

# *Change Management: The role of HR in Leading HR*

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# Conversation Flow

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Why managing  
change is  
important

**2**

Managing  
different types of  
change

**3**

The role of HR

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Driving a change  
project for HR

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Tips and tricks

## What is your experience with Change Management?

- a. Very little experience to date
- b. I have been part of many projects, but have never been responsible as HR
- c. I am an expert and can show you my battle scars

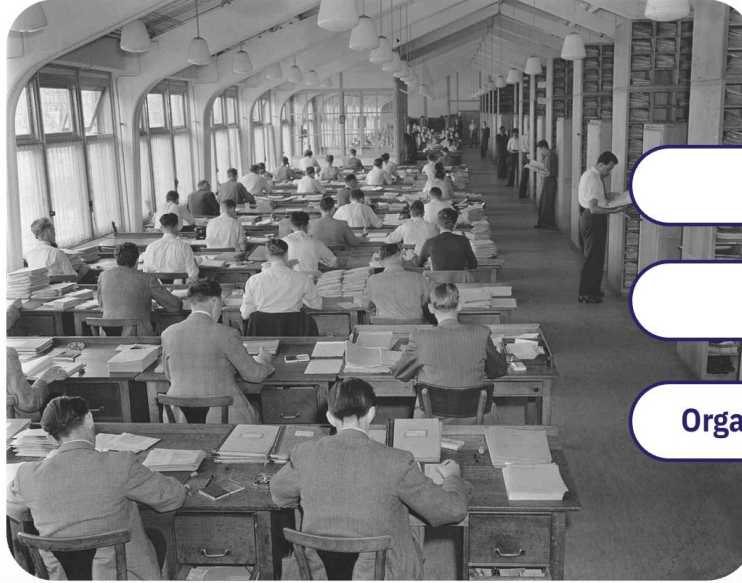


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# Why managing change is important

# The changing world of work

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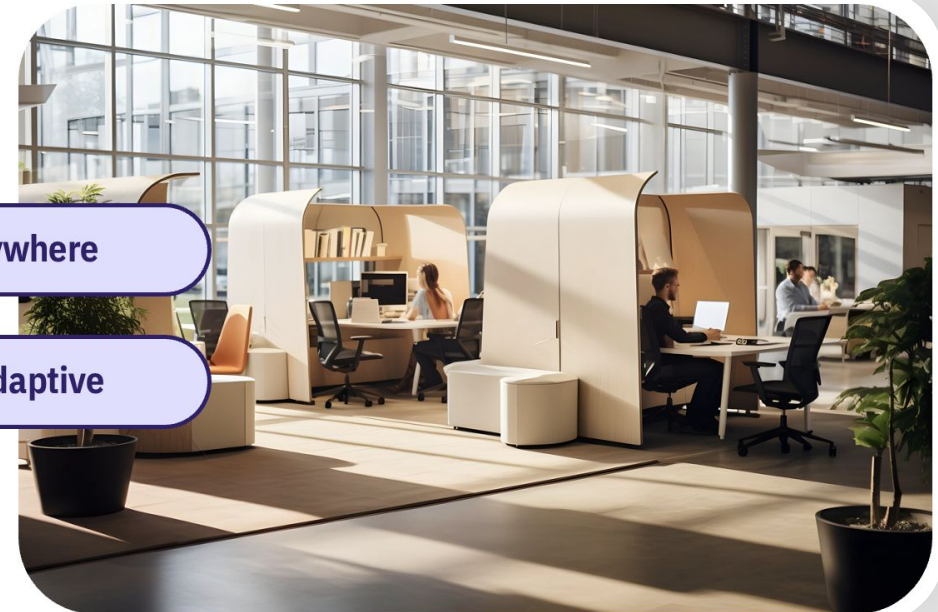
Predictable and Repeatable

Stable and Slow to Change

Organizations did not change that much over time

Unpredictable, Ever-changing, Everywhere

Organizations have to be dynamic, adaptive



# Why managing change is important

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**2.5X**

Higher success rate in achieving project outcomes when change is managed well

**74%**

of employees state that change that is not managed well lead to disengagement

**89%**

of leaders believe resilience should be a top priority to be able to deal with change and disruption



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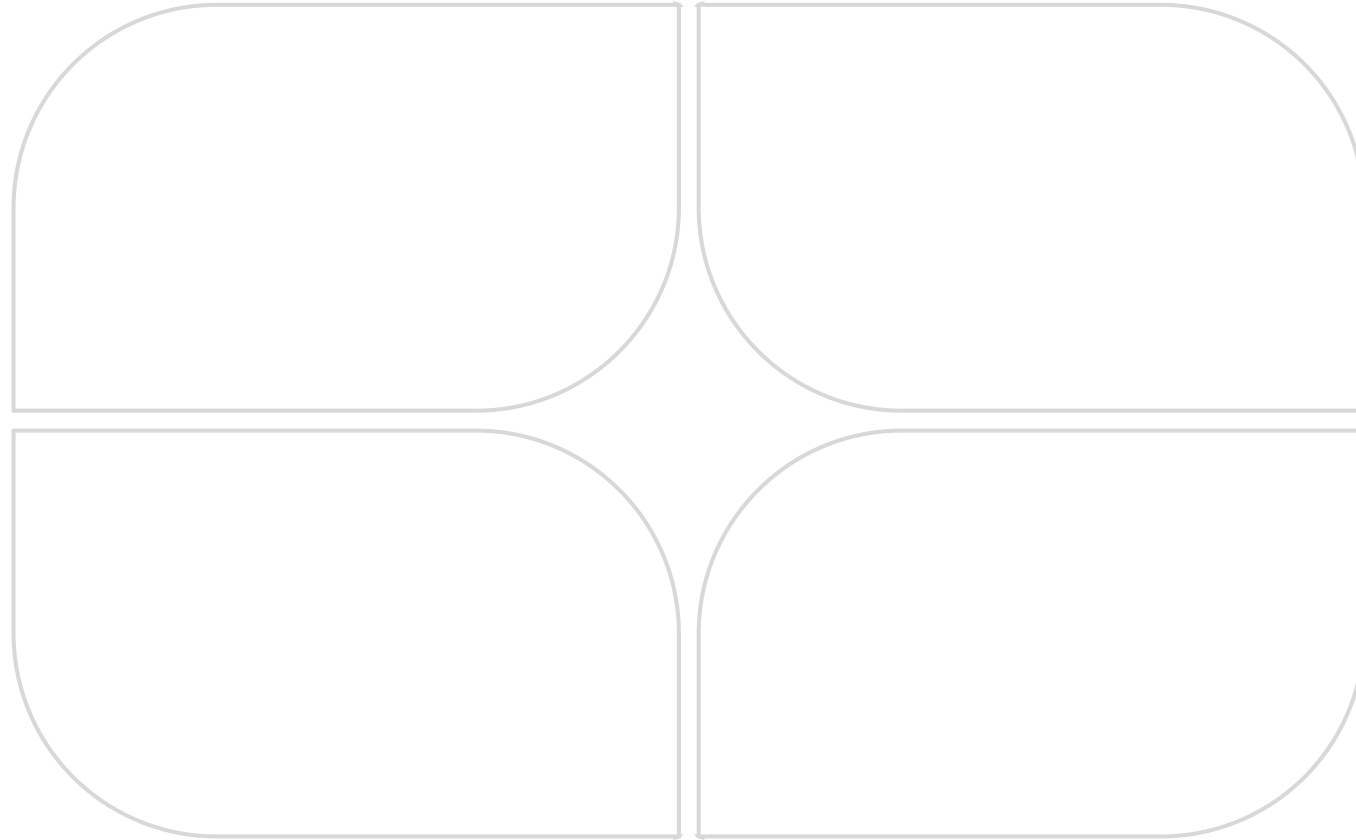
# Managing different types of change



