



Policy and legal linkages between CAP and WFD

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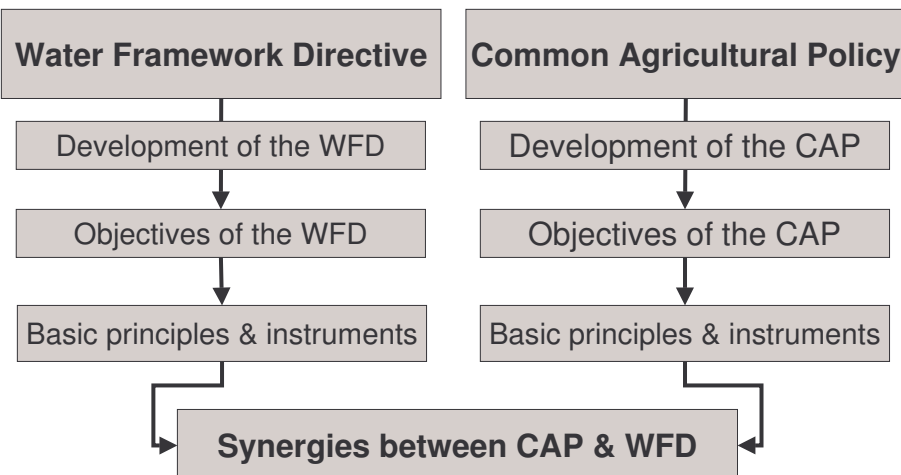
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Development towards WFD

- **Three waves of European water policy**
 - Reduction and prevention of water pollution
→ First generation's directives (end of 1970s)
 - Strict rules on wastewater treatment and use of nitrates in agriculture
 - Establishment of holistic and intersectorial approach by adoption of WFD (2000)



WFD and CIS Process

- **For successful and effective WFD implementation: common understanding and approach crucial**
- **EU Member States, Norway and Commission agreed on Common Implementation Strategy (CIS)**
- **Key activities of CIS**
 - Information sharing
 - Developing guidance on technical issues
 - Information and data management
 - Application, testing and validation



Objectives of the WFD

- **Achievement of “good status” for all waters by 2015 (quality and quantity)**
- **Protect related aquatic ecosystems**
- **Prevent further deterioration**
- **Reduce discharges of certain priority substances**



CAP Development towards Agenda 2000 (I)

- **CAP established within first Treaties constituting the European Economic Community in 1957**
- **Established in 1962**
- **Principle framework for agricultural policy and rural development in all EU Member States**
- **Mid 1980s: increased awareness of env. protection
→ Agri-Environmental Regulation (CAP reform 1992)**



CAP Development towards Agenda 2000 (II)

- **Rural Development Regulation (1999): brought together several policy measures under a single instrument, the 'Second Pillar' of CAP**
- **Agenda 2000 negotiations concluded at Berlin Summit in March 1999**
 - **Set out new policy framework for 2000-2006**
 - **Aim: strengthen environmental provisions within CAP and integrate them into policy for rural development**
 - **In 2002: CAP subject to review concerning its further operation after 2006 → Mid-Term Review**



Objectives of the CAP

- **Ensuring a stable supply of affordable and safe food**
- **Providing a reasonable standard of living for farmers**
- **Ensuring that the environment is protected for future generations**
- **Ensuring that all regions can sustain farming**
- **Looking after the well-being of rural society**



WFD Basic Principles and Instruments

- **Art. 1, 4: Environmental objectives ('good status' by 2015) and non-deterioration clause**
- **Art. 11, 13 & 15: River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) including Programmes of Measures (PoM)**
- **Art. 9: Application of polluter-pays principle connected to the provisions of cost recovery of water services**
- **Art. 14: Supporting transparency with public participation**



CAP Basic Principles - Pillars 1 & 2

Pillar 1:
Market and income support measures (direct payments and market related payments)

European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF)

Pillar 2:
Rural development measures (environment, food safety, etc.)
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)



CAP Basic Principles - Mid-Term Review

Introduction of decoupled payments - Single farm payments

From 2005 onwards: vast majority of direct payments are paid to farmers independently of their production

Cross Compliance

Subsidies linked to the respect of environmental, food safety, animal health and welfare standards: Statutory Management Requirements (SMR) and Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC)

Reduction of direct payments for bigger farms ('modulation')

Funds will be switched from production (Pillar 1) to RD measures (Pillar 2); shift of funds is called 'modulation'

Financial discipline

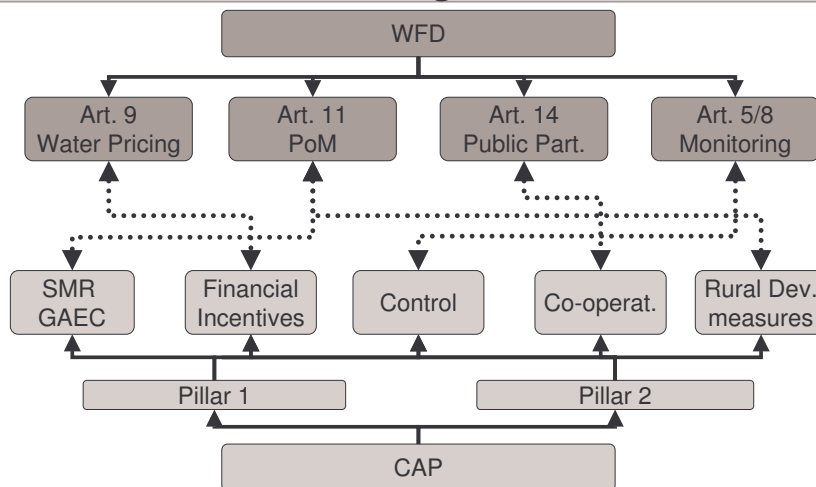
Mechanism to ensure that farm budget fixed until 2013 is not overshoot

Revision of market policy of CAP

Related to milk, cereals, rice, durum wheat, nuts etc. sectors



CAP & WFD Interlinkages





Synergies between CAP & WFD

Year	Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)	Water Framework Directive (WFD)
2000	Approval of Rural Development Programmes under Agenda 2000	Adoption and coming into force of the WFD
2003	CAP Reform , including decoupling, cross-compliance, modulation, strengthened rural development policy	
2004		Analysis of the characteristics, pressures and impacts in river basins (according to Art. 5 WFD)
2005	Cross-compliance becomes compulsory, including introduction of Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC)	
2006	End of 2000 – 2006 Rural Development programming period Final approval of EU strategic guidelines Drawing up and submission to Commission of RD national strategies and measures	Monitoring network must be established (according to Art. 8 WFD) Public consultation of timetable and working programme for the production of a river basin management plans (according to Art. 14 WFD)
2007	Start of new Rural Development Programmes Report on cross compliance	Interim report of significant water management issues (according to Art. 14 WFD)
2008	Review of 2003 CAP Reform (according to Article 8 Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003)	Public consultation on the river basin management plans (according to Art. 14 WFD)
2009		River basin management plans (according to Art. 13 WFD)
2013	End of 2007 – 2013 Rural Development programming period	
2015		Achievement of good status in all European water bodies (according to Art. 4 WFD)

Linking the implementation processes of both policy fields



Conclusions

- **Evolution of EU agricultural and water policies: different traditions and challenges they have had to address in the last decades**
- **Significant window of opportunities for better co-ordination and harmonisation between CAP and WFD implementation processes, e.g. RD measures and PoM development**
- **Need for co-ordination between relevant authorities**
- **Co-operation: crucial to solve problems on the ground**