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# Fraud Risk Management

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# Introduction

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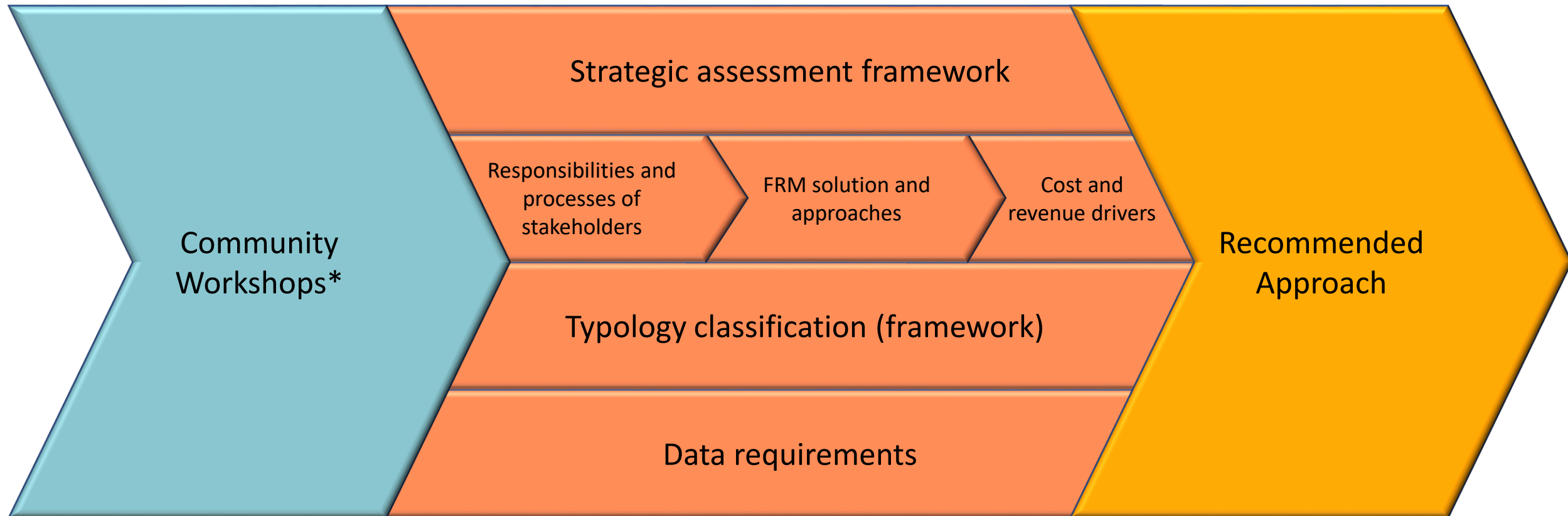
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# FRM solution strategy development approach



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# Strategic assessment framework

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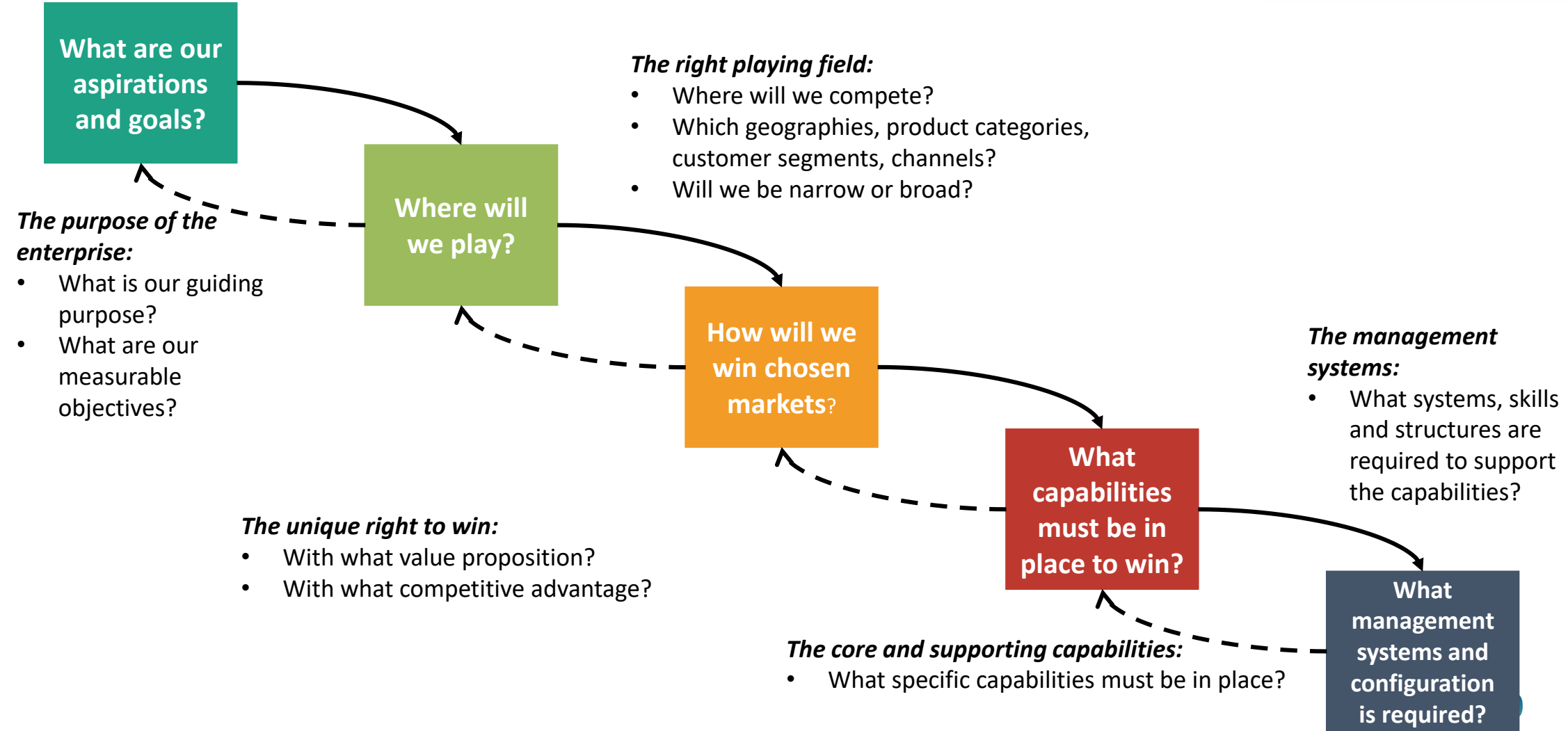
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# Cascading choices strategy methodology

**Mojaloop strategy has been unpacked as a series of interrelated choices**



# Mojaloop strategy summary

## Goals and aspirations

### *Vision statement*

A vision for a new, real-time digital payments system that supports inclusive digital and interoperable economies

### *Non-financial metrics*

- Increased volumes
- Interoperability
- Cost efficiencies
- Faster transactions
- Financial inclusion

### *Financial metrics*

“not-for-loss” or “cost-recovery-plus investment” basis

## Where to play

### *Geography*

- Global reach
- Africa and South East Asia
- Regional specific offices

### *Customer segments*

“Bottom-of-the-pyramid” customers

## How to win

### *Competitive advantage*

- Access to digital financial services
- Low-cost payments systems
- Pan-continental interoperability
- Easy access via any device

## Capabilities

### *Core capabilities*

- Transparency - across the value chain to build trust
- Security
- Affordability
- Convenience
- Openness
- Robustness
- Integration
- Enable multiple use cases
- Knowledge transfer

## Systems and configuration

- International payment standards
- Democratic governance structure
- Culture of accountability

