

Designing for the legal framework for the river basin organization for international water resources

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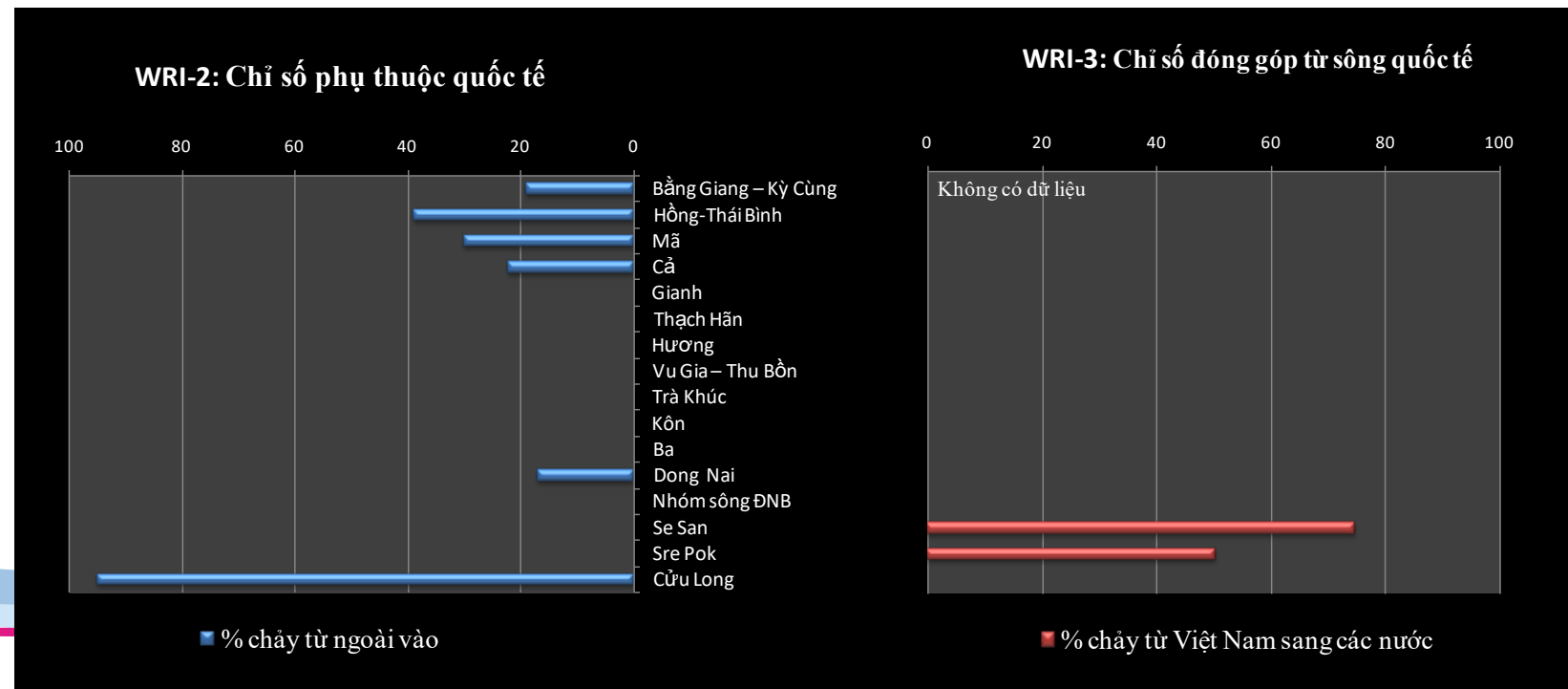
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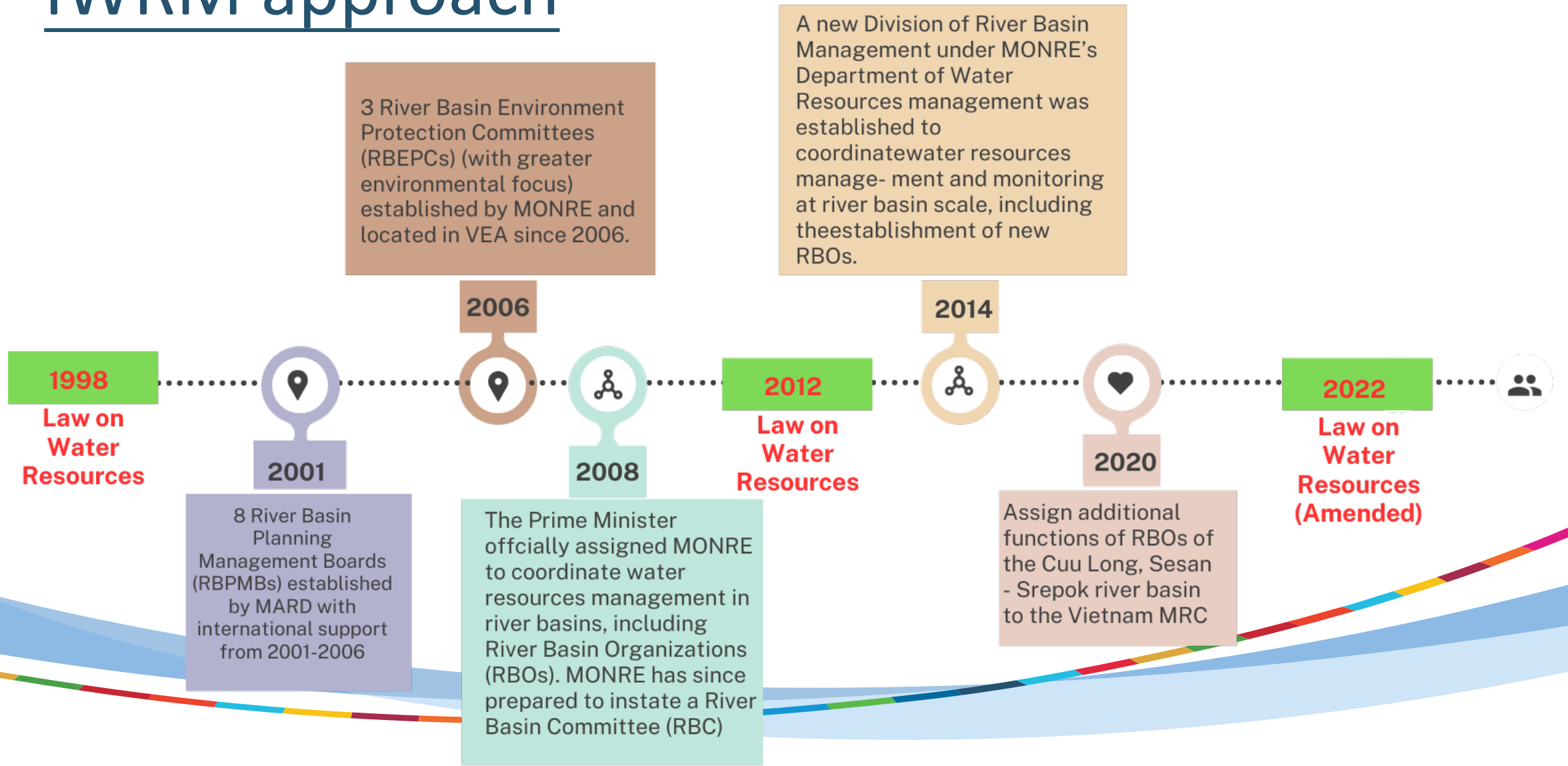


