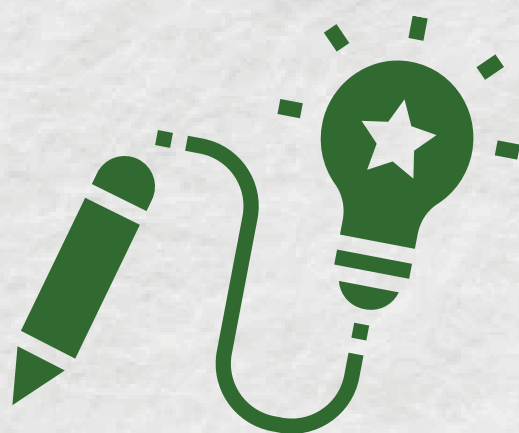# USER STORY 'INVEST' FRAMEWORK

## 01 INDEPENDENT

User stories should be self-contained and free of dependencies on other stories. This allows teams to work on them in any order.

## 02 NEGOTIABLE

Stories are not rigid contracts but placeholders for conversations. Details should be refined collaboratively with stakeholders and project teams.

## 03 VALUABLE

Each story should deliver tangible value to the user or stakeholder, ensuring that it contributes to the product's goals.

## 04 ESTIMABLE

Stories should be small and well-defined enough that the team can estimate the effort required to complete them.

## 05 SMALL

Keep stories small and manageable so they can be completed within a single sprint, reducing complexity and risk.

## 06 TESTABLE

Stories must have clear acceptance criteria to confirm when they are complete and meet the user's needs.