# Stakeholders in the Mojaloop Ecosystem

**Front end users**

**Digital financial service providers**

**Mojaloop Hub Operators**

**Regulators**



# Stakeholders in the Mojaloop Ecosystem

Front end users: Users who send and receive payments via Mojaloop

## Front End Users



Adebisi is a lawyer in Luanda Angola who sends part of her salary via her phone to her unemployed mother in rural Kalandula. She also buys groceries using her mobile wallet

### FRM needs

- Transaction safety
- Trusted agents

# Stakeholders in the Mojaloop Ecosystem

Digital financial service providers: The entity that serves as the connecting point between the front-end user and Mojaloop, in order to facilitate the transactions

## DFSPs



Generic Bank is a FSP in Nigeria seeking to improve financial inclusion through the use of mobile wallets for the underserved. The bank reports to the payments authority and has a dedicated team that manages the ewallets

### FRM needs

- Fraud prevention, detection
- Fraud remediation
- Fraud reporting

# Stakeholders in the Mojaloop Ecosystem

Mojaloop Hub Operators: The entity enabling the functionality of the transaction through Mojaloop and maintaining the operations of the loop

## Mojaloop Hub Operators



MIM is a mobile operator in East Africa who is entering the mobile payments market through the operation of the Mojaloop software. MIM is the connection point between the mobile wallets and bank accounts of the users

### FRM needs

- Fraud prevention
- Fraud detection



# Stakeholders in the Mojaloop Ecosystem

Regulators: The governing bodies and legislations that maintain the ethical and responsible functioning of the payment framework within which a Mojaloop implementation operates

## Regulators



The African Reserve Bank is the central bank of Africa. The ARB is responsible for the formulation and implementation of monetary policy and can use its mandate to promote digital payments transactions

### FRM needs

- **Standardisation of processes**
- **Adherence to fraud policies**



# FRM Types

FRM benefits all stakeholders in varying degrees, with each having a unique role to play in FRM implementation



Does not need to implement with high benefits

Front end user	
Uses Mojaloop for payments?	Yes
Requires FRM?	Yes
Implements FRM?	No
Benefits from FRM?	High



Needs to implement with high benefits

DFSP	
Uses Mojaloop for payments?	No
Requires FRM?	Yes
Implements FRM?	Yes
Benefits from FRM?	High



Needs to implement with moderate benefit

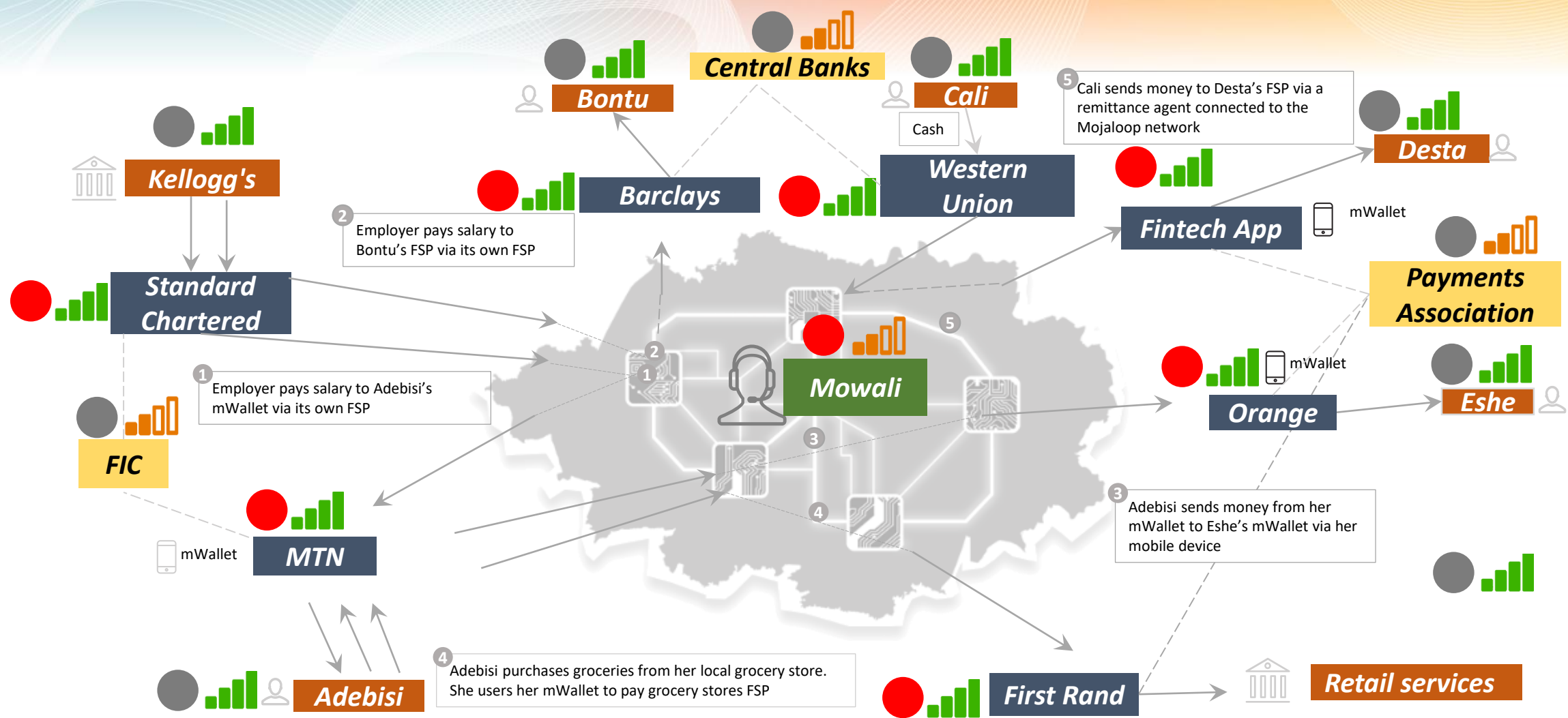
Operators	
Uses Mojaloop for payments?	No
Requires FRM?	Yes
Implements FRM?	Yes
Benefits from FRM?	Moderate



Does not need to implement with moderate benefits

Regulators	
Uses Mojaloop for payments?	No
Requires FRM?	No
Implements FRM?	No
Benefits from FRM?	Moderate

# Mojaloop Ecosystem – FRM needs overlay



Note: Organisation names used are indicative and for illustration purposes only

Front End Users Digital Financial Service Provider Mojaloop Hub Operators Regulators

Does not need to implement FRM Needs to implement FRM Moderate Benefit High benefit

# Stakeholder involvement in FRM

FRM activities are primarily performed by DFSP’s, therefore the impact of the Mojaloop FRM solution on the DFSP should be considered at all times

Activities <sup>1</sup>		Stakeholders <sup>3</sup>			
		Front end	DFSP	Operator	Regulator
<b>Diagnose</b> Proactive measures implement to deter or obstruct the committing of fraud	Diagnose vulnerability to fraud				
	Develop a strong risk management environment				
	Create fraud prevention policies and activities				
	Create a culture of honesty and integrity				
<b>Detect</b> A set of activities undertaken to prevent money or property from being obtained through false pretences	Continuous or periodic monitoring				
	Detect gaps in anti-fraud controls				
	Establish fraud risk profiles				
	Fraud hotline mechanisms				
<b>Respond</b> Policies, procedures and activities that allow the organization to react to various types of fraud and misconduct allegations in a measured and consistent manner	Recommend Mitigating Anti-fraud Controls				
	Develop Fraud Response Plan				
	Investigate cases of alleged fraud				
	Fraud reporting statutory				
	Incorporate identified fraud risks into FRM framework				
Overall involvement in FRM					

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Based on the Deloitte FRM framework in conjunction with CIMA guidelines

<sup>2</sup> All assessments are made from the point of view of the loop operator considering the involvement of stakeholders across the ecosystem

<sup>3</sup>Assessments have been allocated with consideration given to varying stakeholder types as well as results of the typologies work

As the process matures, consideration will be given to other FRM participants such as specialised security response centres

