

Introduction of Technology Assessment System of Korea for national S&T



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“What is R&D(Research & Development) ?”

- **The creative work undertaken on a systematic basis in order to increase the stock of knowledge and the use of this stock of knowledge**
- **The investment for the future**

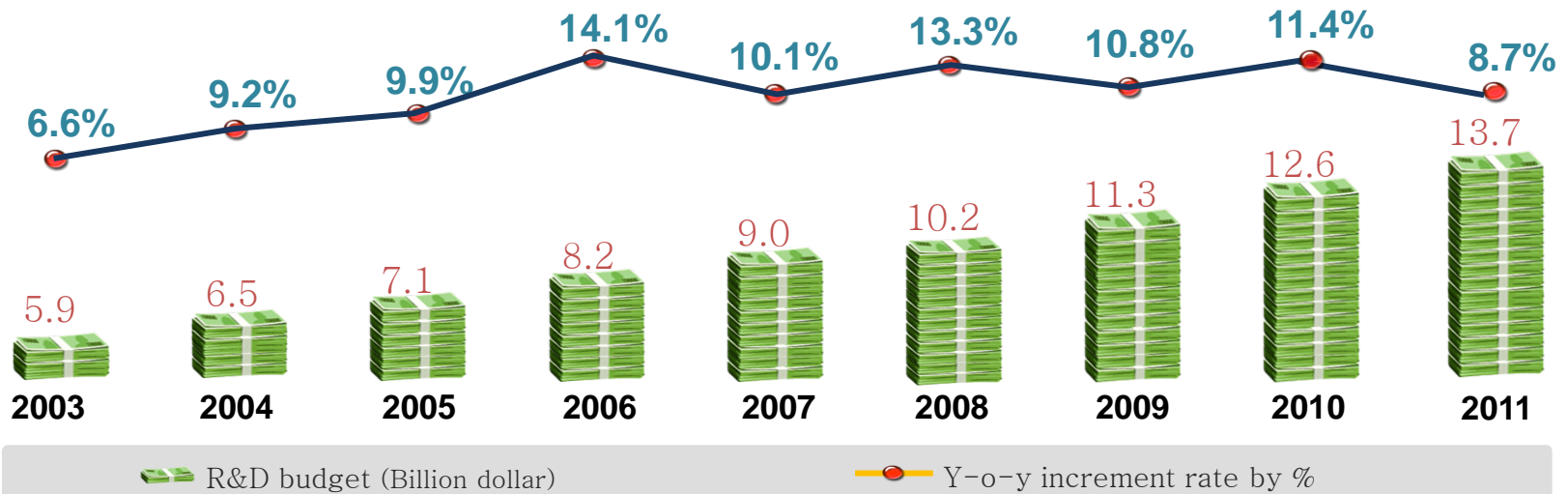
Frascati Manual (OECD, 2002)

Research and experimental development (R&D) comprise **creative work undertaken on a systematic basis** in order to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of man, culture and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications.

64. The term R&D covers three activities: basic research, applied research and experimental development; these are described in detail in Chapter 4. **Basic research** is experimental or theoretical work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge of the underlying foundation of phenomena and observable facts, without any particular application or use in view. **Applied research** is also original investigation undertaken in order to acquire new knowledge. It is, however, directed primarily towards a specific practical aim or objective. **Experimental development** is systematic work, drawing on existing knowledge gained from research and/or practical experience, which is directed to producing new materials, products or devices, to installing new processes, systems and services, or to improving substantially those already produces or installed. R&D covers both formal R&D in R&D units and informal or occasional R&D in other units.

“ How much does Korea Government invest on R&D field?”

- 40,000 R&D Projects and \$ 13.7 billion R&D budget on 2011
- Korea Government’s R&D investment shows sustain increase every year.



“Korea Government has become to need a preliminary evaluation system.”

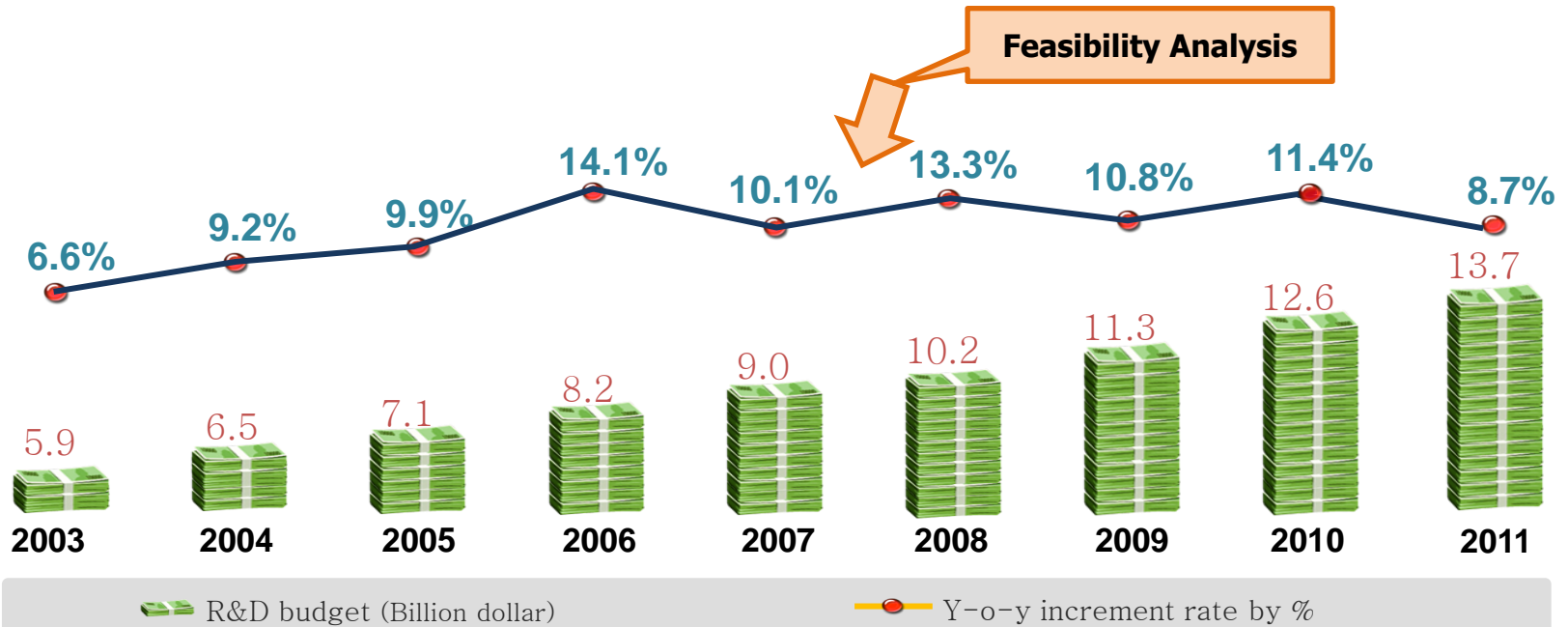
Weakness

Need

- Evaluation system focused on the outcome
- Poor R&D program planning
- R&D budget waste



