



# **ISO 20000**

## **What You Should Know About Successful Process Building**

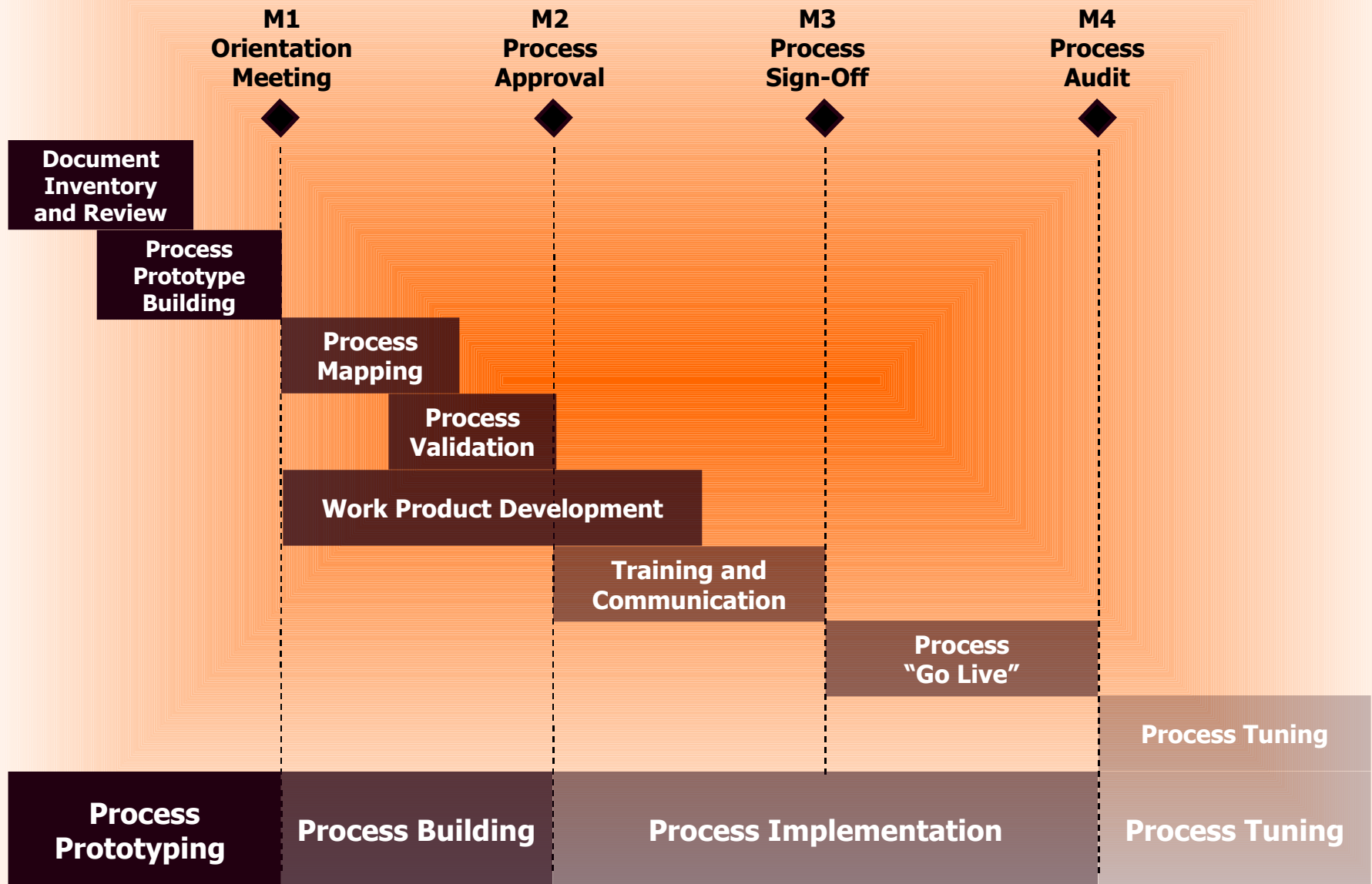
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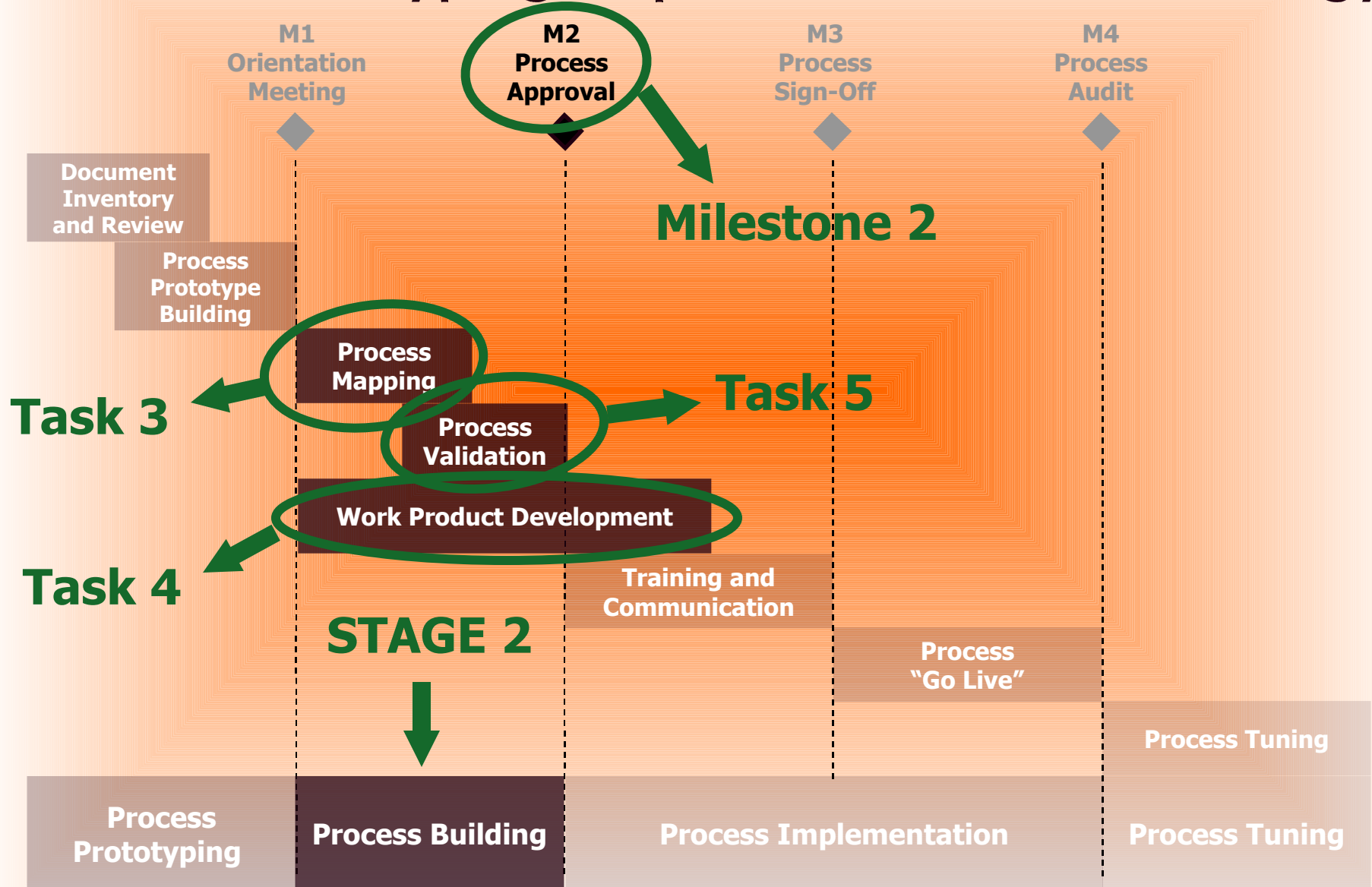
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Let's take a closer look at the second stage:  
**Process Building**

This stage has 3 tasks and 1 milestone:

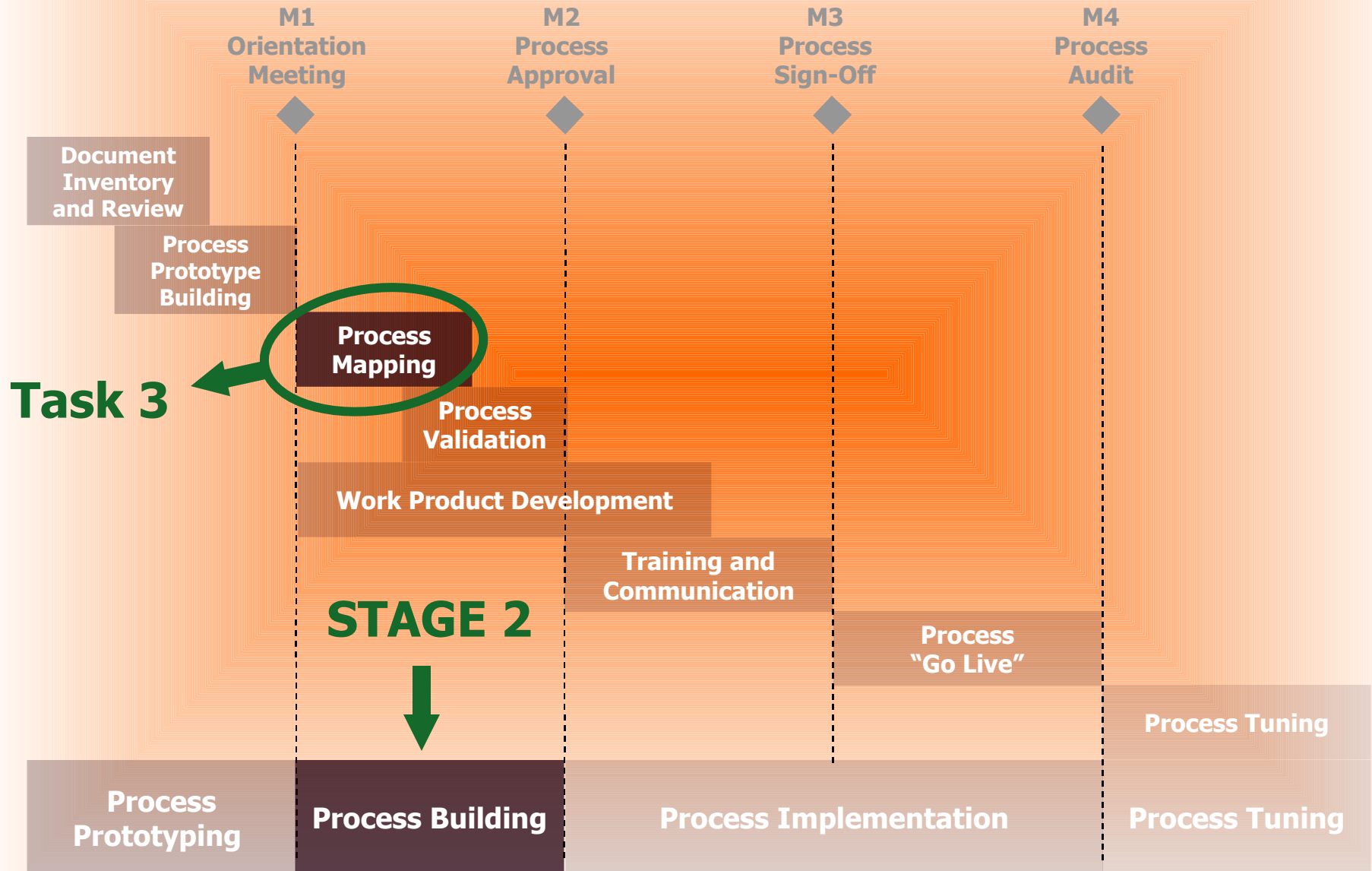
- **Task 3: Process Mapping**
- **Task 4: Work Product Development**
- **Task 5: Process Validation**
- **Milestone 2: Process Approval**

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## Task 3: Process Mapping

- Lay the ground work for your process:
  - Figure out terminology
  - Set objectives
  - Define scope
  - Establish requirements
  - Determine basic theory and concepts, etc.

