



Enabling Social Innovation

How to get your social innovation EU funded?

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Agenda

- European Social Fund as leverage for social innovation
- Creation of national competence centres on social innovation
- Social Innovation in Flanders

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European Social Fund as leverage for social innovation

- One of the structural funds
- What is ESF standing for?
 - Unemployed people
 - Social inclusion
 - Life long learning
 - Workable work
- The importance of social innovation for the European Commission and DG EMPL
 - National Competence Centres on Social Innovation in each country
 - Social innovation in the new programming period



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National competence centres in Europe

- Flanders was the coordinator of the consortium Pencil to create national competence centres

“Pencil is building up national centres for social innovation in Belgium, Czechia, Finland and Lithuania. It is helping to identify the visions, needs, opportunities and priorities of social innovation stakeholders and promoters with a view of building a shared strategy and action plan specific to each country.”

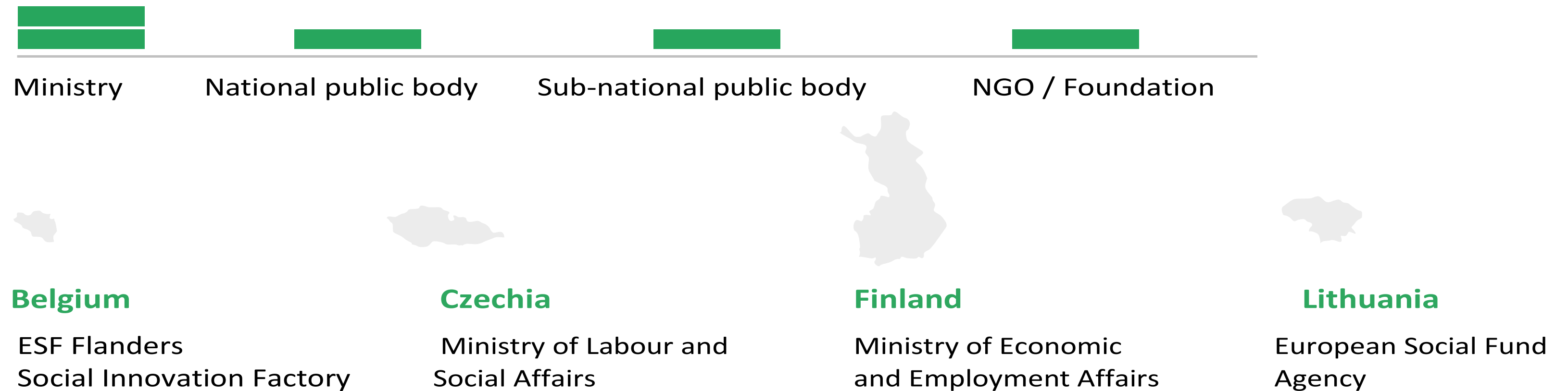
"The most powerful tool in economics is not money, nor even algebra. It is a pencil. Because with a pencil you can redraw the world."

– Kate Raworth, *A safe and just space for humanity*.

Pencil: who are we?

Overview of Pan-European Social Innovation Lab (PEnCIL)

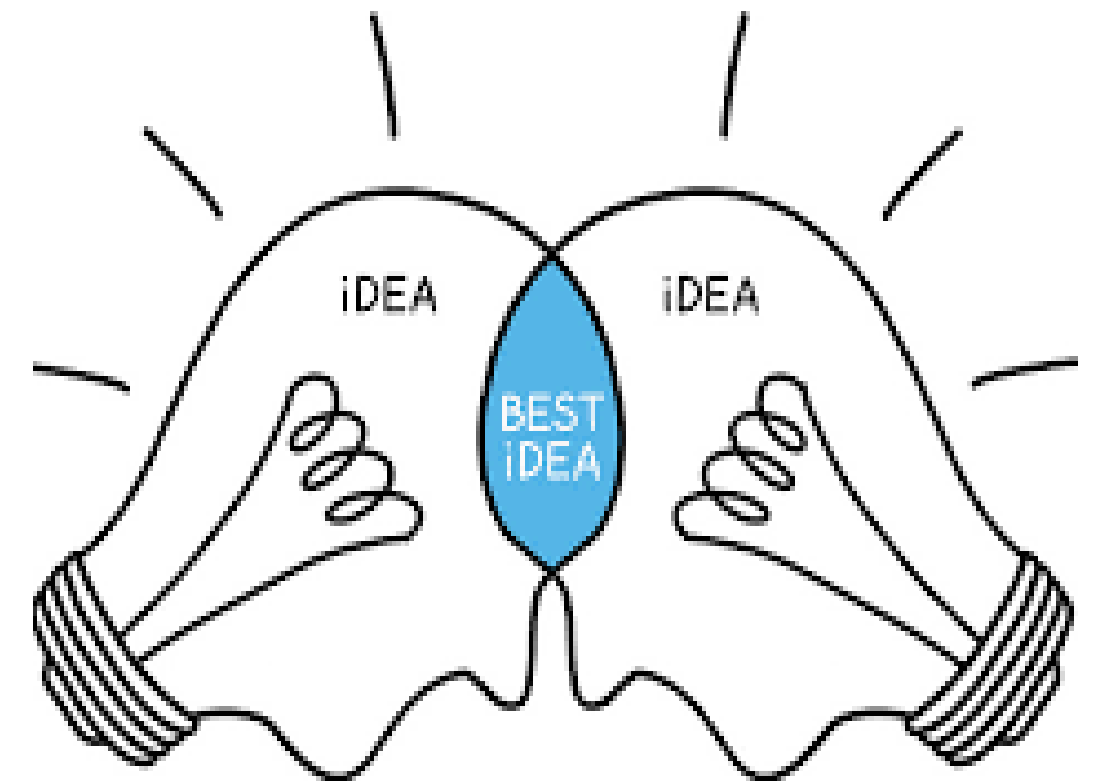
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Social Innovation in ESF Flanders