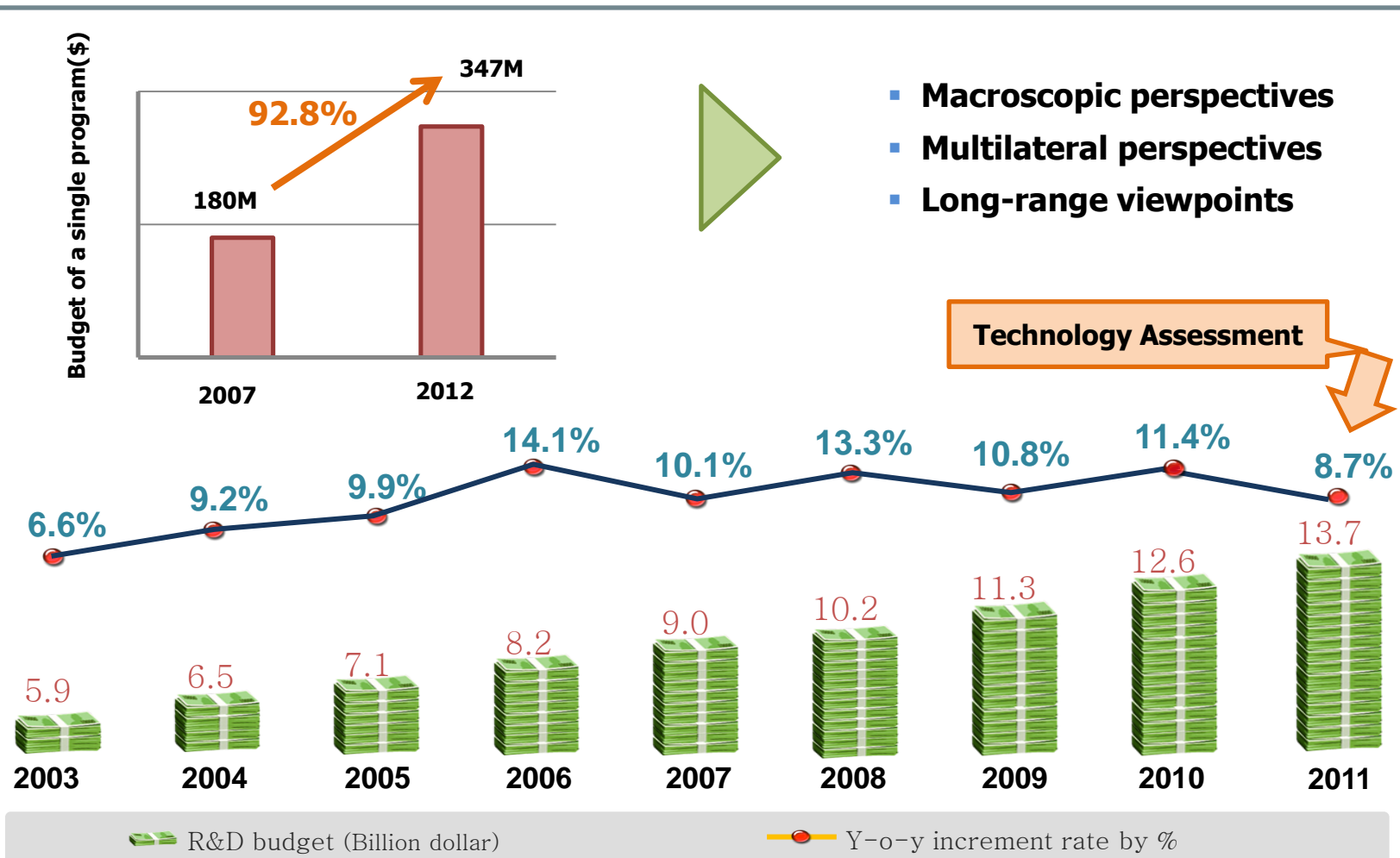
Preliminary evaluation



“But the government R&D programs become more massive, and we need diverse perspectives.”

