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**WATER** for Life



# MEDITERRANEAN JOINT PROCESS

## Water Framework Directive / EU Water Initiative

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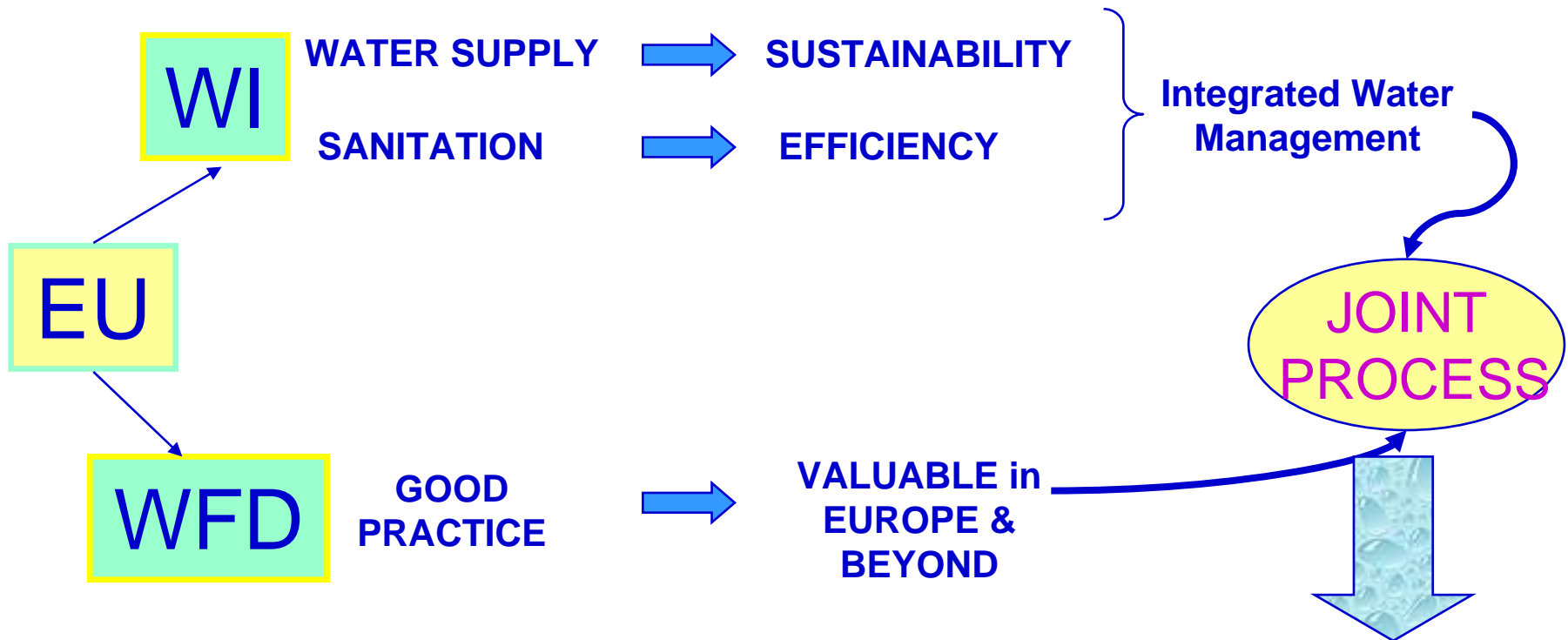
*1st MEDA Water Event - Jordan, 5-7 December 2005*



