




**Administrative Simplification
in the Netherlands**



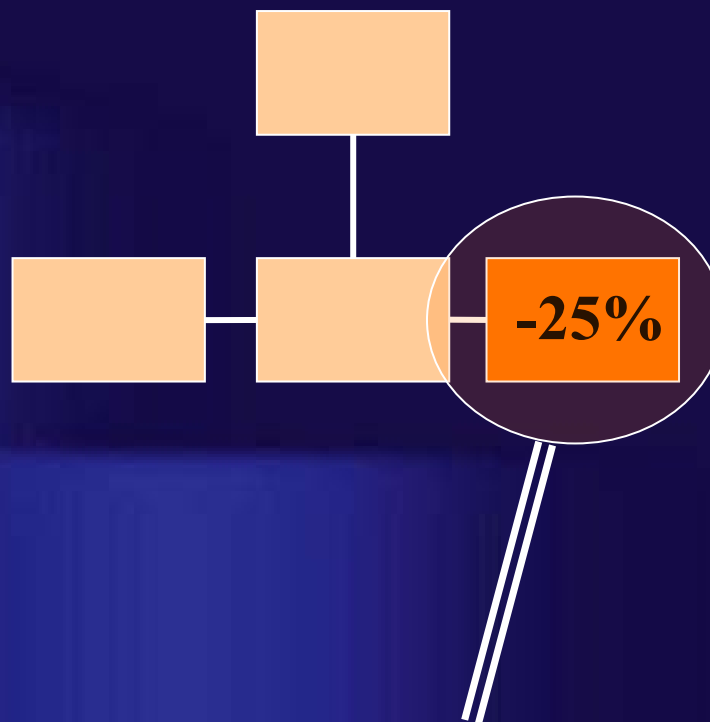
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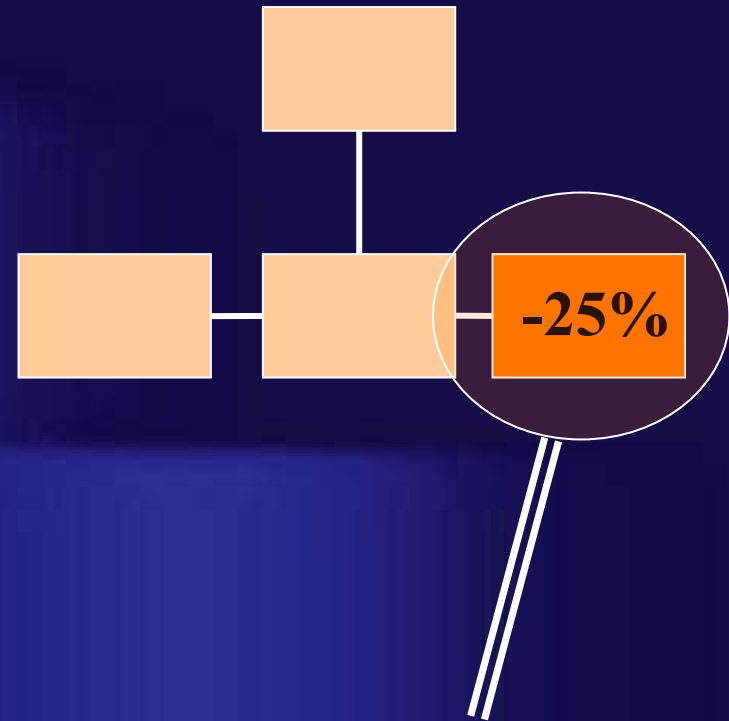
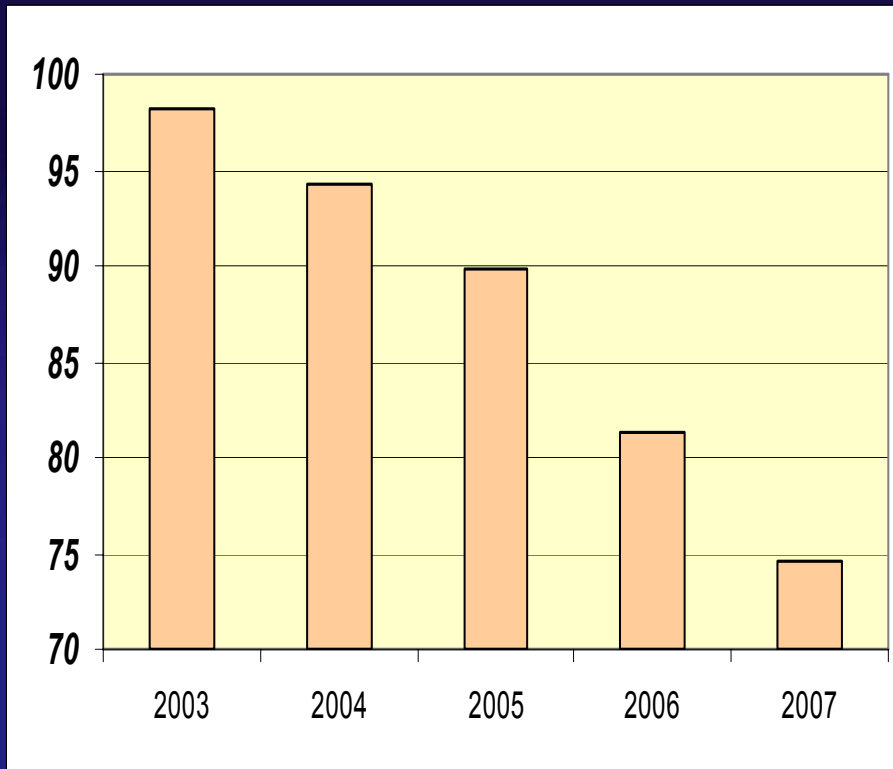
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Reduction of Adm. Burdens : why?

