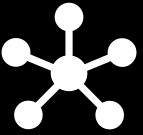# Postgraduate Renewal Programme
GSC Update – December 2023

HORIZON 1
- H1 ends December 2023;
- Final Report to Council 17.1.24
- H1 Achievements to date presented on You Said We Did webpage.

HORIZON 2

In progress
- H2 Plan*
- Development of criteria for TRD Sanctuary Award*
- Benchmarking of organizational structures in postgraduate education.**

→ * Agenda item 7.12.23
→ Expect proposal** for GSC Jan 2024.

CURRICULUM & TRIPLE I

HORIZON 2
Curriculum - In progress
- Proposal on Exit Awards*
- Eligibility Criteria for Supervision of PGT Research**
- Rollout of new two-phased process for PGT proposals.
- Design new framework for English language admission requirements.

Triple I - In progress
- Design of a Triple I Framework
- Development of I3 inter-disciplinary activities.

→ * Agenda item 7.12.23
→ **Expect proposal for GSC Jan 2024.

STRUCTURED PHD & DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

In progress
HORIZON 1
- Guidelines for Thesis Committees*
- Teaching & Learning Supports provided by PGR students*

HORIZON 2
- Development of Students' Multi-dimensional Skillsets
- Pilot Research Student:Supervisor Agreement 1st Focus Groups Jan 2024

→ * Agenda item 7.12.23

STUDENT / STAFF EXPERIENCE
STUDENT
In progress
- H1 Deliverable Closing Reports
- Service Excellence* benchmarking**
- Finalise scope of H2 plan.

STAFF
Council Approved
- Best practice for **conflict mgmt.** in supervisory relationship.

In progress
HORIZON 2
- **Conflict mgmt**. in supervisory relationship
- **Integrate adjunct staff** into Community**

→ * Agenda item 7.12.23
→ **Expect proposal for GSC Jan 2024.

STUDENT LIFECYCLE

HORIZON 1
- **Phase 1** Rollout of new online application form live Nov 1, for admission 2024-25
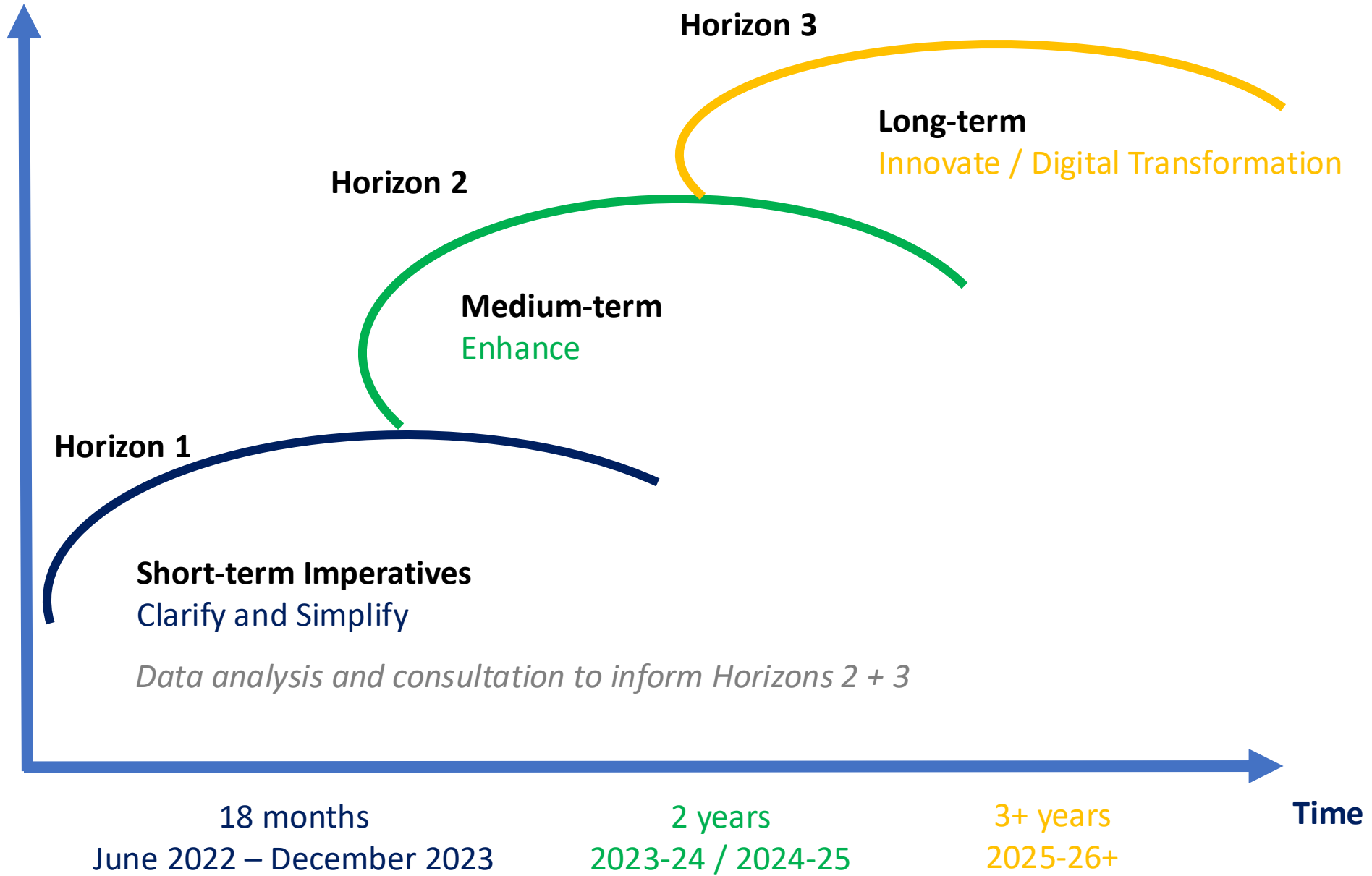
In progress
HORIZON 1
- Deliverable Closing Reports
  a. Identify opportunities for greater flexibility for students to go off-books (eg, for maternity leave).
  b. Analysis of PG graduation experience.
- Embedding and Transition of Annual Progression Reporting for 2023-24.

