



Pilot Project - Atmospheric Precipitation - Protection and efficient use of Fresh Water: Integration of Natural Water Retention Measures in River basin management

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Introduction to NWRM initiative

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Natural Water Retention Measures

Web-based knowledge
Community of practice
NWRM practical guide





NWRM initiative

“ Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) are measures that aim to **safeguard and enhance** the water storage potential of landscape, soils and aquifers, **by restoring** ecosystems, natural features and characteristics of water courses, and by using **natural processes**. They are Green Infrastructure solutions and they support adaptation reducing vulnerability of water resources. ”

- **NWRM initiative in a nutshell**
- **Objectives and challenges**
- **Work flow**
- **NWRM community of practice**

NWRM initiative in a nutshell

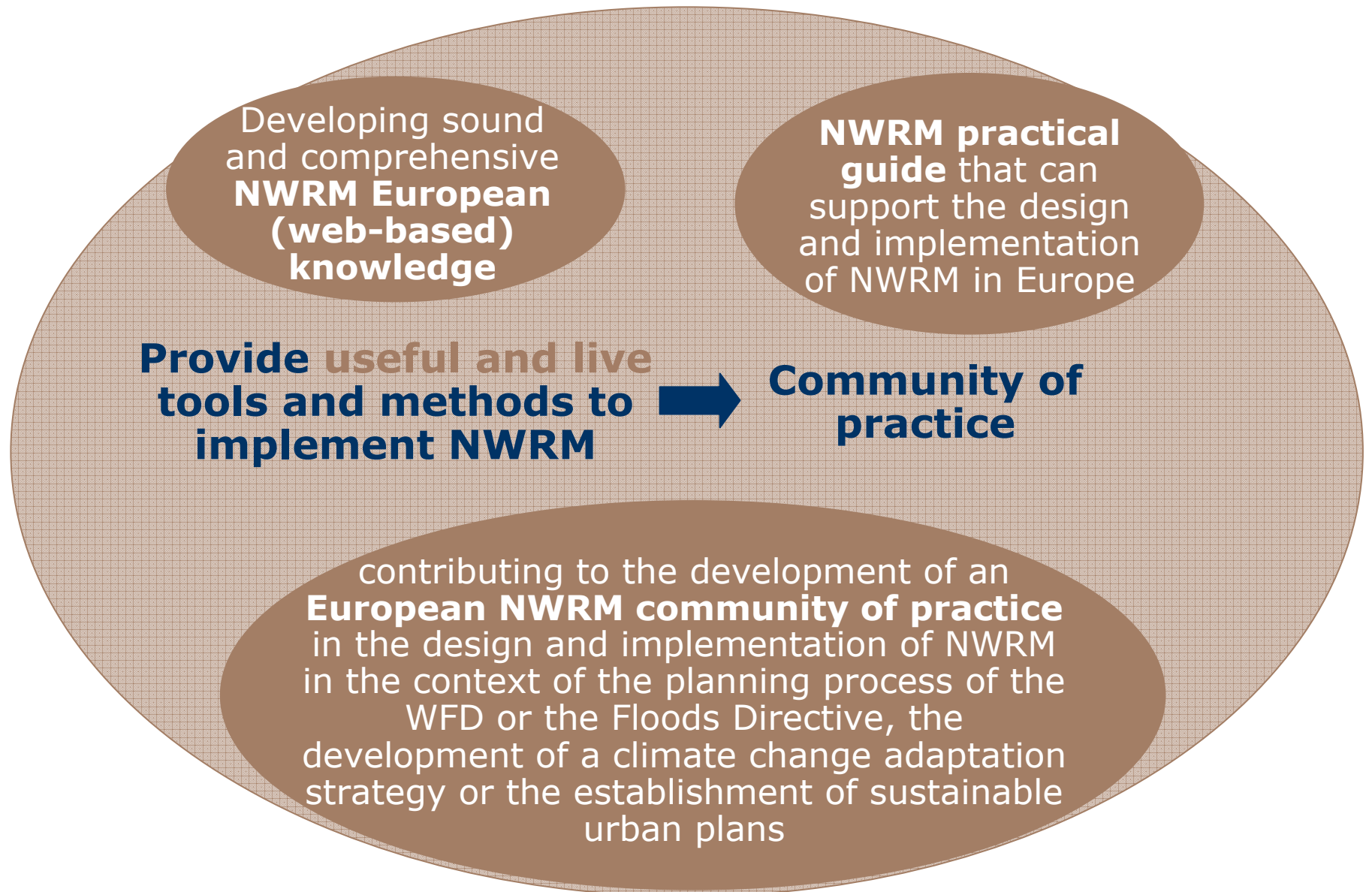
- **Service contract funded by DG ENV**
- **11 partners, 8 countries (FR, UK, SC, HU, CY, SW, SP, LV), covering all members states languages**
- **From September 2013 to October 2014**



