

The New Quota Law of Employment for People with Disabilities: Associação Salvador's Opportunity to Increase Social Impact While Ensuring Financial Sustainability

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

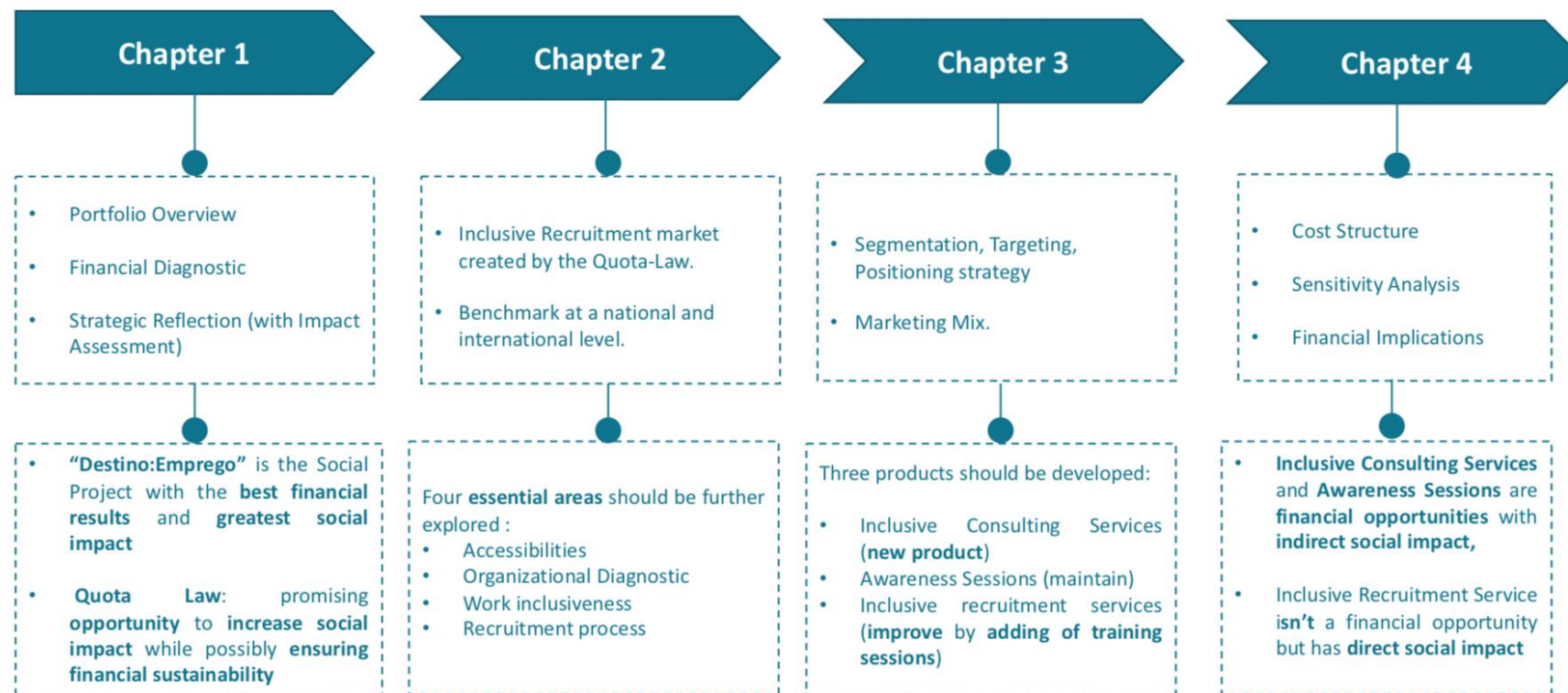
Project Overview

This work project was focused on **Associação Salvador**, a Portuguese **non-profit organization** that aims to **support and improve the quality of life of people with motor disabilities**. Taking into account the new **Quota Law of employment** for people with disabilities, the purpose of this research is **to determine if this legislation can be an opportunity to be seized by the association to increase its social impact while ensuring financial sustainability**. The organization and its portfolio were analysed, including its Social Project “**Destino:Emprego**” focused on promoting the employability of its target group, and a market study was carried out to develop a suitable business model for this Social project, taking into account the context of the Portuguese market and the new opportunity created by the Quota Law. It was suggested that **3 products** should be offered as part of this Social Project, with financial implications being drawn at the end.

Recommendations

Analysis

Findings



As there **are no market conditions to charge** for the **Inclusive Recruitment Service** and knowing it is the initiative with the **highest social impact** created **per beneficiary**, it is recommended that **it continues its current model** of being a service delivered for **free** and based on **third-party donations**.

Due to the likely **increase of demand by companies** based on the **Quota Law**, as well as the possible **improvements on the service** (**hard-skills training sessions**) and the likely increase of **donations**, it can be forecasted an increase of the **placement rate** and an ability to **follow a higher number of candidates** per year. Therefore, it is possible that the number of **beneficiaries impacted annually will grow in the future**, increasing the **direct social impact** created.

Regarding the **Inclusive Consulting Services** and **Awareness Sessions**, due to the market's **willingness to pay**, it is recommended that Associação Salvador focuses on **implementing these services**, due to its **financial opportunity** and its **indirect social impact**.

Associação Salvador can also use the **Inclusive Recruitment** as a “**loss leader**” that **incentivizes** the purchase of the **other services**, whose **profits** can be also used to help ensuring the **financial sustainability** and increase the **impact** of the **Inclusive Recruitment**.

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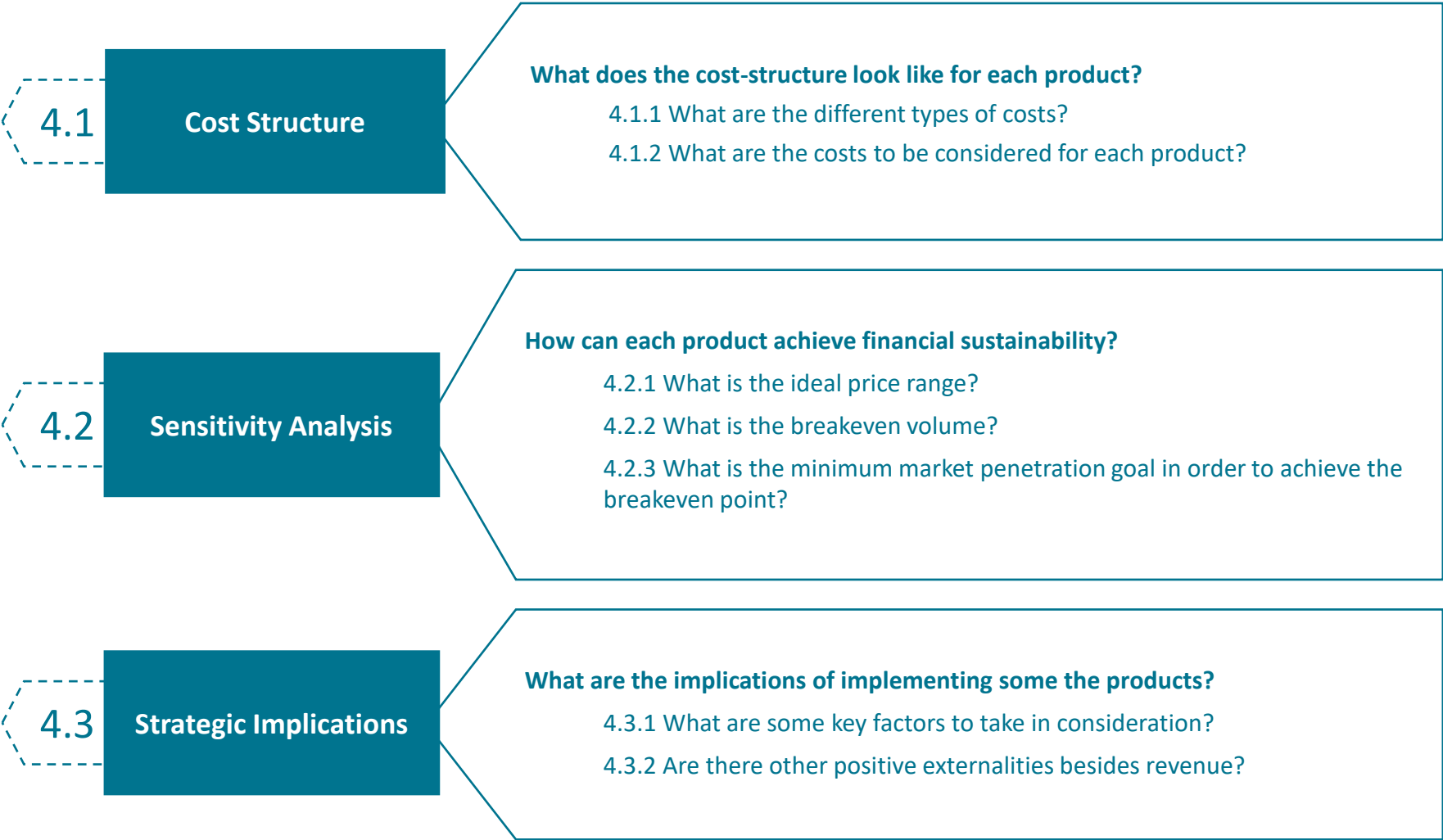
Chapter 1	Portfolio Overview and Strategic Reflection	1.1 Portfolio structure analysis: top-down and bottom-up 1.2 Financial Diagnostic 1.3 Strategic reflection: Project “Destino: Emprego”
Chapter 2	Quota Law and the context of the project “Destino: Emprego”	2.1 Market study: Supply & Demand 2.2 Benchmark
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Methodology

