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The Provider-User Interplay in ABS

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To get started, let's remind ourselves: ABS is a story about ...

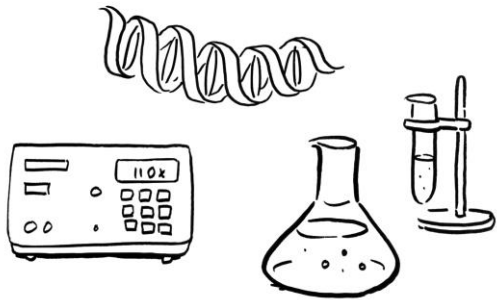


Genetic resources

and/or



traditional knowledge



that are utilized in research

to develop



new knowledge and/or new products.

Beyond that – and at the core – ABS is a story about **people**. ABS brings together ...



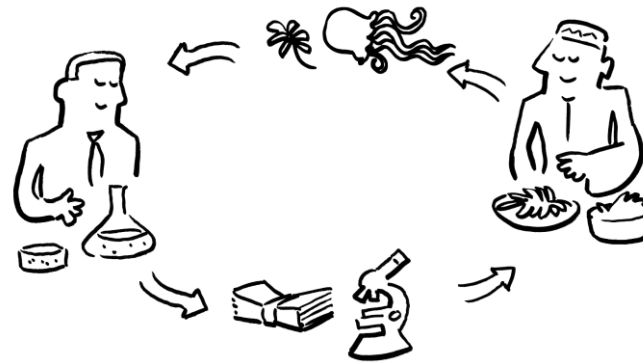
of genetic resources
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of those resources and/or
knowledge, as well as