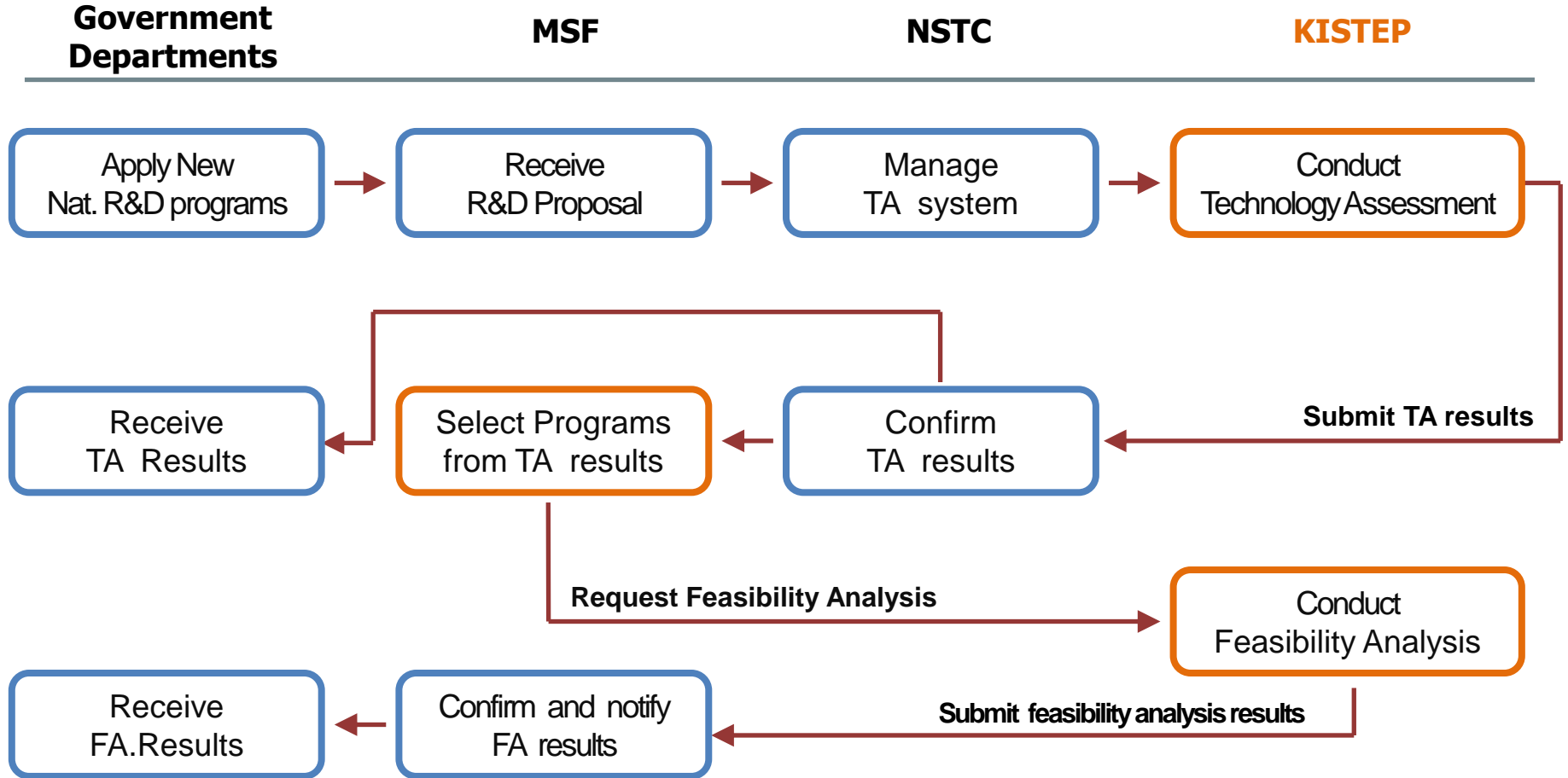
Massiveness of R&D programs

Need



2. Preliminary Evaluation System

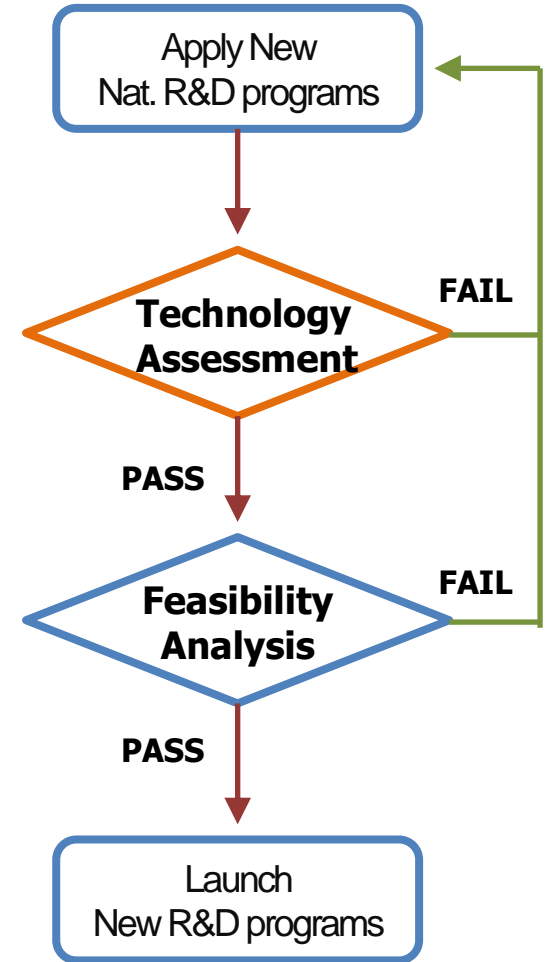
“Technology Assessment System is the first screening step as a preliminary evaluation process for national R&D program”



- MSF(Ministry of Strategy and Finance) / NSTC(National S&T Committee)
- KISTEP(Korea Institute of S&T Evaluation and Planning)
- TA (Technology Assessment) / FA(Feasibility Analysis)

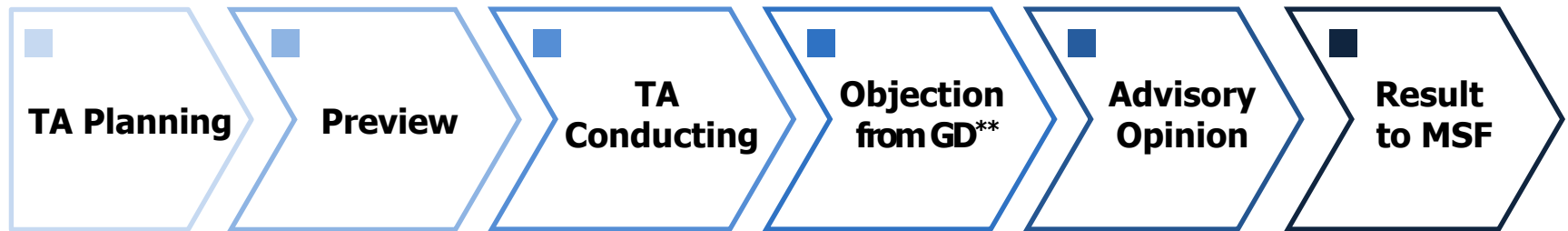
“Technology Assessment System is...”

	Technology Assessment System
Purpose	To select practical programs from newly proposed R&D programs for Feasibility Analysis
Supervise	NSTC (National S&T Commission)
Target	<p>Newly proposed national R&D program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total budget \geq \$50M ▪ The budget portion of government \geq \$30M ▪ The budget ratio of construction and facility/equipment installation \leq 30%
Evaluation Period	About 2 months
Method	6 items and 14 indexes with Technology committee



“Technology Assessment process consists of 6 steps”

- To accept newly proposed R&D programs
- To plan TA process
- To assess R&D programs based on assessment items and indexes
- To draft TA results
- To review TA results
- To advise about their properness



- To preview proposed R&D programs by check-lists
- To select proper R&D program for TA by preview
- To get the objection from Government Departments
- To reflect the objection & revise TA results
- To forward TA results to MSF & GD

