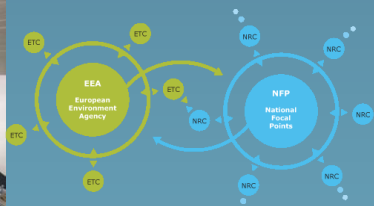




EEA and the European Neighbourhood



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Mission of the European Environment Agency (EEA)

“The EEA aims to support sustainable development and to help achieve significant and measurable improvement in Europe’s environment, through the provision of timely, targeted, relevant and reliable information to policy making agents and the public”



EEA's mandate and objective

To provide a sound decision basis for the EU and member countries' environmental policies, by producing...

- European, regional and global environment–related data and indicator sets
- Integrated environmental assessments
- Thematic environmental analyses



EEA's strategic areas of work

Mapped to the policy objectives of the EU's 7th Environment Action Programme, the EEA has defined three strategic areas of work, namely

- Informing policy implementation
- Assessing systemic challenges
- Utilising networks, information networks, content-sharing and communication

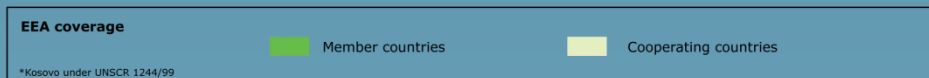


EEA's target groups

- **Stakeholders: Institutions and governments**
 - European Commission, Parliament, Council, EEA member countries
- **Policy influencers: Civil society**
 - NGOs, business, media, advisory groups, scientists, debaters
- **The general public**



EEA member and cooperating countries



European environment information and observation network (Eionet)

About 300 national institutions in 33 member countries + collaborating countries (NFPs, NRCs), comprising

- National focal points
- European topic centres
- National reference centres
- Other institutions



The six Topic Centres

- Consortia working under contract with the EEA
- Deal with specific environmental topics and perform activities as defined in the EEA Strategy and the Annual Management Plan
- Presently comprise
 - Air pollution and Climate Change mitigation
 - Biological Diversity
 - Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation
 - Inland, Coastal and Marine waters
 - Spatial Information and Analysis
 - Waste and Materials in a Green Economy



Main outputs

- 5-year state and outlook reports (next edition due in 2015)
- EEA Reports
- EEA Signals
- Briefings for stakeholders
- Material adapted for media usage
- Technical reports
- Multimedia content
- Web content, e.g. web article and thematic introductions
- Social media content
- Online data services
- Regular participation, and speaking opportunities, at relevant European and global conferences



