# Curam PI Planning:

# 102: Readiness and Feature Candidate Review

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# Why 'readiness'?

**Getting ready for the next PI involves unlimited wants and limited resources.**
Choices about what we do next are muti-lateral, complex and involve many trade-offs.

## Balancing different types of work



Investment Categories are Enhancements, Technical Investment, and Maintenance and Support.

Balance these types of work helps ensure the right level of customer satisfaction, quality, and agility.

## Prioritizing the highest value



All work chosen should be the 'best bets' for the most valuable, desirable and feasible. Understanding the different needs for the different kinds of work we do is complex and requires input from a lot of different people and voices.

## Connecting execution to strategy



This involves ensuring that the work in the next and future PIs connects to Merative's 3YP. How does the work in the next PIs contribute to strategic plans? What does our customer facing roadmap look like?

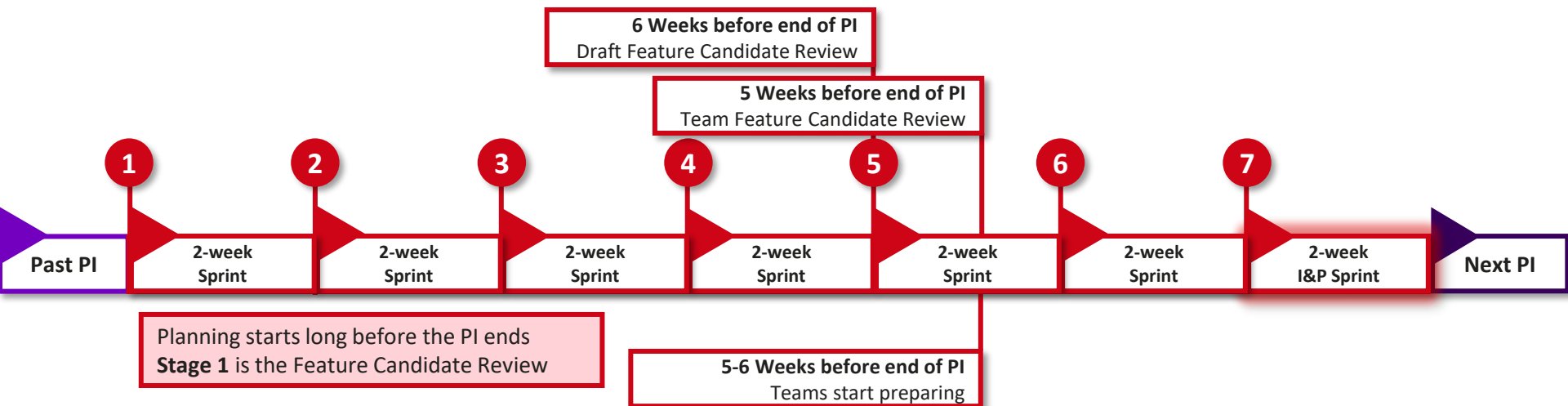## Getting started *and* getting finished



Planning happens alongside execution. Starting well and understanding what 'done' looks like will help us to finish well. Planning, execution and getting finished are all strongly connected.
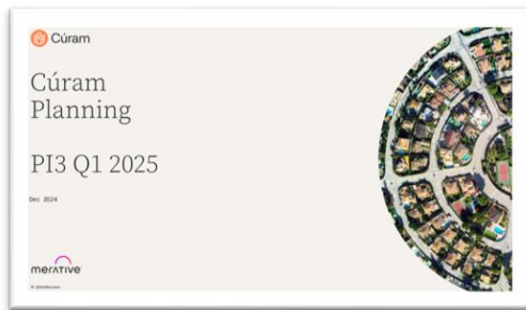
*When does Readiness happen during the Planning cycle?*

# When does Readiness Happen?



**6 Weeks before end of PI**
Draft Feature Candidate Review

**5 Weeks before end of PI**
Team Feature Candidate Review

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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Past PI | 2-week Sprint | 2-week Sprint | 2-week Sprint | 2-week Sprint | 2-week Sprint | 2-week Sprint | 2-week I&P Sprint | Next PI

Planning starts long before the PI ends
**Stage 1** is the Feature Candidate Review

**5-6 Weeks before end of PI**
Teams start preparing

# *What happens during the Planning cycle?*

| When? | What? | Why? Purpose of event. | Who presents? | Who attends? |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **6 weeks before PI ends** | **Draft Feature Candidate Review** | **Readiness:** Discuss early feasibility of candidate features for the next PI, review the list with feedback and gather input. | Product Management | Curam Leadership Team |
| **5 weeks before PI ends** | **Feature Candidate Review** | **Readiness:** Share candidate features for the next PI for questions and feedback on desired outcomes and feasibility. | Product Management | Curam Teams, Stakeholders, Leadership |



**Business Context**
- 3YP and Market Opportunities

**Product Vision**
- Customer-Facing Roadmap and Capacity Allocation Goals
- Upgrades, Go-lives and Customer Support goals
- Built-In Quality Outlook

**Priority Features by Investment Category**
- Enhancements, Tech Investment, Maintenance and Unplanned

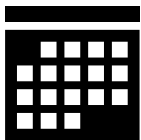*How can you participate in this part of PI Planning?*

# How can you participate?

**To influence priorities and plans for the next PI:**

Contact Cúram's Product Management Team.

There are scheduled sync meetings throughout the PI.

**To attend the FCR Meeting**

Contact the Product Management Team or Paddy Corry to be added to the meeting.

**To stay informed**

The details of all PI Planning meetings are published and shared on Confluence.

For example: [Cúram Q2 2025 planning schedule with recordings](#)