

6th Symposium on the hydrological
modelling of the Meuse basin



International Meuse Commission



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- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution 1950 (Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Germany, Netherlands)
- Meuse Treaty 1994 of Charleville Mezieres:
International Commission for the Protection of the Meuse against pollution (ICPM)
France, Wallonia, Flanders, Brussels, Netherlands
- 2000: Water Framework Directive
- Meuse Treaty 2002 of Ghent:
International Meuse Commission (IMC)
France, Wallonia, Flanders, Belgium, Netherlands Luxembourg, Germany, Region of Brussels
- Objective: Sustainable water management in the Meuse basin

Tasks of the Commission

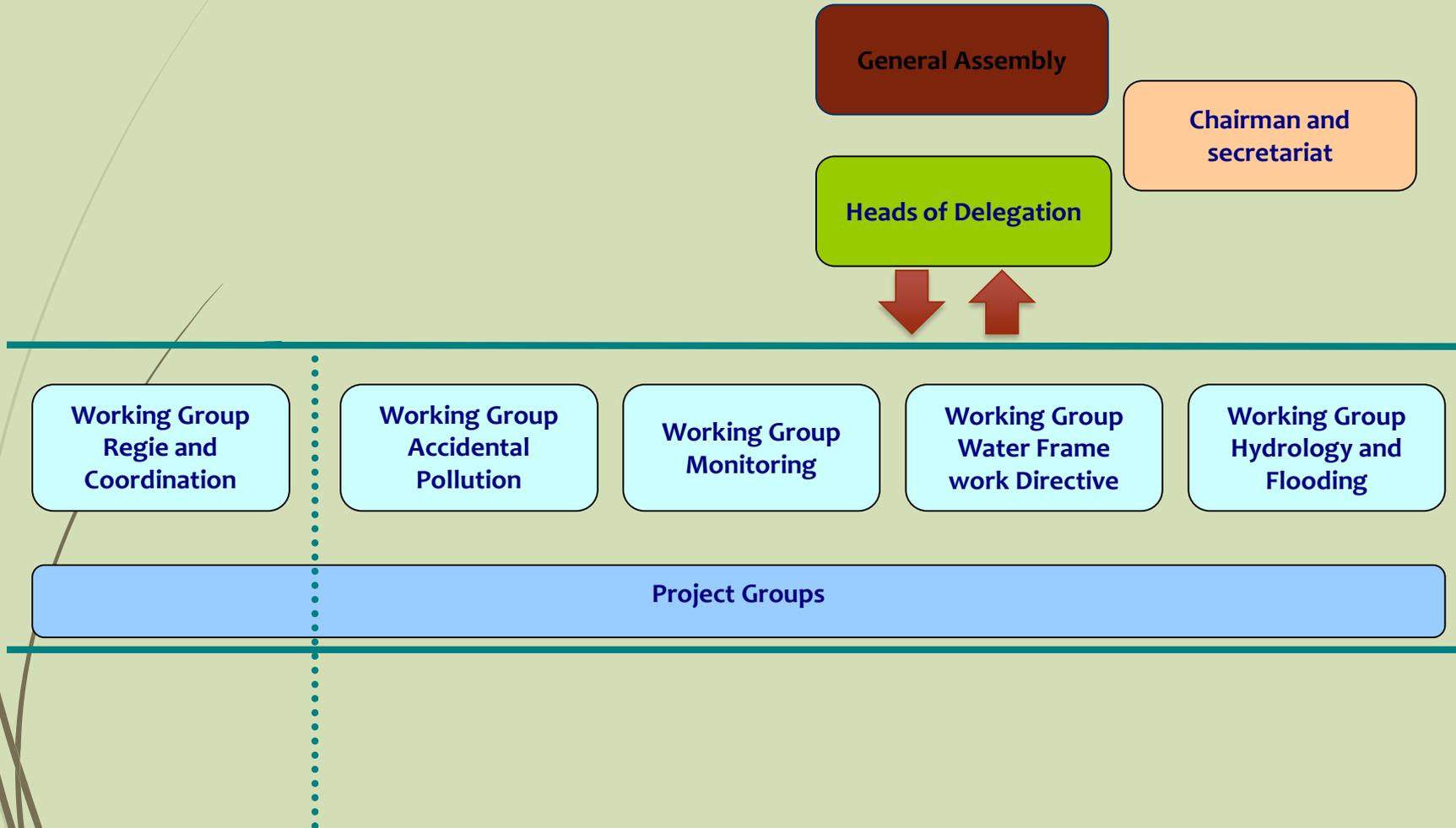
- Coordination of the Implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and Flood Directive (FD).
- Establish a single management plan for the IRBD
- Recommendations regarding
 - ☞ prevention and protection against floods
 - ☞ reduction of impact of droughts
 - ☞ measures to prevent accidental pollution
 - ☞ improvement of fish stock and fish migration