- 3,450 rivers and streams with lengths from 10 km, located in 108 river basins with a total area of over 1,167 million km², including 9 large river systems (basin area greater than 10,000 km²), including: Hong, Thai Binh, Bang Giang - Ky Cung, Ma, Ca, Vu Gia - Thu Bon, Ba, Dong Nai and Mekong River.
- The total average annual amount of surface water is 830-840 billion m³, of which more than 60% of the water is generated from the upstream countries
- Vietnam's four key river basins, where 80 percent of Vietnam's GDP is produced, are already facing water stress in the dry season: HỒNG, Thái Bình, Dong Nai, Cuu Long and South East River Cluster (3/4 are international water sources)

The important role of international water sources



History of the RBO in Vietnam – toward IWRM approach



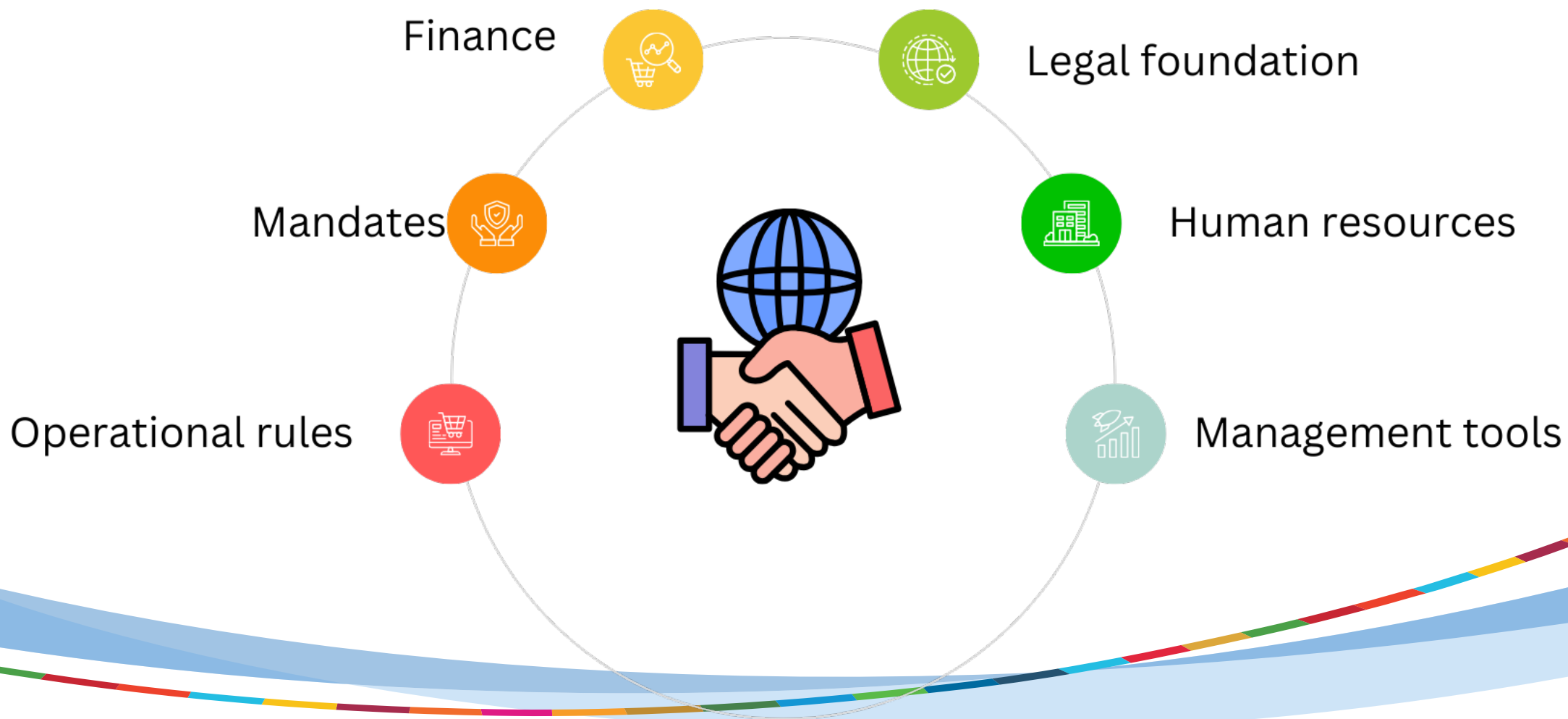
Mekong River Commission

1995 – Agreement on the Cooperation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin, with C, L, T and V as members. China and Myanmar joined as “Dialogue Partners” in 1996.

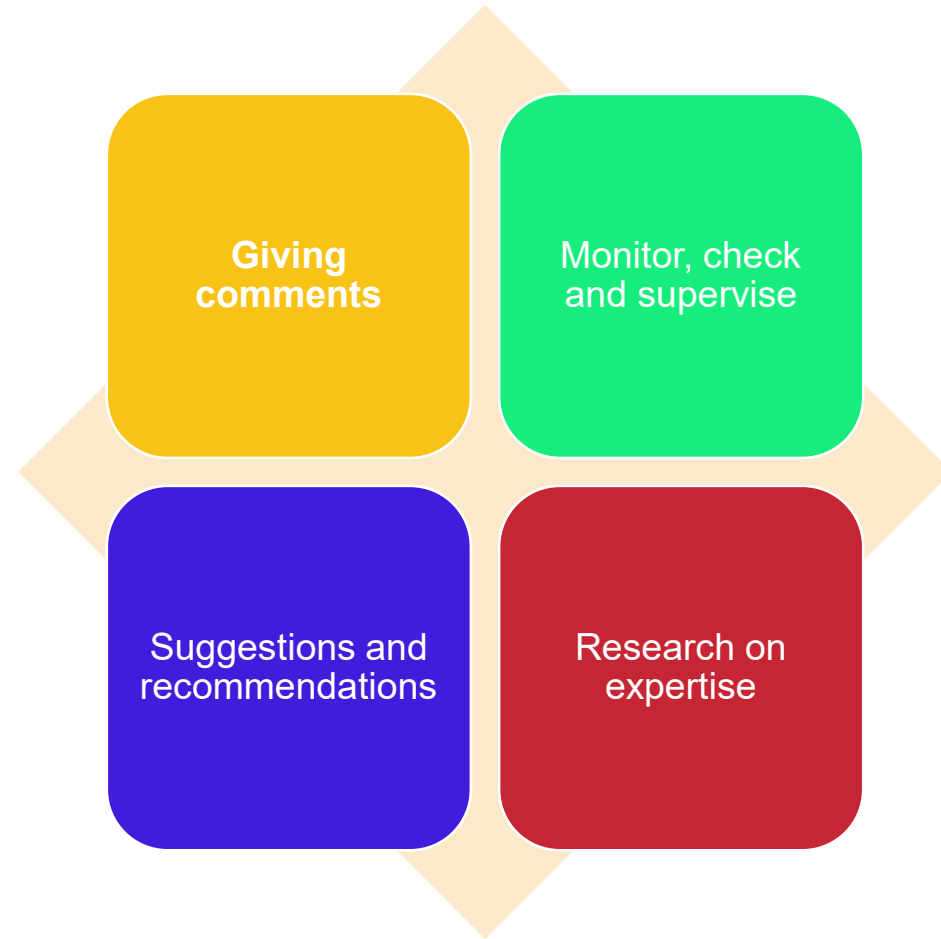
- Legal: Mekong Agreement (replaced all previous MC agreements), added MRC Procedures
- Institutional: MRC (Council, JC, Secretariat), added Summit, Expert Groups, committees, Regional Stakeholder Forums
- Strategic: formulated Basin Development Strategy, other thematic/sector strategies, but no BDP yet
- Technical: expanded monitoring, added forecasting, improved assessments/studies, guidelines