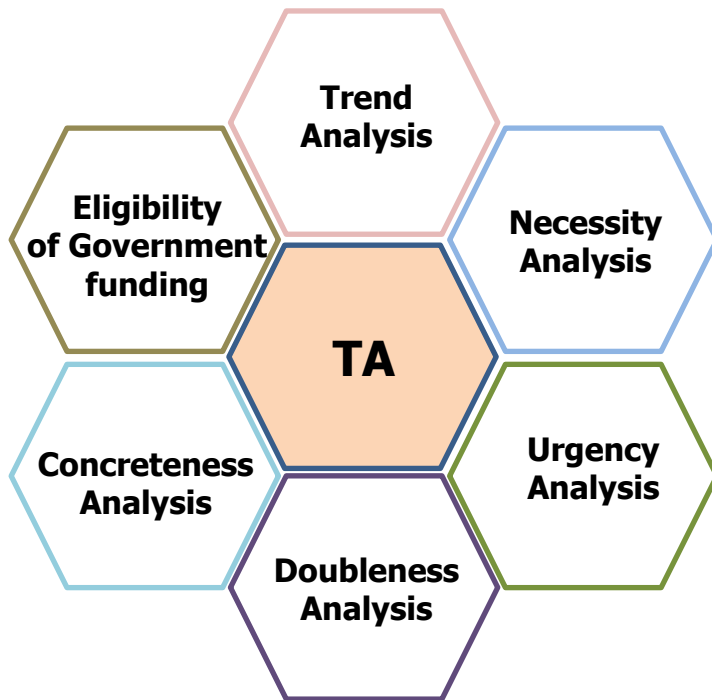
NSTC

TA Advisory Committee

Technology Committee

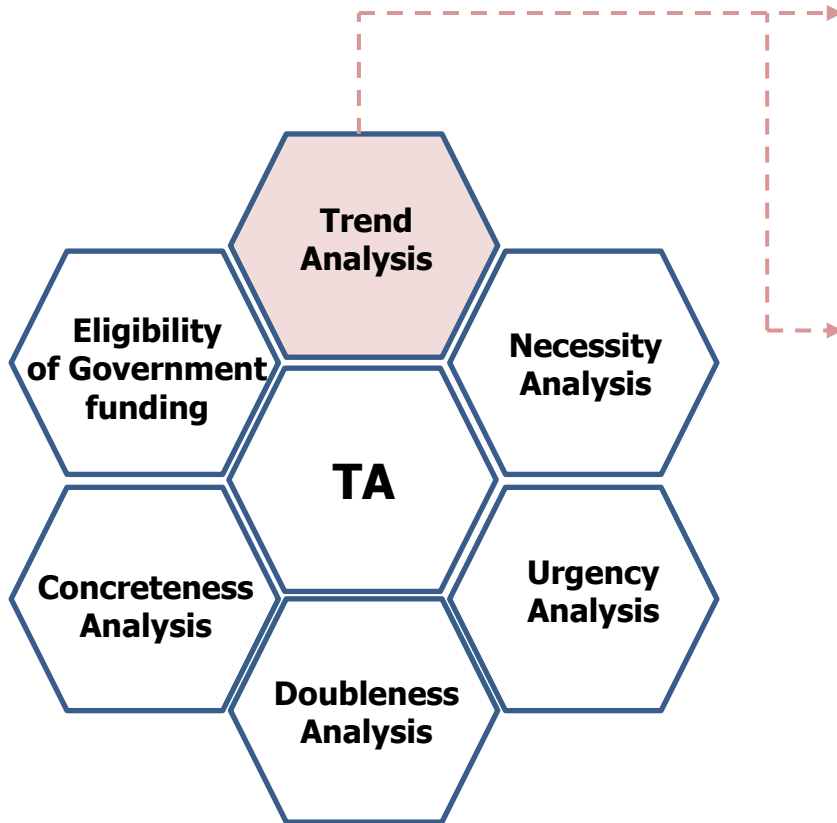
KISTEP

“Technology Assessment is performed with 6 items and 14 indexes”



- The properness of trend analysis
- The utilization plan of trend analysis result
- The correspondence with the national R&D plan
- The correspondence with The national R&D investment plan
- The timeliness of R&D program
- Environmental maturity for R&D program
- The difference in the goal, the target, the technology, and the strategy
- The connecting and cooperating plan with similar R&D programs
- The procedure for R&D program planning
- The properness of contents
- The validity of the plan for the budget, human resource, and the facility
- The validity of the management plan
- The innovativeness of R&D program
- The publicness of R&D program

“Trend analysis has 2 assessment indexes.”



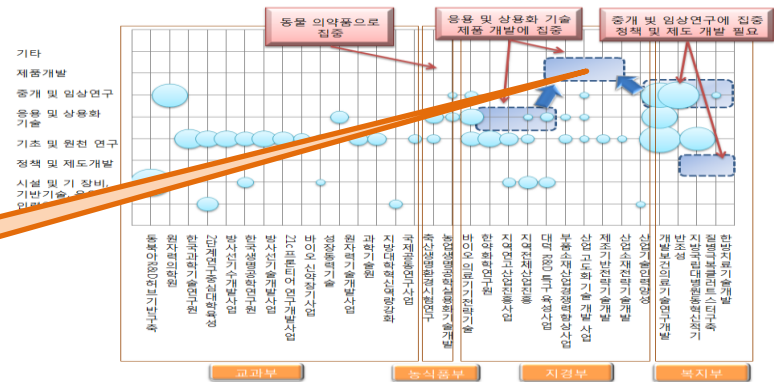
The properness of trend analysis

- To check the policy, market, industry, and technology trend related to R&D program
- To check the case study related to R&D program

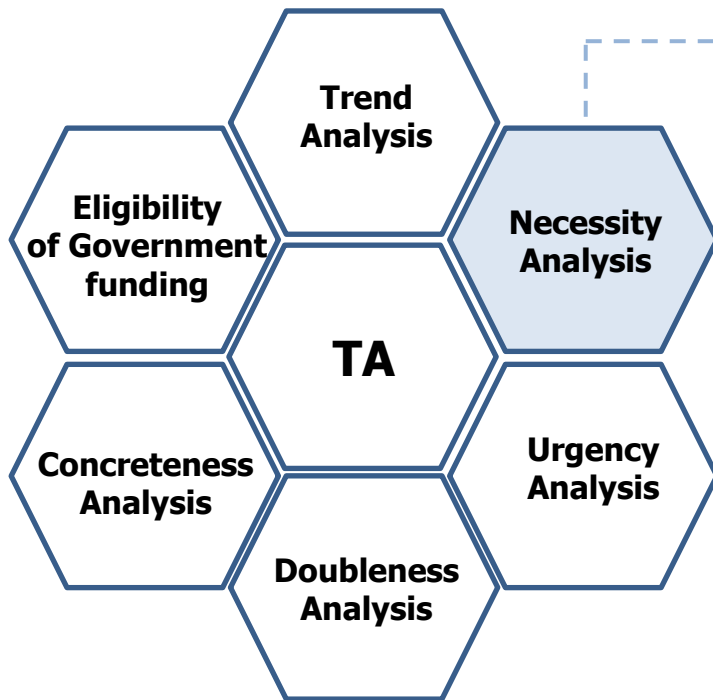
The utilization plan of trend analysis result

- To check if the plan of R&D program reflects the technological level, the white-space technology, the opportunity and the risk of the program based on the trend analysis result

The area of white-space technology



“Necessity Analysis has 2 assessment indexes.”