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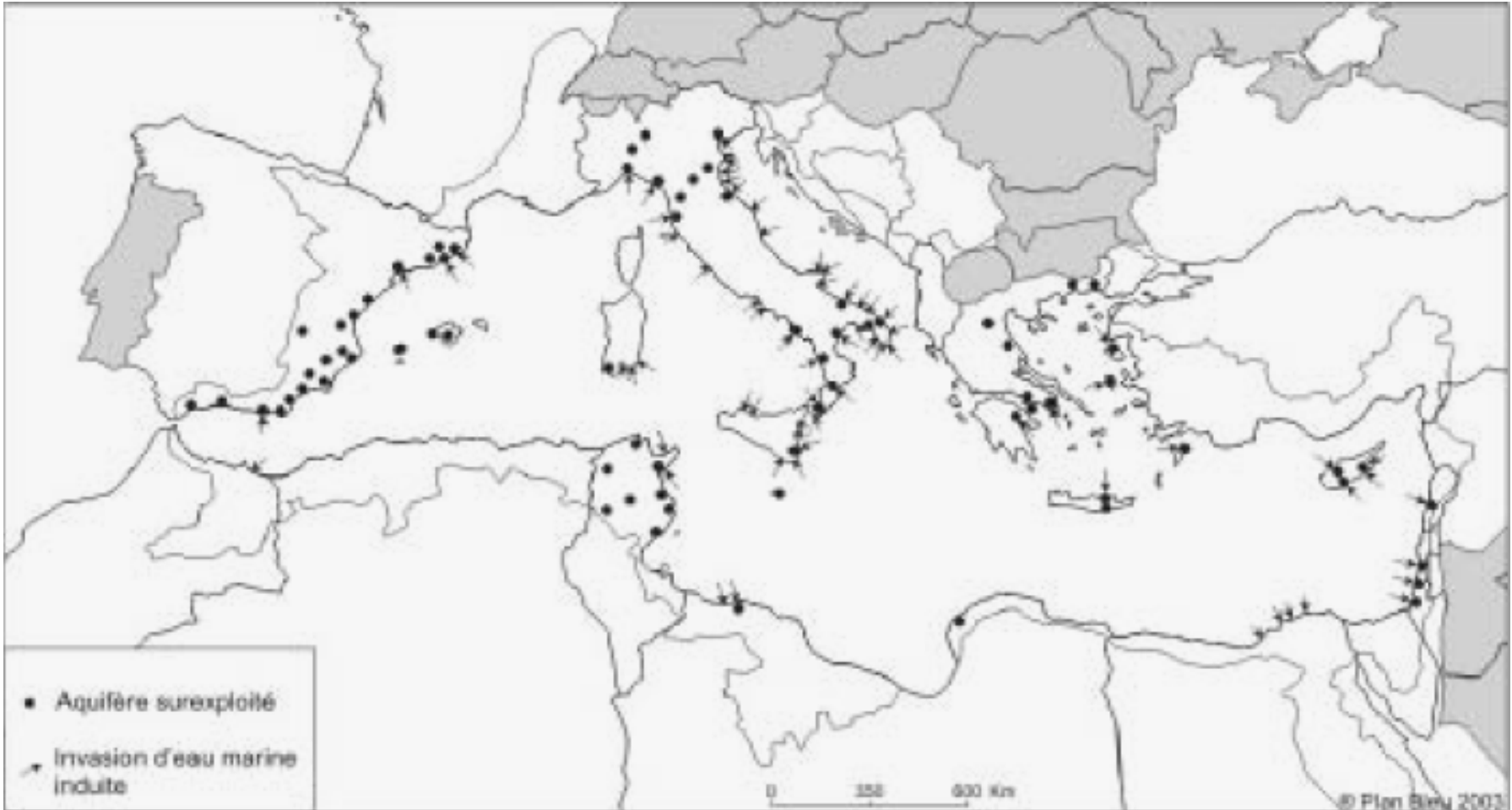
# WHY a WFD/EUWI JOINT PROCESS?



**FACILITATE SOUND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT POLICIES IN THE MED, BASED ON WFD PRINCIPLES**



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## Technical developments

- ✓ **Foster exchanges on thematic topics**
- ✓ **Produce specific recommendations**
  - **Improve access to information**
    - Focal point – website
  - **Disseminate best practices**
    - Working groups / drafting groups
    - Cross-fertilisation - Annual workshop