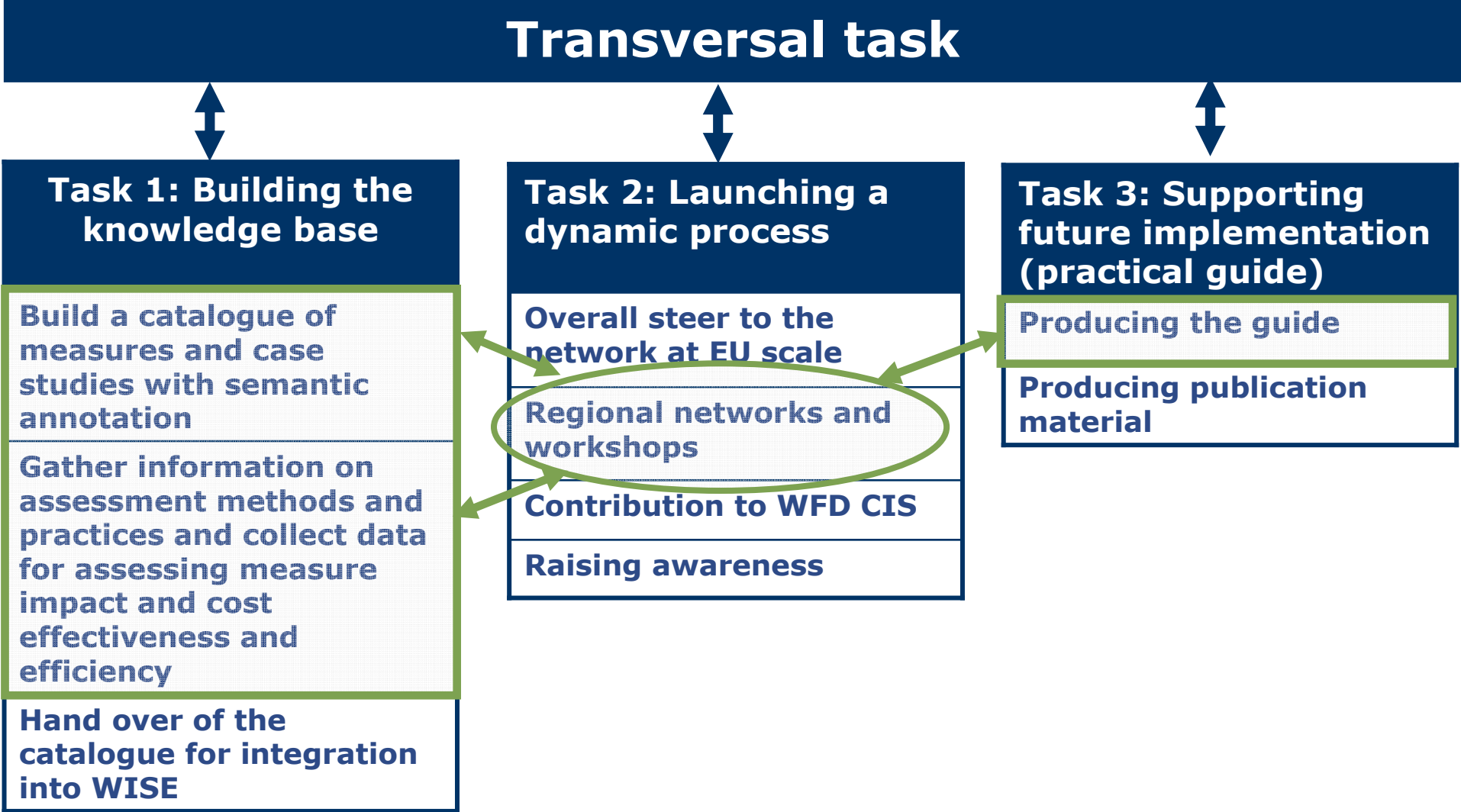
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