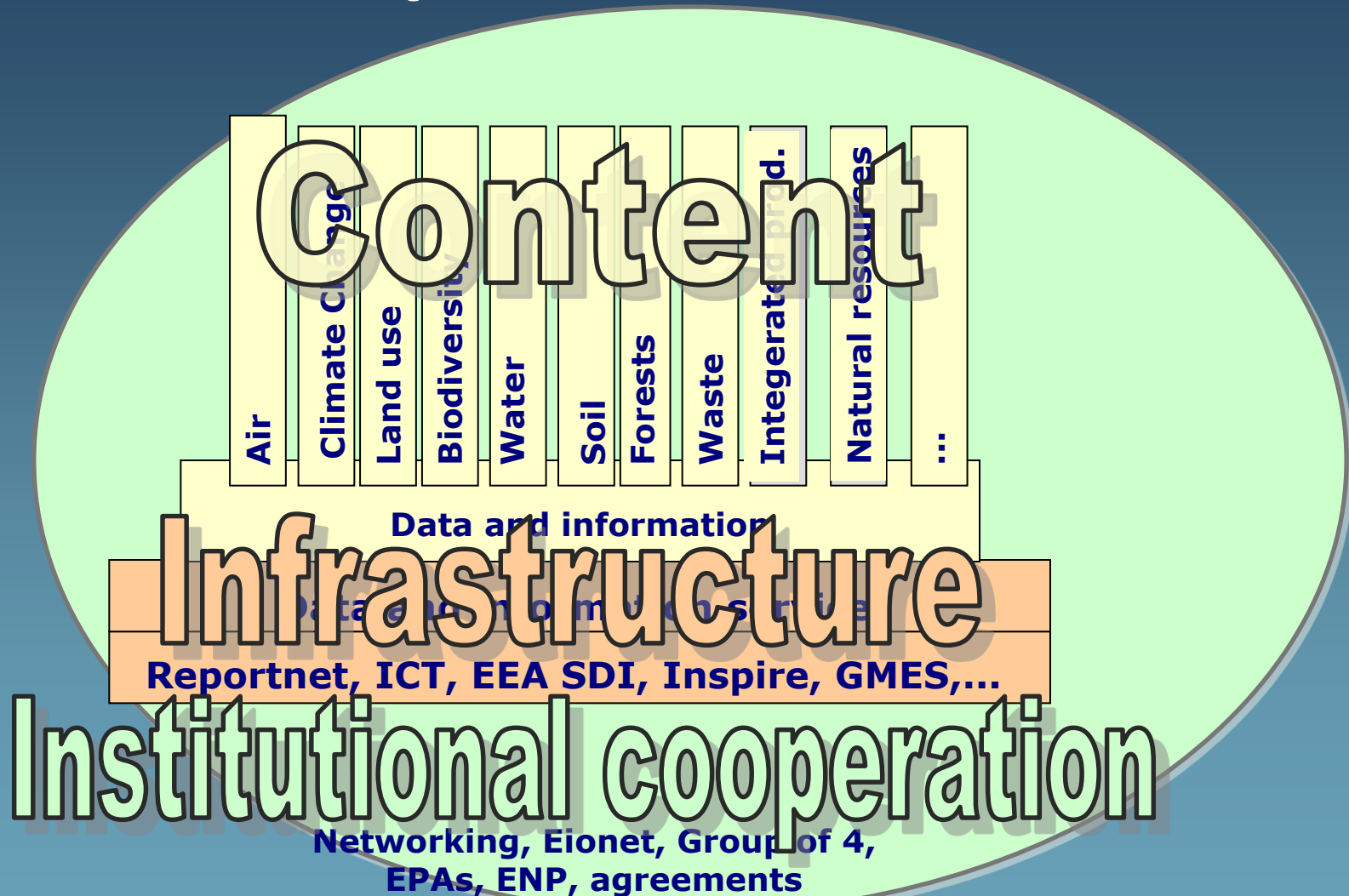
Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles

Information should be

- managed as **close** as possible to its source;
- collected **once**, and shared with others for many purposes;
- readily **available** to easily fulfil reporting obligations;
- easily **accessible** to all users.
- accessible to enable **comparisons** at the appropriate geographical scale, and citizen participation;
- fully available to the general **public**, and at the national level in the relevant **national language(s)**.
- Supported through common, free **open** software standards



SEIS conceptual framework



ENPI-SEIS Project

Main outcomes:

Enhanced networking and improved capacities for handling environmental data and information, ensuring open access to it through compatible and freely available exchange tools.

Coverage: 15 ENP partner countries (6 in the East, 9 in the South region)

Project duration:

January 2010 – March 2015

Budget: €5.7 M

Support to EU policies:

external policy framework (ENP, UfM, EaP), thematic policies (MSFD, WFD, ICZMS), horizontal policies (SEIS, Inspire, GMES)