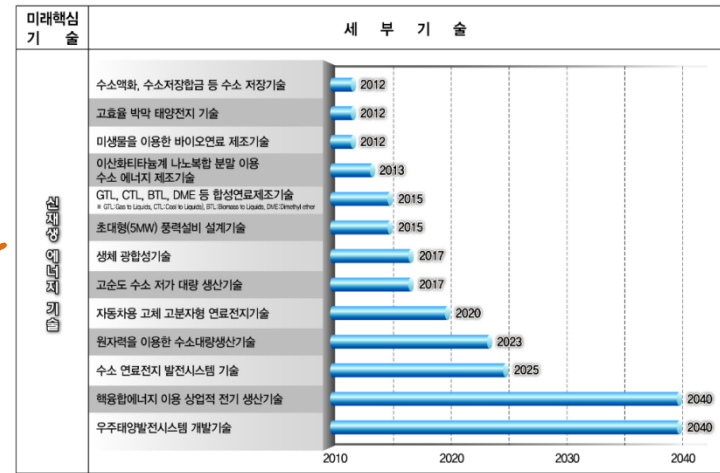
The correspondence with the national R&D plan

- To check if the purpose of the R&D program corresponds to the national R&D plan

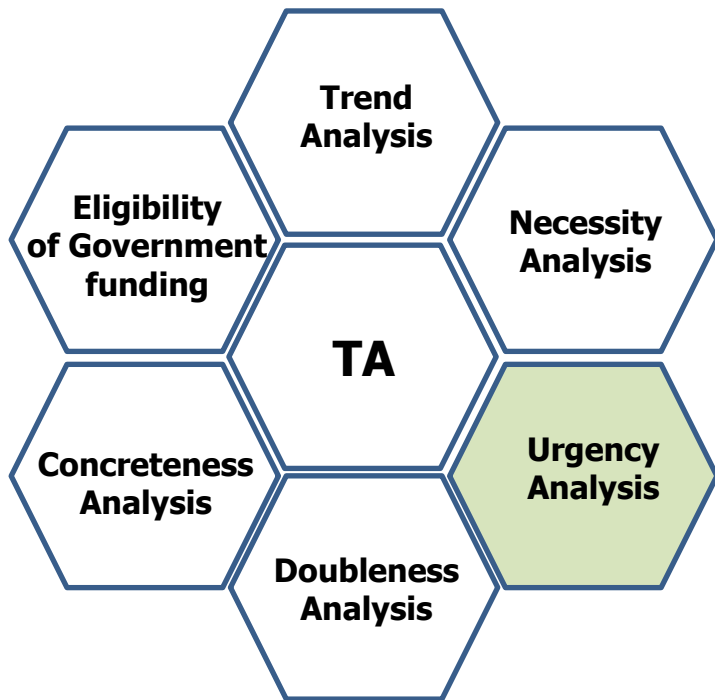
The correspondence with the national R&D investment plan

- To check if the direction and contents of R&D program are included in the national R&D investment plan

The national R&D Plan



“Urgency Analysis has 2 assessment indexes.”



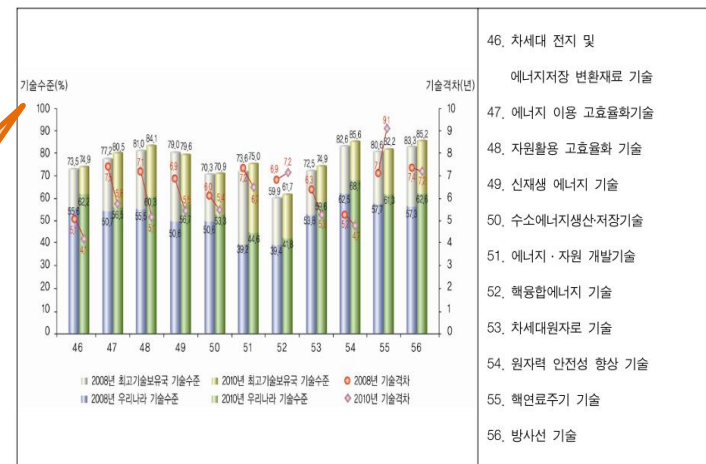
The timeliness of R&D program

- To check if it is the right time to launch R&D program

Environmental maturity for R&D program

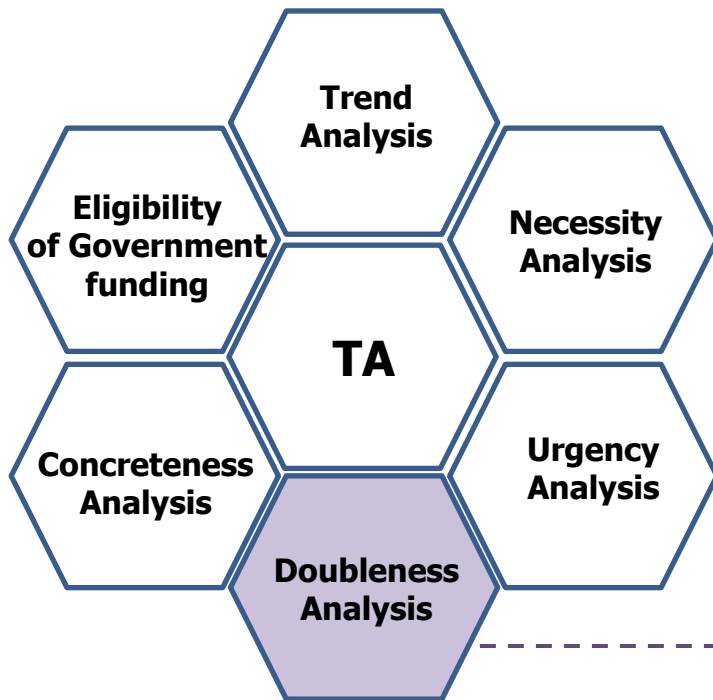
- To check if the environment for R&D program like technology level, the number of researchers, and infrastructure is mature enough

The technology level



- 46. 차세대 전지 및 에너지저장 변환재료 기술
- 47. 에너지 이용 고효율화 기술
- 48. 자원활용 고효율화 기술
- 49. 신재생 에너지 기술
- 50. 수소에너지생산·저장기술
- 51. 에너지·자원 개발기술
- 52. 핵융합에너지 기술
- 53. 차세대원자로 기술
- 54. 원자력 안전성 향상 기술
- 55. 핵연료주기 기술
- 56. 방사선 기술

“Doubleness Analysis has 2 assessment indexes.”



