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The Legal Framework to Unlocking Flexibility

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From System Need to Investable Project

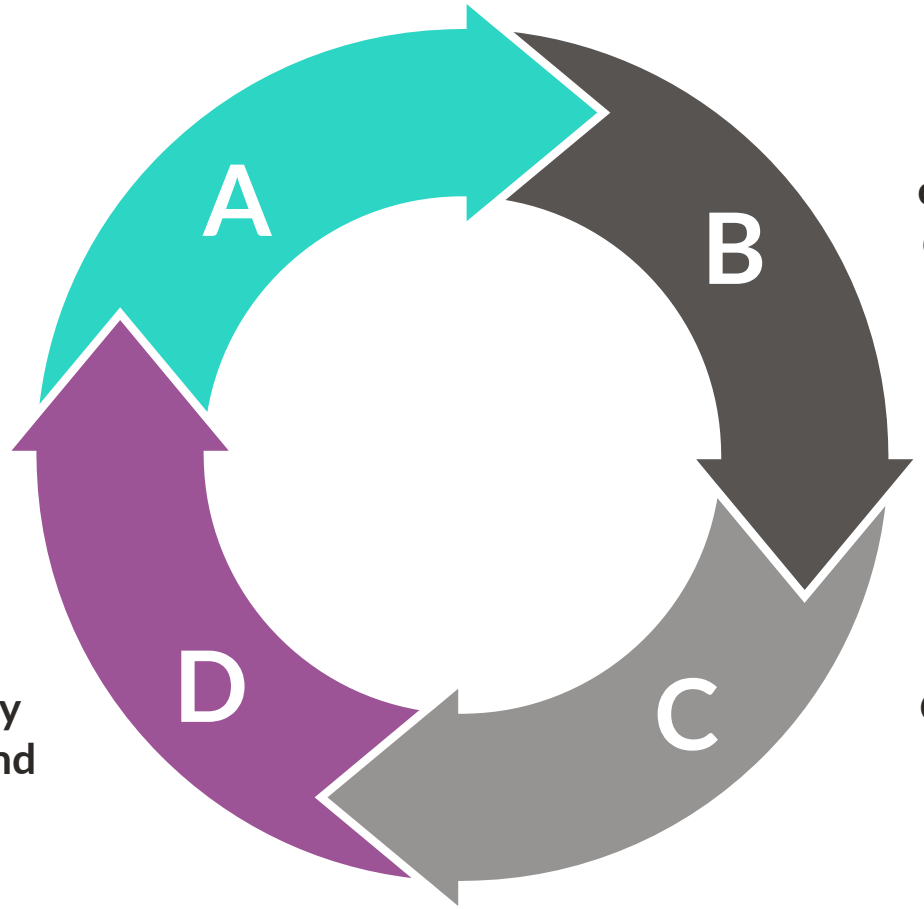
Northern Ireland needs flexibility

The legal question is whether projects can:

- CONNECT
- CONTRACT
- OBTAIN FINANCE

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Why Flexibility Matters



More variable renewable generation

Network constraints and dispatch-down

A need for flexibility across time, place and duration

Growing demand and connection queues

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Assessment establishes need | Law must enable delivery



Flexibility

is becoming a measurable system requirement.