Organisation of the IMC

- Rotating Presidency (current President: Mrs Jekel; Germany)
- Secretariat in Liege (Wallonia)
- Regular meetings of the Heads of Delegation
- Working groups with experts from every delegation
- Three working languages, French, Dutch and German
- Yearly meetings with NGO's observers



Organization





Main fields of cooperation

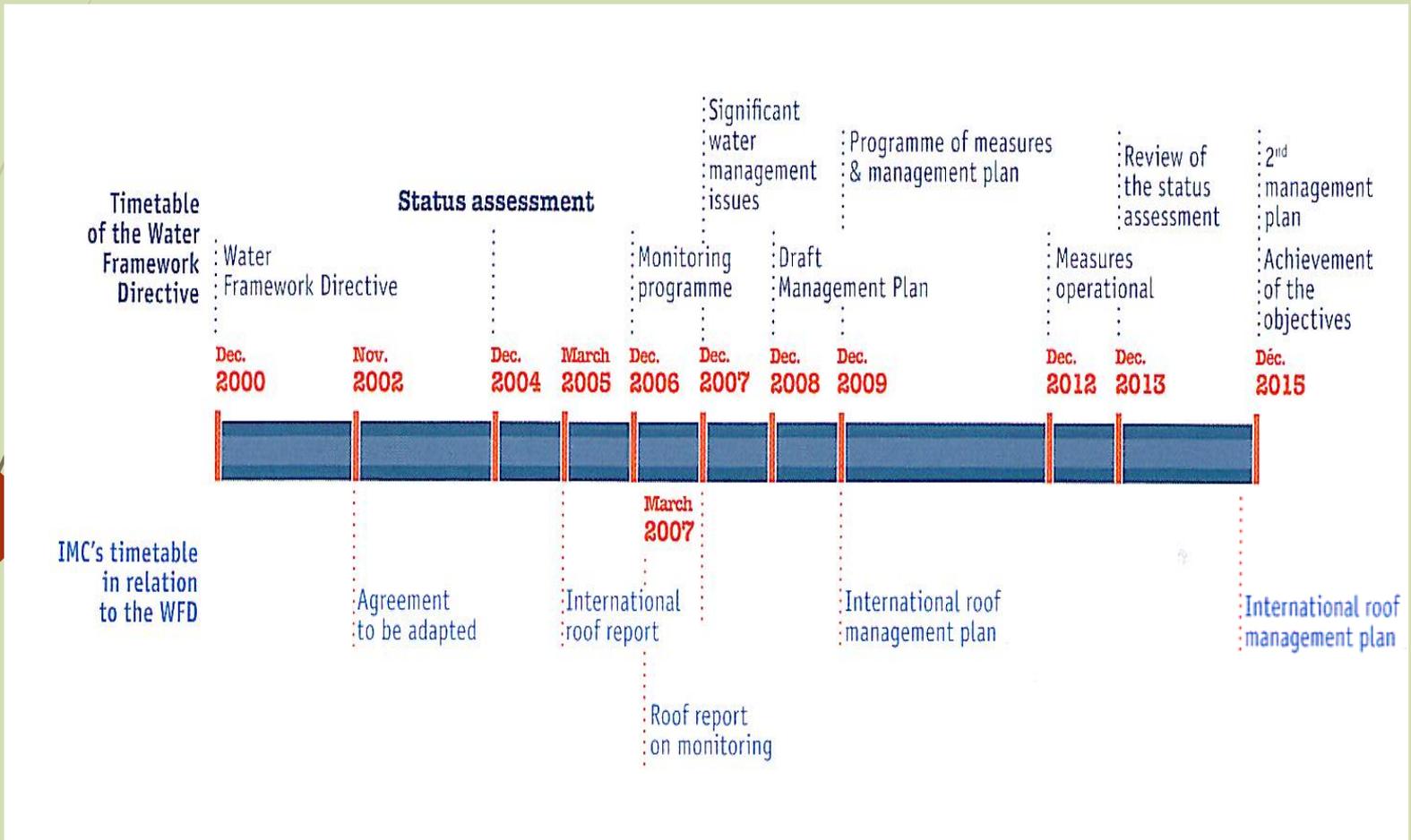
- Water quality improvement (Water Framework Directive, temperature, sediment, drinking water, etc.)
- Water quantity (Flood Directive, flood protection, effects of droughts)
- Cooperation on early warning
- Scientific cooperation (international symposia)



Main Results

- ❑ Harmonized Monitoring network
 - 14 stations along the Meuse
 - Same frequency
 - Intercalibration of the methods
 - Yearly reports
- ❑ Warning- and alarm system based on 7 Main Alert Centers
- ❑ Water quality status reports
- ❑ Roof Management Plan for both Directives

WFD Planning (EU and IMC)



Thank you for your attention

