

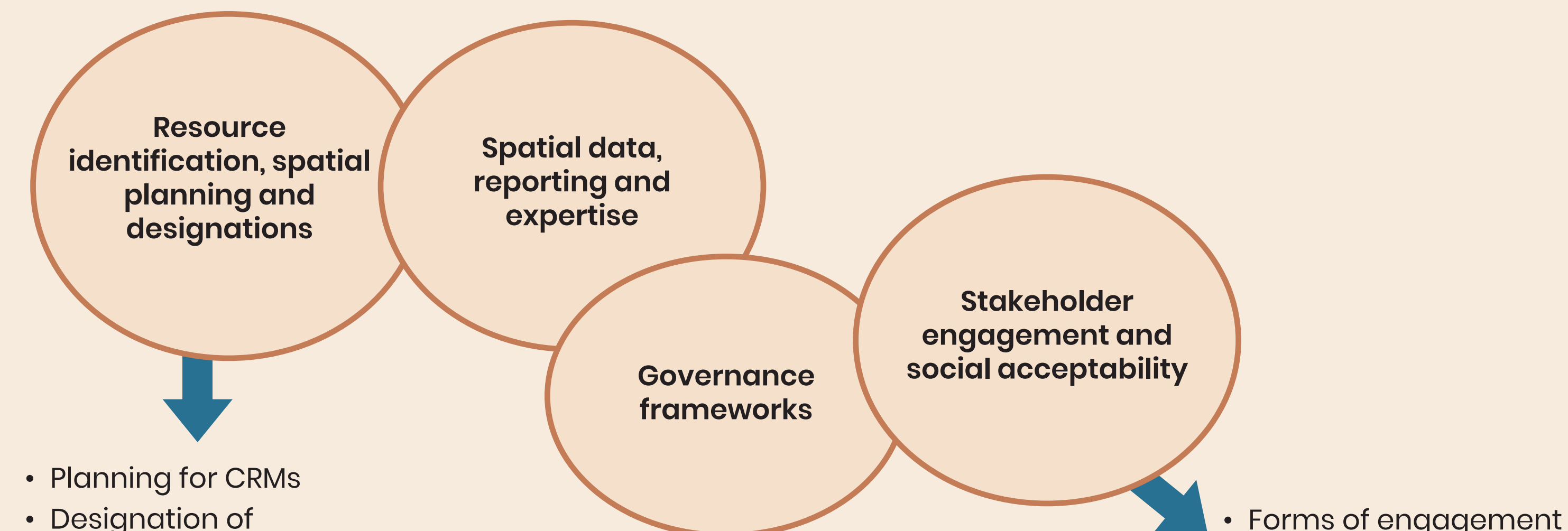
## Baseline of a Fit-for-Purpose Regulatory Framework

1. Protects environmentally sensitive areas; and
2. Enables the sustainable extraction of materials.

## Key Points

- Tension between mining and environmental protection expected to increase in the coming years.
- Areas to be addressed for the successful realisation of EU mineral and environmental objectives.
- Input of successful objective realisation into the streamlining of current systems.
- Overly restrictive approaches to the Nature Directives by member states create implementation problems.
- Results of the fitness-for-purpose assessment confirm the barriers to more effective decision-making as identified by previous studies and identify others.
- Increased need for CRM extraction and demands on the regulatory systems responsible will likely exacerbate barriers, slowing down decision-making.

## Barrier Themes Identified



- Planning for CRMs
- Designation of protected areas
- Issues around SEA, Habitats Directive Assessment and WFD
- Planning for shared use and compensation

- Forms of engagement
- Securing acceptance

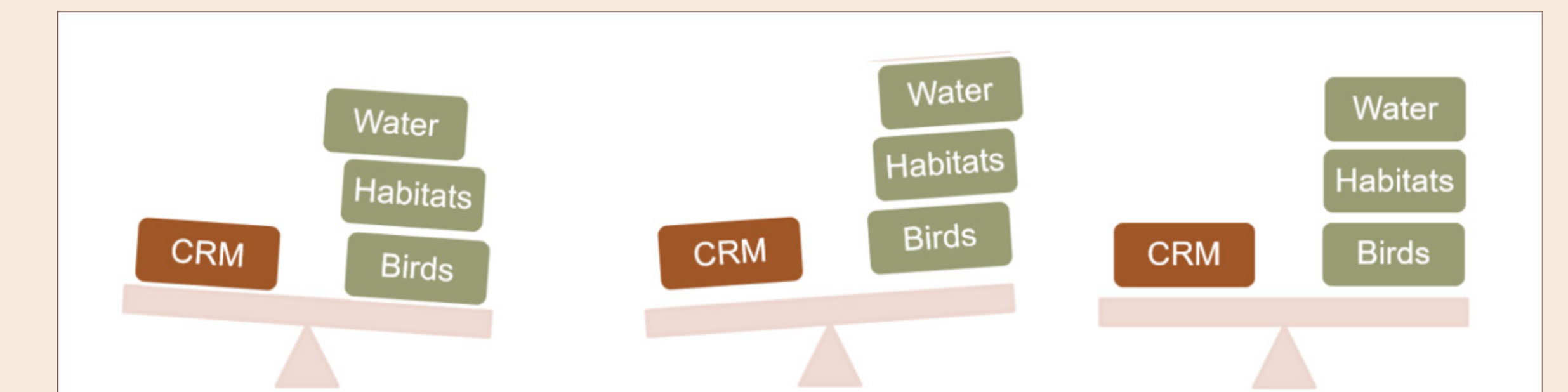
### Streamlining administrative procedures