## Political Dimension

- ✓ **Raise awareness on WFD –Convergence**
  - ✓ **Support & drive the MedJP**
  - ✓ **Role of Euro-Med WATER DIRECTORS as support**
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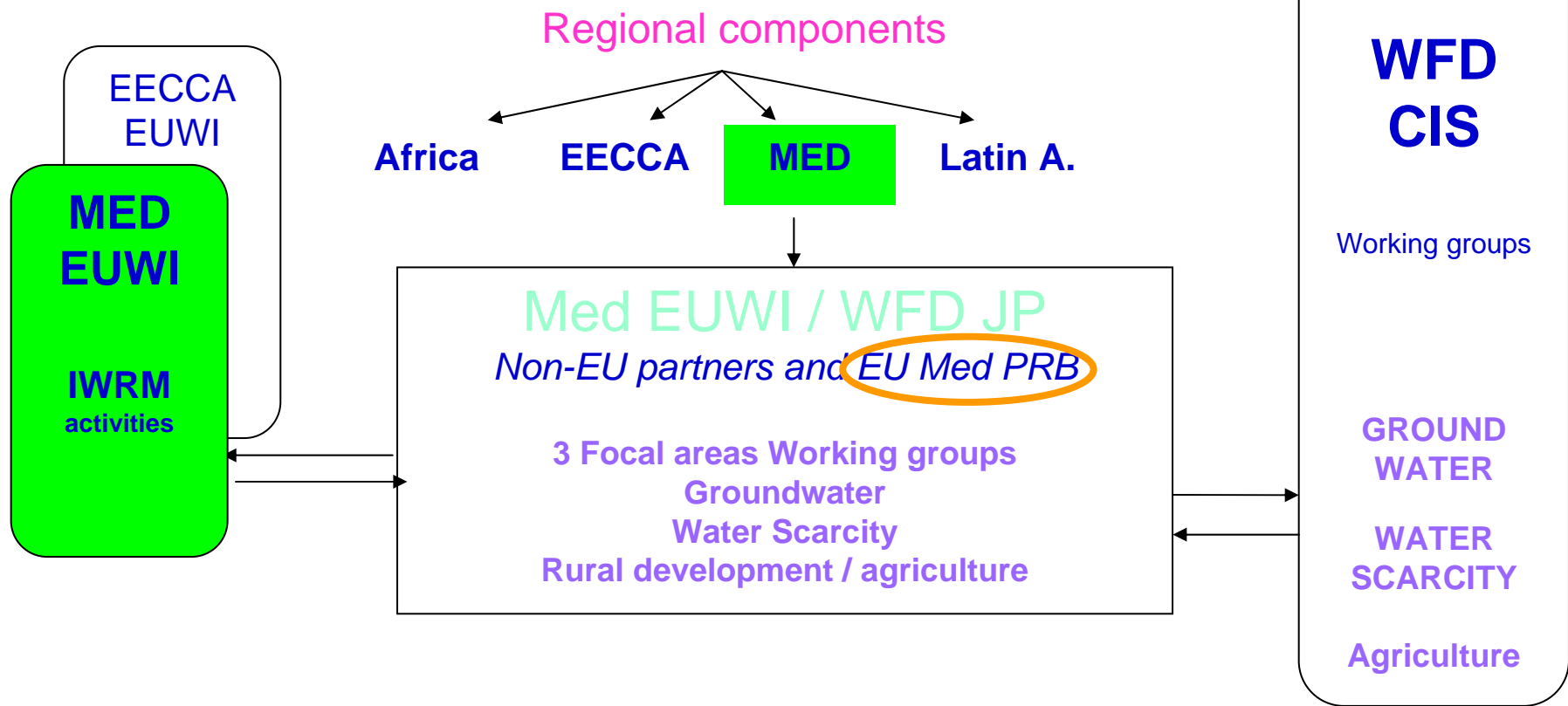


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## Links with ENP



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### ENP & Environment & Water

⇒ Overall goal for environmental cooperation with the neighbourhood: Gradual convergence with EU environment policy and standards

Technical basis for **CONVERGENCE** of **LEGISLATION** in the field of **WATER** (e.g. Morocco: *groundwater*; Tunisia: *saline intrusion; etc.*)

⇒ Water Section in Action Plans (Israel, Jordan, Palestinian. Auth., Tunisia, Morocco)



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# WATER SECTION in AA



- **Environmental governance:**
  - **Work towards improvements in the overall water and sanitation management system (PAL)**
  - **Pursue efforts to set up administrative structures in charge of water management at national and local levels and improve coordination between different ministries in charge of water resources management (MOR)**
  - **Strengthen administrative capacity of authorities in charge of water resources management (MOR)**
  - **Pursue efforts to improve water supply and quality, in rural areas, with a view to meeting WHO standards (PAL)**



