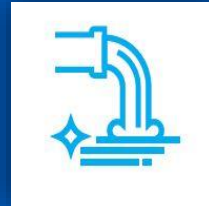




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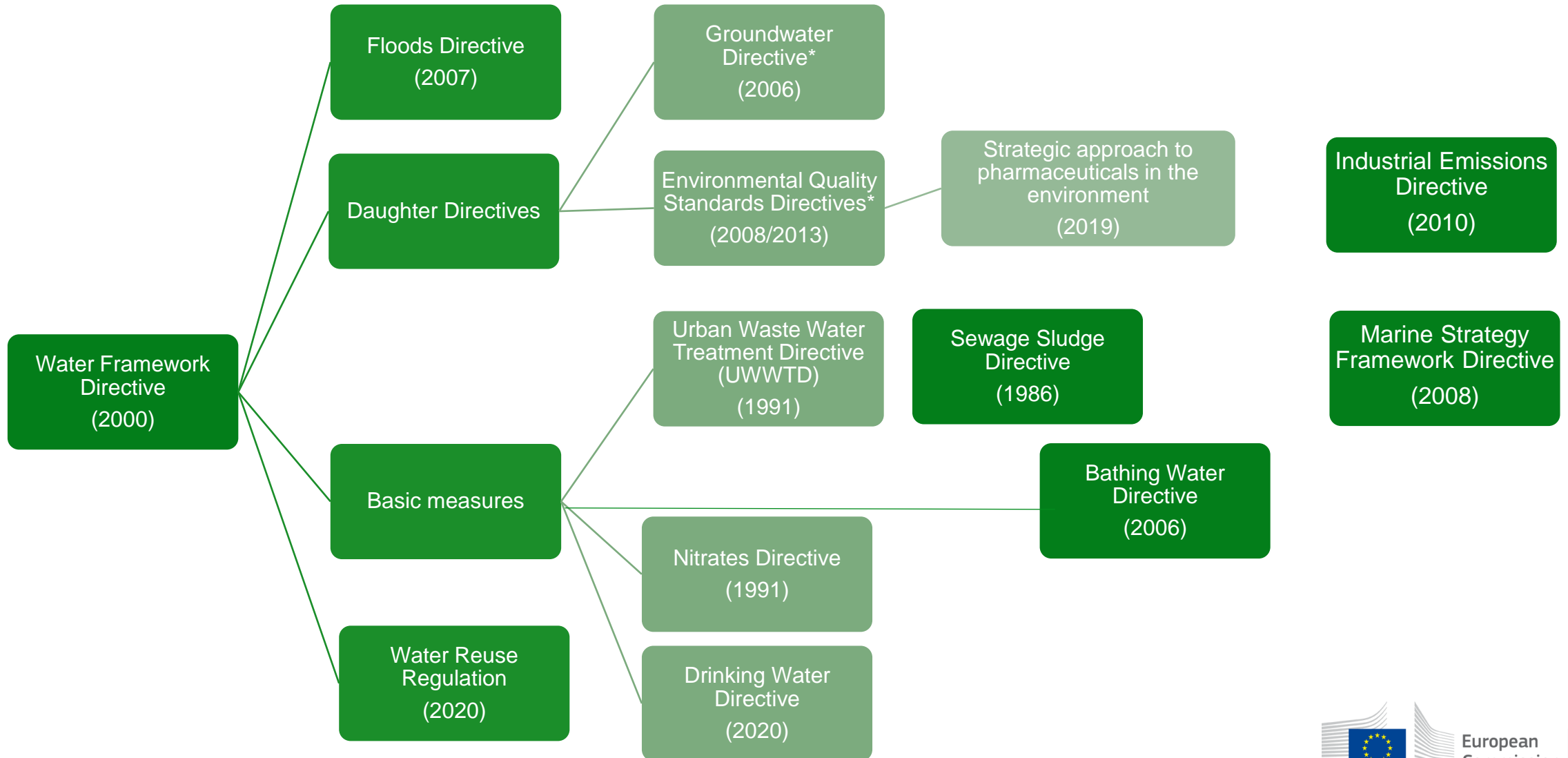
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Starting point: Evaluation of the UWWTD