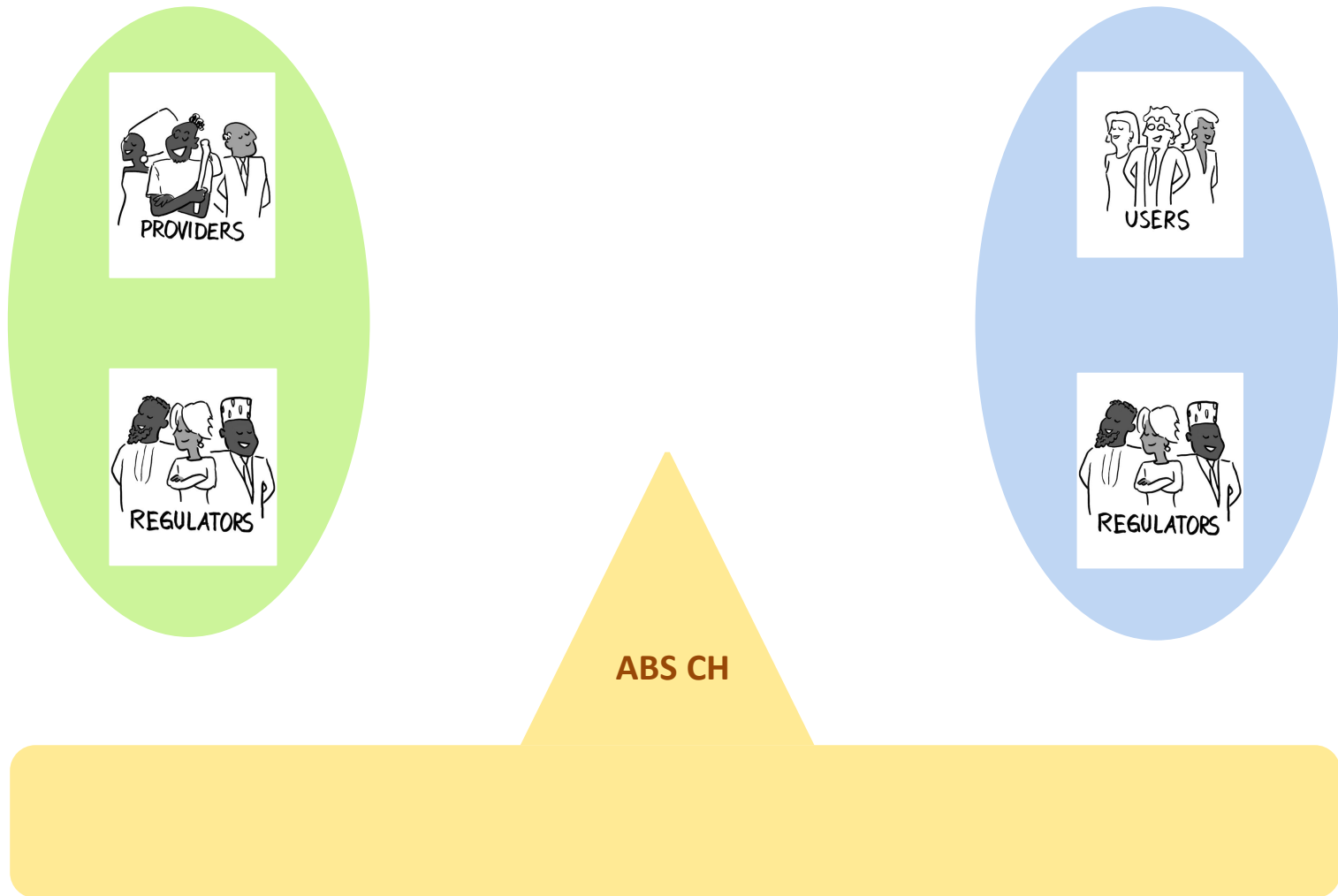


on both sides,



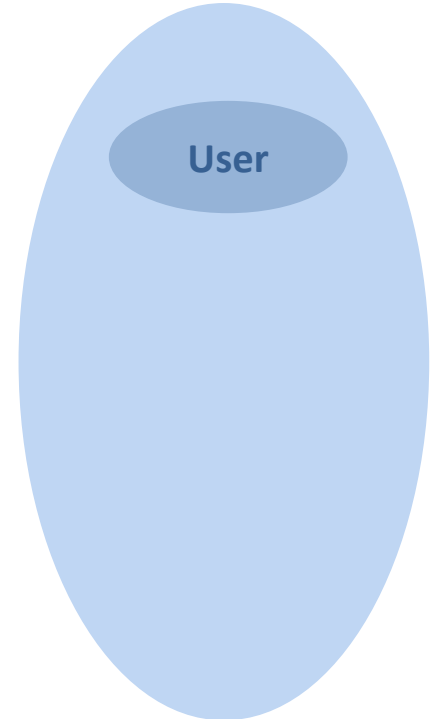
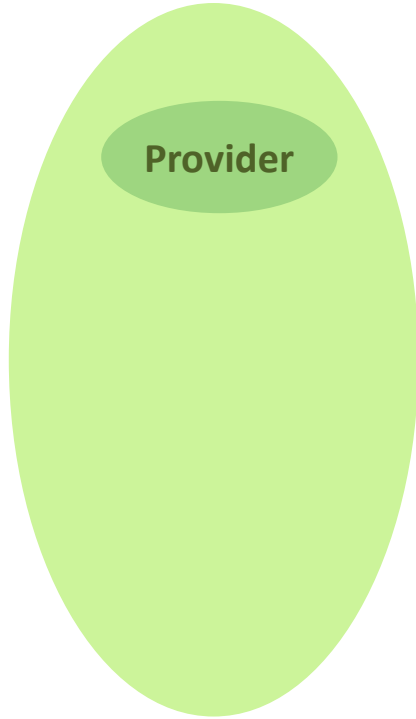
to ensure that ABS partnerships are implemented
and benefits shared in a fair and equitable way.

But how do all these different people work together? And how does the ABS CH support them?

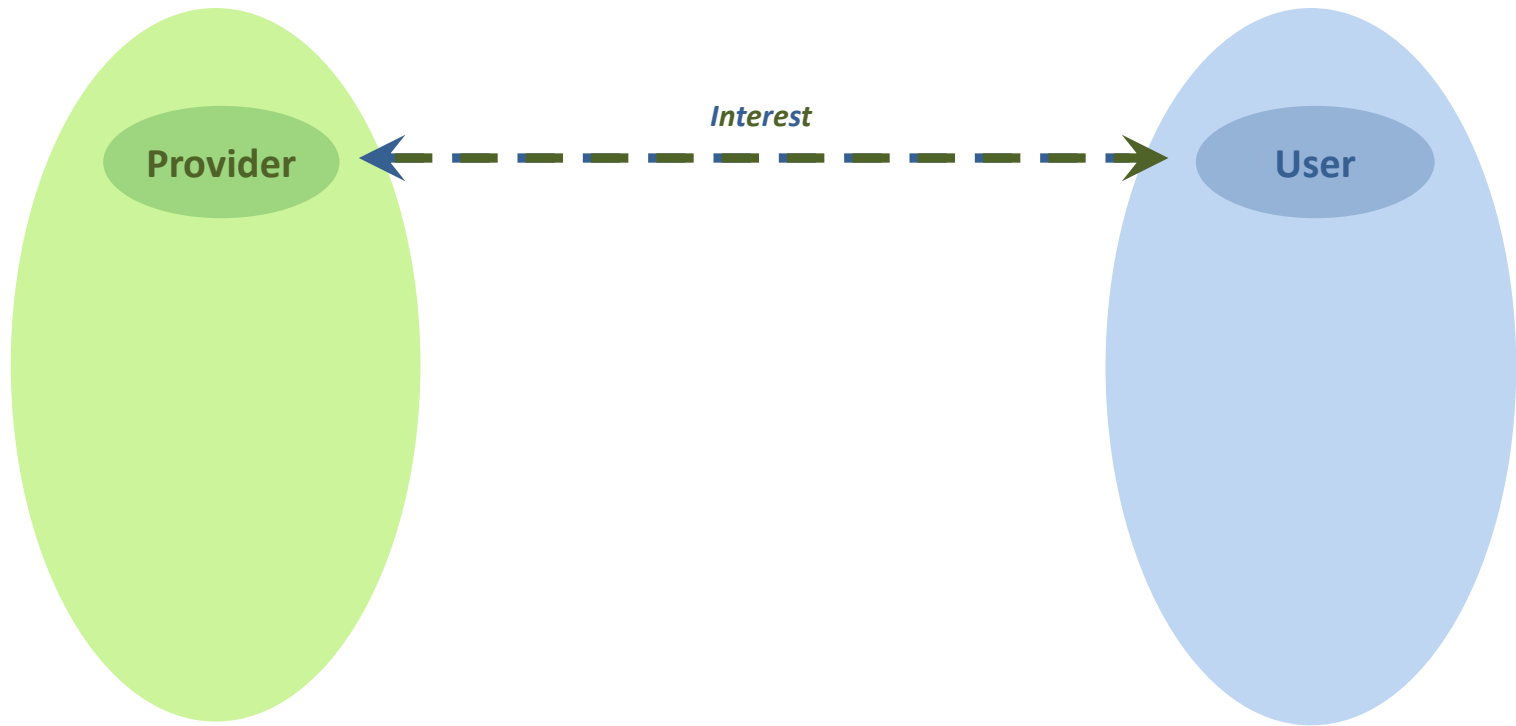


→ Let's have a closer look at this 'interplay', in a schematic way.

