

Training of referees and panel chairs



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Formas-financed research should contribute to the
sustainable development of the society

This means that the following are taken into consideration:

- human and animal health and welfare
- biodiversity
- the environment
- the productivity of ecosystems
- economics and ethics
- social and cultural values



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This means that the three primary support areas are:

- The environment
- The agricultural sciences
- The built environment including planning



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Types of calls:

- Annual open calls for research projects, equipment as well as positions for PhD students, post docs, assistant professors,
- Strategic calls for research projects within specific areas
- Conferences & workshops



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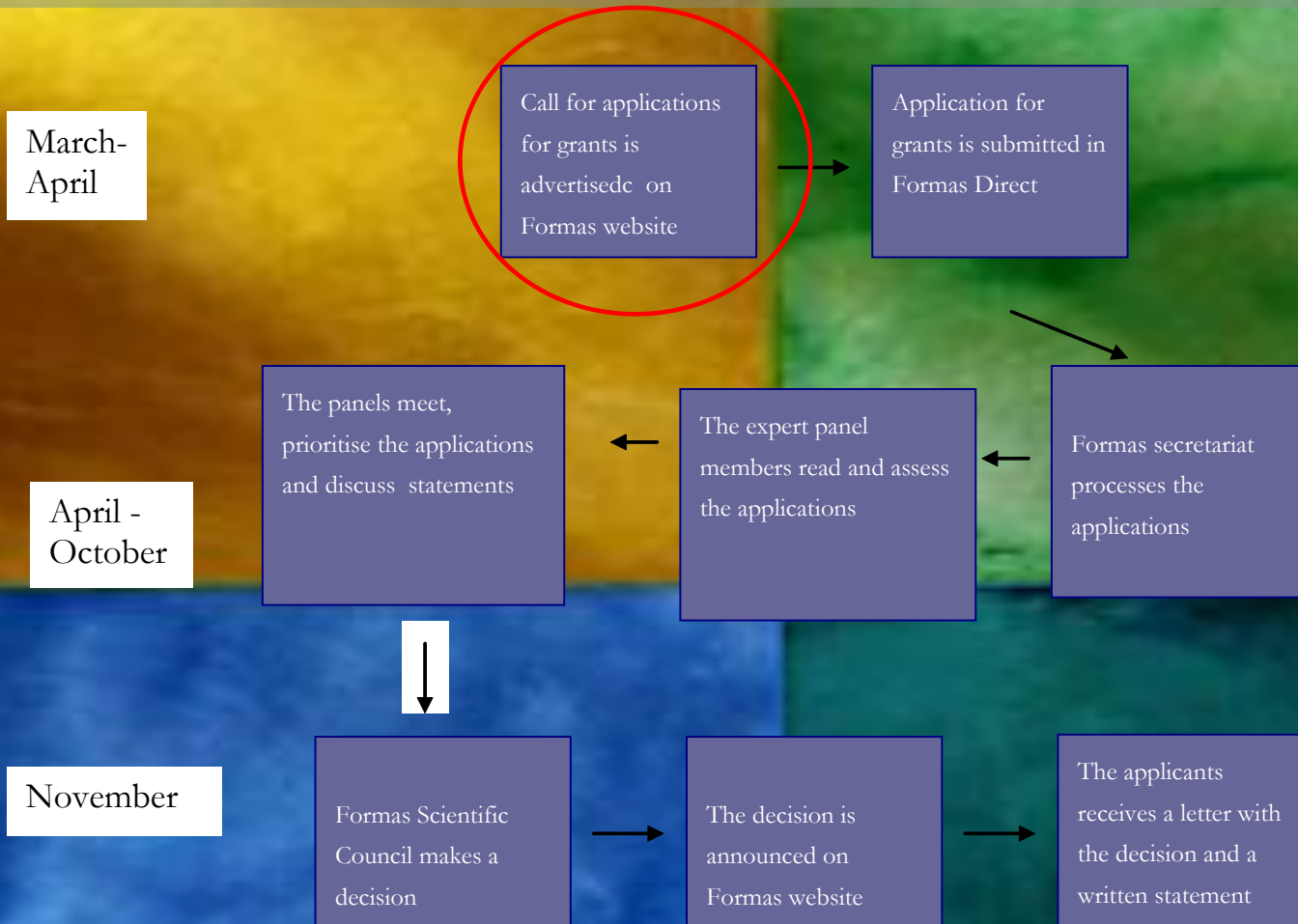
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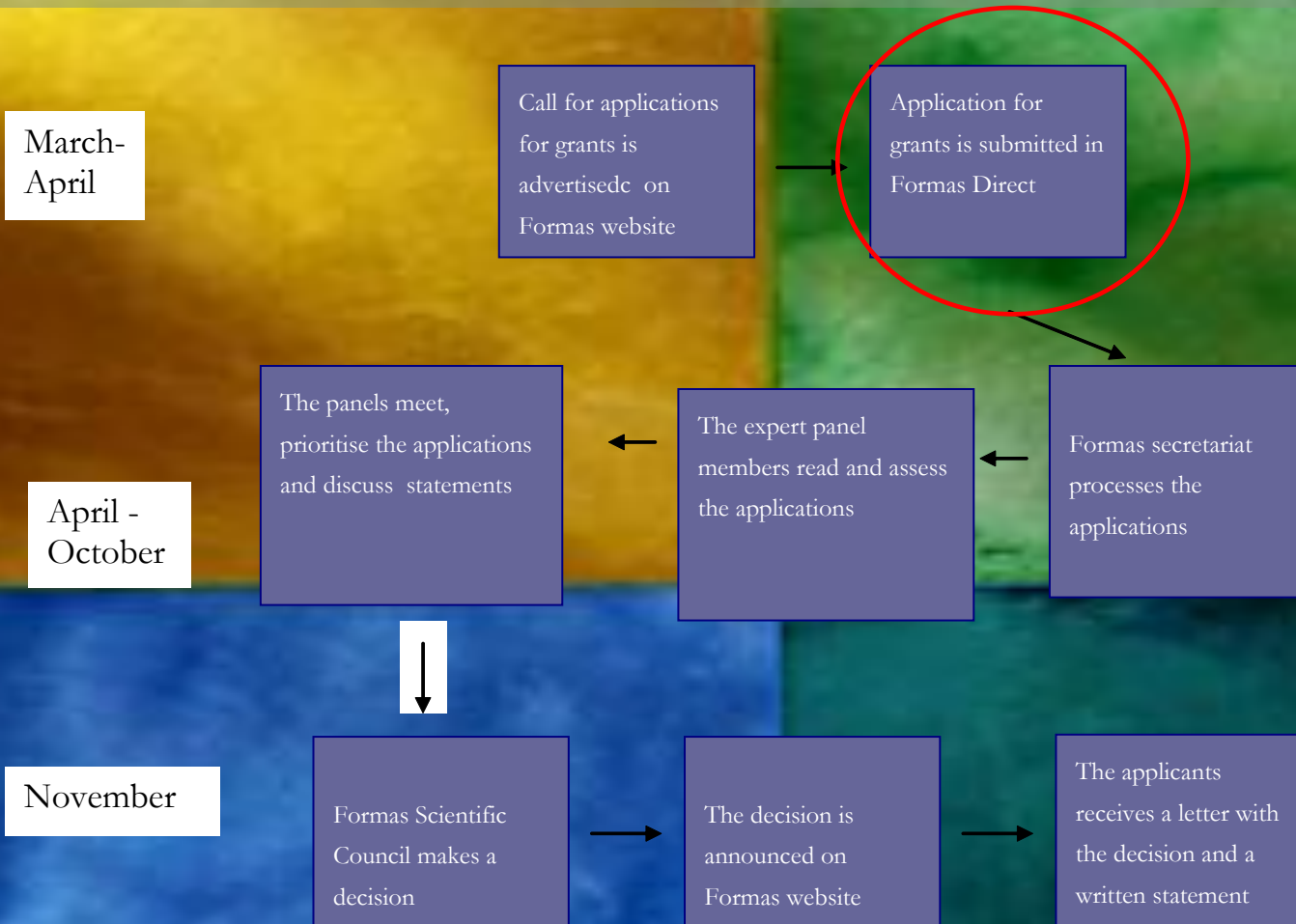
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- for application for
grants and evaluation
of proposals

