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# ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

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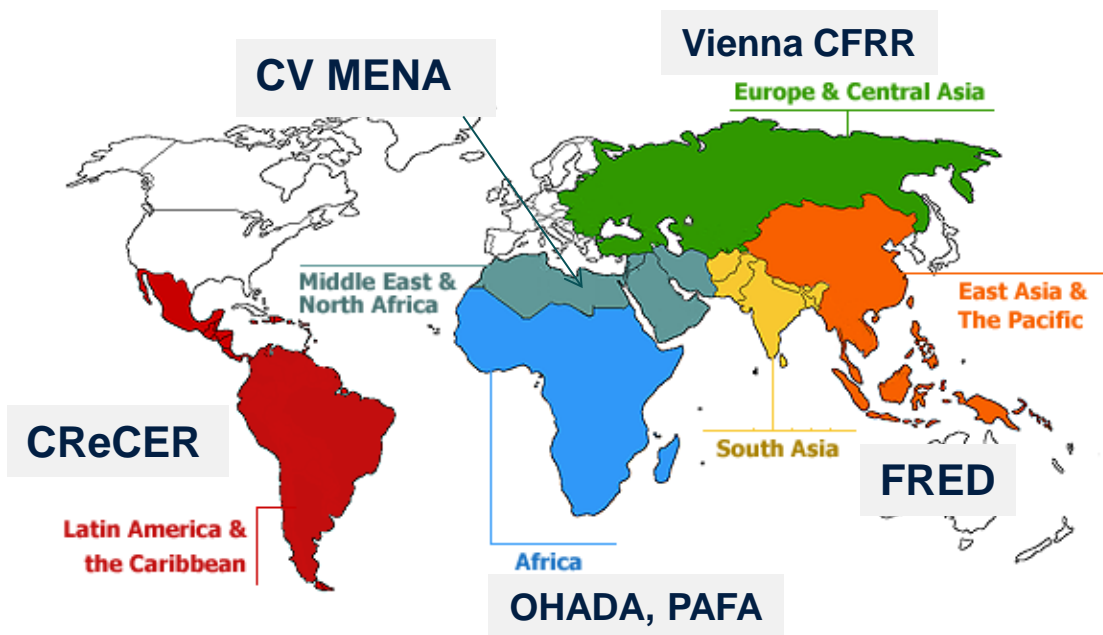
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# CORPORATE FINANCIAL REPORTING PROGRAM WITHIN THE WORLD BANK

Over 100 **country-level** projects in the last 10 years

## Regional initiatives

+ cooperation with regional PAOs and development banks



## Global engagement

- **ROSC** Accounting and Auditing program
- **Strategic partnerships** with accountancy bodies, standard-setters and regulators



# CENTRE FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING REFORM

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- » In **Vienna** since 2007
- » Part of the World Bank's **Governance Global Practice**
- » One-stop shop for financial reporting reform
- » 20 staff, consultants and experts
- » Approx. EUR 4 mn. annual budget, 80% financed by donors
- » Three regional programs in Europe and Central Asia
- » 30 countries, 60 regional workshops, 6,000 participants