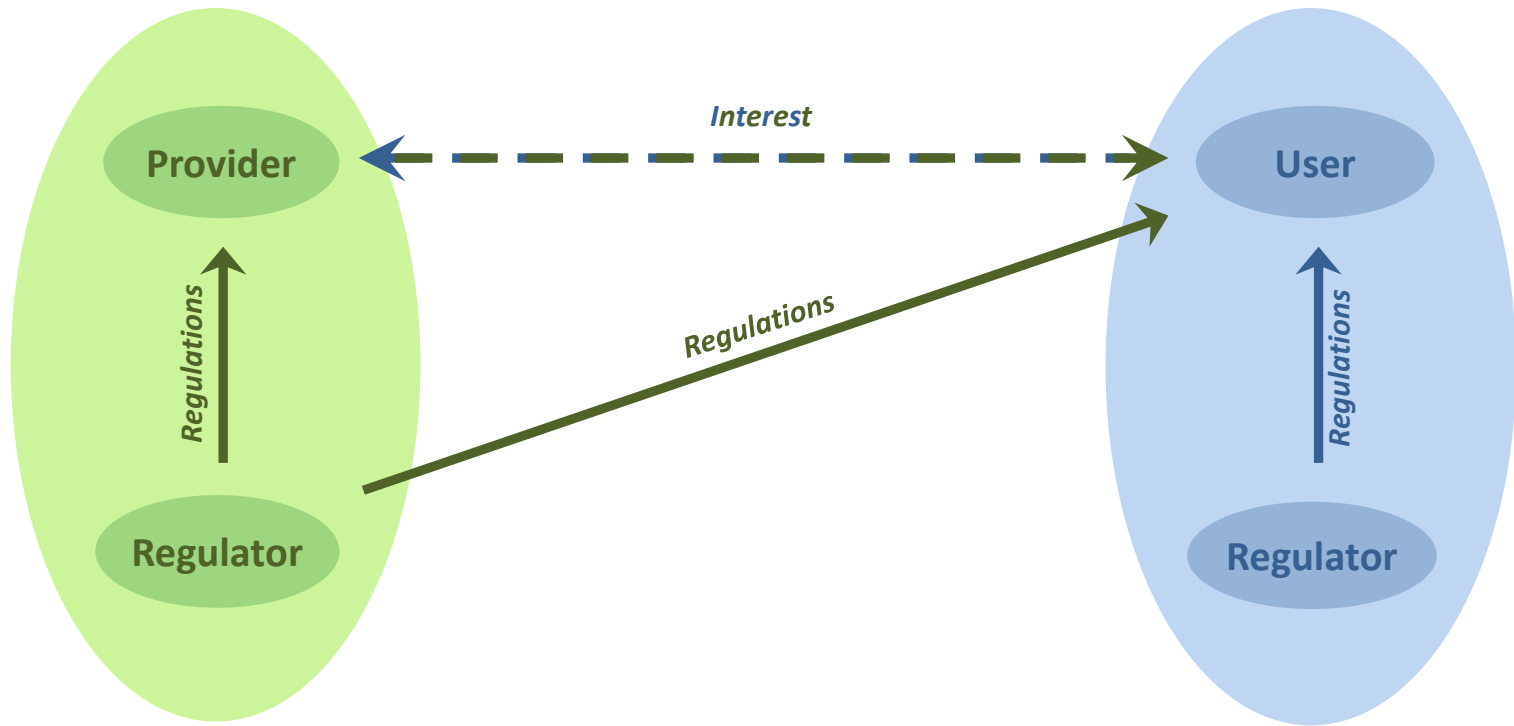
Somewhere in the world, there are a provider of GR & aTK and a potential user.