- Fragmentation
- Timelines
- Strategic project definition
- Environmental assessment procedures
- Roles and responsibilities
- Documentation,
- One-stop-shop
- Pre-planning
- Legal challenges

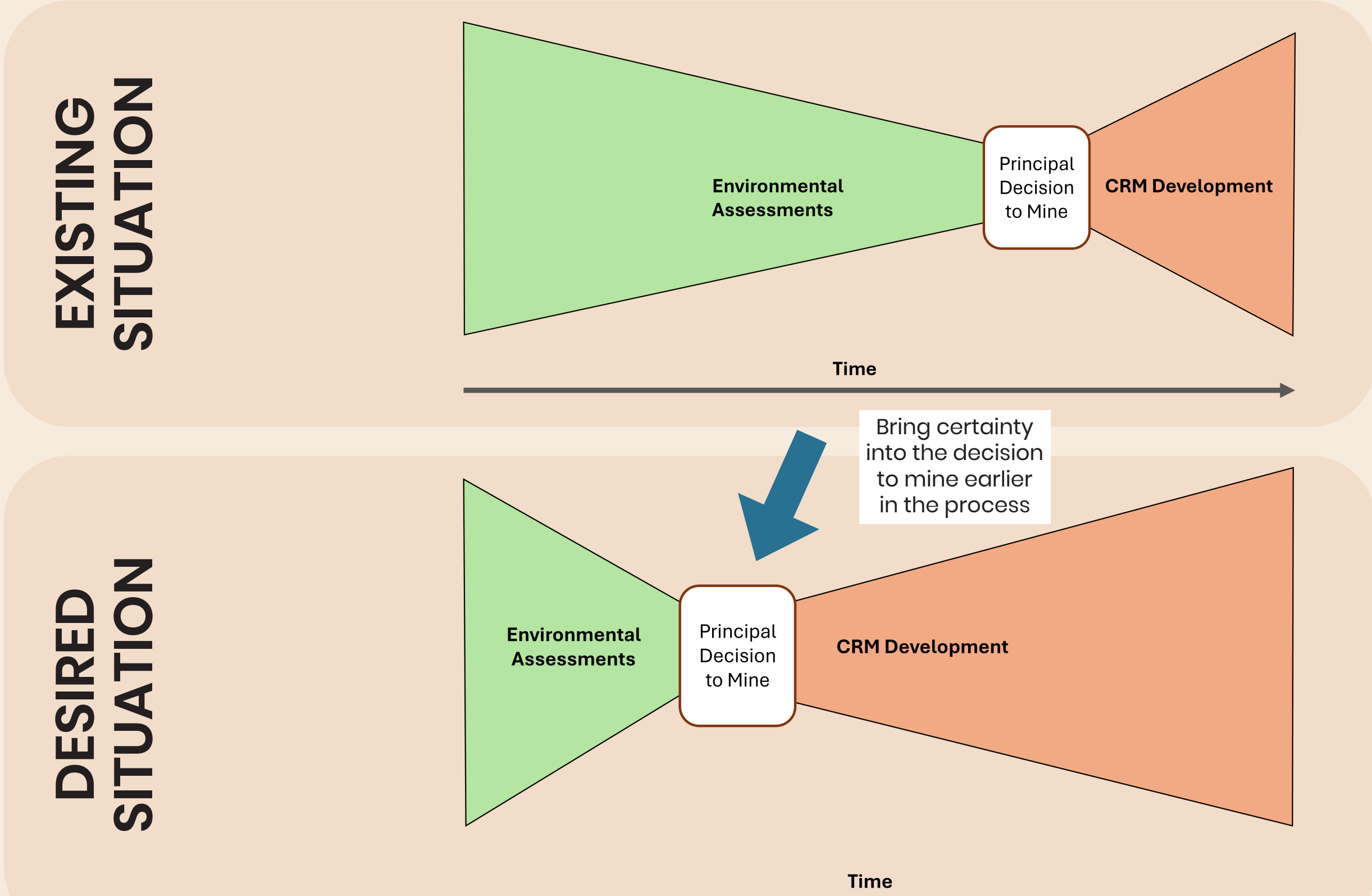


## Conclusions

Significant challenges identified with the reconciliation of increasing environmental protection and speeding up the process of CRM development.



## Recommendations



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