



Update on COM's initiatives in relation to Water

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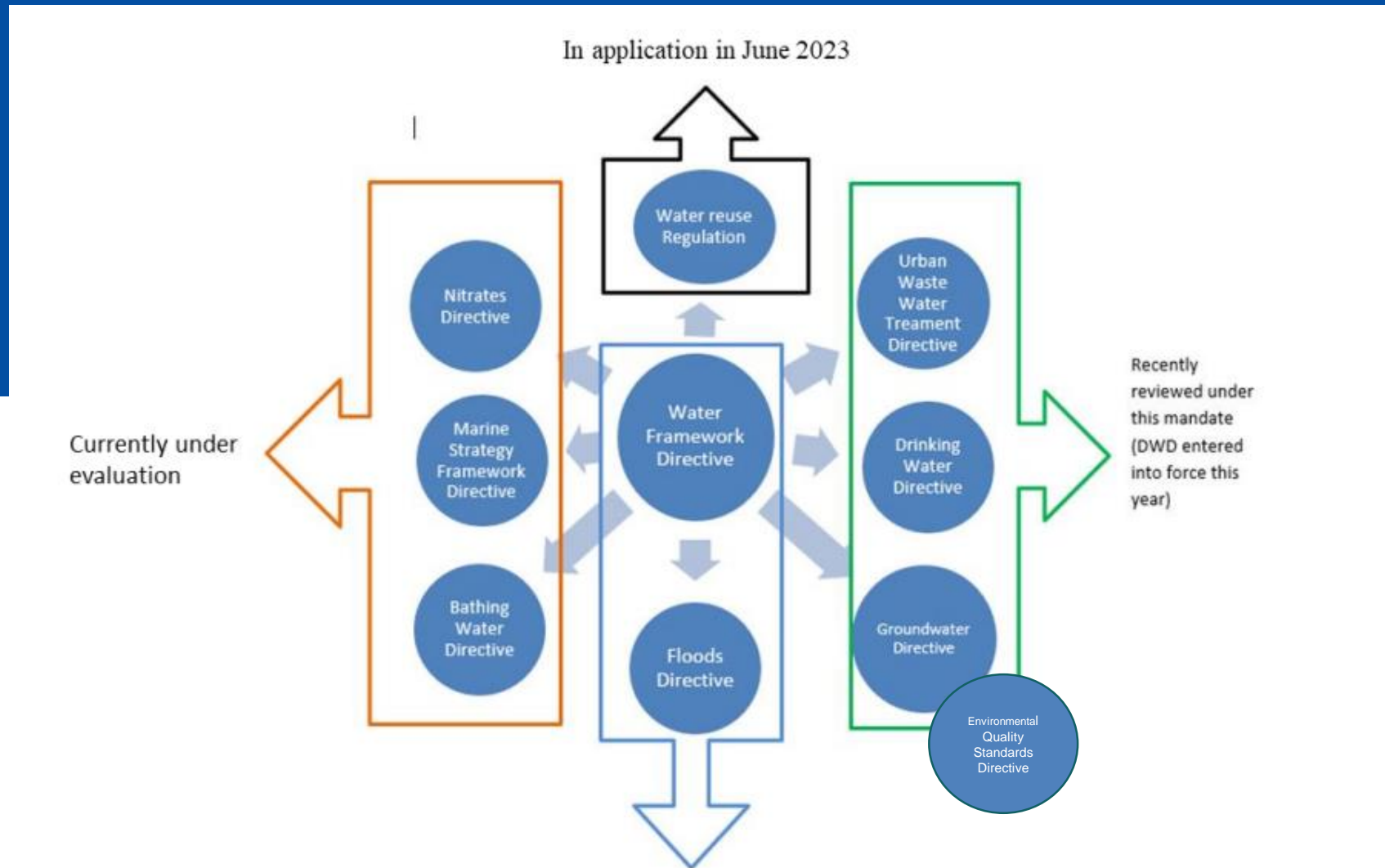
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What the Commission is doing: a water acquis in evolution

