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***Ex-Post* Evaluation: Closing the Policy Cycle**

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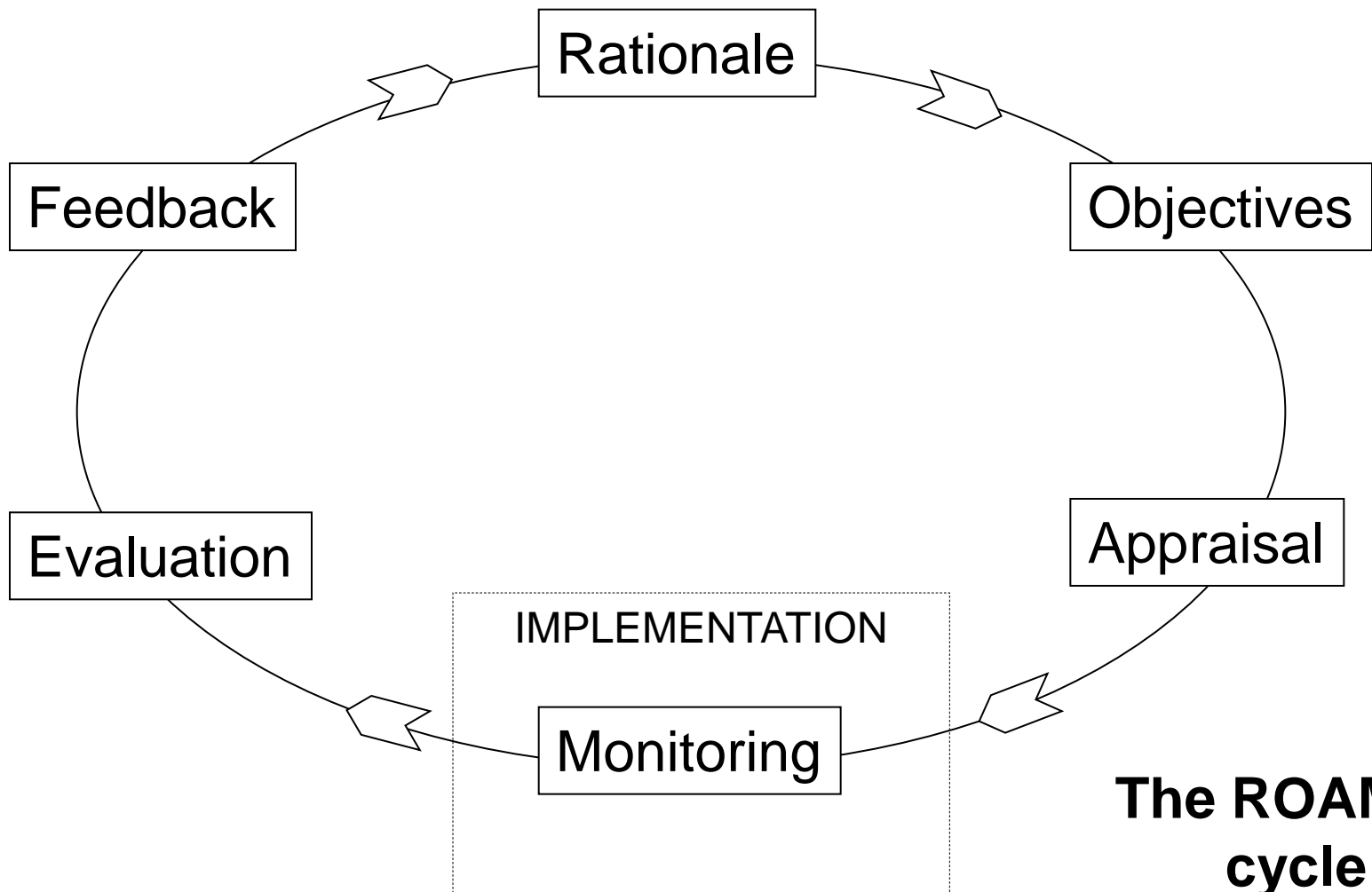
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Why does *ex-post* evaluation matter?

- Regulation consumes resources to achieve objectives
- Ex-ante assessment cannot anticipate all eventualities
- So we must:
 - Monitor implementation
 - Evaluate achievement of outcomes
 - Adapt to an ever-changing world

Ex-post Evaluation in the UK

- Departments
- Parliament
- National Audit Office
- Civil Society



The ROAMEF cycle

Departments

- Better Regulation Executive & Treasury guidance
 - Planning for post implementation review
 - Follow through
 - Enforcement: comply or explain
 - Further change in prospect to support sunseting

Parliament

- Select Committees
 - Departmental
 - Cross-cutting – eg, Regulatory Reform, Merits of Statutory Instruments
- Post Implementation Review
- Post Legislative Scrutiny

National Audit Office

- Generic work on Impact Assessments
- Reviews of specific topics

Skills and Capabilities

- Similar to good appraisal
- Assessment should establish success criteria
- Information key: requires planning from the start
- Essential to get perspective of people affected by the regulations – businesses, public services etc.