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## WATER SECTION in AA



- **Prevention of deterioration of the environment:**
  - Prevent pollution of waters, in particular through enhanced **water pollutant emission reporting**, drawing on the experiences within the WFD (ISR)
  - Enhance **cooperation** between relevant authorities on prevention of pollution of water resources (ISR)
  - **Exchange of information between on best practices on water reuse (ISR)**
  - Adopt a **financial strategy** for water management issues (MOR)
  - Implement the **National water resources plan (TUN)**





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## **WATER SECTION in AA**



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- **Enhancing international and regional cooperation:**
    - **Identify possibilities for enhanced regional cooperation, in particular in relation to water issues (JOR, TUN, MOR, PAL)**



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## Financial support & Human resources

- **Role of leaders: MS / JRC**
- **Mobilisation of partners, expertise: EC, MS**
- **Role of key actors: EMWIS, MENBO, WWF,...**
- **Complementary resources:**
  - RTD projects (FP6, ARIDE, AQUASTRESS, ...)
  - **MEDA regional projects (Irrigation, Water Scarcity...)**



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# 2005 /2006 ACTIVITIES



	<i>Leaders</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Link CIS</i>
<b>WATER SCARCITY</b>	<b>F, EC(ENV)</b>	<b>EG, TUN, F, IT, CY, ES, Stakeholders</b>	<b>- Plenary: Feb. 06 (tbc)</b>	<b>WGB</b>
<b>GROUND WATER</b>	<b>GR, EC(ENV)</b>	<b>ES, CY, MAL, F, GR, MO, ALG, ALB, JOR, BUL, TUR, stakeholders</b>	<b>- Plenary: April 06 (tbc)</b>	<b>WGC</b>
<b>AGRI CULTURE</b>	<b>P, EC(JRC)</b>	<b>P, ES; stakeholders; TUR, JOR, TUN</b>	<b>- Dec. 05</b>	<b>PRB / Steering Group AGRI</b>

**Launching of Phase II of the Med JP - BRINDISI II:  
Med PRB + non EU partners**



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## Concrete outputs & Next steps



- 
- **Summary paper, distributed to Euro-Med WD**
  - **First draft report: “Groundwater management in the Mediterranean and the WFD”, submitted to Euro-Med WD**
  - **Finalisation of Technical documents**
  - **Development of new topics**
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## CONCLUSION & OUTLOOK



- 
- **JP = TECHNICAL** tool for WFD & ENP
  - **POLITICAL** Guidance through WD
  - **SYNERGIES** with Existing Instruments
    - ⇒ **EMWIS: technical support**
    - ⇒ **MEDA PROJECTS: concrete examples**



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**WFD: [www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water)  
<http://forum.europa.eu.int/public/irc/env/wfd/library>**