- Analysis of internal financial documents
 - Benchmarking with similar business models
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Several categories of fixed and variable costs were identified to determine the cost structure for each product

FIXED COSTS



Staff
Includes salaries due to the headcount increase



Specialized services
Includes expenses in services such as legal, accounting, HR and Marketing



IT & Telcom services
Includes software licenses and mobile plans



Capex
Includes initial investments needed such as electronic equipment



VARIABLE COSTS



Outsourced consultants
Includes outsourced consultants hourly fee for the inclusive consulting services



Speakers
Includes special speaker fee for awareness sessions



Travelling expenses
Includes visits to clients



Ambassador Visits
Includes ambassador visits for consultancy services



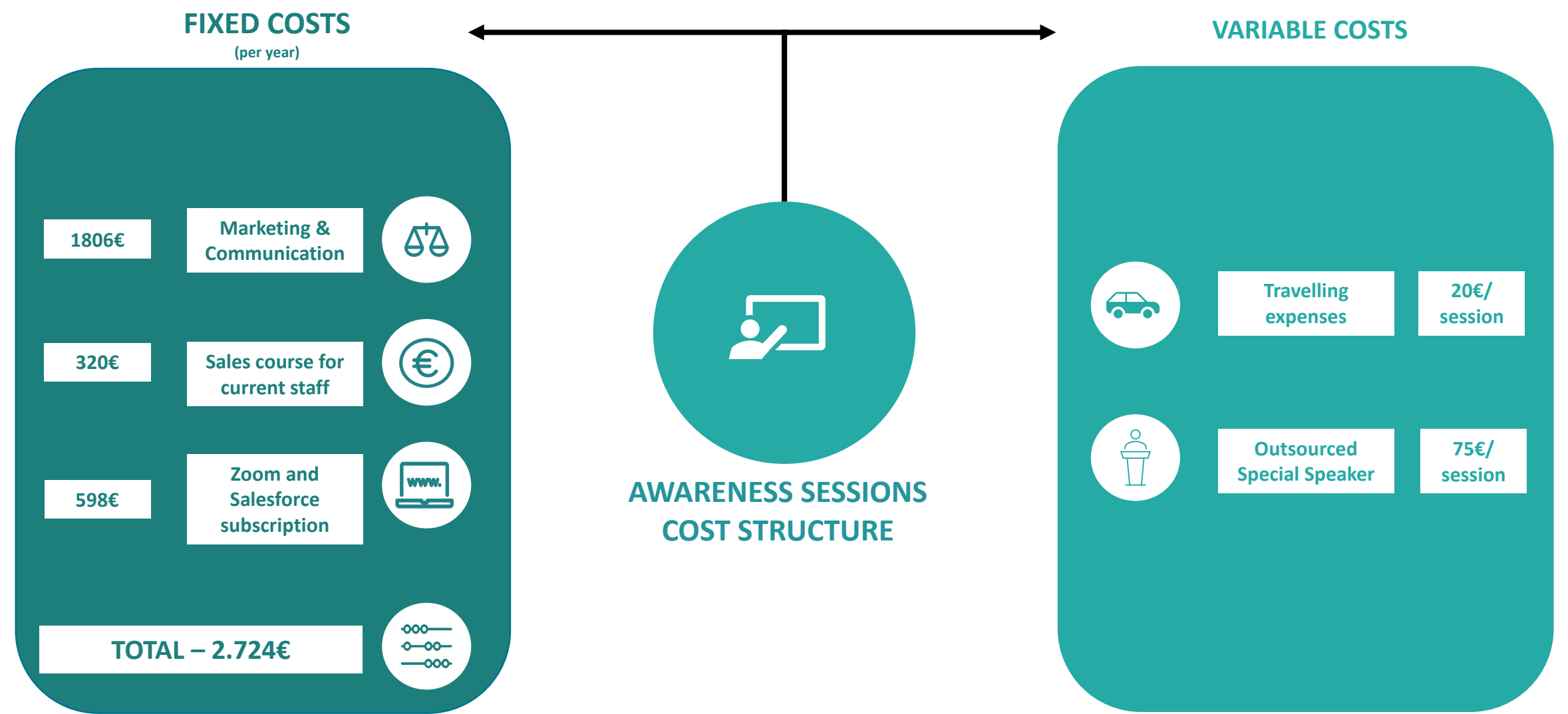
Vocation Assessment
Includes a candidate vocation and qualification assessment for the inclusive recruitment services



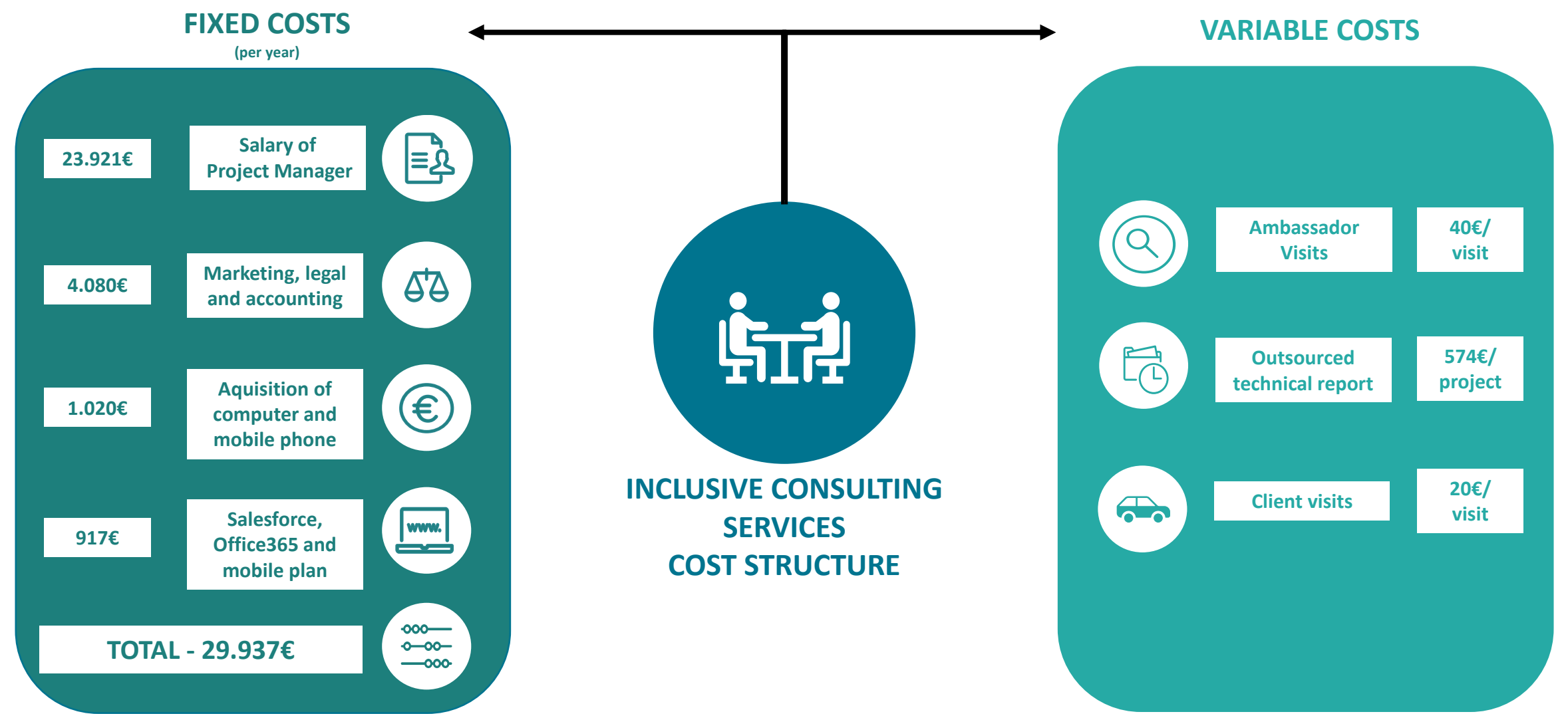
Candidate qualification
Includes certified courses to complement the candidates' qualification such as Office365 courses