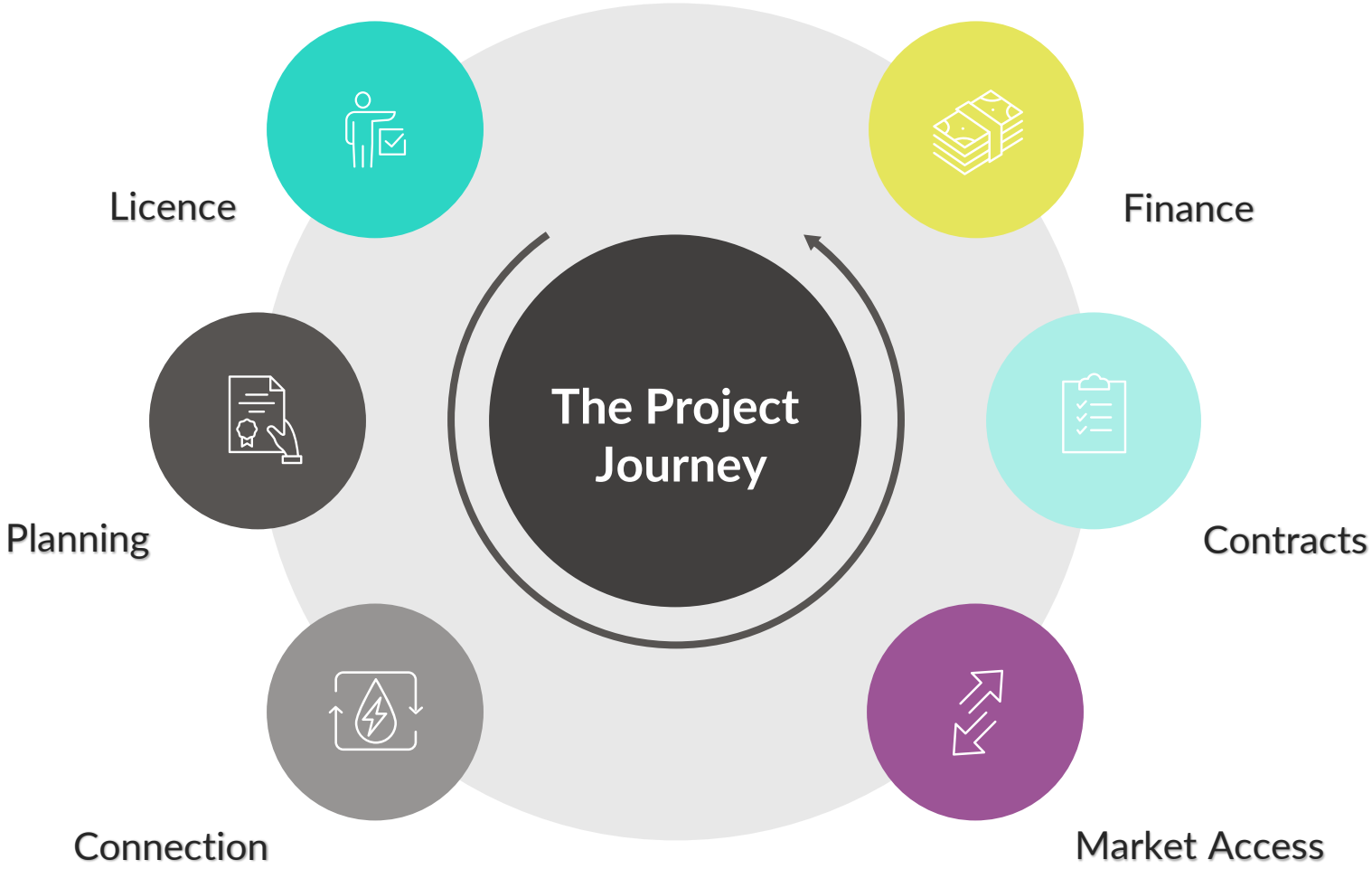
Needs

will evolve in location, duration and scale.