# Change comes in different forms

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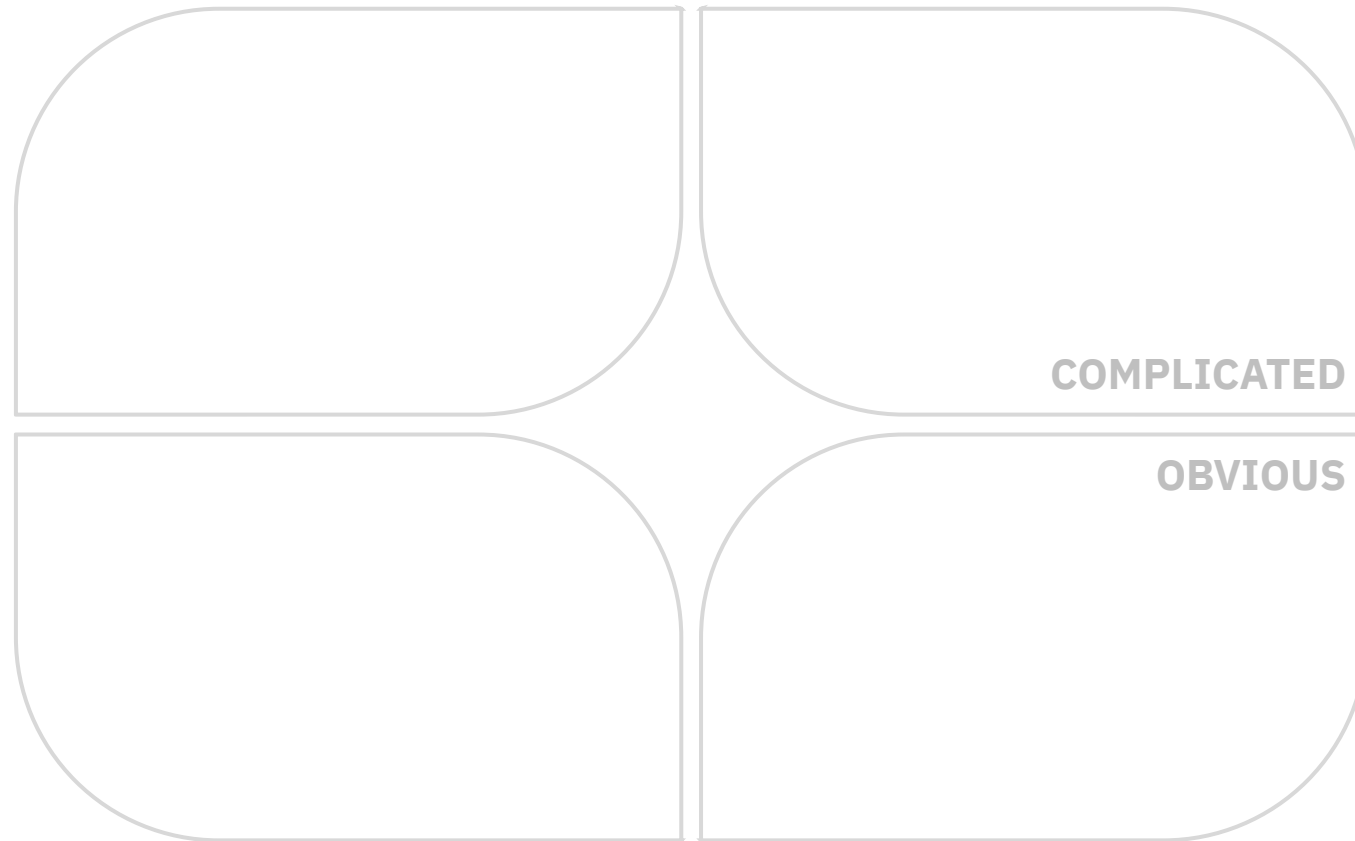