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## Task 3: Process Mapping

- This first step is important because you should make sure everyone shares the **same vision**.
- Once this is done, you can have **working sessions** to map out all the activities that make up the process.



## Task 3: Process Mapping

- To be efficient, be prepared
- Use the process prototype you produced in Stage 1 as your starting point
- Mapping sessions should not exceed 4 working sessions, and each session should last no longer than 3 hours

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## Task 3: Process Mapping

- Don't be afraid to put things down, even if they're not perfect on the first draft
- Use an iterative approach (successive approximation)

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## Task 3: Process Mapping Guidelines *What you should do:*

- Map out the flowchart
- Use a unique title for each activity
- Use a unique sequential number for each activity
- Use action verbs
- Do not over-detail

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## Task 3: Process Mapping Guidelines

*What you should do:*

- Refer to forms and work instructions
- Define resource who performs activity, inputs, actions, outputs
- Establish links to other processes
- Maximum of 1 page per activity

## Task 3: Process Mapping

- During your first mapping session:
  - Define deliverables needed to complete the process
  - Assign tasks and precise dates
  - This is your process to-do list



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## Task 3: Process Mapping

- Mapping sessions help identify what's missing to achieve compliance of the process
- Your to-do list is used to keep track of all the details relevant to process implementation
- It should also include status and process milestones

