

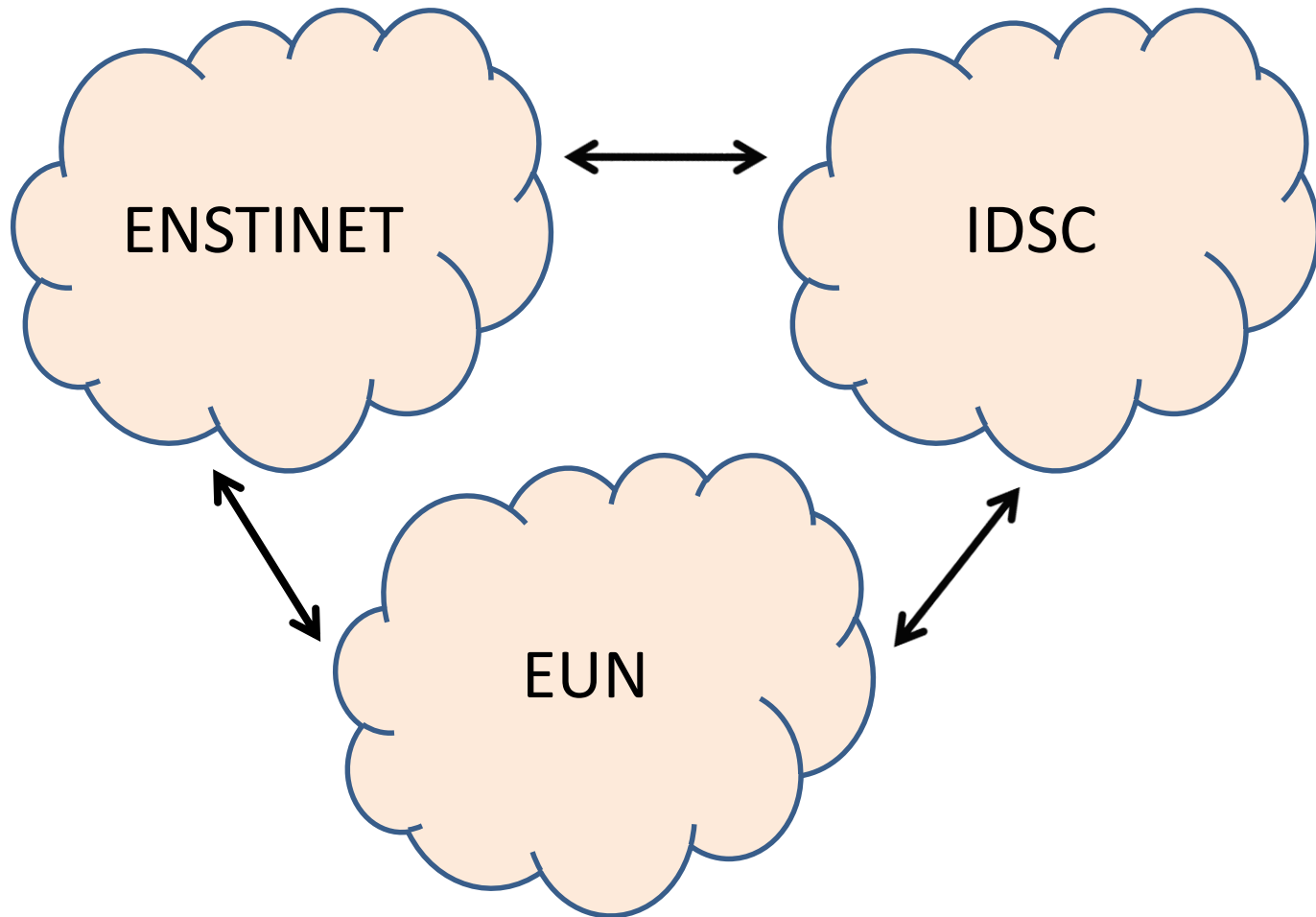
Women in Early Networking Days of Egypt

