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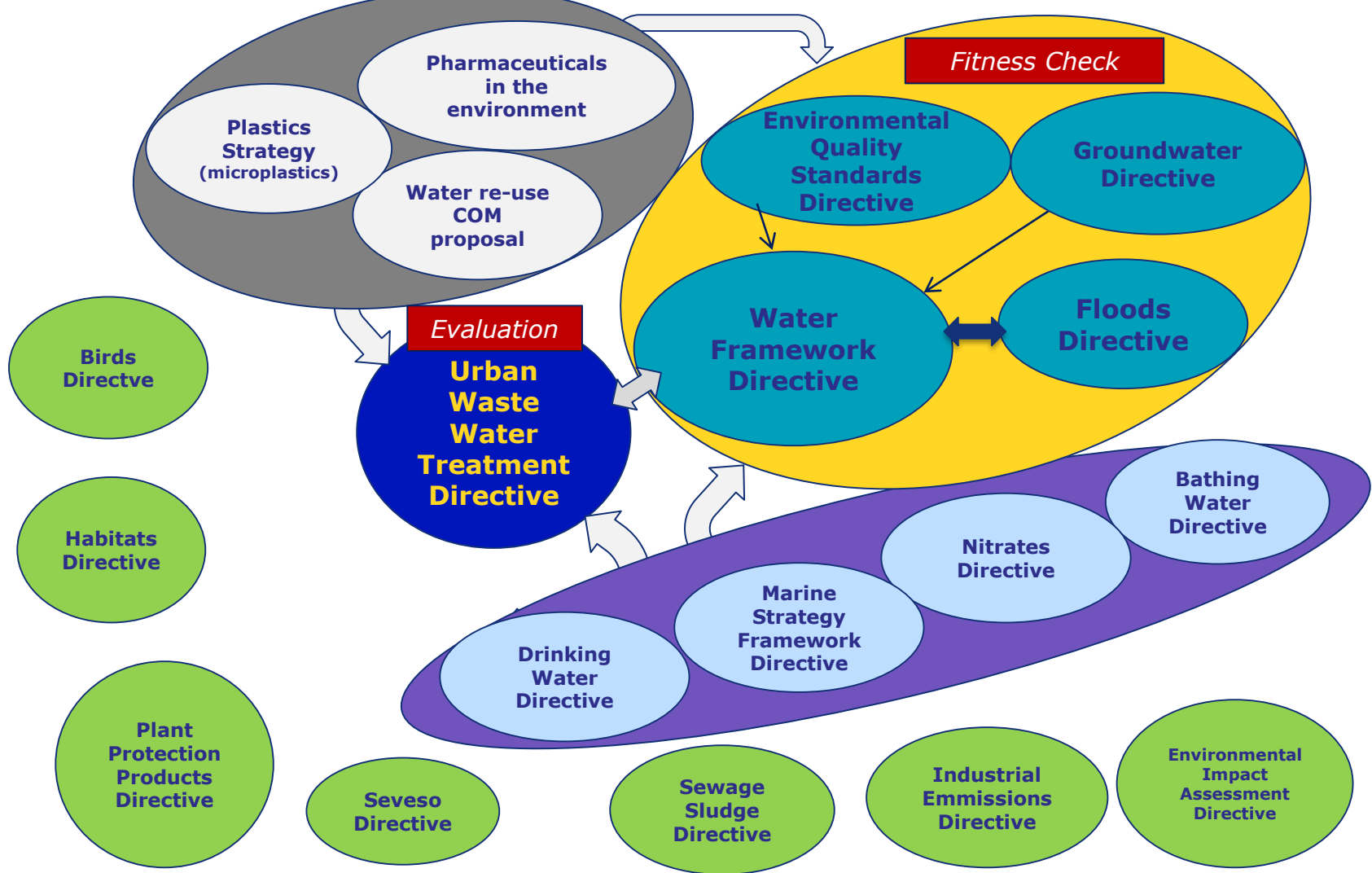


EU water legislation – fit for purpose?

