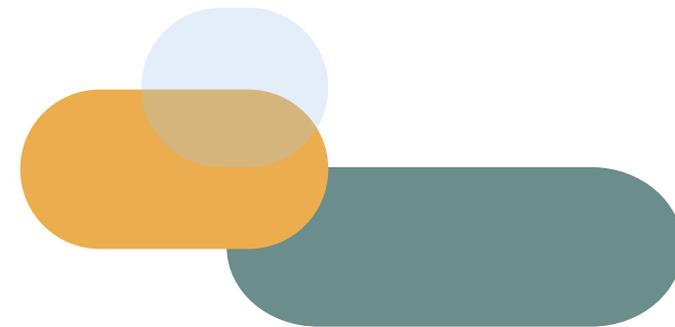


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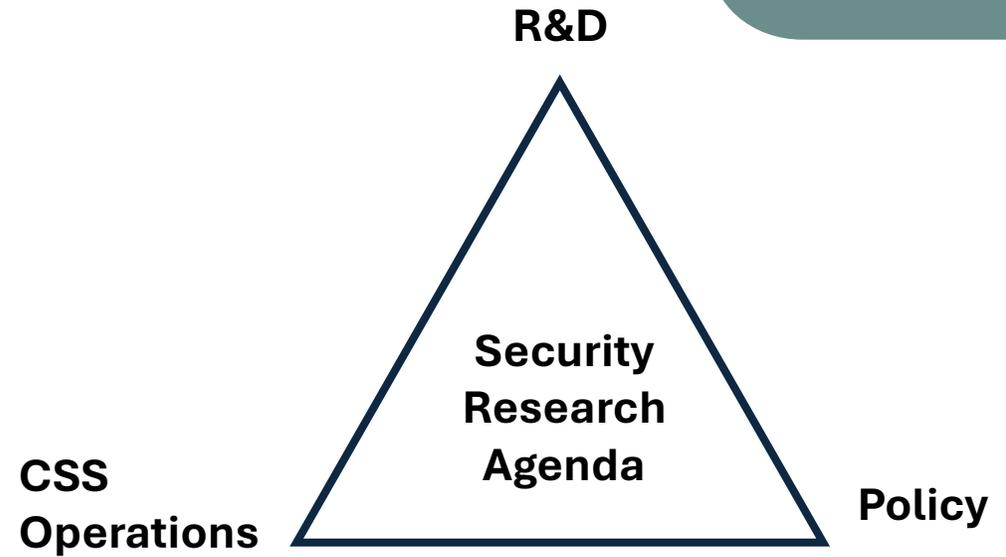
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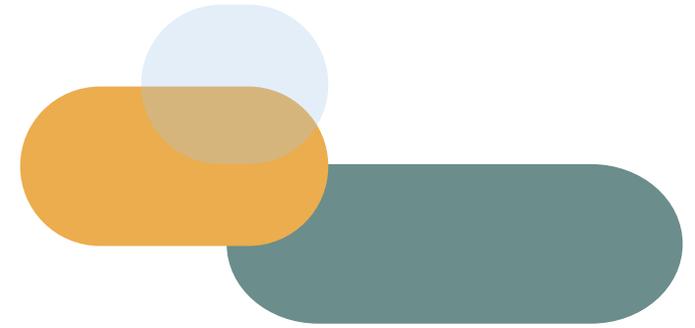
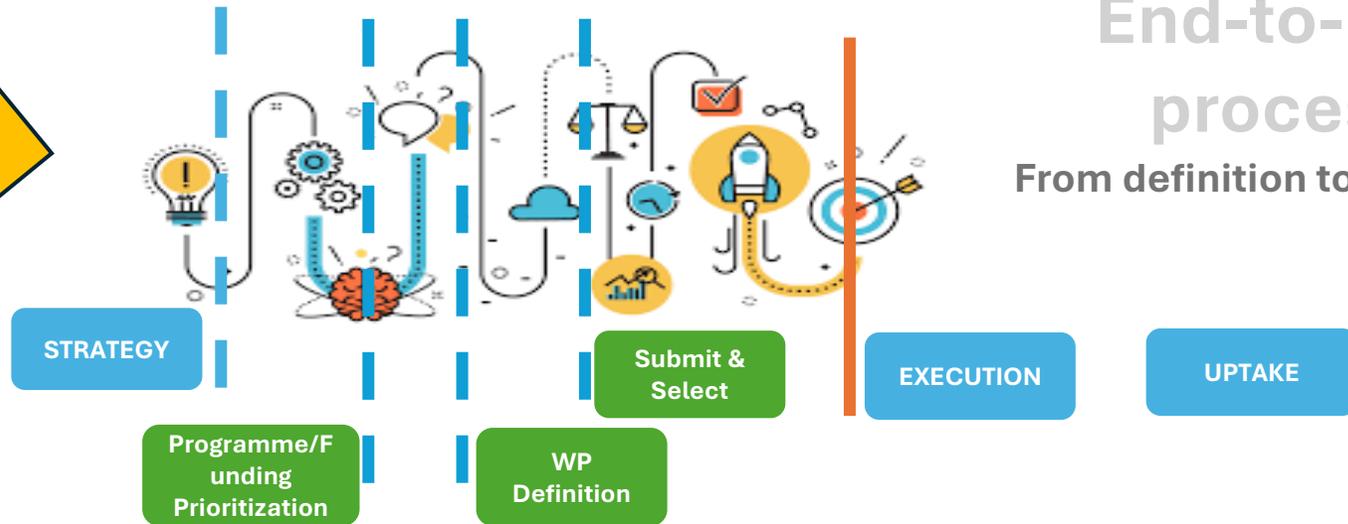
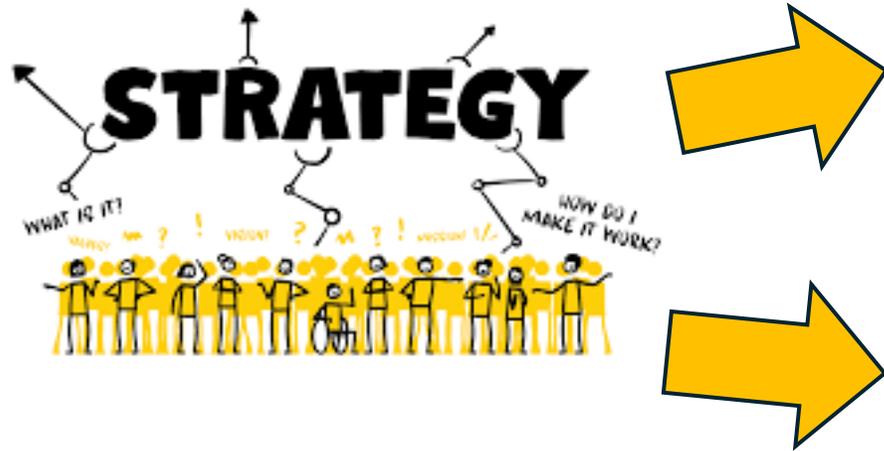


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- User-driven **R&D roadmap for Copernicus Security Services**
- Structured interface: CSS ↔ R&D ↔ Policy
- From operational gaps to targeted research actions
- Continuous feedback loops with HE & ESA projects

# Challenges



**Instruments**  
Bridging research and operational deployment

**End-to-End process**  
From definition to execution



# SRIA – preparing the next MMF

## Objective

Update EO & Copernicus R&I priorities

Shape next MFF (2028–2034)

Cover full value chain & TRL range

## Strategic Ambition

From incremental improvement → transformation

AI, digitalisation & data infrastructures

Resilience, sovereignty & competitiveness

## Process

Ongoing agency consultations (incl. project feedback)

Broader stakeholder consultation Q4 2026

Publication planned Q2 2027

# Thank you



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