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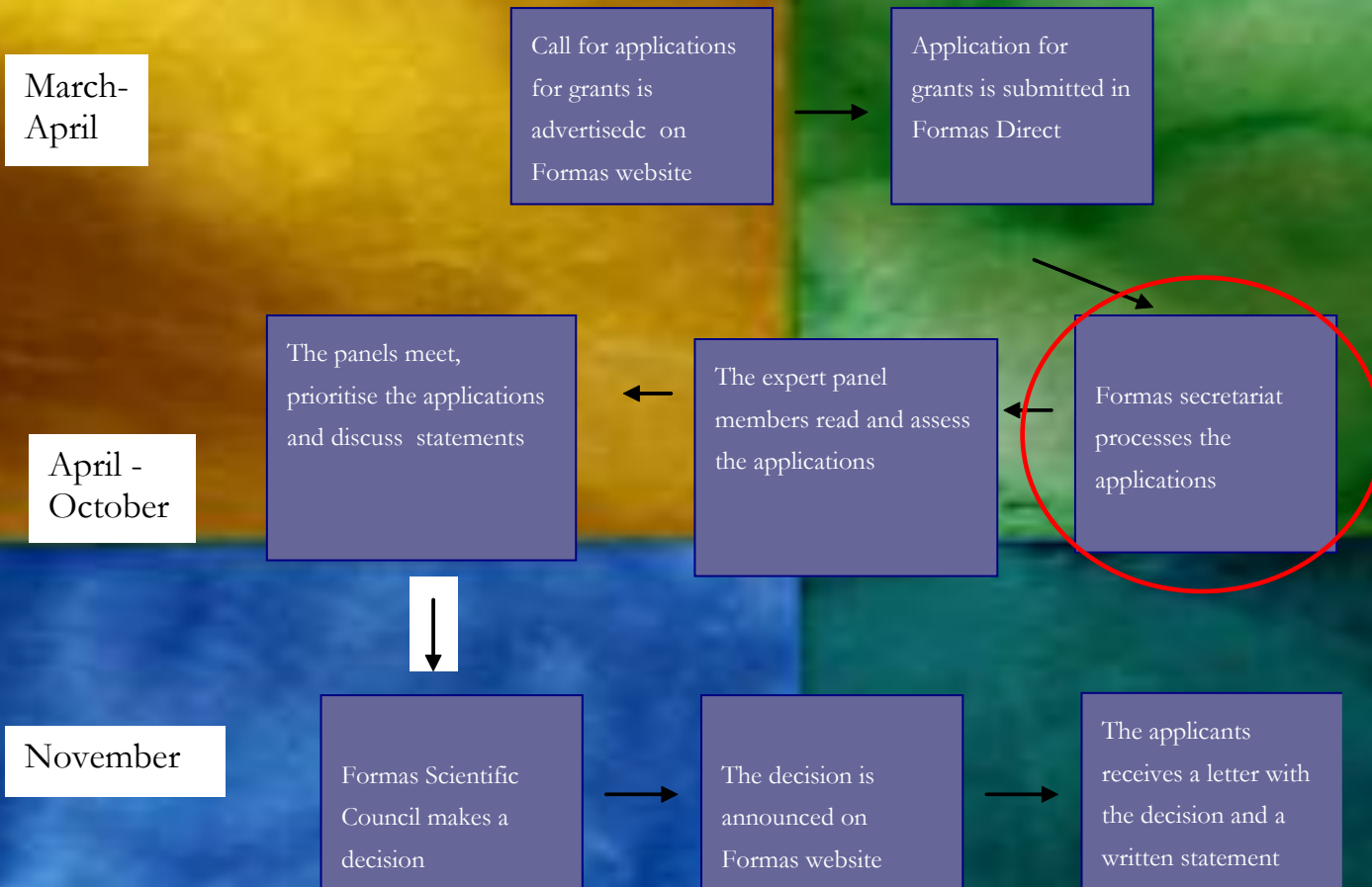


