

The EU Water Framework Directive

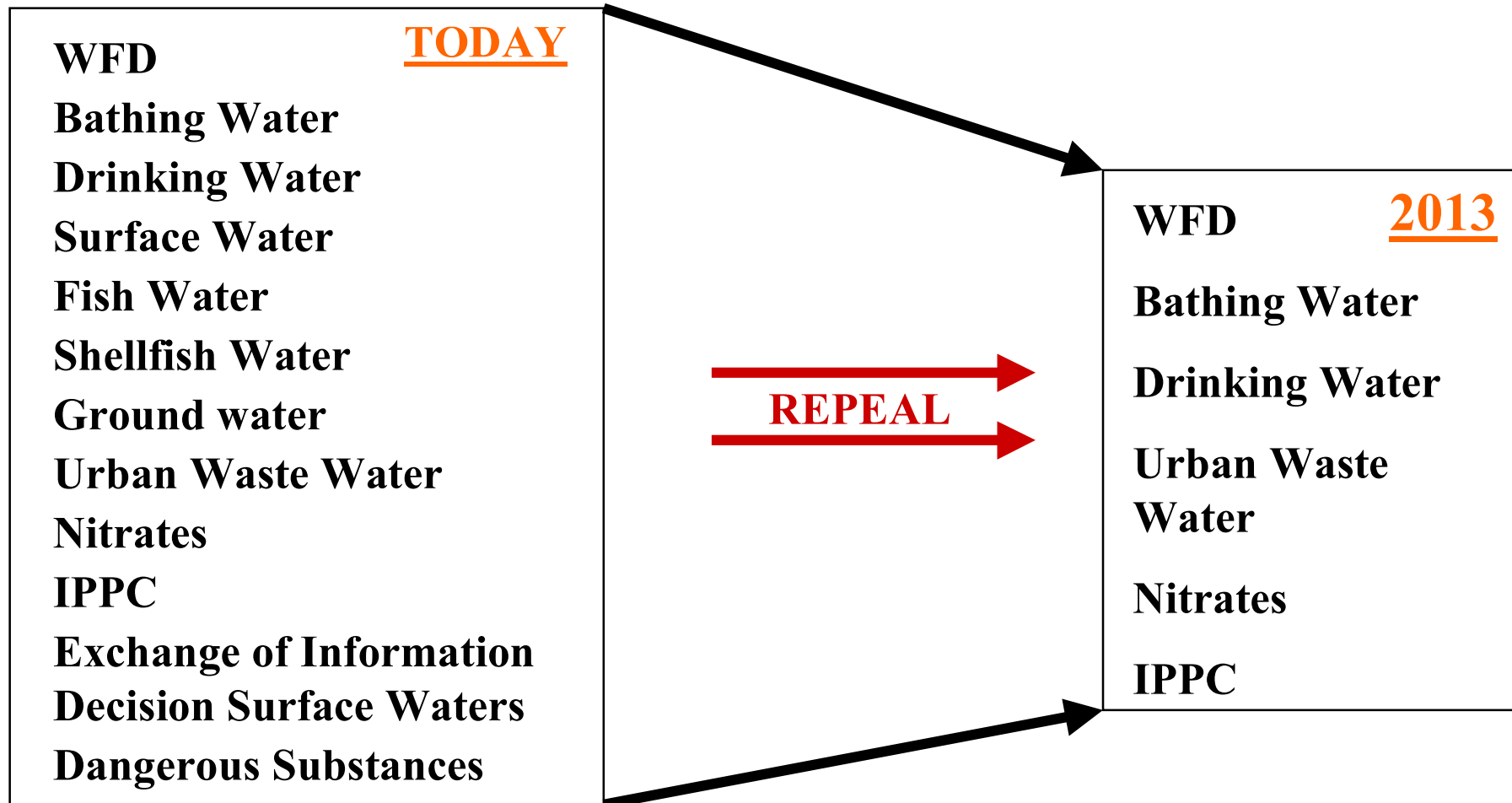
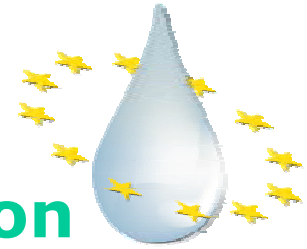
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Diversity of river basins