EEA and ENPI-SEIS project coverage

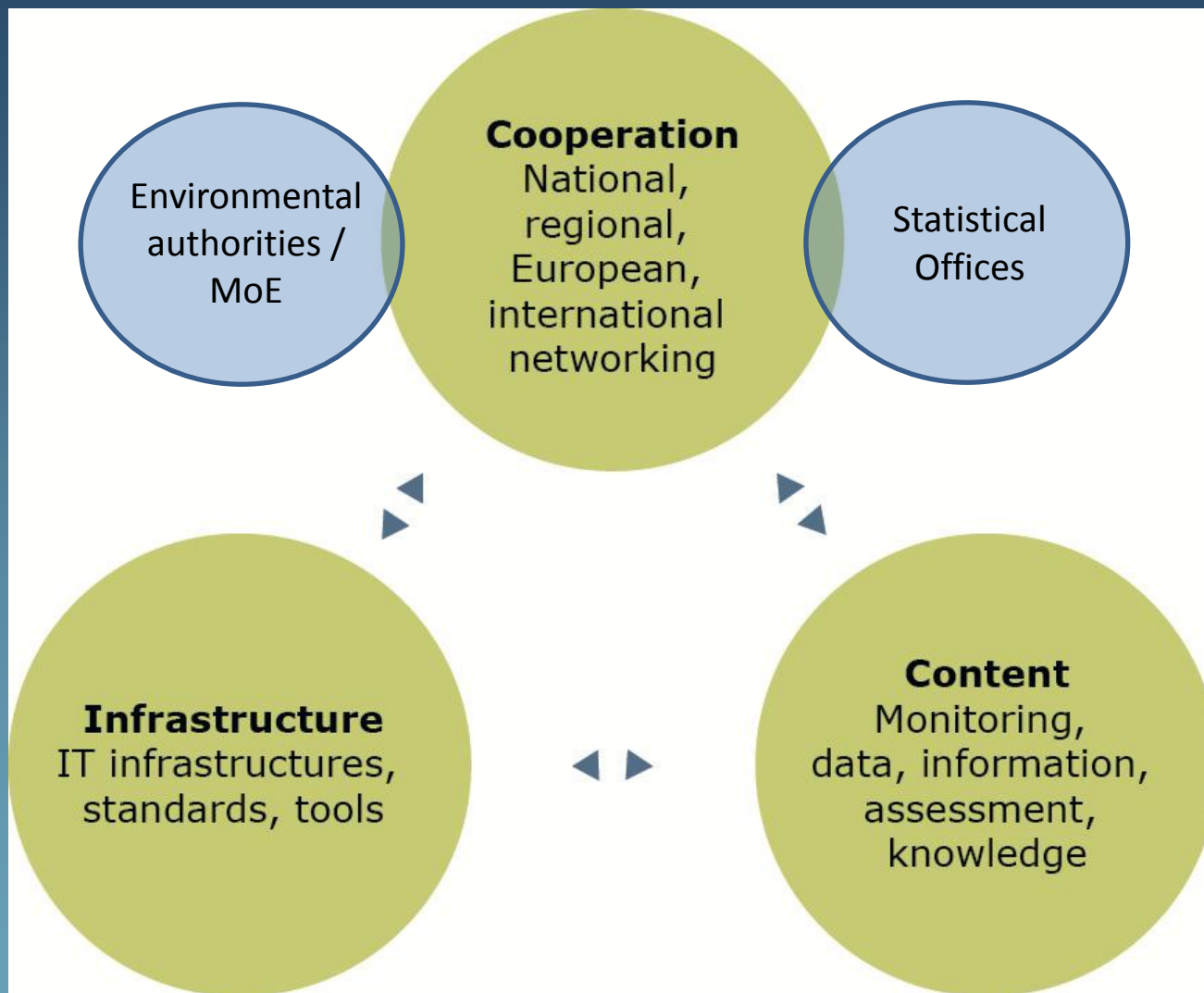
EEA member countries	ENP East
EEA cooperating countries	Strategic partnership
	ENP South

The map does not imply any opinion from EEA concerning the legal status of any country or territory, its area of authority or the delineation of its frontiers and boundaries.