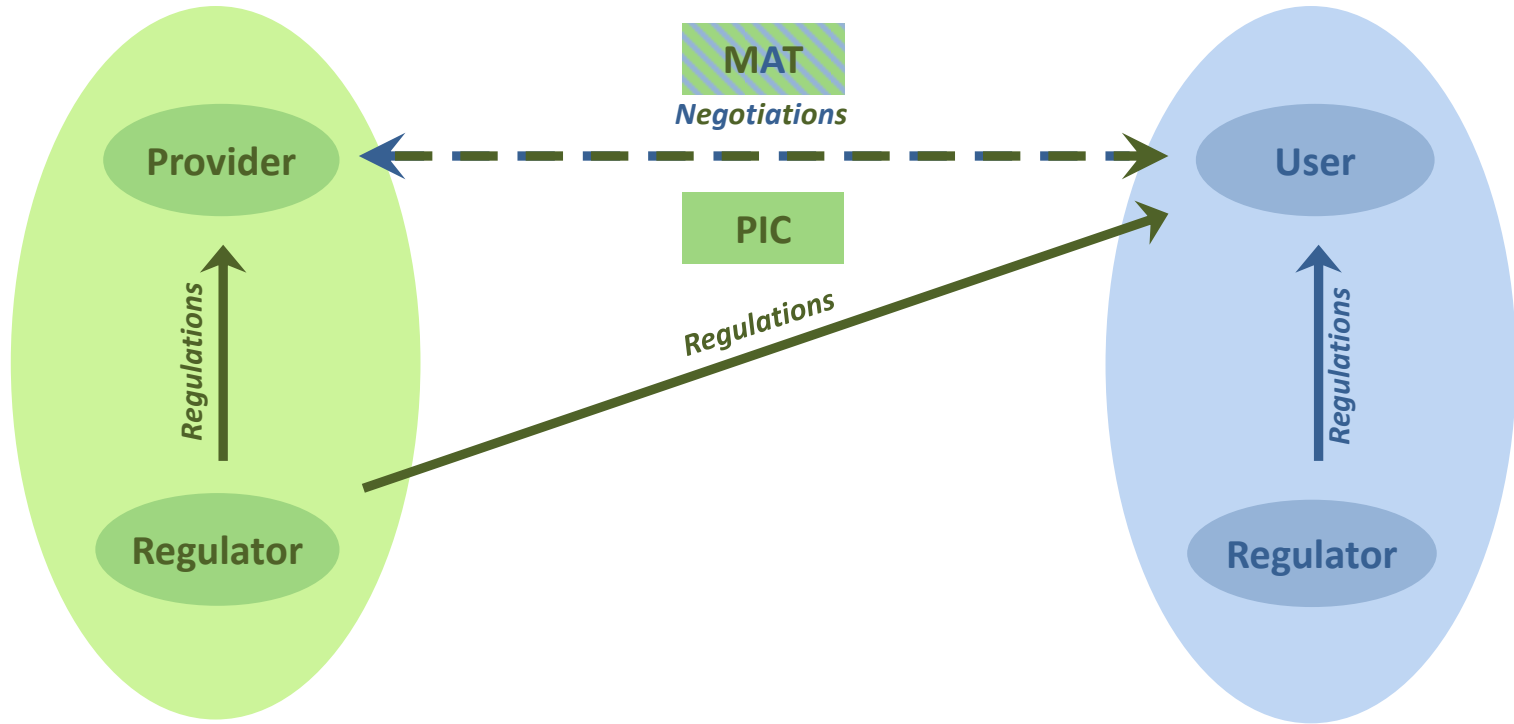
They become interested in forming an ABS partnership.



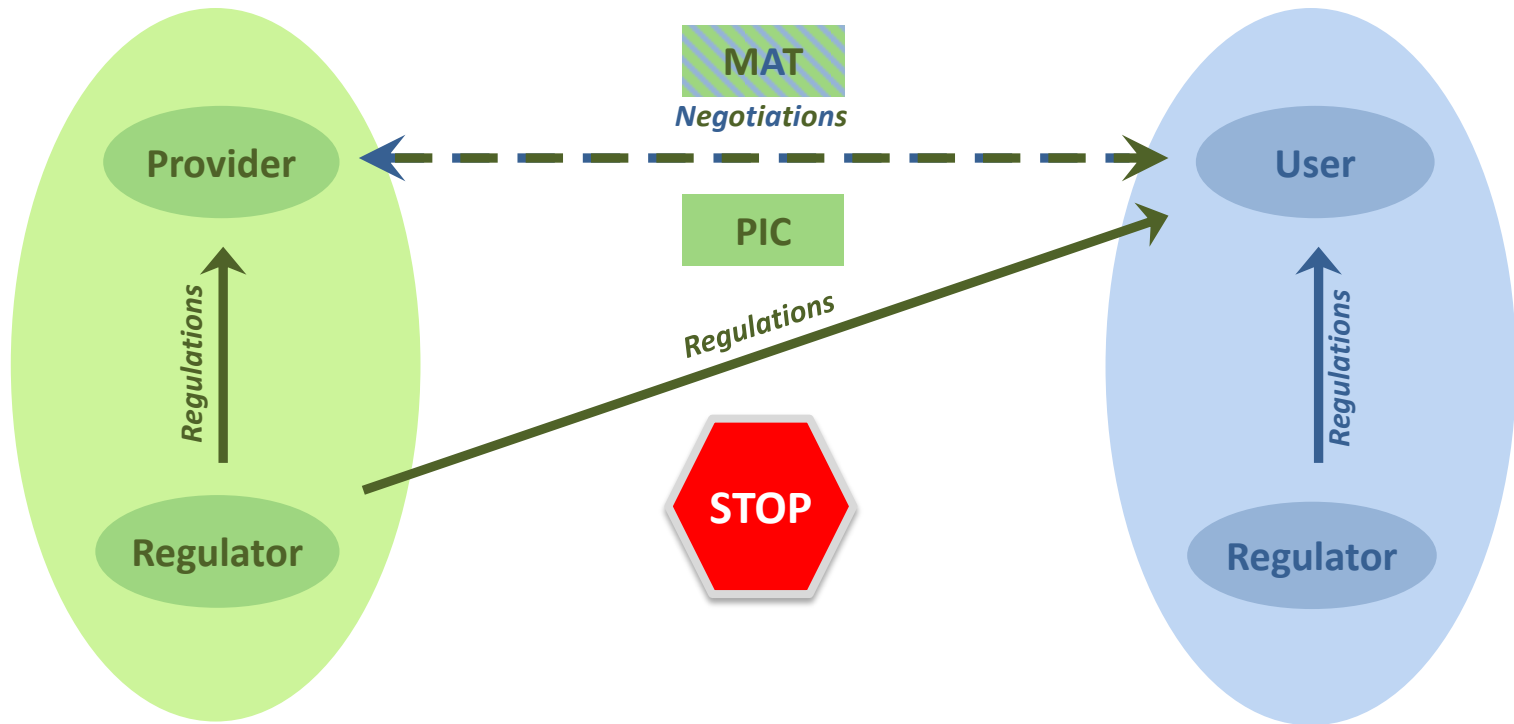
They realize that there is a set of rules they have to consider.



