



Evaluation of the sustainable use of pesticides Directive

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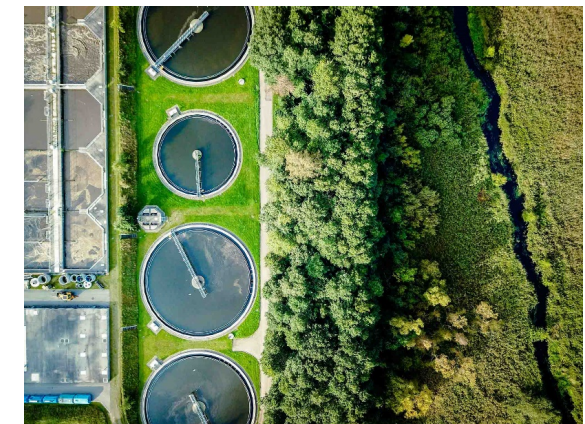
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Who we are

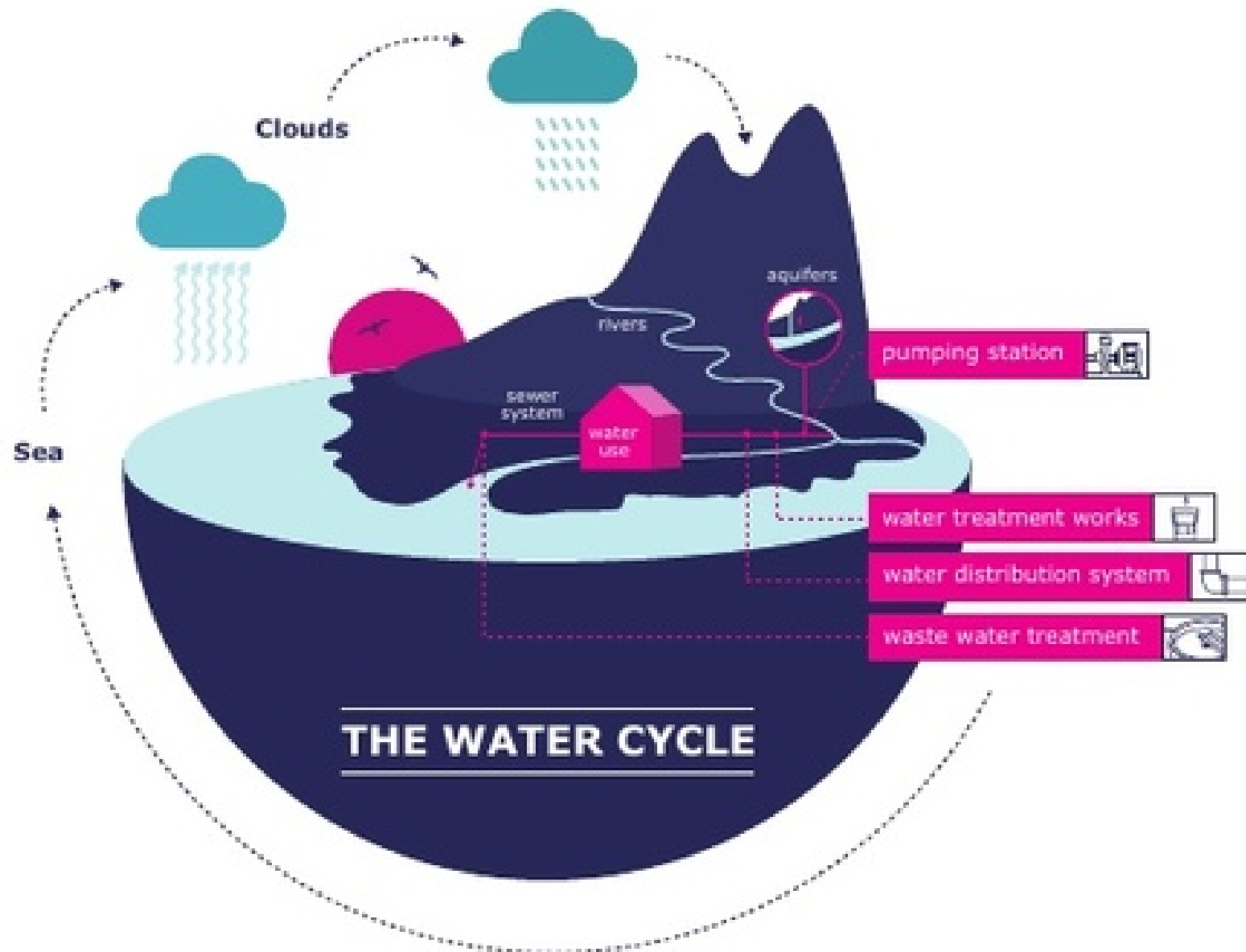
- ~ EurEau is the **European Federation of Water Services**
- ~ **34** national associations of **drinking and waste water operators** from **29** European countries
- ~ Providing “essential services”
- ~ Realising the **human right to water and sanitation**



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



EurEau – Our mission

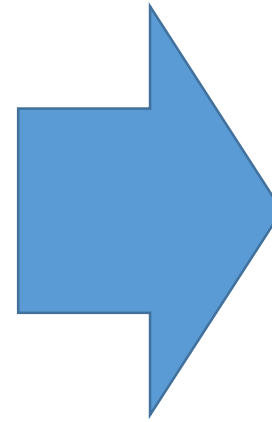


Protect the
health and the
environment
by supplying
clean and
healthy
drinking
water and
ensuring that
waste water
is returned
safely to nature.