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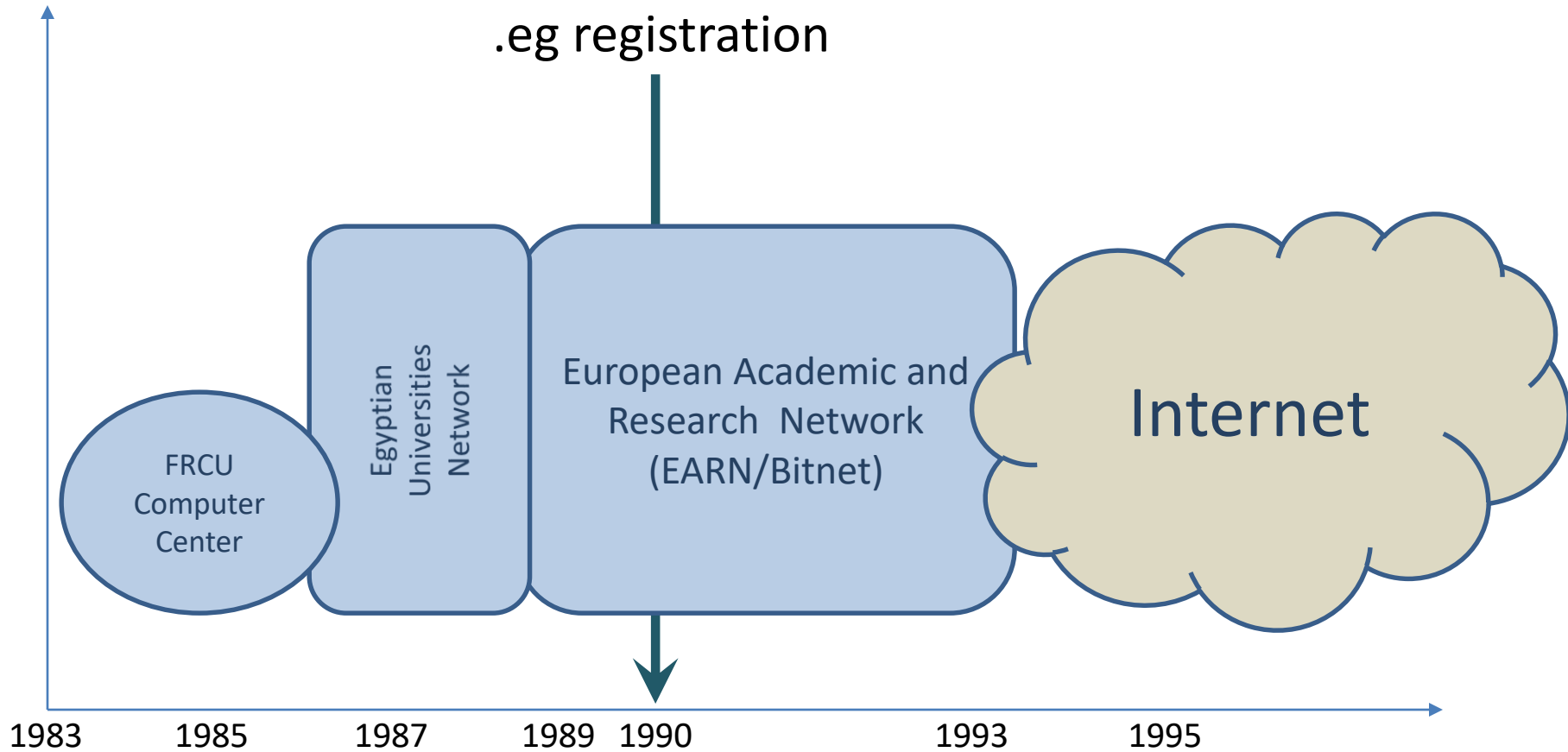