- Social innovation has always been a dedicated priority in Flanders
 - Innovation through adaptation
 - Innovation through experiment
- Importance to create impact
 - Projects with a preparatory phase
 - Measuring impact via validation of the tool
 - Extra money for dissemination and upscaling
- Social innovation in this programming period
 - Creation of hubs to stimulate innovation
 - Stimulate innovation in the mainstream calls via the partnerships



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Importance of social innovation for Flanders

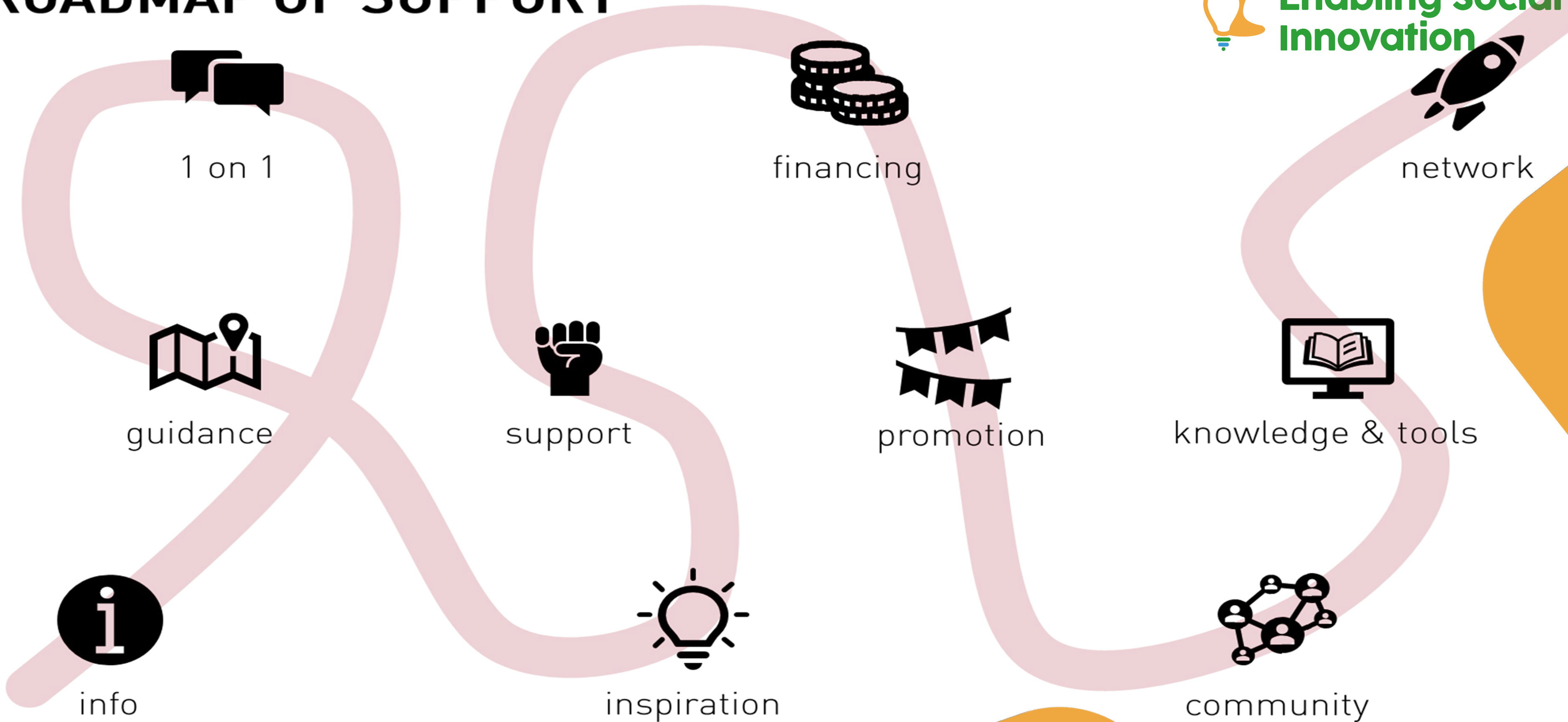
- The creation of a space to experiment
- Enabling further investment in promising innovations
- Transcending policy silos
- Mobilizing and building the capacity of citizens
- Building skills for social innovation (creating learning ecosystems)
- Stimulating the creation of unlikely partnerships

