

Overview of Proposed Soil Framework Directive



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Outline of Presentation

- Background
- Main Provisions – Aims and Objectives
- Negotiations
- Where to now?
- *Make it interesting?*





Background

- Bonn in 1998 - European Soil Forum
- Berlin 1999
- Naples 2001
- Towards a Soil Thematic Strategy – Positive Council Conclusions
- Consultation 2003/2004/2005
- Commission Adoption of proposal for TS in 2006
- Proposal for Soil Framework Directive - 2006

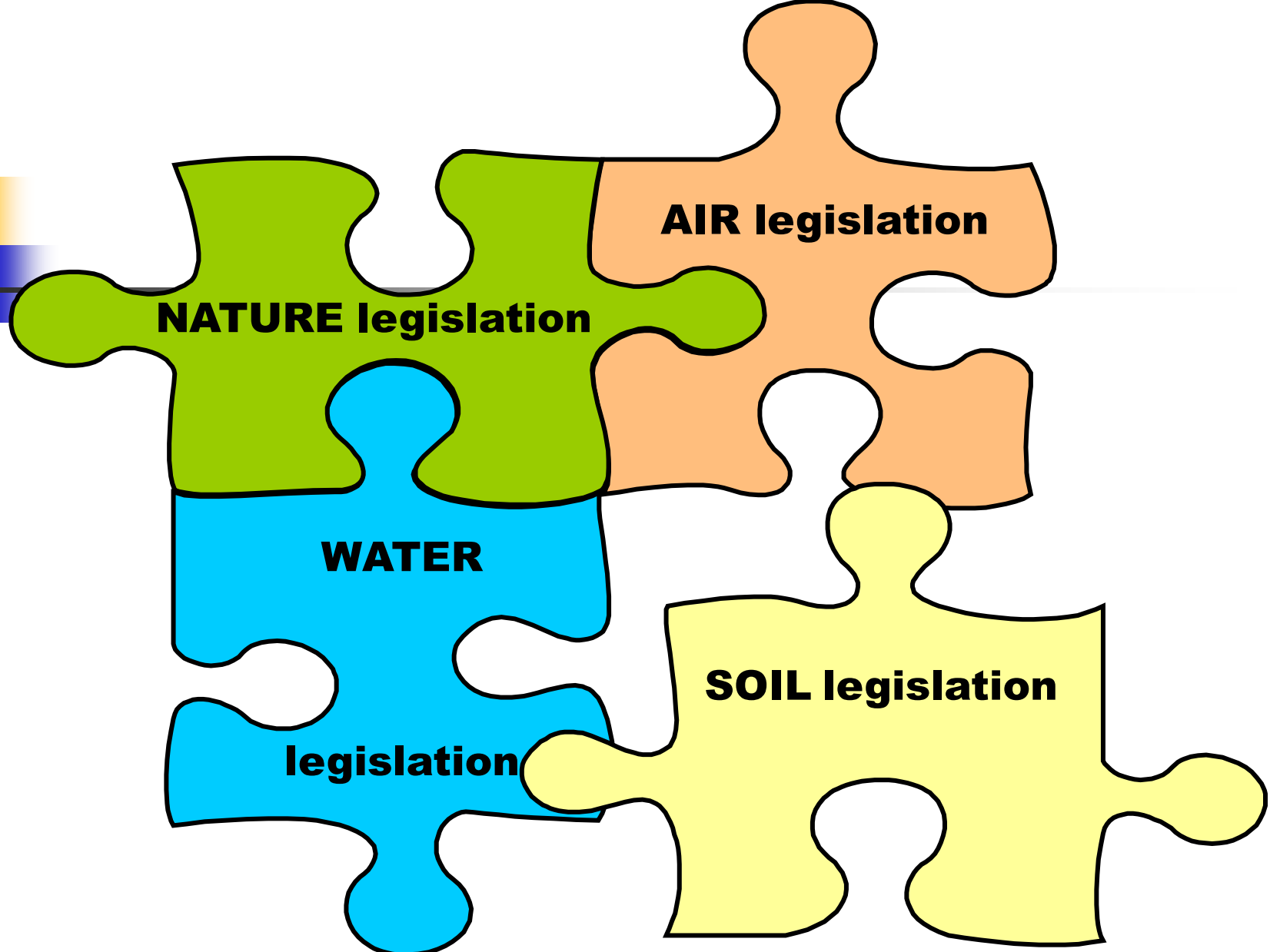
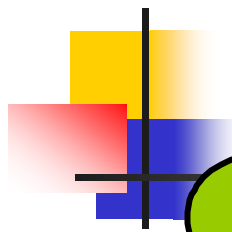




Why?