Insights

Although all players in the ecosystem have some responsibility towards fraud management it would appear that the **bulk of the burden** lies with the **DFSPs**

Consideration should be given to the **impact** on the **DFSPs** for **any FRM solution** implemented by the Operator as well as the interfaces between the two

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(Involvement in Mojaloop FRM)

Low degree of involvement

Some degree of involvement

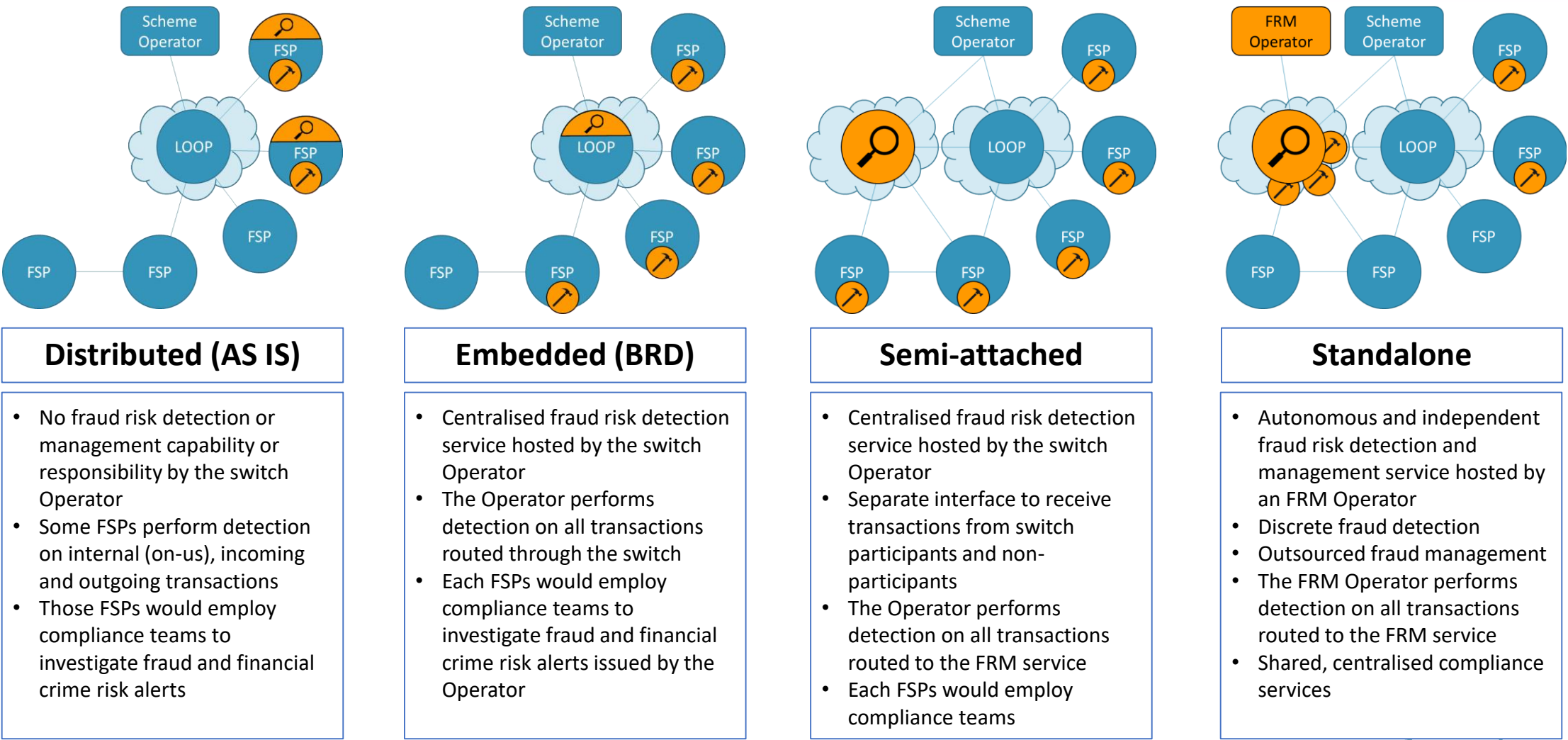
Moderate degree of involvement

High degree of involvement



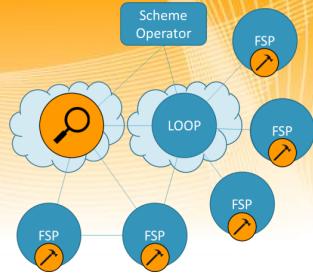
# Operating model configurations

Depending on a Mojaloop operator’s operating environment and participants, Fraud Risk Management services can be provisioned through an appropriate operating model





# Semi-Attached FRM operating model approach



Operating model type: Semi-Attached

Model description:  
Centralised open-access fraud detection (Mojaloop Hub Operator);  
Distributed compliance functions (DFSPs)

Where to play	How to win	Capabilities	Management systems and configurations
<div>Design Features</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Operator automatically evaluates every “switched” transaction</li><li>The Operator also evaluates every “non-switched” transaction submitted specifically for fraud detection</li><li>The Operator blocks accounts for suspicious “switched” transactions after the transaction is concluded</li><li>The Operator notifies the DFSP(s) of the suspicious transaction with an alert</li><li>The DFSP(s) investigate and resolve alerts</li></ul>	<div>Value proposition</div> <div><div><div>Operator</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Added value</li><li>Trust assurance</li><li>Inclusion through lower costs</li><li>Wider reach</li><li>Increased revenue opportunities</li></ul></div><div><div>DFSP’s</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance</li><li>Cost savings</li></ul></div><div><div>Access to FRM services</div><div>Front end Users</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Money safety</li><li>Low costs</li></ul><div>Regulators</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wider view</li><li>Standardisation</li><li>Modernisation</li></ul></div></div>	<div>Core capabilities</div> <div><div><div>Technical</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rules Engine</li><li>Process automation</li><li>Data management</li><li>UI Access</li><li>Open FRM</li></ul></div><div><div>interface</div><div>Non-technical</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contracts management</li><li>Stakeholder management</li></ul></div></div> <div>Systems and skills</div> <div><div><div>People and Processes:</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Administrators and supervisors</li><li>Rules configurer</li><li>Change control</li></ul></div><div><div>Systems (i.e. technical):</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rules Engine</li><li>Workflow</li><li>Case Management</li></ul></div></div> <div>Risks and constraints</div> <div><div><div>Risks</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Poor KYC/EDD</li><li>Unregulated FSPs</li><li>Privacy compliance</li></ul></div><div><div>Constraints</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lack of formal regulation</li><li>Implementation and operational costs</li></ul></div></div>	<div>Stakeholder involvement</div> <div><div>FSP -</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Submit ALL transactions</li><li>Submit participant information</li><li>Manage alerts</li></ul><div>Front end user –</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None directly – users would interact through their FSPs</li><li>Information provision</li></ul><div>Regulator –</div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None directly – FSPs would engage the regulator</li></ul></div> <div>Implementation cost</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Time &amp; Materials deployment</li><li>Cloud infrastructure</li><li>Bandwidth/connectivity</li></ul></div> <div>Time to implement</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6 to 18 months</li></ul></div>
<div>Use cases</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Allow smaller DFSPs access to a more regulated and ubiquitous platform without the high cost of entry associated with traditional toolsets</li><li>Where systemic fraud exploiting the blind-spots between DFSPs is prevalent</li><li>Where unregulated, smaller and informal DFSPs is prevalent</li><li>Where peer-to-peer transactions between DFSPs are prevalent or popular</li></ul>	<div>Key dependencies</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Effective KYC/EDD</li><li>Enforceable contracts and service level agreements</li><li>Transparent processes</li><li>Data availability</li></ul></div>		

# Financial model – cost drivers

The semi attached and embedded approach are considered cost optimal when considered along with the benefit received from each solution