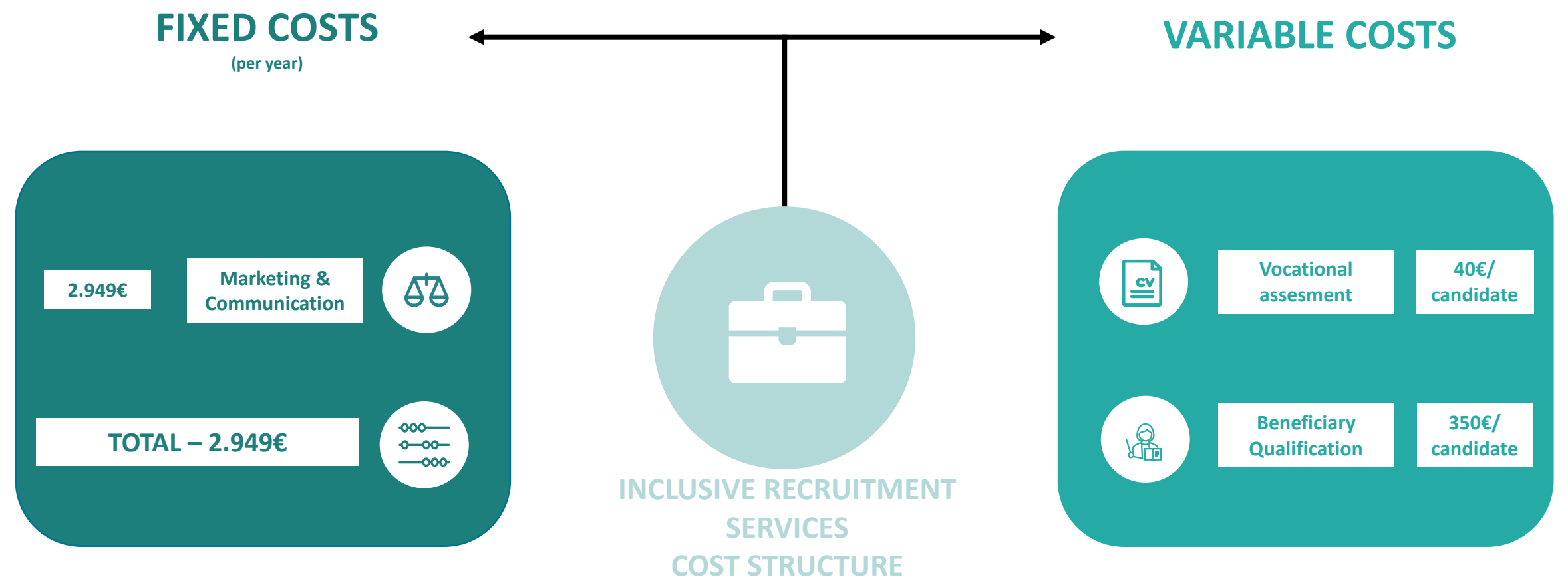
The Awareness Sessions annual fixed costs are 2.724€ since, instead of increasing headcount, it is possible to use the current staff by qualifying them with the competences required



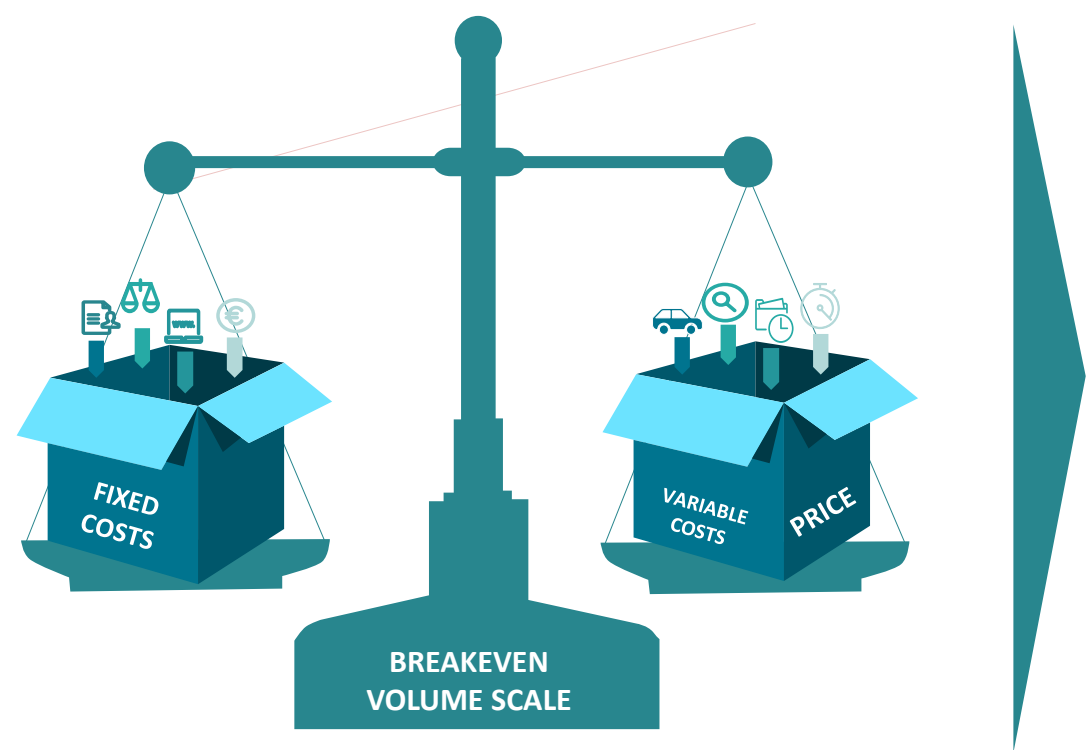
The estimated total fixed costs per year for the Inclusive Consulting Services is 29.937€, of which 80% is from salary expenses of Project Manager



Since it is uncertain the willingness to pay for the Inclusive Recruitment Services, the most significant change to the current cost structure is in the variable costs



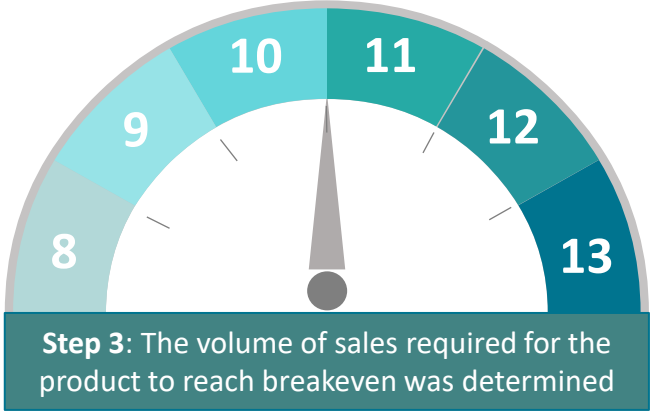
Knowing the cost structure of each product, it was possible to conduct a sensitivity analysis to determine the breakeven volume required for financial sustainability