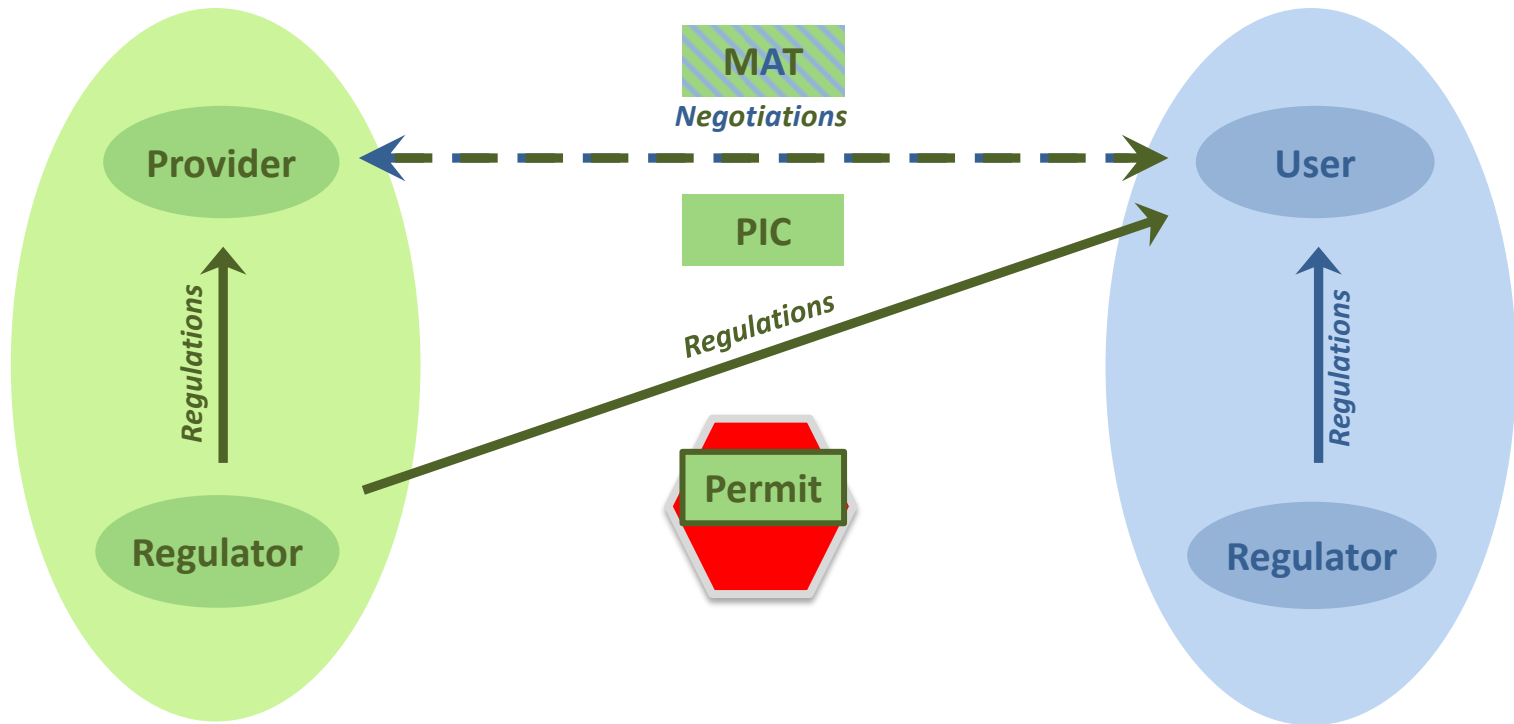
Finally, they get to cooperate and agree on terms and conditions. That's great! BUT ...



