

Water Science-Policy Interface (CIS-SPI)

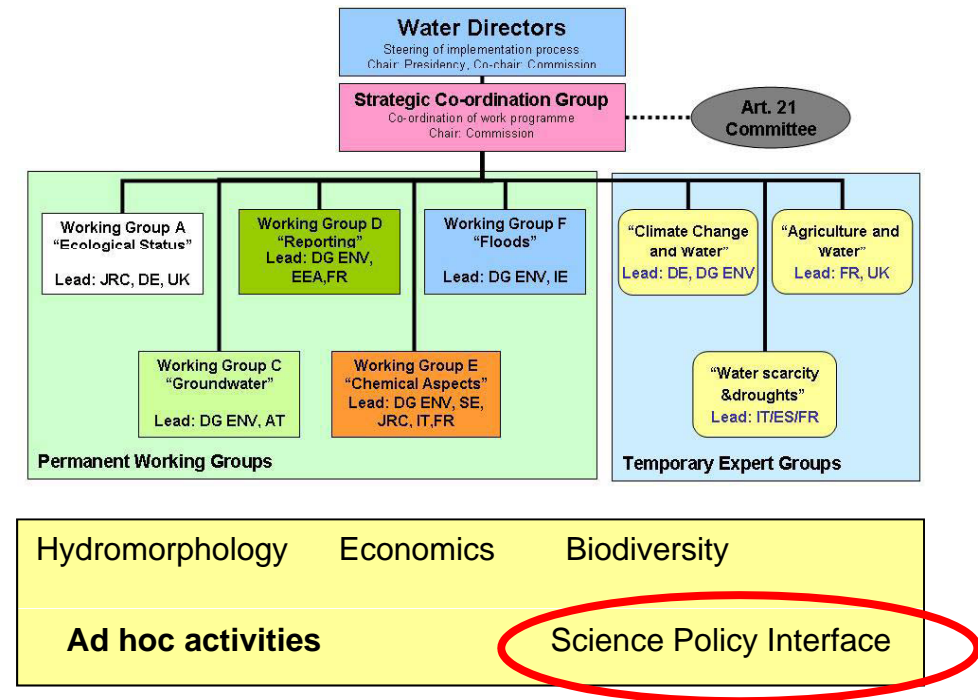
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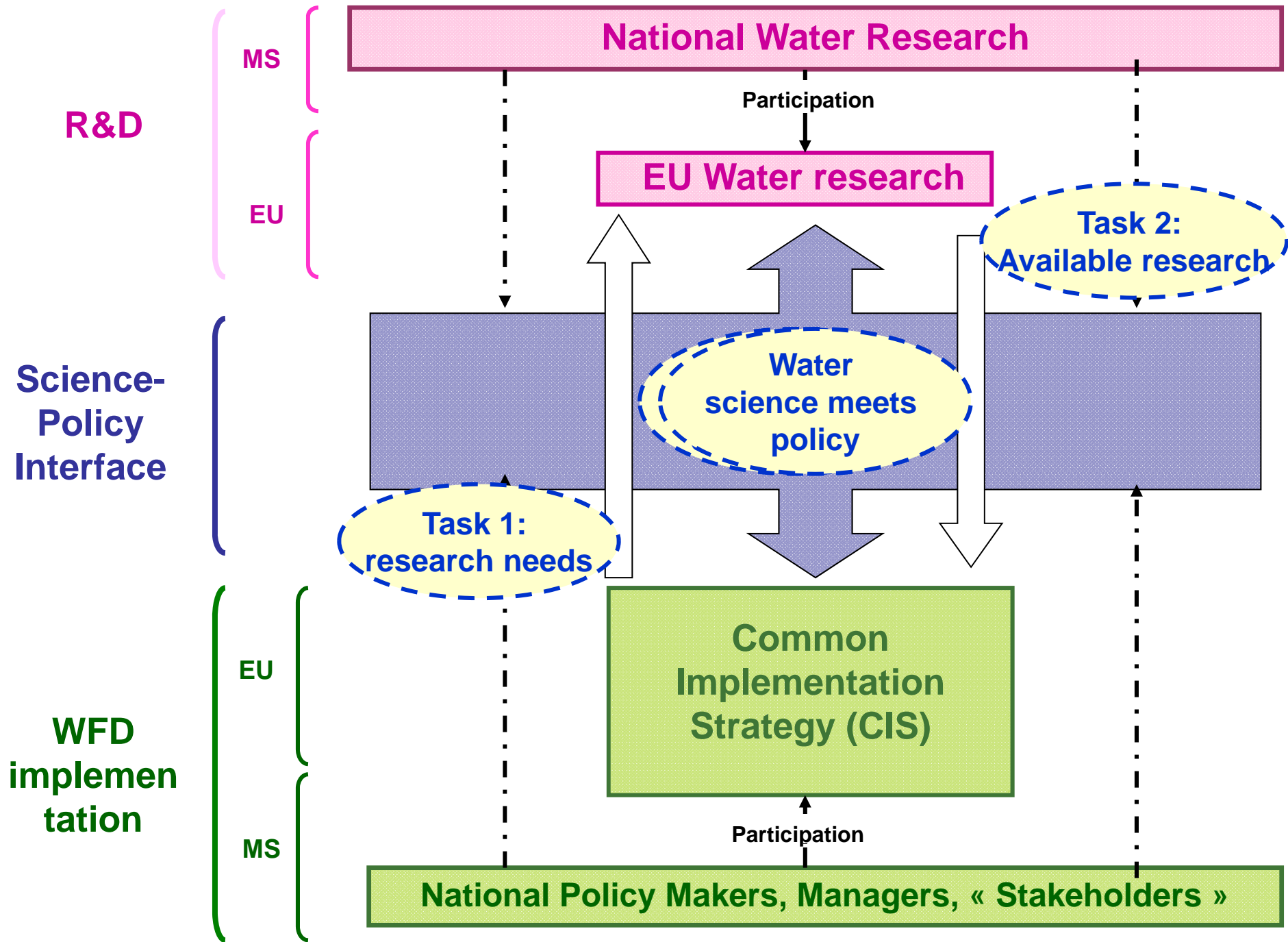
Common Implementation Strategy