* Syria: Collaboration is temporarily suspended



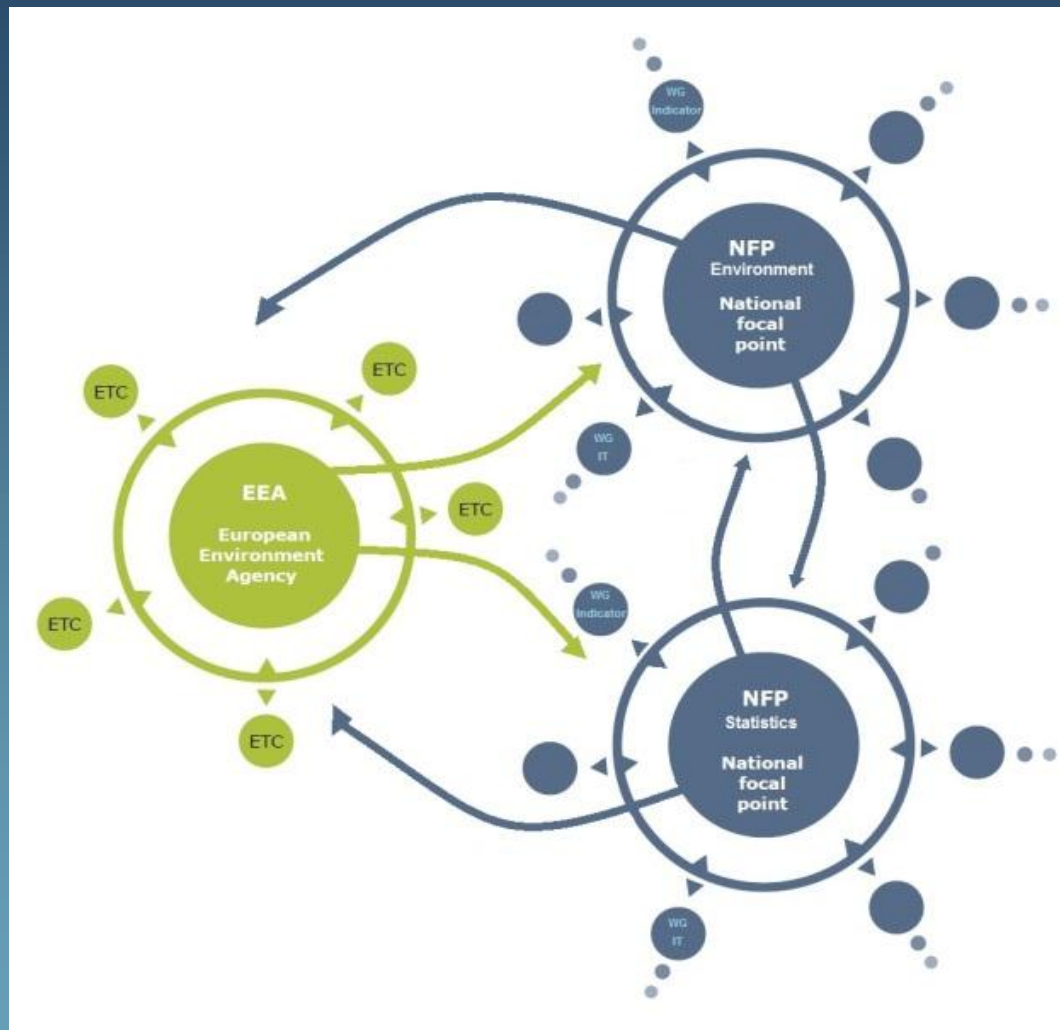
The Approach



Cooperation

Networks established within the ENPI-SEIS project

- **National Focal Points** from Environment and Statistical authorities nominated from each of the partner countries
- Working Group on Information Technology
- Working Group on Environmental Indicators
- Key regional players: UNECE , Barcelona Convention / UNEP-MAP



Content

Identified priority themes and regional indicators



Priority themes for the South

Focus on Horizon 2020 priorities

1. **Water:**
 - o fresh water and marine
 - o urban waste water
2. **Waste:** municipal waste
3. **Industrial emissions** (water, air, PRTR)

⇒ **6 regional indicators** agreed – basis for the regional analysis in the **Horizon2020 Mediterranean report**