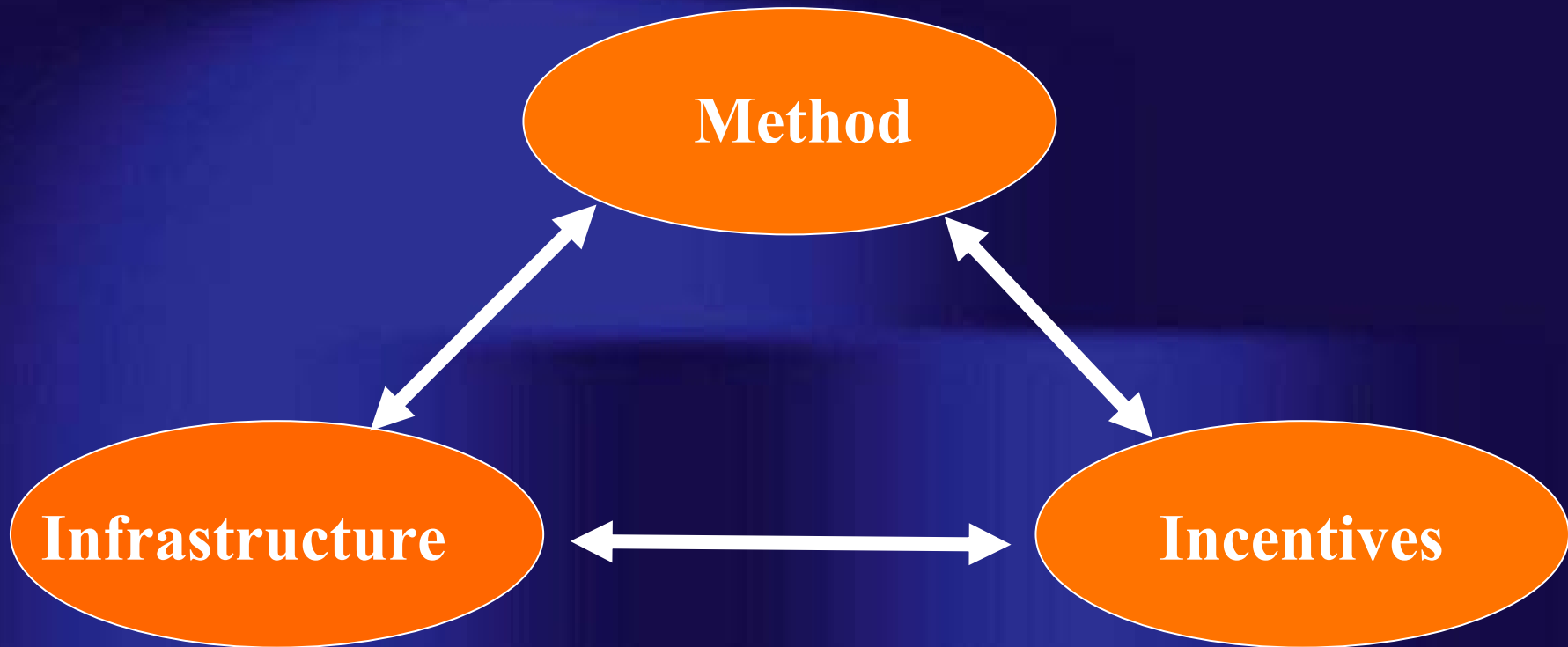
- AB = element of regulatory cost
- AB should be part of better regulation program
 - Because of the economic costs
 - Because of the economic benefits
- AB should be part of better regulation program