		FRM Approach			
		Distributed	Embedded	Semi-attached	Standalone
Investment costs	Software development				
	Legal fees				
Implementation costs	Licensing - initial procurement cost				
	Infrastructure costs				
	Customisation				
	Training				
Running costs	Staffing				
	Maintenance support				
	Software updates				
	Licensing - renewal cost				
	Compliance				
	Overall cost requirements				

Key

















No significant cost requirement

Low cost requirement


Moderate cost requirement


High cost requirement

# Financial model – revenue drivers


		FRM Approach			
		Distributed	Embedded	Semi-attached	Standalone
Revenue types	FRM Transaction fee				
	FRM Fixed fee				
	Supporting data fee				
Overall potential for revenue generation					

Key

 No revenue potential

 Low revenue potential

 Moderate revenue potential

 High revenue potential

# Key takeaways

## **Why Fraud Risk Management on the Mojaloop platform?**

- Centralised services for lower (shared) implementation and operating costs
- Build trust in digital financial services by assuring the safety and security of digital financial transactions through transparency across the value chain
- Standardisation and modernisation of fraud detection solutions



# Typology classification

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Typology classification framework

Execution, outcomes and insights

Examples

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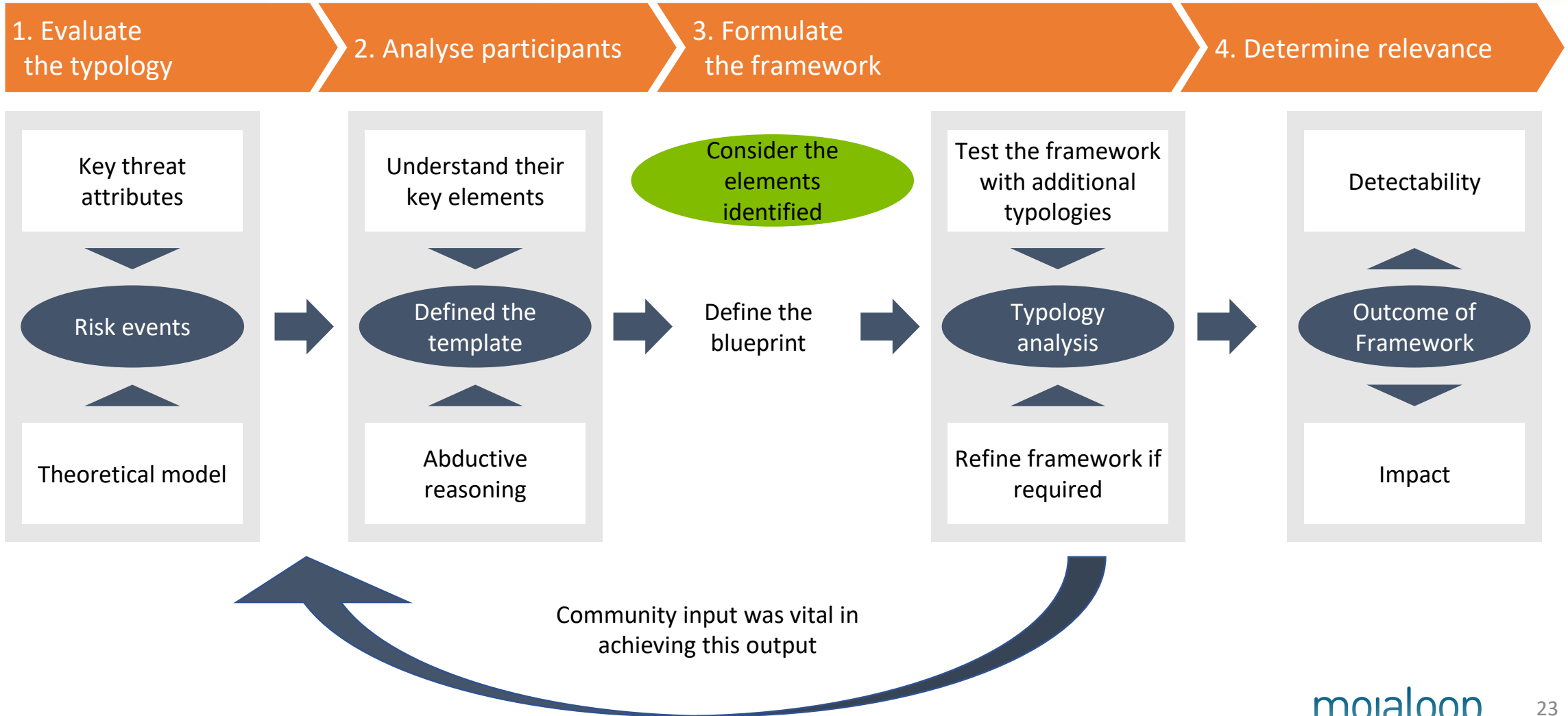
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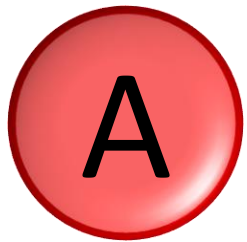


# Threat modelling approach



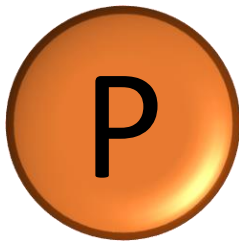


# Theoretical applicability framework



## Approach

- Defines the process attributes that are utilised as part of the typology
- Examples
  - Multiple Transactions
  - Foreign Parties



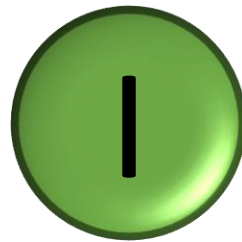
## Product / Service

- Defines whether the typology is limited to a specific product
- Examples
  - Check Account
  - Savings Account



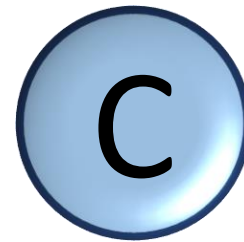
## Regulatory Impact

- Defines whether the typology is a result of / circumvention of regulatory threshold
- Examples
  - Limits



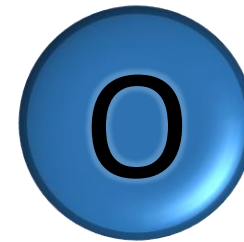
## Involved Parties

- Defines the actors / participants that are involved in the typology
- Examples
  - User
  - Agent



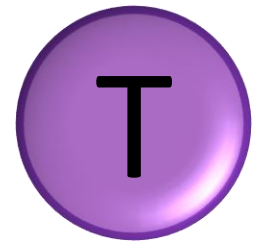
## Channel

- Defines the criteria in which the typology interacts with the DFSP
- Examples
  - Internet
  - Face-to-face
  - Non face-to-face



## Organisational Scope

- Defines the criteria that provides context to the other elements
- Examples:
  - Behavioural aspects



## Transaction Type

- Defines the type of transactions that are utilised to perform the typology
- Examples
  - Transfer
  - Payment
  - Deposit