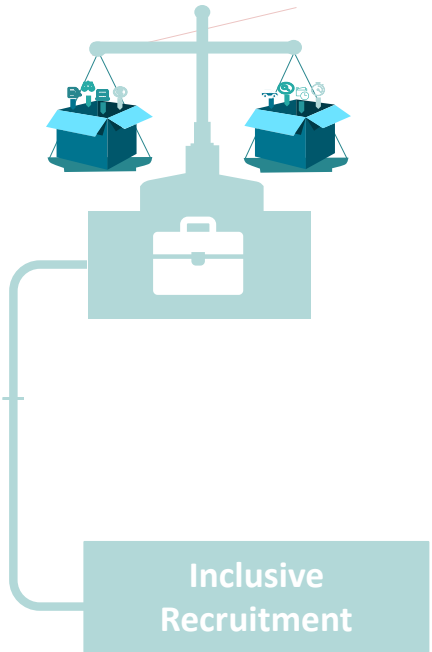
Sensitivity Analysis

Step 1: For each product, the profitability was tested, assuming a given price range and volume

Step 2: The price ranges were narrowed accordingly to the ones who were most feasible

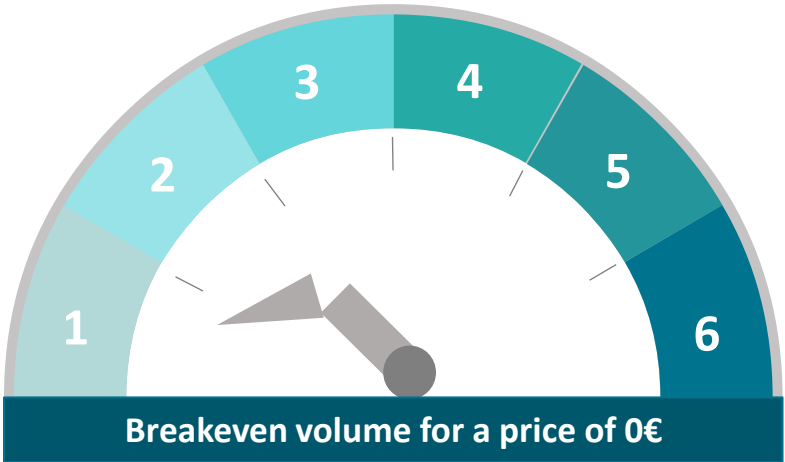


Given that is not clear if the market is willing to pay for the Inclusive Recruitment Services, the breakeven volume was not possible to determine



Candidates
Placed

	Price per candidate placed			
	0 €	100€	200€	300€
5	4 499 €	3 999 €	3 499 €	2 999 €
10	6 449 €	5 449 €	4 449 €	3 449 €
15	8 399 €	6 899 €	5 399 €	3 899 €
20	10 349 €	8 349 €	6 349 €	4 349 €
25	12 299 €	9 799 €	7 299 €	4 799 €
30	14 249 €	11 249 €	8 249 €	5 249 €



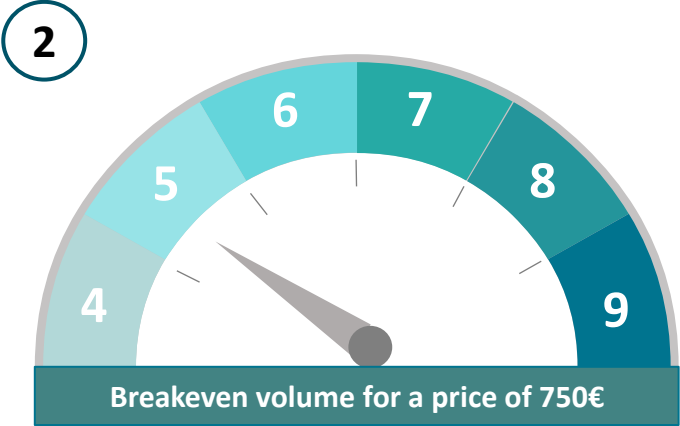
Considerations

- Price starts at 0€ since it is not clear if companies are willing to pay for this service
- 390€ for variable costs assuming all candidates require qualification in IT competences

Due to its low fixed costs, the Awareness Sessions breakeven can be reached by selling at least 8 sessions per year



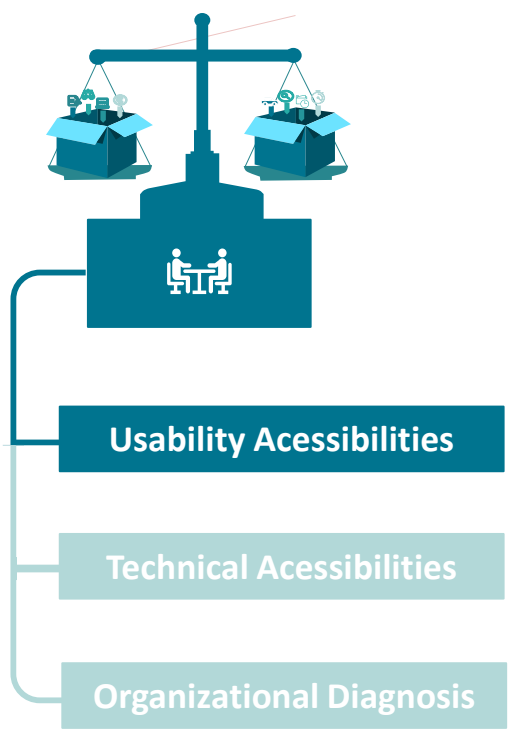
	Price per session			
	250 €	500€	750€	1000€
2	2 454 €	1 954 €	1 454 €	954 €
4	2 184 €	1 184 €	184 € ②	816 €
6	1 914 €	414 € ①	1 086 €	2 586 €
8	1 644 €	356 €	2 356 €	4 356 €
10	1 374 €	1 126 €	3 626 €	6 126 €
12	1 104 €	1 896 €	4 896 €	7 896 €



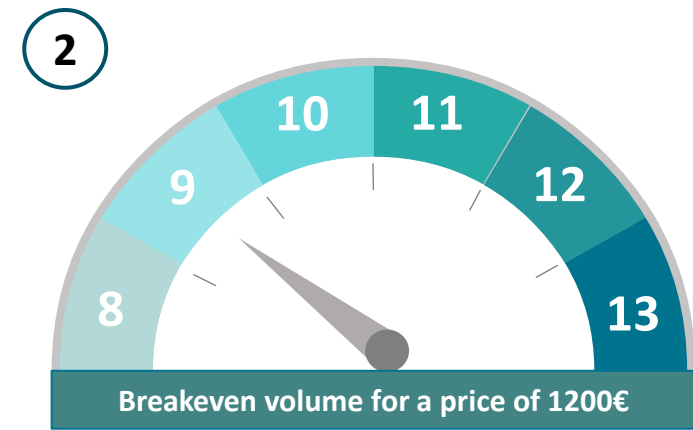
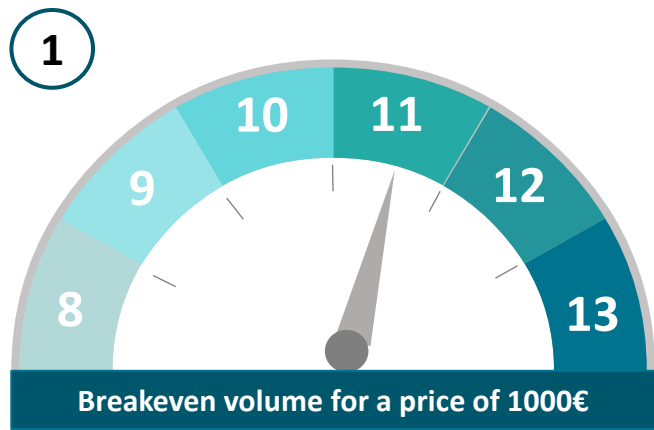
Considerations

- Price ranges between 250€ and 1000€ according to A.S. and experienced consultant suggestion
- 115€ for variable costs assuming the project is in Lisbon and does not require extra travelling costs

For the Usability Accessibilities consulting service, it is required selling at least 9 projects a year for it to be sustainable

