

EU Blueprint to safeguard Europe's waters- background, rationale and existing EU Water Legislation

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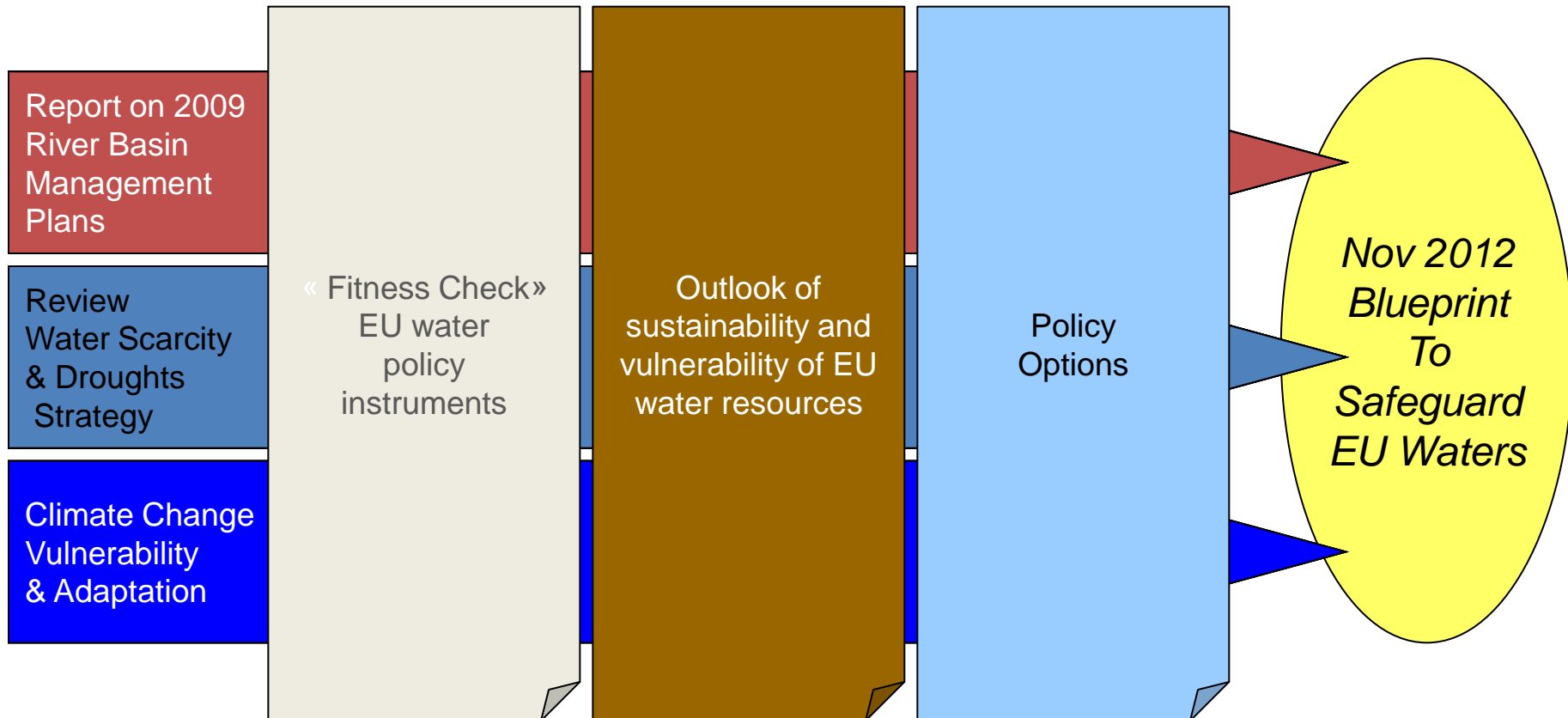
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The Blueprint and EU Water Policy

- The Blueprint to Safeguard Europe's Water Resources will present the **policy response to the challenges** presented in the European Environment Agency State of Water Report(2009)
 - with the long-term aim to ensure sufficient availability of good quality water for sustainable and equitable water use.
- The Blueprint is closely related to the EU 2020 Strategy and in particular to the **Resource Efficiency Roadmap**.
 - The Blueprint will be the **water milestone** on that Roadmap. However, the analysis underpinning the Blueprint will in fact cover a longer time span up to 2030-2050.

The blueprint – analysis and assessments framework

Impact Assessment



Overall policy measures

- **Better implementation of the existing legislative framework on water** in particular the Water Framework directive, the Environment Quality Standard Directive, Groundwater directive, Nitrates and industrial emissions directives.
- **Enhancing the integration** of water policy objectives into other policy areas such as agriculture), EU Structural and cohesion funds and the policies on renewable energy and transport.
- **In a few cases completion of the current framework** by new action of a legislative/legal nature.

Blueprint Time frame

- Blueprint will set the agenda for water policy until 2020
- Workplan for better implementation to be prepared
- From November 2012 onwards- guidance to support EU Member States in their planning and implementation for the next round of River basin management plans by 2015
- Assessment of 2015 plans, review of WFD by 2019,