Priority themes for the East

Agreed with the partner countries in 2010

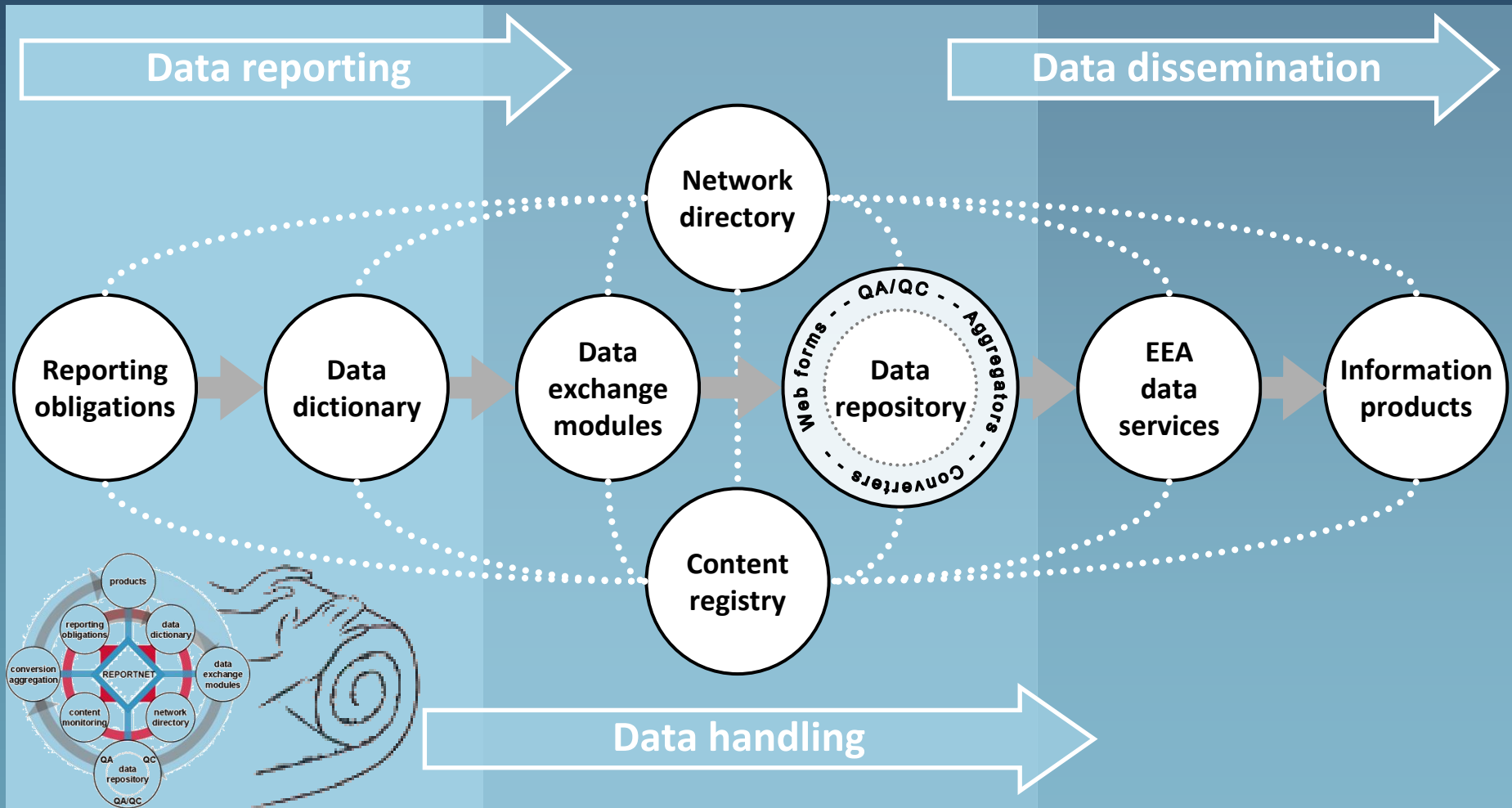
1. **Water:** fresh water (quality)
2. **Waste:** household / municipal
3. **Air:** emissions / climate change

⇒ **8 regional indicators** (11 data sets) identified jointly with the UNECE Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators in 2012. **Analysis** on production and sharing done in 2014



Infrastructure: Shared common tools

REPORTNET



Benefits (1)

making use of (shared) information:
collect once ... use often

Integrated environmental assessment reports (SOER)