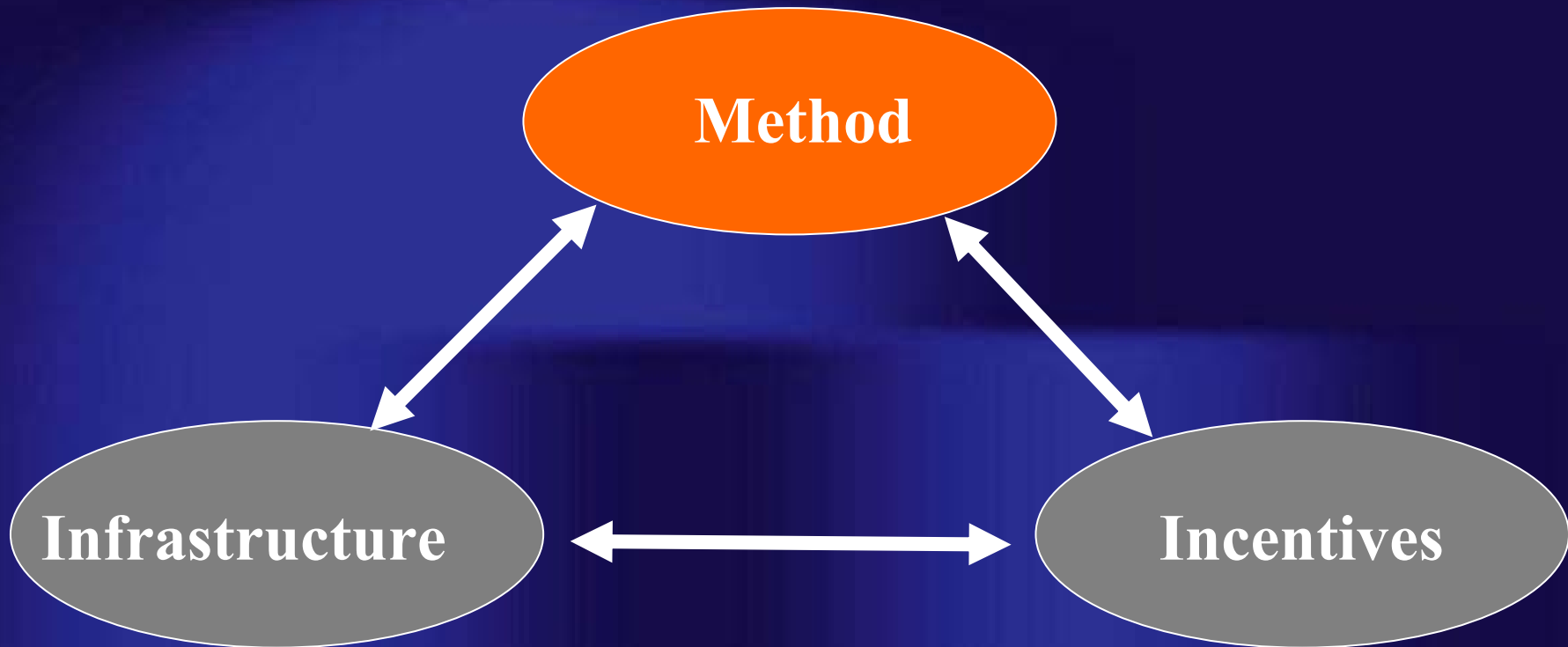
Our programme 2003 - 2007