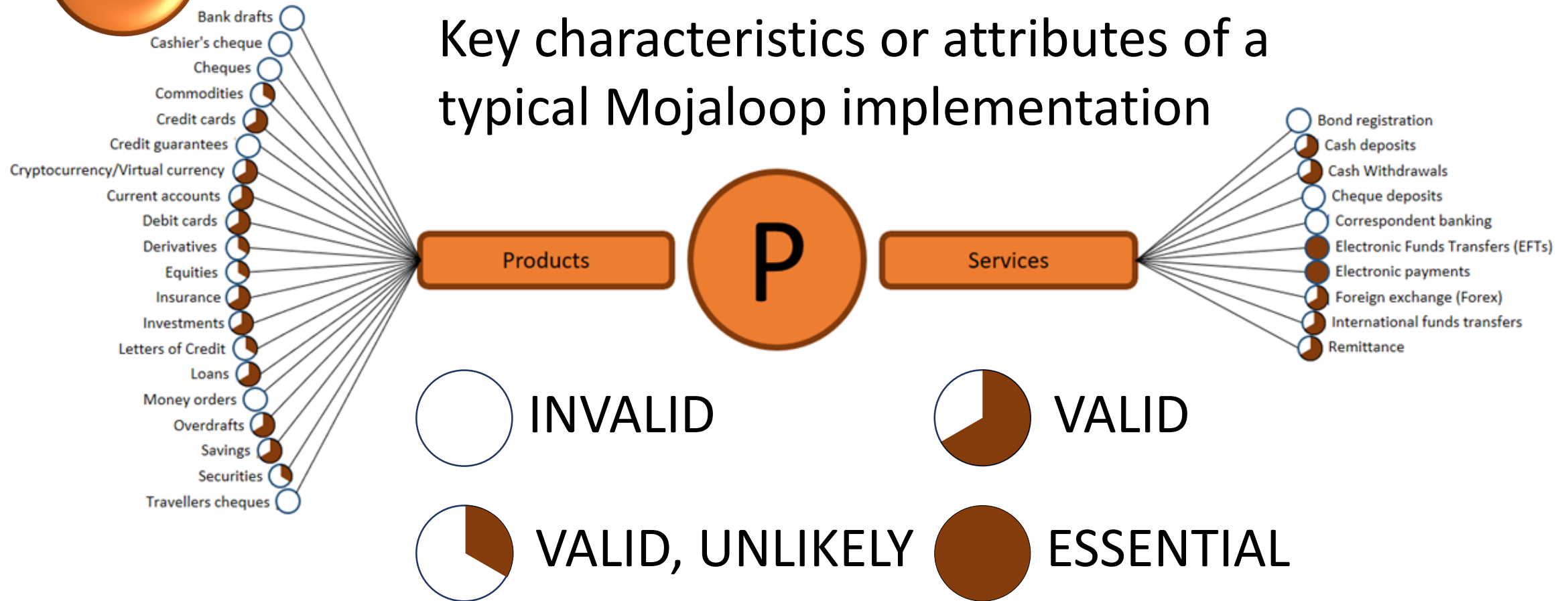


# A break down of each element

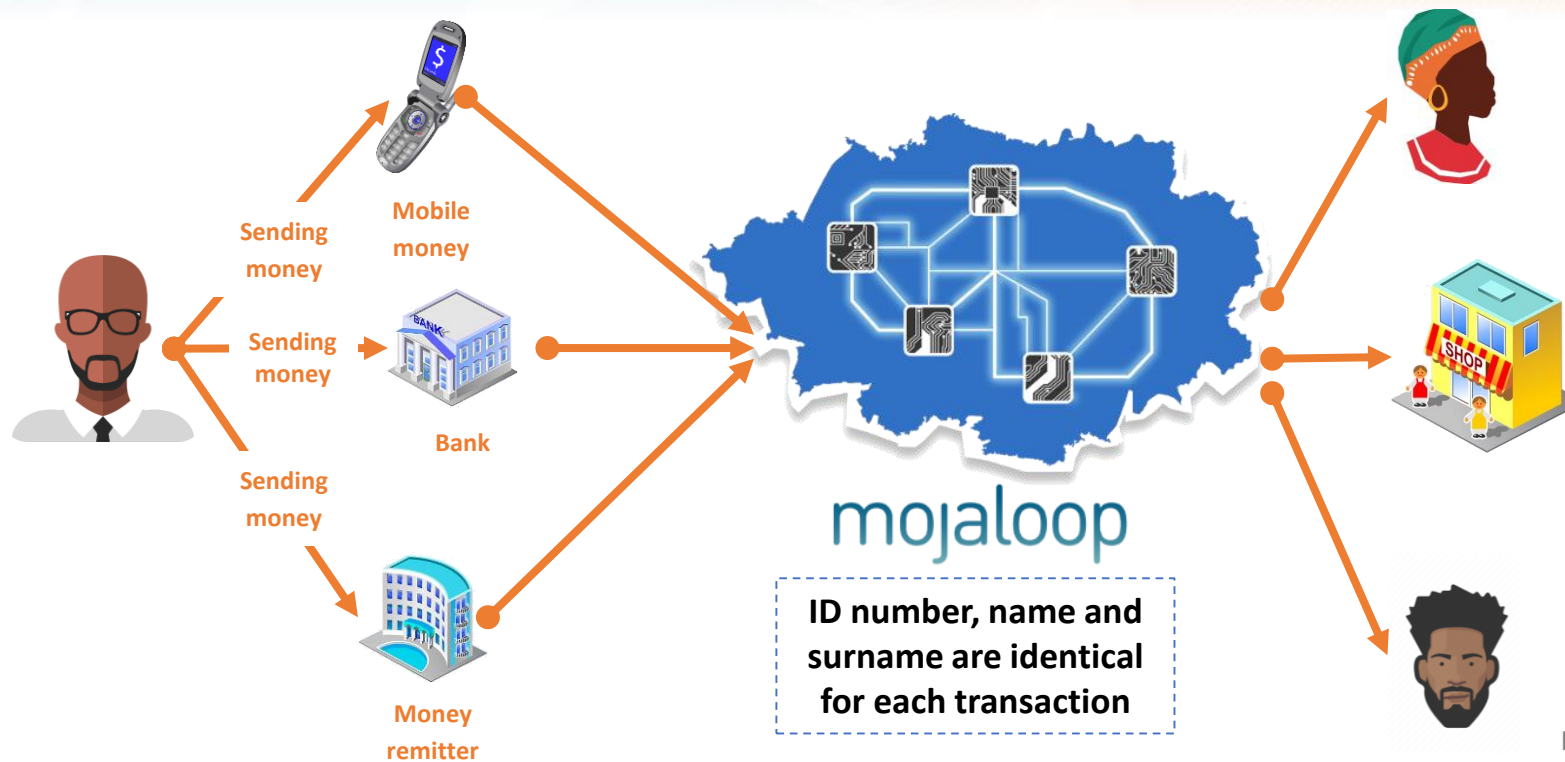


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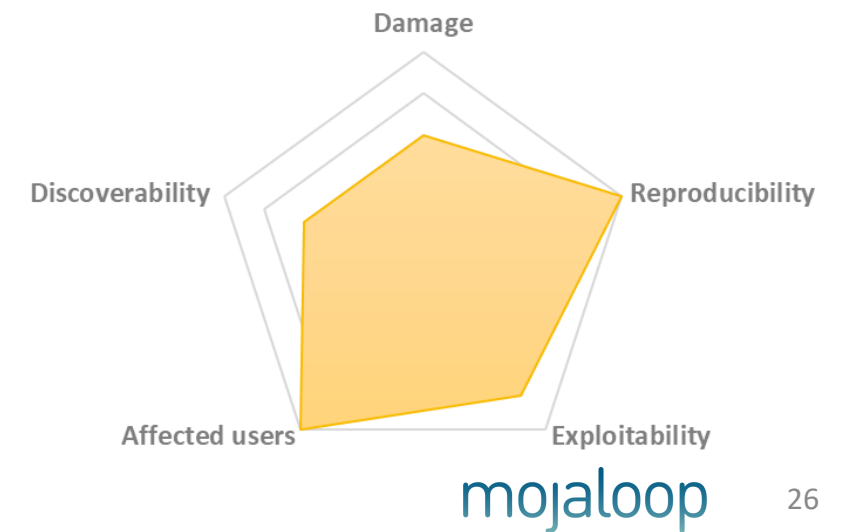
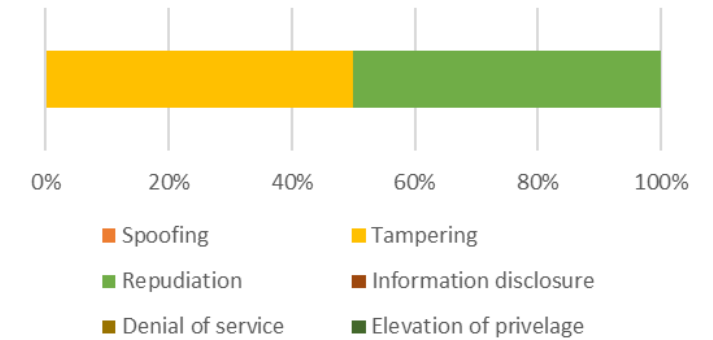
Key characteristics or attributes of a typical Mojaloop implementation



