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ALFA-BIRD OVERVIEW

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Basic ideas and main objectives

ALFA-BIRD aims at developing the use of alternative fuels in aeronautics.

In a context where the price of oil is increasing and with impact of fossil fuels on climate change, the sustainable growth of the civil aviation is conditioned by the respect of the environment.

In this context, using biofuels and alternative fuels in aeronautics is a great challenge, since the operational constraints (e.g. flight in very cold conditions) are very strict, and due to the long lifetime of current civil aircraft (almost 50 years).

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The main objective of ALFA-BIRD is to develop the use of alternative fuels in aeronautics with a long-term perspective, and therefore to help

- improving each country's energy independence,
- lessening global-warming effects,
- and softening the economic uncertainty of crude oil peaking.

ALFA-BIRD will investigate new approaches and new alternative fuels to power aircrafts with the possibility to revisit the fuel specifications and reconsider the whole aircraft system composed by the triplet: fuel, engine and ambience.

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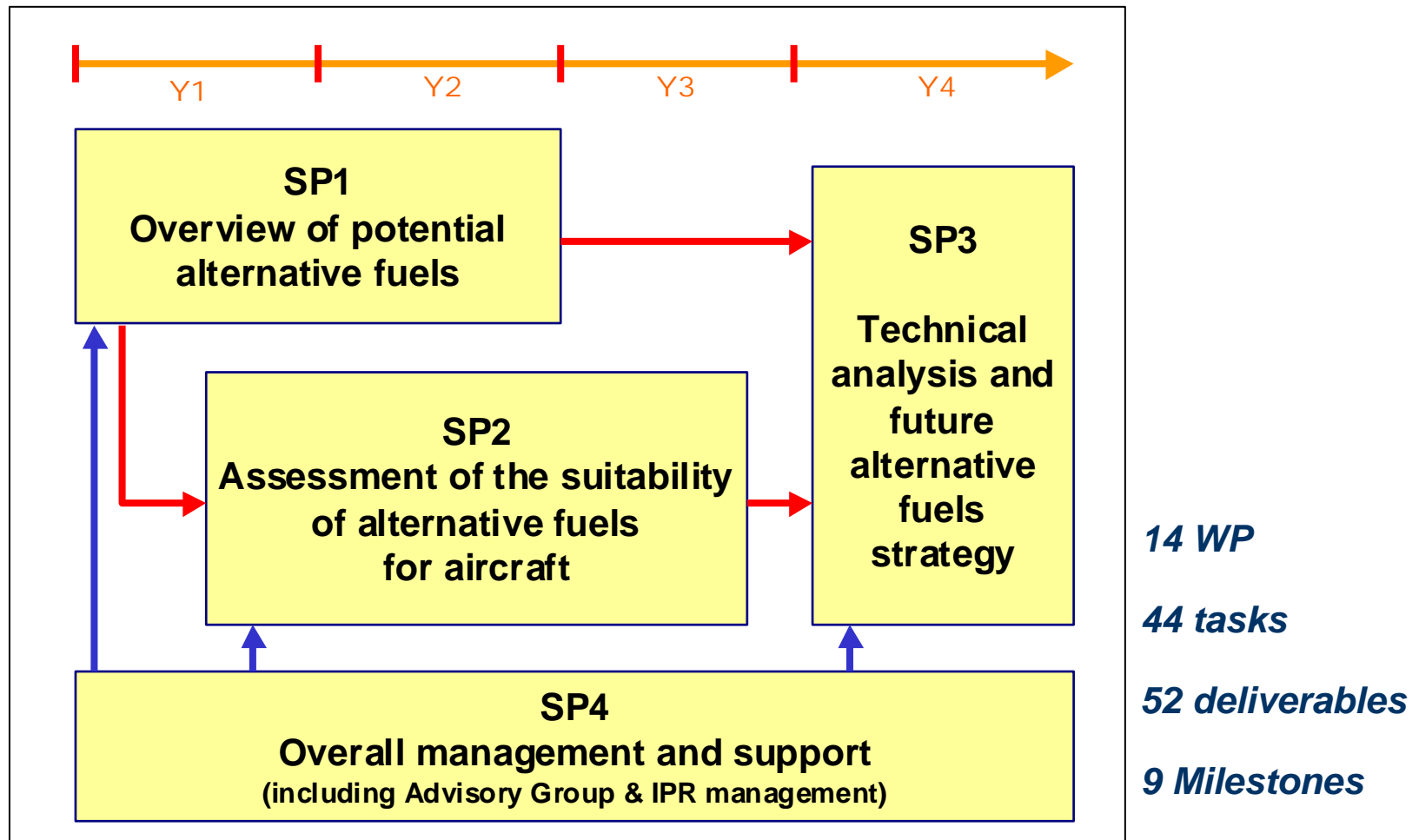
In operational terms, ALFA-BIRD addresses the following objectives :

