

Alternative Approaches to Accreditation

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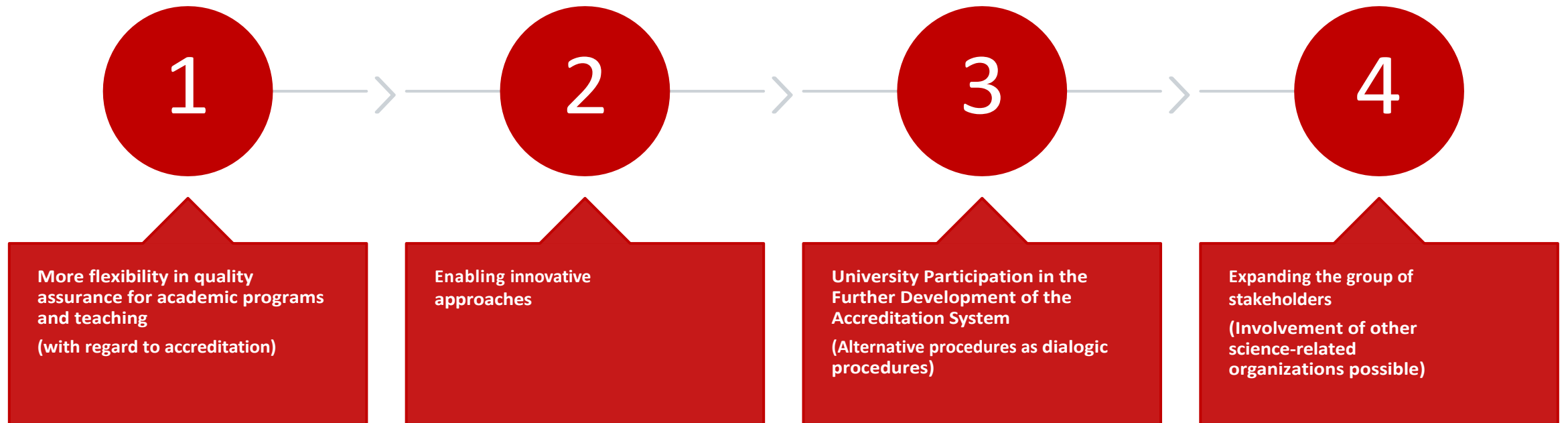
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What exactly are “alternative procedures”?

- **Alternative procedures are “other” procedures than program and system accreditation. They...**
 - **complement the program and system accreditation procedures**
 - **add something new to these procedures**
 - **are carried out independently by the applying institutions**
 - **can be designed to be system- or program-specific**
- **Accreditation Process for Alternative Methods**
 - **The subject of accreditation is the alternative procedure—analogue to a program or system in program or system accreditation**
 - **Alternative procedures are also possible in subunits of higher education institutions (e.g., faculties)**
 - **For cumulative alternative procedures, there is the option of trust-based accreditation**

Advantages of alternative procedures



Requirements for alternative procedures (State Treaty / MRVO)

- **Procedural guidelines (Art. 3, para. 2, sentence 1 of the State Treaty)**
 - **Self-evaluation report**
 - **Involvement of external experts (academia, professional practice, students)**
 - **Review**
 - **Expert opinion**
- **Criteria for Alternative Procedures (Section 34 MRVO)**
 - **Compliance with the formal and substantive criteria of the MRVO (Parts 2 and 3)**
 - **Compliance with the criteria of the State Treaty (Article 2)**
- **Gathering fundamental insights into alternative approaches to external quality assurance (Section 34(3), Sentence 4 MRVO)**