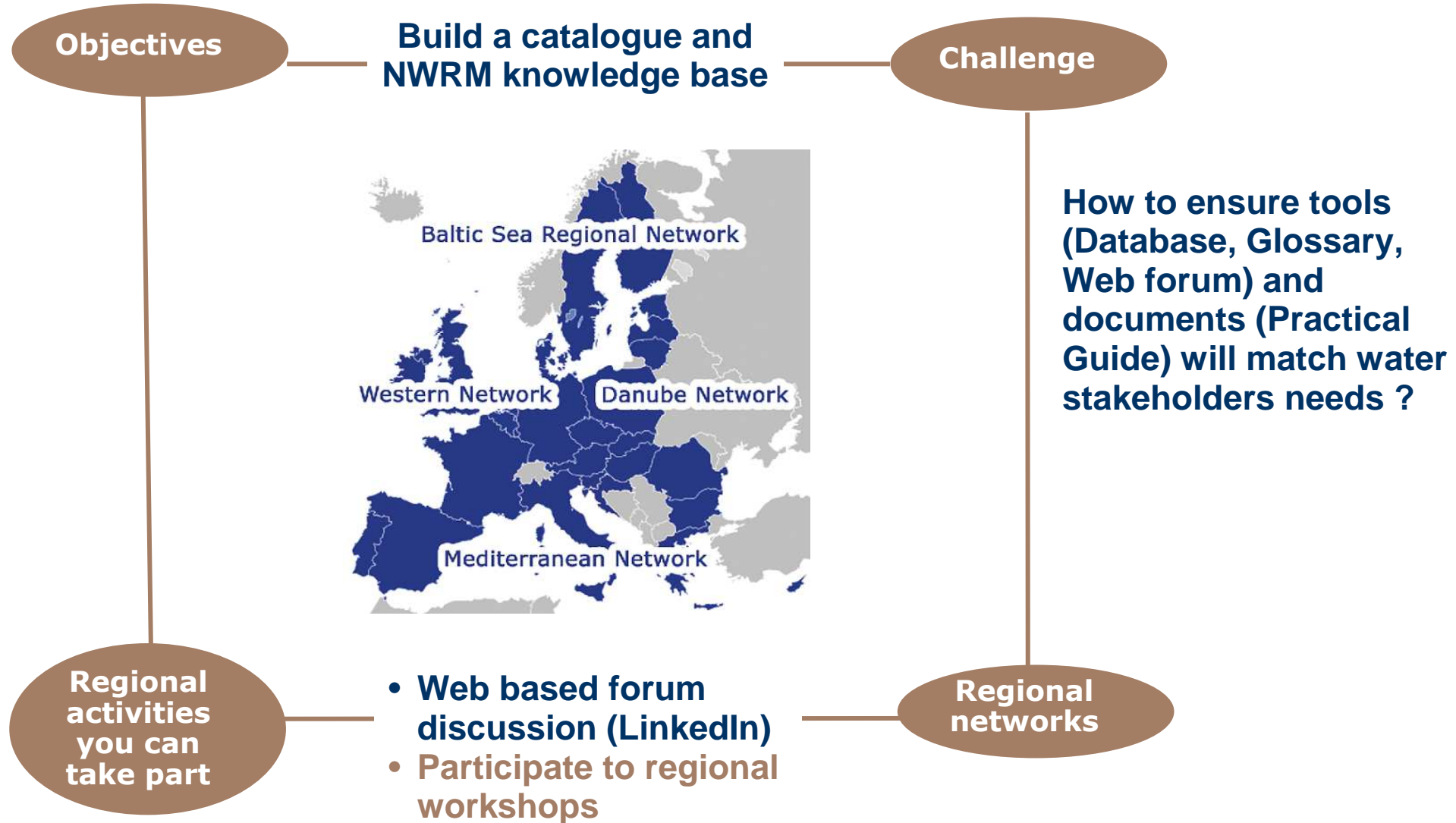
NWRM initiative: objectives & challenges