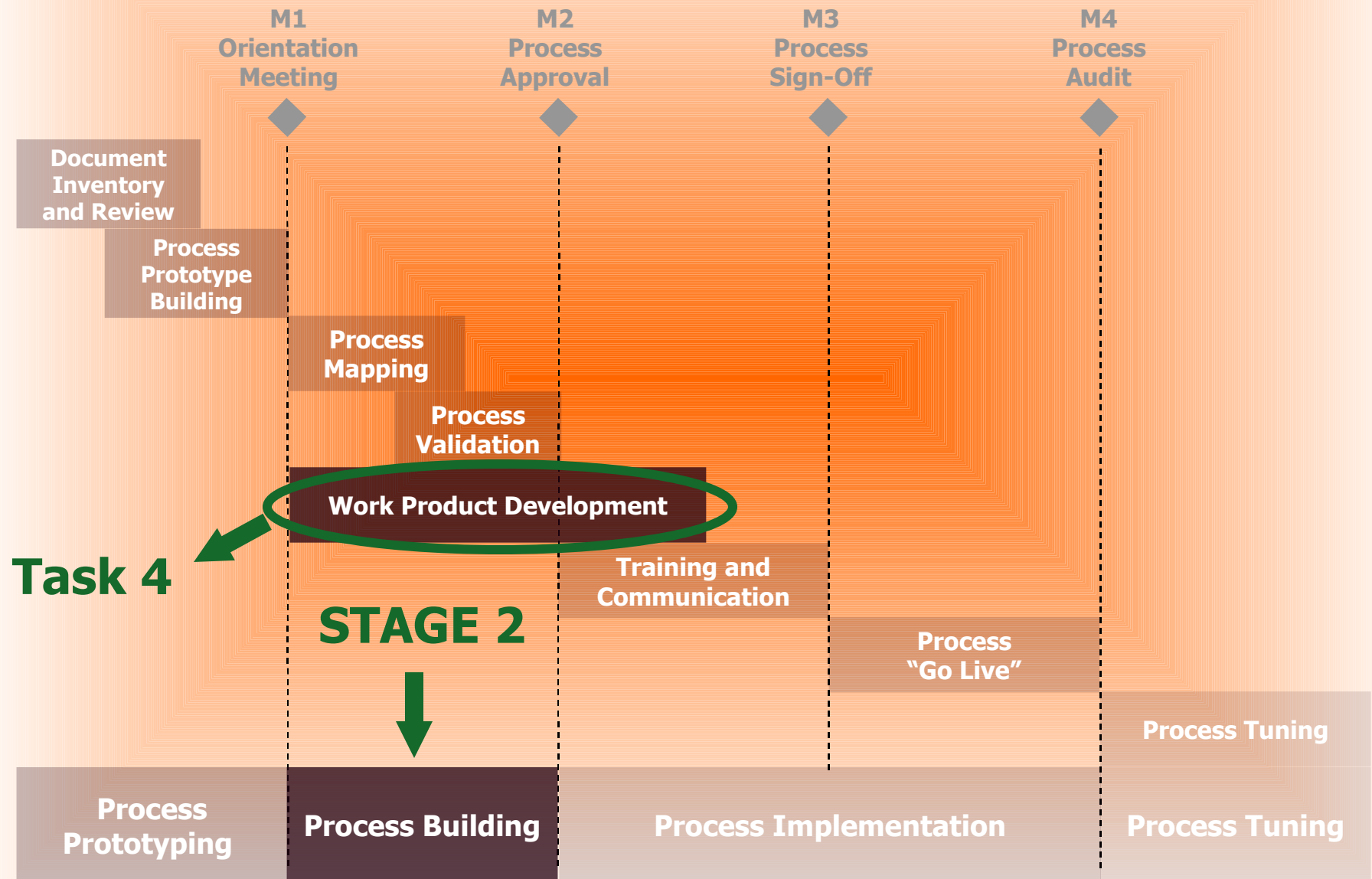


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**TASK 3**  
**is**  
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## Task 4: Work Product Development

- The objective is to build or adjust documents and work products related to the process
- These deliverables might be instructions, contact lists, escalation procedures, etc.

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## Task 4: Work Product Development

