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POLICY INTEGRATION

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Why is integration needed?



- We need to recognise we face policies with equal legitimacy
- However, we also need to accept that potential conflicts could occur
- We want to avoid sterile trials: CO₂ versus H₂O, safety versus health....



Why is integration needed? cont'd



- Minimalist goal: at least avoid undermining one policy by the others
- Ambitious goal: synergies between the different policies
- Realistic goal?



Different levels and scales of integration



- Policy definition (EU/MS/Regions)
- Planning documents (master plans, river basin management plans...)
- Programmes
- Individual projects



Barriers for integration



- Institutional, cultural and geographical barriers: how to enhance dialogue and co-operation between different competent authorities and stakeholders?
- Economical barriers: who pays and gets money for what, where are the actual costs, where are the actual benefits, where are the transfers?
- Time barrier: how to improve the past?
- Expertise barriers: how to foster multidisciplinary approaches, definition and comparison of credible alternatives, definition and implementation of win-win solutions or adapted mitigation measures?



Solutions?



- Each different level of integration needs different instruments and skills, gathered in comprehensive packages
- Each level and each “barrier” need to be addressed
- Imagination is required and business as usual should be prohibited!



Discussion



- What are the key policy integration issues?
- How can they be embedded in the follow up activity?
- Recommendations for the SCG?