

Water: strategic developments in the EU

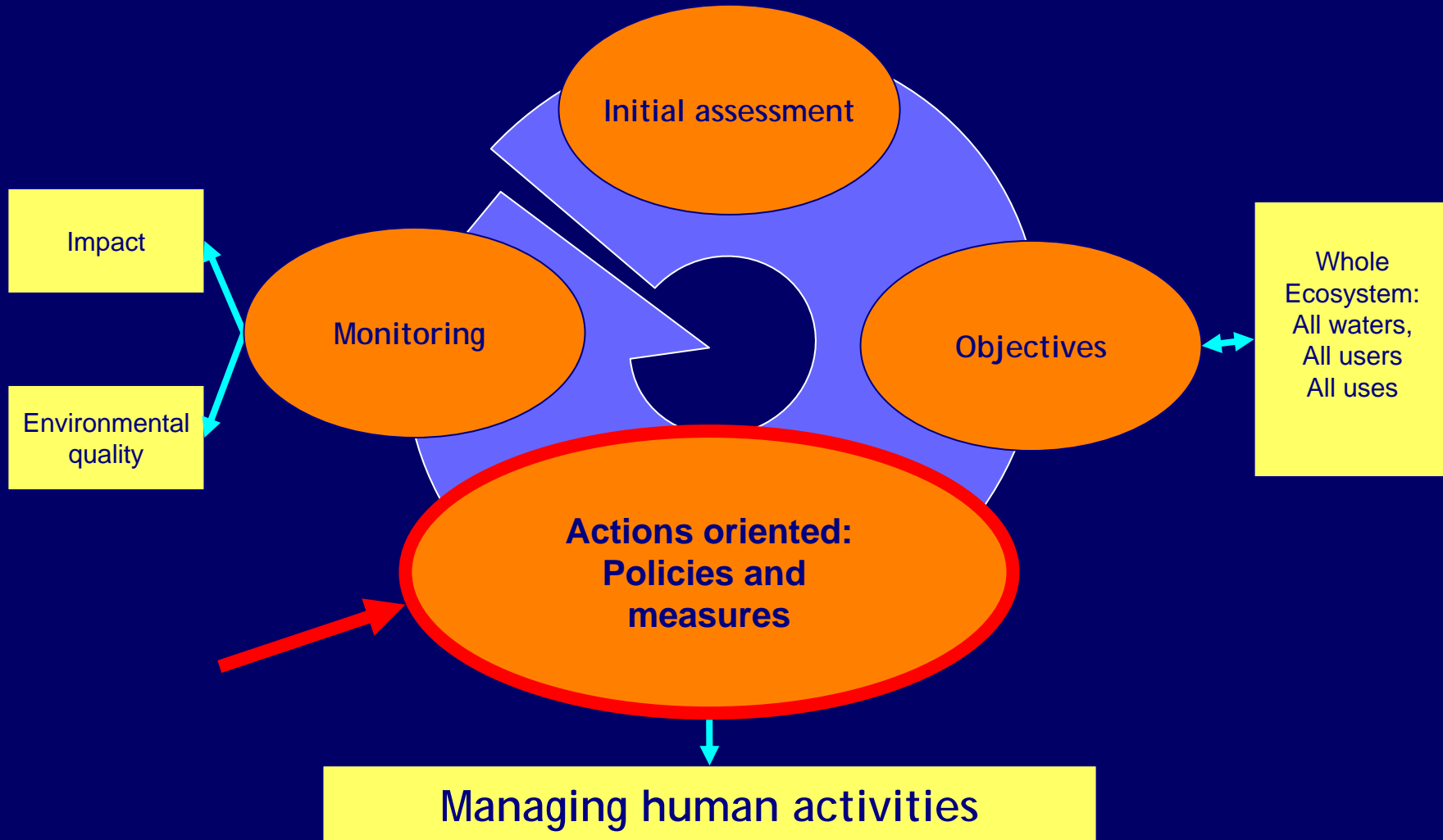


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Common approach





WFD Milestones

- Transposition into national law Dec 2003
- Administrative arrangements Dec 2003
- Environmental analysis:
 - Analysis of characteristics
 - Assessment of human impacts
- Economic analysis of water use Dec 2004
- Monitoring programmes Dec 2006
- Public Participation &
- Significant water management issues Dec 2007
- Draft river basin management plans Dec 2008
- Final river basin management plans Dec 2009
- Implementation, adjustment 2015 till 2027



Marine Directive milestones

- **By July 2010**
 - Methodology for descriptors adopted at EU level
 - Data format agreed at EU level.
- **By 15 July 2012:**
 - Description and assessment of current environmental status
 - Determination of good environmental status
 - Establishment of environmental targets and associated indicators
- **By 15 July 2014:**
 - Monitoring programme
- **By 2015:**
 - Programme of measures towards good environmental status



Water scarcity, droughts and adaptation

- Communication on WSD in 2007; Report 2008
- Studies:
 - Potential for water savings
 - Droughts management plans
- By 2012: new report and proposals from the EC
- **Adaptation:** water as a main element (Green Paper and White Paper)
- Implementation of the White Paper



European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

- EU financial instrument for the period 2007-2013
 - the bulk of funds going to the bilateral programmes
 - multiannual indicative programmes and Annual Action Programmes
- Water in most national assistance programmes.
 - ENPI regional funds (e.g. implementation of the Mediterranean Water Strategy)
 - Cooperation in Urban Development and Dialogue (CIUDAD) involving local authorities are involved.
- NIF (Neighbourhood Investment Facility) funds water infrastructure projects,
 - Improved water and waste water services in Egypt;
 - Extension and rehabilitation of waste water treatment plants and pumping stations in Tunisia;
 - Kesrwan water and waste water facilities in Lebanon.



Future ENPI support

- Draft for bilateral 2011-2013 programmes are being drawn up. Should be adopted in the course of 2010, calendar not yet decided.
- The first step: concept paper,
 - The E Commission presented the broad outlines
 - Stakeholders in the countries were consulted on this document in Spring 2009.
- The E Commission is drawing up the first drafts of possible programmes
- The amount of funds for each suggested action in the concept paper are unknown



H2020

- First three years of Horizon 2020,
 - increased political interest in cooperation with non-EU countries of the Mediterranean region and
 - the creation of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), which builds on the achievements Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.
- One of the six UfM priorities,
 - the concrete nature of actions under Horizon 2020 was instrumental in de-pollution being given this priority
- 2009: mid term progress report to Euro-Med environment Ministers; the initiative will be reviewed.



H2020: progress report

- actions for the first three years of started, a significant number completed. Structures and mechanisms of Horizon 2020 in place and in operation; cooperation between partners.
- pollution reduction component: rapid progress (prior results of MAP). First projects emerging (EIB and a core group of donors)
- capacity building component: needs assessment of NGOs in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean; Conference on municipal waste management; meeting on industrial pollution prevention and control.
- research component (related to the Commission's Research Framework Programmes) linked to two networks, Mediterranean Innovation and Research Coordination Action (MIRA), on policy dialogue on research, and MELIA, focused on water.
- monitoring component is devising a system and establishing cooperation between different actors in the Mediterranean (e.g. EEA and MAP)