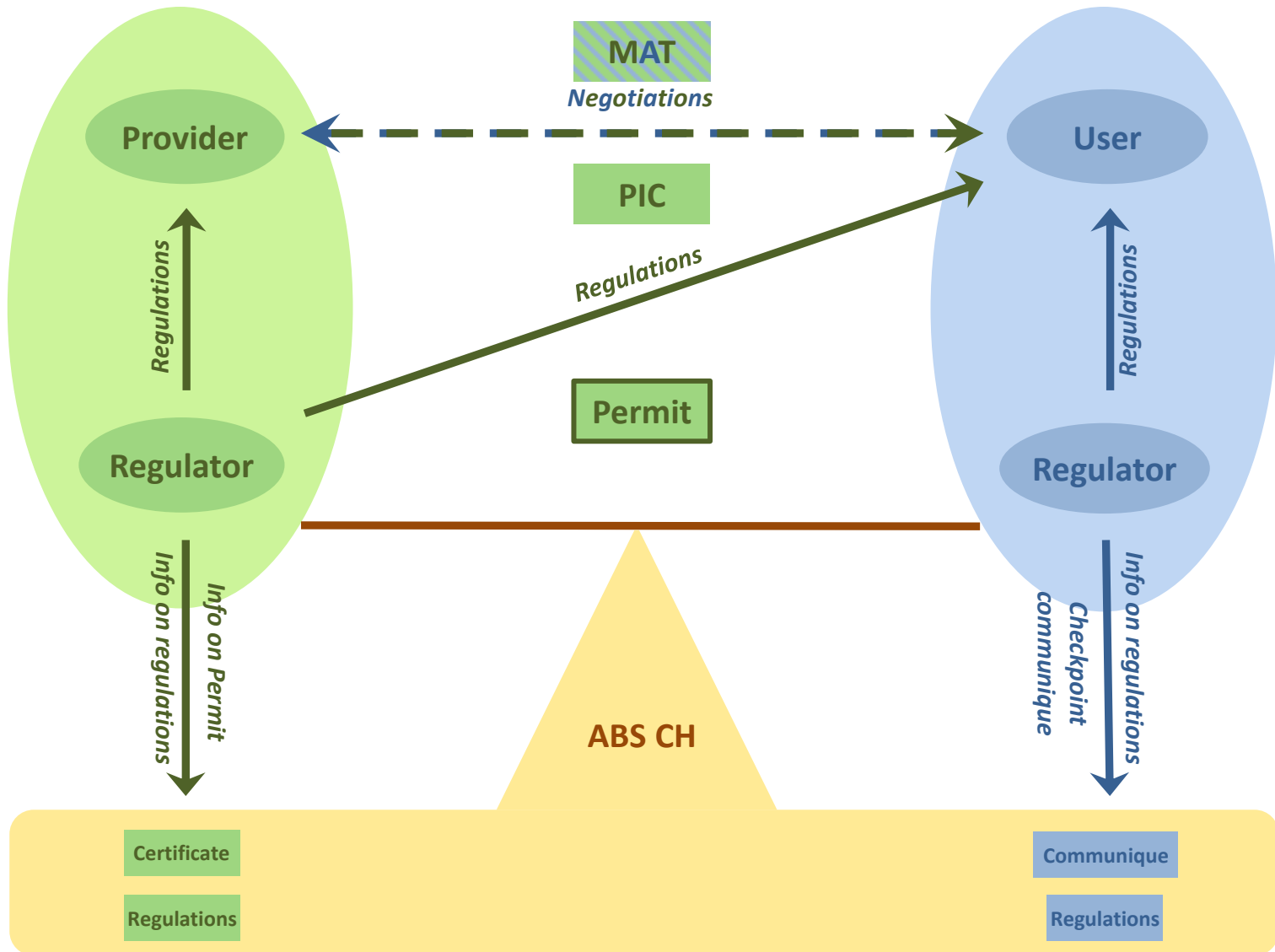
The user cannot yet work with the resource, because one crucial element is still missing.