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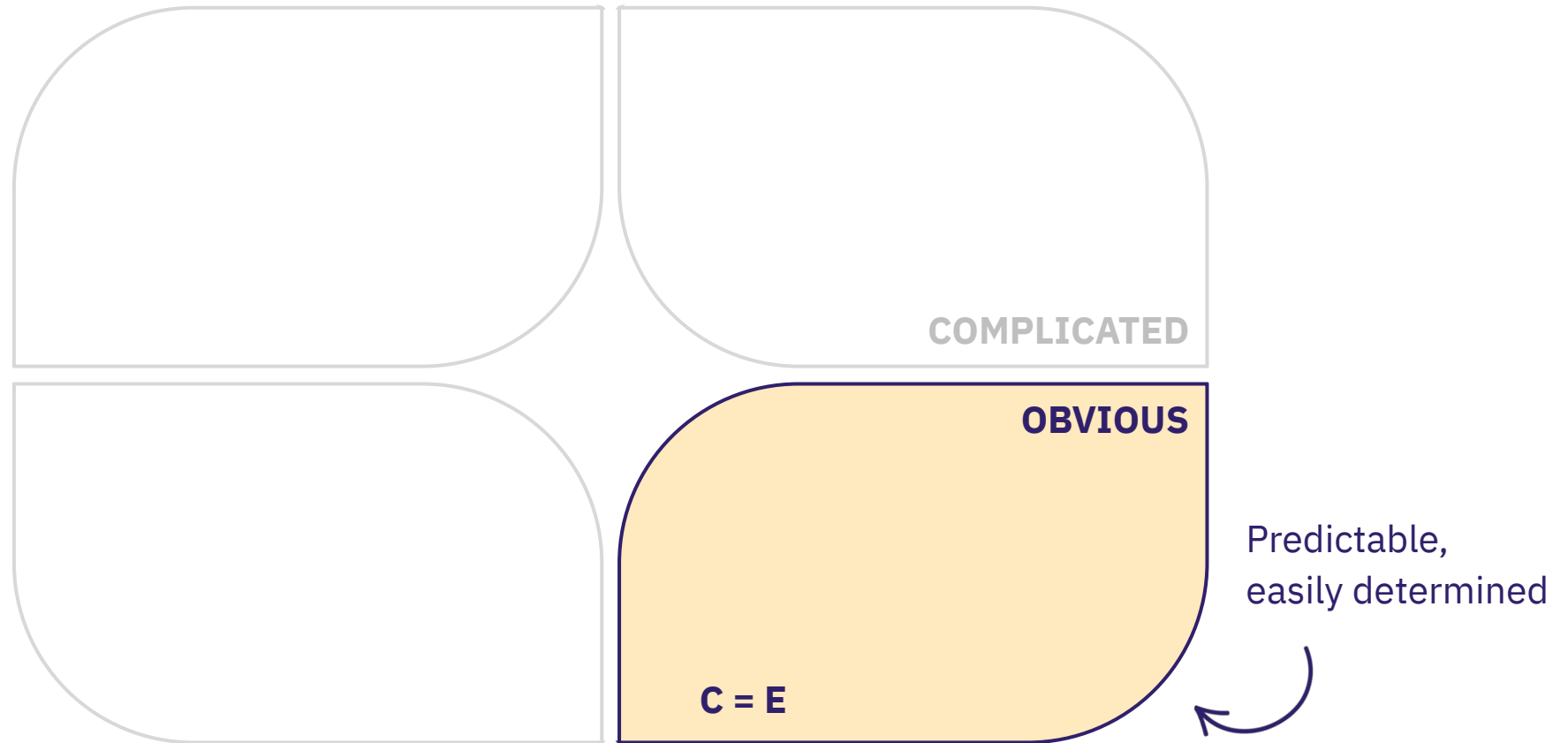
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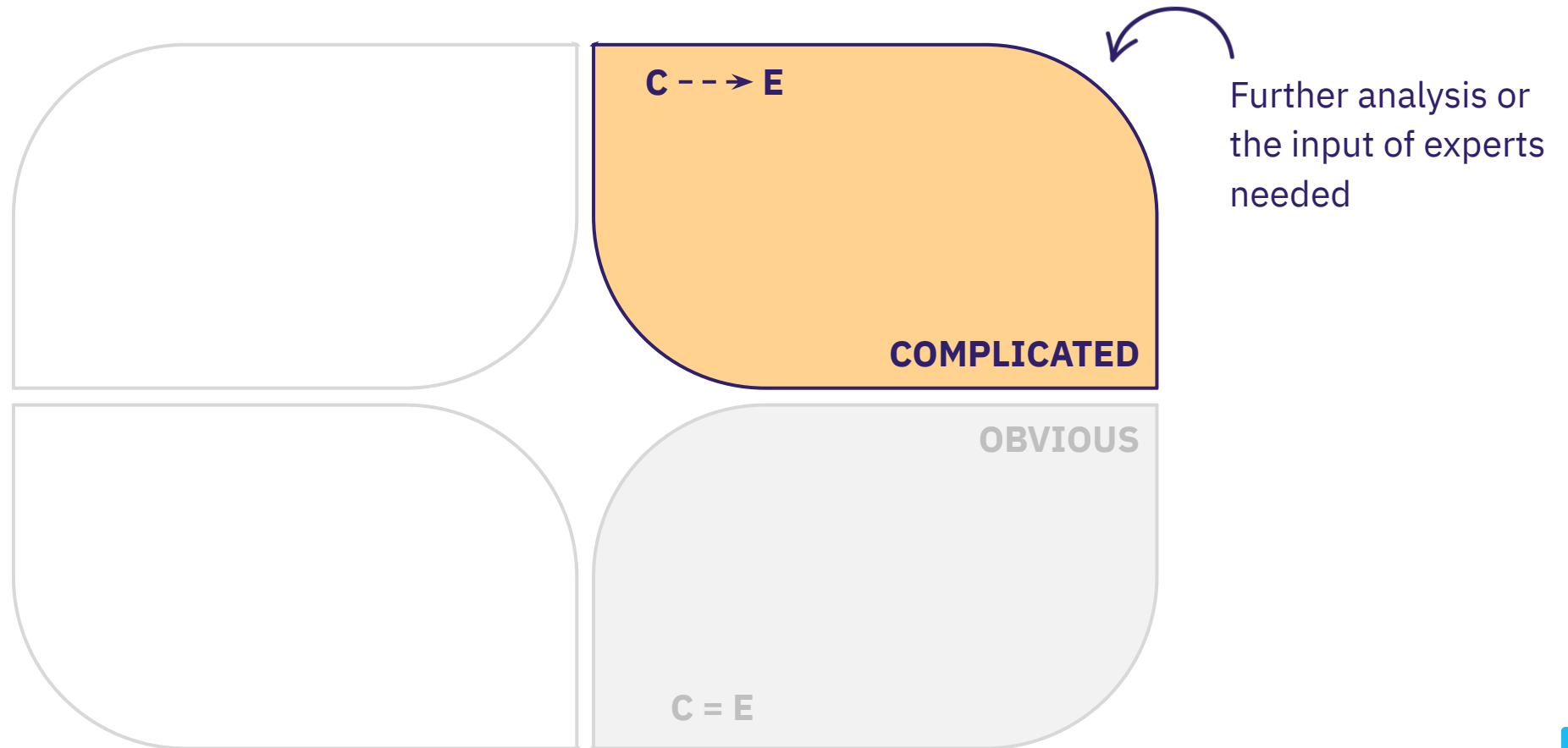
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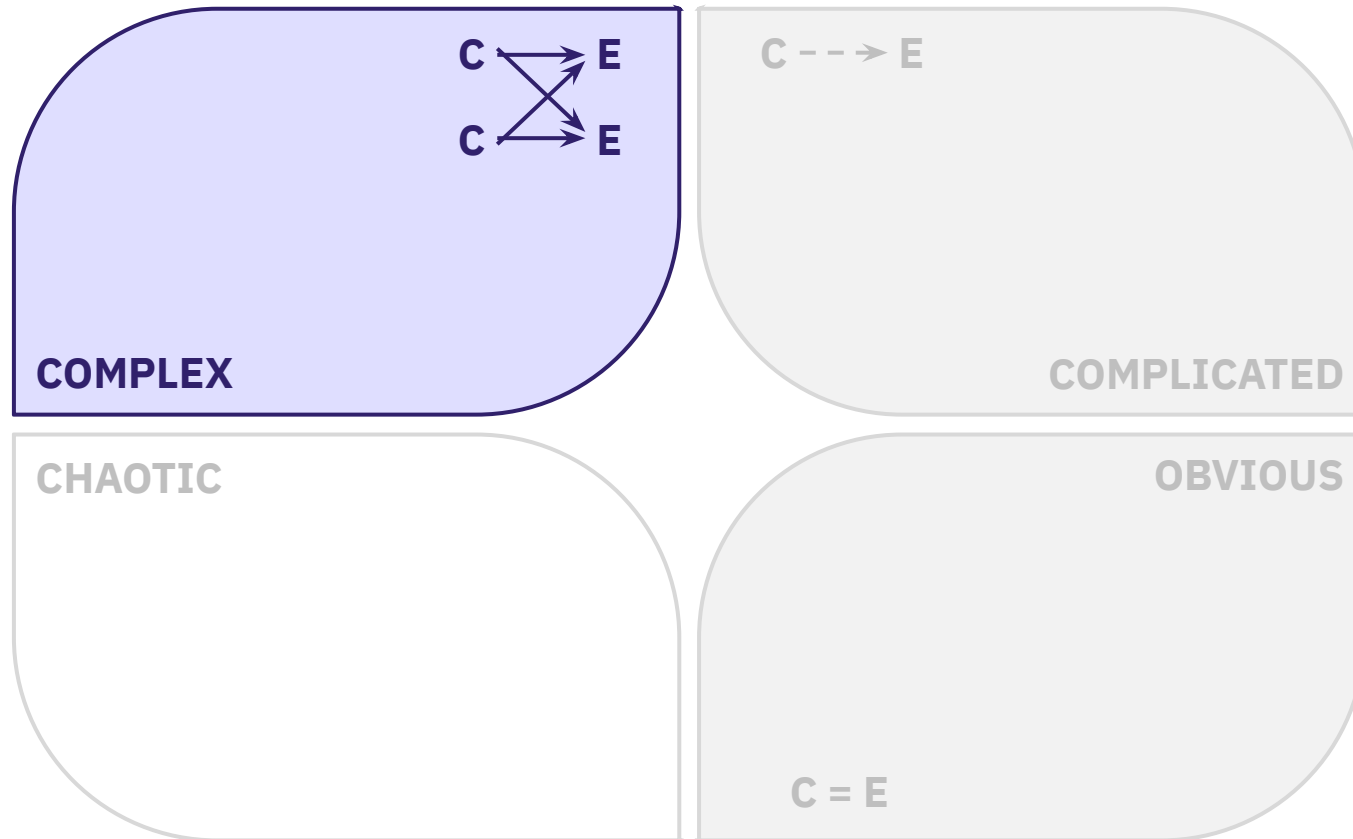
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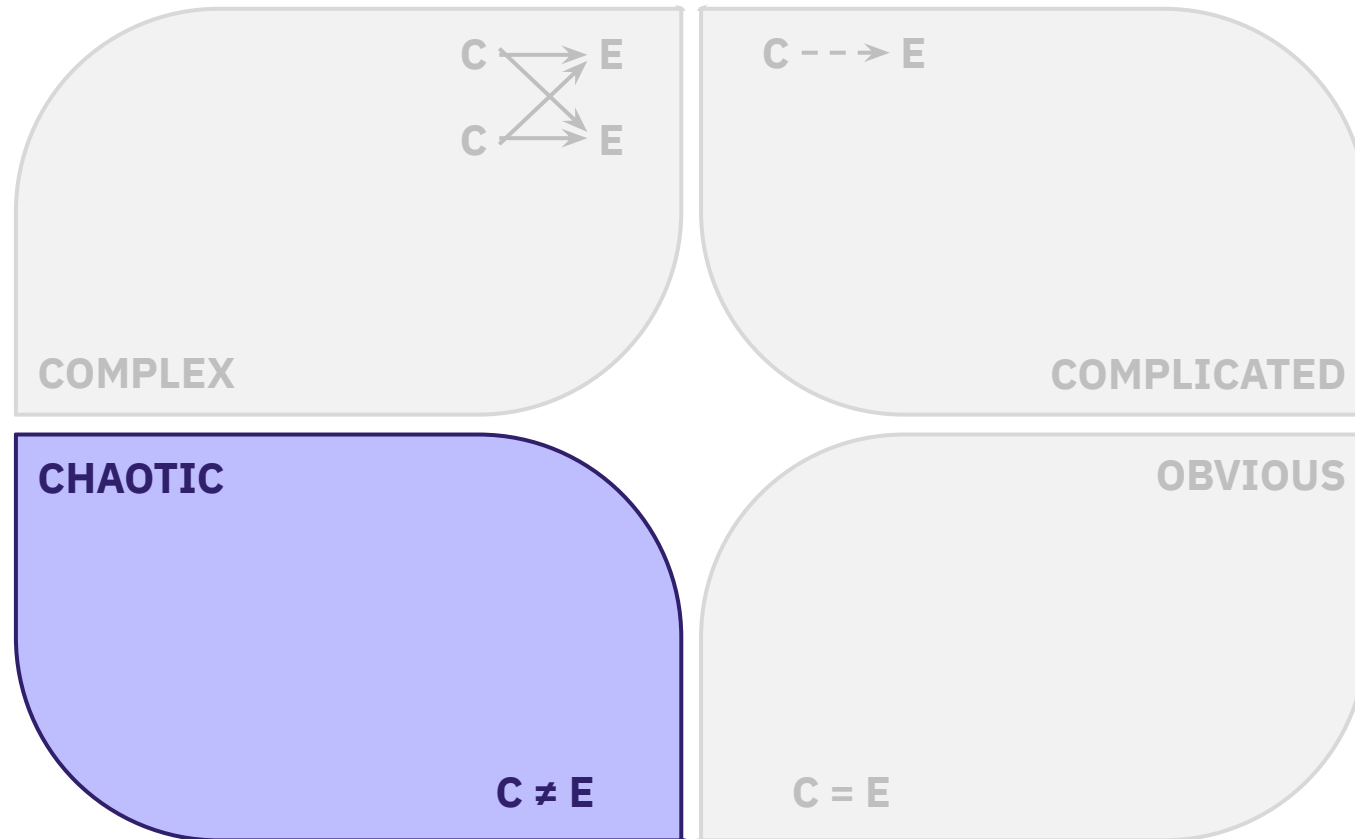
You need time  
to understand