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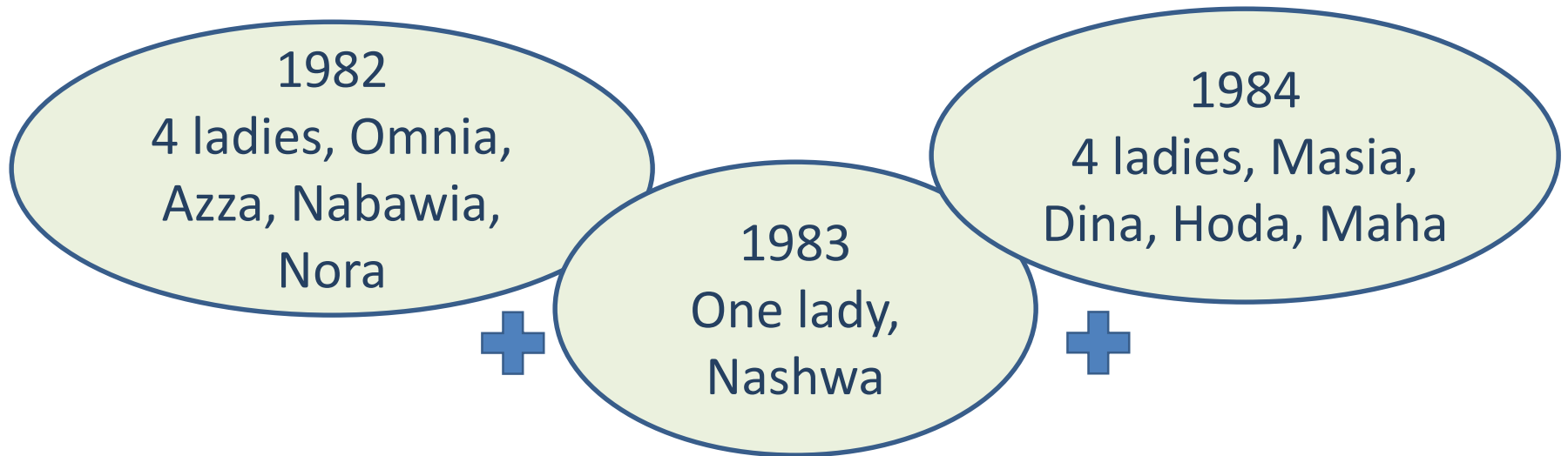
Late 80s Networking in Egypt