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union - Art. 191(2)

“the Union policy on the environment [...] shall be based:

- ~ on the precautionary principle and
- ~ on the principles that preventive action should be taken,
- ~ that environmental damage should as a priority be rectified at source and
- ~ that the polluter should pay.”

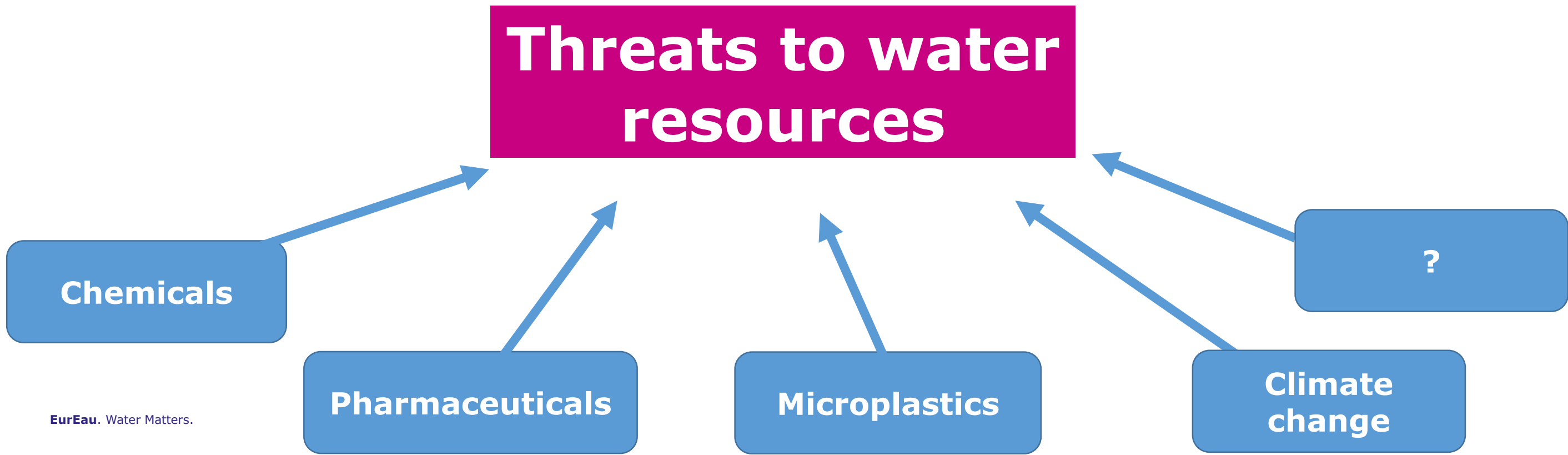


Fundamental guiding principles for:

- ~ EU Green Deal
- ~ F2F
- ~ Zero Pollution

Protection of water resources

- ~ Prerequisite to fulfil our mission
- ~ Legal obligations: Art. 7.3 WFD + Art. 8 new DWD



Legislative framework

Water Framework Directive (WFD)

Control at source

Cost Recovery
Principle

Polluter Pays
Principle

The water consumer should not bear the cost of extra treatment, but the **polluter-pays principle should be applied.**

Drinking Water Directive (DWD)

Pesticides: 0,1 µg/l



in active substances,
metabolites and
transformation products

The extra-treatment has been applied increasingly over the past 20 years to comply with the DWD – **consumers pay more.**

Towards a new SUPD

- ~ National Action Plans (NAPs) weak and inefficient
- ~ NAPs lack ambition and enforcement measures to reduce the risks and impacts of pesticides on water resources
- ~ Starting point: full life cycle approach + source control
- ~ The **new SUPD should at EU level:**
 - ~ Define **clear targets** which can be monitored and evaluated and **ambitious timeframes** for implementation
 - ~ Establish a systematic approach for monitoring and evaluation of **actions and measures** taken
 - ~ **Oblige** Member States to **enforce and report** on the measures undertaken to meet the targets

Additional recommended measures

- ~ PPPR: implement existing withdrawal for active substances in case of concentrations in water resources exceed the objectives set by the WFD and Daughter Directives
- ~ Opportunities to link DWD with the revision of GWD & EQSD (water resources protection)
- ~ Scope for the implementation of the polluter-pays principle (EPR schemes) to pesticides and other micropollutants



Conclusions

- ~ Water operators first hand-experience that **SUPD is not delivering**
- ~ Member States' efforts to develop ambitious NAP are ineffective
- ~ Extra-treatment is:
 - ~ **Inconsistent** with WFD (art.7.3) and new DWD (art.8)
 - ~ **Unsustainable** residues management is a problem
 - ~ **Energy intensive** against the Green Deal carbon neutrality
 - ~ **Costly**
- ~ European Green Deal - Zero pollution - **Polluter-pays** principle should be applied
- ~ Water bills should continue to be **affordable** and **drinking water safe**

Thank you for your attention

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