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ROADMAP OF SUPPORT



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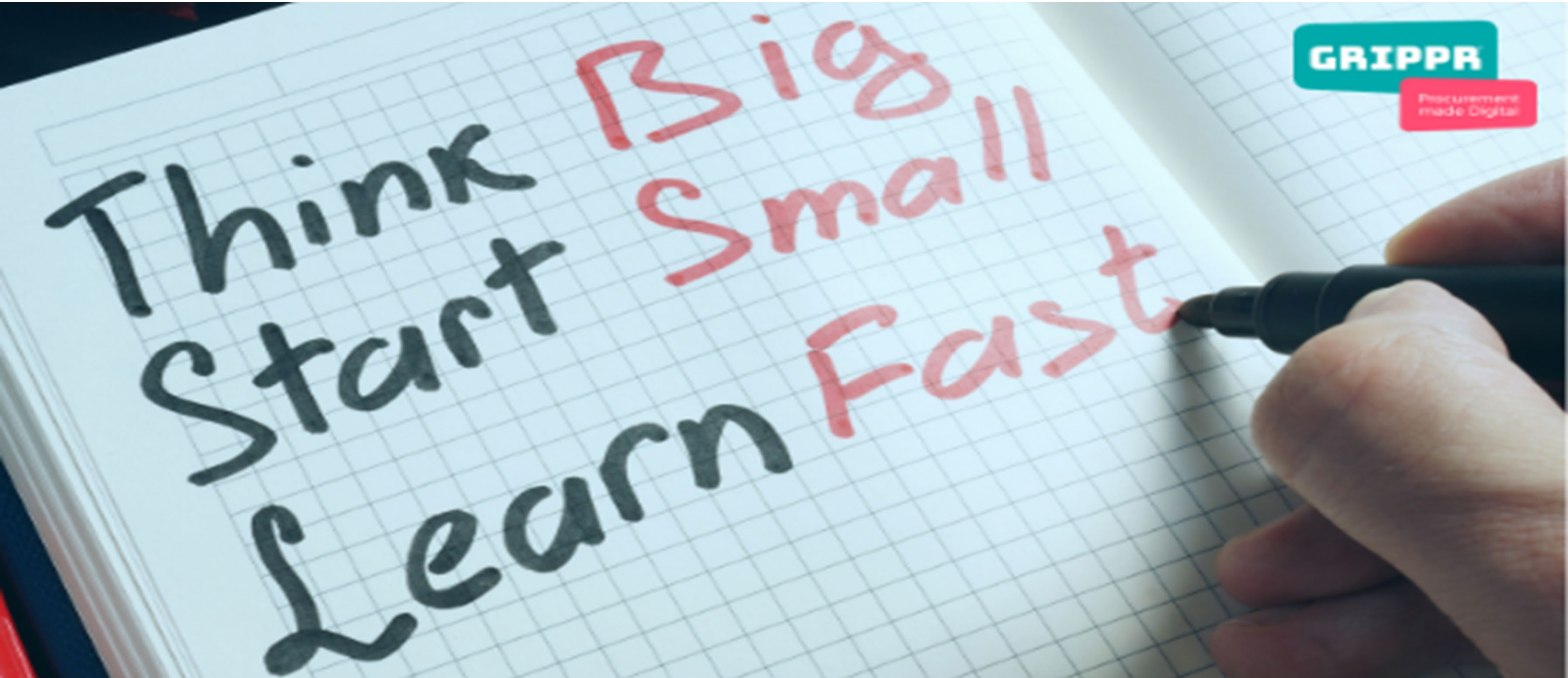




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