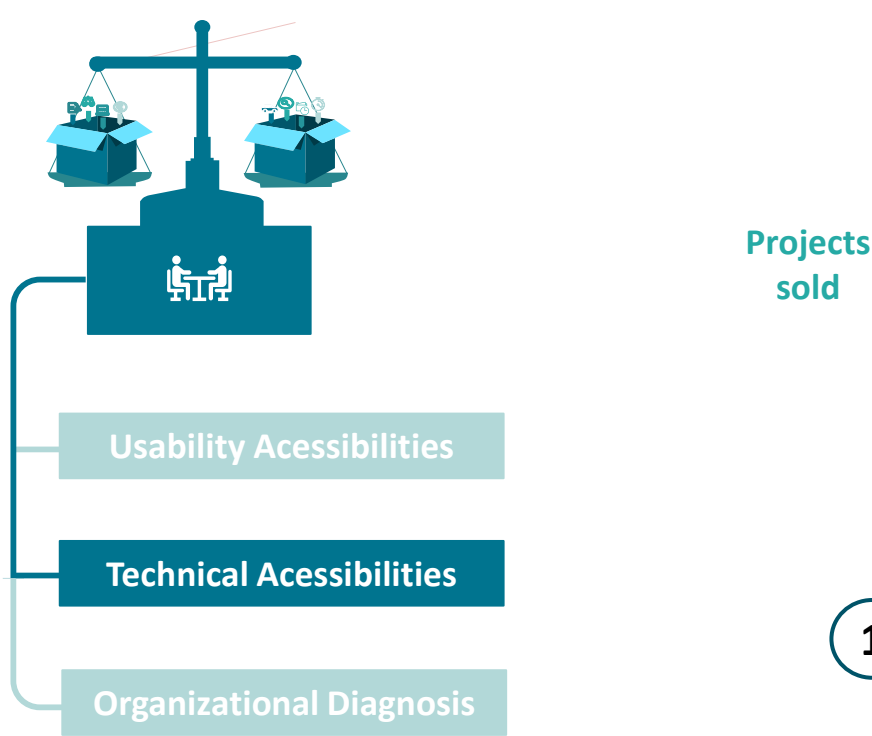


	Price per project			
	800 €	1000€	1200€	1400€
4	7 019 €	6 219 €	5 419 €	4 619 €
8	4 059 €	2 459 € ①	859 € ②	741 €
12	1 099 €	1 301 €	3 701 €	6 101 €
16	1 861 €	5 061 €	8 261 €	11 461 €
20	4 821 €	8 821 €	12 821 €	16 821 €
24	7 781 €	12 581 €	17 381 €	22 181 €

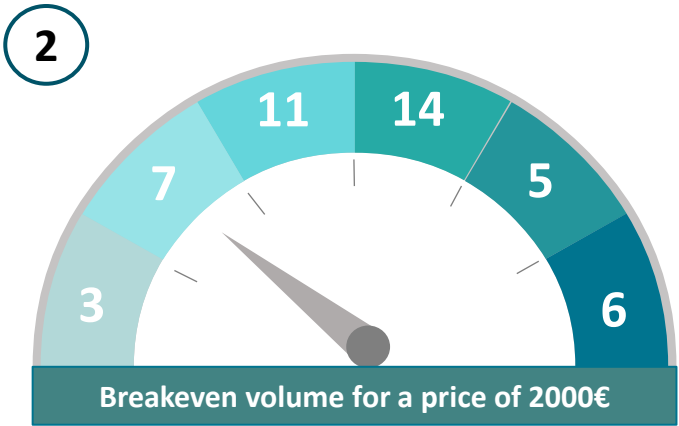


- Considerations
- Price ranges between 800€ and 1400€ according to A.S. and experienced consultant suggestion
 - 60€ for variable costs assuming the project is in Lisbon and does not require extra travelling costs
 - This product shares 1/3rd of Consultant Services total fixed costs

Although the Technical Accessibilities has the highest variable cost of the Consulting projects, it can be financially sustainable by selling at least 7 projects a year



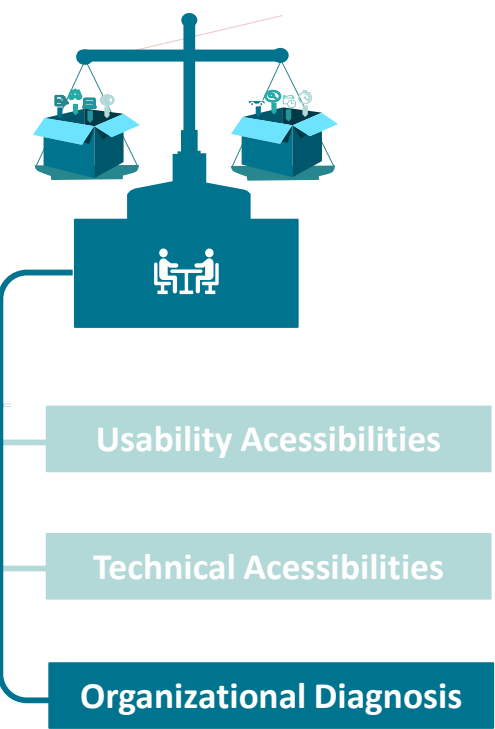
	Price per project			
	1000 €	1500€	2000€	2500€
4	8 273 €	6 273 €	4 273 €	2 273 €
8	6 567 €	2 567 €	1 433 €	5 433 €
12	4 861 €	1 139 €	7 139 €	13 139 €
16	3 155 €	4 845 €	12 845 €	20 845 €
20	1 449 €	8 551 €	18 551 €	28 551 €
24	257 €	12 257 €	24 257 €	36 257 €



Considerations

- Price ranges between 1000€ and 2500€ according to A.S. and experienced consultant suggestion
- 574€ for variable costs since it includes outsourcing the technical report
- This product shares 1/3rd of Consultant Services total fixed costs

The Organizational Diagnosis project requires selling 4 or 5 projects per year to reach the breakeven point



Projects sold

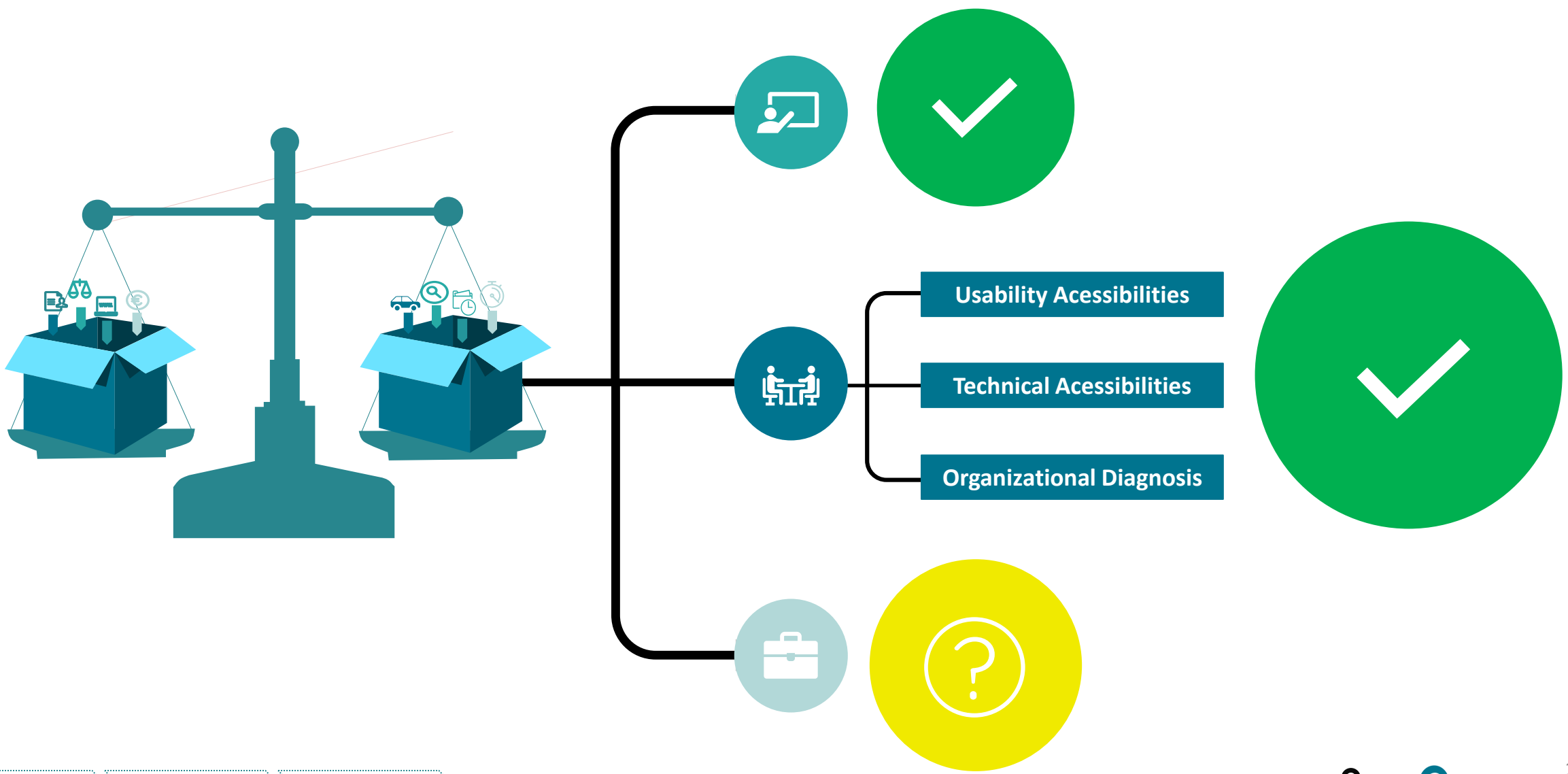
	Price per project			
	2500 €	3000€	3500€	4000€
1	7 559 €	7 059 €	6 559 €	6 059 €
2	5 139 €	4 139 €	3 139 €	2 139 €
3	2 719 €	1 219 €	281 €	1 781 €
4	299 €	1 701 €	3 701 €	5 701 €
5	2 121 €	4 621 €	7 121 €	9 621 €
6	4 541 €	7 541 €	10 541 €	13 541 €