- Forum of cooperation to tackle challenges raised by the implementation WFD
- Organised around activities (working groups, expert groups, ad hoc activities)
- Aims of the CIS :
 - coherent and harmonious implementation
 - common understanding and approach



Ad hoc activity on water science-Policy interface (CIS-SPI)

- Objectives :
 - ensure a dynamic interface between researchers, policy makers and water managers
 - to identify research needs and to boost usability of available (or to be produced) results to support WFD implementation
- A mandate from Water Directors with 3 tasks :
 - Task 1 : Inventory of research and implementation needs from CIS groups
 - Task 2 : Available research and research gaps
 - Task 3 : Improving transfer and usability of research
- Co-lead : DG RTD and ONEMA (France)



SPI Mandate: 3 Tasks over 2010-2012

Compile feedback from users and future research needs
Ensure efficient transfer and uptake of scientific knowledge

Task 1 Inventory of research and implementation needs from CIS groups

- **Inventory of the needs** for each CIS WG (based on a questionnaire followed by discussion within or back to back with regular meetings of the WGs)

- **Compilation of the needs from the different WGs**

Task 2 Available research and research gaps

- **Inventory of available research results** relevant to CIS research and implementation needs.

- **Discussion of research gaps** on a yearly basis within each CIS Working Group or Activity

- **A list of priority research topics** to be communicated to the CIS Strategic Coordination Group once a year, as well as to relevant funding organisations (**DG RTD, JPIs, ERA-NETs, others**)

Task 3 Improving transfer and usability of research outputs

- **Organisation of Water Science meets Policy events** (possibly linked to a Water ERA-NET),

- **Compilation of synthesis** (2 pages) to translate results from existing RTD projects into "Science-Policy Briefs" (posted on website and CIRCA)

- **Contributing to demonstration of applicability** (pilot zones)

Water Science meets Policy events

CIS-SPI mandate

- 3 SPI events until 2012,
- involving project coordinators, stakeholders, experts, policy-makers
- from EU Member States, and officials from EU institutions

The 1st SPI event

30 Sept. 2010, Brussels

- Objective: to connect scientists and WFD end-users on research needs & gaps and to improve SPI & dissemination
 - 150 participants from 15 MS and Switzerland
 - 35% from the scientific community, 65% from WFD “end-users” (policy makers & implementers)
 - Nine interactive parallel round tables. « Vertical » as well as « cross-cutting » issues expressed in several roundtables
- Outcomes:
 - 59 research areas
 - 180 specific research issues
 - Available on CIRCA
- Move away from sectoral vision ; adopt holistic approach
 - 8 main cross-cutting issues
- Report
 - sent to EU and national research programming agencies
 - Helped to update research needs from CIS groups with indication of priorities

The 2nd SPI event

29-30 September 2011, Brussels

- “Implementation of the WFD: when ecosystem services come into play“
 - Socio-economic tools supporting the WFD implementation: Possible contribution in the perspective of an ecosystem services approach
- A two-step process:
 - 2011: gather scientists and front-runner policy makers in order to share a common view on the links between the ecosystem services concept and the WFD
 - 2012: transferring this information and reflexion to managers at basin and local level.
- It aims to explore how the ecosystem services approach can help highlight benefits (social, economical, environmental) from the WFD and boost political levers for the implementation of the WFD
- Report is under preparation. Outcomes will be available on CIRCA

Links with CIS groups

To ensure that policy and management needs are met and priority issues are addressed:

- Participation of CIS groups experts in events preparation
- SPI correspondent in each CIS WG/EG
- Sharing, update and specification of the research needs
- SPI session at the next SCG (8-Nov.)
- Prioritization of the research gaps (dl: 15th Jan.)
- Thematic reports and collective validation at the 2012 SPI event

Thank you for attention

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