- Use your to-do list for your work products management
- The key is recycling
- Do not start from scratch
- Use what's already there and update it

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## Task 4: Work Product Development

- It won't be perfect
- Perfection is not the objective
- Keep things moving as fast as possible
- The objective is continuous improvement

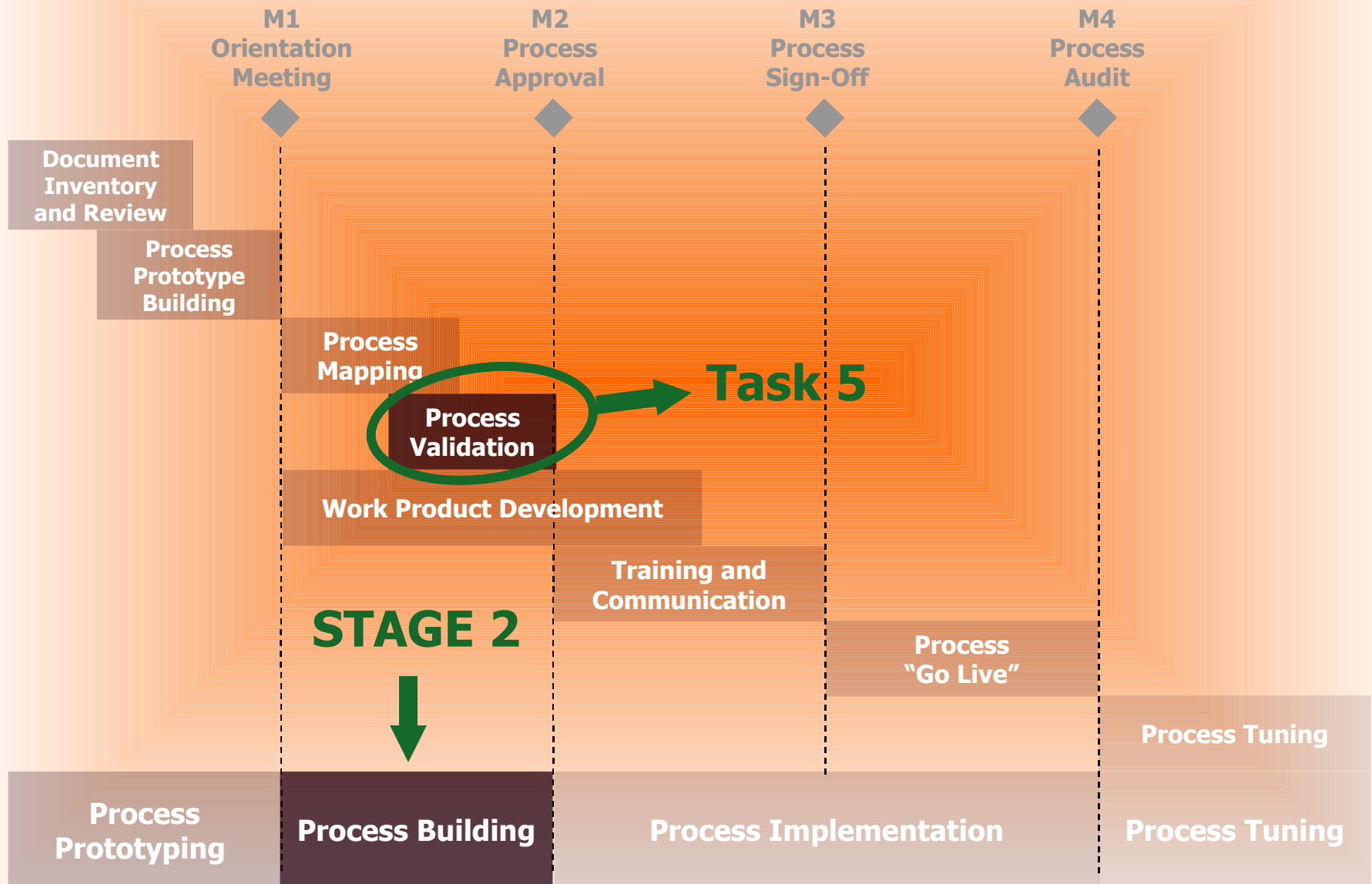
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## Task 5: Process Validation

