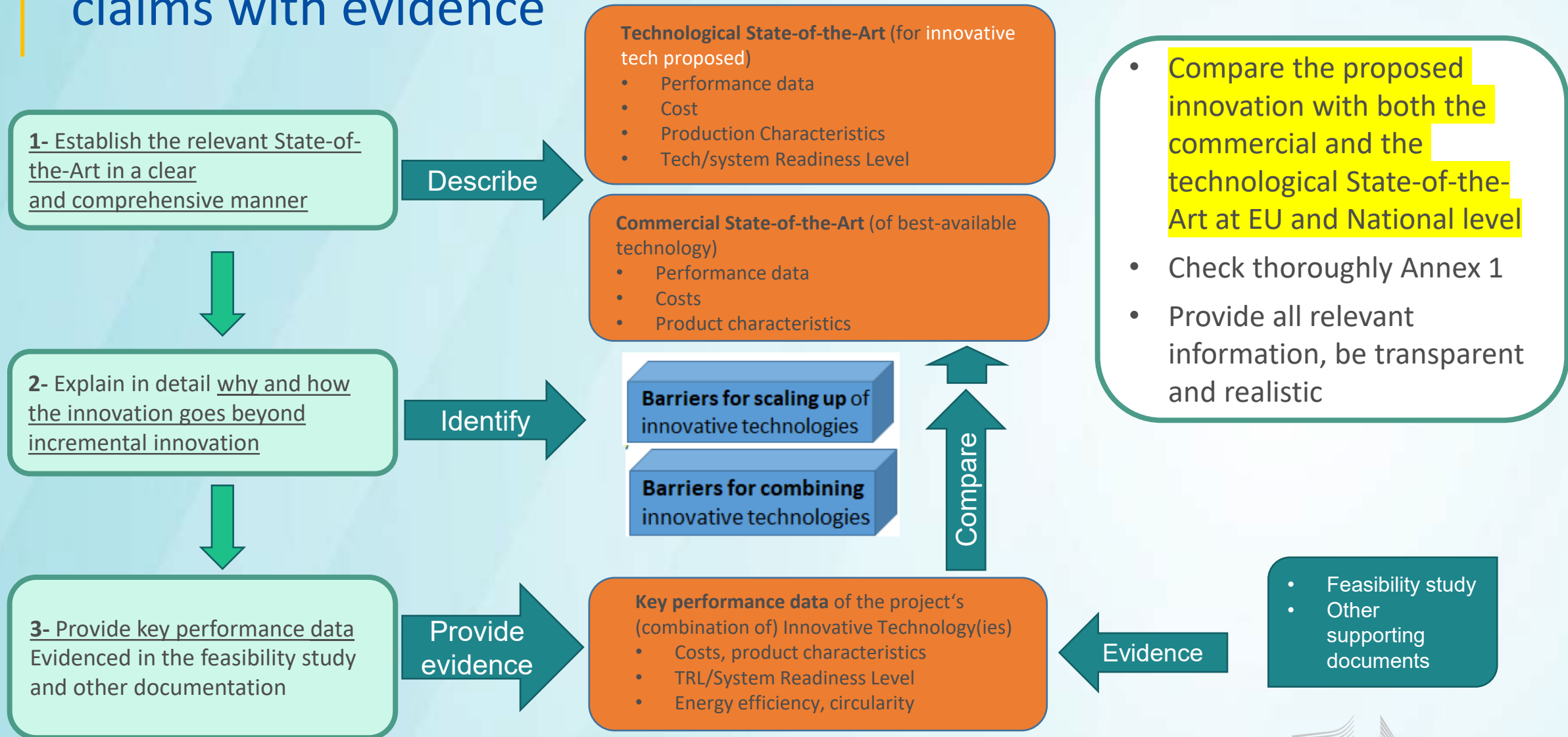


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Award criteria Part I - Degree of innovation

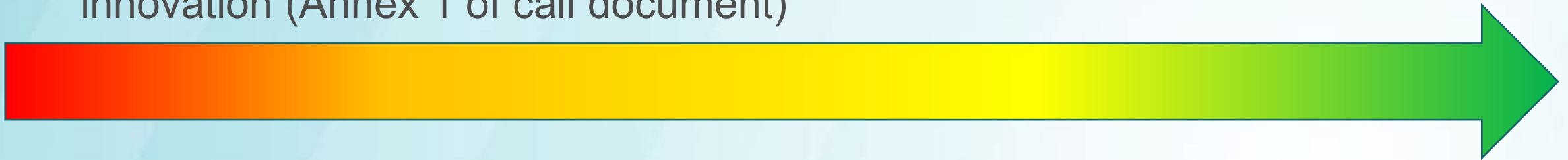
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Degree of Innovation (DoI): Be exhaustive and underpin your claims with evidence



Degree of Innovation

The Innovation Fund aims to support projects that go beyond incremental innovation (Annex 1 of call document)



Incremental innovation, the degree of innovation is very low since only minor changes or improvements are made to existing products, processes or business models, projects which will deliver only incremental innovation **will not be retained.**

Intermediate or strong degree of innovation is present in new or considerably changed technologies or processes or business models for the production or delivery of existing or new products or services

Very strong or breakthrough degree of innovation is present in completely new technologies or processes or business models or completely new products or services, which substitute existing products or business models

How to make your proposal successful

- Clearly describe the innovation in the individual elements of the proposed solution and, if relevant, of their combination and their respective degrees of innovation
- Clearly describe the state of the art as a benchmark against which the assessment of the innovation(s) is made (include geographical reference point) - at EU and/or National level
- Evaluators need to be convinced by the application, so substantiate well the performance advancements compared to state-of-the-art solution, provide credible performance data. Consideration of innovation needs to take into account at least plant design; operating approach; construction; performance; reliability & availability; maintenance and economics.