EUN Early Days



EUN IT Team in The 80s



The nine young ambitious ladies were fresh graduate engineers, ranked top 5 of their classes. They were responsible for providing EUN members with many services such as:

- System Admin work
- Programming when needed
- Teaching IT basics

***WITHOUT ANY TRAINING
only university education followed by SELF STUDIES***

1985-1990

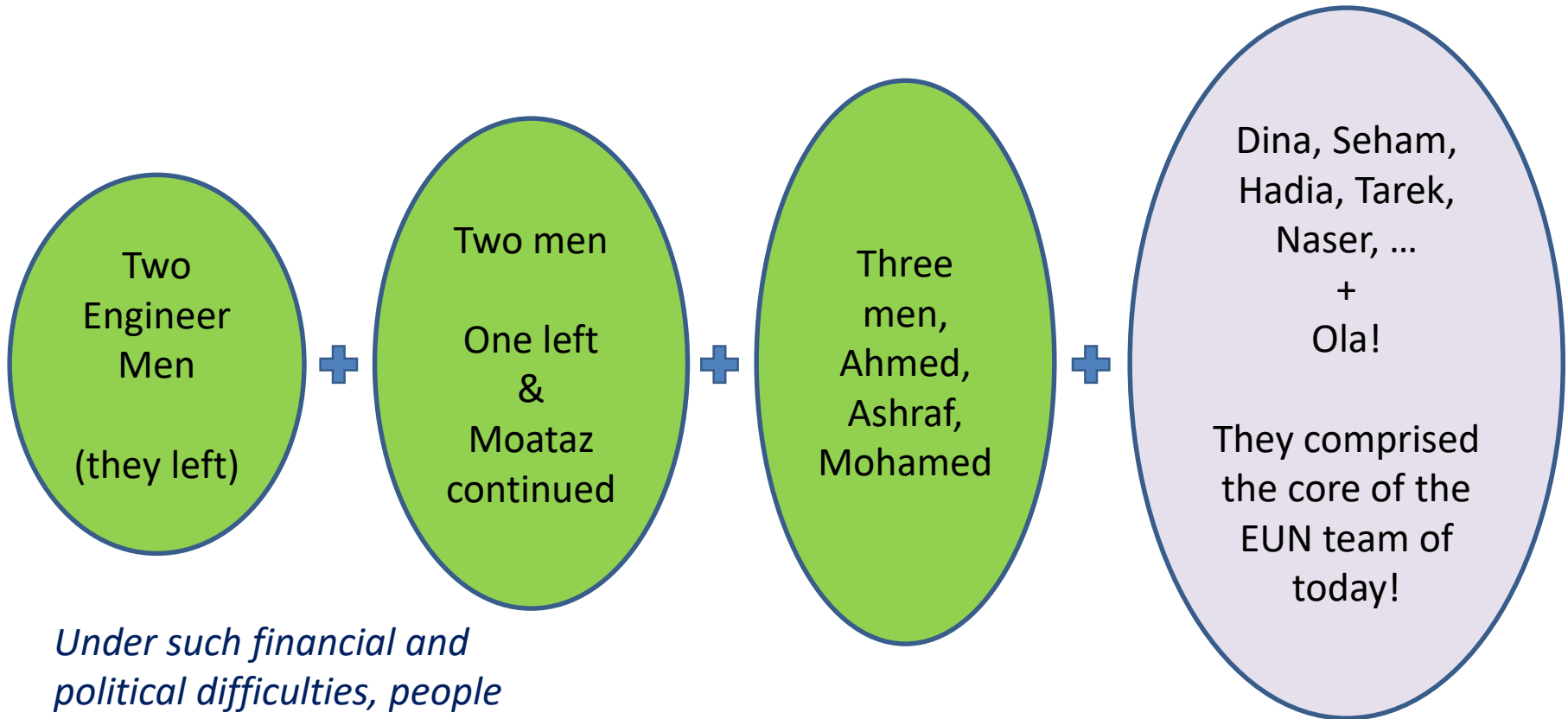
- It was the journey milestone
 - Due to some *political* and *financial* changes in 1985
 - Seven left in few weeks...
- The two young ladies (Nabawia & Nashwa) continued
- Based on their contribution, EUN (Egyptian Universities Network) was inaugurated in 1987
 - Nabawia carried out the system admin duties
 - Nashwa took care of the networking responsibilities

Early 1990s

- 1992 Nabawia had to leave EUN ☹️
- Ethically, I had to continue, but...
- Strategic decision had to be taken here:
 - Fighting for hiring new fresh graduates
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 - Collaboration
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Towards Sustainability

(Team Formulation)