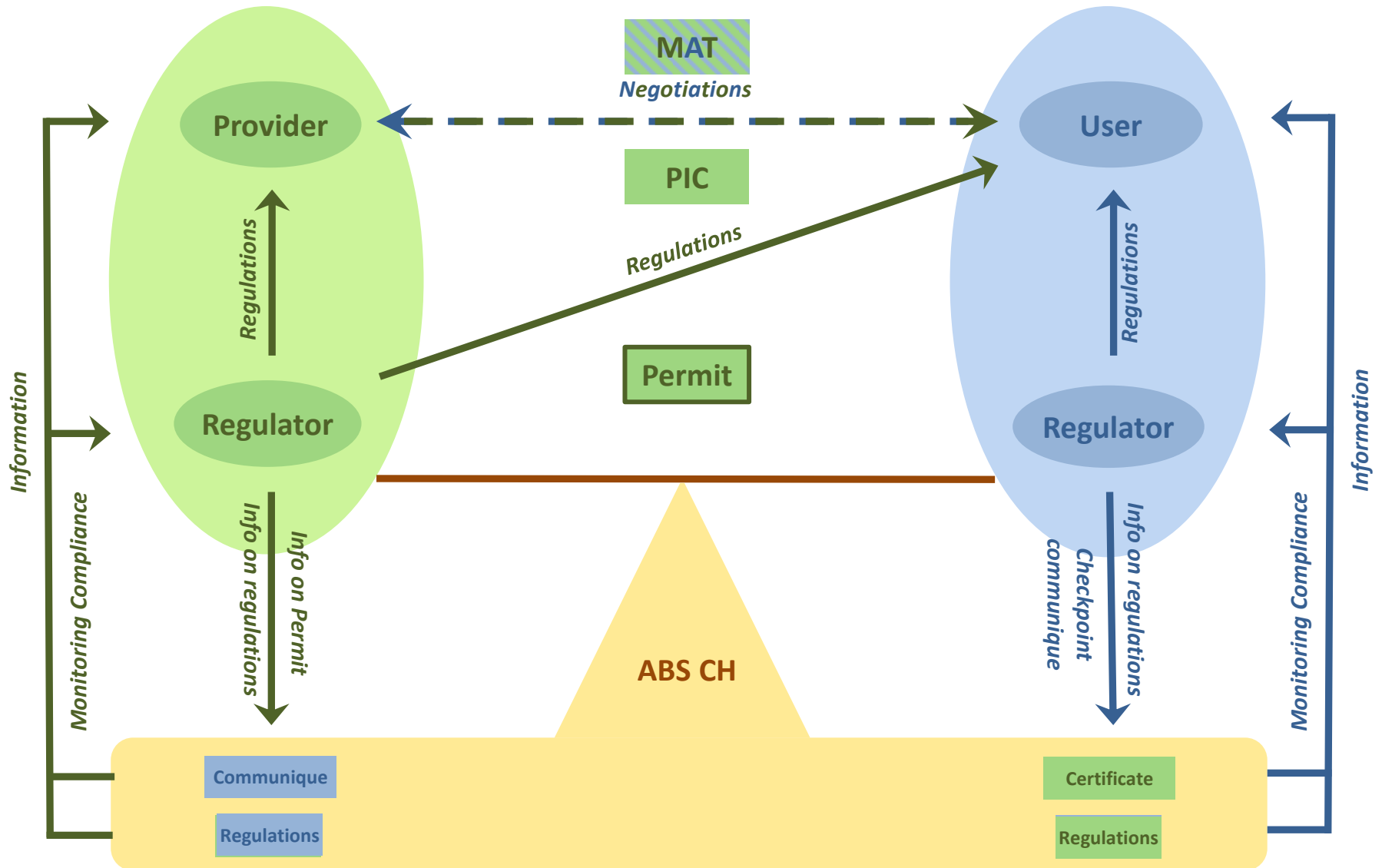
The cooperation needs to be officially recognized by a governmental permit. AND ...



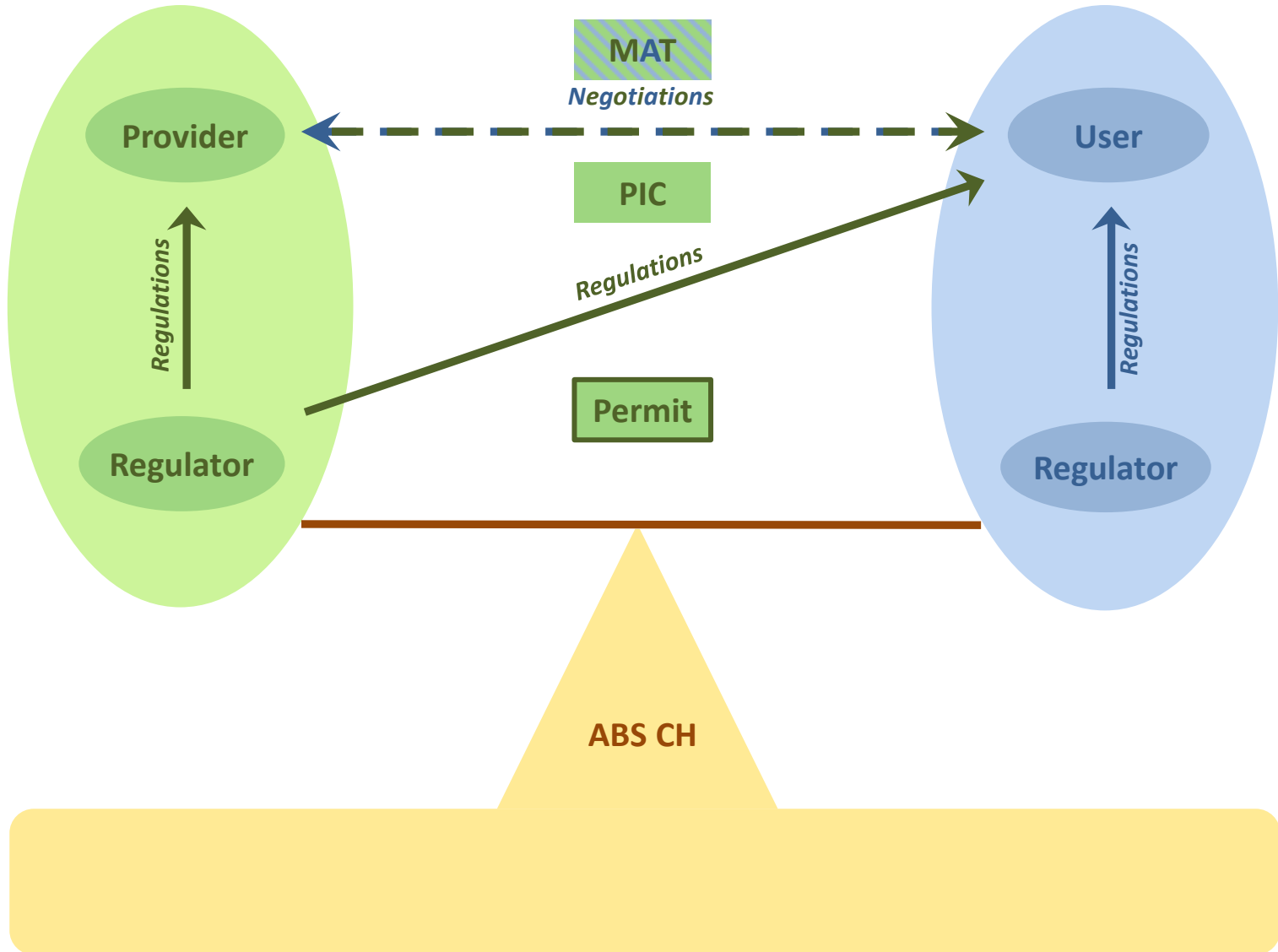
All relevant information needs to go into the ABS Clearing House. – Why?