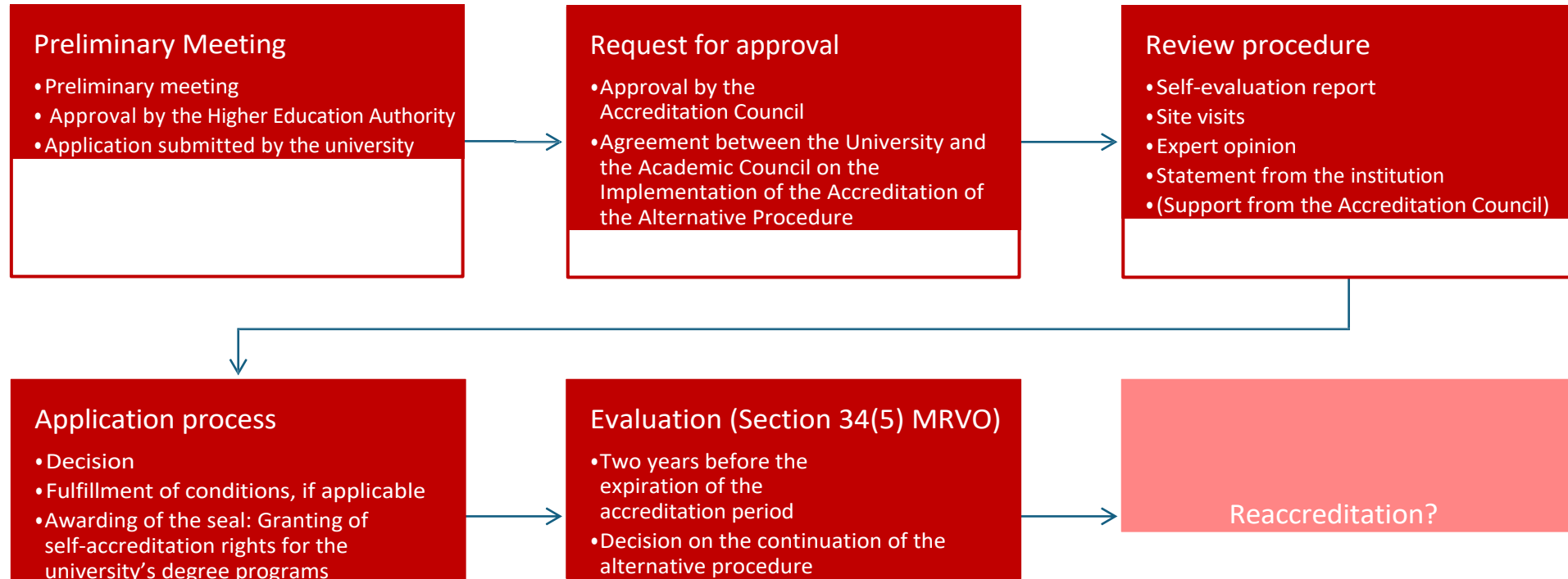
Rules of Procedure for Alternative Accreditation Procedures (VoAAv)

Regulates the accreditation of alternative procedures

Treats the alternative procedure as the subject of accreditation

Is structured chronologically, following the individual procedural steps (process description)

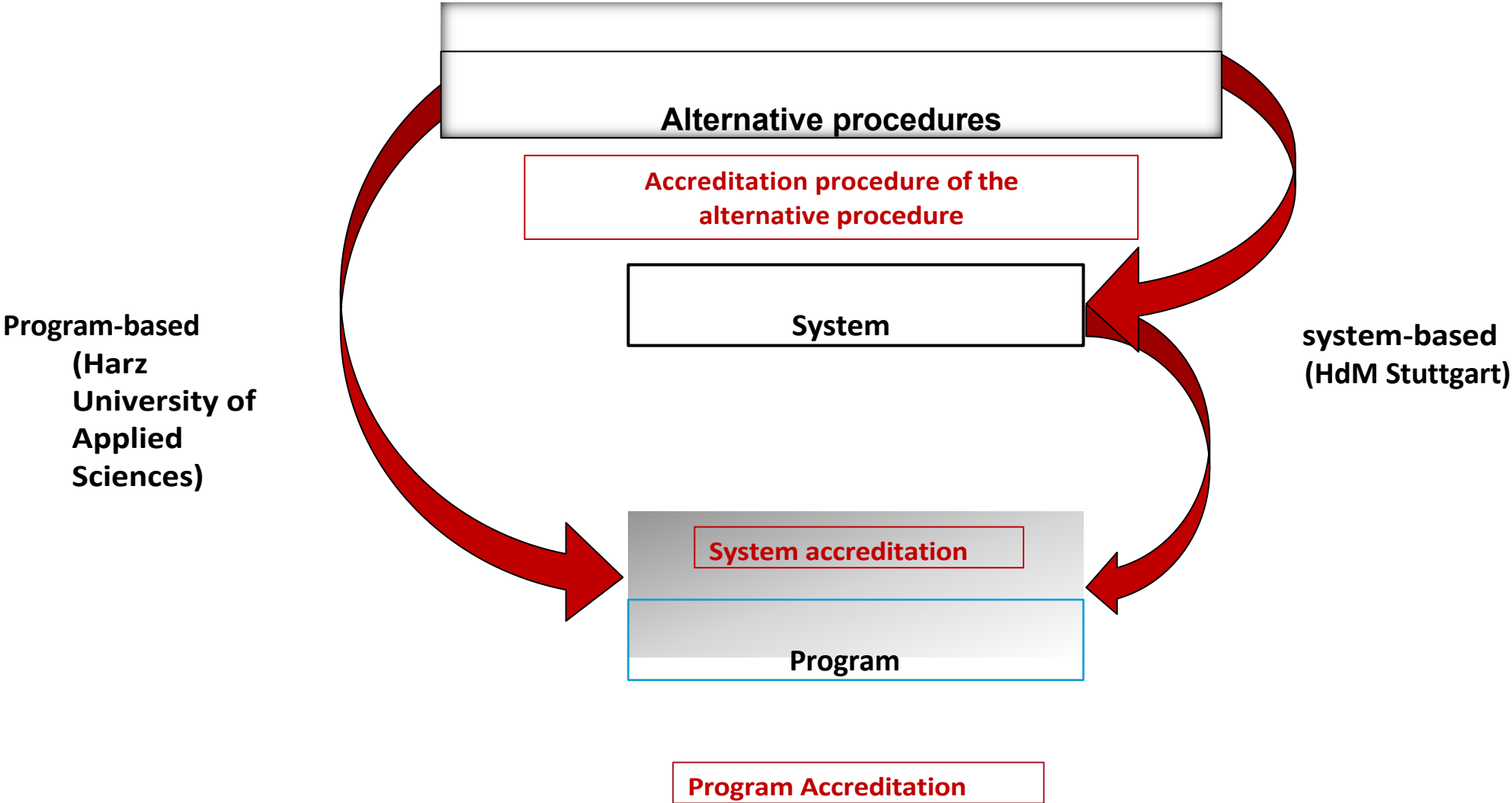
Procedural steps in the accreditation of the alternative procedure