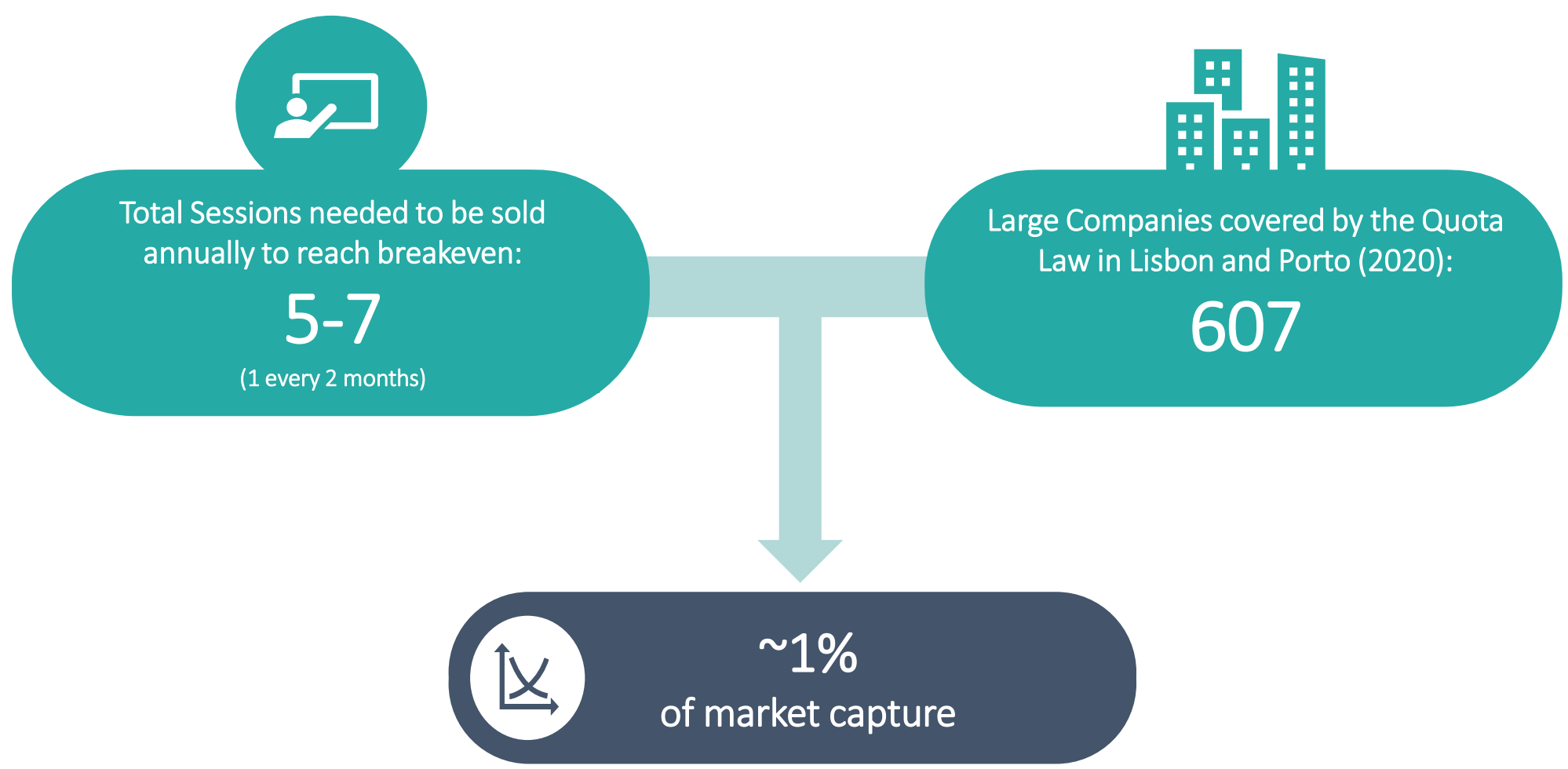
Considerations

- Price ranges between 2500€ and 4000€ according to A.S. and experienced consultant suggestion
- 80€ for variable costs assuming the project is in Lisbon and does not require extra travelling costs
- This product shares 1/3rd of Consultant Services total fixed costs

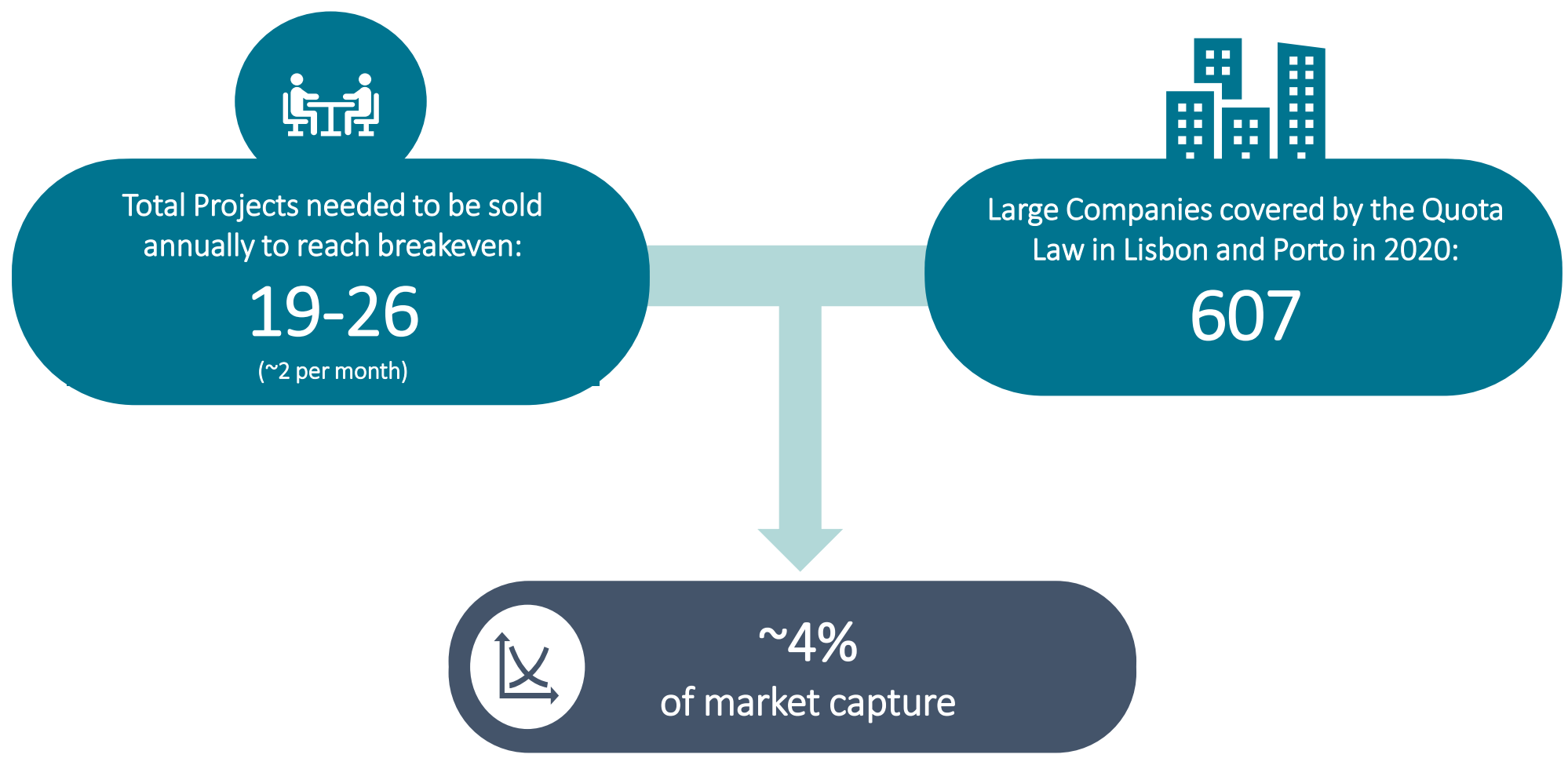
Although the Inclusive Recruitment market permeability is uncertain, for the Consulting Services and Awareness Sessions the market there is willingness to pay and reaching financial sustainability is feasible



