

Ireland approach to the transposition of the radon provisions of the EU Basic Safety Standards (BSS) Directive

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General Approach to transposing the BSS

- Dept. of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, is the lead Department for transposition of the BSS
- The Dept. of Health also have key role (i.e. medical exposures)
- Input is also required from Dept. of Housing, Community and Local Government
- State Agencies: the EPA, Health & Safety Authority, Health Service Executive will also have significant involvement

General Approach to transposing the BSS

- The IRRS Mission took place in September 2015

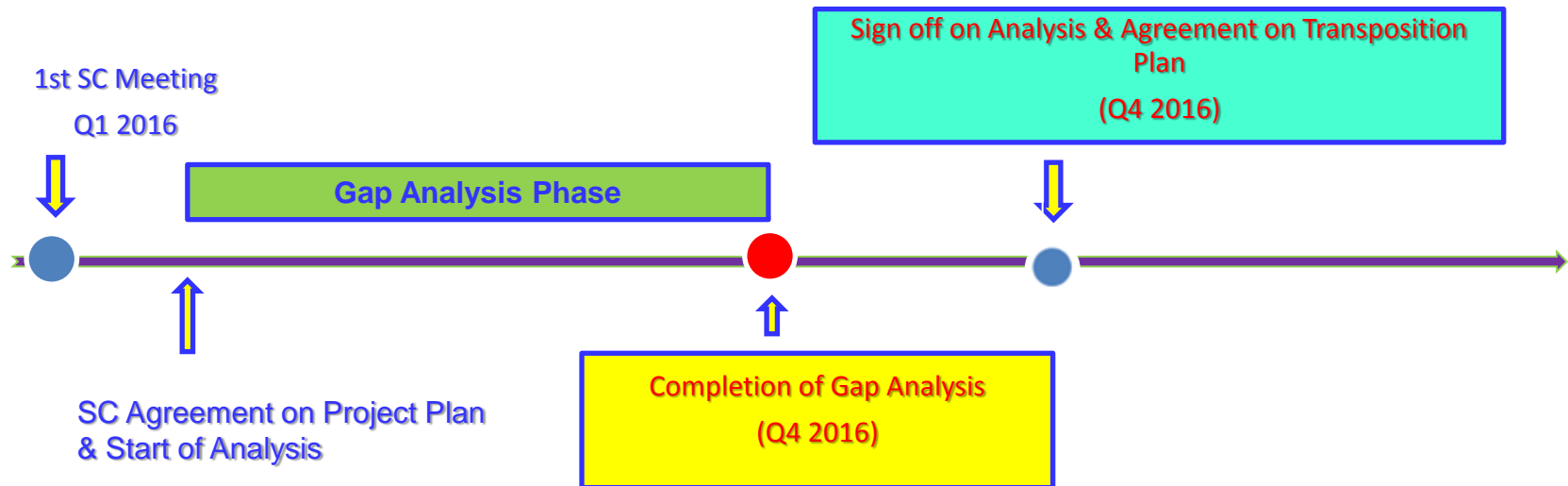


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- IRRS action plan will be taken into account when Ireland transposes the BSS

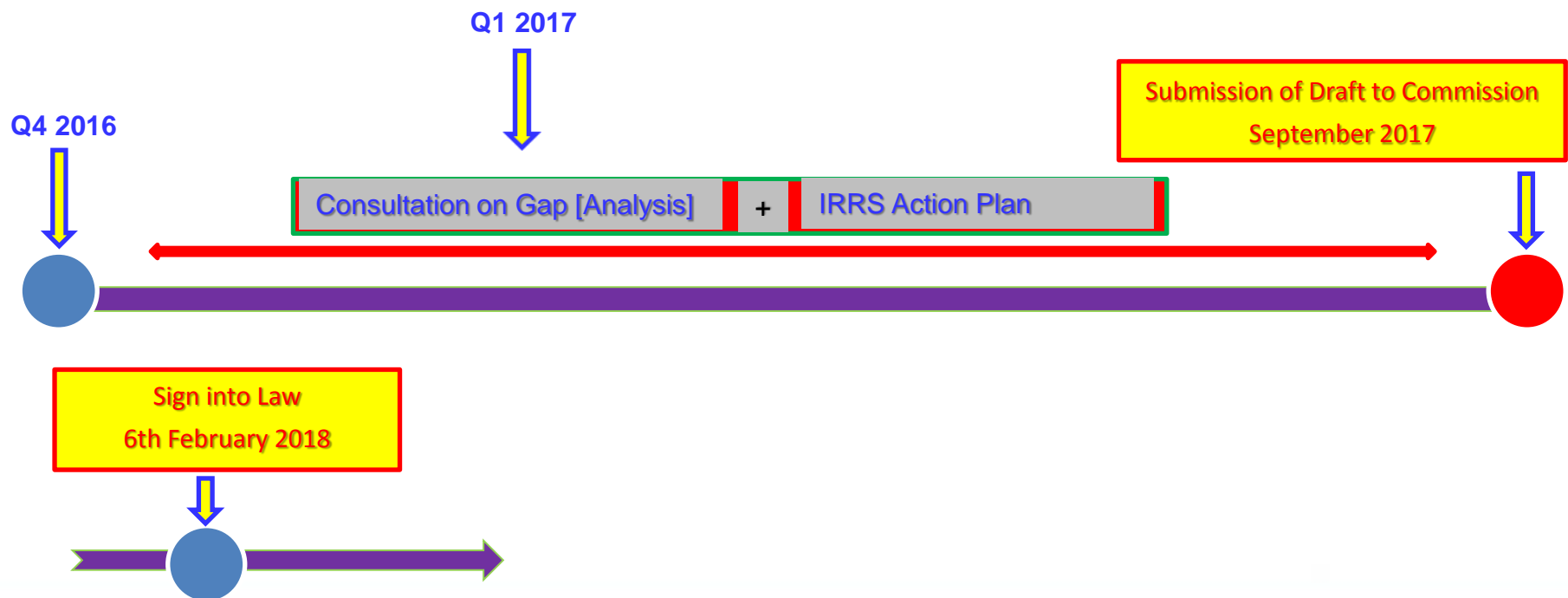
General Approach to transposing the BSS – timelines

Phase 1: (Gap Analysis)



General Approach to transposing the BSS – phase 2 timelines

Phase 2: (Transposition)



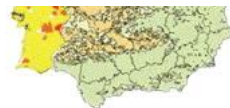
EU Basic Safety Standards - Radon

- EU Directive 2013/52/Euratom

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Some additional considerations are needed Article 54 (Radon in Workplaces)

- Article 54.1 Reference level $< 300 \text{ Bq/m}^3$
- Article 54.2 Radon risks in ground floor or basements are specifically mentioned. (Existing EPA guidance to should meet this)

Specific regulations for underground workplaces are likely to be needed
- Article 54.3 Clearer responsibilities for radon remediation are likely to be needed

Summary

- Because of the NRCS Ireland is well placed to implement the radon provisions of the EU BSS
- For example the 14 provisions of Annex XVIII are all covered in the NRCS
- The NRCS also ensures Ireland's compliance with the IRRS action plan

Summary

- The continued co-operation between EPA and HSA on radon in workplaces will continue
- Implementing the provisions of Article 54 are not anticipated as being onerous
- Consultation should take place by Q1 2017. Please get involved as we need your input.