- To identify and evaluate possible alternative fuels to petroleum kerosene, considering the whole aircraft system;
- To assess the adequacy of a selection of up to 5 alternative fuels with aircraft requirements, based on series of tests and experiments ;
- To evaluate the environmental and economical performance of selected alternative fuels ;
- To set the path towards industrial use of the “best” alternative fuels.

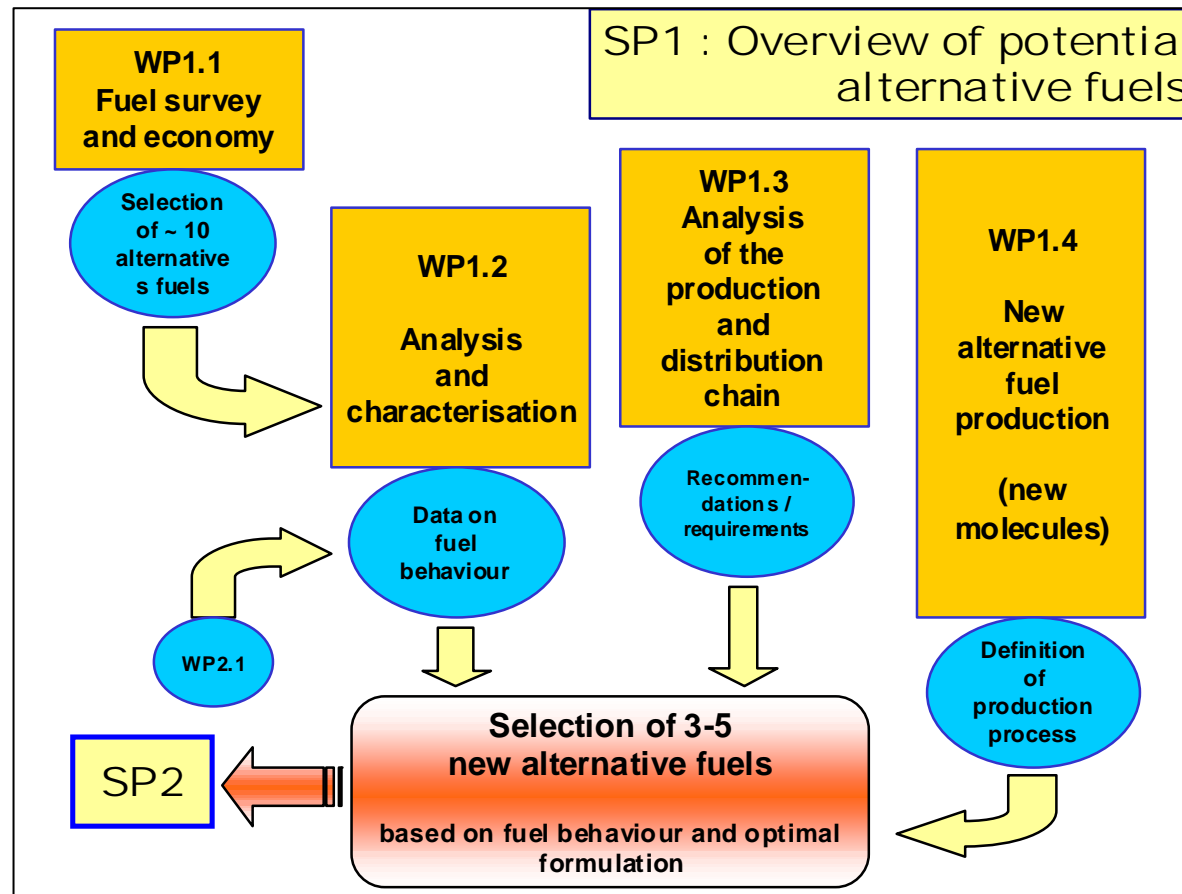
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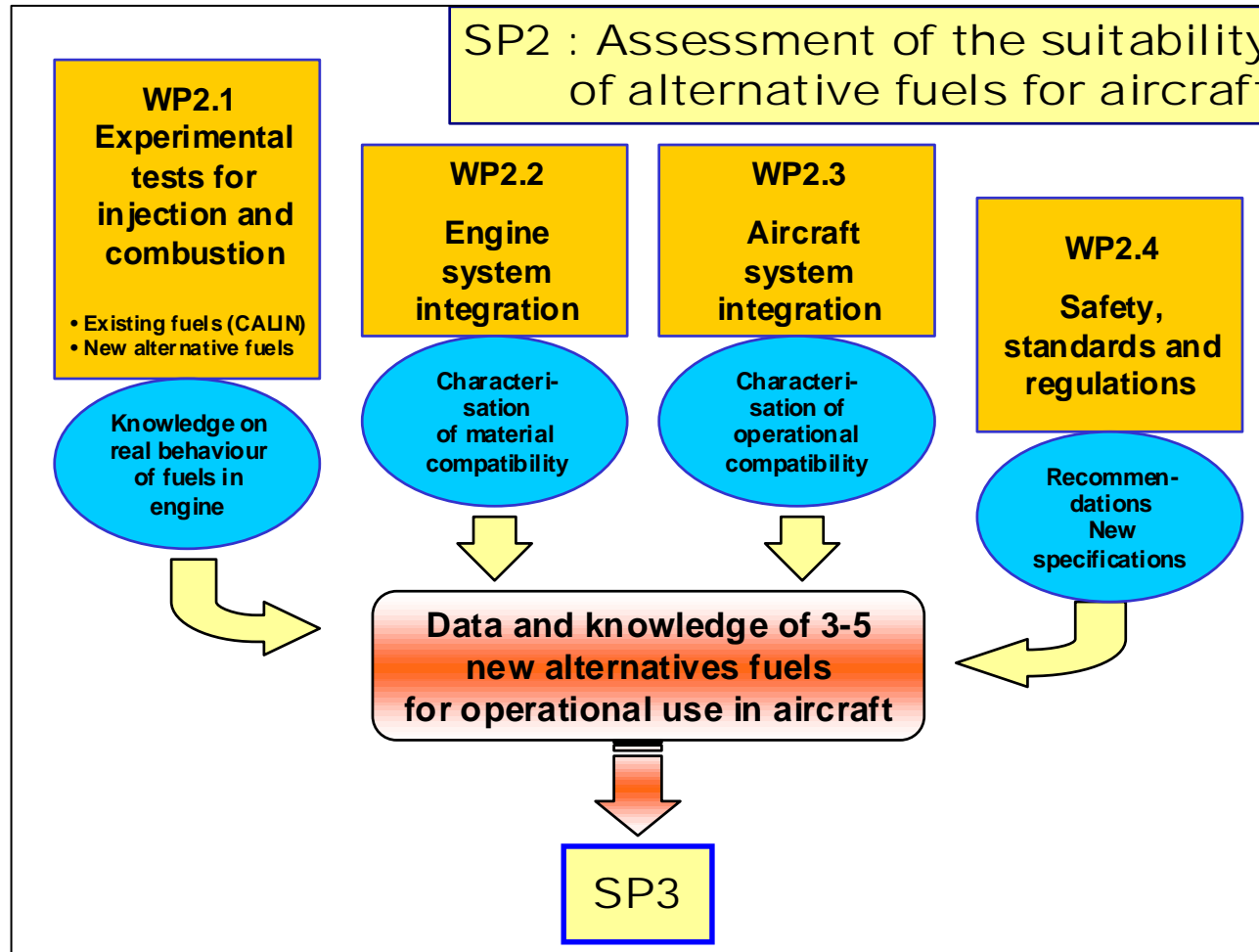
Project overview