Knowing the market size identified in our Targeting and the number of projects needed to sell to reach breakeven, the Awareness Sessions only needs to capture 1% of the market to be financially sustainable



By capturing 4% of the market, the Inclusive Consulting Services can reach financial sustainability



Having an agile management strategy for both Inclusive Consulting Services and the Awareness Sessions, will increase the likelihood of reaching the breakeven volume



Key factors to take in account to ensure reaching the breakeven volume

Revenue Model

- Both the Inclusive Consulting Services and Awareness Sessions revenue model is based on **non-recurrent sales**
- Most fixed costs are assumed to be incurred even **without having sales**
- This means that the financial sustainability **highly depends on the performance of the commercial team** and the management's strategy



Empower Staff
Ensure that the staff has all the tools and equipment necessary to perform its tasks



Price Adjustment
The price can vary depending on client's company size. However, the lower the price, the higher the breakeven volume



Cost Reduction
Aim to reduce variable and fixed costs to reach the breakeven sooner



Cross-Selling
Seek to maximize revenues by cross-selling the Consulting Services, Awareness sessions, and the other business projects

Just because the market is not permeable to pay for the Inclusive Recruitment Services yet, does not mean that this reality can not change in the future. How can the Inclusive Consulting Services and Awareness Sessions help?



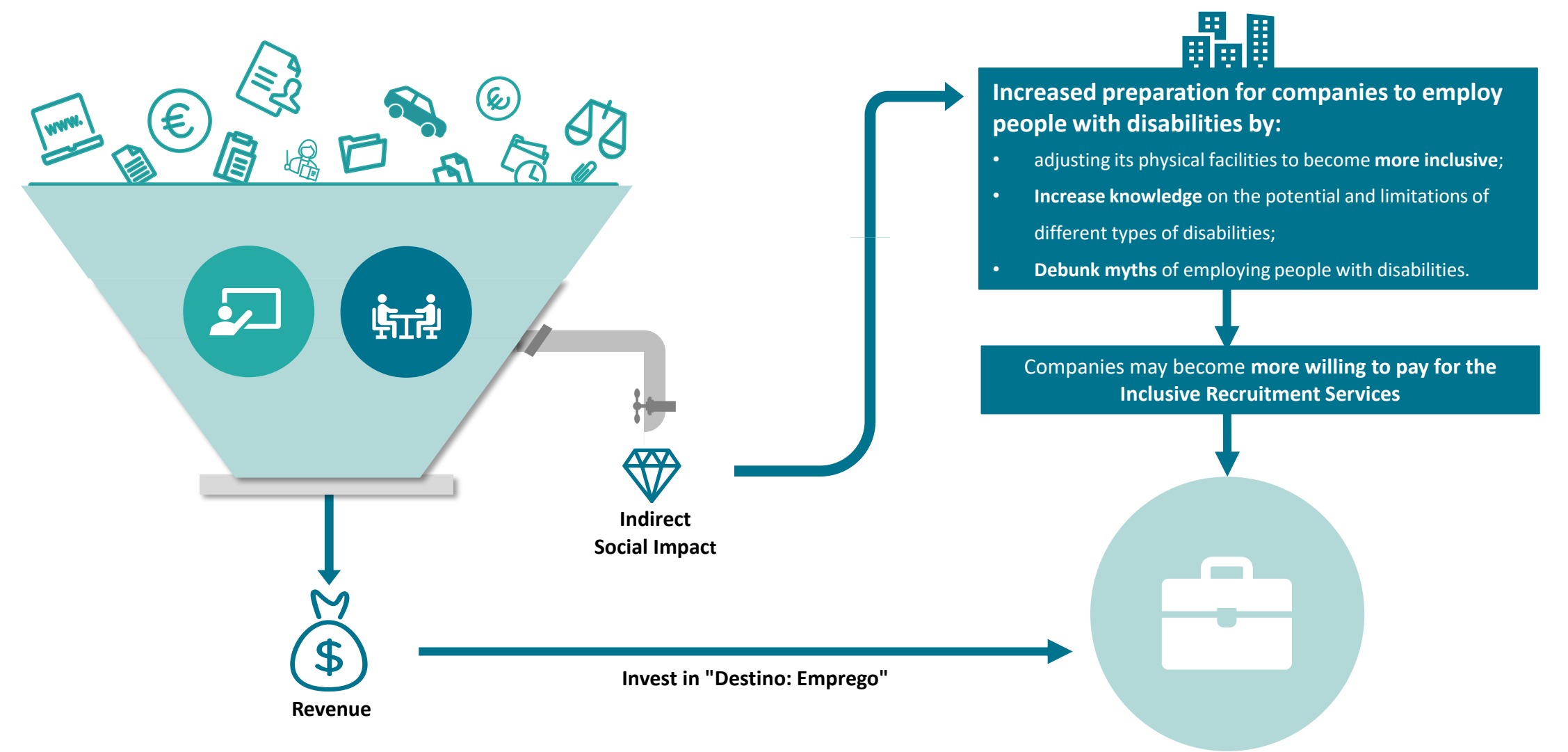
“Destino: Emprego” is one of the most impactful projects within Associação Salvador and the Inclusive Recruitment Service may help it become more financial sustainable.

However, currently the market seems to be unavailable to pay for the Inclusive Recruitment Service...

So, for now, focusing on the Inclusive Consulting Services and Awareness Sessions can present a source of revenue for Associação Salvador to ensure its financial sustainability.

Nonetheless, can these two paid business models have other positive implications?