## REPARIS

**Ministerial Conference  
Vienna, 3 June 2014**

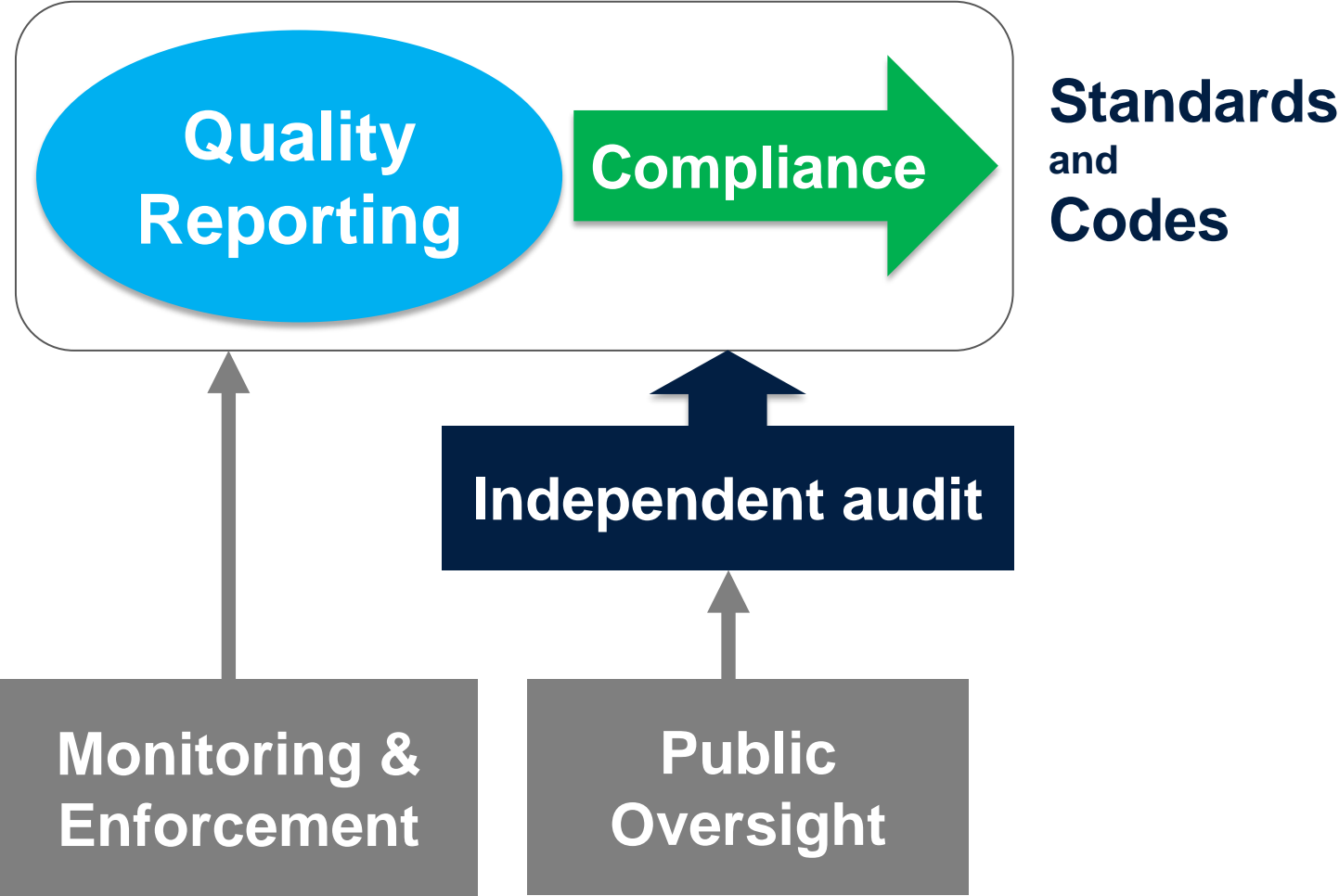
# HIGH-QUALITY REPORTING: 3 KEY DIMENSIONS