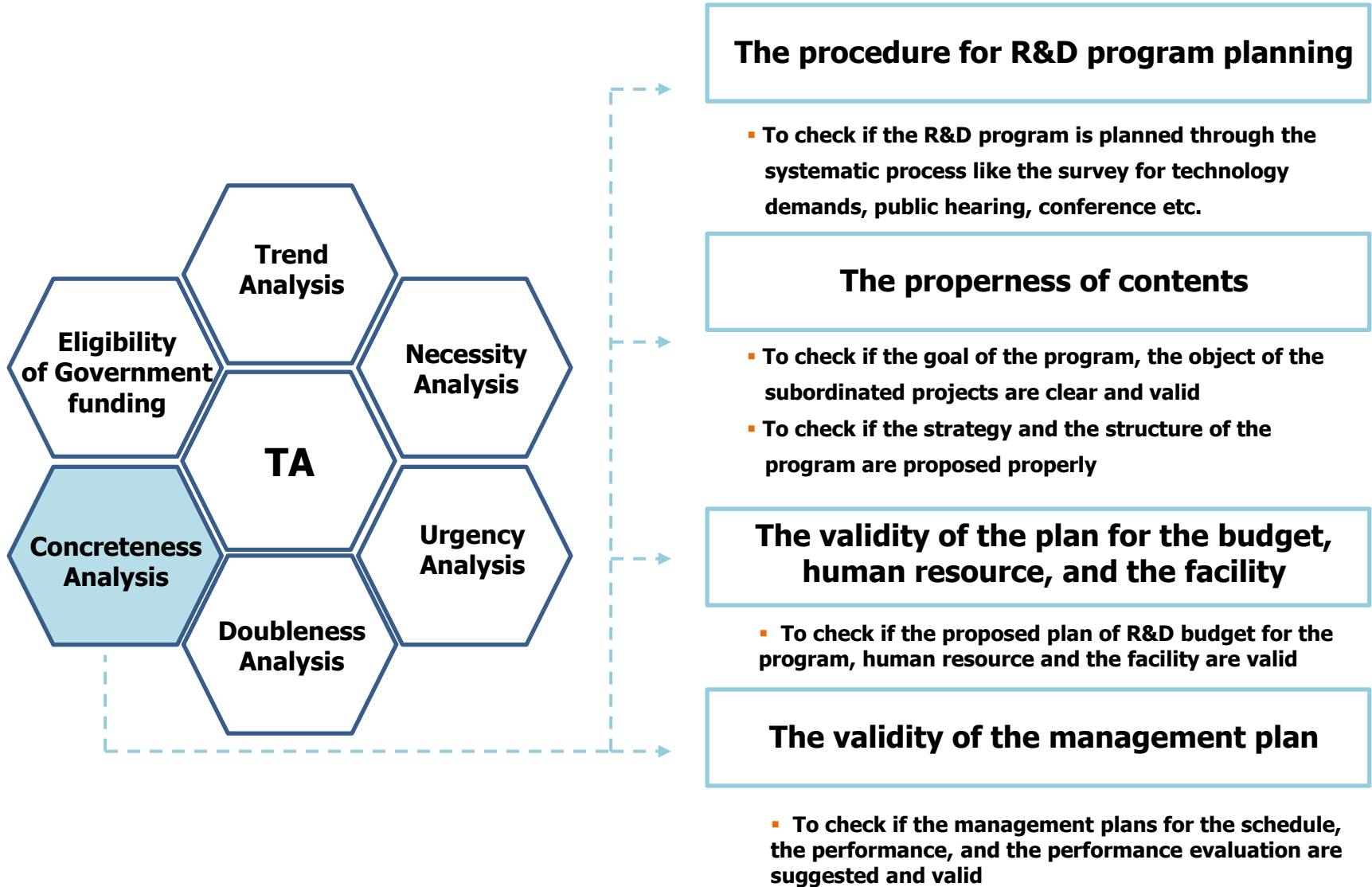
The difference in the goal, the target, the technology, and the strategy

- To check if the proposed R&D program differs with previous other R&D programs in terms of the goal, the target, the technology field, and the strategy

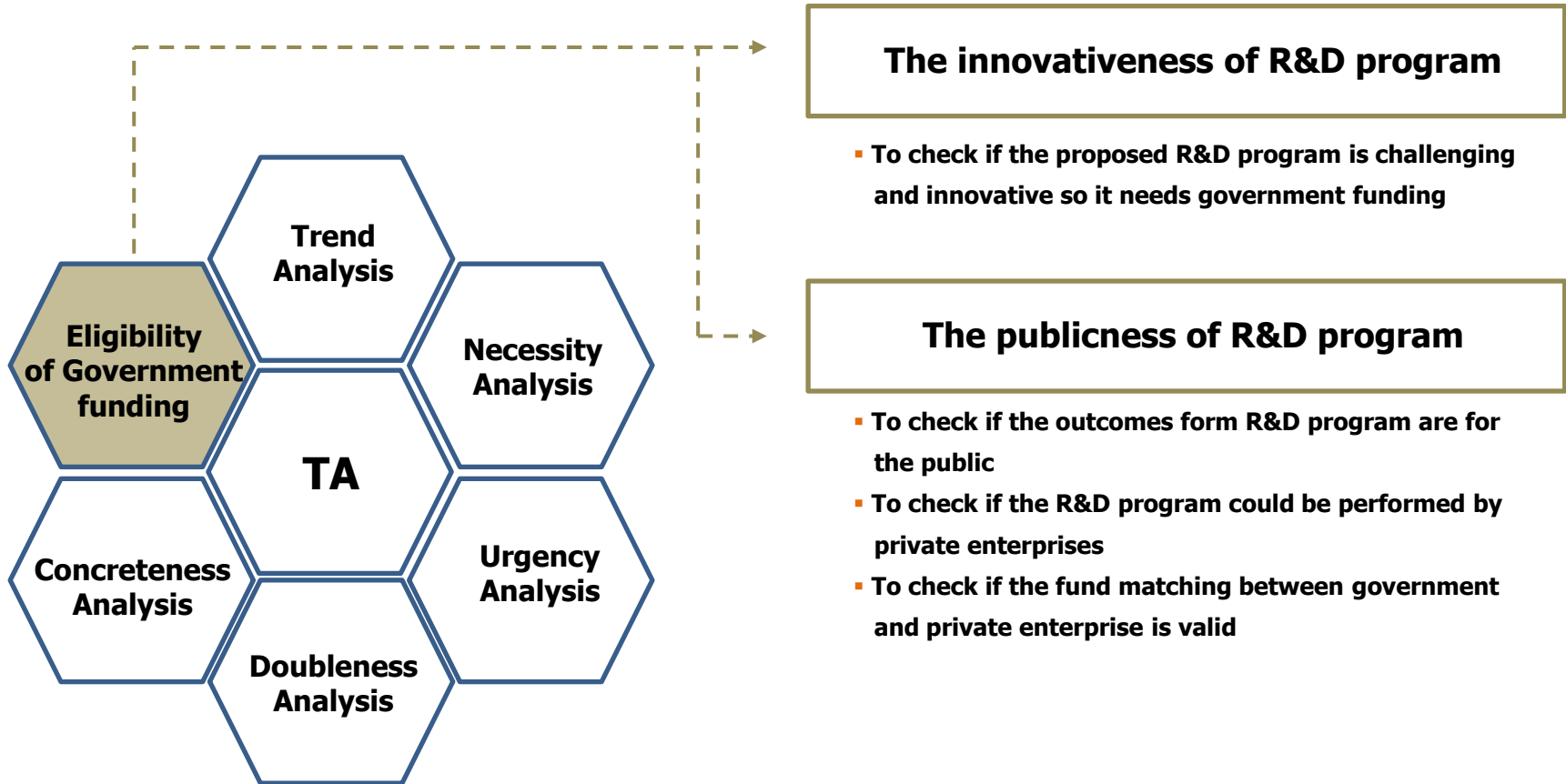
The connecting and cooperating plan with similar R&D programs

