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**Economic Analysis according to the WFD:
Status of Implementation**

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2004: Chances and
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Outline

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- **The Economic Analysis 2004**
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- **Leading questions of the workshop**



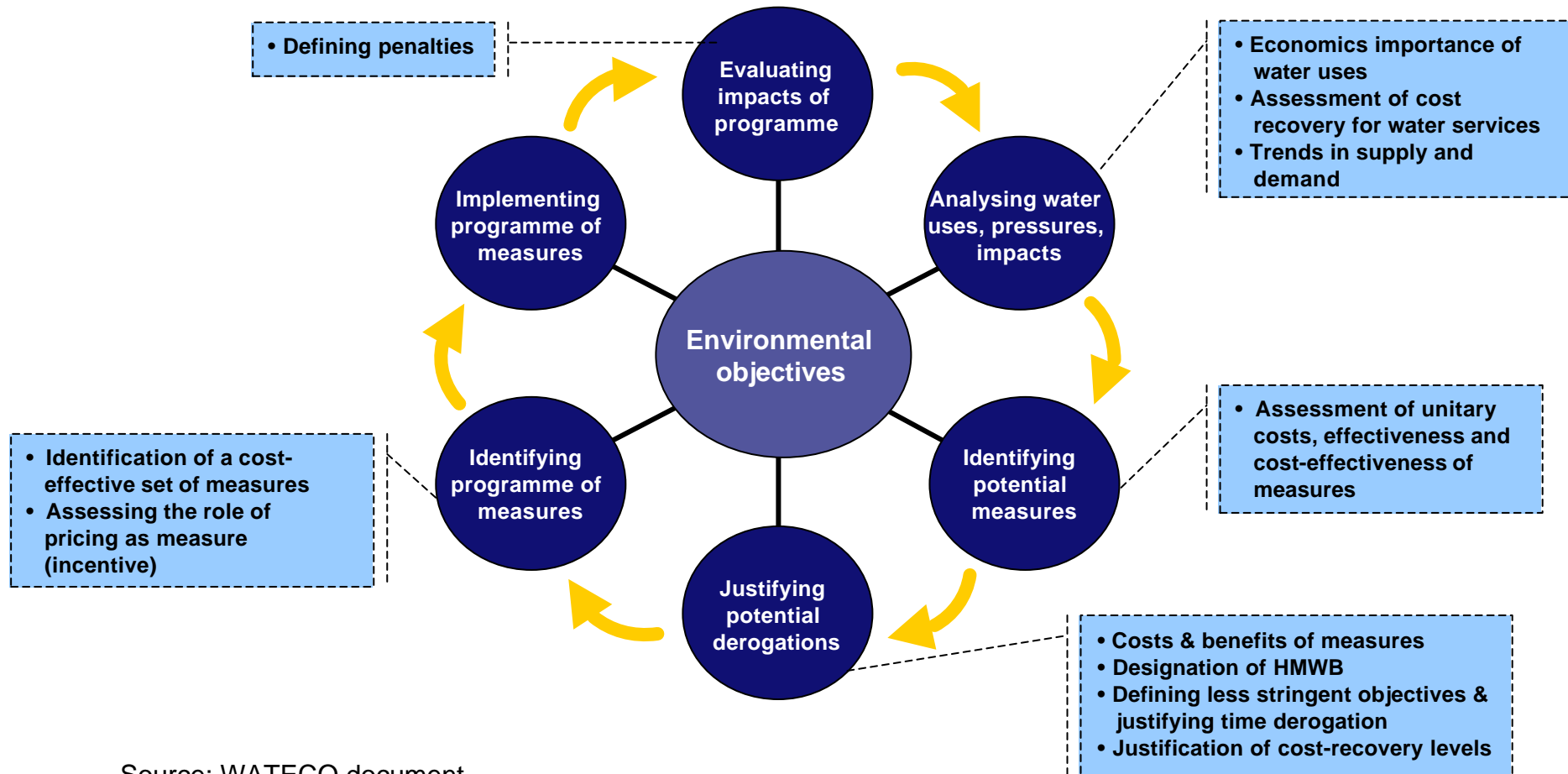


What Role should Economics Play?

- **The WFD integrates economic elements in water management and policy making, e.g. through:**
 - **Cost-recovery requirements**
 - **Incentive pricing issues**
 - **Support for the justification of derogations / heavily modified water bodies**
 - **Choosing cost-effective sets of measures**
- **® Economic Analysis 2004 forms the basis**



What Role should Economics Play?



Source: WATECO document



What Role for the Economic Analysis?

According to Annex III, the Economic Analysis “shall contain enough information in sufficient detail” to:

- **Make the relevant calculations for taking into account the principle of cost-recovery of water services (Article 9)**
- **Make judgements about the cost effective combination of measures (Article 11)**

But keep in mind:

“Taking account of data collection costs”



The Economic Analysis 2004: Content

- **WATECO has specified the content of the economic analysis 2004**
- **No detailed presentation here (expert workshop)**
- **„Short reminder“ to be found in the background document**
- **Will be mentioned in the „starter“ of each thematic session**



What has Happened so far?

This workshop will give an overview on the implementation work done so far by:

- **Presenting implementation status / „thinking“ in the EU countries (based on questionnaires / interviews with national representatives: many thanks!)**
- **Outlining examples of national approaches**
- **Clarifying the use of the Economic Analysis after 2004**

® „leading questions“ of the workshop



Leading Questions of the Workshop

- **How is the Economic Analysis being implemented in the different EU countries?**
- **How are technical and economic factors integrated for the 2004 requirements?**
- **How will we use the Economic Analysis after 2004 (influence on current work)?**
- **What is important for international river basins when thinking about the economic aspects of the WFD?**



Leading Questions of the Workshop

- **National presentations will try to provide indications on these issues**
- **Should be kept “in mind” during the different discussions**

And, “last but surely not least”:

Economic Analysis not only a reporting requirement, but a necessary tool!



Thank you for listening.

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