**Fitness Check:
Water Framework Directive,
its daughter Directives
and the Floods Directive**

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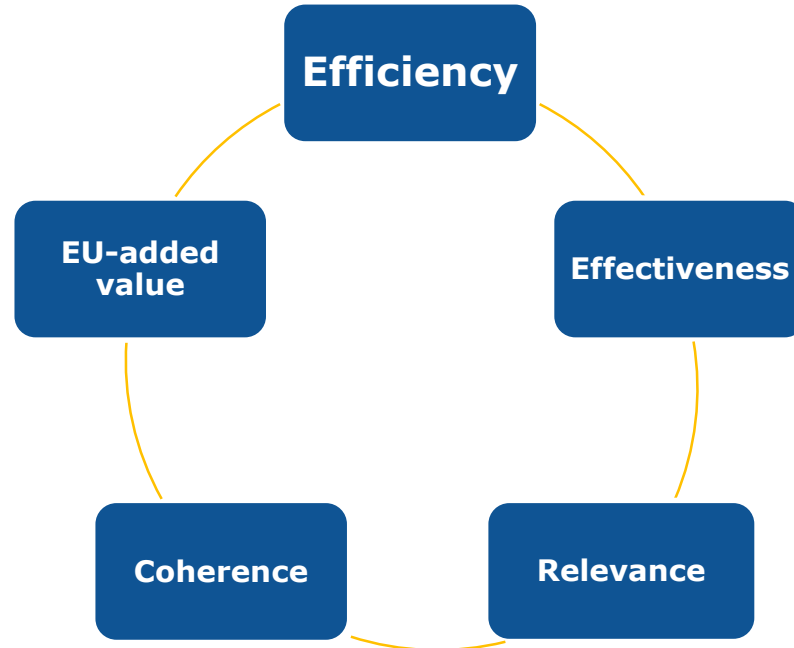
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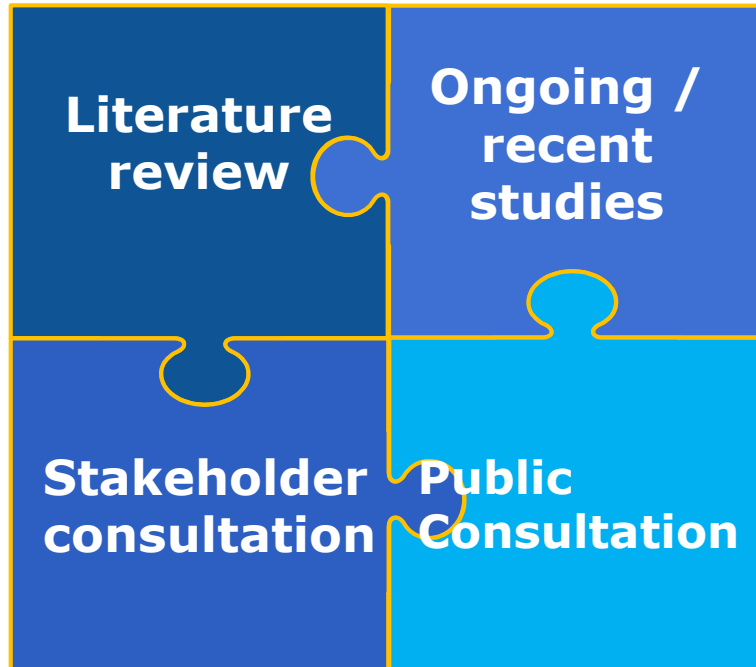
Water acquis evaluations

Directive	In Fitness Check 2012	In Fitness Check 2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	Comment
Water Framework (incl. Groundwater and Environmental Quality Standards Directives) (ENV-C1)	Yes	Yes					WFD review required by end 2019 - Article 19.2
Floods (ENV-C1)	Yes	Yes					Linked to the WFD implementation (coordination of management plans)
Urban Waste Water Treatment (ENV-C2)	Yes	No*					* Separate Evaluation
Drinking Water (ENV-C2)	No	No					Evaluation finalised Currently under ordinary legislation procedure
Bathing Water (ENV-C2)	No	No					Evaluation foreseen for 2020, based on Article 14(3)
Marine Strategy Framework (ENV-C2)	No	No					Not yet scheduled MSFD review required by 2023 - Article 23

Methodology - Exemplary Evaluation questions



Methodology



Existing information

EU water legislation:

WFD (2000)

Groundwater (2006)

EQSD (2008)

Floods Directive
(2007)

Information via reporting by Member States:

WFD (**RBMPs**) and Floods Directive (**FRMPs**) – WISE reporting

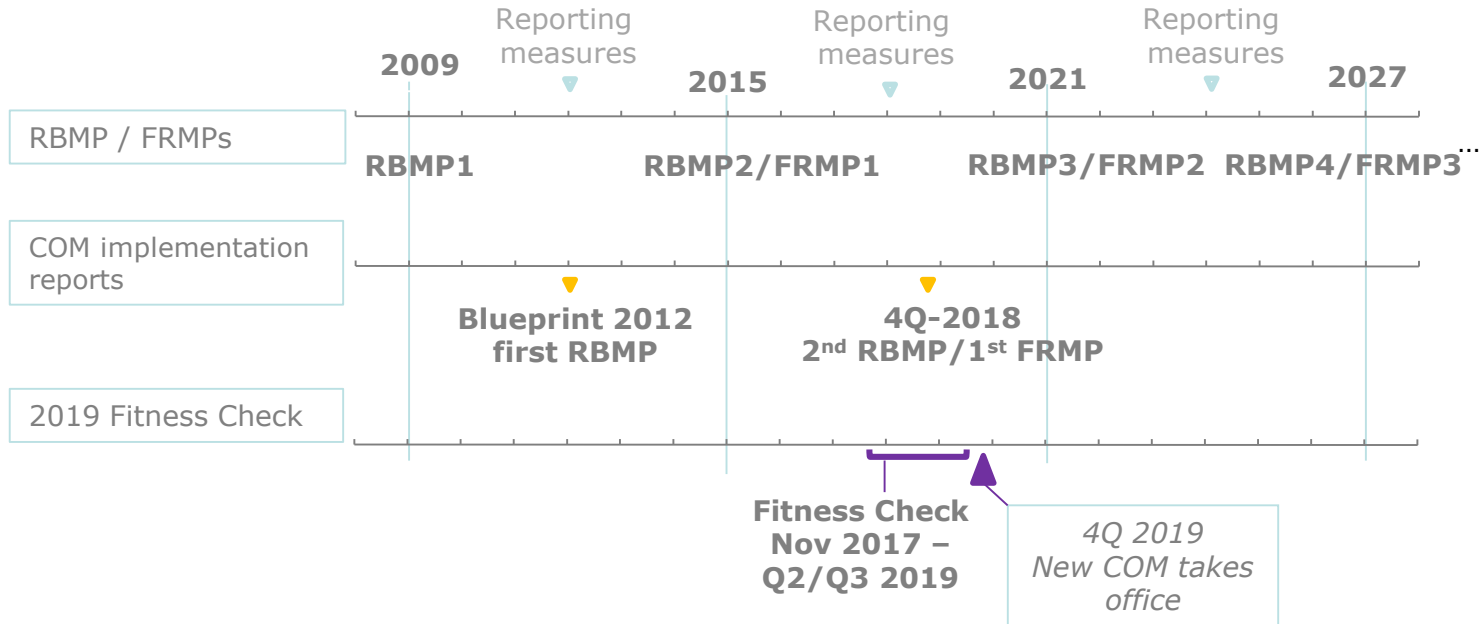
Common Implementation Strategy – guidance documents and other deliverables, input from working groups and workshops on all aspects of implementation

Many **infringement** cases in the past and ongoing

Information through **Court of Auditor reports**

- Performance audit on the Floods Directive
- EU-funding of Urban Waste Water Treatment plants in the Danube river basin
- Combating eutrophication in the Baltic Sea
- Water quality in the Danube river basin

WFD and FD - timetable for implementation reports and Fitness Check



Timetable

October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication of roadmap• Finalisation of ToR
April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch support study – Fitness Check
September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch of public consultations• Launch of targeted consultation and experts workshops
October 2018 – March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders• First workshop on methodology and first findings - 10 October 2018 (Brussels)• Experts workshops on different topics - first workshop on emerging pollutants, join 24 October (Brussels)
Q2/Q3 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalisation of support studies• Commission report on Fitness Check

Cooperation Fitness Check -
UWWTD evaluation

Fitness Check

Some important issues to be raised during the evaluation

Apparent insufficient progress on achieving WFD objectives

One-out-all-out principle

Governance

Non-deterioration obligation

Definition of 2 different status - chemical and ecological

Flexibility through exemptions

2027 final deadline for application of exemptions

Quantification of costs and benefits

Reporting tools (WISE)

Policy coherence (agriculture, energy, transport)

Climate change and water quantity / water quality

Water pricing, and polluter pays principle

Floods Directive – overarching progress indicator

Duration of the RBMPs cycles, and reporting cycles of other related law

Integration of the objectives of protected areas within the RBMPs

Link drivers-pressures-measures

UWWTD Evaluation

Assessment of the functioning of the directive in the past:

- Effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, EU-added value and coherence

Cooperation with WFD and Floods Directive Fitness Check ongoing

- Joint consultation strategy

Consultation activities

- **Public Consultation** until **19 October**
- **Expert work-shops in Q3/4 2018**; Topics: storm water overflows and individual appropriate systems, emerging pollutants, cost and benefits of the UWWTD.
- **Stakeholder conference - 16 Nov 2018**: Presentation of preliminary findings





Thank you.