

An aerial photograph of a hot air balloon festival. Numerous colorful balloons of various shapes and sizes are scattered across a vast, green valley under a clear blue sky. The balloons are in various stages of ascent, some just rising from the ground and others high in the air. The landscape below is a mix of green fields and brownish earth, with some roads and small structures visible.

Demonstration Sites for Innovation in Water

WssTP,
a common vision
for water innovation



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WssTP

**A vision for coordinated, integrated and innovative
Water European Research Area**

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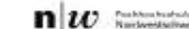
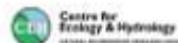
2 topics for today

- WssTP and our urban initiatives
- UKWIR's chemical investigation programme (CIP)

Water, a key sector

- **Huge market:** 250 to 350 Billion € turnover /year
(drinking and waste water) 
- **Considerable assets:** > 3.5 M Km
water distribution
> 2.5 M Km sewers
- **Large social impact:** > 600,000 direct jobs in Europe
- **EU annual Investment:** >€33 Bn
invested in water
infrastructures

Members



WssTP, our mission

- Vision established in 2005
- *“By 2030 the European water sector will be regarded as the global leader in the provision of sustainable water services.”*
- WssTP was created to stimulate a **collaborative, innovative, visionary and integrated** RTD&I strategy for the European water sector.
 - Promote coordination and collaboration in RTD&I in the water sector
 - Shape the future priorities for research and innovation
 - Deliver a **common vision for water innovation**
 - Promote water in the political agenda
 - Address grand societal challenges of today and tomorrow



Pilot programme 2: Sustainable water management inside and around large urban areas



Increasing urbanisation:

More than 50% of the population will live in urban areas.

Some issues:

- Rainfall management.
- Balancing water demand with environment.
- Asset management.
- Sludge.
- Alternative water resources.
- Water treatment.
- Leakages

Nicola Bazzuro, IRIDE Group, Italy

Pilot programme 4: Sustainable water management for industry



All industries need to be more **efficient** in the use of water.

Implementation cases:

- Water fit for use.
- Closing water cycles.
- Reducing pollution (carbon impact) and water costs.
- Brines
- Complex waste water treatment
- SUSCHEM, ETP-SMR, ESTEP

