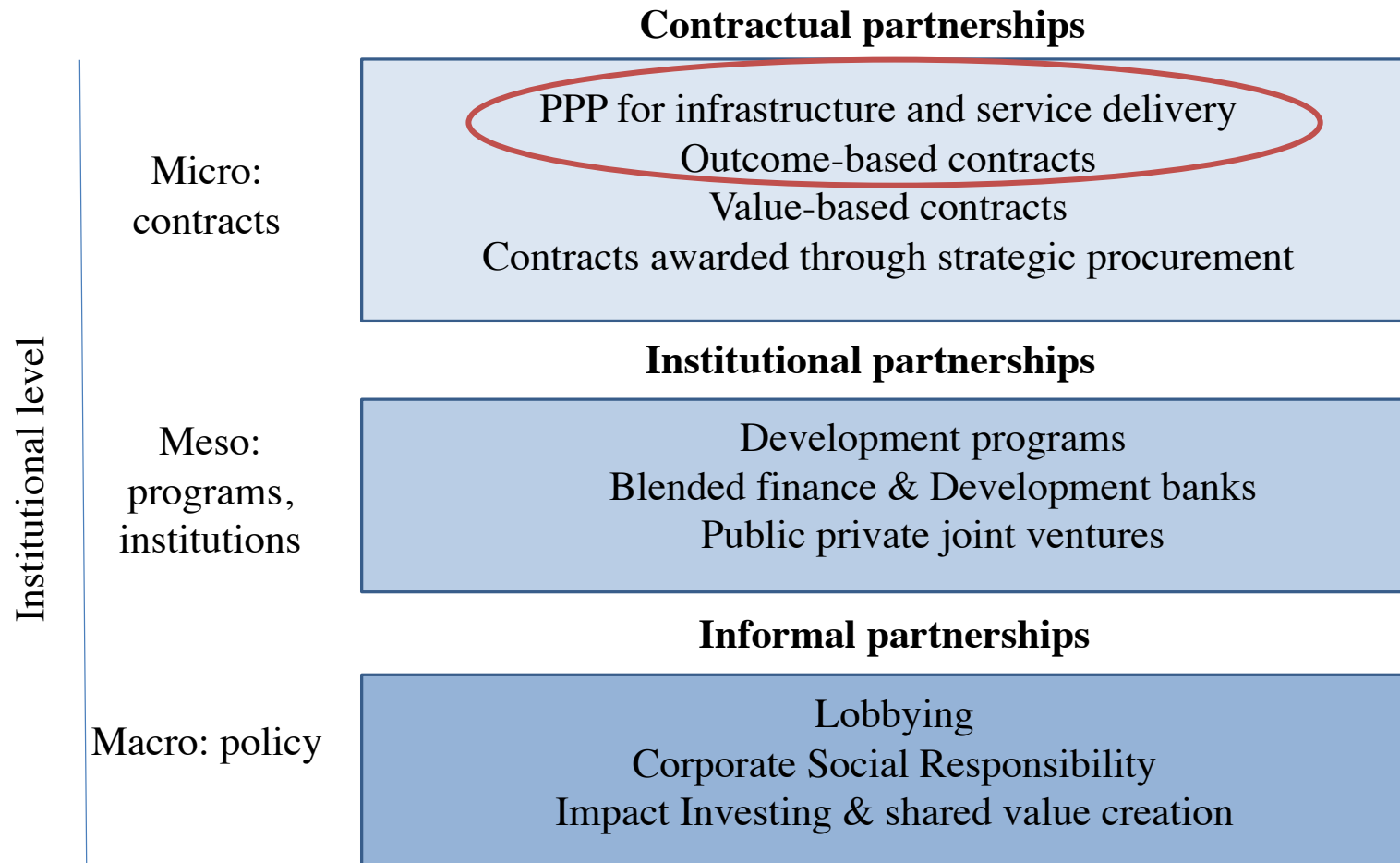


PPP CONTRACTS

Let's make some clarity and let's make it really working,
for more public value!

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PUBLIC VALUE = IT IS NO MORE A PREROGATIVE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Public sector: limited budget, rigidity, risk aversion

In the market?