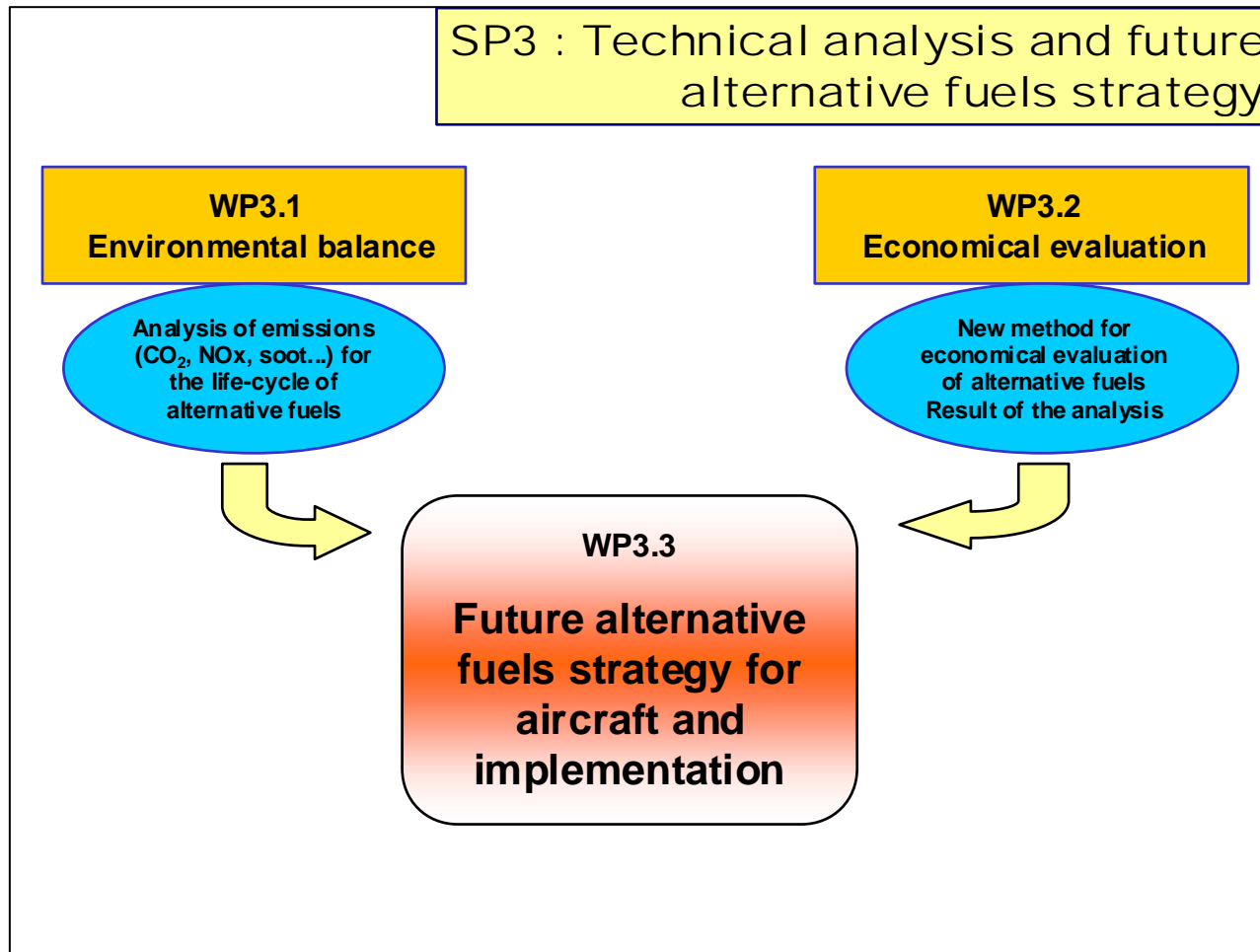
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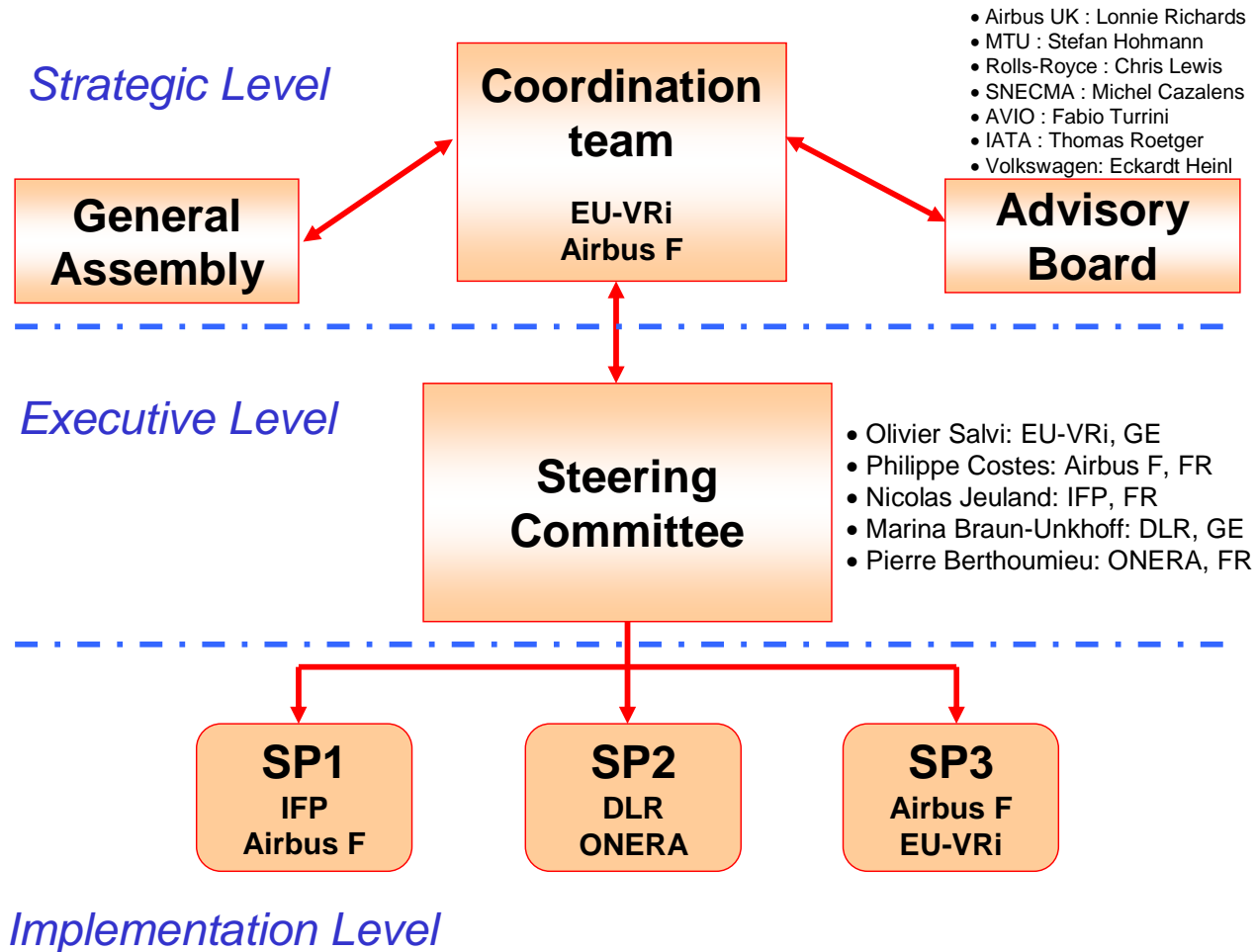
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SP3



Organization



Features

Total Budget: 9 750 000 €
EC Grant: 6 820 000 €

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