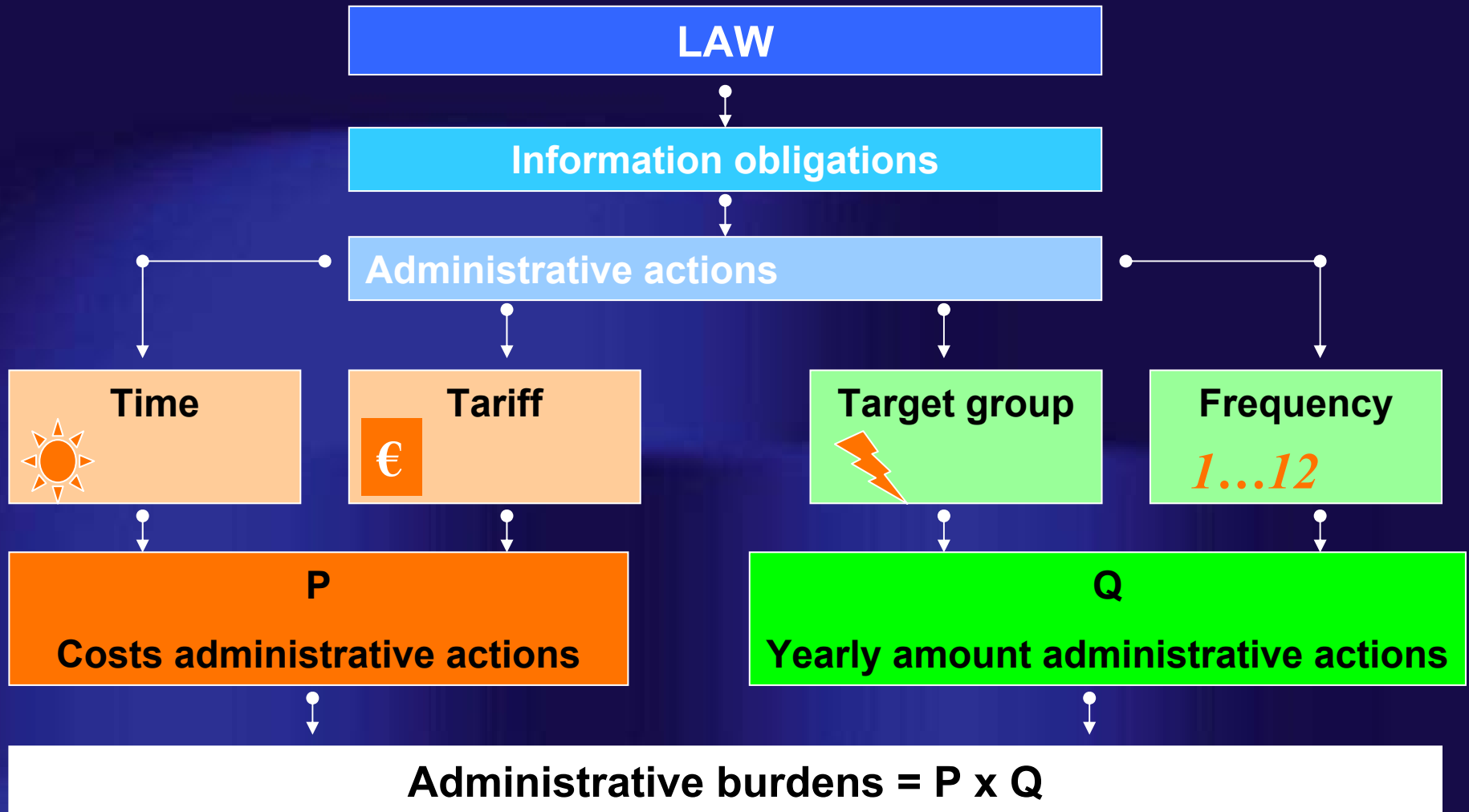
It takes three to tango.....