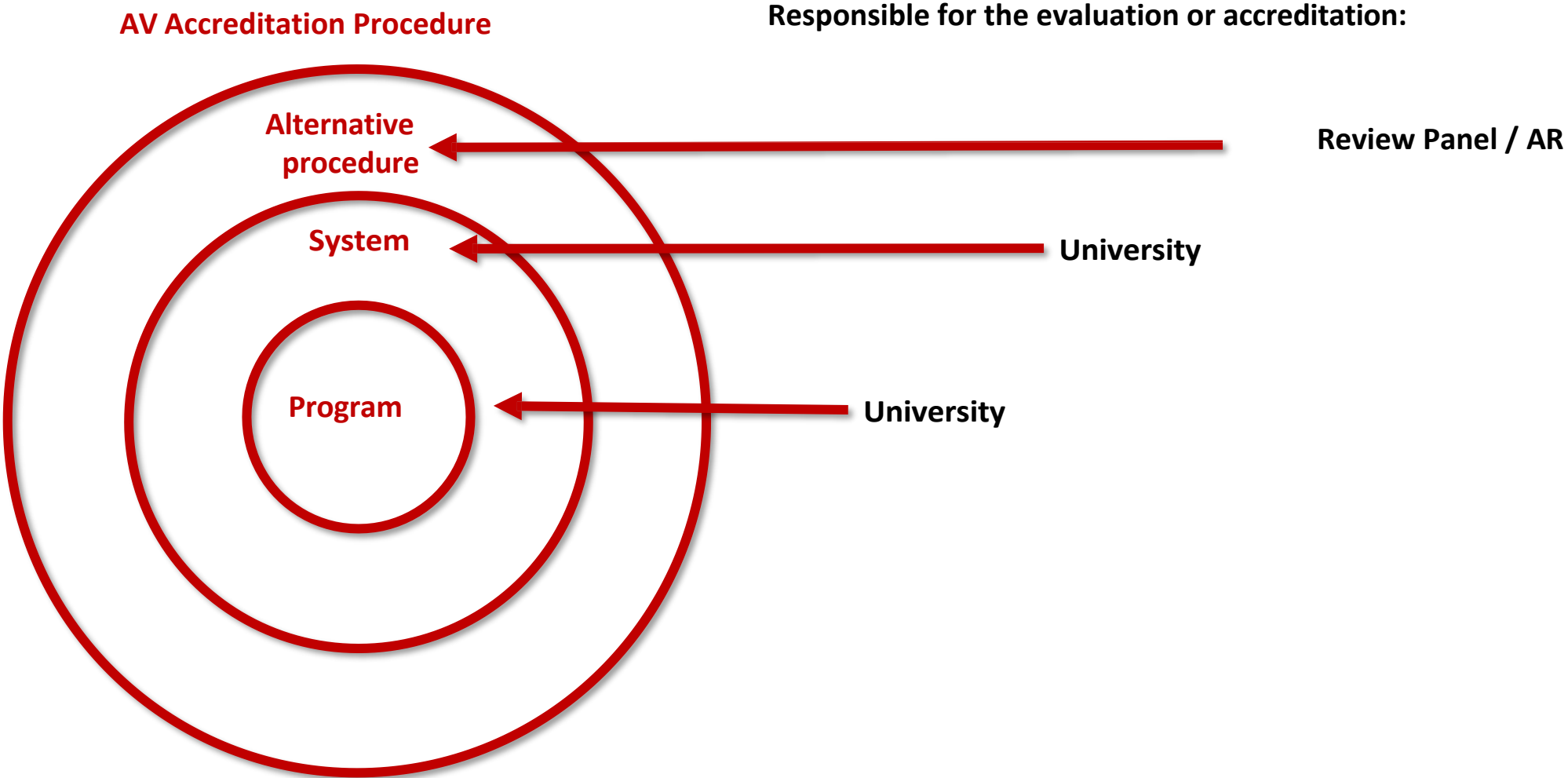
Please visualize a matryoshka doll!



Program-based vs. system-based



Subject of evaluation or accreditation by level



Quintessence (alternatively: truism)

Alternative methods are characterized by

- through the university assuming responsibility
- and the transfer of responsibility by the Accreditation Council.

With the accreditation of the alternative procedure, responsibility is transferred from the Accreditation Council to the institution. (Granting of self-accreditation rights)

Thank you very much for your attention!

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We look forward to exchanging ideas with you!