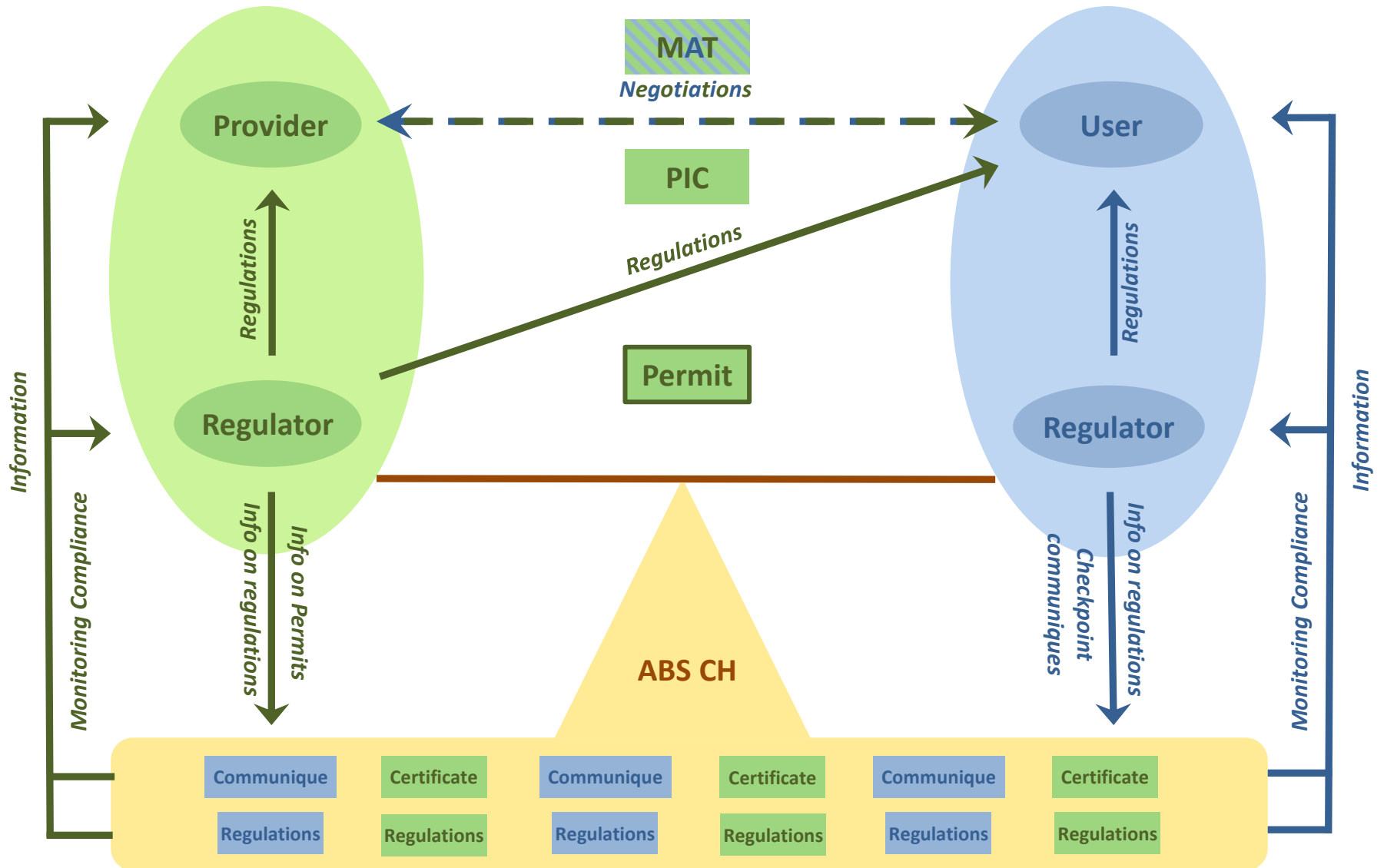
The ABS Clearing House supports providers and users, a) to stay **informed** about each other and b) to **monitor compliance** with the conditions of the cooperation.



Without up-to-date information in the ABS Clearing House, the system remains shaky.



A well-filled ABS Clearing House, with up-to-date information on the **multiple** providers and users that interact in the world, renders the ABS system stable and **functional**.



Your questions, please. – Thank you!