HORIZON 2
- Finalise detailed work progr.

HORIZON 1 MILESTONES

18 MONTHS (JUN 2022 – DEC 2023)

MAY / SEP
22

JUN 7
23

JAN 17
24

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24

H1 PLAN

Council / Planning Group

INTERIM REPORT

Council

FINAL REPORT

Council

Planned Deliverables / Funding

CELEBRATE!

Horizon 1 Achievements

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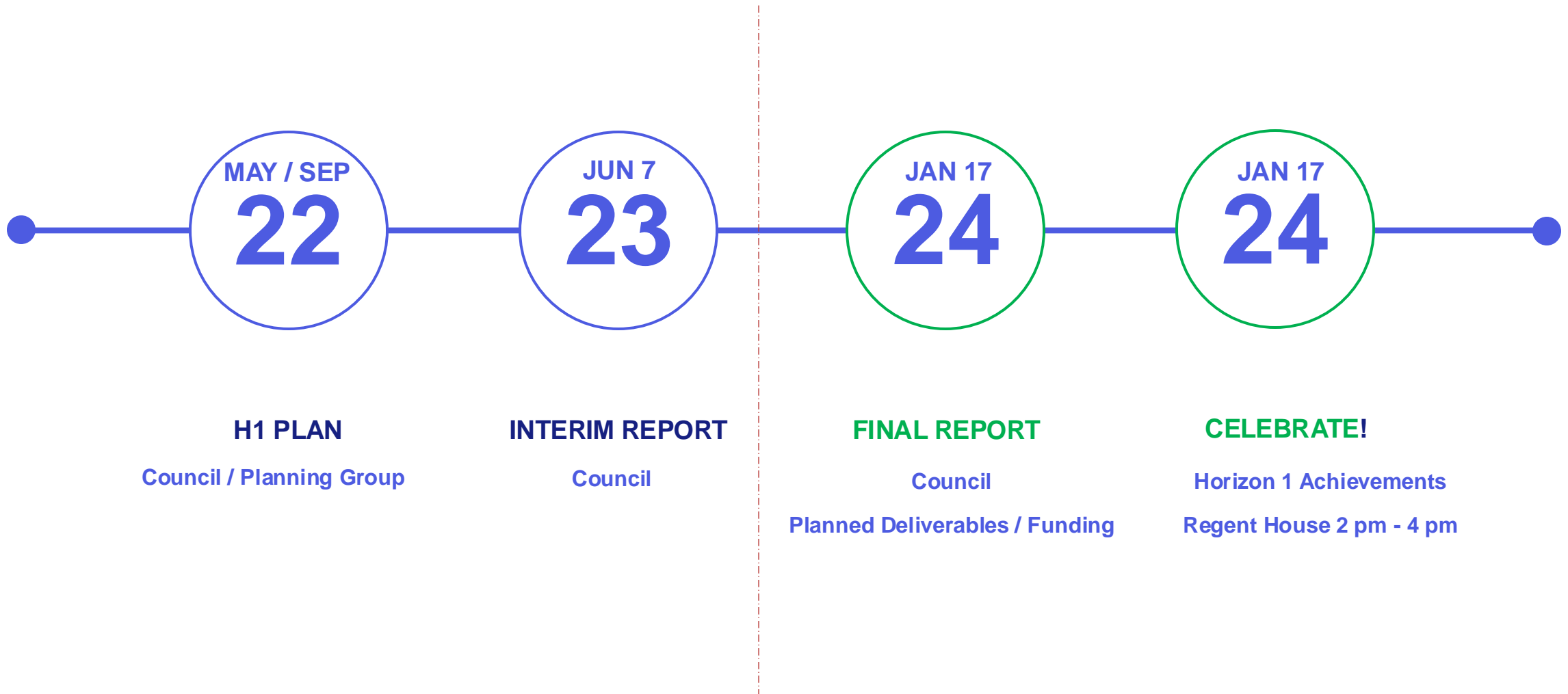
Horizon 1

