



IWRM-Net in a nutshell

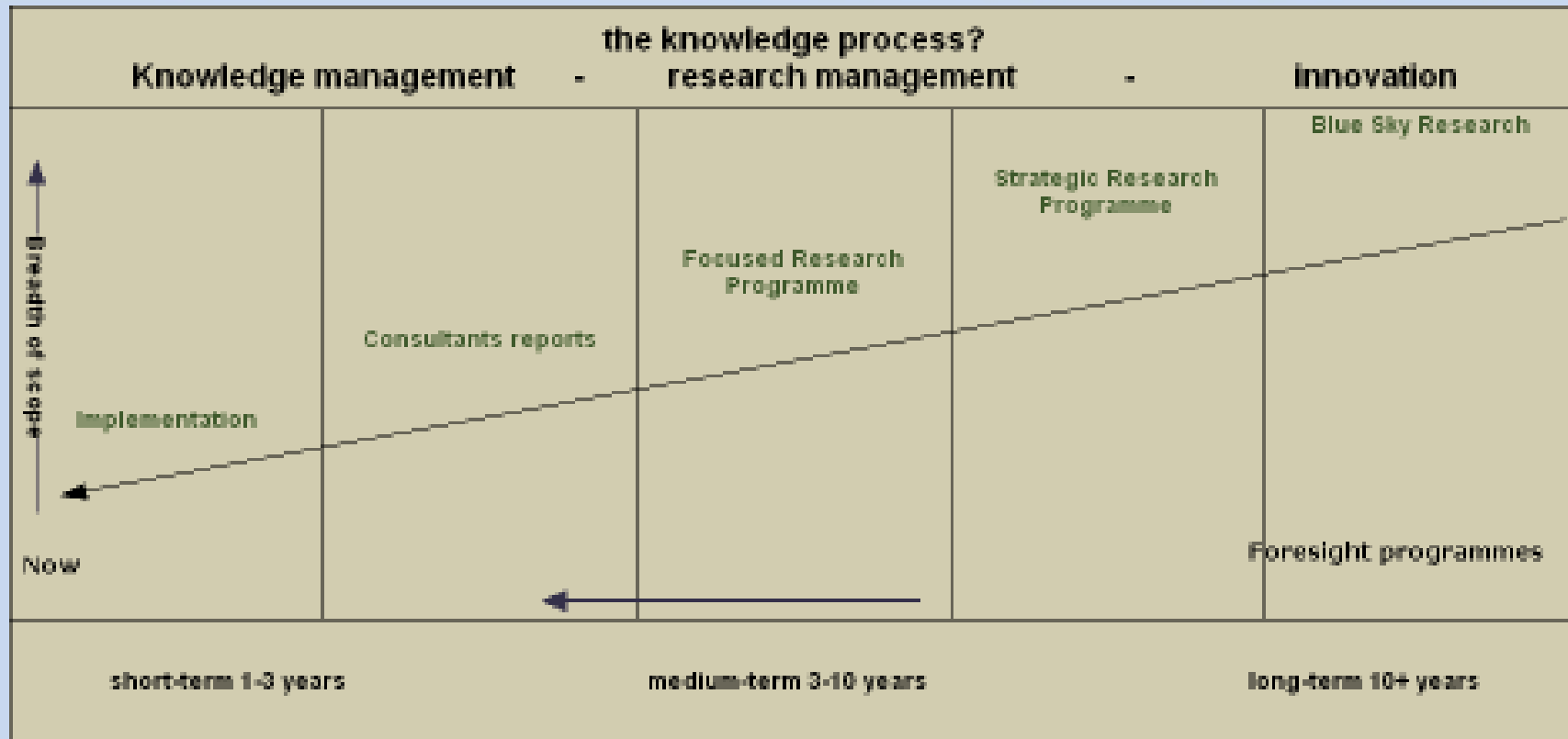
Who are we?

Open network of research programmes managers (IWRM) composed of 20 members from 14 member states

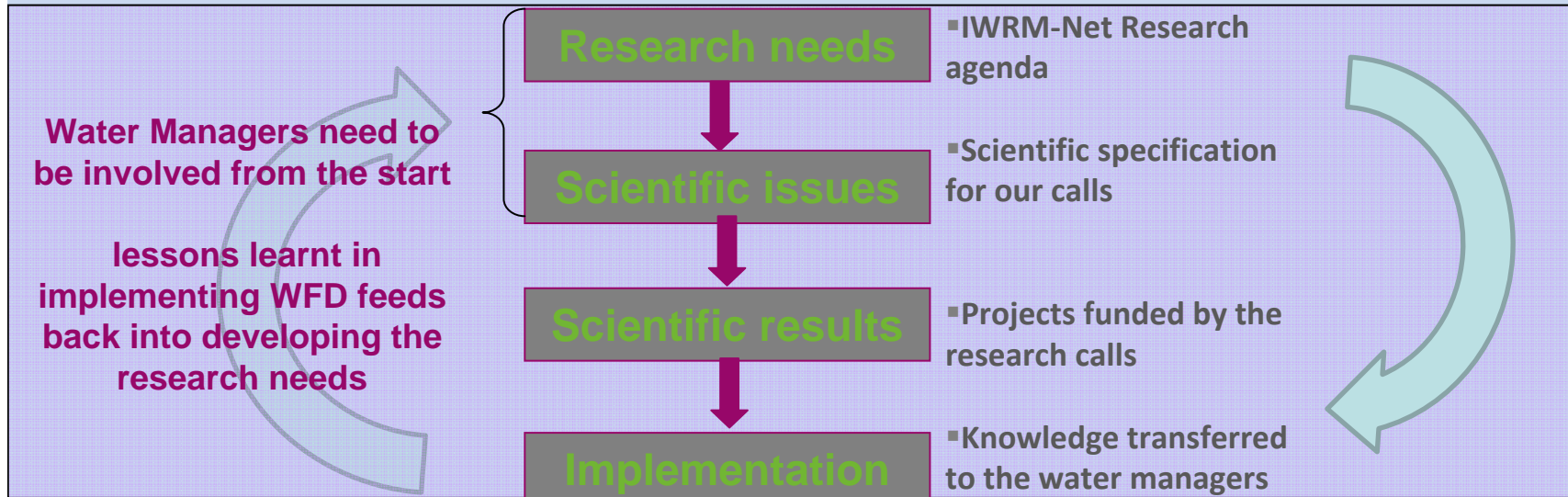
Our aims, in the context of WFD implementation