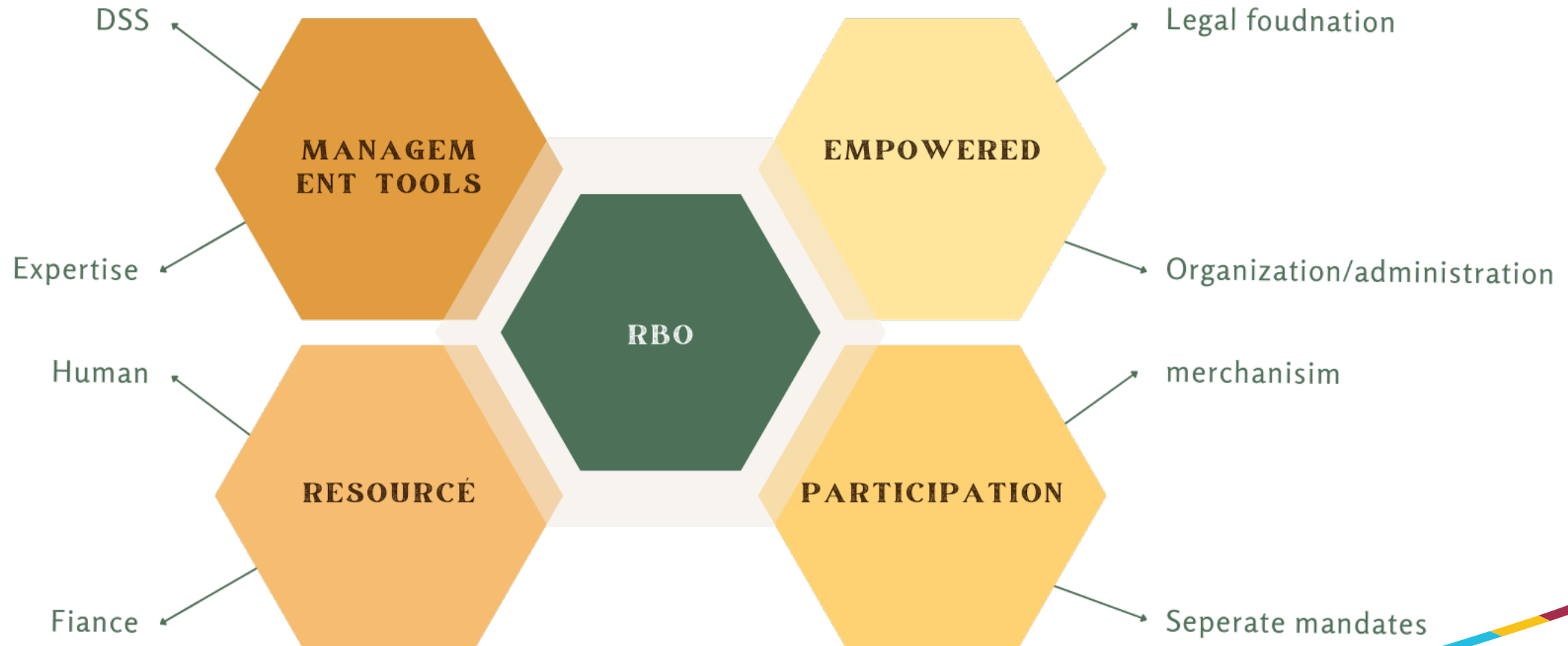
RBO: challenges and opportunities



Legal foundation for RBO in the LWR (amended)



Way forwards



Thank you!

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