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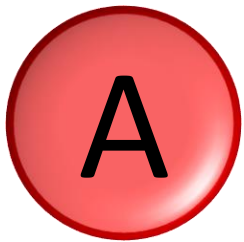


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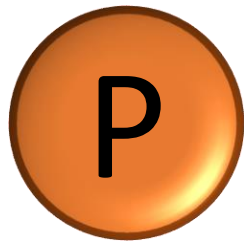
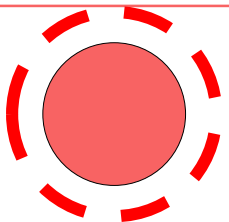


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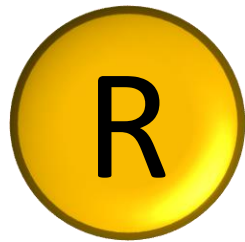
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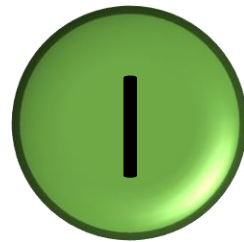
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- **Multiple service providers**



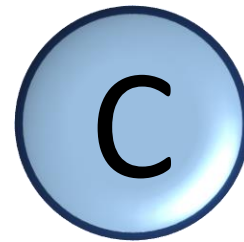
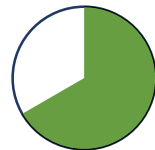
- Any product



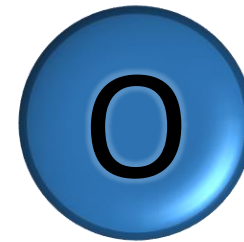
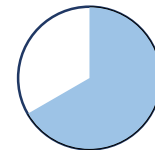
- Total transaction value exceeds a limit



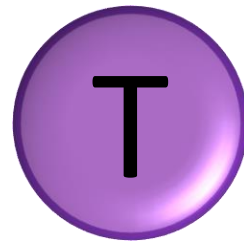
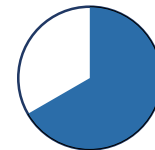
- Client



- Not limited to one channel



- Public

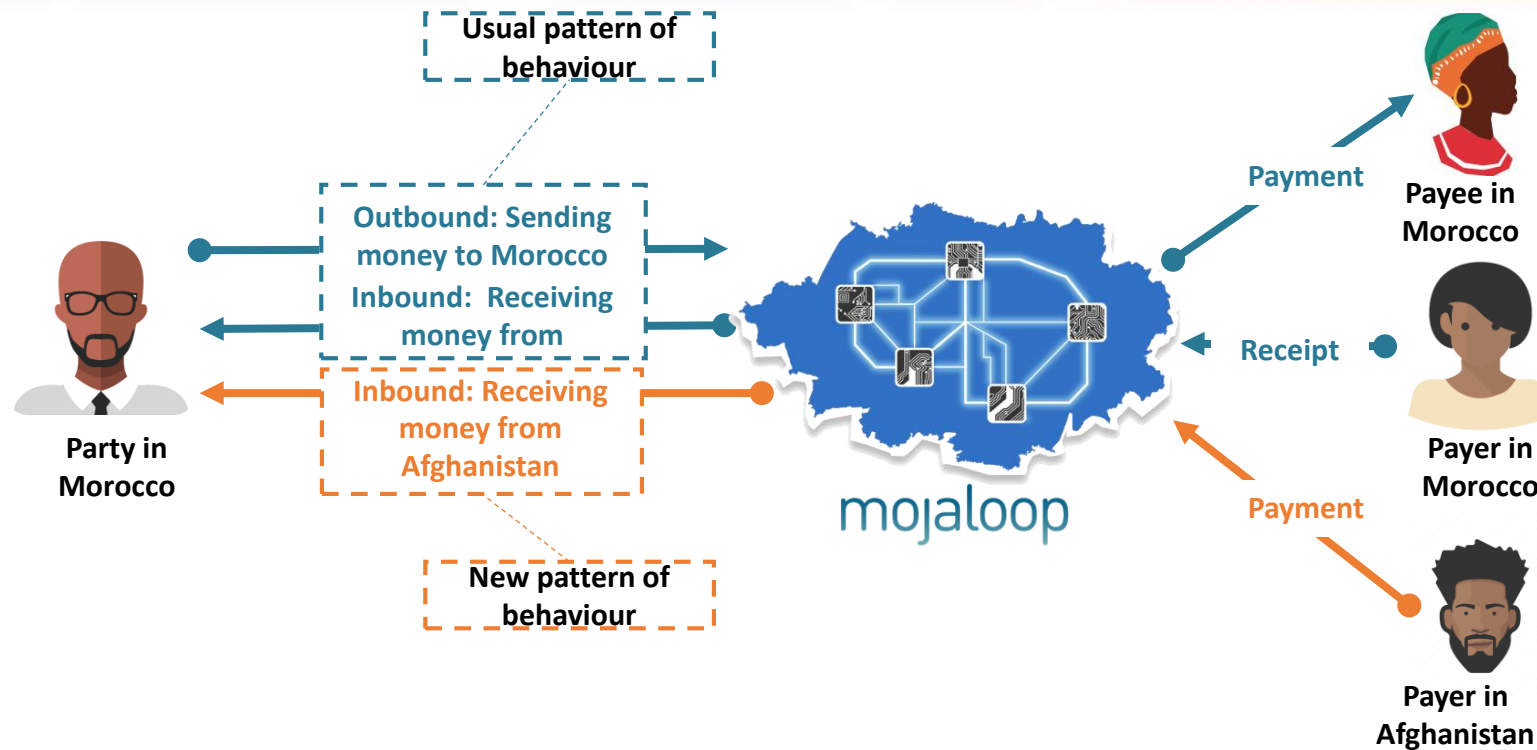


- Transfer of value
- Payments to third parties

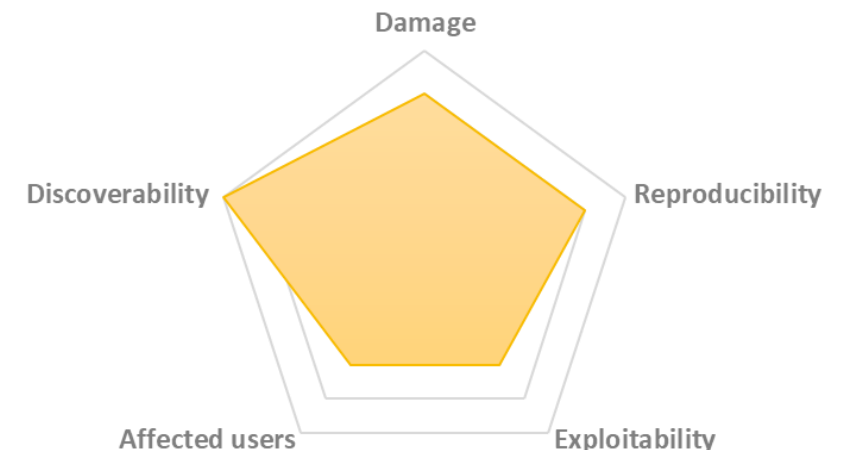
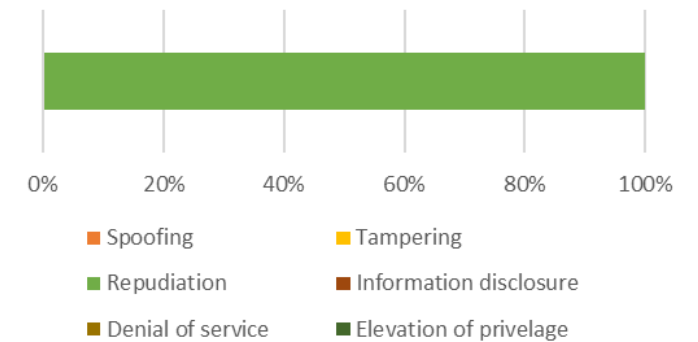