Network Reinforcement

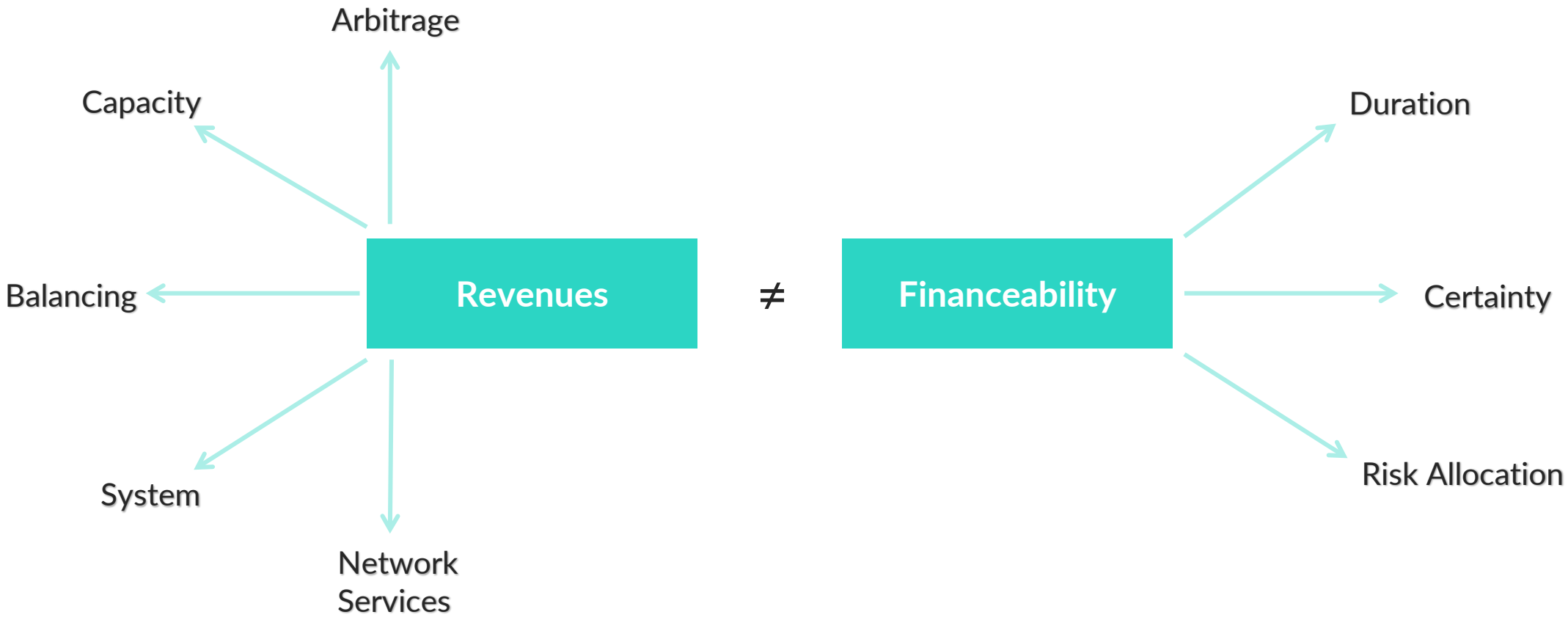
and flexibility are complementary.

The Project Journey – Where Legal Friction Arises



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Revenue is not the same as Bankability



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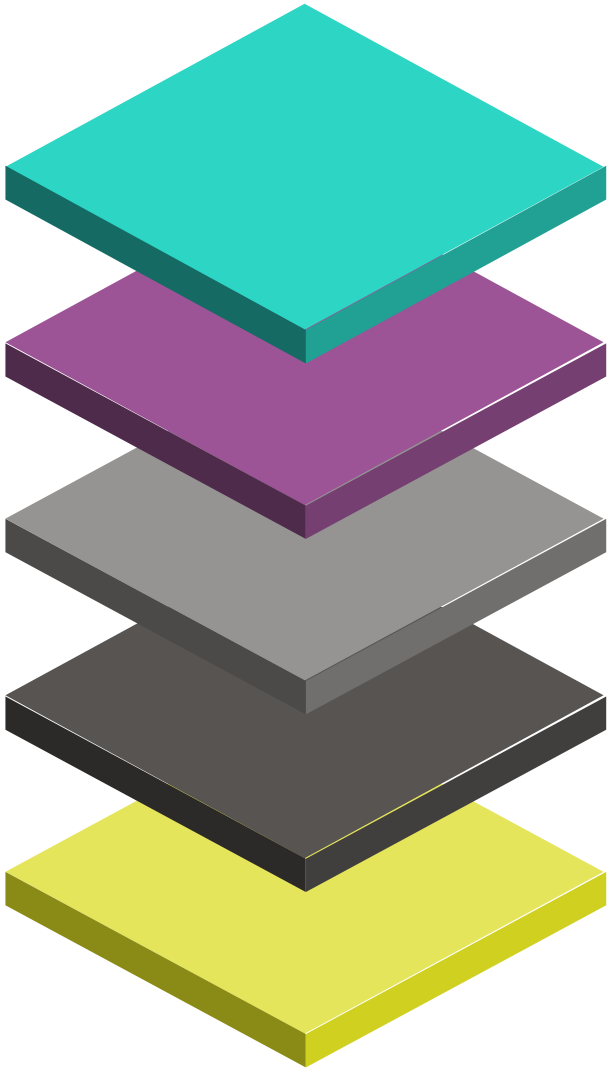
Lender Concerns



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Bankable Revenue?