Albert Jansen, TNO, Netherlands

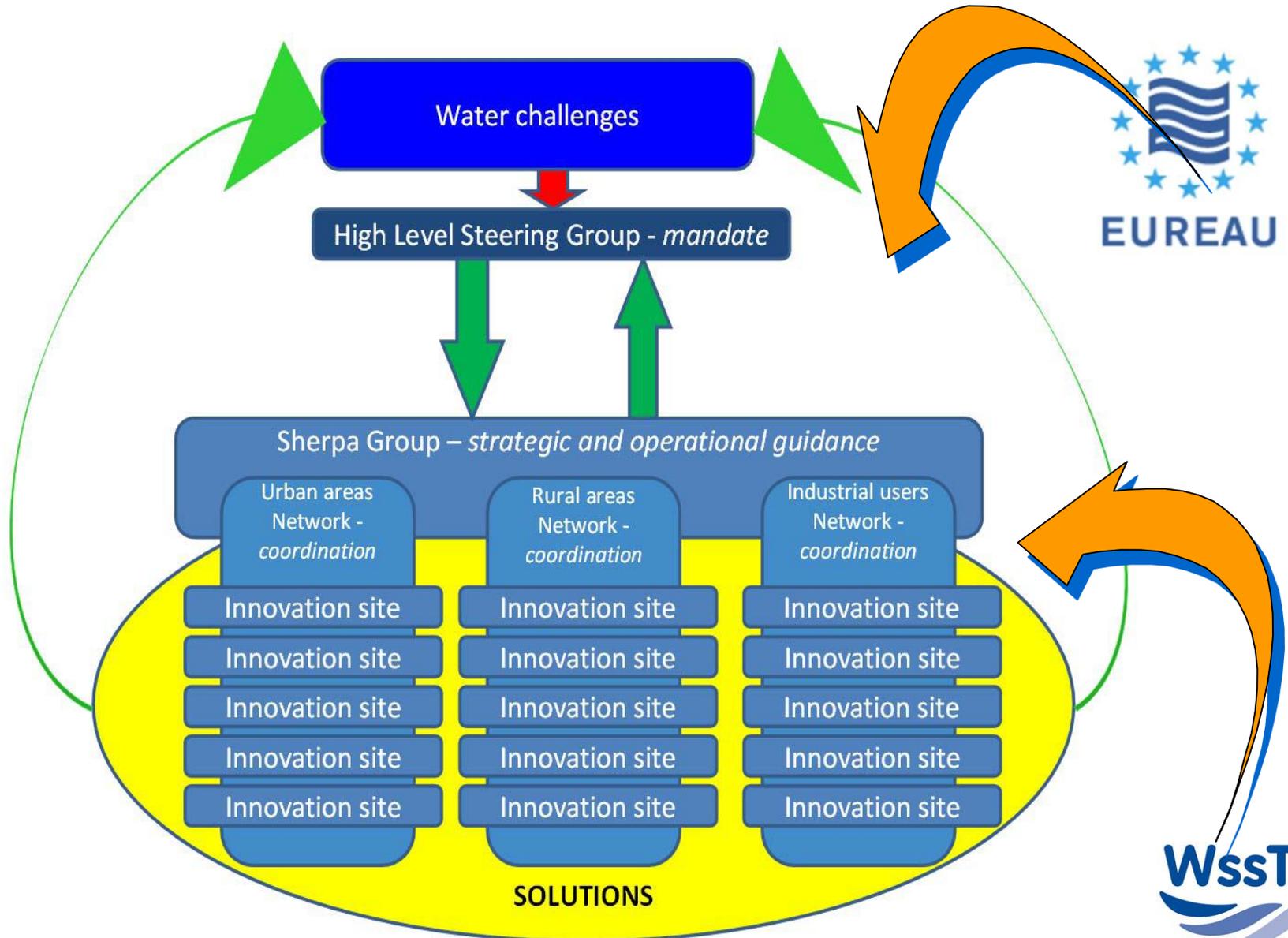
List of Publications - Reports

- **Coastal zones**
- Scientific Publication: Research and Technology Development Needs –
- **Urban areas**
- UTP1: Managing rain-related events and flooding in urban areas -
- UTP2: Asset management for sustainable urban water -
- UTP3: Supply Demand Balance & Public Participation –
- UTP4: Sustainable Sludge Management in Urban Areas -
- UTP5: Alternative Water Resources
- UTP6: Sensor – Creation of a Task Force,
- UTP7: Water Treatment - Report to be released
- UTP8: Pollution Control - Report to be released
- **Agriculture**
- UTP1: Irrigation Techniques – Report 12-10-1009
- UTP2: Water reuse – Report to be released
- UTP3: Nutrient Management – Report to be released
- **Manage Aquifer Recharge**
- State of the Arts and Research Needs – Report 18-09-2010
- **Climate Change**
- Incorporating Climate Challenge – Report 01-12-2010

Sensors and Monitoring, Water and Energy, Membrane Technologies for Water Applications, Millennium Development Goals, Brines, Leakages = Report to be released



European Innovation Partnership on Water (STRUCTURE)



Chemicals Investigation Programme (CIP)



The overall aim of the CIP is to provide a better understanding of both the sources and prevalence of these substances, and their fate through existing and novel treatment processes.



C1. Extensive surveys of effluent quality at more than 160 treatment works;

C2. Detailed assessments of performance (removal efficiency,

that represent different processes; and,

C3. Investment in resources

in 9 urban catchment

€32M



nickel (dissolved)	2
lead (dissolved)	1.3
copper (dissolved)	1
zinc (dissolved)	10.5
cadmium (dissolved)	0.08
mercury (dissolved)	0.05 (0.07 as MAC)
aluminium (reactive)	50
diethylhexylphthalate	1.3
BDE28	0.0005 as sum of BDEs listed (0.000000049 as sum of BDEs listed)
BDE47	See above
BDE99	See above
BDE100	See above
BDE153	See above
BDE154	See above
nonylphenol 4-nonylphenol	0.3
tributyltin	0.0002
anthracene	0.1
fluoranthene	0.1 (0.0063)
naphthalene	2.4 (2)
benzo(a)pyrene	0.05 (0.00017)
benzo(b)fluoranthene	0.03 (0.017 as MAC)
benzo(k)fluoranthene	0.03 (0.017 as MAC)
benzo(g,h,i)perylene	0.002 (0.0082 as MAC)

