



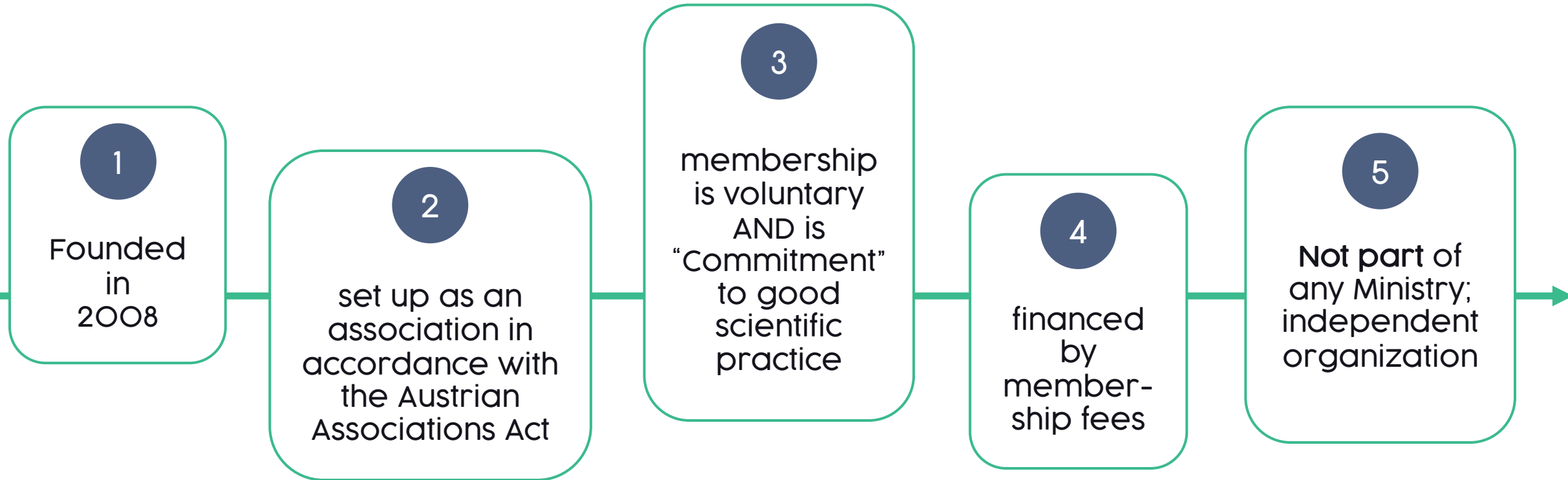
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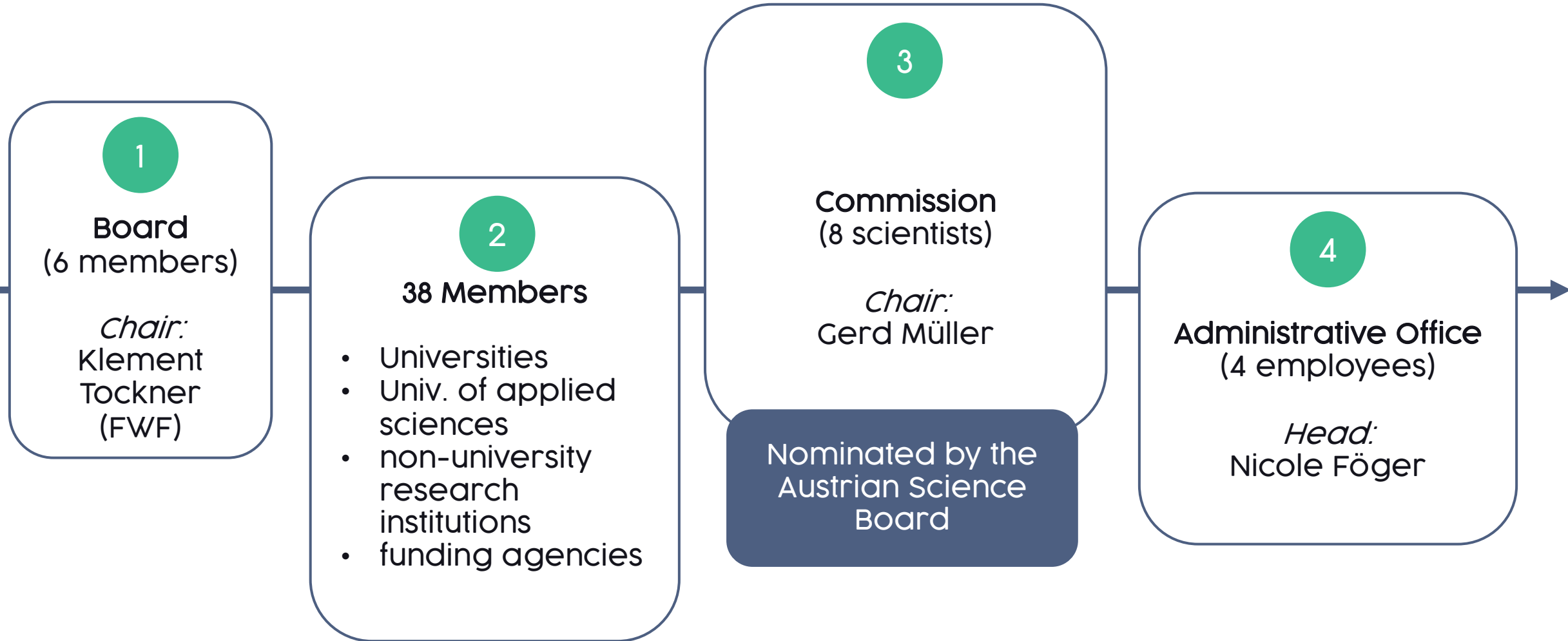
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Tasks of the OeAWI

Focus on information and prevention

- Prevention & Raising Awareness (e.g. Training)
- Advising
- Investigation
- National & International Networking

Investigation

Investigation of allegations of cases of research misconduct

Prevention

Awareness for the Standards of Good Scientific Practice

Training

Facilitation of Good Scientific Practice

Common guidelines

published in April 2015

JOINT PROCESS (2014/2015):

**Discussed with and approved by
(then) 37 member organisations**



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Status on the local level

All members can decide if internal investigation or external via OeAWI

Public universities:

Ministry – performance agreements

- have to have a system to address cases of research misconduct
- have to be a member of the OeAWI

All others:

- Voluntary membership
- If members of the OeAWI: often a ombudsperson, but no own commission

Advantages

- Independent organisation, independent commission (often more trusted, no organizational bias)
– **an alternative to the local boards**
- Non-Austrians in the commission – less bias
- Sometimes the only place to go for young researchers and others being dependent on...

Pitfalls

- ?Involvement of ministry?
- Bindingness of rules
- No national overview of „RI status“ (cases)
- Risk of outsourcing (e.g. training – solution: OeAWI organizes train-the-trainer courses since 2018)
- Budget!