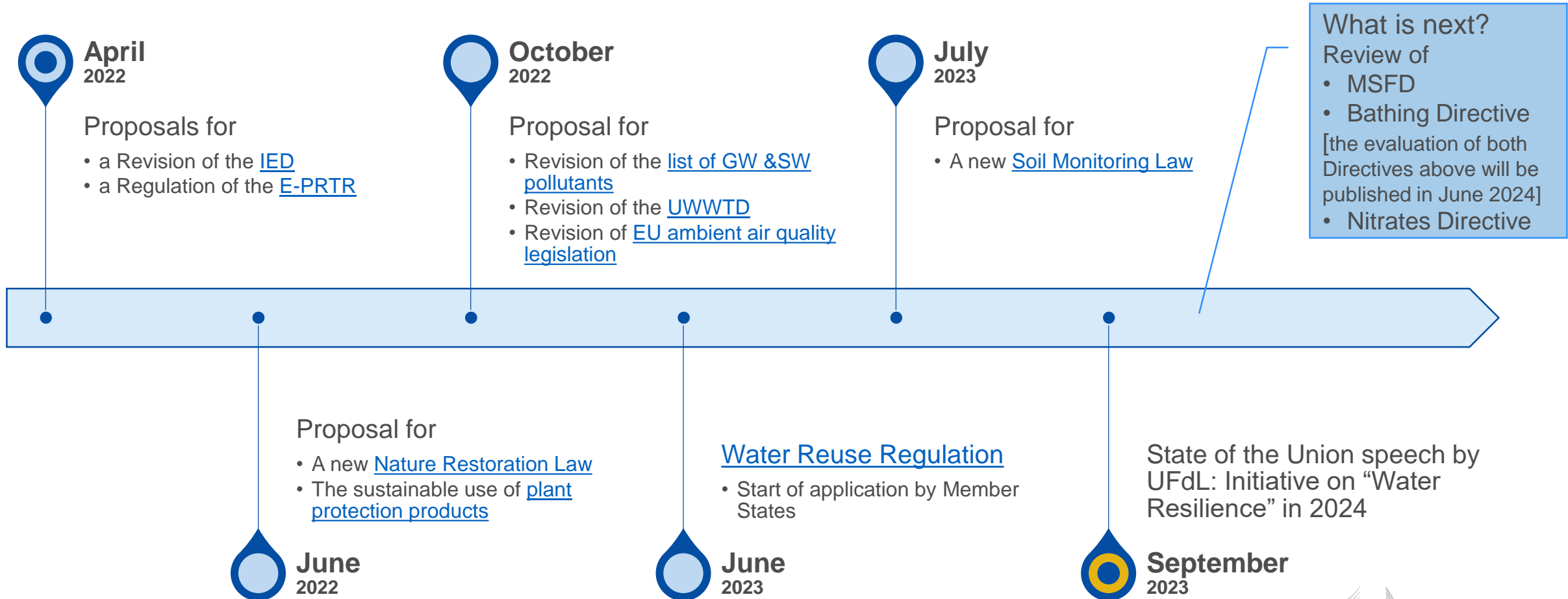


Currently under evaluation

Recently reviewed under this mandate (DWD entered into force this year)

Ongoing Assessment of the 3rd River Basin Management Plans and 2nd Flood Risk Management Plans

Legislative initiatives and other key milestones re water



Integrated Water Management – revision of the lists of **surface water** and **groundwater pollutants**

Increase protection in line with Biodiversity Strategy and European Green Deal

Update list of pollutants for surface and groundwater

Tackle emerging risks

Better monitoring of mixtures and seasonal variations

Reduce administrative burden and facilitate a quicker response to emerging risks

Streamline legislative approach between surface and groundwaters

Facilitate alignment list and standards to latest scientific evidence

Improve transparency

Achieving environmental quality standards will be achieved through range of existing and proposed EU measures (some in preparation), e.g.:

Industrial Emissions

Sustainable Use of Pesticides

Urban wastewater

Chemicals / REACH

Pharmaceuticals

Nitrates Directive

Member States need to combine and complement these measures in the River Basin Management Plan

Integrated Water Management – revision of the lists of surface water and groundwater pollutants

Timeline – Next steps

Adoption of EC proposal:
26 October 2022

1st WPE meeting:
11 Nov. 2022

Council:
WPE meeting
12 June 2023

EP: ENVI
Committee
Plenary 12 Sept
2023

Further WPE
meetings to prepare
council position
Oct-Dec 2023
(ES presidency)