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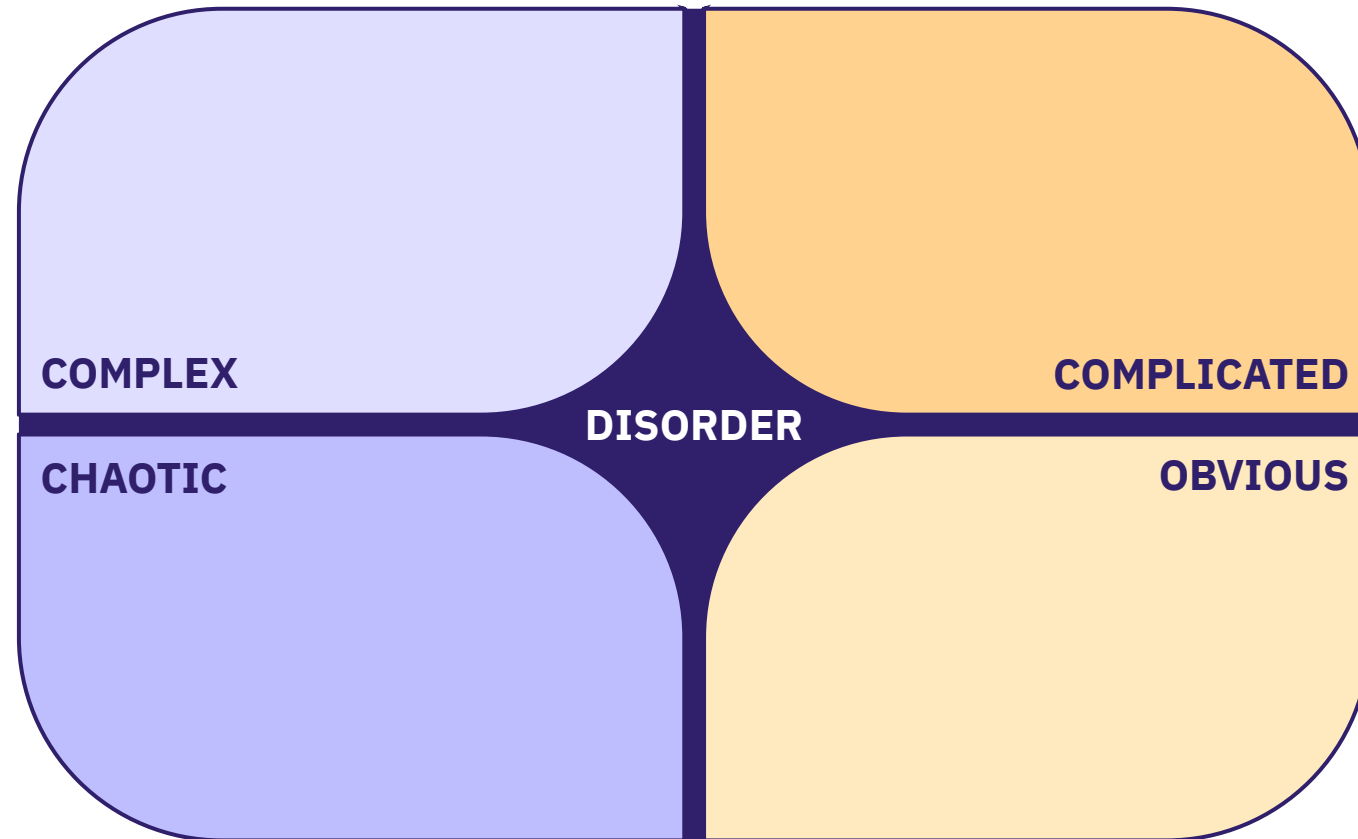
## Unordered