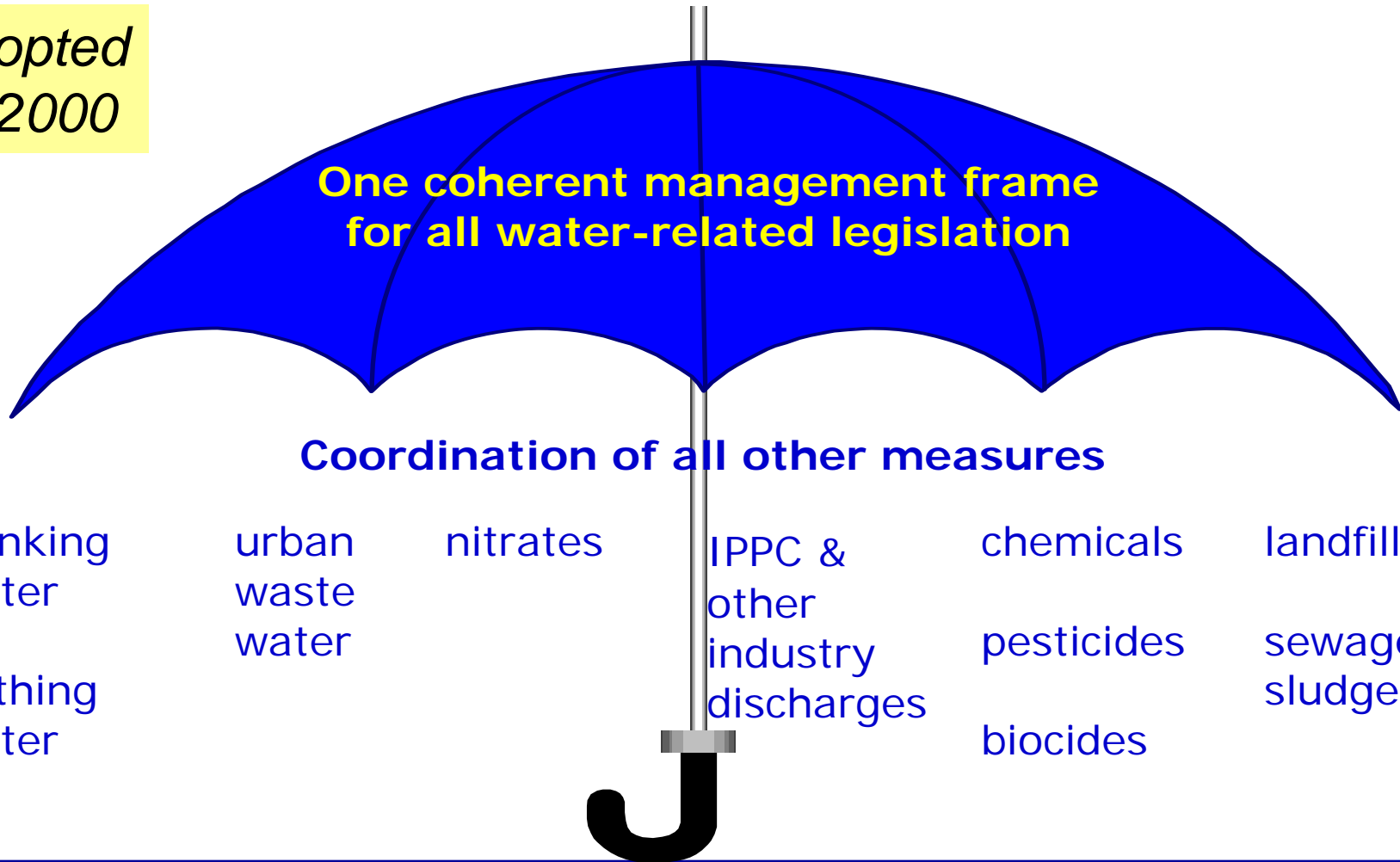


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# WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

*Adopted  
in 2000*





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# WFD - KEY PRINCIPLES



- 
- 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
  - The challenge of **river basin approach**
  - **Cost Recovery** and Equitable Charging
  - **Public Participation**
  - **Integrated Management**
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# Implementation: a continuous & transparent process

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<b>Formal transposition</b> into national law	<b>Dec 2003</b>
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<b>Environmental analysis</b> , economic analysis	<b>Dec 2004</b>
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<b>Monitoring programmes operational</b> <b>Public participation</b> at the latest	<b>Dec 2006</b> <b>Dec 2006</b>
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<b>Draft river basin management plans</b>	<b>Dec 2008</b>
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<b>Final river basin management plans</b>	<b>Dec 2009</b>
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<b>Implementation</b> , assessment, adjustment-	<b>2015 and</b> <b>further</b>

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# WFD - Common Implementation Strategy