Focus by investors on ES(G)

Evolution and diversification of citizens needs



Global Trends (Digitalization, Technologies low cost)



Global Challenge (environment, population ageing)

What is the answer?

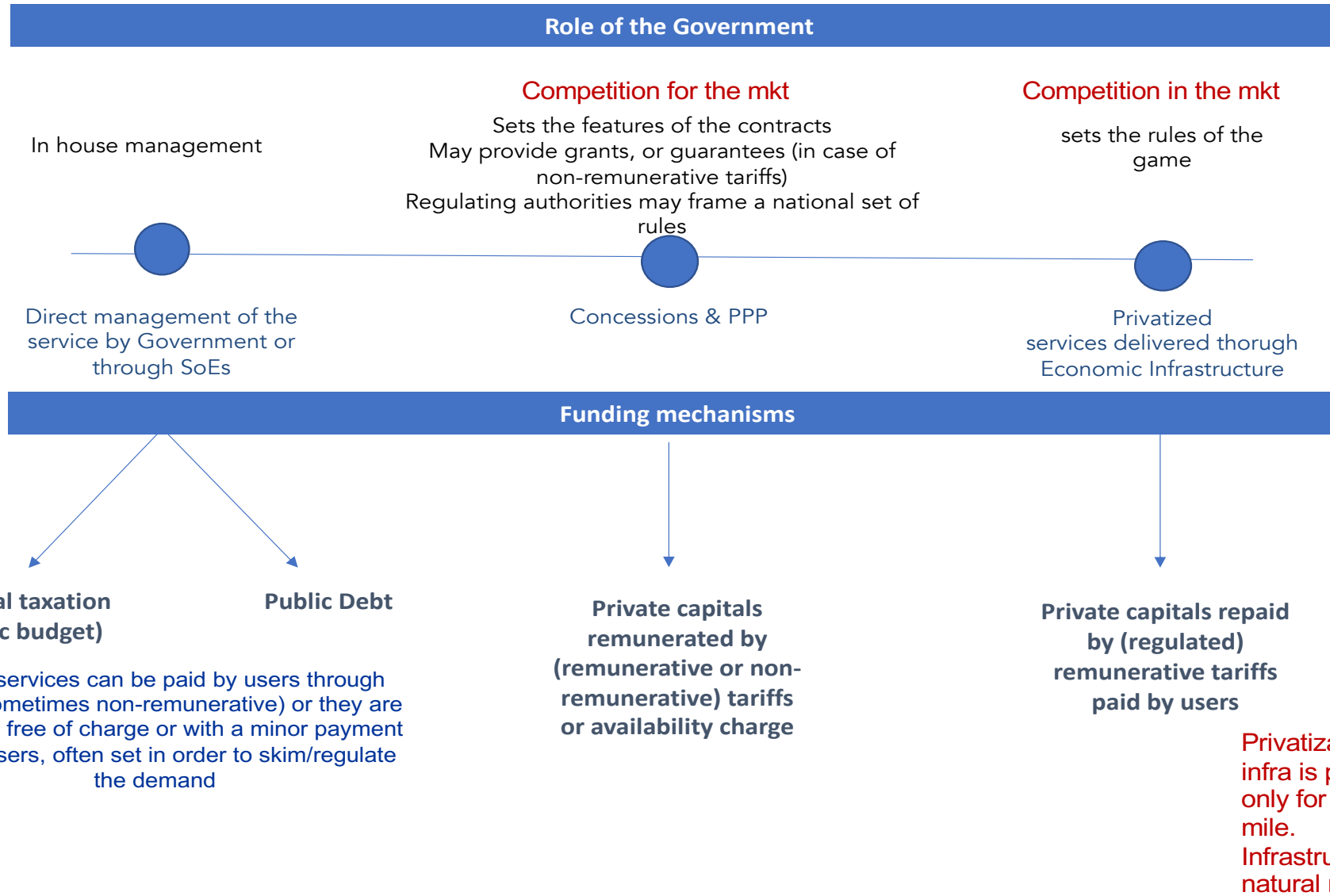
Public Value

