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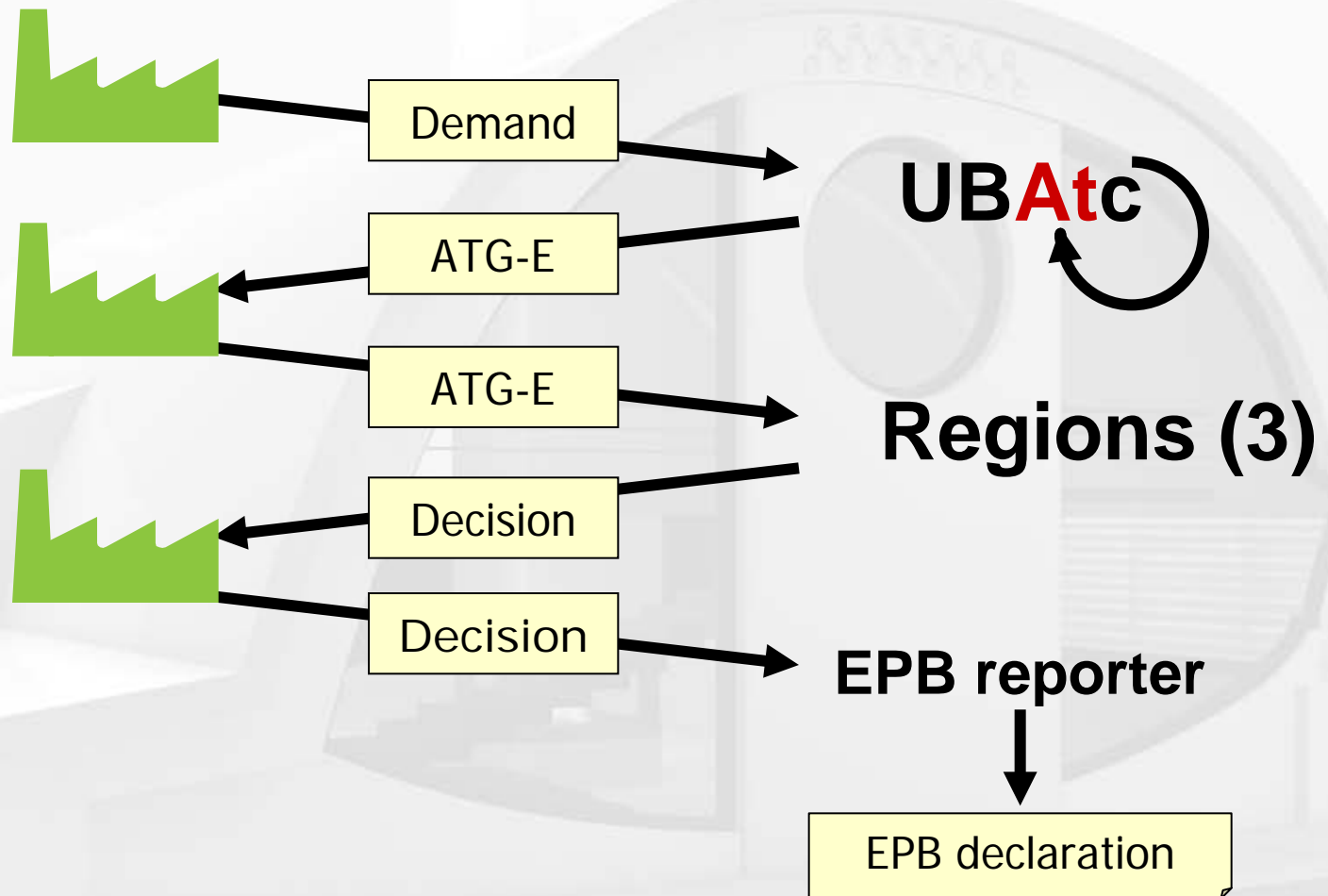
Stimulating innovation with EPBD

Advantages and Disadvantages of the Belgian Approach



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The current approach for innovative systems



Centralised organization

Advantages

+ Quality of the study

- **Coherent approach**, equity between demands
- **Objectivity + independence** (experts = Universities, Research Centre, etc.) + **several stakeholders**
- **Coherent updates** of studies if necessary (1 year)

+ Easy and clear for the market

- **One approach** even if 3 Regional regulations

+ Control by the authorities (3 Regions)

- Easy link between the study and the standard method
- Avoid overlap with current development of the method
- Possible use of the available studies for further developments of the standard method



Centralized organization **Disadvantages**

- Heavy procedure → **delay** (~1 year)
 - Number of steps and involved actors
 - Detailed studies
- **Costs**
 - For the industry: ~12 000 EUR
 - For authority/experts: not enough to cover the study
- **Resources needed** (people)
 - Availability of independent experts (in different fields)
 - Administrative work



Products must be conform + not included

Advantages

+ Avoid

- Discussion on fixed value in EPB method
- "crazy" products (not conform)

Disadvantages

- "Included or not" might sometimes be "arbitrary"
 - Some "innovative" products are missed
 - Included in standard method, but better performances
 - Promising product, but maybe not conform
- Equivalence is not enough, also development of the EPB method and regulation are necessary



Use of existing framework (UBATC)

Advantages

- + Well known by the market
- + Certification
 - Only for characteristics used in the study

Disadvantages

- Sometimes too heavy procedures
- Confusion ATG-E vs. others "ATG"
- Additional cost for certification



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