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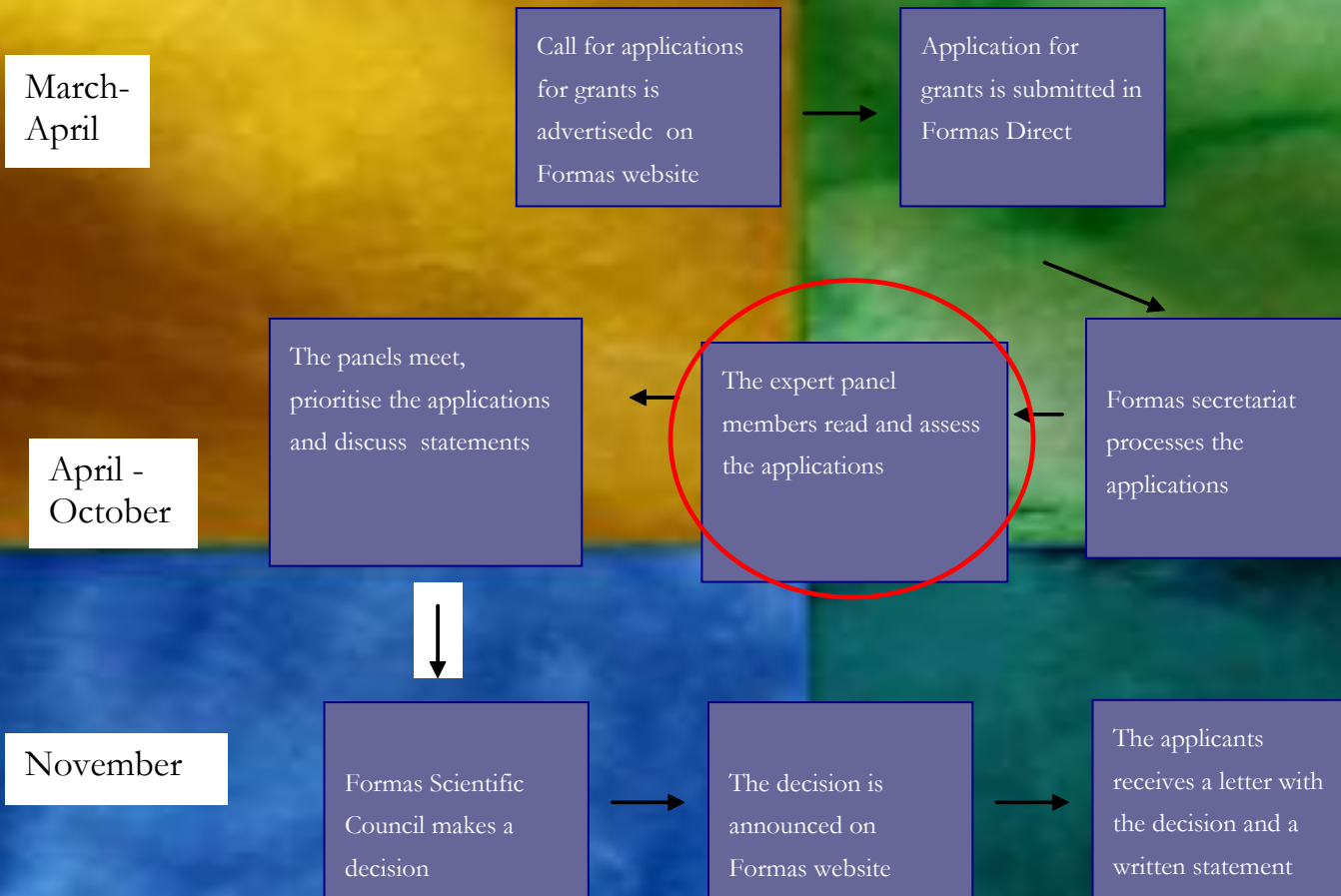