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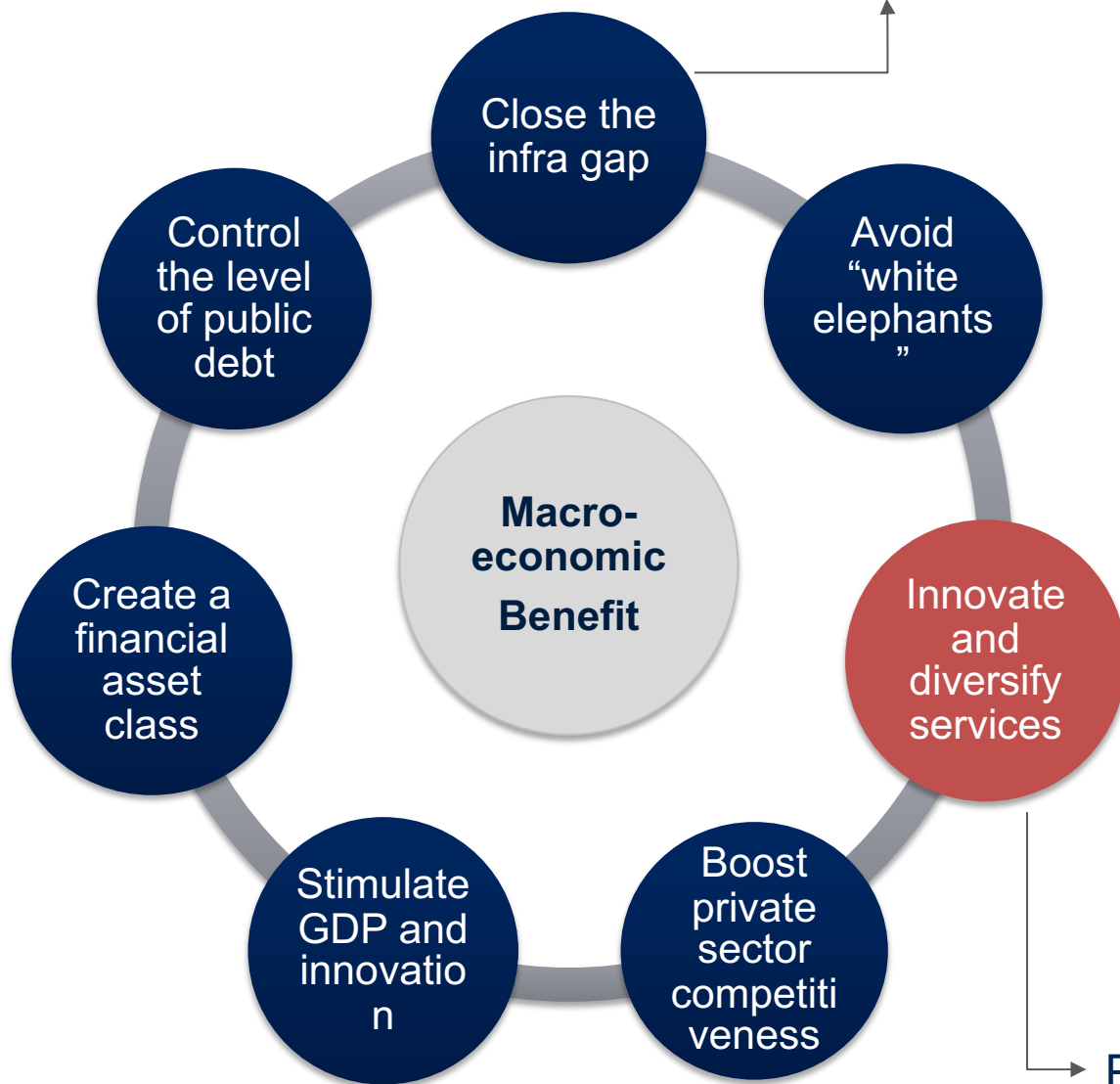
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HOW INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES ARE FUNDED AND MANAGED: PPP IS NOT A WAY TO PRIVATIZE SERVICES



WHY PPP?