- A forum for prospective and co-ordination of research needs and programmes
- The facilitator between research and water policy makers and managers to bridge the communication gap.

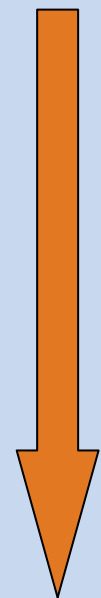




Research Management?



IWRM-Net Capacity building



Project has delivered:

2 Joint calls

– First

- Water Governance
- Hydromorphology

– Second

- Climate change impacts and adaptation for IWRM
- Water Scarcity and Droughts
- Economics for IWRM: Social and Environmental Evaluation for decision making and Incentive measures to regulate uses



- Map of research programmes
- 'Map' of network and partners along with liaison strategy
- Methodological assessment for Foresight
- 2015 and beyond – Emerging issues in Water management
- Self assessment methodology for research programmes
- 'draft strategic research agenda'

- Launch event
- Mid-term conference
- Series of 6 research need identification workshops for short and long term issues
- Next meeting
 - ***Wetlands*** workshop to identify research needs Gland, Switzerland 2-3 November 2009

MORE USER-FRIENDLY INFORMATION TOOLS

- Action N° 1: *Search Engine Optimization and User Interface re-design*
- Action N° 2: *Web Extroversion*
- Action N° 3: *Networking and Knowledge Classification*
- Action N° 4: **Statistics and Data Mining**



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Database ↔ Knowledge management tool

The screenshots show the iWRM-net database interface. The top screenshot displays search results for 'water management' with a table of projects and their relevance percentages. The middle screenshot shows a map of Europe with a search box and a list of results. The bottom screenshot shows a detailed view of a project titled 'Sustainable management of coastal zone' with a list of related documents and a map of the coastal zone.

Name	Relevance
PROGRAMME: FR: RAO and studies on water and aquatic environments: PIS	65 Pts
PROGRAMME: FR: Waters & Territories (PT)	40 Pts
PROJECT: Social economic value of water and aquatic environments	20 Pts
PROJECT: The dynamics of water resources in the context of climate change	22 Pts
PROJECT: IRTA's Research and innovation network for water	19 Pts
PROGRAMME: FR: LIFE4U: Sustainable management of coastal zone	10 Pts
PROGRAMME: FR: LCCOAG: Ecological Ecology or Economics in Adour Garonne basin (Pe)	9 Pts
PROGRAMME: FR: Management and impact of climate change (PI)	8 Pts
PROGRAMME: FR: PNETOX: National Program for Eco-technology research	6 Pts
PROGRAMME: FR: RD Flood Risks	6 Pts
PROGRAMME: FR: RDT Risk Decision and territory	5 Pts
PROGRAMME: FR: S3E: Economical Sciences for environment	3 Pts
PROJECT: Environmental technologies	2 Pts

Forum

The screenshot shows the iWRM-net community forum page. It features a header with the iWRM-net logo and the text '>> Community'. Below the header, there is a section titled 'HOW TO IMPROVE THE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS AND TOOLS FOR THE WATER SYSTEMS'. The main content area contains a list of discussion topics, each with a title and a brief description. The topics include:

- 1.1.1. How best to organise stakeholder dialogues, participation and perception
- 1.1.2. How to create a learning process and facilitate communication between stakeholders
- 1.1.3. How to build trust and how can it be managed more effectively
- 1.1.4. What information should be provided and to whom
- 1.1.5. How to develop methods to facilitate a constructive debate, stakeholders and researchers
- 1.1.6. How can we reduce and manage the asymmetry of participation
- 1.2. How to improve the communication between citizens
- 1.2.2. How do we implement a system of communication to prevent or reduce a crisis
- 1.3. Does the current governance of the WFD allow it to be adaptive considering the future potential changes



 **Strategic think tank?** on water related issues at European level with an European foresight strategy (links with SPI)

 **Continuous scientific leading?**

- Continuous scientific leading and scientific coordination for the network activity: How to create a community? How to ease the exchanges between scientific teams of funded projects?
- Promotion, dissemination, communication of scientific results: How to monitor, evaluate the projects and disseminate the scientific results?



Networking and Interfacing

- Promotional material
- uploading info to the IWRM-net Database
- highlighting main findings in communications to policy-makers.
- keep each other informed on relevant news,
- Developing a 'Lesson's learned from joint calls',
- a restricted database for relevant research funders contact persons.
- Developing 1-2 best practices on demand of the SPI-CIS activity



Relevance to you?

- Partners decide the next subject for the call
- Opportunities for smaller collaborations between 2-3 countries
- Agriculture and irrigation can be the next topic?



Thank you for your attention
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