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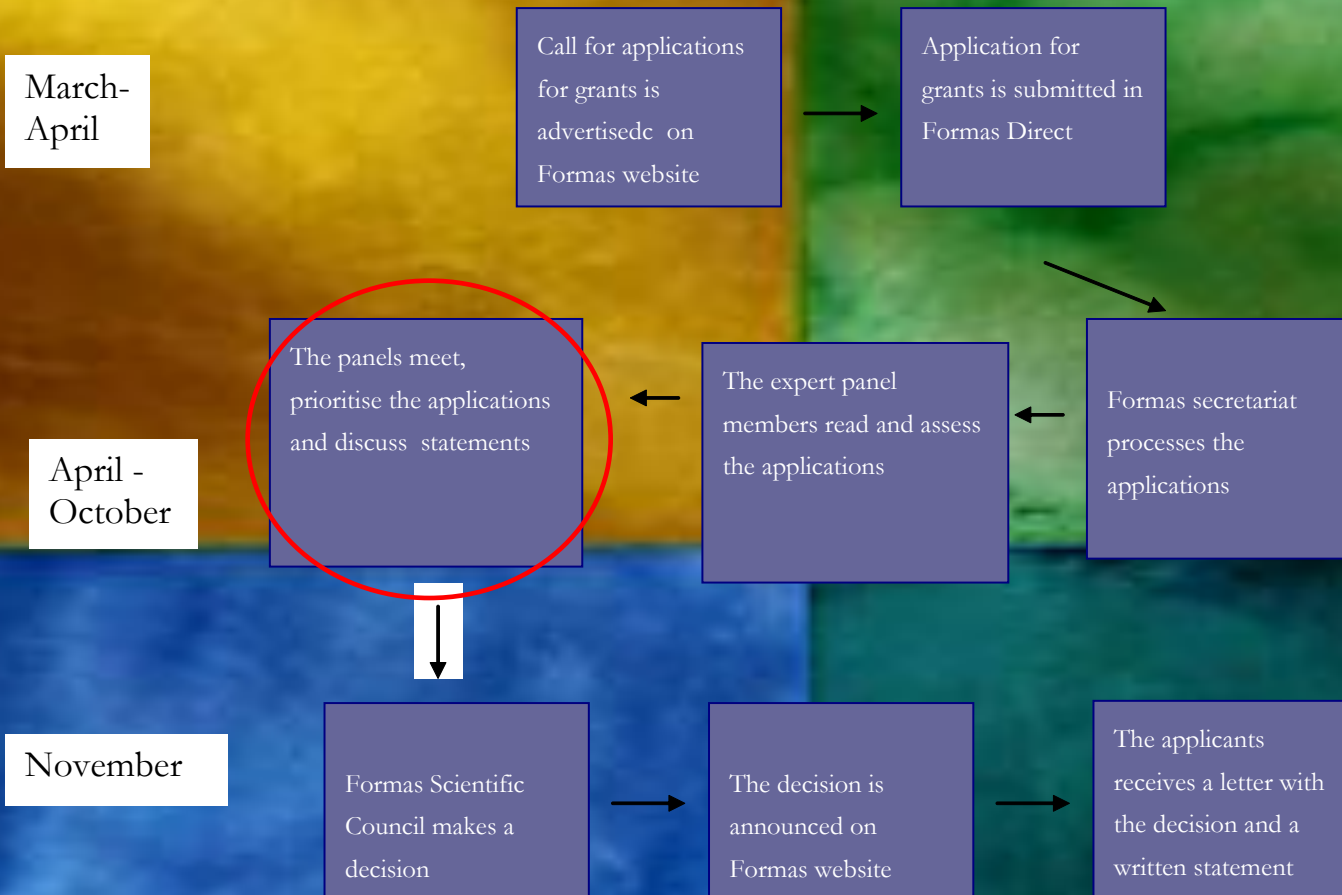