Unpredictable,  
unexpected, difficult  
to understand



# Change comes in different forms

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# The role of HR

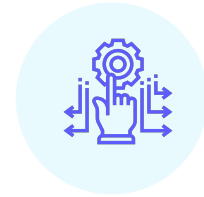
# HR takes on many roles during change



Managing responses to change for the business when change is unpredictable



Managing the change process for the business when change is predictable



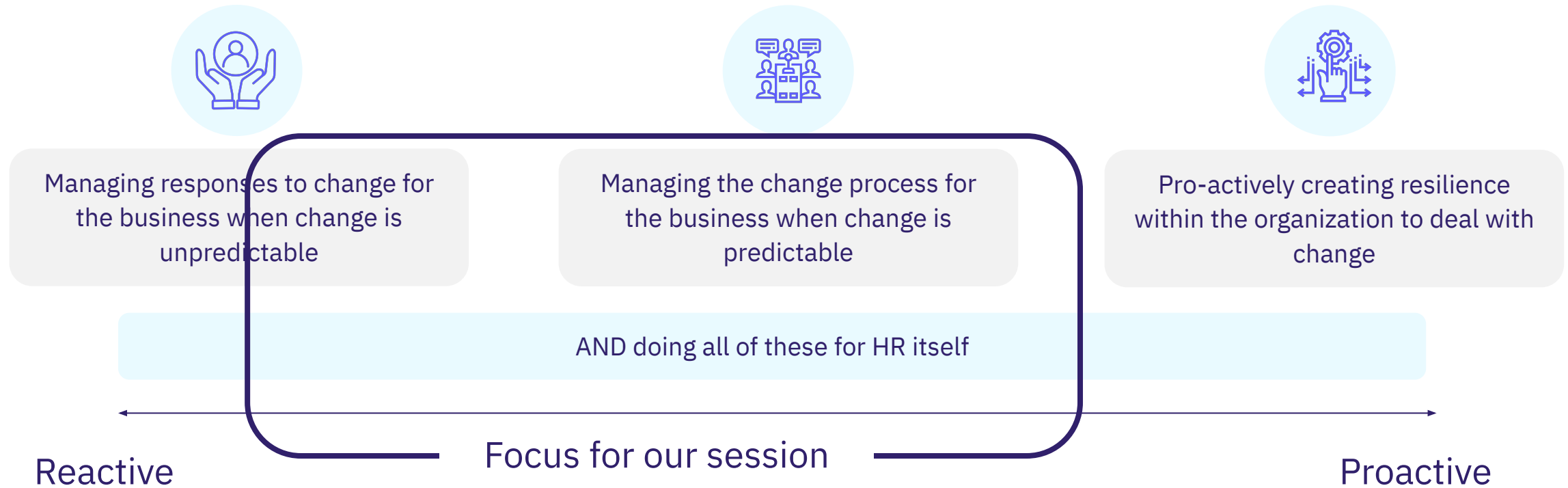
Pro-actively creating resilience within the organization to deal with change

AND doing all of these for HR itself

Reactive

Proactive

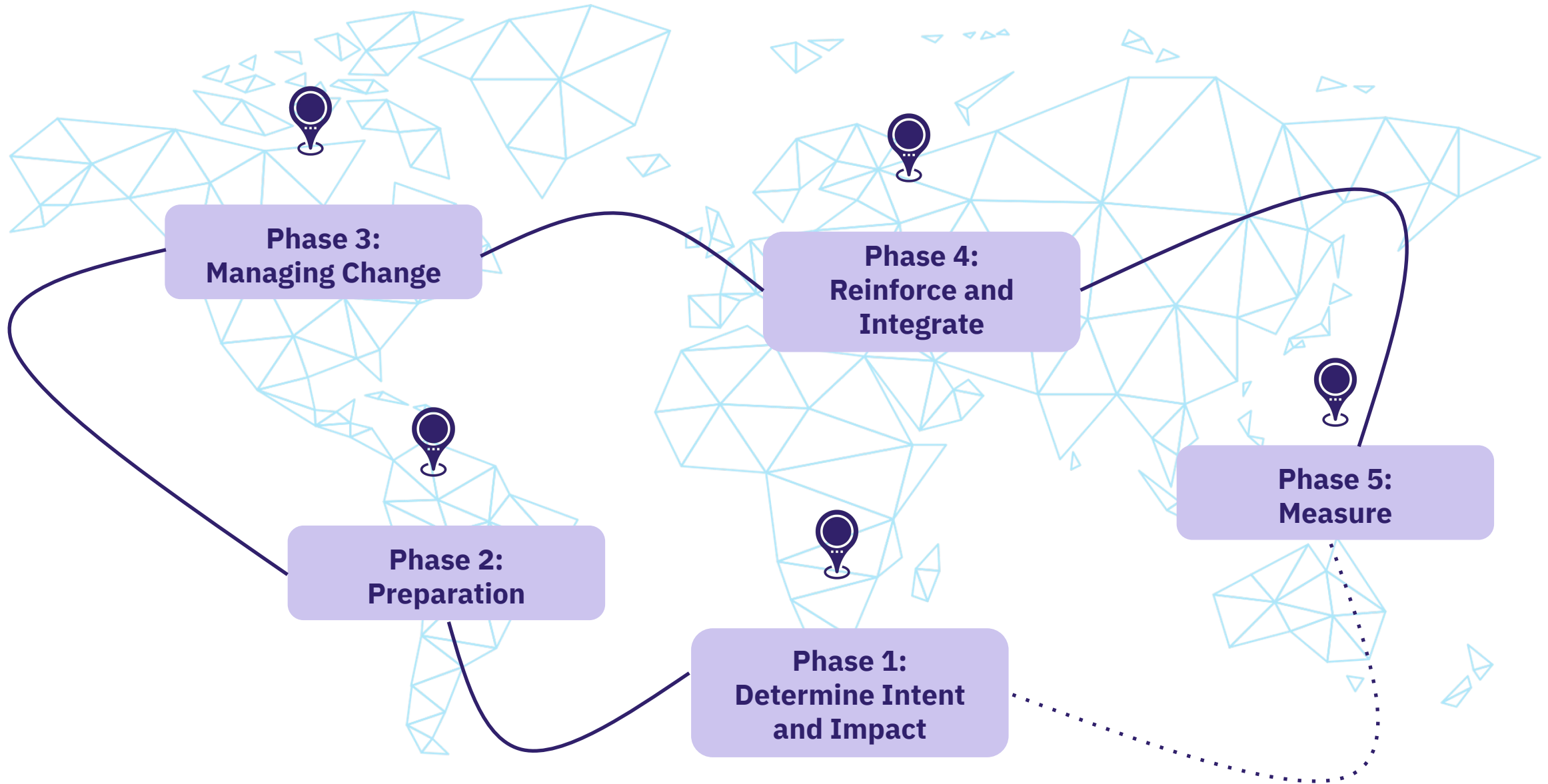
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# Driving a change project for HR



## Phase 1: Determine Intent and Impact

### What needs to happen:

- *Clarify the Change Intent*
- *Understand the impact of the change*

### How do you do it:

- *Business Case*
- *Change Impact Assessment*

## Business Case

The Business Case highlights the **rationale, reason, risks** and intended **benefits** of the change. The business case has to address the following:

1. **Business Reasons for the Change**
2. **Problem Statement to be solved for**
3. **Objectives and Goals**
4. **Options to be Considered**
5. **Focus, Scope and Priorities**
6. **Risks to be mitigated**
7. **Cost-Benefit Analysis**
8. **Definition of Success**
9. **Resource Requirements**

*Tip:*  
Always ask what  
success looks like  
and what  
happens if we do  
nothing

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## Change Impact Assessments

*A Change Impact Assessment aims to understand the scope, size, and severity of the proposed changes to inform your change plan and give an appropriate view of the risk that will have to be managed and for which audiences.*



### Change Impact Assessment

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Use these example questions to steer your stakeholder conversations about your change project. Discussing these questions creates an understanding of how the change affects your processes, technology, people, or any other implications.

#### 1. PROCESSES

- Does the change fit with current processes?
- What processes will be affected?
- How will it affect them?
- To what extent will it disrupt existing processes?

#### 2. TECHNOLOGY

- Is the change compatible with existing technology?
- Do any adaptations need to be made to technology?
- How disruptive is it?

#### 3. PEOPLE

- To what extent does the change affect employees of the organization?
- To what extent does it affect various departments?

#### 4. OTHER

- In what other ways does the change impact the organization?
- What is the scope of the change?
- What is the budget?
- What priority does this project have for the organization?
- Is the outcome of the initiative clear?