Theme-specific assessments and reports



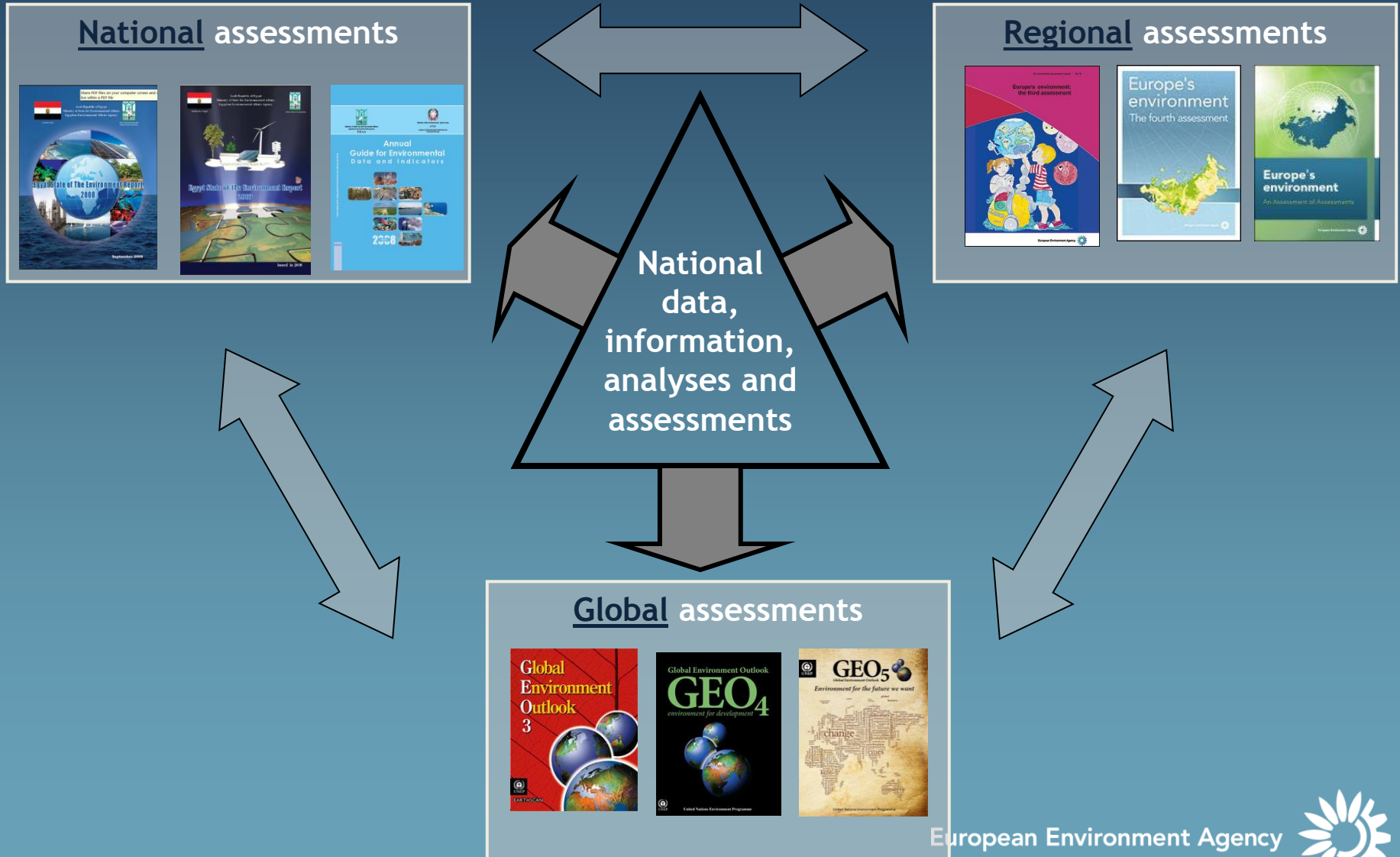
Shared
SOE
Information

Web access to monitoring, data and indicators ...



Benefits (2)

From NATIONAL to REGIONAL to GLOBAL



EEA regular assessment reports

Pan European



SOER



InSEIS project

- 5 ENP partner countries interested in enhanced cooperation with EEA and Eionet: 4 Mediterranean countries and Moldova from the East.
- Duration: 14 months (1 June 2014 – 31 July 2015)
- Planned areas of cooperation identified for Moldova:
 - Activity 1. Support the development of technical specifications for the **national information system on environment**, in the context of national e-Governance process as part of approximation to the EU legislation.
 - Activity 2. Support for the **preparation of annual reports on the state-of-the-environment**, underpinned by indicators, contributing to country's national international reporting
 - Activity 3. Capacity building and knowledge sharing in **establishing the Environment Protection Agency**



Way ahead

- EEA role in the ENPI region will depend on the interest and commitment to continue the cooperation of implementing SEIS
- Eionet involvement is becoming increasingly important
- Further development of regional indicators as Input to future regional assessment (next Pan-European assessment scheduled for 2016). Synergies with key partner, incl. UNEP (UNEPLive, UNEP Global Environment Outlook 6)
- Availability of EU funding for the next phase of ENPI-SEIS cooperation is currently under discussion (2015-2018)



Sharing is everything !

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