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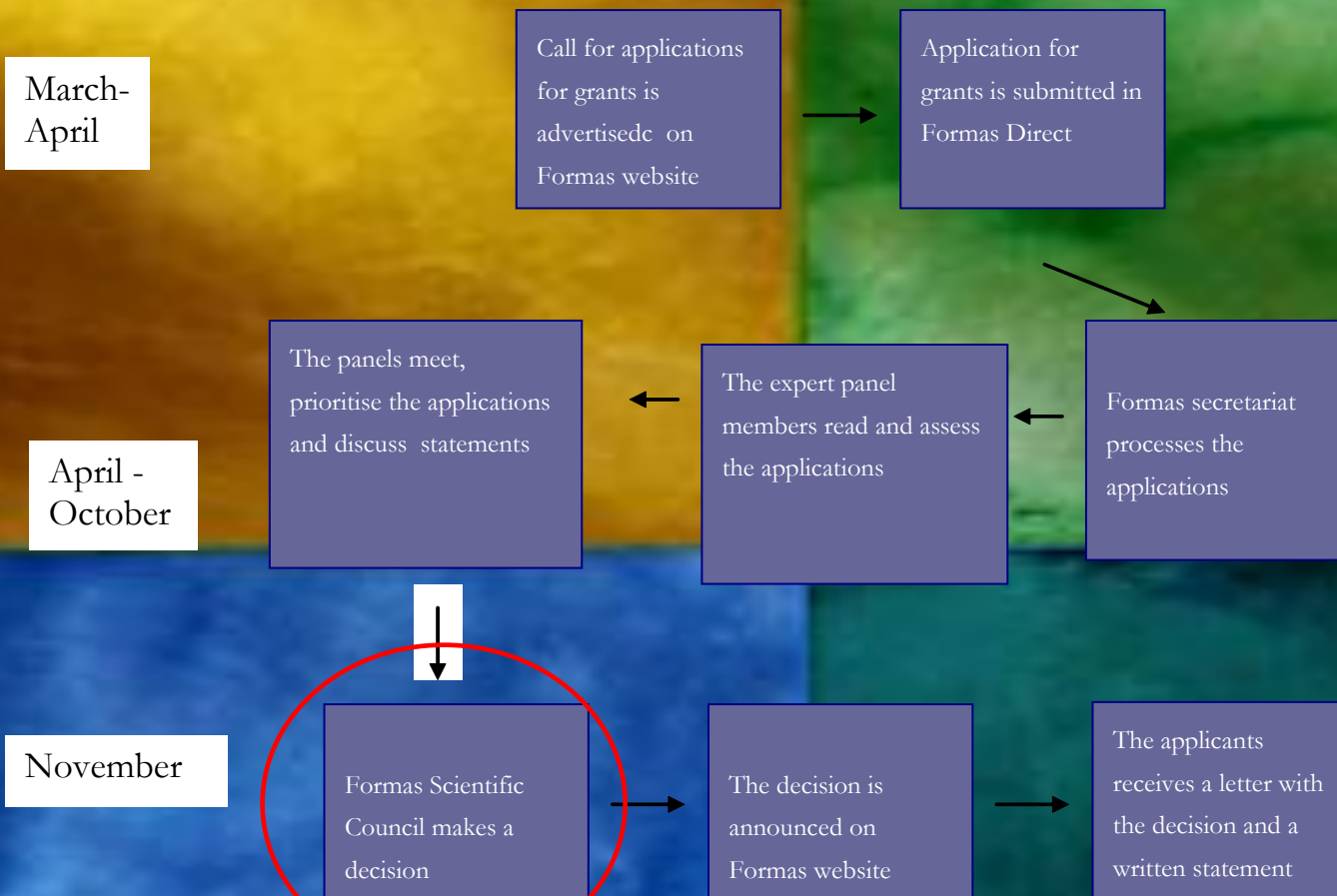