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*Example*

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## Phase 2: Preparation

### What needs to happen:

- *Define how we will manage the change*

### How do you do it:

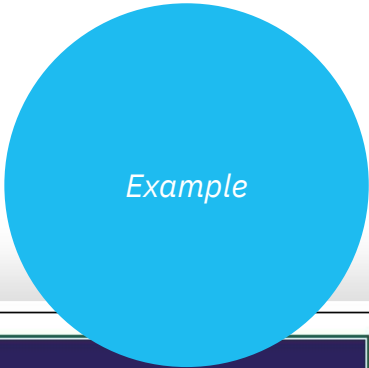
- *Change Plan*
- *Sponsorship Approach*
- *Project Structure*
- *Stakeholder and Comms Plan*

## Change Plan

*A Change Plan is the overarching plan that will guide the project. The change plan highlights the **timeline of activities**, **key responsibilities** and **dependencies** between change activities and broader project phases.*

*As sub-sections, the change plan should also include:*

1. **Sponsorship approach – who will be the sponsor (s) for this initiative, and how will they contribute**
2. **Project structure – the roles and responsibilities associated with the project**
3. **Stakeholder and communications plan – highlighting the key audience and subsequent activities to be conducted with the stakeholders and comms**



**Change Sponsorship Analysis Tool**

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Representative	
Change Initiative	

	Name	Position	Rationale	Responsibilities	Engagement Method
Executive Sponsor					
BU Sponsor					
Functional Sponsor					

General Sponsorship Responsibilities

Leadership team that needs to sponsor		
Name	Role	Relationship Owner



*Example*

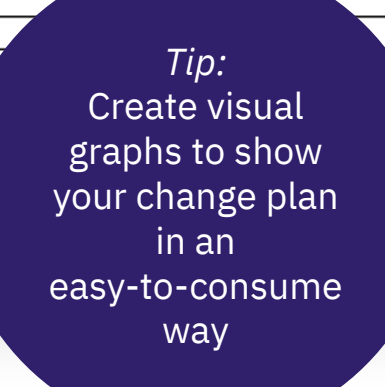
## Change Action Plan

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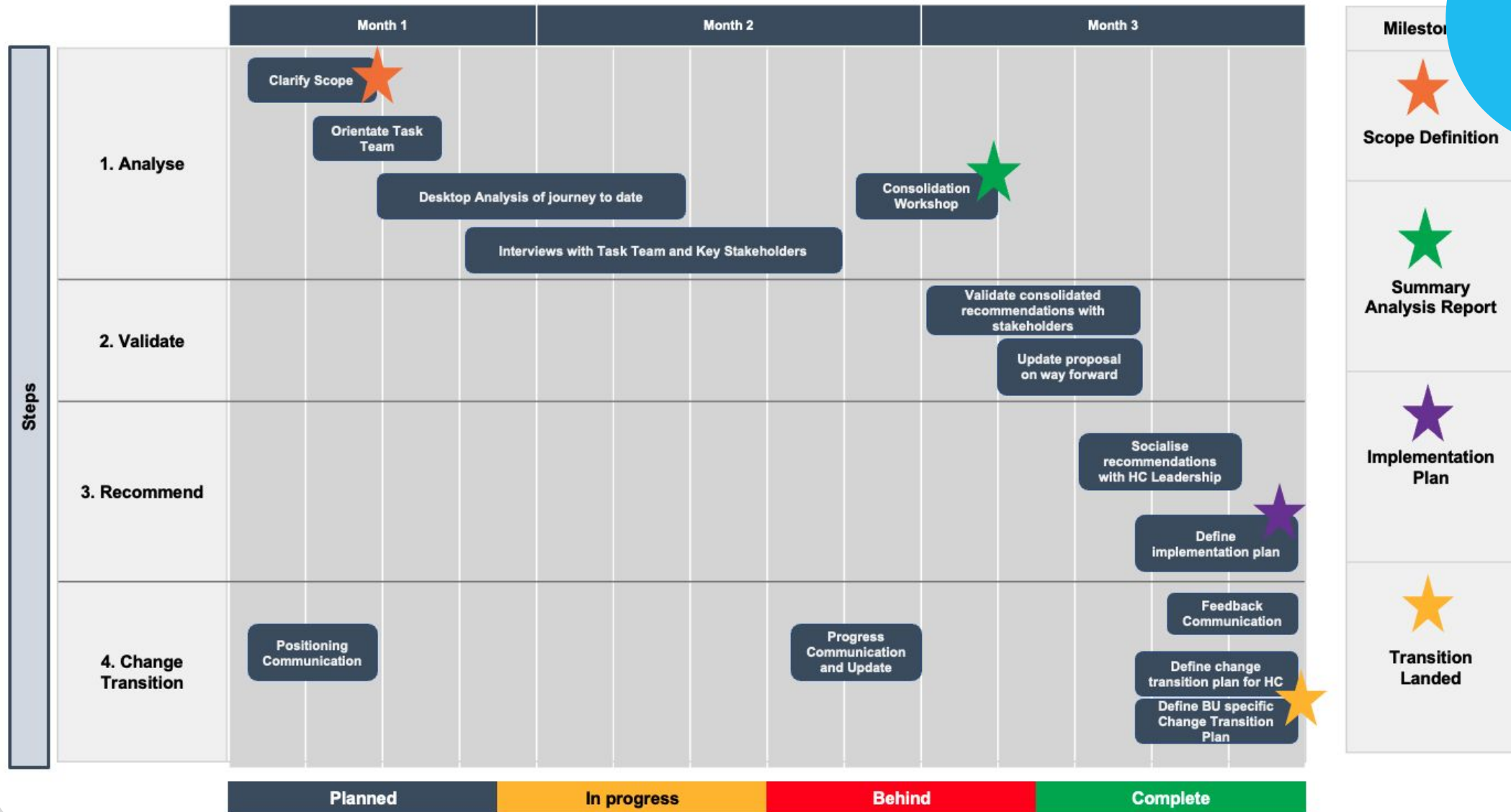
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John Doe	Democrat	2018	35	Male	Software Engineer	BS in Computer Science	Catholic	Married	2	\$120,000	\$250,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	
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Robert Taylor	Democrat	2024	30	Male	Systems Administrator	BS in IT	Sikh	Married	1	\$100,000	\$210,000	\$85,000	\$125,000	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36		
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Christopher Lee	Democrat	2026	29	Male	UX Designer	BS in Design	Islam	Married	2	\$95,000	\$205,000	\$82,000	\$123,000	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37		
Olivia Green	Republican	2027	41	Female	Finance Analyst	MS in Finance	Jewish	Single	0	\$65,000	\$155,000	\$55,000	\$100,000	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30		
Matthew Black	Democrat	2028	31	Male	Software Engineer	BS in Computer Science	Buddhist	Married	1	\$105,000	\$215,000	\$87,000	\$127,000	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37		
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Change Initiative	Change Agent	Change Strategy	Change Process	Change Outcome
1. Implementing a new software system	IT Department	Top-down	Training, Communication	Improved efficiency, reduced errors
2. Restructuring the organization	Senior Management	Bottom-up	Consultation, Negotiation	Increased productivity, better resource allocation
3. Introducing a new product line	Marketing Department	Participative	Market Research, Pilot Testing	Successful market entry, increased sales
4. Implementing a new quality management system	Quality Assurance Department	Participative	Training, Communication, Monitoring	Improved product quality, customer satisfaction
5. Implementing a new financial reporting system	Finance Department	Top-down	Training, Communication	Improved financial transparency, better decision-making