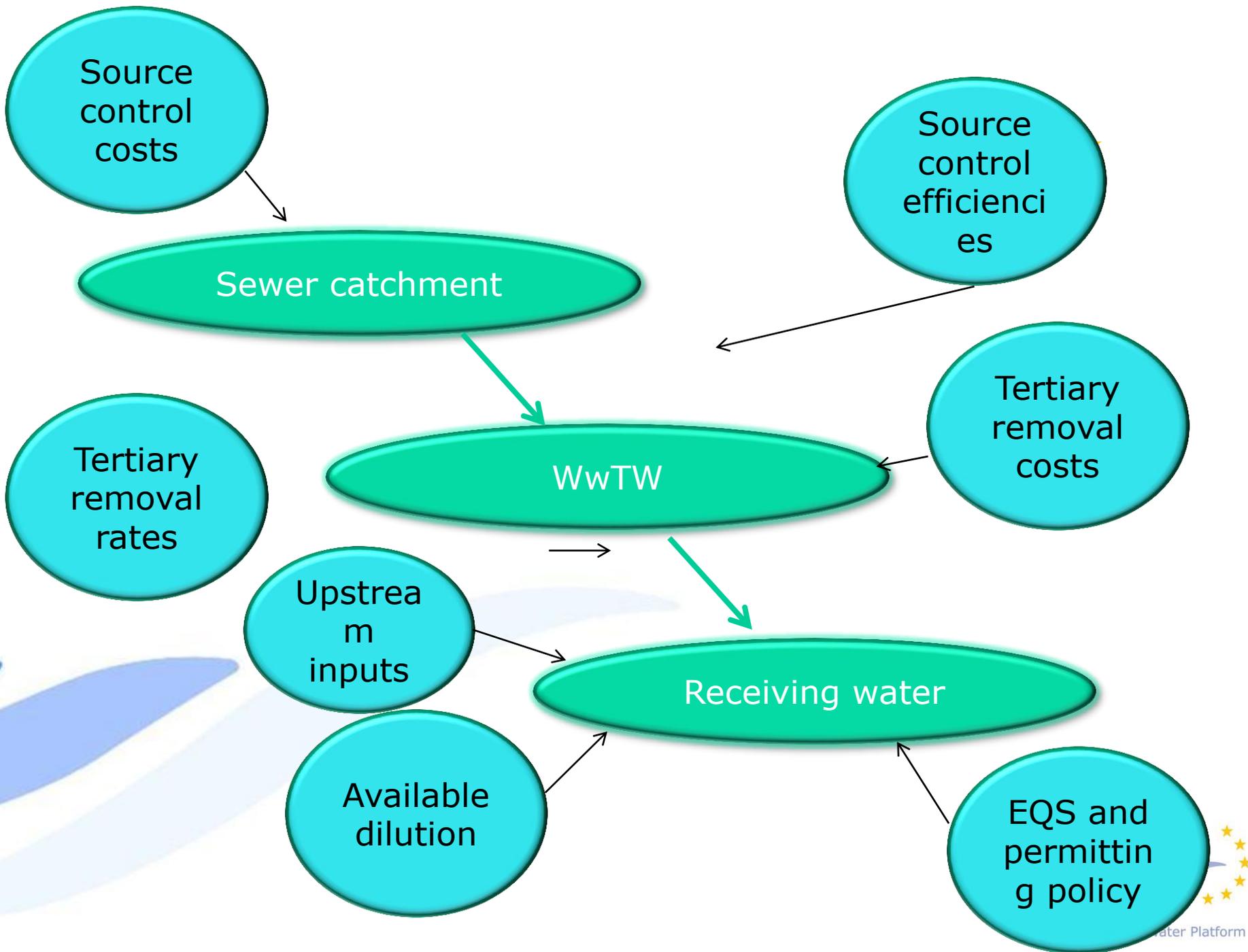
indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	0.002 (-)
glyphosate	100
Aminomethyl phosphonic acid	80
triclosan	0.1
bentazone	430
bisphenol-A	0.1
mecoprop	6
EDTA	50
ibuprofen	0.01
propranolol	0.01
erythromycin	0.01
ofloxacin	0.01
oxytetracycline	0.01
fluoxetine	0.01
oestrone (E1)	0.003
17β oestradiol (E2)	0.001 (0.0004)
17α ethinyloestradiol (EE2)	0.0001 (0.000035)
diclofenac	0.01 (0.1)

CONCLUSION – there's a common theme



It's more complicated than you thought!