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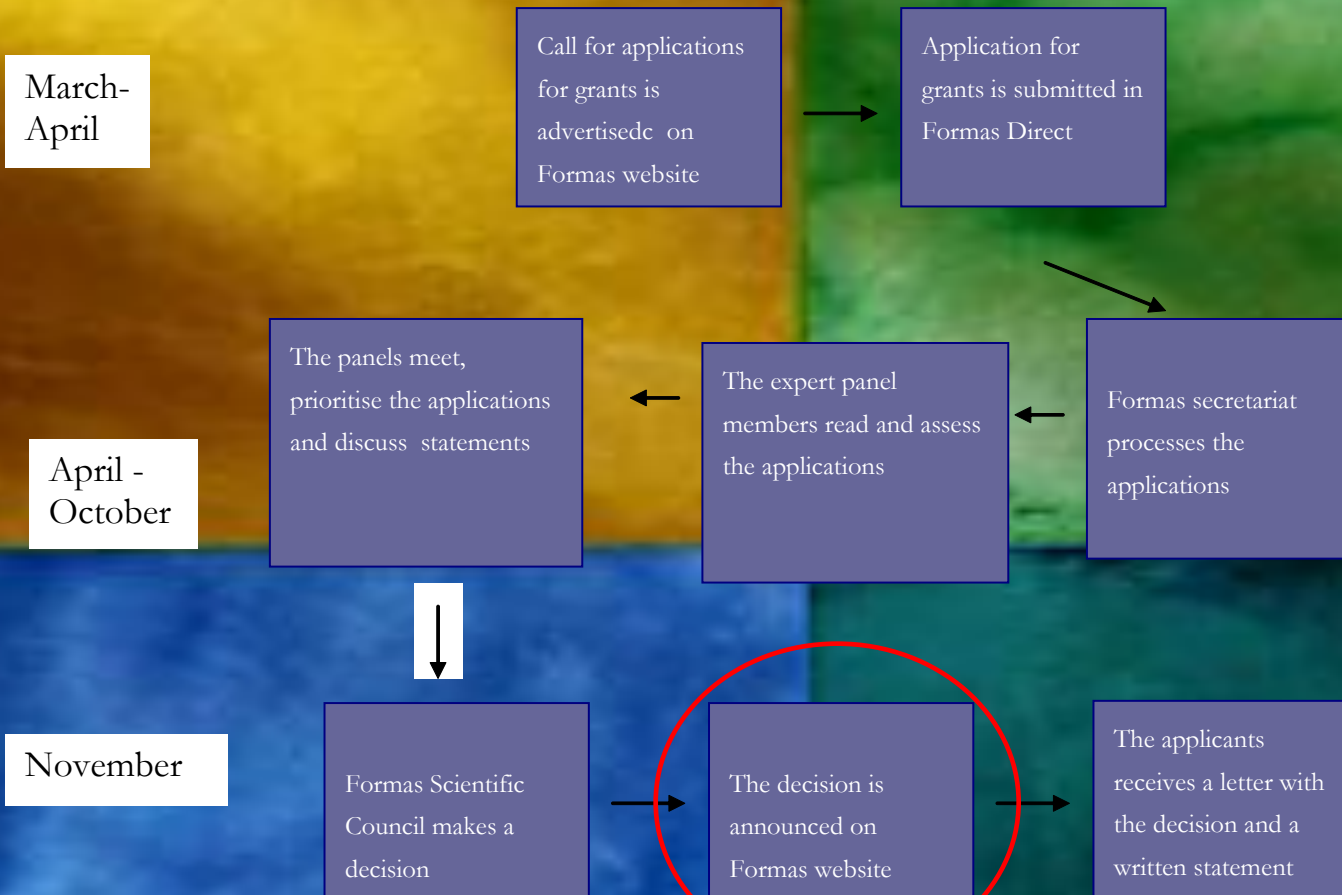