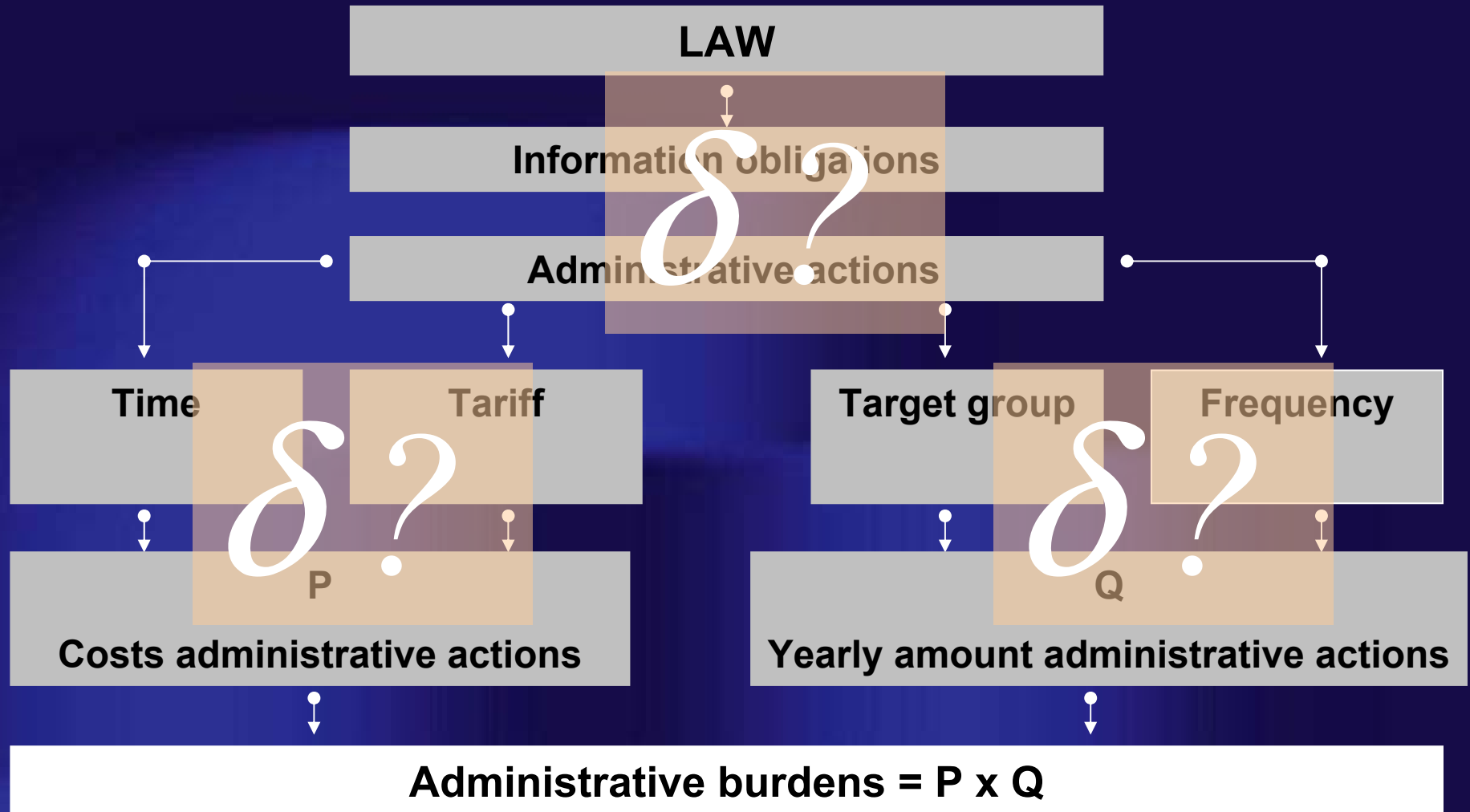
Ingredient 1 : method



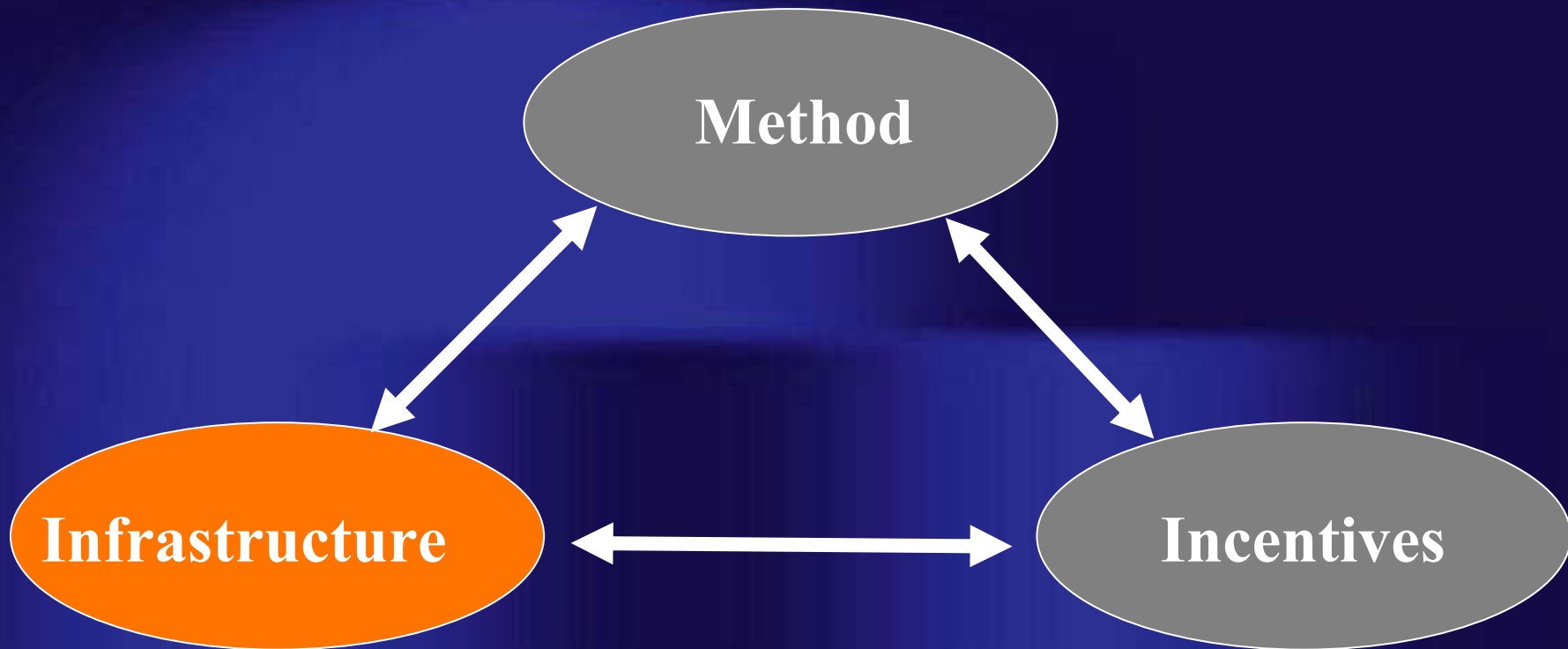
Ingredient 1 : SCM-Method



From measurement to reduction-measures