You said / We did !

	YOU SAID	WE DID
VISION	Consult with the College community to develop a shared vision for postgraduate education at Trinity.	Following a year long consultation process approval obtained for the following vision statement: 'A stimulating, inclusive, and sustainable research and learning environment, where curious minds and creative thinkers thrive.'
FINANCIAL	Develop a coherent and equitable internal award scheme for 3 existing PG research Internal College awards (ie, Postgraduate Research Studentship (1252), Ussher Award, Provost PhD Award).	Consolidated 3 existing PG research internal College awards (ie, Postgraduate Research Studentship (1252), Ussher Award, Provost PhD Award) into one Trinity Research Doctorate Award with a stipend of €25,000 for four years (full-time).
FINANCIAL	Develop proposal addressing PG Research non-EU tuition fee differential.	Approval obtained to write down fee differential for PGR students funded by Irish State funding agencies that limit the research budget allocation for tuition fees, eliminating the constraint of 'affordability' from the...

	YOU SAID	WE DID
CURRICULUM & TRIPLE I	Best practices for the **cyclical review of PGT programmes** should be benchmarked.	Approval obtained to design a Trinity framework for cyclical reviews of PGT programmes, alongside guidelines governing programme changes.
CURRICULUM & TRIPLE I	Re-design process for **proposal of new PGT Taught programmes**.	A new 2-stage process for PGT programme development has been approved to be introduced from January 2024.
CURRICULUM AND TRIPLE I	Identify a **framework for taught dissertation** research requirements linking with disciplinary needs.	A new 5 model framework for PGT dissertations approved to be introduced in 2023-24.

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	YOU SAID	WE DID
STRUCTURED PHD + DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES	Review and standardize current requirements, processes and guidelines for Thesis Committees, annual progress reports & confirmation reports.	A Terms of Reference for Thesis Committees developed together with enhanced reporting templates for Annual Review and Confirmation Interviews process, approved with immediate effect.
STRUCTURED PHD + DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES	Review and standardize current requirements and guidelines for students and examiners for *Viva Voce*.	Recommendations to be presented in September 2023 for implementation in 2023/24.
STRUCTURED PHD + DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES	Support doctoral students and supervisors with clear guidance on relationship management.	Developed a Supervisor – Research Student Agreement template to be piloted in 2023/24.

	YOU SAID	WE DID
STUDENT LIFECYCLE	Clarify the **Academic Appeals** process in the Calendar for postgraduate students.	The Academic Appeals process has been clarified, the terminology simplified, and students will normally no longer be required to present their cases in person.
STUDENT LIFECYCLE	Refresh the **marketing** content on the School web pages.	Enhancements were trialled with 3 pilot Schools. One-touch access to key information, refreshed content and a 'Register your Interest' button are in the process of being rolled out across all School web pages.
STUDENT LIFECYCLE	Review and enhance the protocol and process for approval of **third-party funding sponsors for payment of tuition fees**.	A new sponsor application and approval process is in place alongside the facility for employers to pay student fees without becoming a formal sponsor with Trinity. What financial support is available to me? Academic Registry, Trinity College Dublin.