In EU: 2 tn USD for economic
Infrastructure + 1 tn € for
health and education



Micro-economic Benefits

On time

- To deliver the project according to the design schedule

On budget

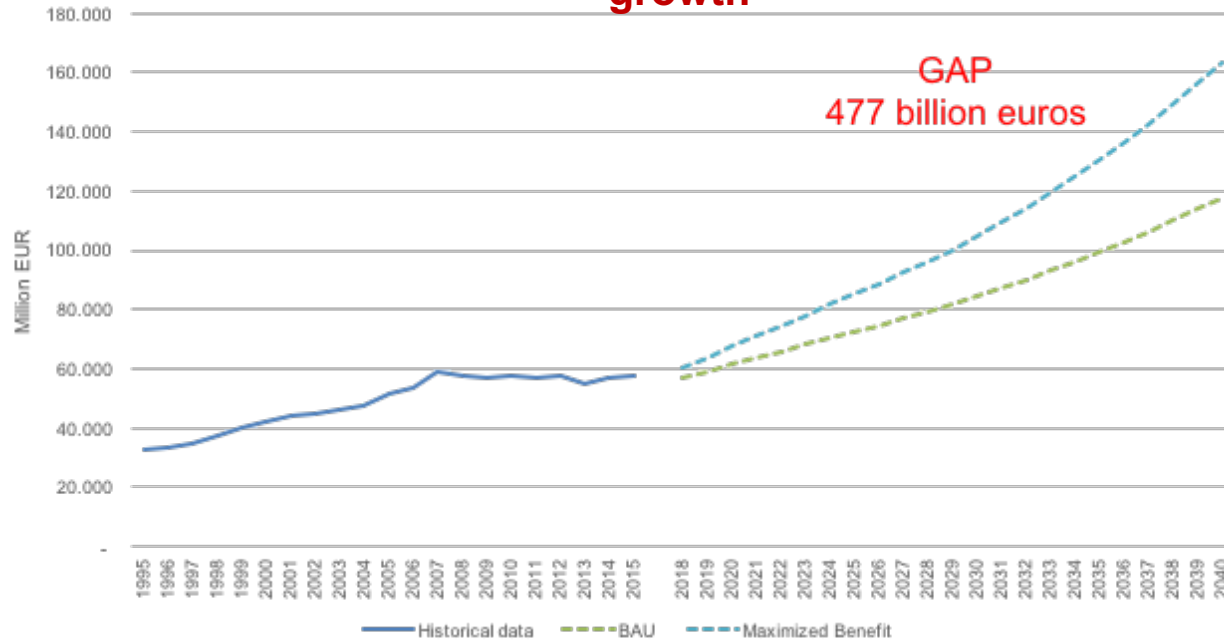
- To deliver the project without extra costs