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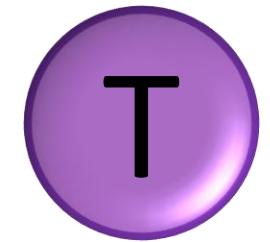
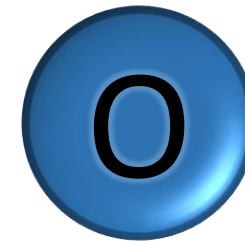
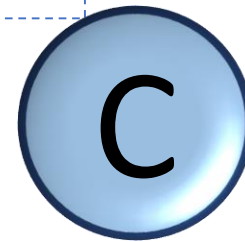
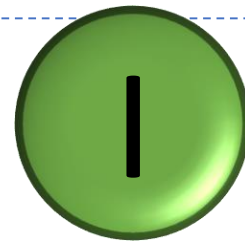
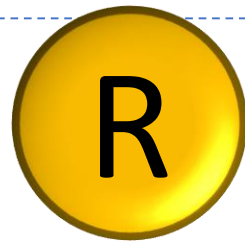
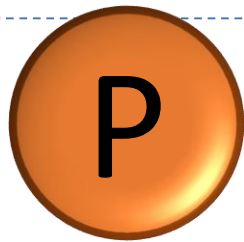
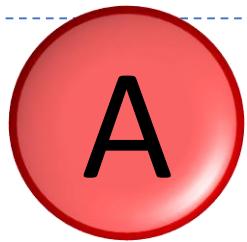
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# Review of Selected Typologies #2 – Standard view

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- Foreign jurisdictions

- Must allow for cross-border transactions

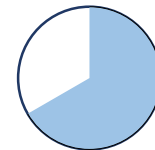
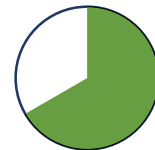
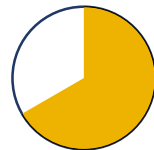
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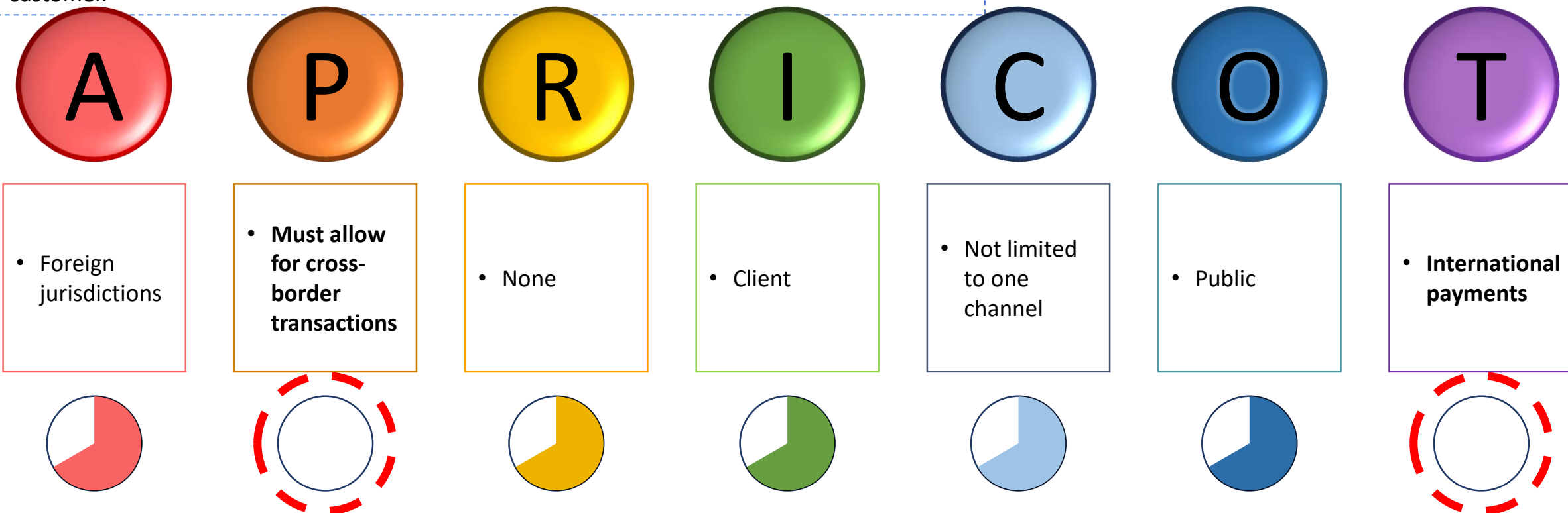
- International payments



Assumption: The implementation allows for cross border payments

# Review of Selected Typologies #2 – An alternative

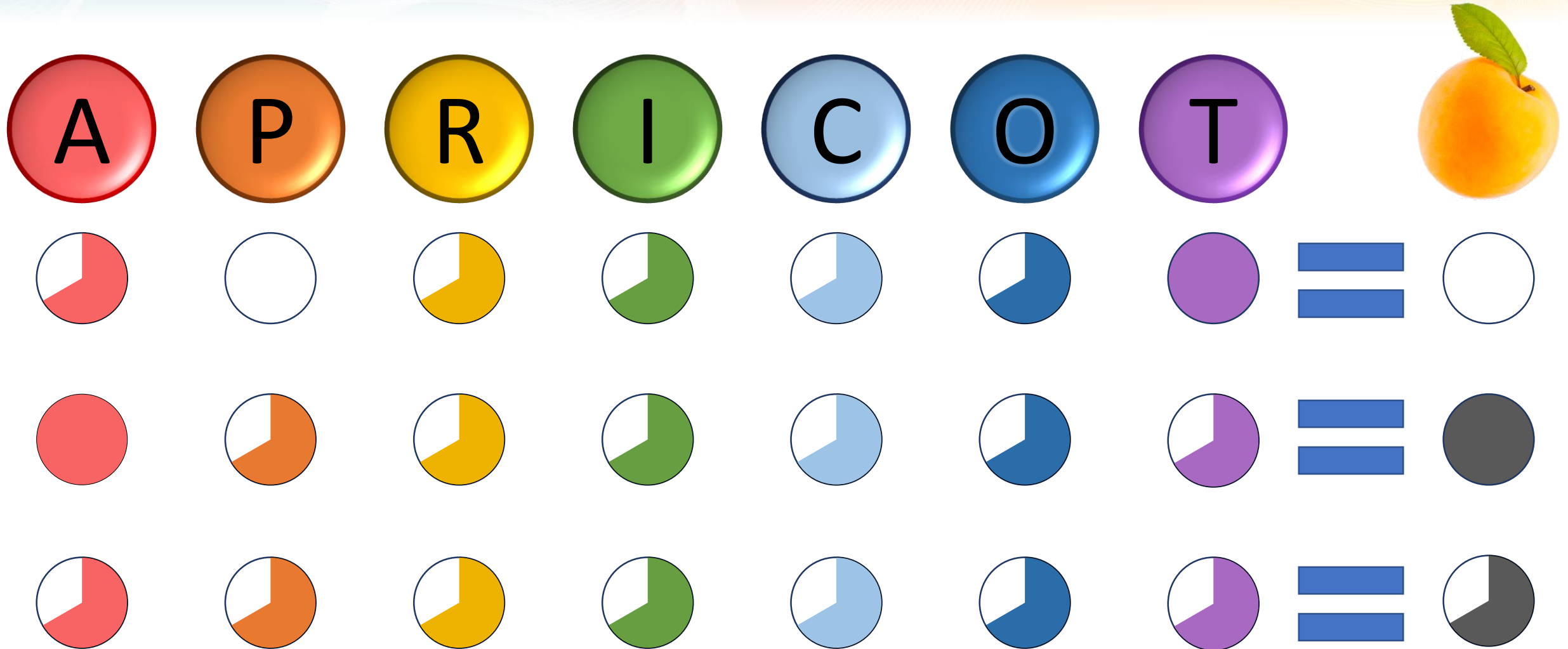
Unwarranted desire to involve entities in foreign jurisdictions in transactions. **International transfers** received from/sent to **foreign countries not in accordance with the profile** of the customer.