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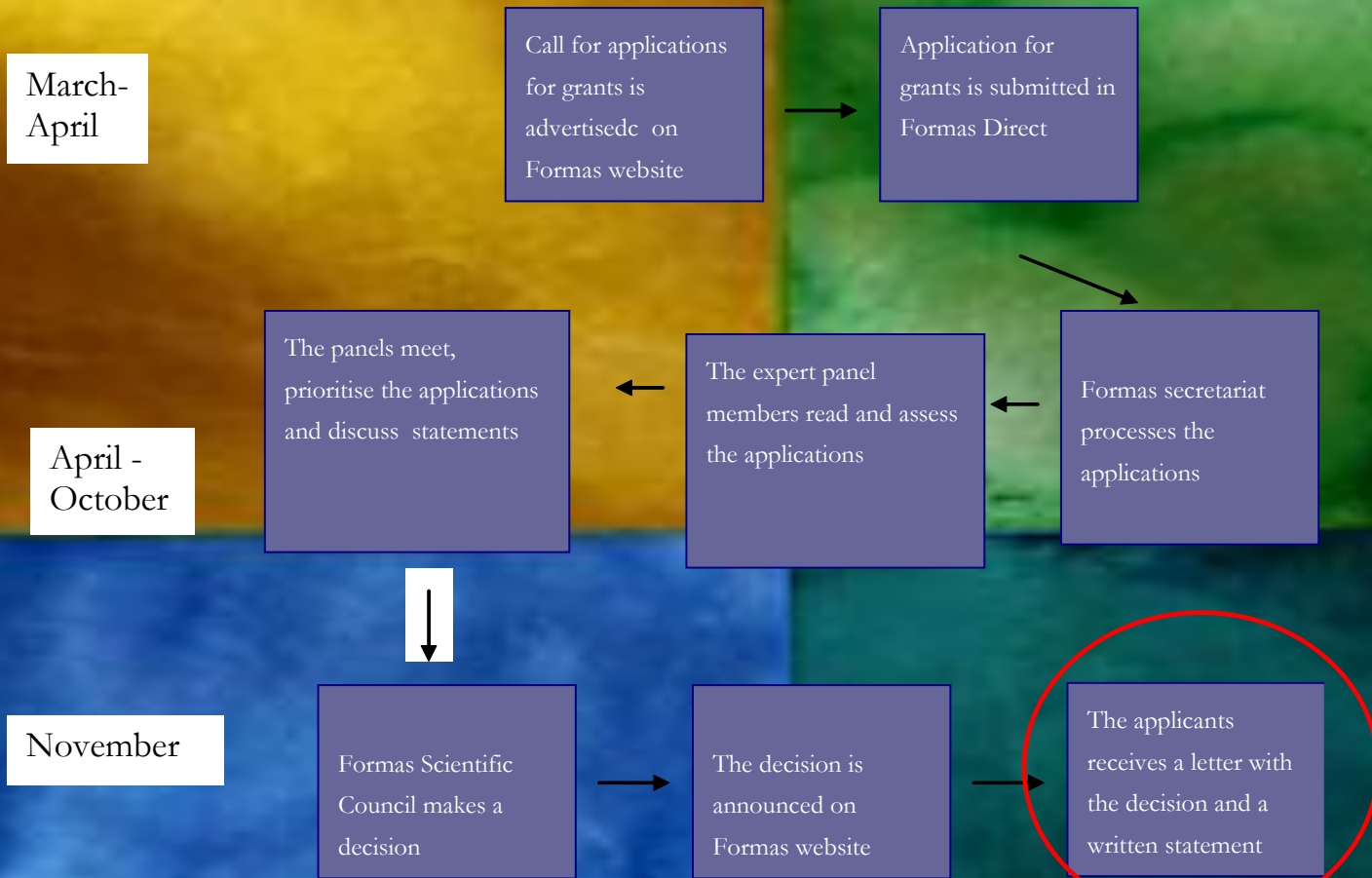