On quality

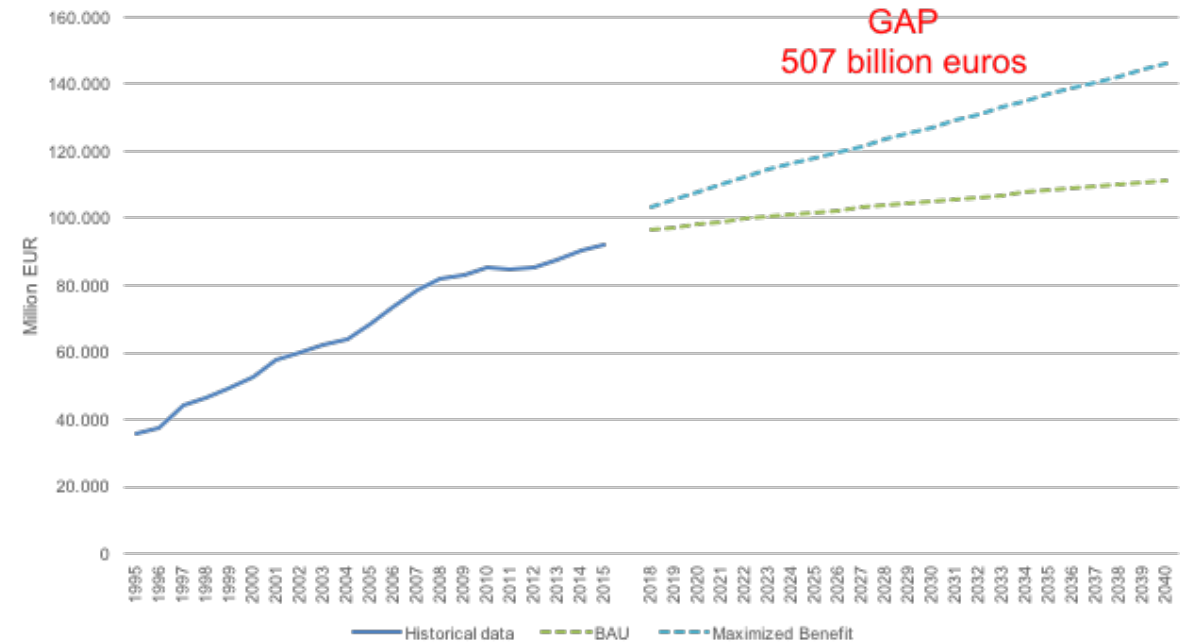
- The project must ensure quality and innovation of the services delivered

→ PPP not only for hard infrastructure

Healthcare past Investments and future growth



Education past Investments and future growth



SDA Bocconi estimated last year the gap in healthcare and education for the EIB

PPP: A LOOSE DEFINITION

Loose definition of PPP, but 4 are the main common features:

- A **long-term contract** between a public procuring authority and a private sector company based on the procurement of services, not assets;
- A **significant investment of private capital**;
- The **transfer of certain project risks to the private sector**, notably with regard to designing, building, operating and/or financing the project, but also the achievement of certain outcome;
- **Payments** to the private sector reflecting the **performance (results and increasingly outcomes) delivered**
 - Be careful: even when users pay fees, the demand may be rigid and therefore a system of deductions must be introduced
 - Payments can come also from the Authority in the form of tariffs or availability charges

PPP = RISKS ALLOCATION = CONCESSION

Strategic goals to be achieved by the public sector



A partner is needed; the partner must be incentivized (effective risks allocation)

- No achievement, no (lower) payment



This is in a nutshell the definition of operating risk
(Directive 23/2014)



