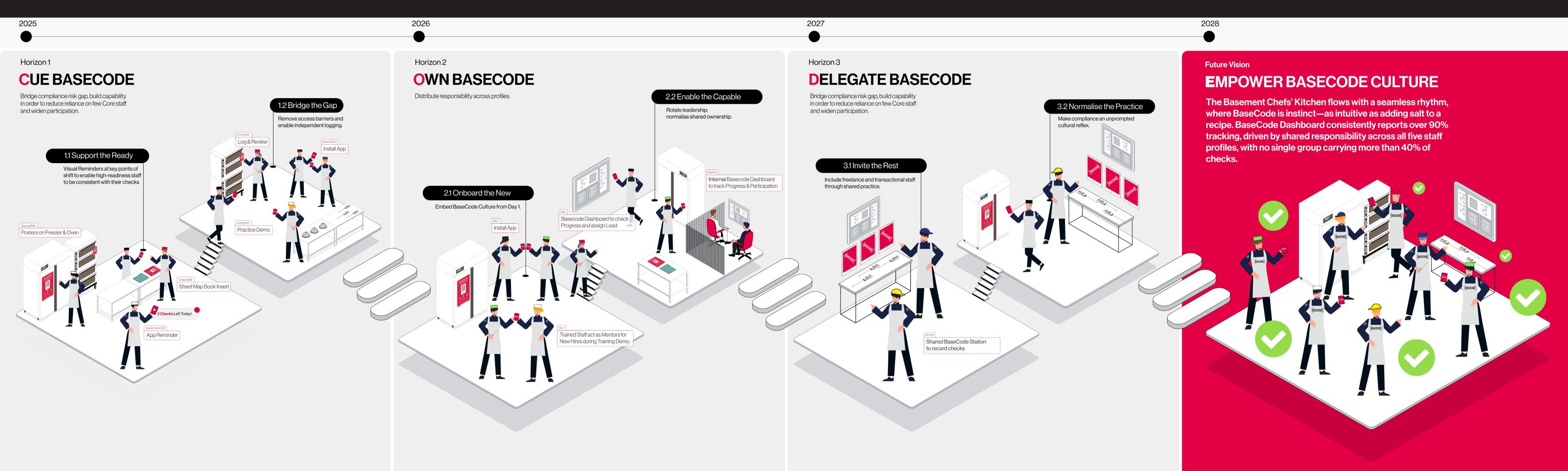
BASECODE Reframing Compliance as Culture



Context & Problem

Food-safety compliance is vital in hospitality kitchens, protecting guests, staff, and reputation. At RAI Amsterdam's Basement Chefs, checks were always valued, but logging sometimes lagged behind the pace of service.

Opportunity

- Capture good practices already happening
- Make compliance more visible and accessible
- Strengthen teamwork so safety is everyone's pride

Challenge reframed:

How can compliance become a shared cultural practice, rather than just a checklist?

Research & Insights

A design research journey: observing kitchens, applying behavioural theory (COM-B, IBM), co-creating with chefs, and testing interventions in real shifts.

Insights

Chefs valued safety but faced practical hurdles:

- Shared ownership needed: tasks fell on a few
- Tools could fit better: app sometimes slowed flow
- Cues missing: habits didn't always stick
- Flex staff felt less included: opportunity to bring everyone in

Challenge reframed:

Compliance succeeds when tools, roles, and routines support the pride chefs already feel in their work.

Solution & Future Impact

Basecode: A set of tools to turn compliance into culture:

- Roadmap gradual adoption from cues to ownership to shared identity
- Dashboard makes contributions visible and balanced
- Profile Cards adapt support to staff categories
- CODE Framework Cue · Own · Delegate · Empower for reflection and action

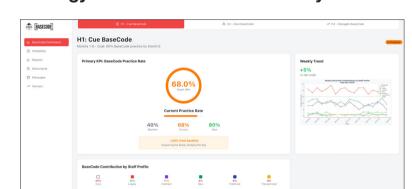
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- Compliance becomes part of the flow of work
- Responsibility is shared across the whole team
- Logging connects to professional pride, not policing

Future vision:

BaseCode as part of the kitchen's identity — as natural as adding salt

Strategy connected to BASECODE System



Track progress via BASECODE Dashboard



CODE Meeting Guide as a reflection tool for stakeholder meetings



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