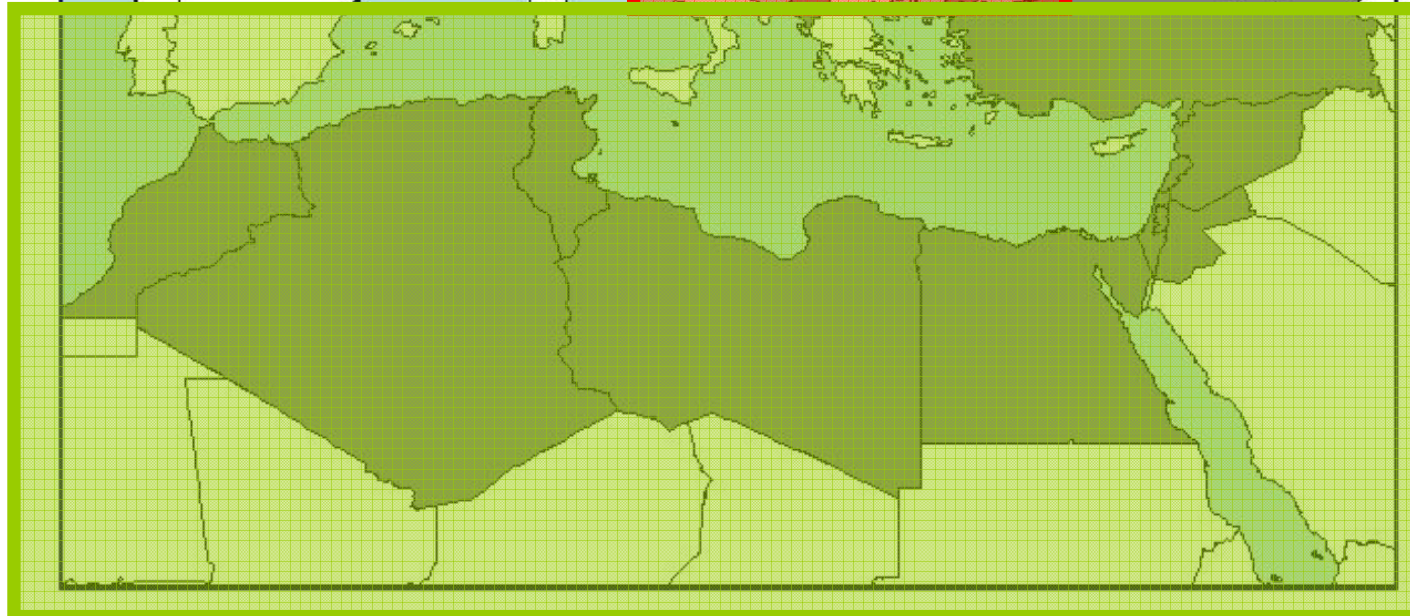
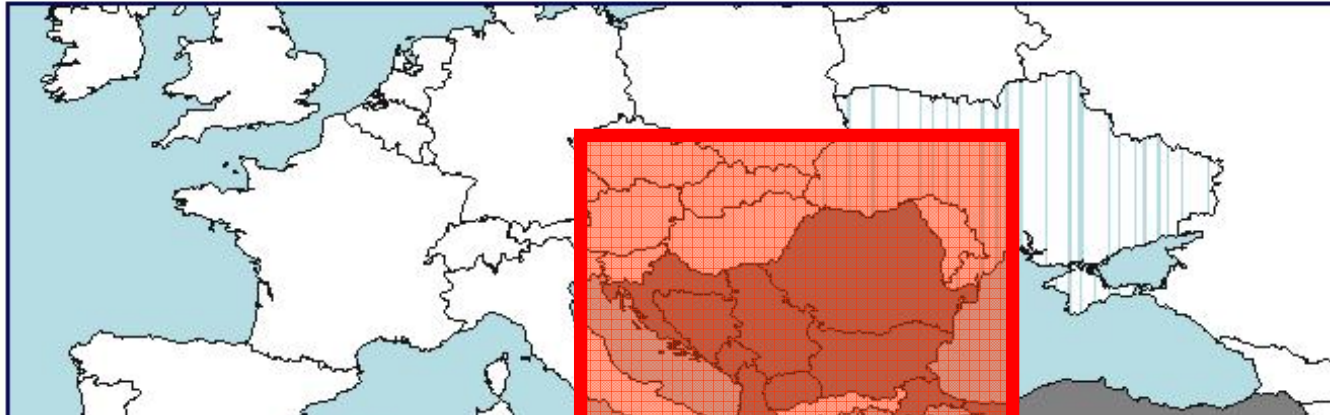
- Need for a common understanding
- Involvement of 25 EU Member States and also candidate countries – stakeholders
- Active Working groups (Ecological status, groundwater, priority substances...)
- Guidance documents
- Pilot River Basins





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