

#EU4AnimalWelfare

The new EU rules on the welfare and traceability of dogs and cats – Delivering effective implementation

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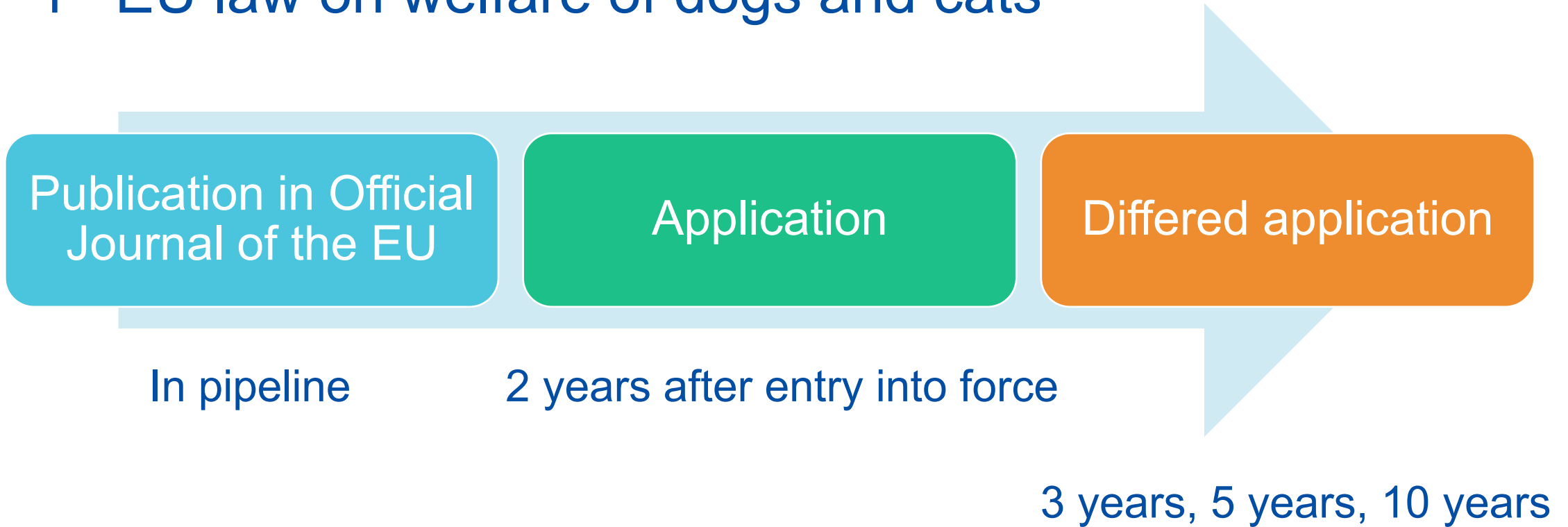
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State of play – Adopted !

1st EU law on welfare of dogs and cats



EP adopted on 28 April, Council on 22 May

European Parliament text voted in April 2026:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-10-2025-0104-AM-317-317_EN.pdf



Why a Regulation on D&C Welfare?

44% EU households



Unharmonized single market:
Uneven playing field



Compromised Welfare: Animal suffering

1.3 billion EUR a year



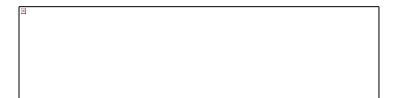
Limited Traceability: Fraud

https://food.ec.europa.eu/food-safety/eu-agri-food-fraud-network/eu-coordinated-actions/illegal-movement-pets_en

Objectives of Regulation



- No population management objective
- Complementarity with animal health rules



Regulation structure – main pillars

7 Chapters

I Subject matter, scope and definitions

II Obligations for operators of establishments

III Identification and registration of dogs and cats and requirements on online advertising and placing on the market

IV Competent authorities

V Entry of dogs and cats into the Union

VI Procedural provisions

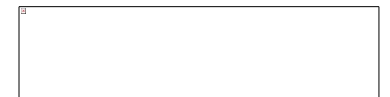
VII Stricter national rules and final provisions