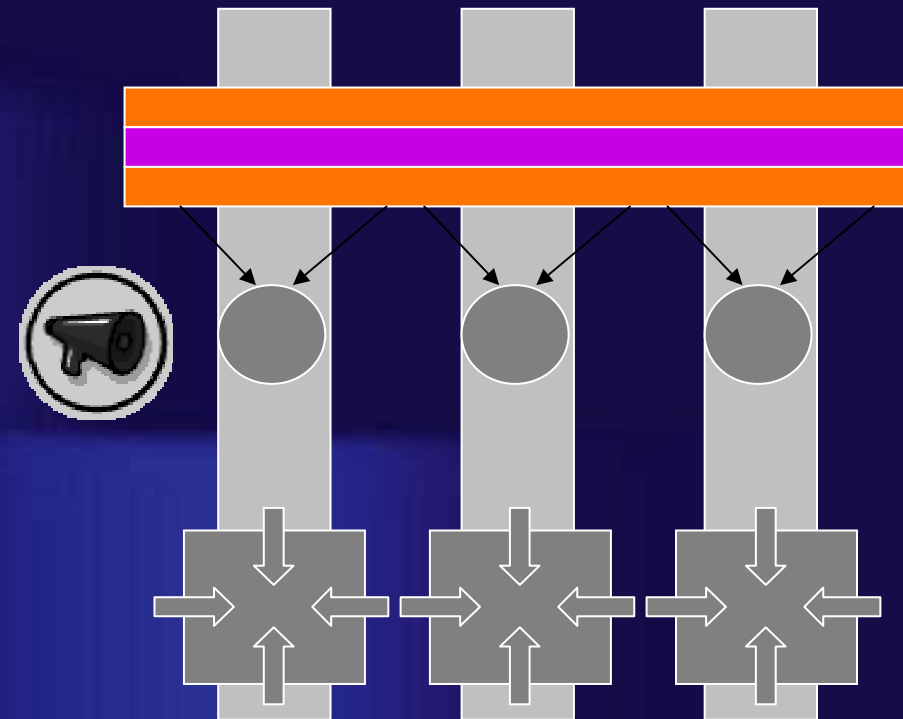


Ingredient 2 : infrastructure



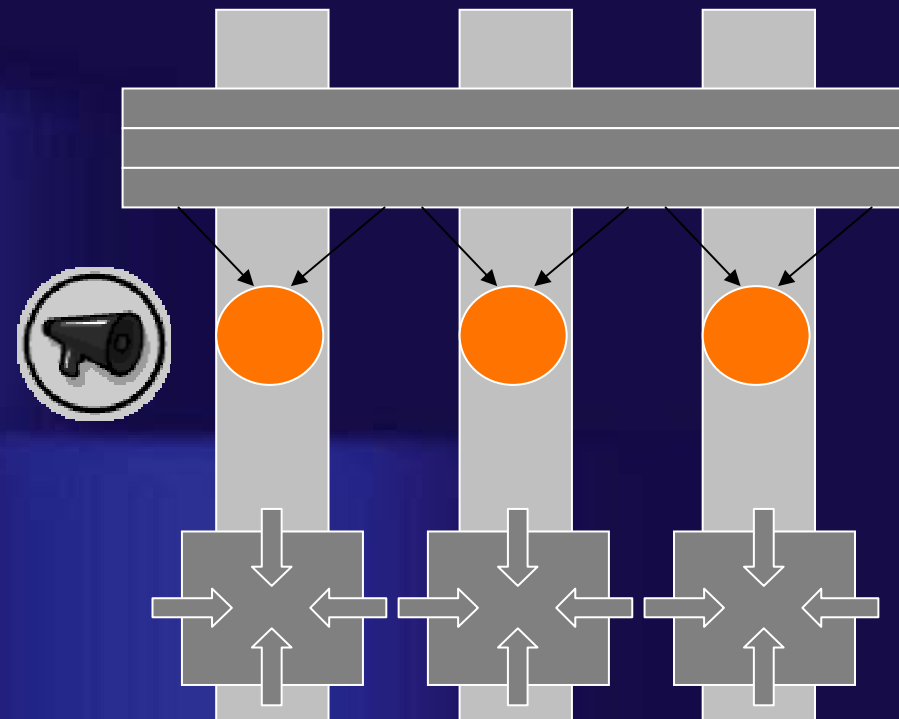
Why is horizontal coordination needed?

