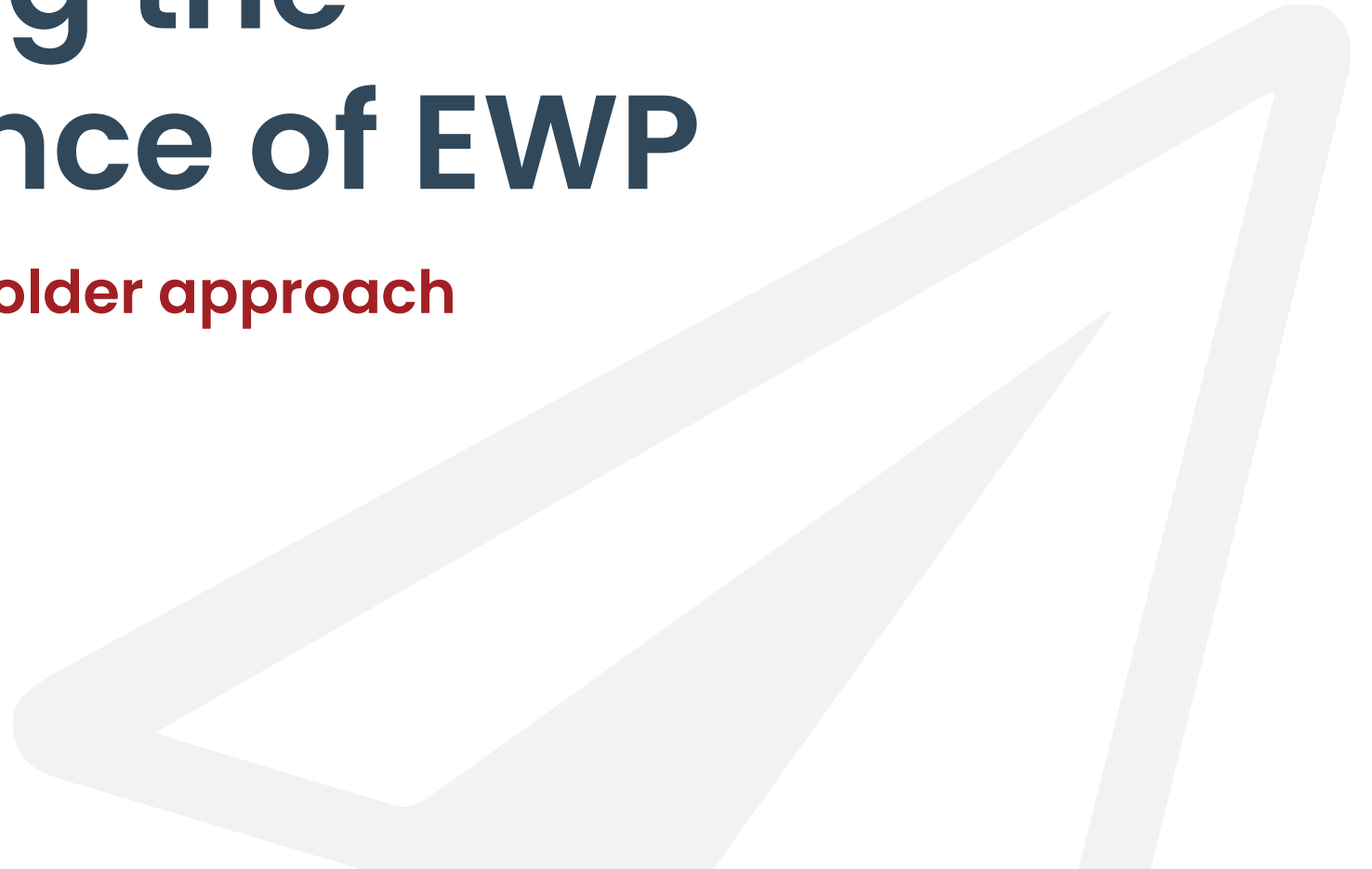# Improving the governance of EWP

A new multi-stakeholder approach

- EWP, EWP 2.0, EDSSI (2015-2021)

  - Project based approach

  - Regular consultations with IROs, NAs and commercial providers

  - But final decision was formalized by project steering committee - often in close articulation with DGEAC

- EWP (2022-2025)

  - Upgrading EWP governance to a multi-stakeholder approach

  - Designed to ensure greater
    - ownership,
    - transparency
    - <u>alignment with needs of HE community and EWP end users</u>

- EWP governance in practice I

  - Setting up of key communities
    - IROs (led by Ghent University)
    - IT/Infrastructure (lead by University of Warsaw)
    - Digital Officers (led by DAAD)

  - Clear definition of roles and responsivities

  - Regular meetings and data(feedback)mining

- EWP governance in practice II

  - EWP communities are the centre of gravity of all decision making processes

  - Working in concert as required through a stakeholder and business governance body that also includes

    - Student organisations
    - European University Alliance digitisation workgroup

- Pending confirmation by DGEAC

  - Whether involving of IROs will be expanded by setting up experts groups for users of specific systems

    - Which would pave the way for much greater participation

  - Whether a communities of University Networks and Associations will also be put in place

    - Important for feedback and dissemination of information

- Also new

  - Clearer decision making processes and flows
    - Regarding voting
    - And the joint involvement of various communities in shaping key decisions (e.g. defining and confirming new strategic priorities)

  - Advisory Board

- Next steps

  - Several EWP governance bodies are already active (e.g. Infrastructure Forum and DOs)

  - Appointment of the remaining governance bodies expected to be concluded this month

  - Smooth transition into a more open and powerful way to steer EWP