

EIP-AGRI Workshop **'Connecting innovative projects:** **Water & Agriculture'**

30 – 31 May 2018
Almeria, Spain

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'Connecting innovative projects: Water & Agriculture'

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2018

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome and introduction**
- Concepcion Cobos, General Secretary of European Agrarian Funds, *Andalusia Regional Ministry of Agriculture*
 - Anikó Seregélyi, *European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development*
- 9:30 – 10:45 **Setting the scene**
- Part 1: The Framework
Policy background and European Innovation Partnerships
- **Gerard Shortle, *European Commission DG Environment***
 - Anikó Seregélyi, *European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development*
 - Carlos Mario Gomez, representative of *EIP Water*
- Part 2: The Projects
Interviews with EIP-AGRI Operational Groups, H2020 research, EIP-Water Action Group, LIFE and INTERREG project representatives
- Part 3: The Discussions
Main outcomes of Focus Groups at European and National level
- Helena Gomez Macpherson, coordinating expert of *EIP-AGRI Focus Group: Water & agriculture: adaptive strategies at farm level*
 - Raquel Bravo Rubio, coordinator of *Spanish Focus Group on Water management, energy and environment*
- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 13:00 **Interactive exhibition of projects**
Meet and learn about Operational Groups, H2020 research, EIP-Water, LIFE and INTERREG innovative projects
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Departure for field visits



Water Policy Background and LIFE

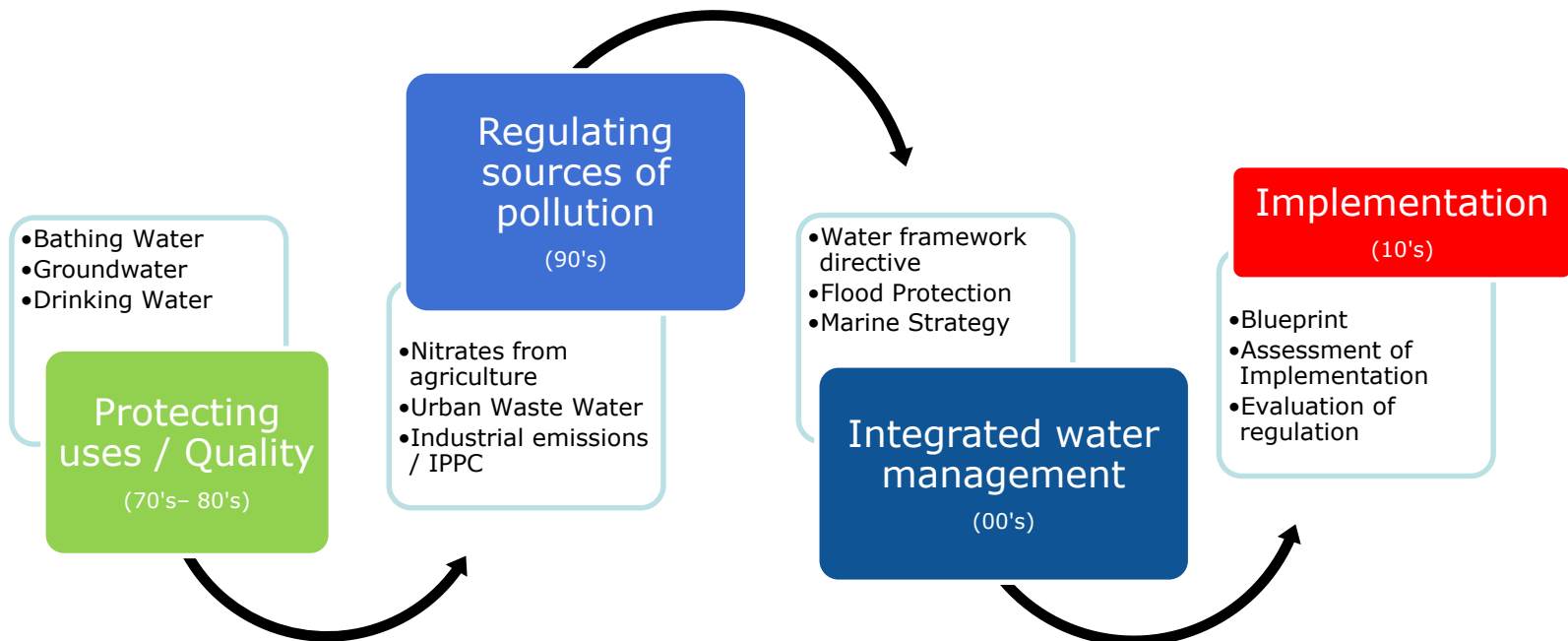
Workshop Connecting Innovative Projects: Water and Agriculture