- To check if the proposed R&D programs represents the connecting or cooperating plan with similar R&D programs
- To check if such proposed plans are valid and proper

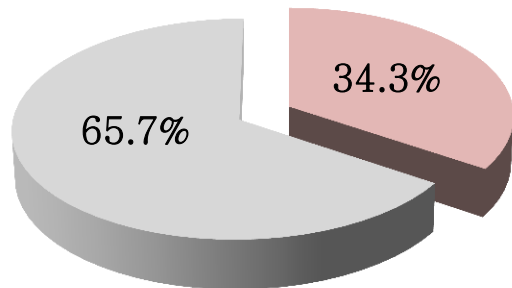
“Concreteness Analysis has 4 assessment indexes.”



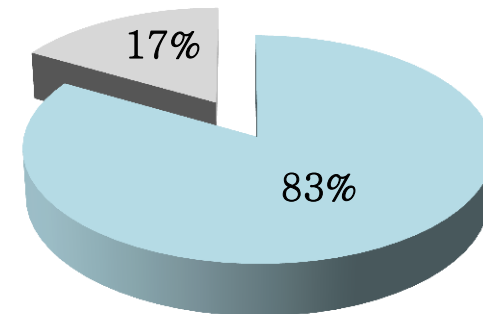
“Eligibility of Government funding has 2 assessment indexes.”



“Technology Assessment has conducted 3 times since the 2nd half of 2011, and shows positive results in its role.”

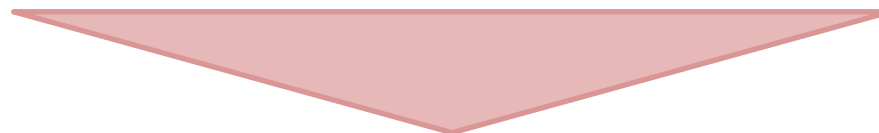


■ Pass ■ Fail



■ Selected for FA ■ Not selected for FA

- 51 R&D programs were applied as new national R&D programs from 8 Government departments.
- 36 R&D programs were the target for TA
- Only 12 R&D programs in 36 were satisfied for TA
- 10 R&D programs in 12 from TA were selected for Feasibility Analysis by MSF

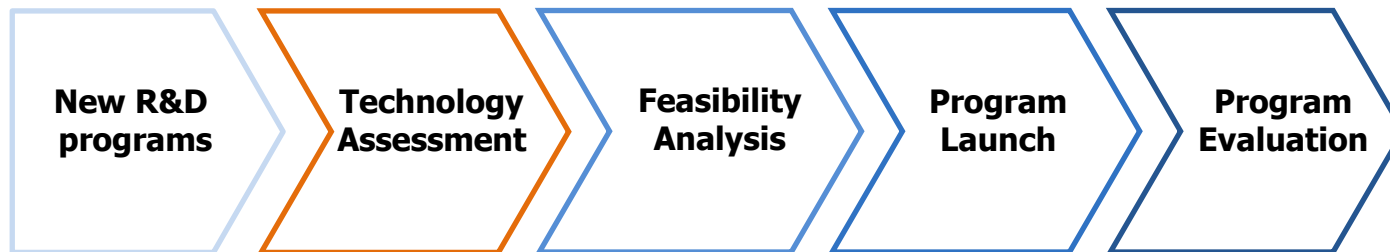


TA System becomes the essential preliminary evaluation system for national S&T

“Technology Assessment System is settled down but still needs to be evolved.”

- **To keep the consistency and the objectivity of TA system, KISTEP plans to study how to reflect the diversity of R&D programs’ goals in TA, improve Technology Assessment standards and system, and develop more diverse perspectives for TA.**

- **To enhance Korea’s Science and Technology, KISTEP plan to research the methodology for the life-cycle evaluation of national R&D programs.**



“I am happy to have the opportunity for the presentation at PACITA conference and appreciate your warm consideration.”