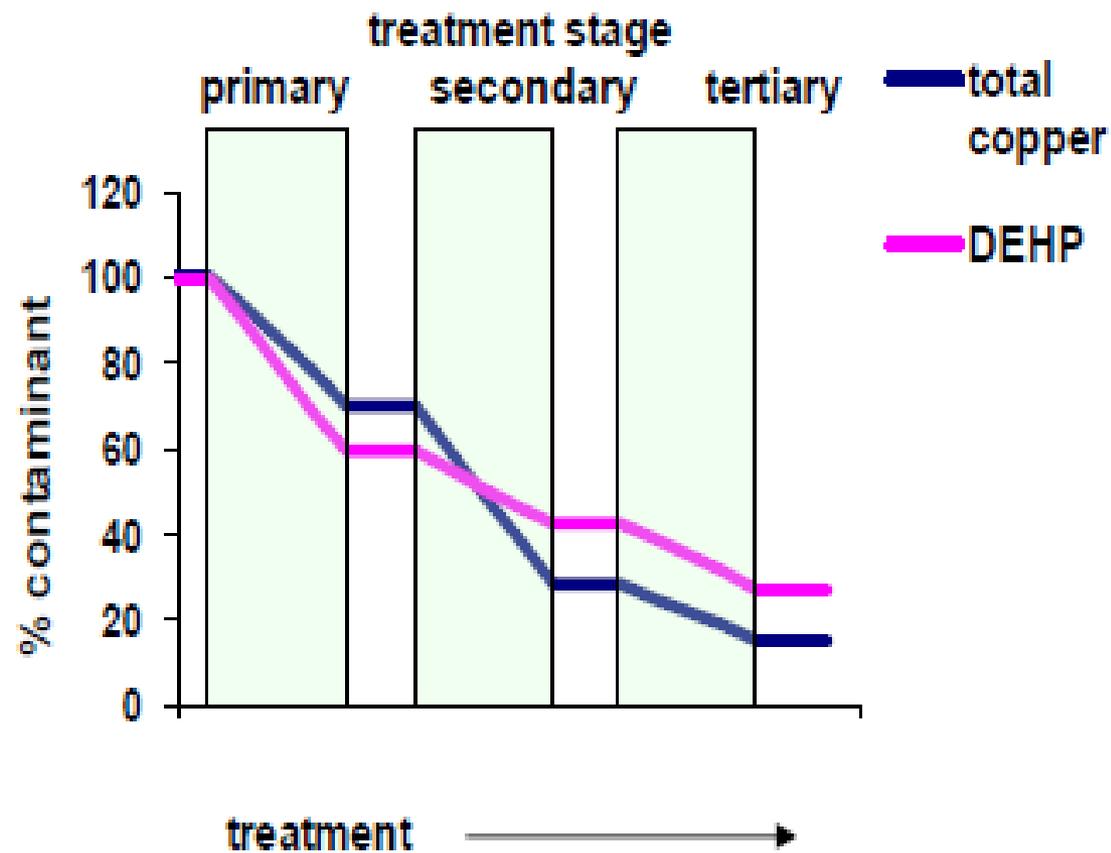


Figure 3 *Removal depends on substance and treatment type*

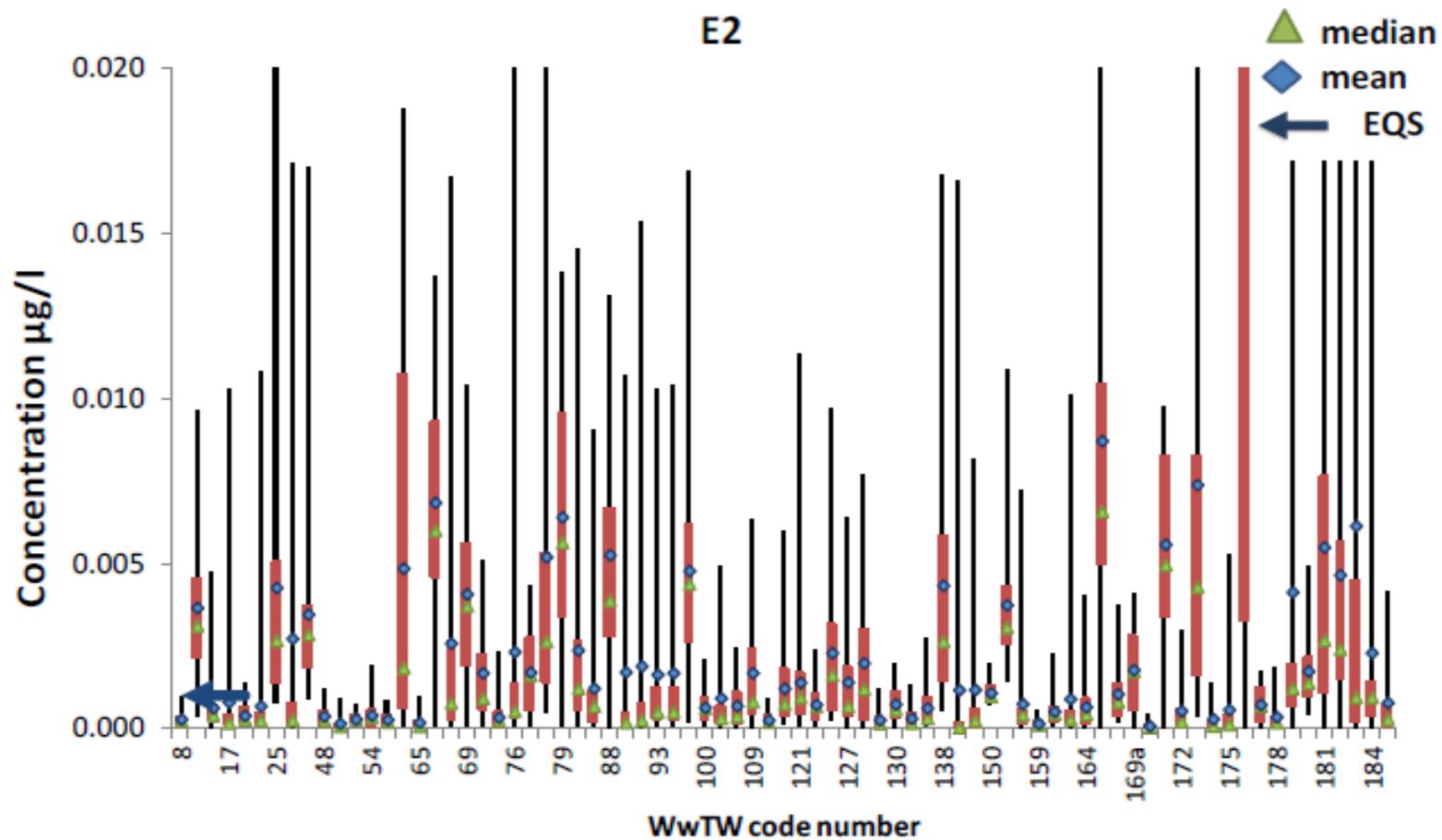


Figure 2 Representation of average, typical range and extreme values for concentrations of the natural steroid oestradiol in sewage effluent for 76 treatment works