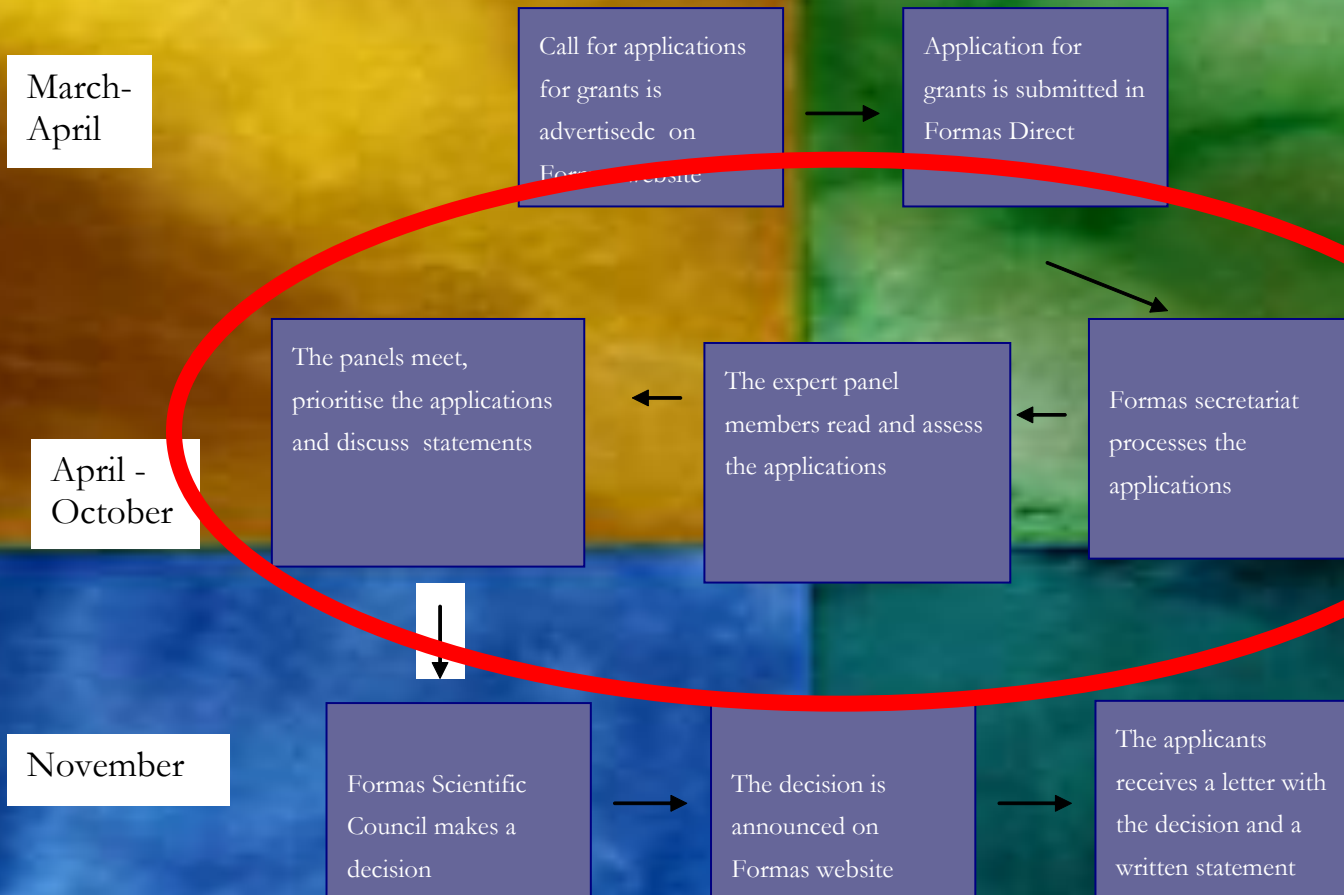
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Peer review process

General

Basic and applied research

Highest scientific quality

Relevant to the development of a sustainable society within Formas' areas of responsibility



Peer review process

Research applications

Scientific quality is assessed in the categories:

- Question at issue
- Methods and performance
- Applicant's expertise.

Relevance is assessed with respect to:

- Sector and
- Societal relevance.



How to educate and train the panel chairs and the panel members?



Peer review process

- **Workshops and training with panel chairs**
- **Training for new panel members**
- **Pre-meetings in the panels**



Workshops and training with panel chairs

- Workshop with focus on new rules, planning of the work in the panel, etc (June)
- Training with new chairs regarding chairing peer review panels (June)
- Workshop with focus on evaluation of the process and discussion of changes to be implemented for next year (December)

Representatives from Formas board participate in the workshops and are welcome to attend the training



Peer review process

Training for (new) panel members

One day meeting in June with the following agenda:

- Instruction/lecture on the procedures and rules according to the handbook
- Training individually and in group on evaluation of applications
- Discussions in plenum
- Instruction/lecture on the web-based system for peer-review
- Training individually and in group on writing evaluation reports
- Discussion in plenum
- Summary



Peer review process

Pre-meetings in the panels

(in June)

- Distribution of responsibility
- Agree on deadlines and dates



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Thank you!