Lessons learnt

Effective tool – Tangible impacts

Simple and targeted instrument

Carrot and stick

Benefits >>> costs

Room for improvement

Remaining pollution

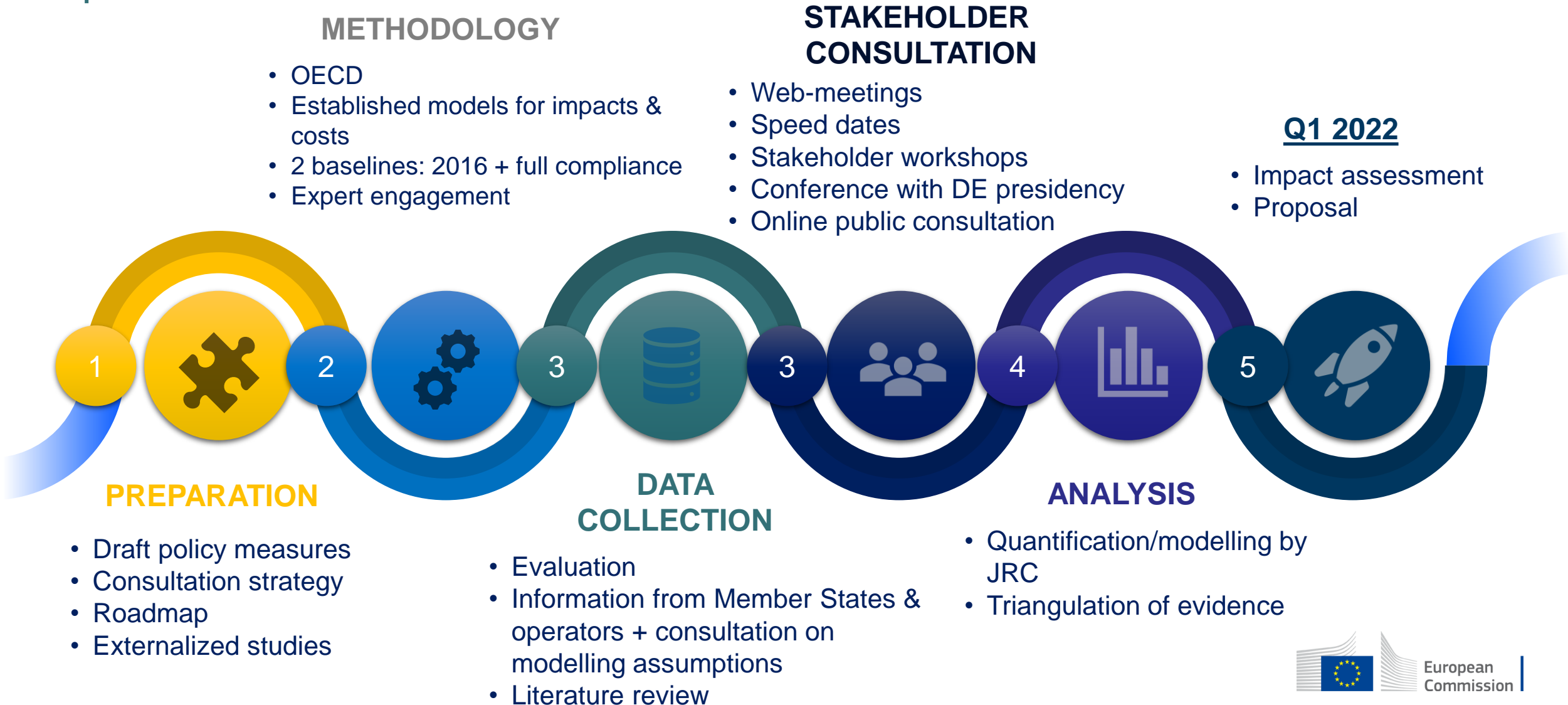
Eutrophication

Energy use, sludge management

Governance –transparency/reporting

Coherence with other legislation

Approach to the Impact Assessment of the UWWTD



UWWTD revision: long list of policy measures

Storm water overflows, runoff	Small agglomerations	Individual systems
Nutrients	Sensitive areas	Contaminants of emerging concern
Sludge management	Industrial discharges	Energy use/production + climate footprint
Monitoring	Reporting and information to the public	Governance

Some over-arching considerations



Thank you