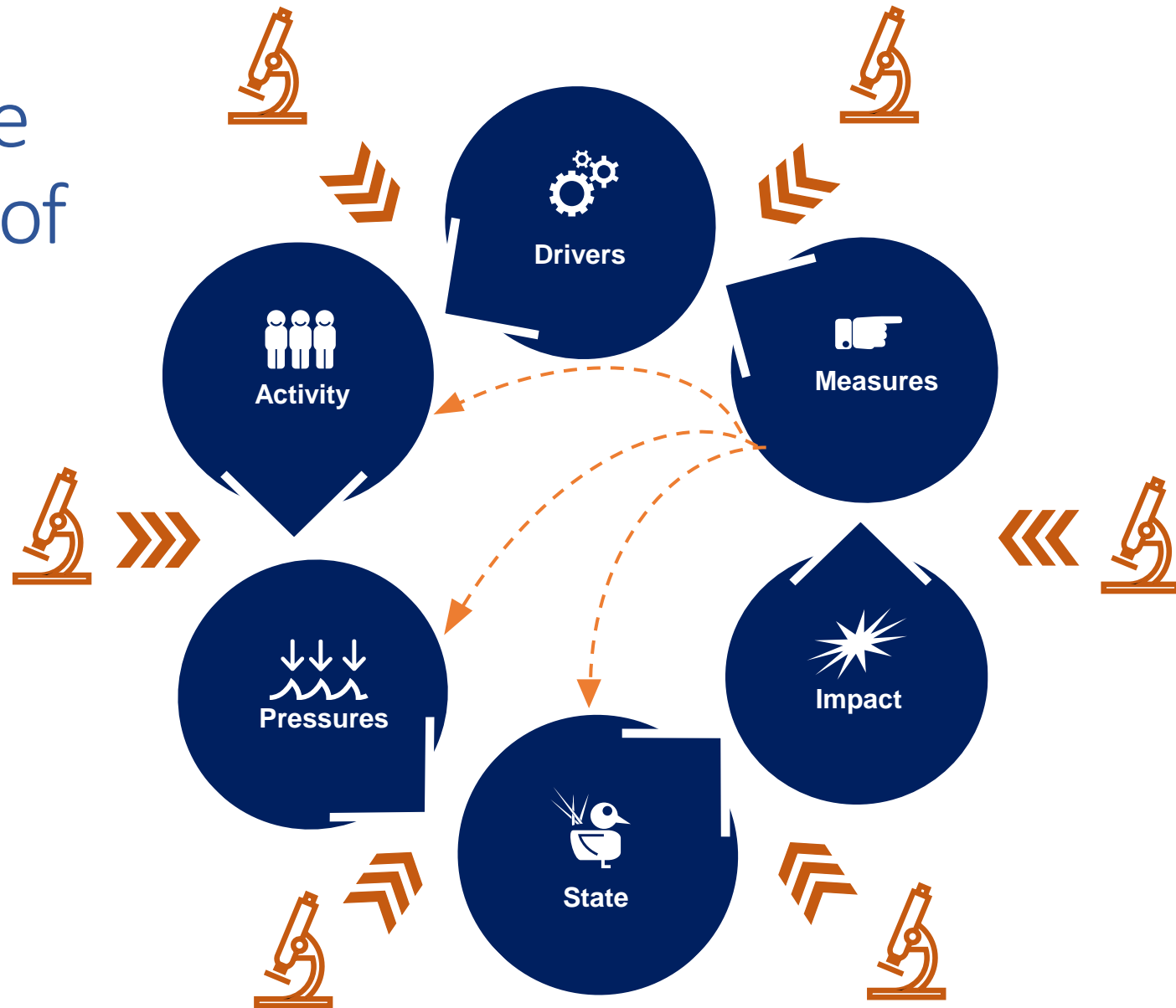
- Evidence-based decision making
- Long-term perspective
- Public trust and accountability
- Supporting international cooperation in policy

Policy to science

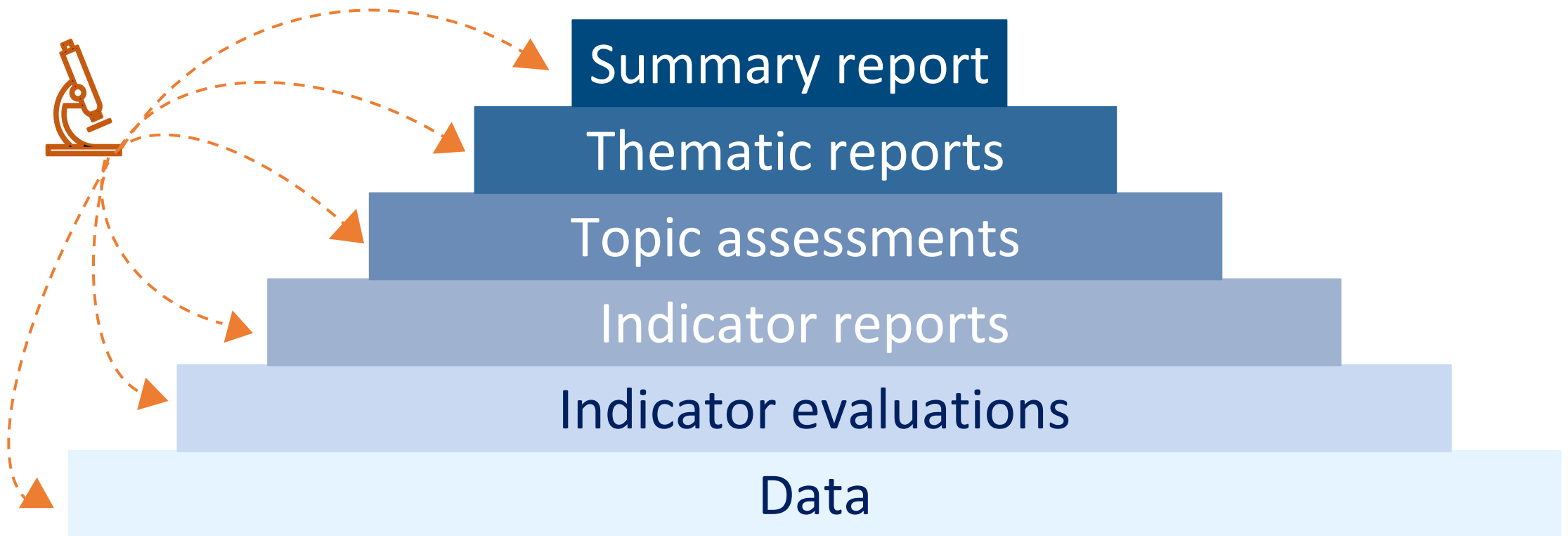


- Drive scientific progress
- Fosters transboundary and cross-topical cooperation in research
- Enhances sharing of knowledge and data
- Joint monitoring efforts and establishing shared standards for monitoring
- Data hubs
- Development of methodologies
- Driving innovation

RSC's and science – the importance of policy relevance



Applied science – the building blocks of effective measures



Thank you for your
attention!