- Non renewable resource
- Performs crucial functions
- Soil Degradation Increasing – Costs
- No Specific EU Legislation
- 6th EAP







Main Provisions

- **Chapter 1 – General Provisions**
 - Scope/Definitions
 - Integration
 - Preventative Measures
 - Soil Sealing





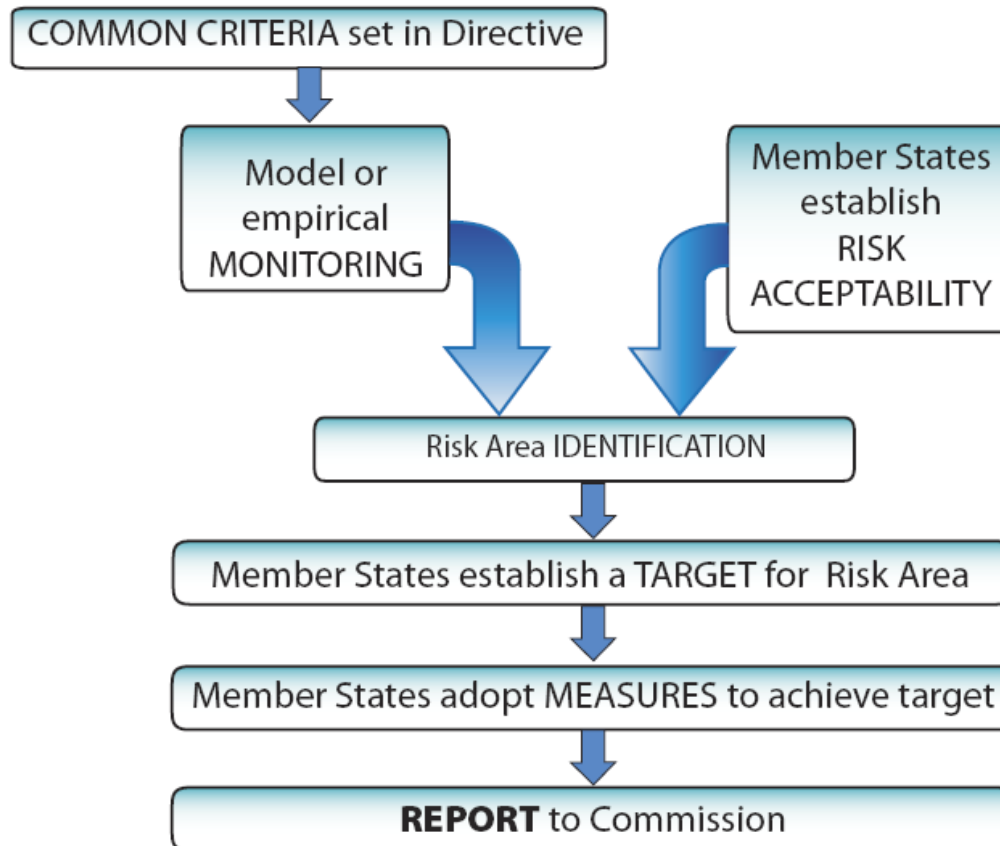
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- **Chapter 2 – Agricultural – Soil Degradation Processes**
 - Erosion
 - Organic Matter Decline
 - Salinisation
 - Compaction
 - Landslides
 - Acidification

“Identification of Priority Areas and Establishment of Targets and Action Programmes”



Agricultural





Annex I Criteria

- Soil type
- Texture
- Density
- Hydraulic properties
- Topography
- Land cover
- Land use
- Climate

Mandatory?