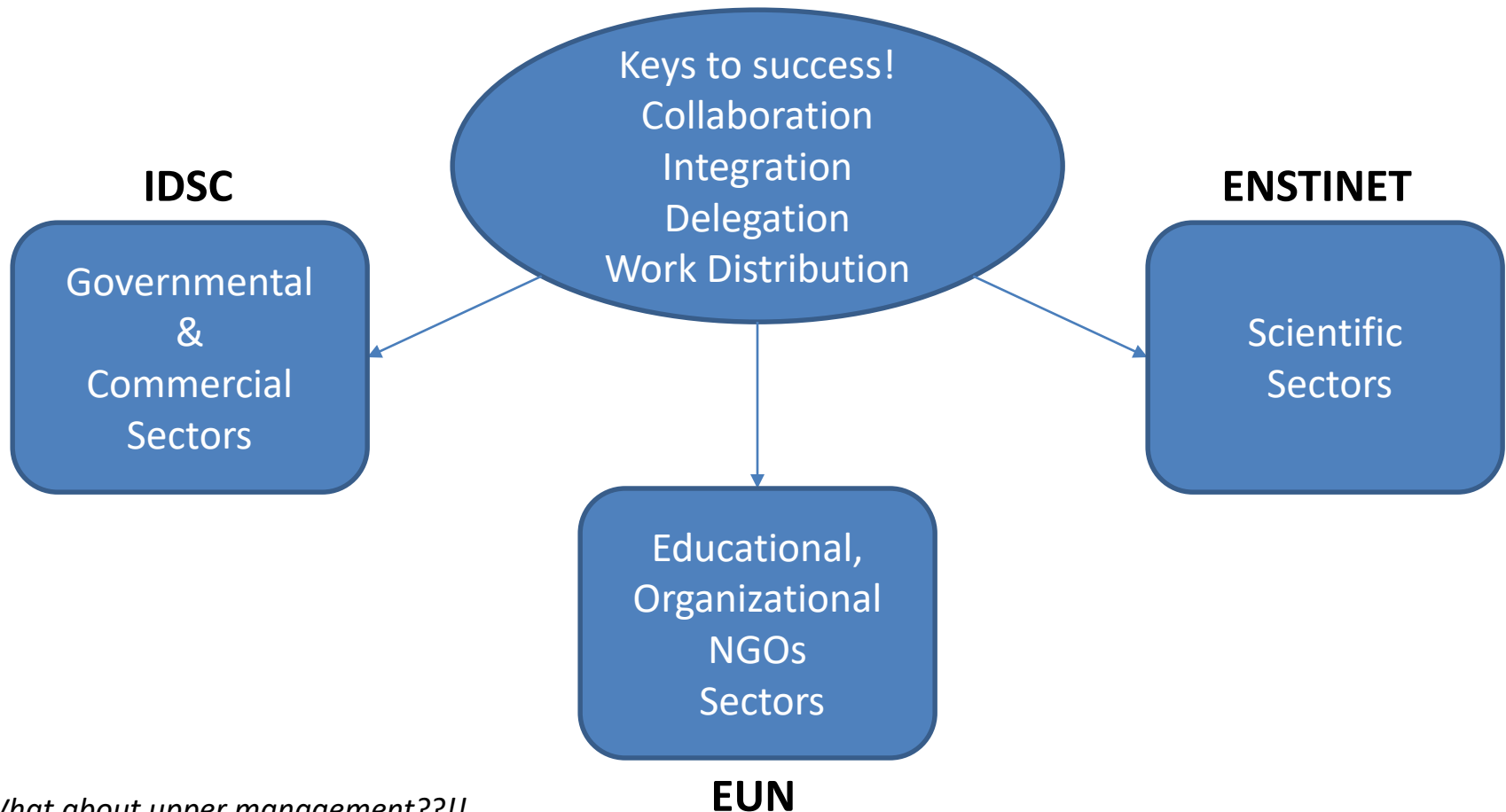


Under such financial and political difficulties, people decided to continue! Why?

- *They felt building their future*
- *They felt ownership & responsibility*

**We kept the network alive!
Started to expand again! 😊**

Collaboration is Empowerment!



*What about upper management??!!
Have they welcomed?
What about tomorrow?*

Networking Key Women!



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since 1995
many more joined the journey
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They are still contributing to this wonderful success story!

Lifelong Learning!

- Young man/woman might leave job for many reasons
 - Seeking another job with better conditions
 - Local or abroad
 - Pursuing higher studies
 - Some women might take a leave to raise kids
 - Later they might think of going back to work, if possible, or they change career – it might not be easy to get back to engineering and/or networking
 - They might start their own private business
 - Which is usually around networking!