Developing the Inclusive Consulting Services and Awareness Sessions business models can increase Associação Salvador’s social impact. In addition, its revenues can be used to invest in “Destino: Emprego”



Chapter 4: Key Takeaways

4.1

Cost Structure

- It was possible to determine the **estimated cost structure (fixed and variable)** for each project by categorizing into different types of costs according to the marketing-mix, Associação Salvador's financial reports and interviews.
- The **Inclusive Consulting Services** has the **highest fixed cost** due to the need of hiring a Project Manager to manage the three types of projects.
- The Awareness Sessions and Inclusive Recruitment services both **have lower fixed cost structure since most of its costs are in specialized services.**

4.2

Sensitivity Analysis

- It was **not possible to determine the breakeven volume for the Inclusive Recruitment Service** given that it is not clear that the market is willing to pay for this service.
- The **Inclusive Consulting Services** require **between 20 and 27 projects** annually to reach the breakeven point, while the **Awareness Sessions** **between 5 and 8.**
- The market-share needed to capture to reach financial sustainability for the **Awareness Sessions** is **1%** whereas in the **Inclusive Consulting Services** is **4%.**

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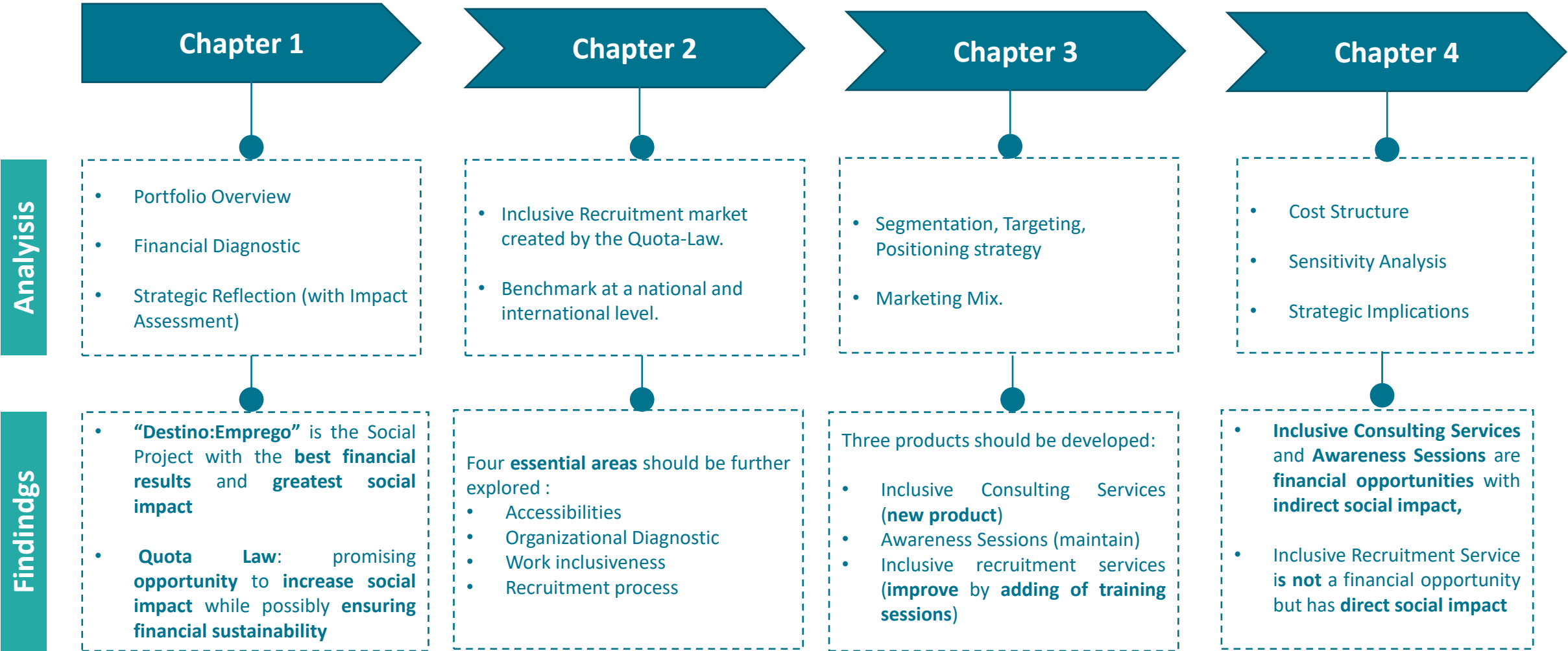
Strategic Implications

- Given the nature of the both Inclusive Consulting Services and Awareness Session's revenue model, it is necessary to have **an agile management strategy to increase the probability of reaching the breakeven point.**
- The Inclusive Consulting Services and Awareness Sessions can have two positive outcomes: **revenues that can be used to invest in "Destino: Emprego"** and a **indirect social impact** that includes preparing the **companies to become more prepared to employ people with disabilities.**

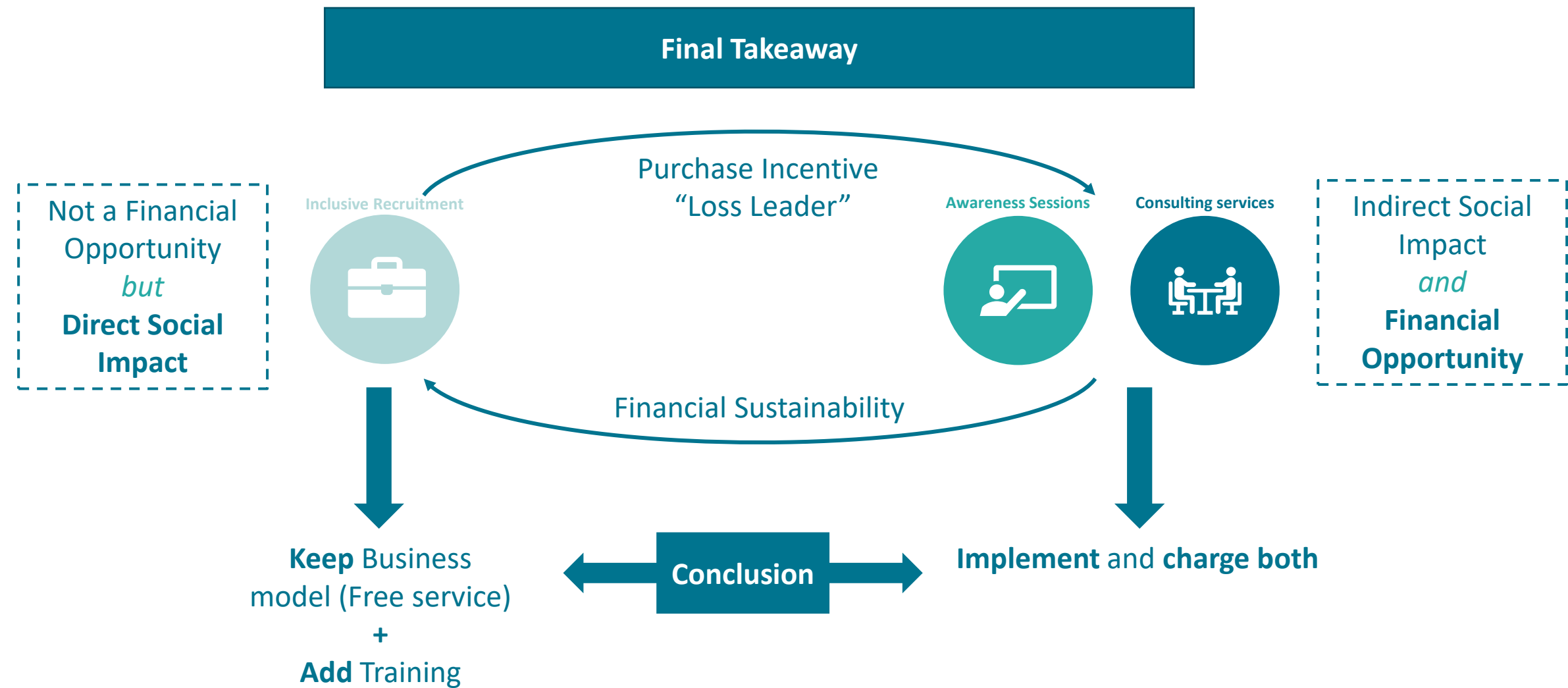
A man in a wheelchair, wearing a blue and white checkered shirt and light-colored trousers, is shaking hands with a smiling woman. The woman is seated at a wooden table, wearing a black sleeveless top and a black skirt, with her legs crossed. She has a laptop open in front of her. The setting is a bright, modern office with large windows in the background showing a cityscape. A potted plant sits on the table between them. A teal semi-transparent banner is at the bottom of the image.

Conclusions

Firstly, “Destino: Emprego” was considered to be the best project to invest given the new law context. Then, 4 specific areas were identified to explore in the market which led to the decision to develop, maintain and improve 3 products



Contrarily to the Inclusive Consulting and Awareness Sessions, the Inclusive Recruitment is not expected to be a financial opportunity. However, given its direct social impact, it should be used as a “loss leader” funded by the other products



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