- Process validation is where your work gets transformed into a bona fide process ready to be implemented
- The right people validate the process content, you discuss the training approach, determine a go-live date for the process and update your to-do list

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## Task 5: Process Validation

- Typical validation session:
  - All the key people involved in the process together in one room, reviewing the process, activity by activity
- This is usually where things go wrong

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## Task 5: Process Validation

- Avoid the usual pitfalls of this task
- If you don't want the sessions to turn into never-ending group therapy, **communicate the decision-making approach at the very start**

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## Task 5: Process Validation

- Differences of opinion are the norm, not the exception
- The difference between getting this right and getting this wrong is the difference between taking months or taking years to achieve certification



## Task 5: Process Validation

- The objective is to make sure that the process prototype has been transformed into a process that reflects the organisation's reality as well as everybody's that's involved



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## Task 5: Process Validation

- Your biggest challenge will be to bring everyone back to the main goal:
  - Have a functional process that not only improves on the actual state of things, but also can be implemented in a short period of time

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## Task 5: Process Validation

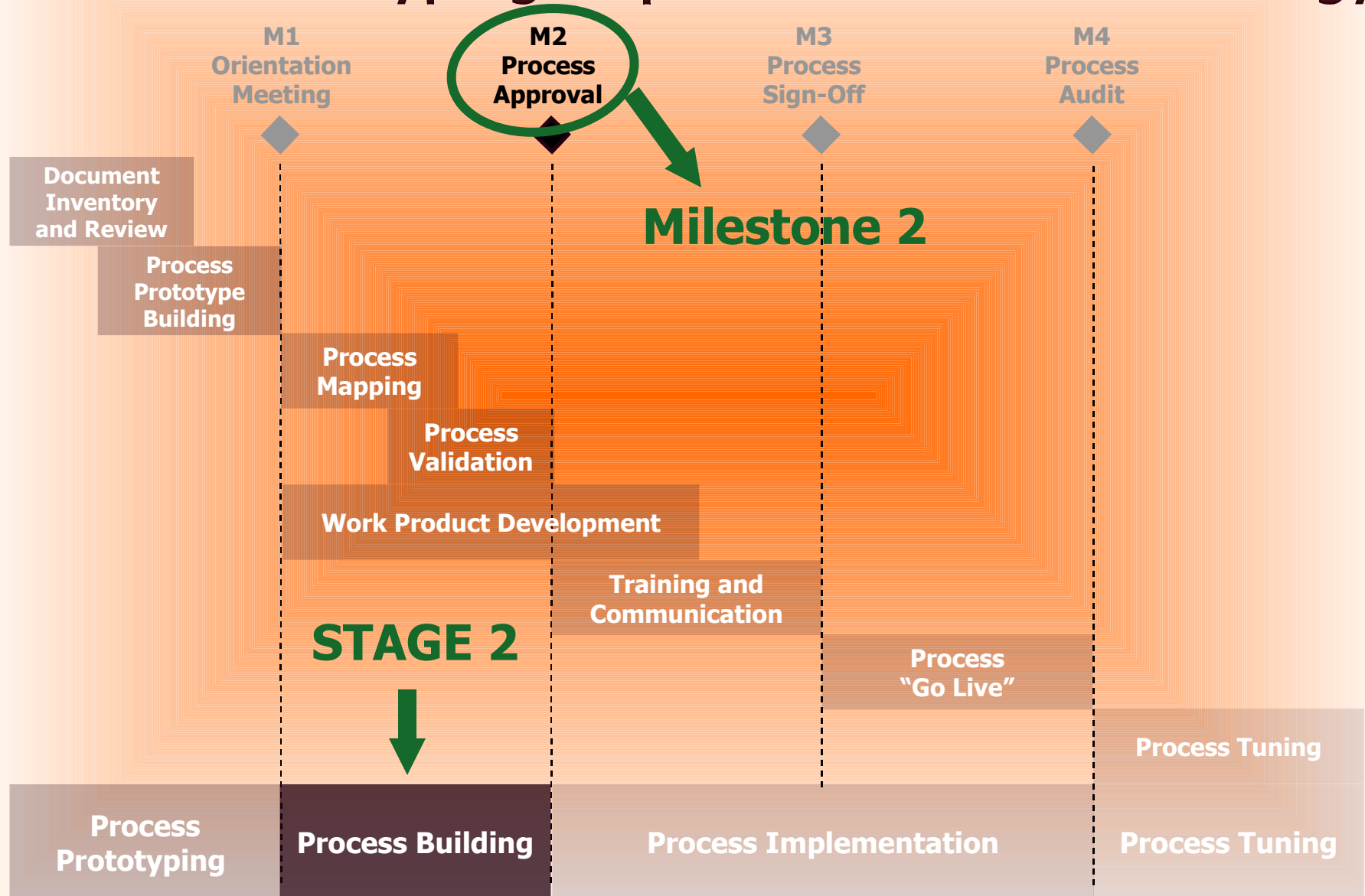
- Don't aim for perfection
- That's what the Process Tuning stage is for

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**TASK 5**  
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## Milestone 2: Process Approval

- Document life cycle process is triggered
- You need to comply with requirement 3.2 of the ISO 20000-1 standard, Documentation Requirements.



## Milestone 2: Process Approval

- Document life cycle management process:
  - Explains in what manner documents such as policies, processes, guidelines and work instructions are to be managed
- Managing document life cycle means:
  - Developing new documents
  - Reviewing existing documents
  - Approving documents
  - Publishing the documents so that they can be available for the concerned users



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## Milestone 2: Process Approval

- Process owners are usually responsible for process approval
- Make the approval formal
- Publish the approved process
- Communicate it to the users

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## Milestone 2: Process Approval

- At the end of Process Approval, you should have management's approval on:
  - Process scope
  - Process objective
  - Performance indicators
  - Flowchart
  - Activities
  - Interfaces to other processes

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**MILESTONE 2**  
**is**  
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**STAGE 2**  
**is**  
**COMPLETED!**

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- Having completed the Process Building stage, you will now move on to the implementation stage of your process.
- Every process goes through every stage to complete the ISO 20000 implementation project.



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