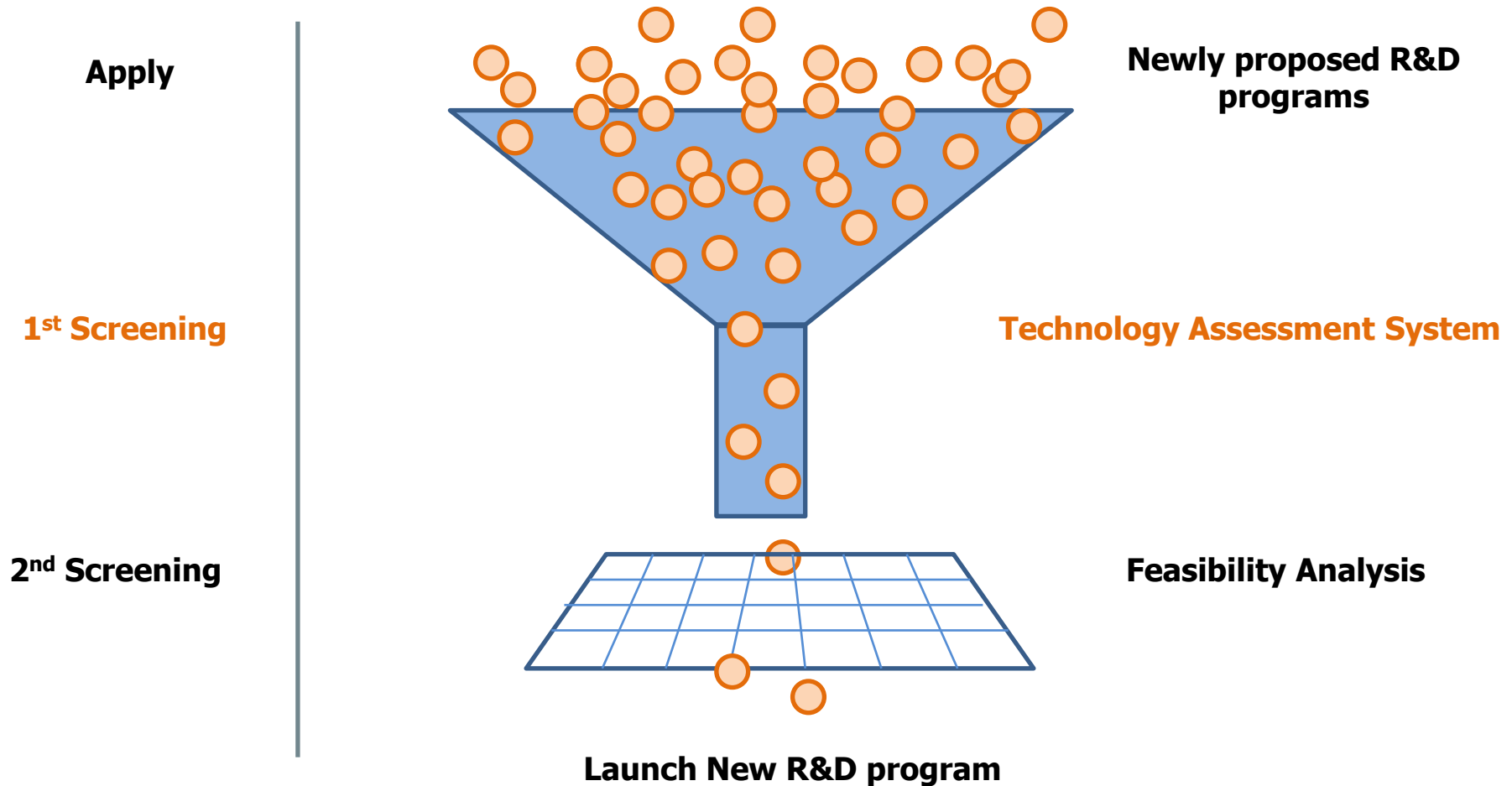
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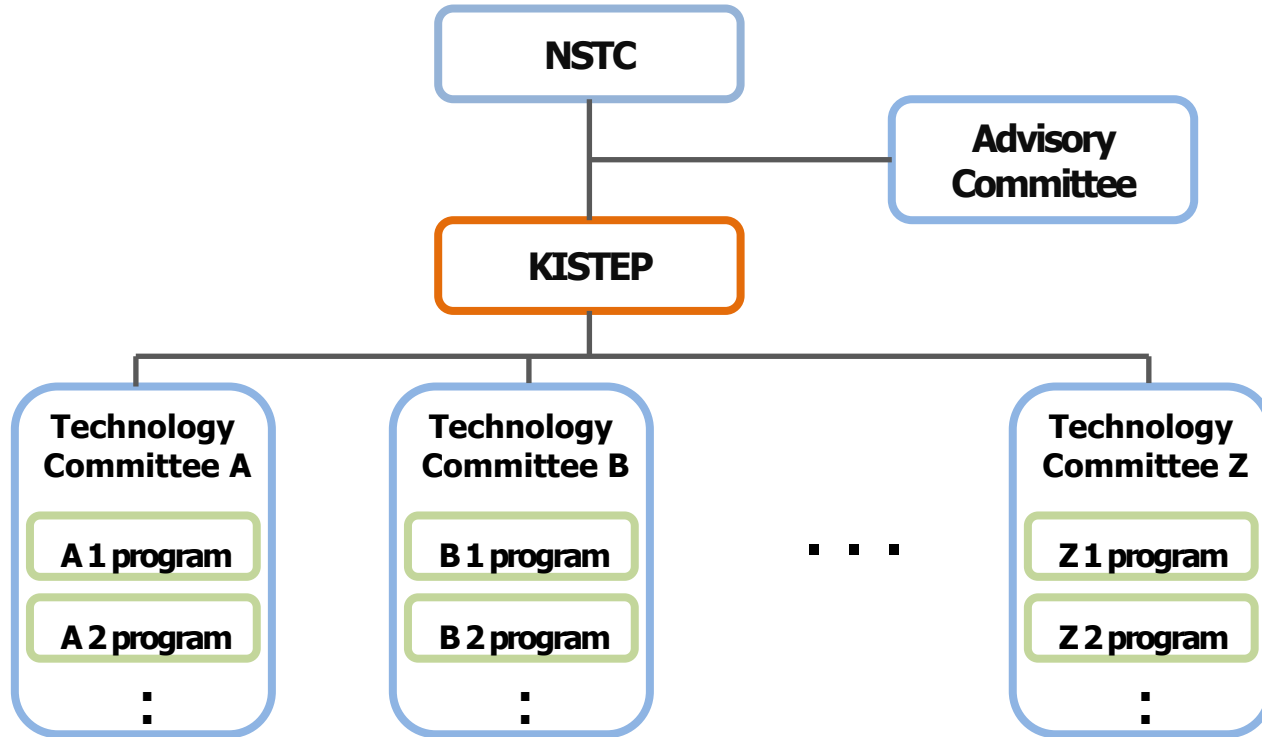
Additional Info

“Technology Assessment System is the Preliminary Evaluation system.”

- **“Assessment” and “Evaluation” have the same meaning in Korean translation.**



“Technology Assessment structure and their roles are following .”



NSTC

Advisory Committee

KISTEP

Technology Committee

- Supervise TA process
- Confirm TA result & send the result to MSF

- Review & advise about TA result

- Conduct TA about each R&D program
- One of KISTEP researchers becomes MD of each Technology Committee

- Conduct TA with KISTEP
- Consist of 5-6 experts related with R&D field

“The comparison between TA and FA is...”

	Technology Assessment System	Feasibility Analysis
Purpose	To select practical R&D program for Feasibility Analysis	To analyze the feasibility of the program's promotion
Supervise	NSTC (National S&T Commission)	MSF (Ministry of Strategy and Finance)
Target	Newly proposed R&D program <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Total budget \geq \$50M▪ The budget portion of government \geq \$30M▪ The budget ratio of construction and facility/equipment installation \leq 30%	Newly proposed program <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Total budget \geq \$50M▪ The budget portion of government \geq \$30M
Evaluation Period	About 2 months	About 5 months
Method	6 items and 14 indexes with Technology committee	3 Criteria with Advisory committee (Economy/Technology/Policy)