3 Annexes

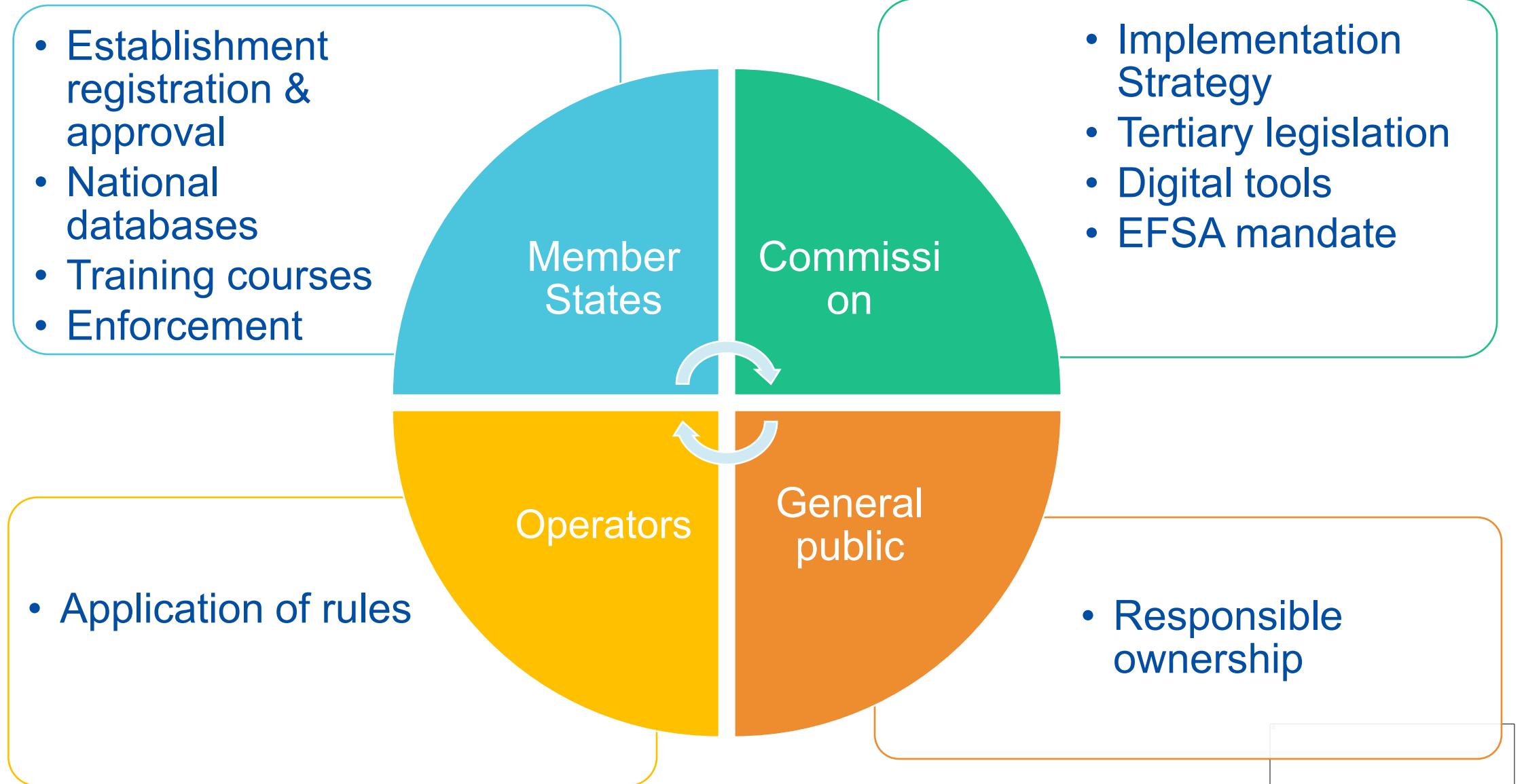
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II Identification and registration of dogs and cats

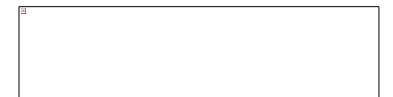
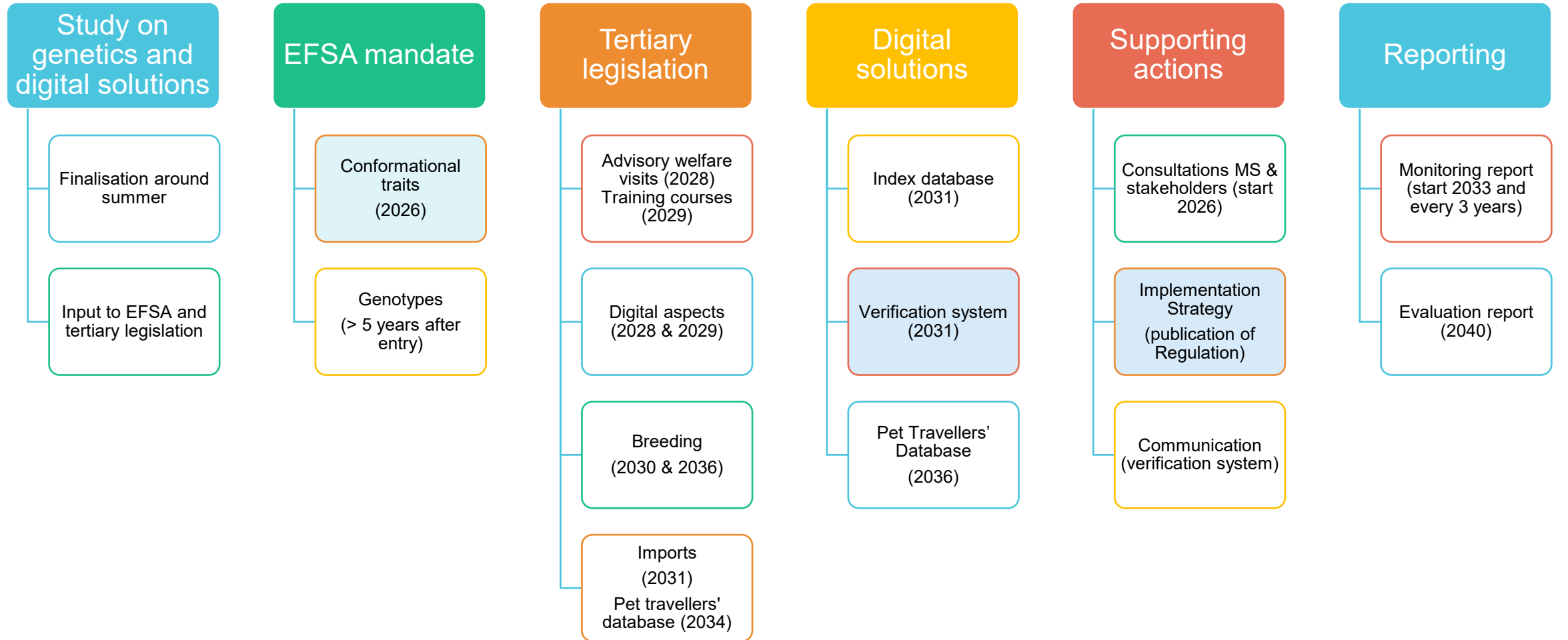
III Data on animal welfare