- **Quality of regulation / good governance is a cross cutting issue:**
 - It affects every pillars' business
 - But is no one's main concern
- **You can't have a well-targeted better regulation or good governance policy without horizontal coordination (urgency, focus, efficiency)**



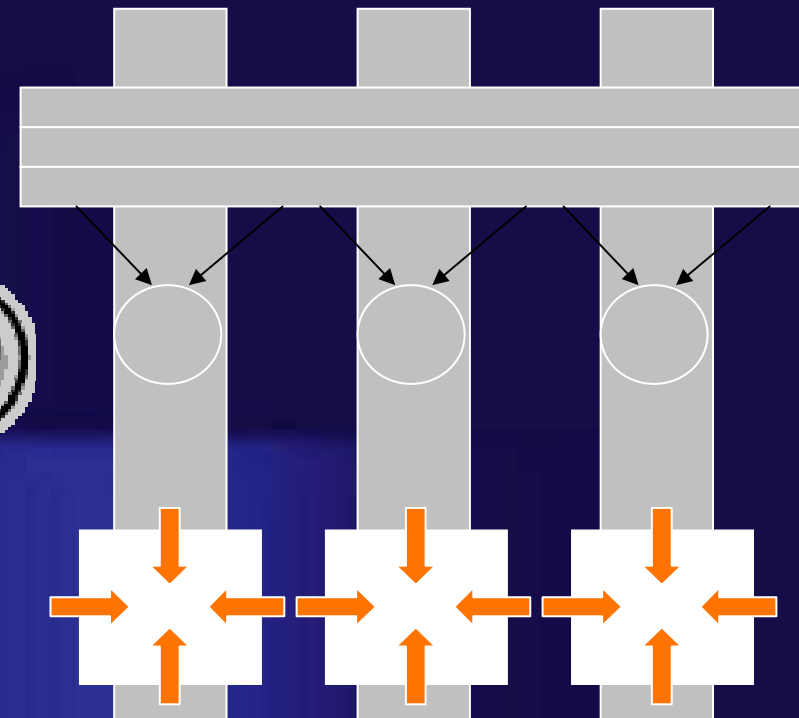
Why is decentralisation needed?

- The more centralisation, the less internalisation
- You cannot have a culture change / enduring effect without true internalisation
- Therefore, a balance between coordination and decentral ownership is needed

