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# Tracking of mitigation outcomes under Article 6

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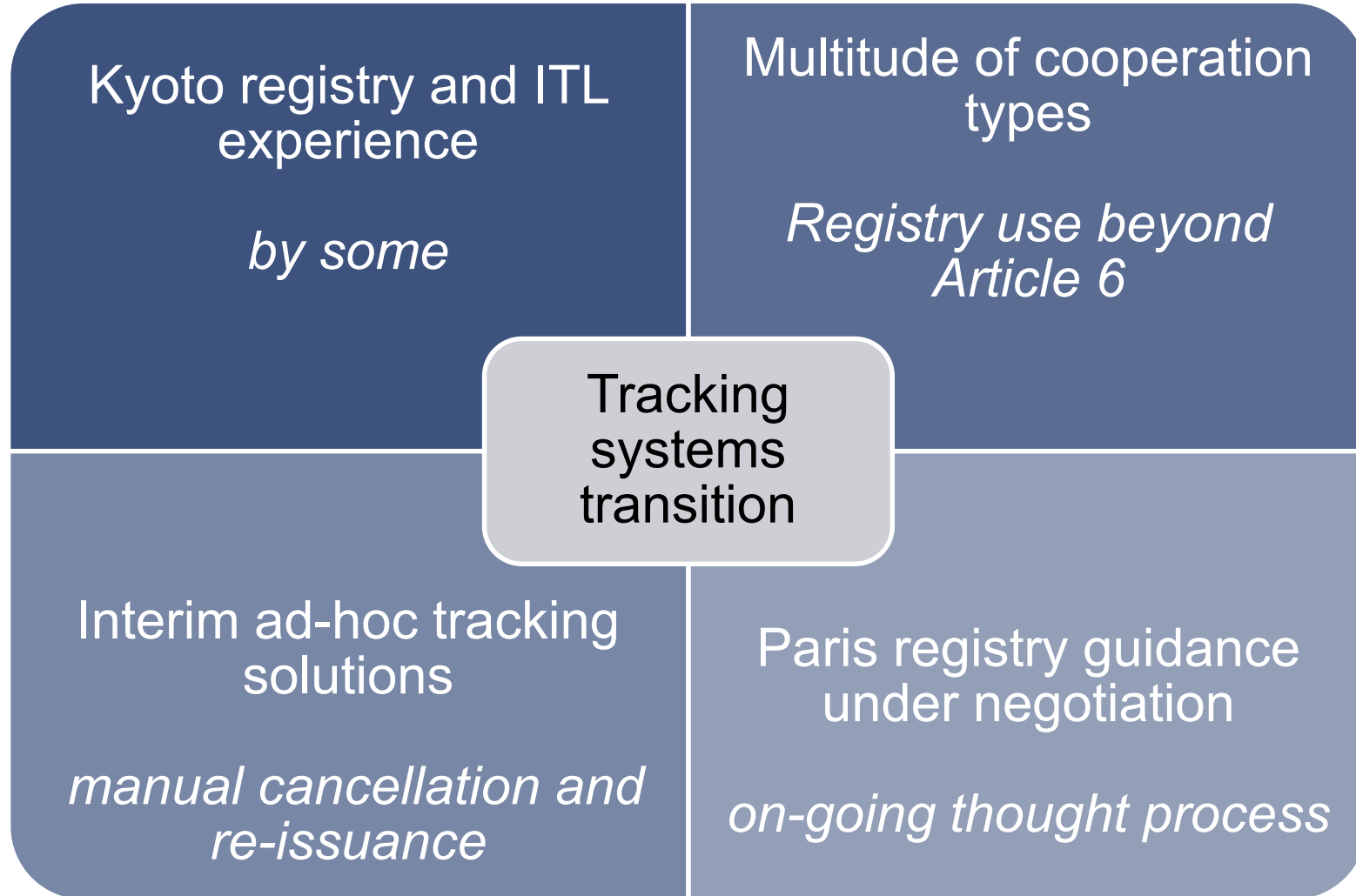
# Tracking purpose

***How can we safely, securely and reliably  
facilitate the transfer of units across actors?***

***... and account accordingly?***



# Tracking systems in transition





# Tracking responsibility in COP26 decision

- “29. **Each participating Party shall have, or have access to, a registry for the purpose of tracking and shall ensure that such registry records, including through unique identifiers**, as applicable: authorization, first transfer, transfer, acquisition, use towards NDCs, authorization for use towards other international mitigation purposes, and voluntary cancellation (including for overall mitigation in global emissions, if applicable), and **shall have accounts as necessary.**“
- “30. **The secretariat shall implement an international registry for participating Parties that do not have or do not have access to a registry.**”



# What do we track?

- Anything that Parties decide to **authorise under Article 6**, this could be:
  - Units issued under a cooperative approach (e.g. Ghana and Switzerland)
  - Units issued under an existing independent standard
  - Units that represent mitigation outcomes based on other cooperation (e.g. linking of Emissions Trading Systems)
- Depending on the type of cooperation, «the unit» may be in different places
- Focus of Paris Agreement tracking guidance on **transparency** and **accounting implications**
  - Easier to operationalize if happening in one **central and connected system**



# Swiss experience on tracking

- Swiss registry linked to the UNFCCC ITL: smooth and secure connection based on **common data exchange standard** (DES) to CDM registry and other Party registries
  - Swiss registry connected to EU registry in context of ETS linking agreement
- Lack of clear common technical guidance bears risk of faulty implementation and unnecessary expenses
- Need to fit Paris context: **all Parties have the right to participate in Article 6** and need to be able to connect with partners
- Interim solution: cancellation and re-issuance through manual process



# Summary

- Room contains different visions based on specific domestic situations, scenarios, experience and legislative mandates
- **Glasgow and Sharm el Sheikh guidance constitutes minimum infrastructure requirements**
  - No Party will be forced to go beyond (e.g. connect to international registry)
- Article 6 room has possibility to **make life of our registry colleagues, private sector and our own easier in the future**
  - What we are building may last for very long
- **Central and interconnected system lowers transaction costs and reduces risk of manual errors**



**THANK YOU**