**Reporting  
Obligations**

**Capacity to  
Comply**

**Ensuring  
Compliance**

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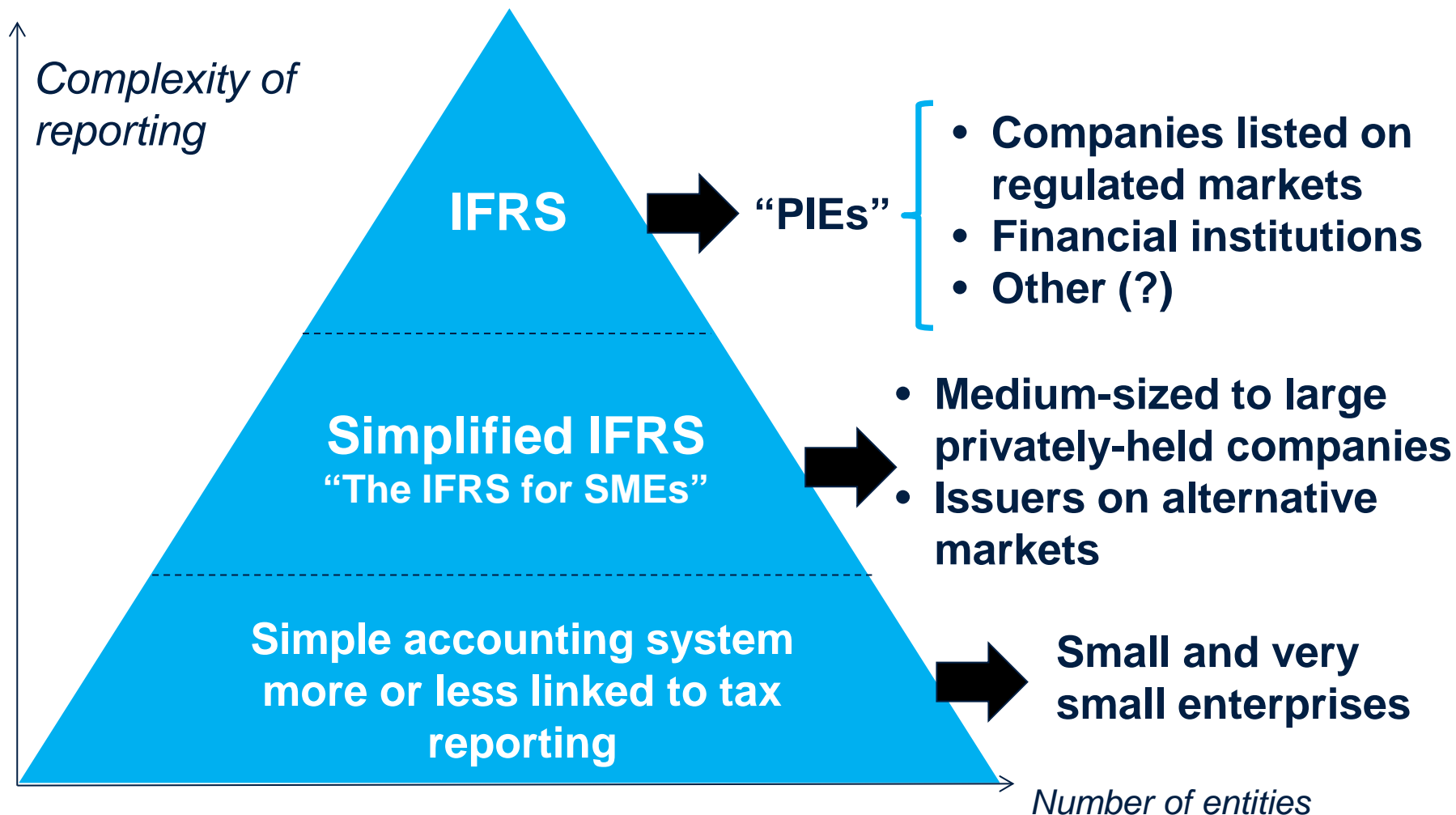


# ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

## Key Challenges

- » Making the reporting **available to the public**
- » **Powers** of the regulators/supervisors
  - To investigate
  - To remedy or sanction
- » **Organization** of the regulators
  - Sufficient resources
  - Cooperation between regulators
- » **Market** discipline
- » Suitability/“Enforceability” of **the standards**