Assumption: The implementation does **not** allow for cross border payments

The outcome of the review is therefore based on the template utilised for the Operator

# Flexibility of framework





# Key takeaways

- A flexible framework that can be utilised to assess typologies for any implementation
- Development of a foundation to generate appropriate insights on which a Fraud Risk Management Solution can be built
- The information gathered through fraud risk management will enable a different lens on the payment processing data





# Typology data requirements

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DAMA standardisation

Data requirements

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# Typology data requirements breakdown

## Payer

- Direct identification information
  - Name
  - Foundational ID
- Secondary identification information
  - SIM/Device
  - IP address
  - Email address
  - Phone number
  - Account number
- Location information
  - Country
  - IP address
  - Physical address
- Descriptive data
  - Occupation
  - PEP status
  - Source of Wealth

## Transaction

- Identification information
  - Payer
  - Payee
  - Agent
- Location information
  - Source
  - Destination
- Descriptive data
  - Reference
  - Currency
  - Amount

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# Typology data requirements breakdown



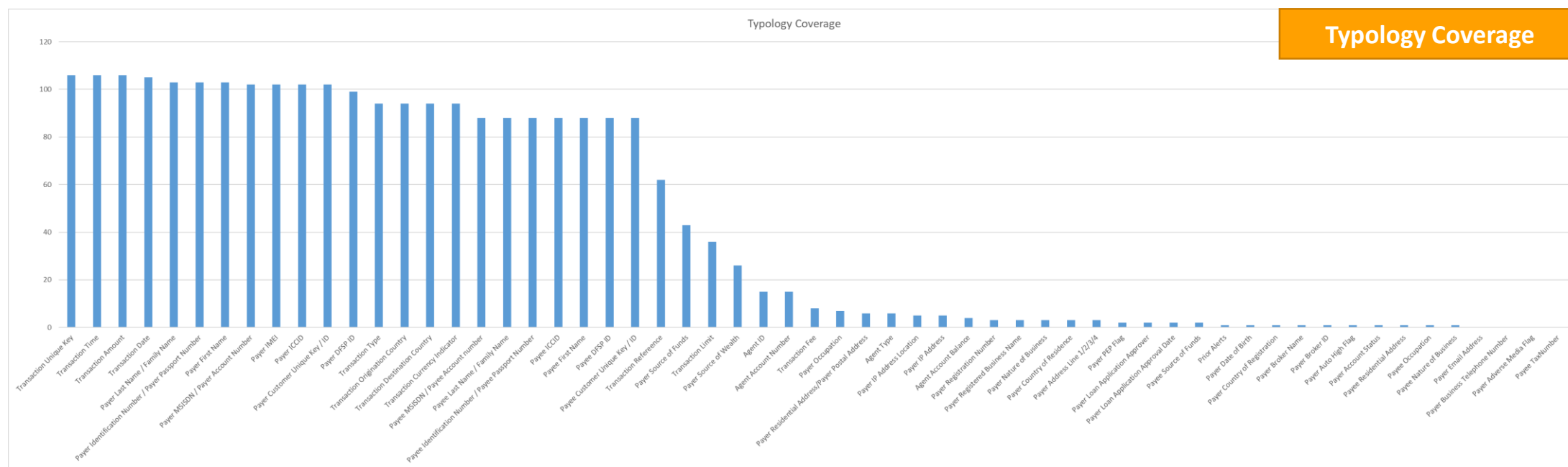
**VALID  
typologies**

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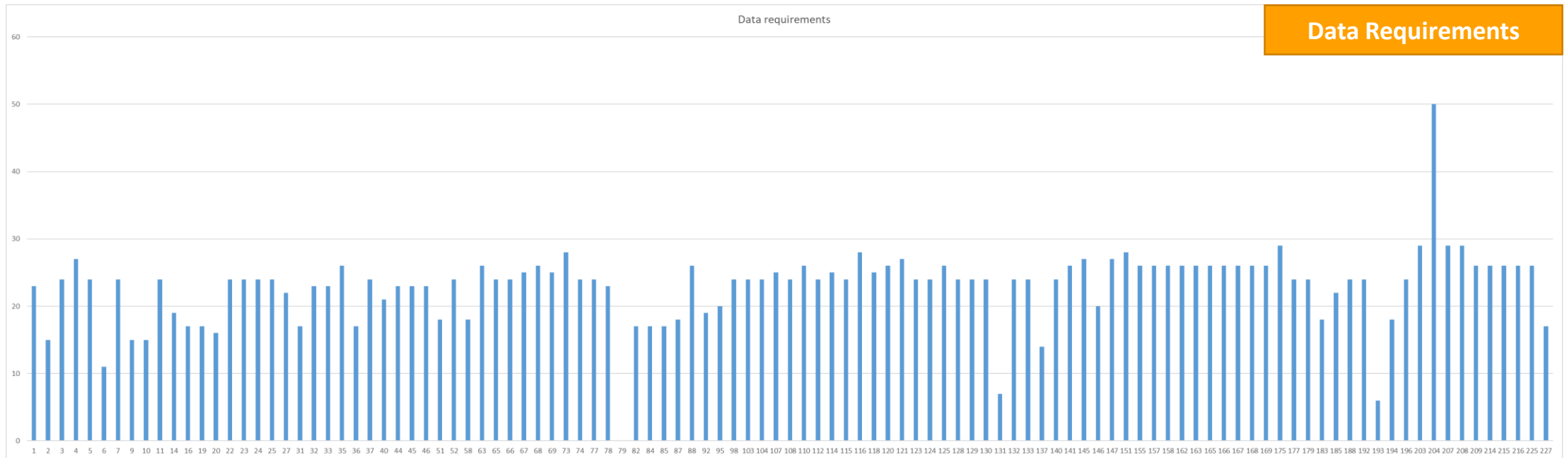
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DREAD score >2**

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**Typology Coverage  
Data Requirements**



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- With half of the fields, we can detect 74 typologies
- However, we lose
  - 17 typologies with DREAD scores less than 3
  - 12 typologies with DREAD scores between 3 and 4
  - 6 typologies with DREAD scores greater than 4

# Recommendations and next steps

## FRM – Where to from here?

1

- Select the Semi-Attached approach for a Fraud Risk Management solution to complement Mojaloop switching services
- Solve for the dependency on quality KYC/EDD information

2

- Prioritise VALID typologies for development
- Document the typology rules in readable pseudo-code
- Design system and operational controls for VALID typologies

3

- Grade the effectiveness of typology detection based on real data availability

# Recommendations and next steps

## FRM – Where to from here?

4

- Prioritise the development of a rules engine service component
- Review the need for a general Mojaloop Case Management service component

5

- DFSPs and prospective operators should evaluate their role and responsibilities for effective fraud risk management within the Mojaloop platform