NWRM initiative: work flow

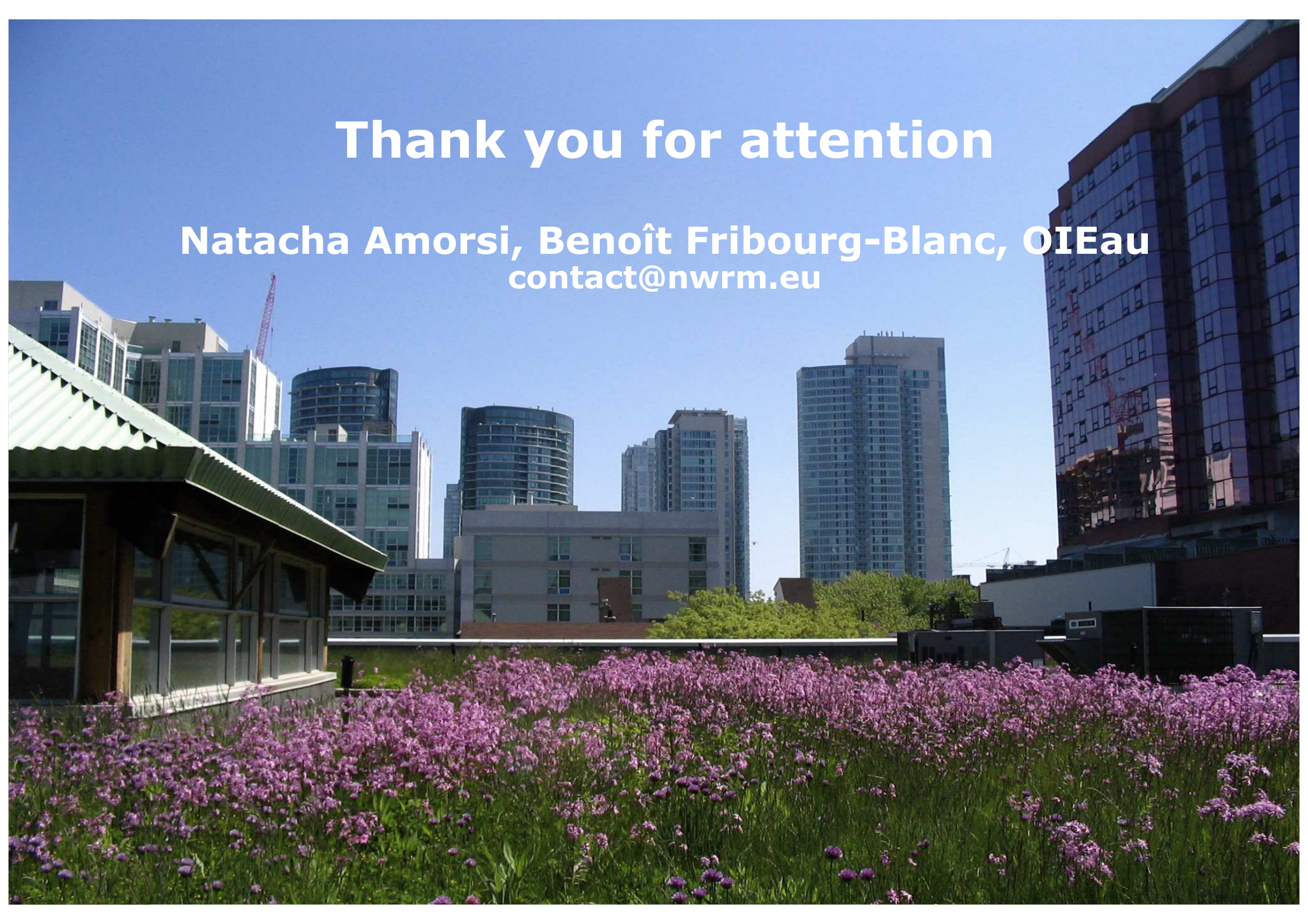


Build NWRM community of practice



Thank you for attention

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NWRM initiative in a nutshell (2/2)

Objectives

- developing sound and comprehensive **NWRM European (web-based) knowledge**
- **NWRM practical guide** that can support the design and implementation of NWRM in Europe
- contributing to the development of an European **NWRM community of practice** in the design and implementation of NWRM in the context of the planning process of the WFD or the Floods Directive, the development of a climate change adaptation strategy or the establishment of sustainable urban plans

Challenge

- Provide useful tools and methods