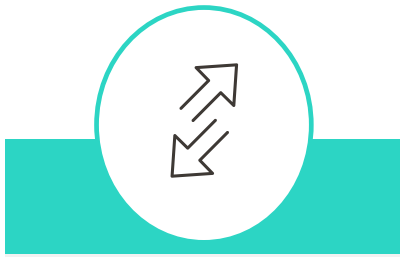
Revenue stacking is better than one single support mechanism



Co-Location: A Practical Legal Test Case

Efficiency	Better use of connection capacity
Integration	Interfaces between ownership, metering, dispatch and revenues
Alignment	Project documents must operate as one structure

Co-Location – Practical Questions



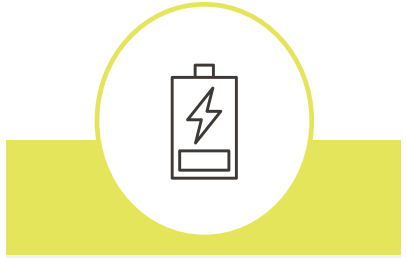
How is shared connection capacity allocated?



How is the electricity metered and settled?



Which asset has priority?



Are arrangements and commitments compatible?

Four Legal Priorities for Delivery

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Regulatory Clarity

Proportionate treatment of storage and aggregation

02

Investable Markets

Transparent procurement and workable revenue stacking

03

Deliverable Infrastructure

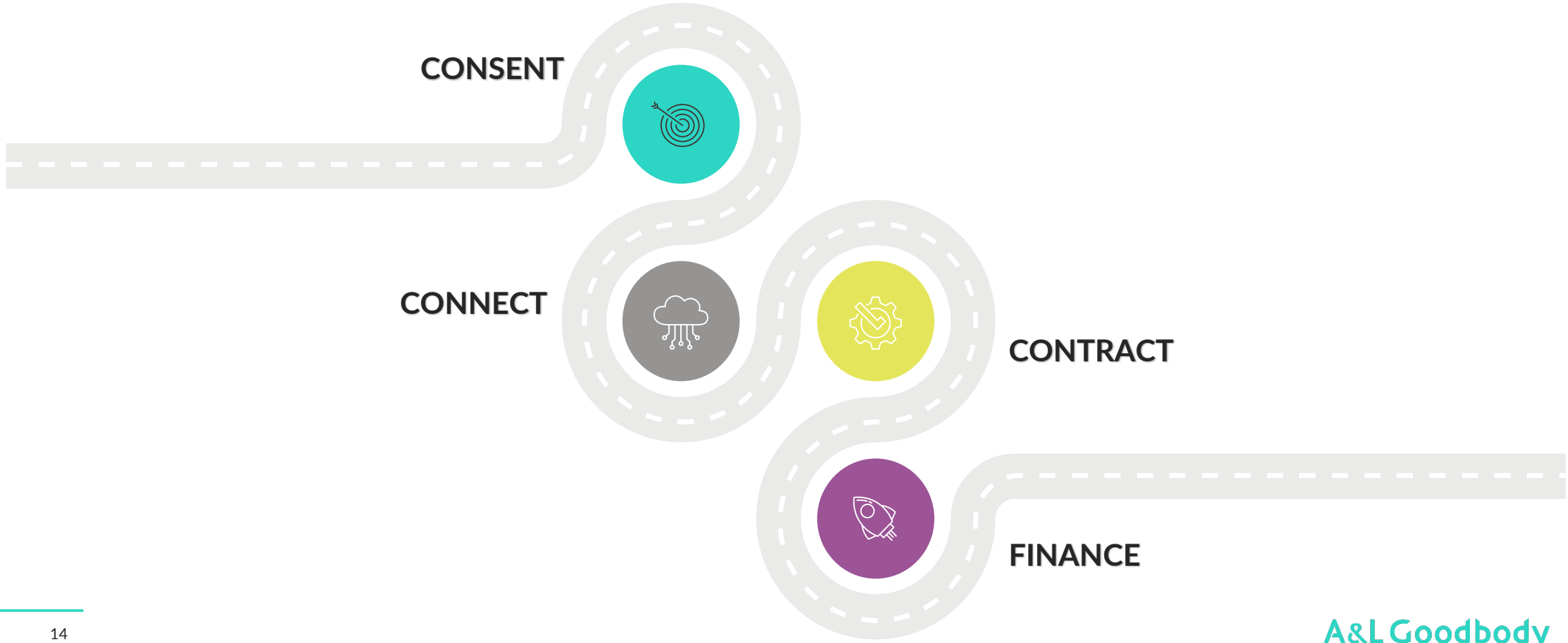
Certainty around connections and identifiable flexibility

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Coordinated Consenting

Predictable planning, environmental and safety pathways

Conclusion: Build a Route to Finance



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