Evolution of Water Legislation



Water Framework Directive: key elements



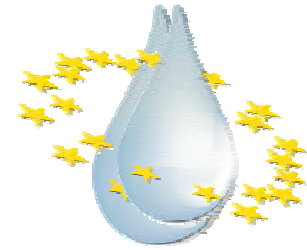
- protecting all waters, surface and ground waters
- covering all impacts on waters.
- good quality ('good status') to be achieved, as a rule, by 2015
- water quality defined in terms of biology, chemistry and morphology

Water Framework Directive: key elements cont'd



- **Management of the River Basin / River basin Management Plans**
- **The challenge of shared river basins**
- **Cost Recovery and Equitable Charging**
- **Public Participation**

Implementation: a continuous & transparent process



Formal transposition into national law

Dec 2003



Environmental analysis, economic analysis

Dec 2004



**Monitoring programmes operational
Public participation at the latest**

Dec 2006

Dec 2006



Draft river basin management plans

Dec 2008



Final river basin management plans

Dec 2009



Implementation, assessment, adjustment

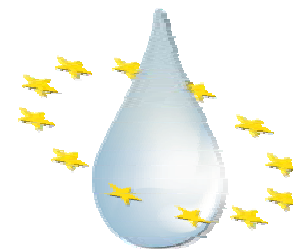
**- 2015
and further**

Cooperation beyond EU current and future borders

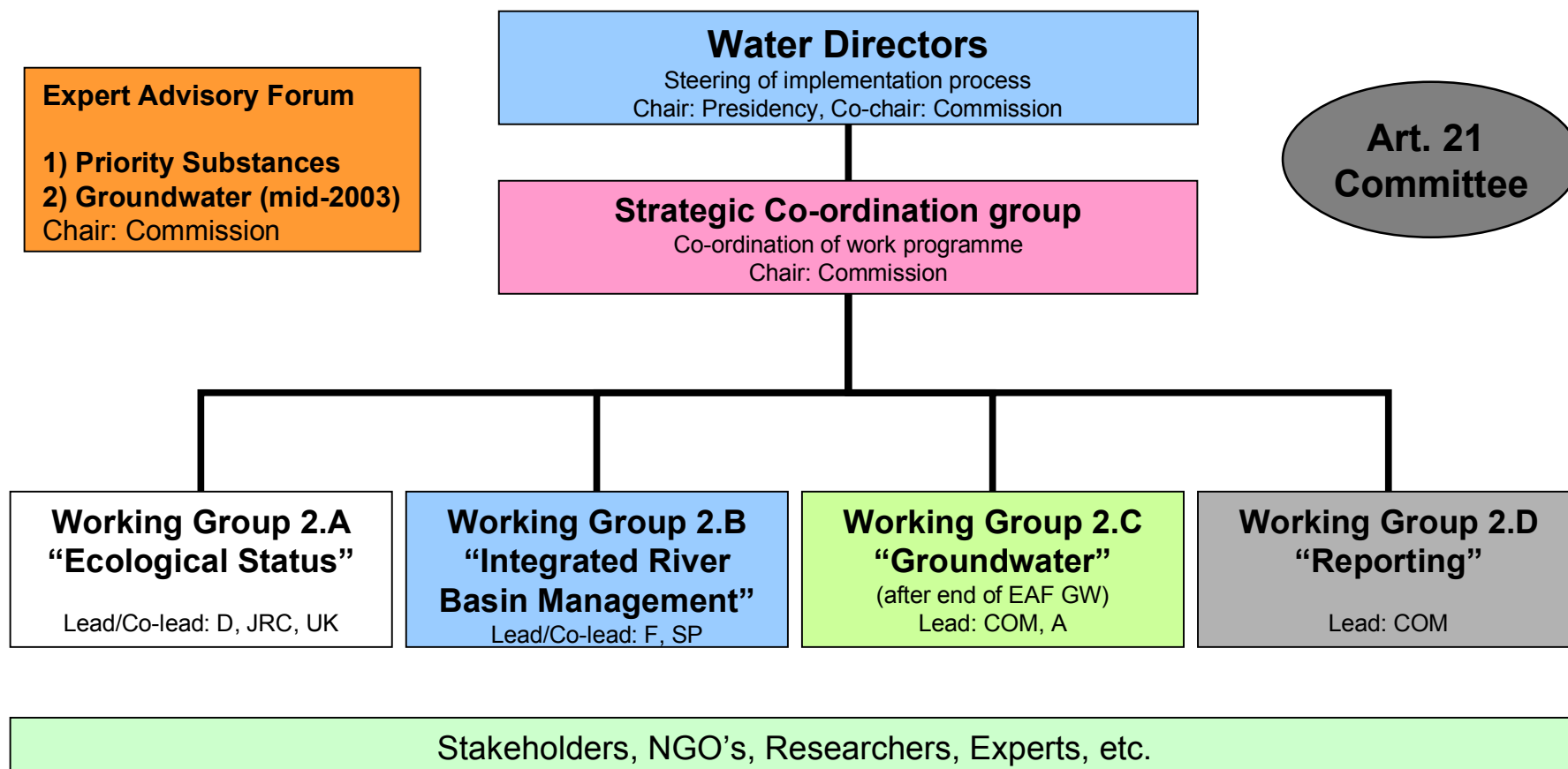


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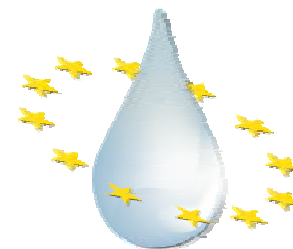
Danube river basin: 18 countries, 817.000 km² catchment area



CIS organisation



Pilot river basins across Europe



B, F, NL (Scheldt),

D, F, L (Moselle-Sarre)

F (Marne)

IRL (Shannon)

DK (Odense Fjord)

SF (Oulujoki)

P (Guadiana)

E (Júcar)

GR (Pinios)

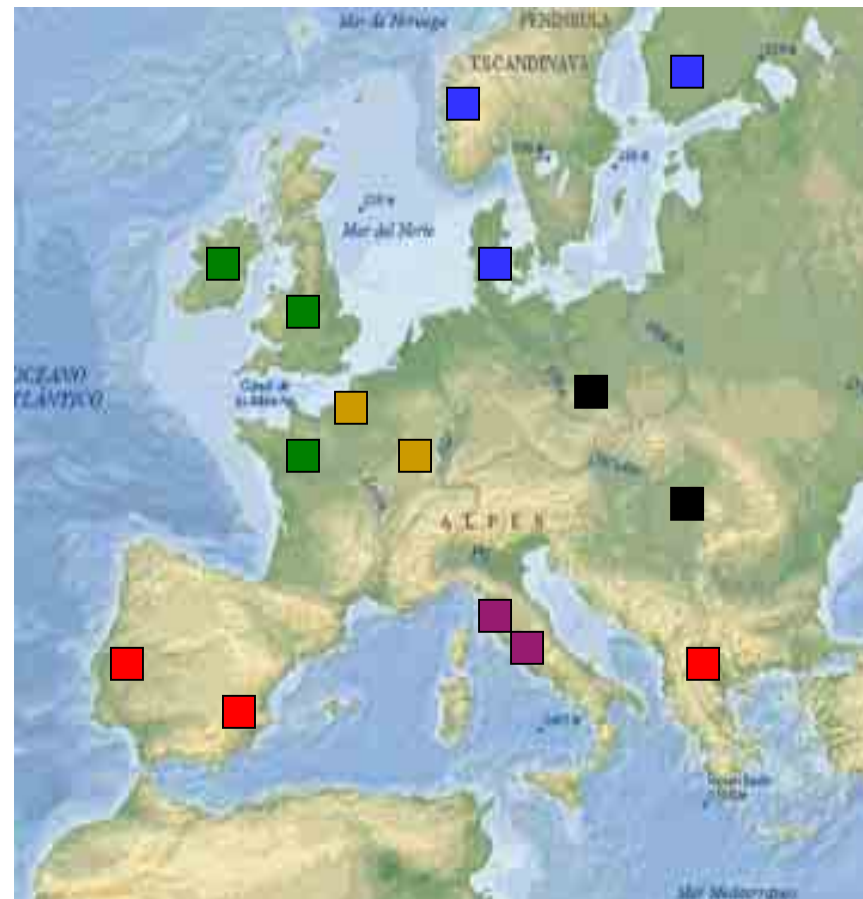
H, RO (Somes)