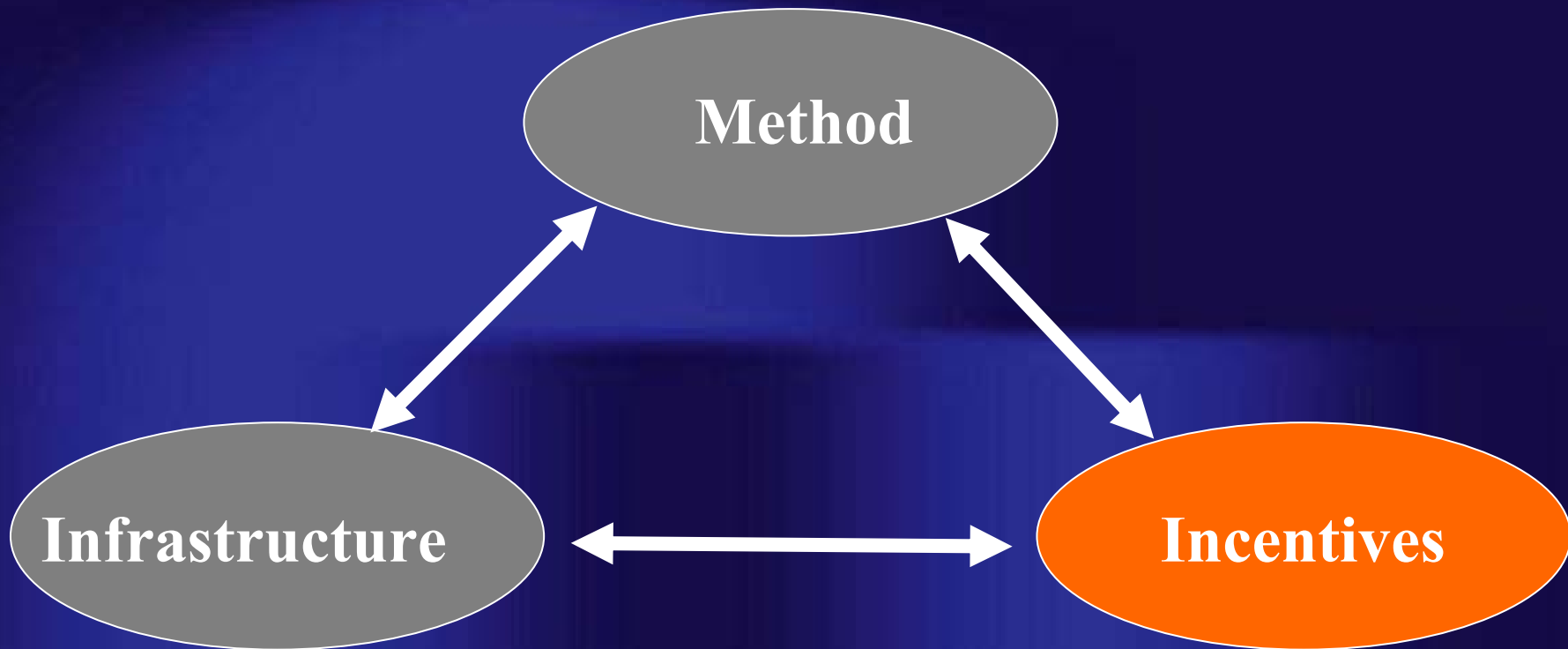


stakeholder involvement

- **Why?**
 - Validation
 - Countervailing power
 - Tacit matters
 - Inspiration
- **How? Examples:**
 - Mixed Committees
 - “Adopt a company”
 - Secondments / exchange programme
 - Website for complaints and suggestions

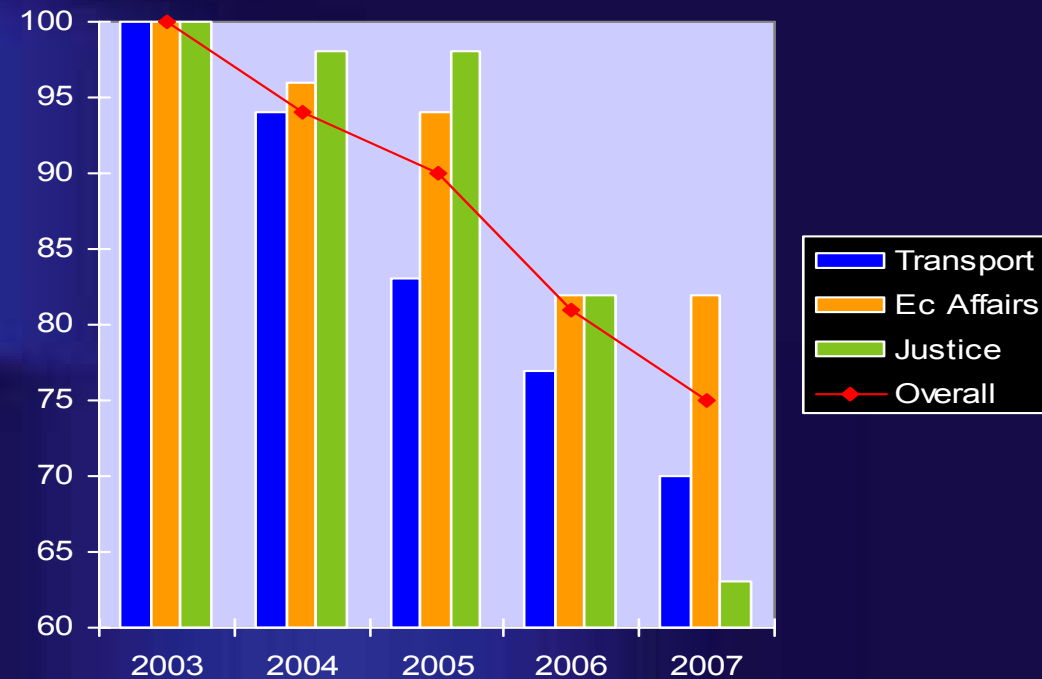


Ingredient 3 : incentives



Ingredient 3: Incentives

- “Nimby” -> individual targets
- “New will replace old” -> net targets (meaning compensation required)
- “International will replace national”
->supranational policy needed



How to get started?

Before you put the three ingredients in place.....

- Ensure political support
- Think big, act small first
- Don't forget culture

