

# Taking a long term view

## Lessons and experiences from the Foresight studies



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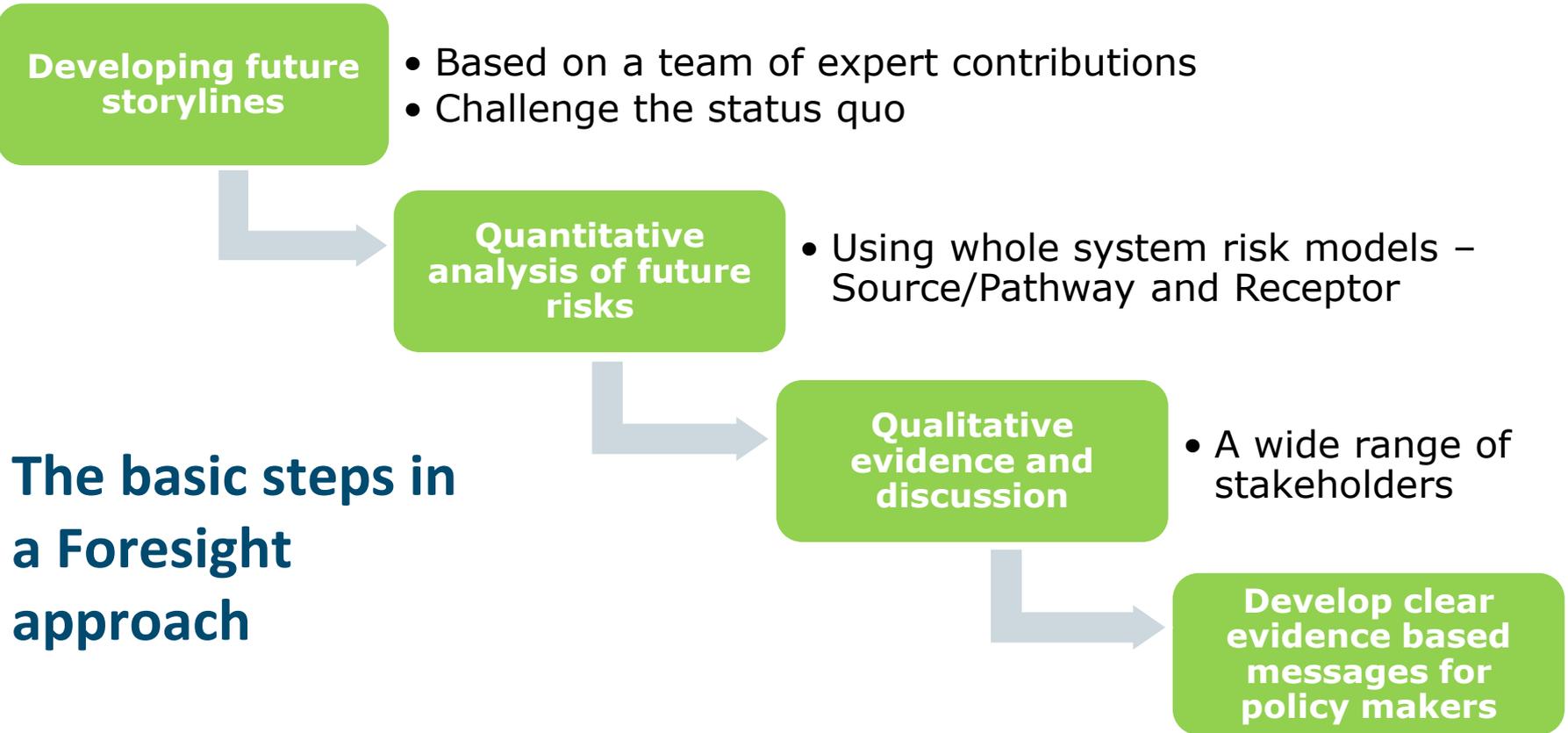
# Foresight – An overview

- **A Foresight study aims to:**
  - **Think** systematically about the future.
  - **Advise** government to help make today's decisions robust to future uncertainties.
- **Its history and funding**
  - Started in 1994 they are run and funded by GO-Science
  - Cover a wide range of topics (from *Tackling Obesities* to *Future Flooding*)

# The Foresight 'template'

## Foresight steps back from those at the coal face to ask:

- How might risks change over the next 50-100 years?
- Where are the most significant risks, by sector and geographically?
- What are the most important drivers of these changes?
- What policy responses are most effective in terms of reducing future risks in the widest set of plausible futures?



# Where have they been applied?

- **Full applications:**

- **UK** Foresight Future Flooding (2002-2004,2008)
- **China** Regional Foresight Study, Taihu Basin (2006-2011)

- **And exchanged with**

- **US** - Army Corps, FEMA and others (2009)
- **Russia**