Work towards
adoption by
Council and
Parliament:
possibly in first
semester 2024
(BE Presidency)

Work on EU water resilience agenda

During this mandate



- Raising awareness and stepping up implementation and funding



- Strengthening the knowledge base and gap analysis in preparation for the next mandate for EU measures



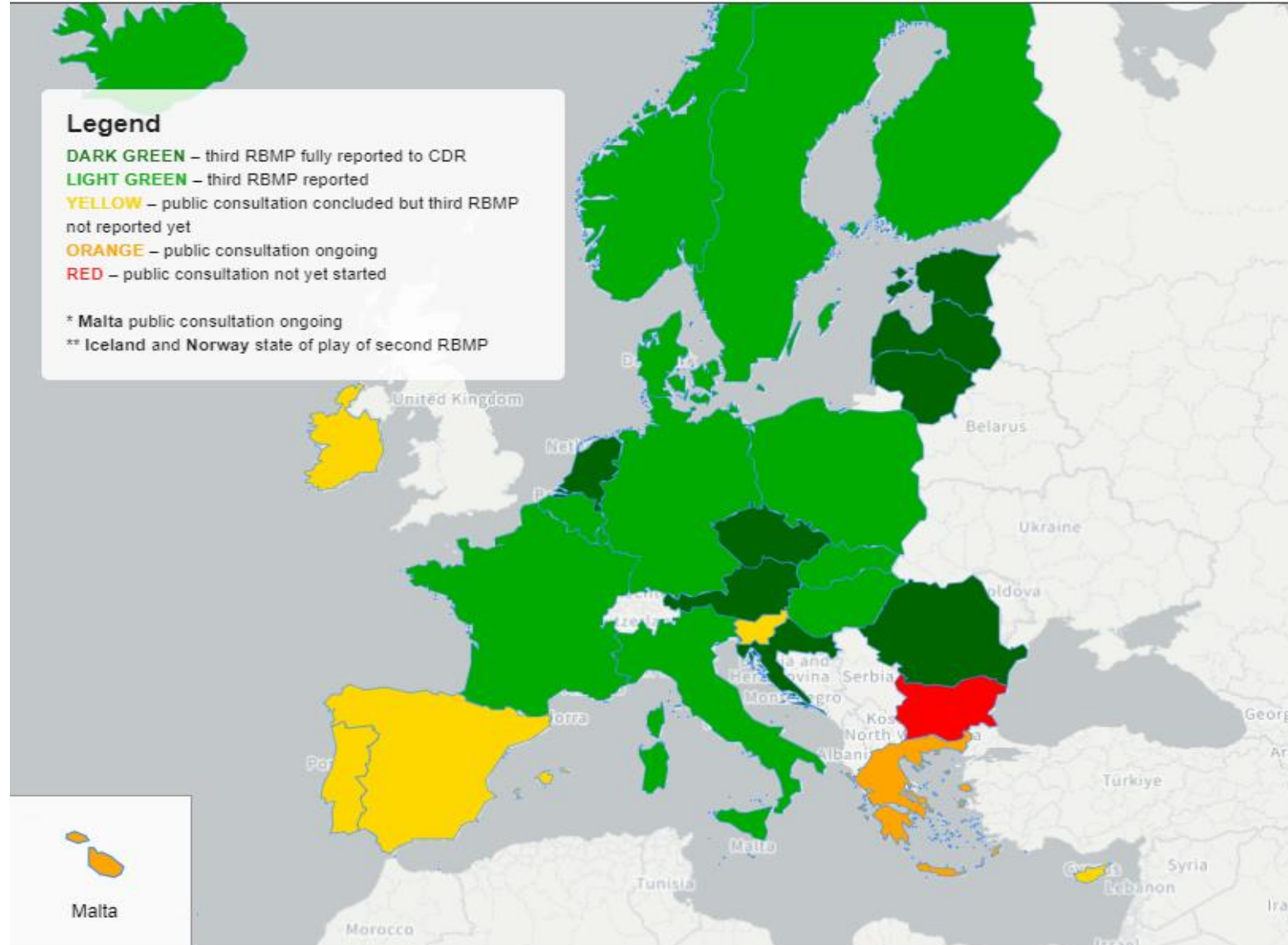
- International action

Next steps

- Work Program of the Commission
- Corporate communication campaign (2024)
- Adoption of a Water resilience initiative-consultative communication