CZ, D, PL (Neisse)

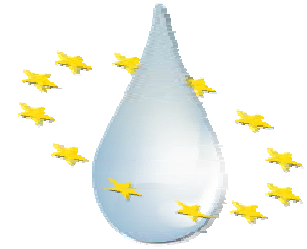
I (Tevere, Cecina)

N (Suldalsvassdraget)

UK (Ribble)



CIS Achievements

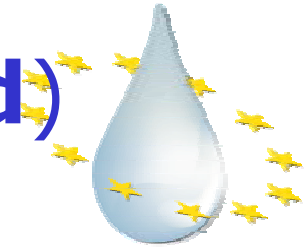


14 Guidance Documents

- 1) Economics and the Environment
- 2) Identification of Water Bodies
- 3) Analysis of Pressures and Impacts
- 4) Artificial and Heavily Modified Water Bodies
- 5) Transitional and Coastal Waters
–Typology, Reference Conditions---
- 6) Intercalibration Network and the Intercalibration Process
- 7) Monitoring
- 8) Public Participation
- 9) GIS and the WFD
- 10) Rivers and Lakes Typology
- 11) Planning Process
- 12) Wetlands
- 13) Classification
- 14) Reporting



CIS Achievements (cont'd)

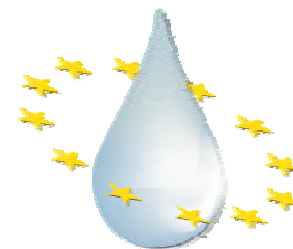


- **Water Information System for Europe (WISE)**
- **River Basin Pilot Exercise –first summary report (final) second (in prep)**
- **Individual PRB reports-Odensee, Shannon, Jucar etc**
- **Newsletter**
- **CD ROM**
- **CIRCA**

The Water Framework Directive and the Wider Dimension



- **Protection of the Marine Environment**
- **External Policy and Neighbourhood Policy**
- **The EU Water Initiative**
- **Agriculture Policy**
- **Cohesion Policy**
- **Transport policy**
- **Research policy**
- **Energy policy**



More information

On water policy:

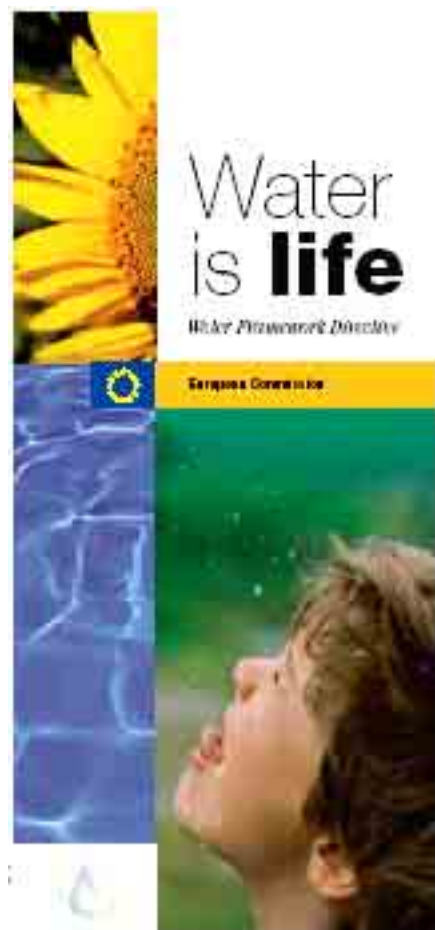
<http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water>

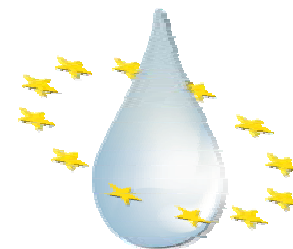
WFD CIRCA Information Exchange Platform (incl. guidance documents):

<http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/env/wfd/library>

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Thank you for your attention