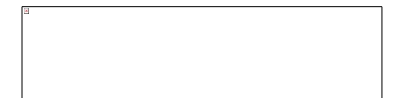
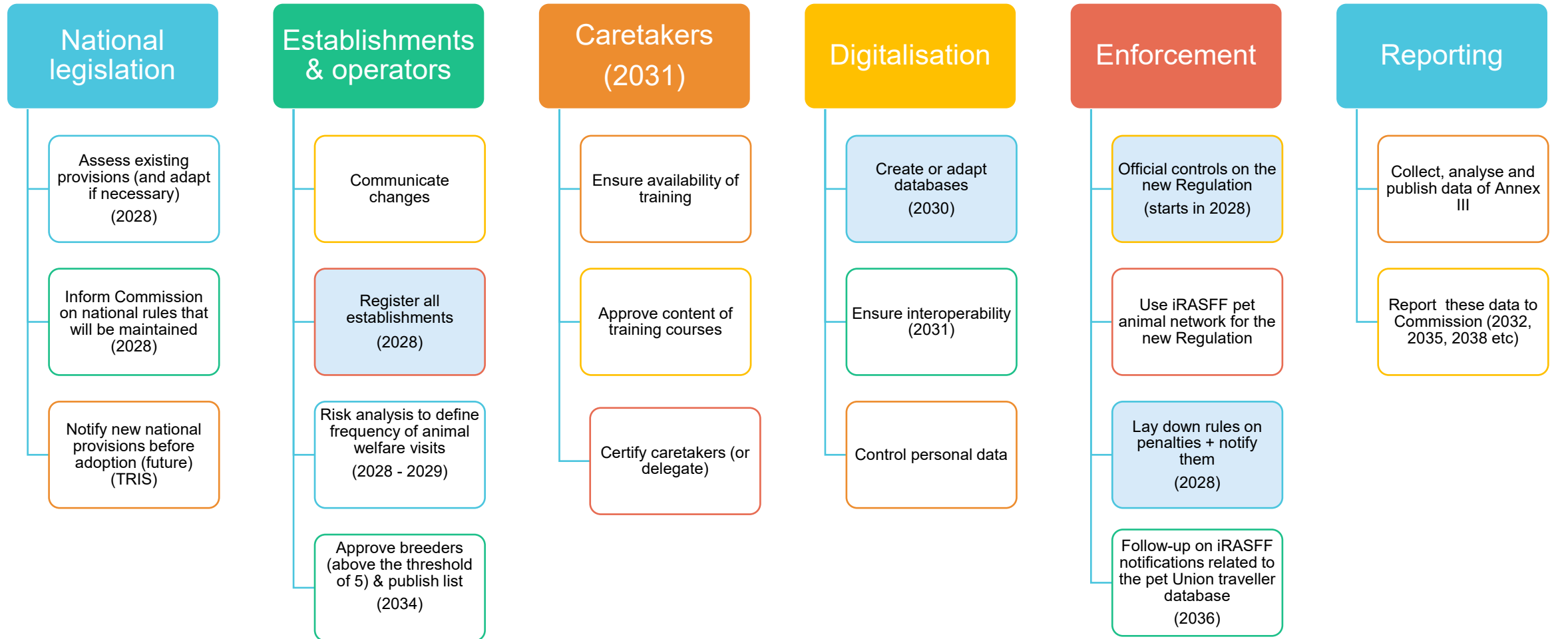
Implementation phase – who is doing what?



Main Implementation actions (Commission)



Main Implementation actions (Member States)



Thank you



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