# SUITABILITY OF THE STANDARDS Financial Reporting





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## Monitoring audits

» *Who will guard the guardians?*

» Public oversight

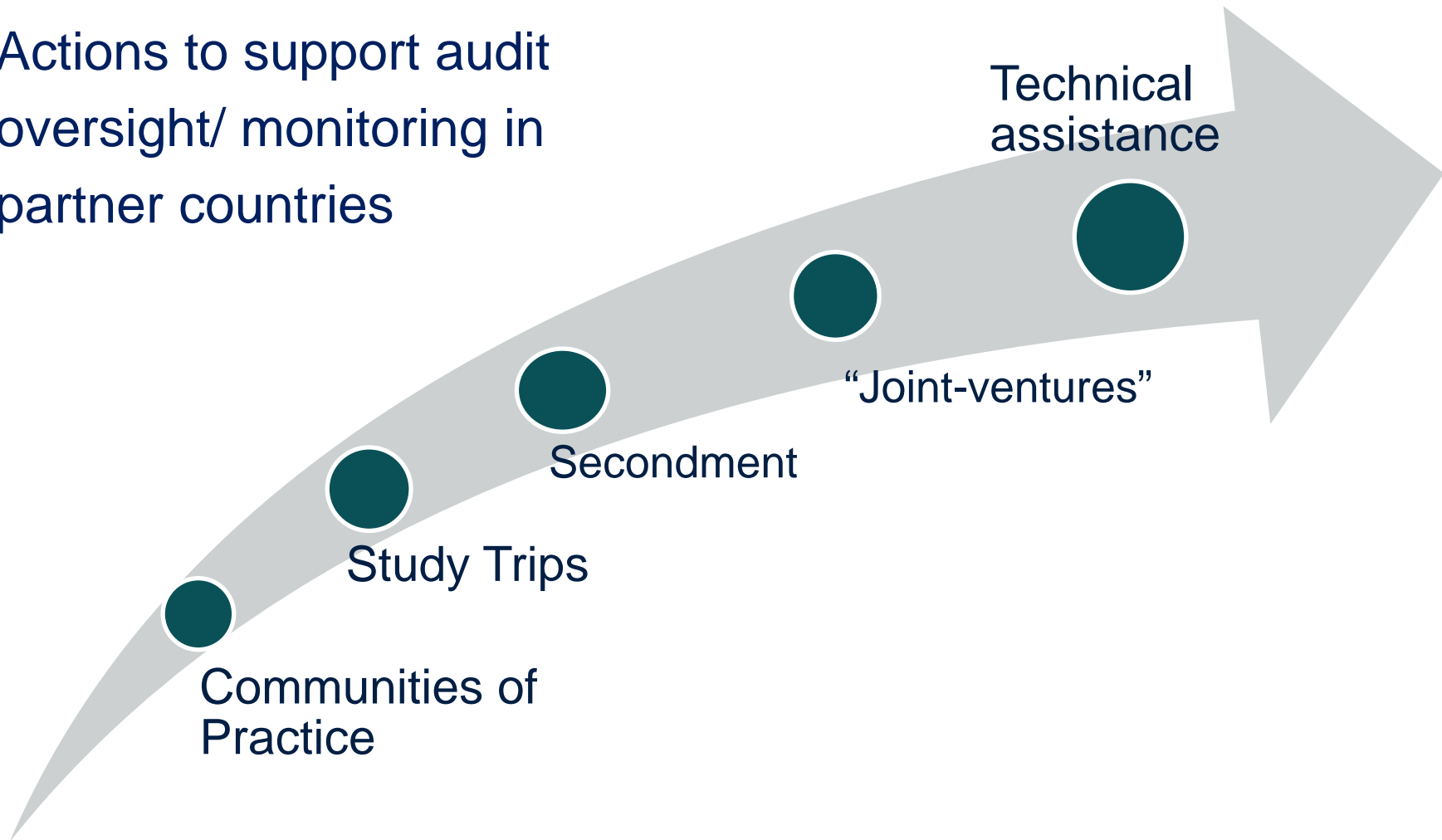
- Monitoring and inspections
- Investigations
- Sanctions

- Independent
- Competent
- Transparent

# ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

## Monitoring audits

» Actions to support audit oversight/ monitoring in partner countries



# Thank you for your attention

## Questions



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