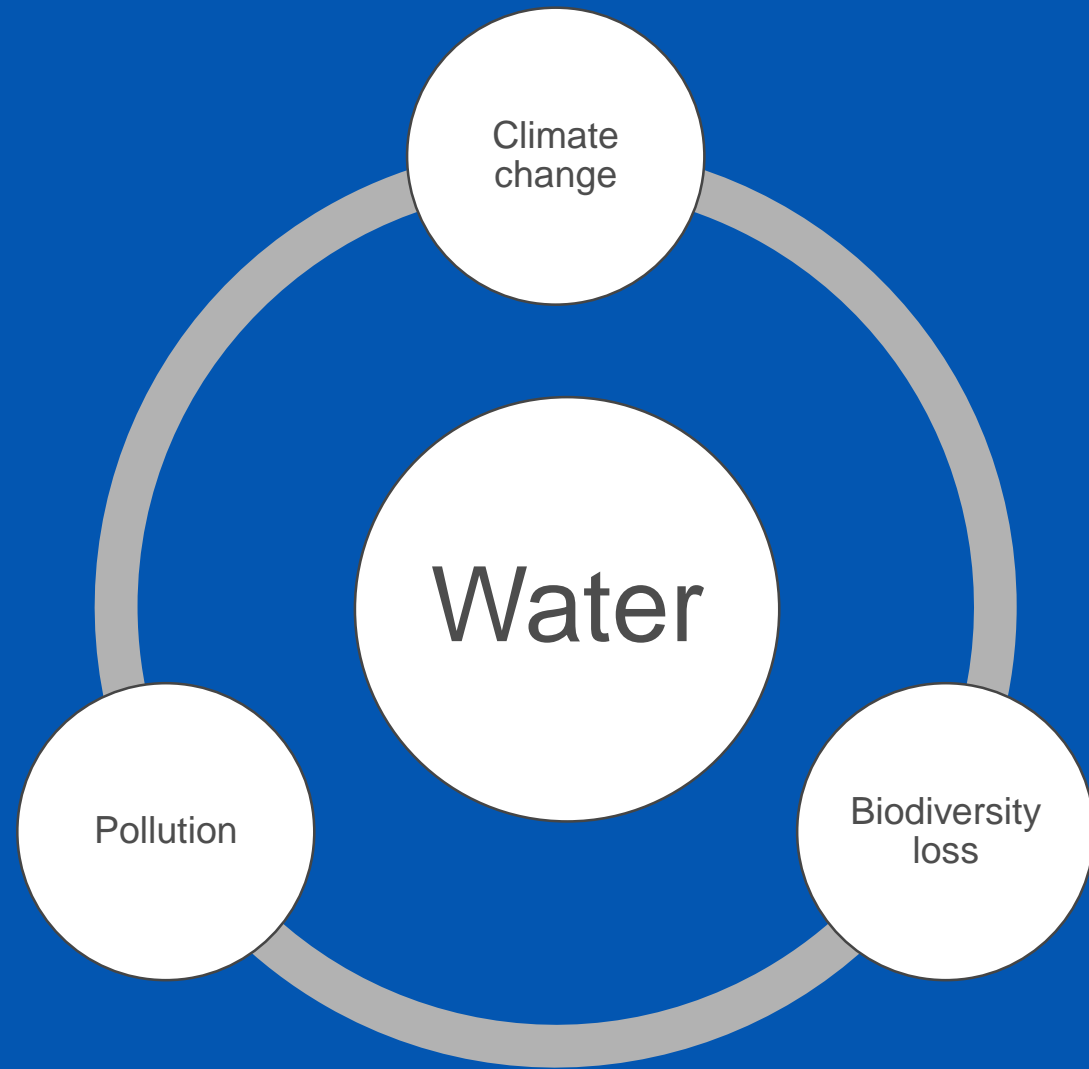
On going assessment of 3rd RBMPs

State of
play of the
reporting
under the
WFD



publication of our
7th implementation
report

Key challenges



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