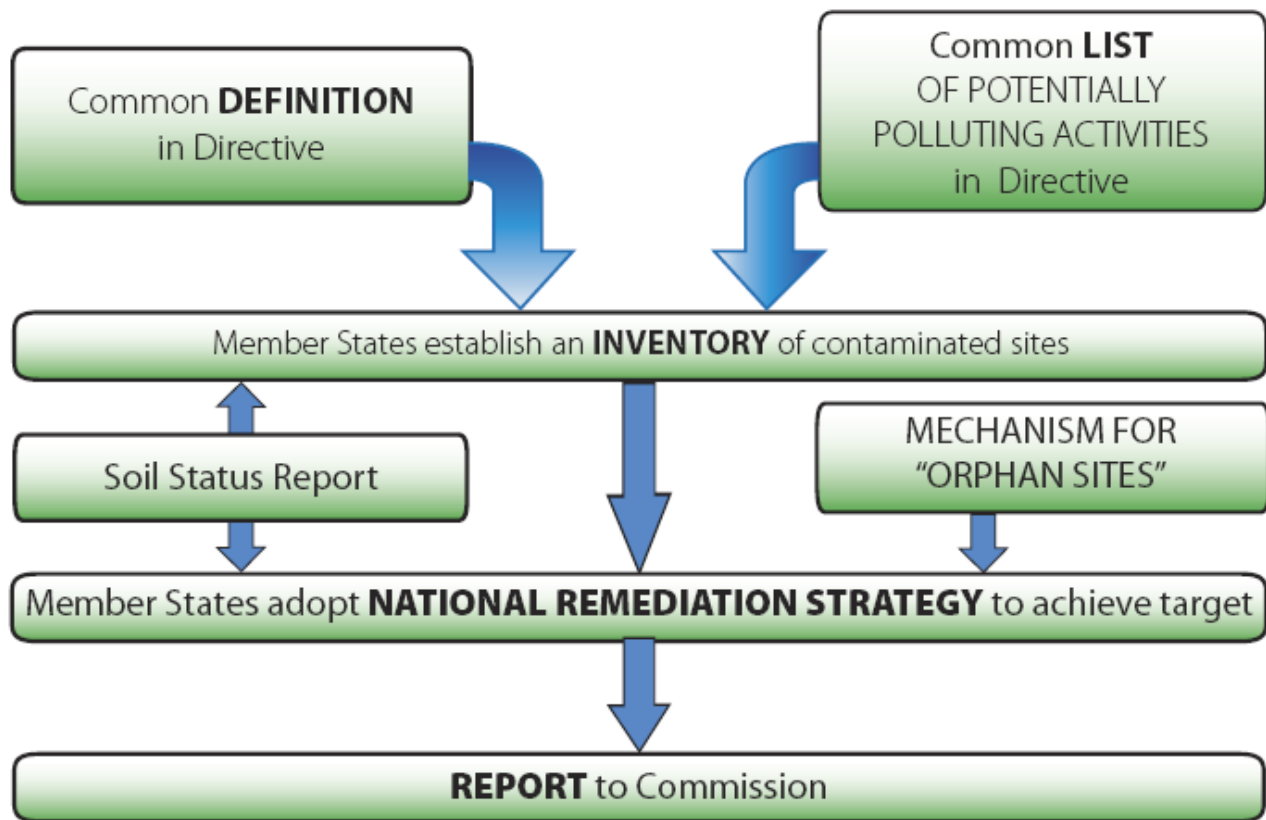


Main Provisions

- **Chapter 3 – Contamination – Industrial**
 - Identification and Inventory
 - Risk Based Approach
 - Soil Status Report
 - Remediation (Strategy)
 - Orphan Sites – funding mechanisms???



Industrial Contamination





Annex II - Soil polluting activities

- Seveso
- Airports
- Military Sites
- Dry Cleaners
- Landfills
- Pipelines
- Ports
- IPPC
- Petrol Stations
- Mining
- Waste water treatment plants

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Ireland Inc. Concerns

- Inclusion of Peat
- Funding Mechanism for Orphan Sites
- Flexibility and Prioritisation





Wider Concerns....

- DE, UK, FR, AT & NL
 - Subsidiarity
 - Better Regulation
 - Existing regimes
- Portuguese Presidency - 2007
 - French Pres 2008
 - Czech Pres 2009
 - Spanish Pres 2010?





Future?

- Other Relevant Acquis
 - WFD
 - ELD
 - IPPC
- No further proposal?
- Climate Change Perspective?
- Split Agricultural/Industrial ?





Thank you for your attention.....

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http://ec.europa.eu/environment/soil/index_en.htm