PPP = concession contract

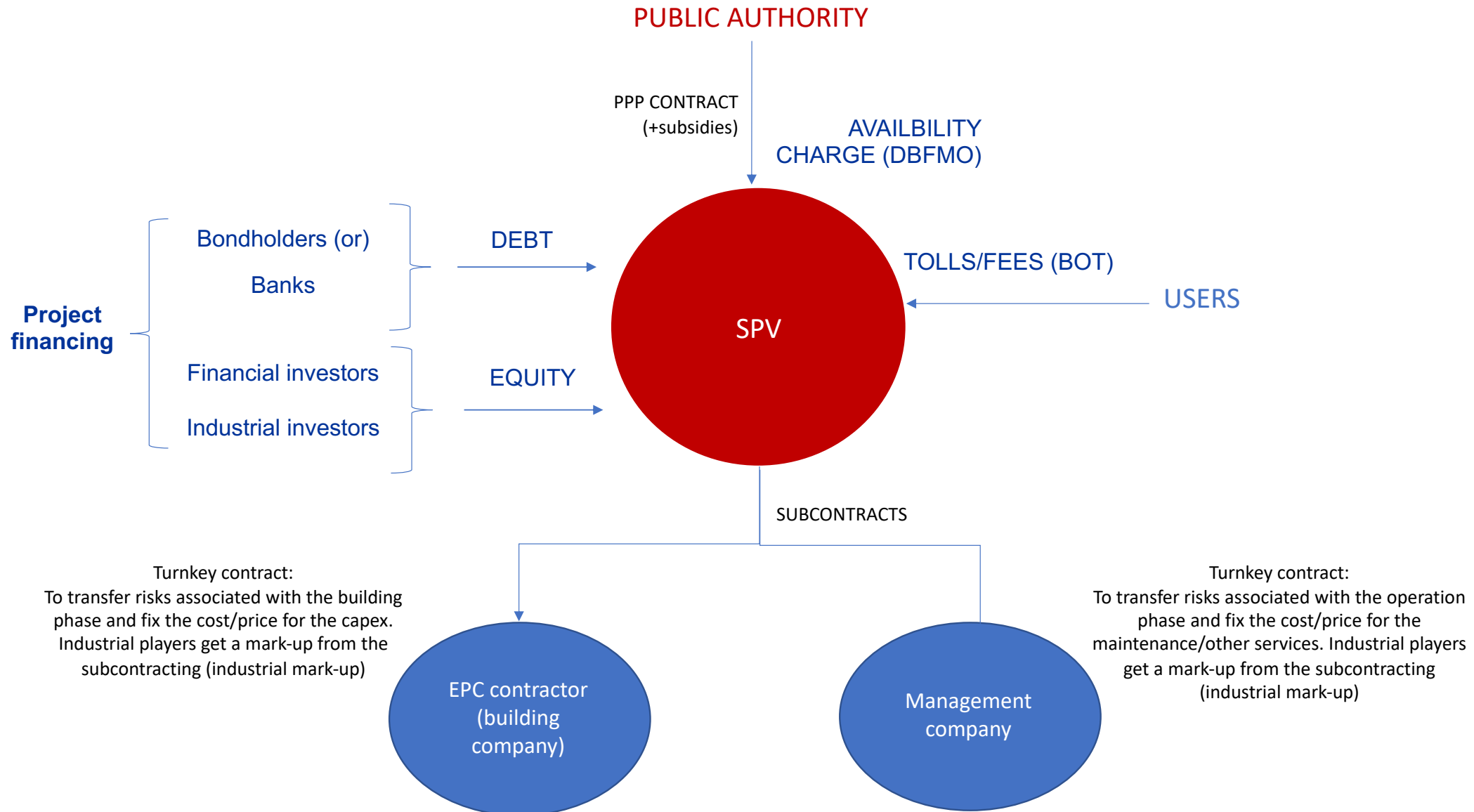
Off-balance sheet treatment for availability-based PPP contracts (those called as PPP by Eurostat)

Concept of economic & financial equilibrium

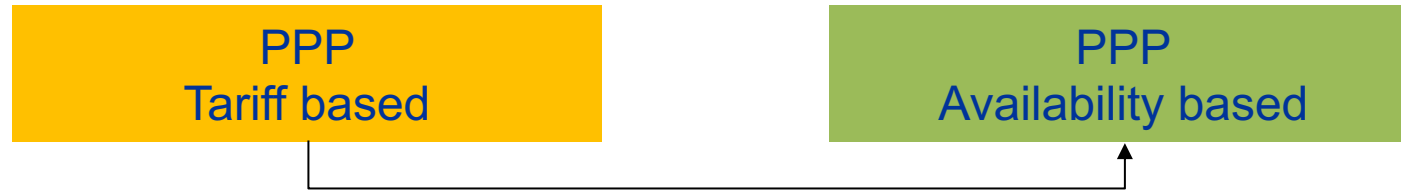
Revenues must cover opex, capex, cost of capital (debt/equity) set at the right level considering the risks really borne by investors

- $NPV \rightarrow 0$
- $IRR \rightarrow \text{cost of capital}$

THE TYPICAL PPP STRUCTURE



TWO MODELS OF PPP



- Rigid demand because:
- natural monopoly
 - social tariffs & specific target users

- Be careful!**
availability charges may be higher than historical costs, but the authority has to consider also:
- Cost of risks transferred (avoid optimism bias)
 - Social costs, due to low service quality with traditional approaches

Important features

Payment mechanism & RPI indexation (never fully indexed)

Length.. Never too long

Grants may be useful



The challenge:

To incorporate mechanisms to reward the economic operator for the societal/impact achievements (it means looking more at the service!)

MEASURING THE VALUE OF A PPP CONTRACT