Target Stakeholder Audience
<p>1. <b>Government and Regulatory Bodies:</b> The primary audience for the report, as they are responsible for enforcing environmental regulations and ensuring compliance with the law.</p> <p>2. <b>Environmental Organizations and NGOs:</b> These groups are often involved in monitoring and advocating for environmental protection, and the report provides them with valuable data and insights.</p> <p>3. <b>Academic and Research Communities:</b> The report's findings are of interest to researchers and scholars in the fields of environmental science, policy, and law, as it contributes to the understanding of environmental degradation and its legal implications.</p> <p>4. <b>Local Communities and Residents:</b> The report highlights the impact of environmental degradation on local communities and residents, providing them with information about the state of their environment and the legal framework governing its protection.</p> <p>5. <b>Business and Industry:</b> The report identifies the legal obligations and potential liabilities of businesses and industries, encouraging them to adopt more sustainable practices and comply with environmental regulations.</p> <p>6. <b>International Organizations and Partners:</b> The report provides a comprehensive overview of the environmental and legal situation in the region, which can be used by international organizations and partners to inform their policies and programs.</p>

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*Tip:*  
Create visual  
graphs to show  
your change plan  
in an  
easy-to-consume  
way



Example

### Phase 3: Managing Change

#### What needs to happen:

- *Implement plan*
- *Manage stakeholders and risks*

#### How do you do it:

- *Managing Stakeholders*
- *Managing Risk*
- *Implementation*

### Implementation

*During this phase it is important to ensure the successful execution of the plan, while managing risk and resistance along the way.*

Resistance is not a bad thing, but it does need to be addressed. Why do people resist?

#### *Reasons why employees are resistant*

- Lack of awareness
- Fear of the unknown
- Lack of job security
- Lack of sponsorship

#### *Reasons why leaders are resistant*

- Fear of losing control and authority
- Lack of time
- Comfort with the current way of doing things
- No involvement of the solution design

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### Managing stakeholder resistance

Listen and understand  
objections

Focus on the “what”  
and let go of the “how”

Convert the strongest  
dissenters

Showcase specific  
benefits

Make a personal appeal

Showcase consequence



High

Low

2. Stakeholder mapping

Keep satisfied	Actively engage
Which stakeholders do you need to keep informed with periodic updates and address their key interests?	Which stakeholders do you need to involve in decision-making to ensure their needs and concerns are addressed?
[Enter stakeholder]	Tina Hawkins
[Enter stakeholder]	[Enter stakeholder]
[Enter stakeholder]	[Enter stakeholder]
[Enter stakeholder]	[Enter stakeholder]
[Enter stakeholder]	[Enter stakeholder]
Monitor	Keep informed
Which stakeholders' statuses and needs do you need to monitor with minimal communication to ensure they remain satisfied and informed?	To which stakeholders do you need to provide regular, detailed communication to keep them informed and involved without overloading them?
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Low

High

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## Phase 4: Reinforcement

### What needs to happen:

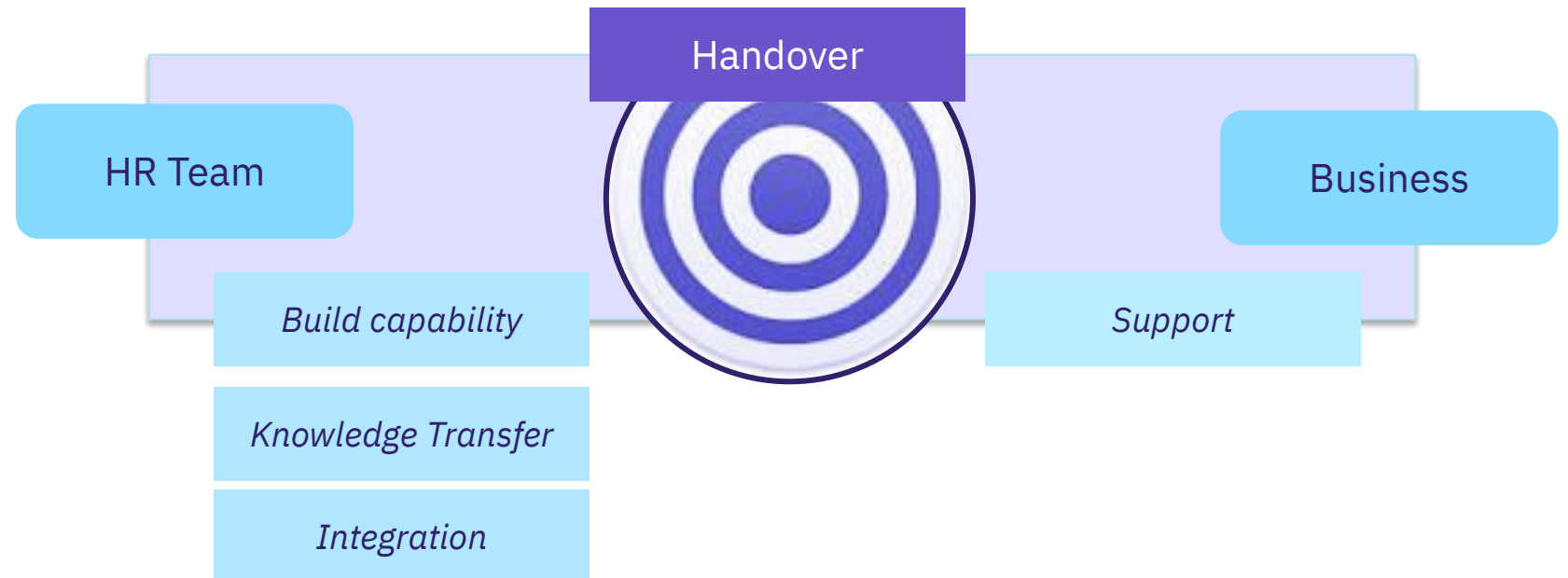
- *Handover project into business as usual*

### How do you do it:

- *Handovers*
- *Support*

## Handovers and support

*During this phase you need to move the project to business as usual, ensuring that the change becomes the way we do things now.*



## Phase 5: Measure

### What needs to happen:

- *Measure whether project delivered on the business case*

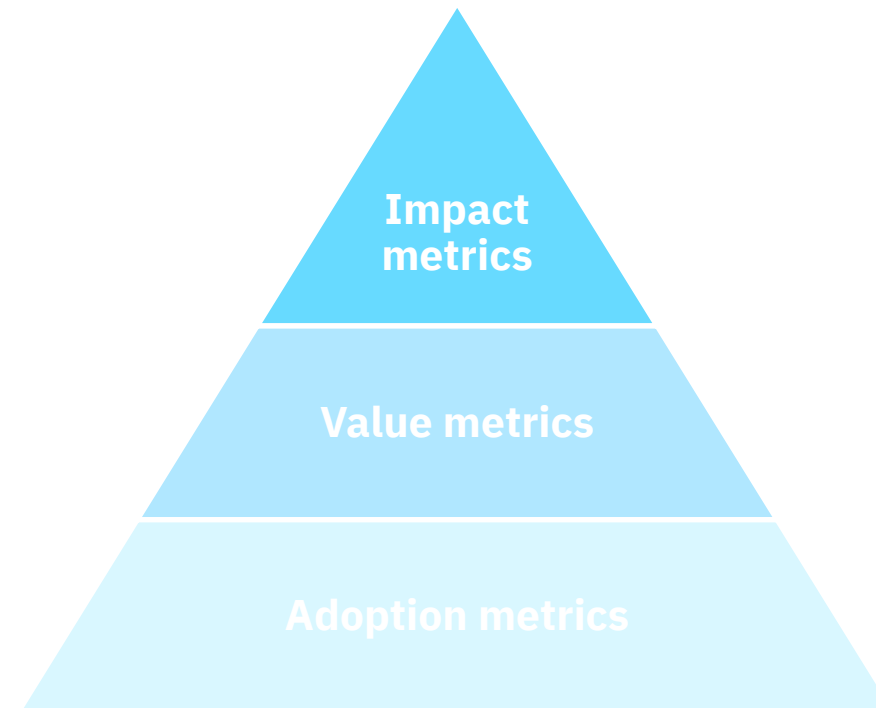
### How do you do it:

- *ROI Measurement*

## Determining ROI

*ROI answers the basic question of whether the project delivered on its original intent. It is crucial to go back to the original business case and what was promised to understand what has taken place.*

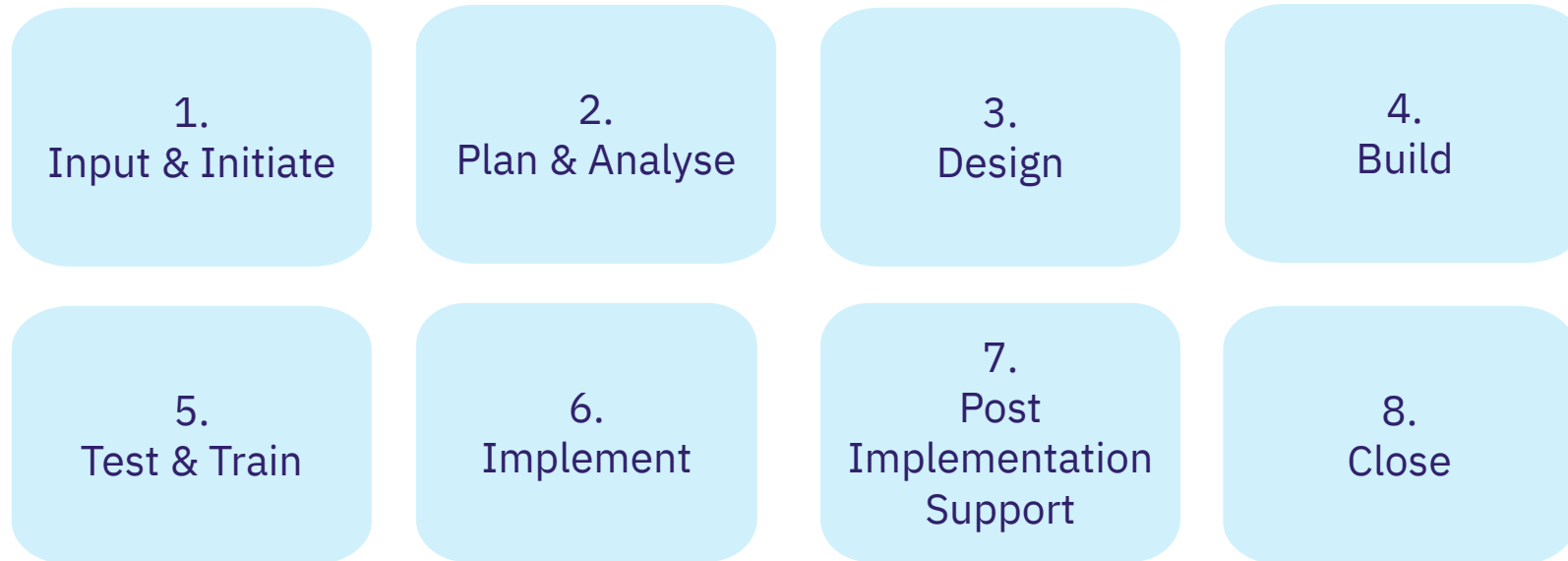
*ROI can be measured in various ways, but in general it requires three levels:*

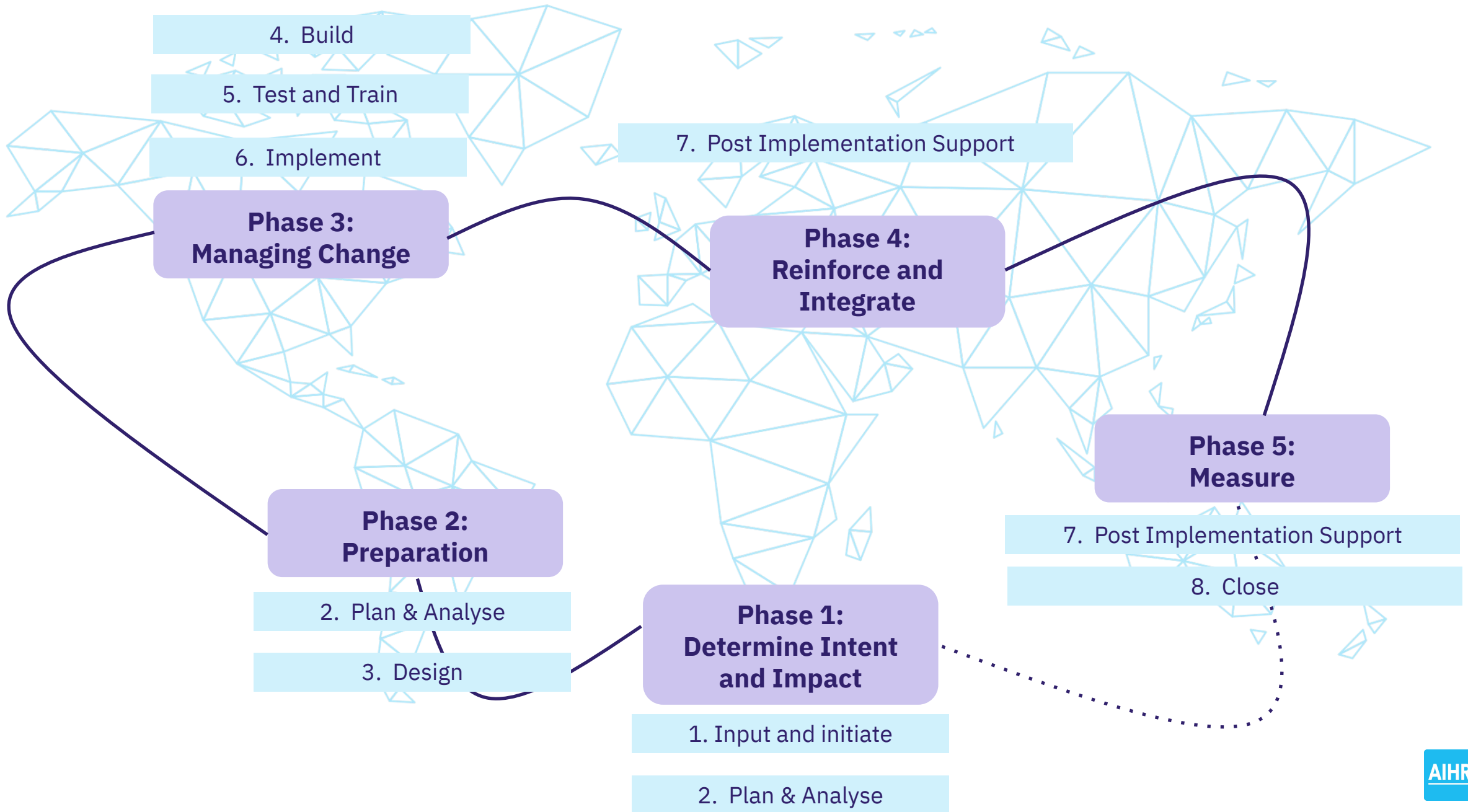


# Aligning change with projects

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*A typical HR project consists of the following phases:*







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# Tips and tricks

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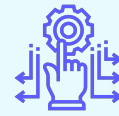
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Spend time on the Change Impact Assessment



Don't be afraid to highlight risks and where adoption is lagging



Create clear roles and responsibilities between you and the PM



Build proactive relationships with SMEs and Sponsors



Expect resistance – be more worried if there is none





**Any questions?  
Ask away!**