Almeria 30th May, 2018

**Ger Shortle
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European Commission

Development in EU water legislation and policy



WFD Objectives

- **Protect and enhance water bodies**
- **Achievement of good status / potential**
- **No deterioration**
- **Exemptions under certain conditions**

Assessment of current plans – nearly complete

- **RBMPs, FRMPs and IRBDs**
- Format: EU overview and Member State annexes
- Process: analysis of key topics, previous recommendations; focus on progress and shortcomings

Fitness Check EU water legislation - 2019

- Roadmaps published
- Factual basis
 - COM assessment RBMPs and FRMPs
 - Supporting study
 - Integrated assessment
 - Economic study
 - Other evidence and contributions



CAP 2014-20 & Water

Pillar 1

Cross-compliance: compulsory to all farmers. Water related:

- SMR 1, 10 on Nitrates Directive; Plant Protection Products
- GAEC 1,2,3,5,7 - buffer strips, irrigation, groundwater pollution, limiting erosion), landscape features

Greening - indirect effects on water. Condition for 30% of direct payment.

- Crop diversification, Ecological focus areas, Permanent grassland or Equivalent

Pillar 2 - Rural Development: Sustainability – envl., social, economic.

Strategic programming for MS targeting RDP measures to specific needs.

- Two water-specific focus areas:

- 4a. water management (fertilisers, pesticides)
- 5b efficiency in water use by agriculture

- Art. 46 (irrigation investments) + *Ex ante* Conditionalities

- Many measures for farming sector

- Measures include non-agricultural water management (drinking, waste water, floods)



CAP Reform - Objectives

Strengthen the environmental and climate ambition

- EU sets **objectives** and list of **types of intervention**
- **MS define** most pertinent measures
- **Farmers comply** with stringent criteria

Better target support – explore alternative approach

- **E.g.** capping payments, degressivity, redistributive payments
- Follow the principle of **equality** among member states

More knowledge and innovation

- Better knowledge **exchange and transfer**
- Anticipate future knowledge needs – **Research**
- Better Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (**AKIS**)

Rebalance responsibilities – EU/MS/Farmer

- Moving from one-size-fits-all to more **tailor-made solutions**
- **EU** would still set the basic policy parameters of the CAP
- Member States prepare "**CAP strategic plans**" approved by the Commission
- Shift from compliance to **results and performance**

Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) is ...

- **Policy driven**
 - *Dedicated to development and implementation of E.U. environment and climate action policy*

- **Small but Catalytic**
 - *Facilitates large-scale societal transition to sustainability through development and exchange of best practice, that can be replicated*
 - *Fills a niche between research and large scale implementation*
 - *Mobilises complementary actions from other funding sources*

- **Inclusive**
 - *Promotes better governance and widespread involvement of stakeholders*

... A key tool for reaching the EU's environment and climate objectives

Proven Elements of LIFE

- Bottom-up approach to generating high quality applications for **Standard Action Projects** to:
 - Develop, demonstrate and exchange innovative methods for meeting environmental and climate objectives
 - Implement best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity
 - Contribute to better environmental governance
- **(Strategic) Integrated Projects** *as compliance support tools for catalysing implementation of key environmental plans over large areas*
- **NGO Operating Grants** for improving involvement of civil society

LIFE 2021-2027

➤ **Fields of Action**

- Environment (3.5 billion Euro):
 - Nature and Biodiversity
 - Circular Economy and Quality of Life
- Climate Action (1.95 billion Euro):
 - Mitigation and Adaptation
 - Clean Energy Transition

➤ **Reinforcing the strengths of LIFE**

➤ **Improving coherence, efficiency and effectiveness based on last evaluation**

➤ **Proposal expected on 1st June.**

Opportunities for Enhancement

- **Improve replication/uptake** of successful projects
- **Improve coherence and synergies** with other instruments - leverage funding
- **Improve strategic focus** on key policy needs:
 - ❖ Targeting evolving needs and priorities
 - ❖ Reinforce contribution to implementation/compliance agenda
- **Ensure streamlining** of application and reporting formats, and **balanced accessibility** across the EU



LIFE Environment sub-programme indicative timetable

Standard (Traditional) Projects

12 June 2018	Deadline for applicants to submit concept notes
October 2018	Notification, shortlisted applicants invited to submit full proposal
January 2019	Deadline to submit full proposals
July - Sept 2019	Signature of individual grant agreements
1 July 2019	Earliest possible starting date

Integrated Projects

5 Sept 2018	Deadline for applicants to submit concept notes
November 2018	Notification, shortlisted applicants invited to submit full proposal
14 March 2019	Deadline to submit full proposals
October 2019	Signature of individual grant agreements
1 October 2019	Earliest possible starting date

The 2018 call: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2018/index.htm>

Natl. contact points: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm>



Thank you for your attention

<http://water.europa.eu/policy>

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