HORIZON 1

Structured PhD & Doctoral Programmes
- Roles & responsibilities for development of Multi-dimensional Skillset
- Supervisor : Research Student Agreement approved for Pilot
- Renewed Supervision Guidelines
- Developed Terms of Reference for Thesis Committees
- Teaching & Learning Supports: policy and process
- Viva Voce Guidelines: reviewed + recommendations

Financial
- New Trinity Research Doctorate Award (€25k stipend)
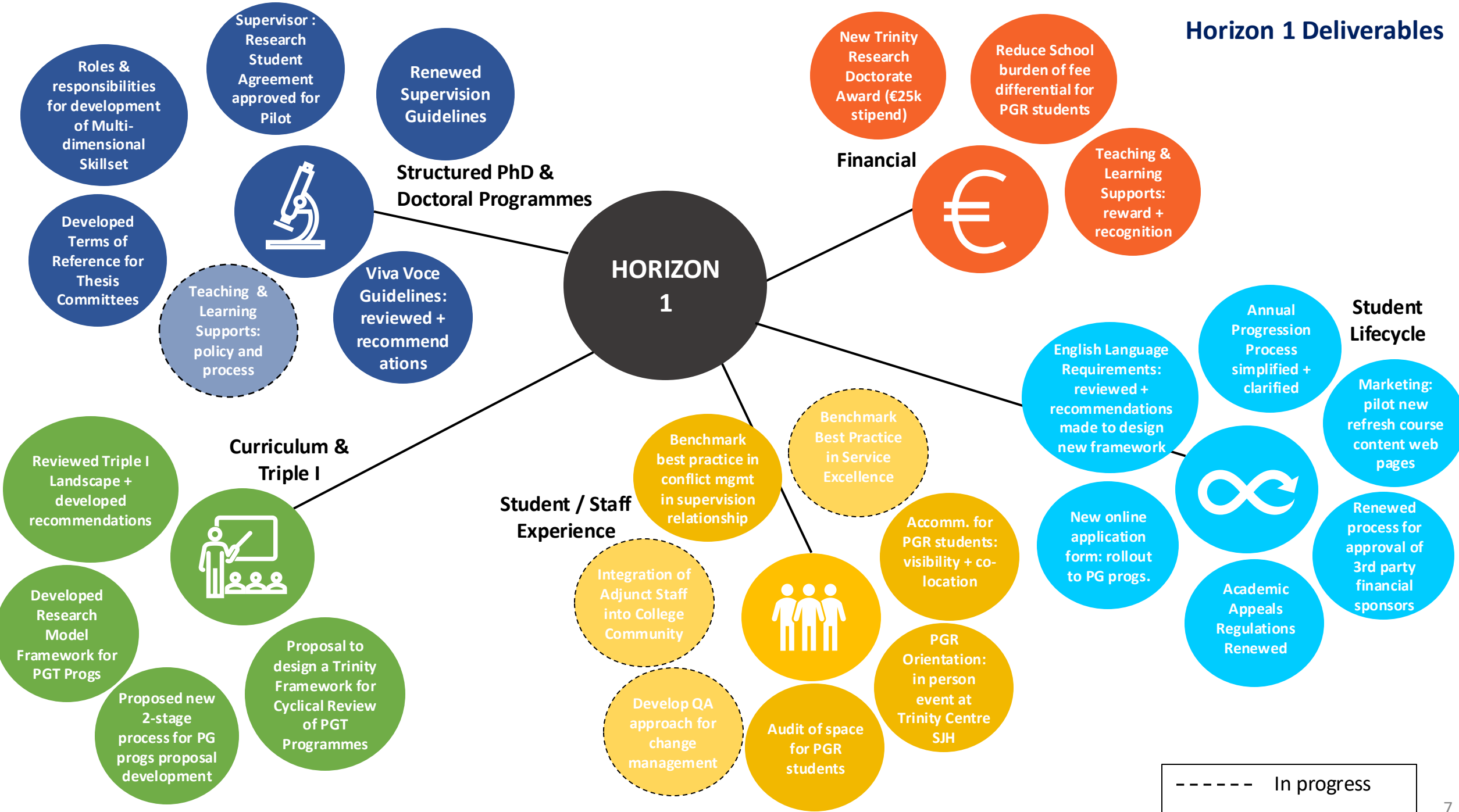- Reduce School burden of fee differential for PGR students
- Teaching & Learning Supports: reward + recognition

Curriculum & Triple I
- Reviewed Triple I Landscape + developed recommendations
- Developed Research Model Framework for PGT Progs
- Proposed new 2-stage process for PG progs proposal development
- Proposal to design a Trinity Framework for Cyclical Review of PGT Programmes

Student / Staff Experience
- Benchmark best practice in conflict mgmt in supervision relationship
- Benchmark Best Practice in Service Excellence
- Integration of Adjunct Staff into College Community
- Accomm. for PGR students: visibility + co-location
- Develop QA approach for change management
- Audit of space for PGR students
- PGR Orientation: in person event at Trinity Centre SJH

Student Lifecycle
- English Language Requirements: reviewed + recommendations made to design new framework
- Annual Progression Process simplified + clarified
- Marketing: pilot new refresh course content web pages
- New online application form: rollout to PG progs.
- Academic Appeals Regulations Renewed
- Renewed process for approval of 3rd party financial sponsors

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