Key to box and whisker plot

▲ median

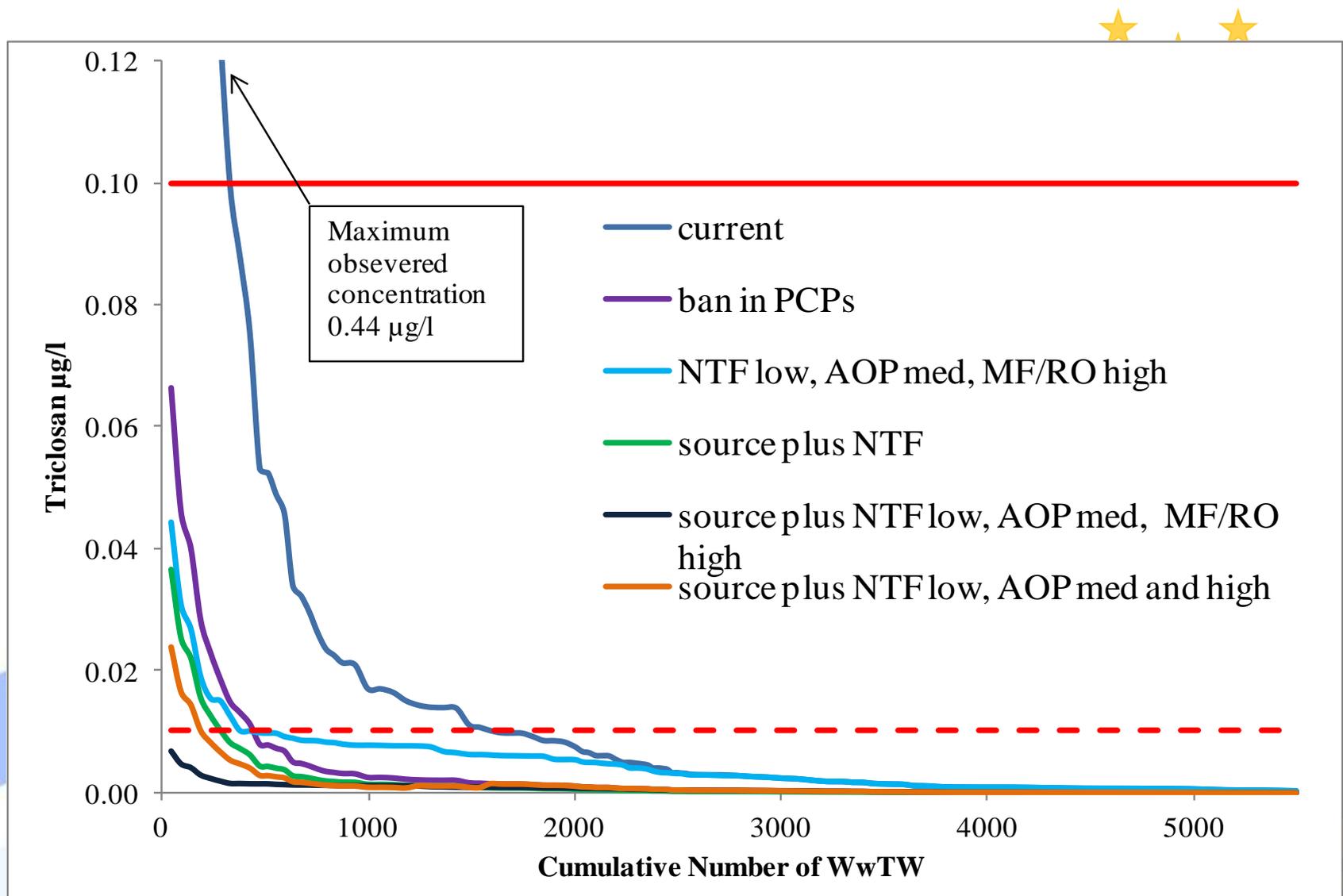
● mean

← PNEC

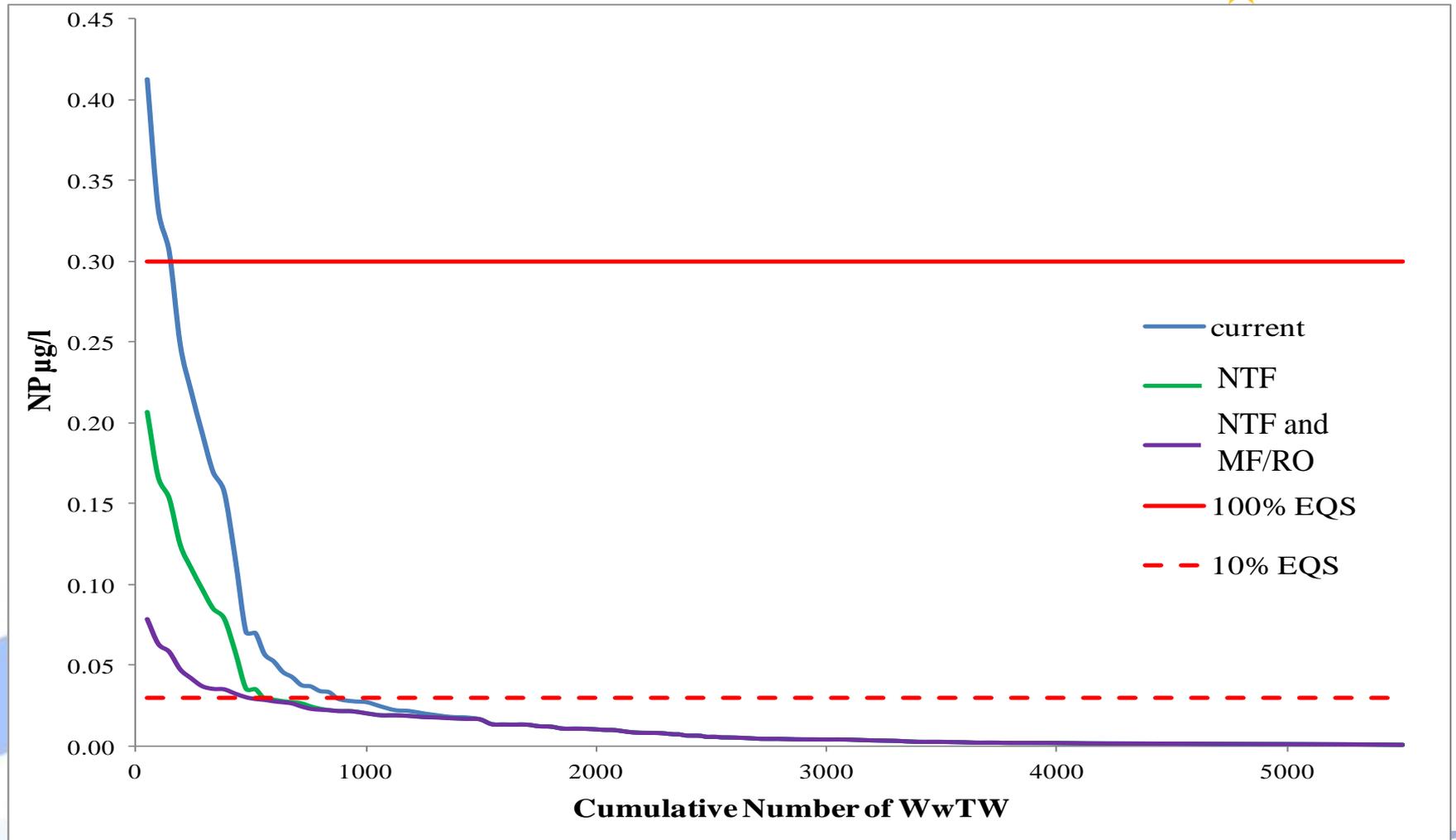
Brown "box" shows interquartile range

"Whiskers" show maximum and minimum values

Triclosan



Nonyl-phenols



Be prepared to change your mind



Industrial discharges are mainly responsible for pollution by trace contaminants

- **WRONG – it’s domestic!**

Sewage works removals can readily be characterised according to “process type”

- **WRONG – works are more diverse than this and not easily pigeonholed re performance – this has implications for viability of generic treatment models**

Be prepared to change your mind



Sewage works probably won't remove trace contaminants very well

- **WRONG** - many WwTWs achieve substantial removals for many substances (though sometimes not enough)

Sewage works effluent quality is very variable

- **PARTLY WRONG** – WwTW effluents form a relatively homogeneous population within which there is some variation (that we now have characterised)

Be prepared to change your mind



**Hydrophobic trace
contaminants will be
associated with
suspended solid matter**

- **WRONG – not necessarily –
need to determine why....**

**Removal is a key metric in
sewage works
performance**

- **WRONG – no it's not. Key
metric is effluent concentration
...then upstream river conc.
And available dilution**

Be prepared to change your mind



**Associations between
different substances are
readily predictable on the
basis of phys/chem data**

- **WRONG** – they are not. The CIP has revealed unexpected associations that we have yet to explain. Expected links might not be as strong as imagined

A common theme



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The European Water Platform

Substances of interest



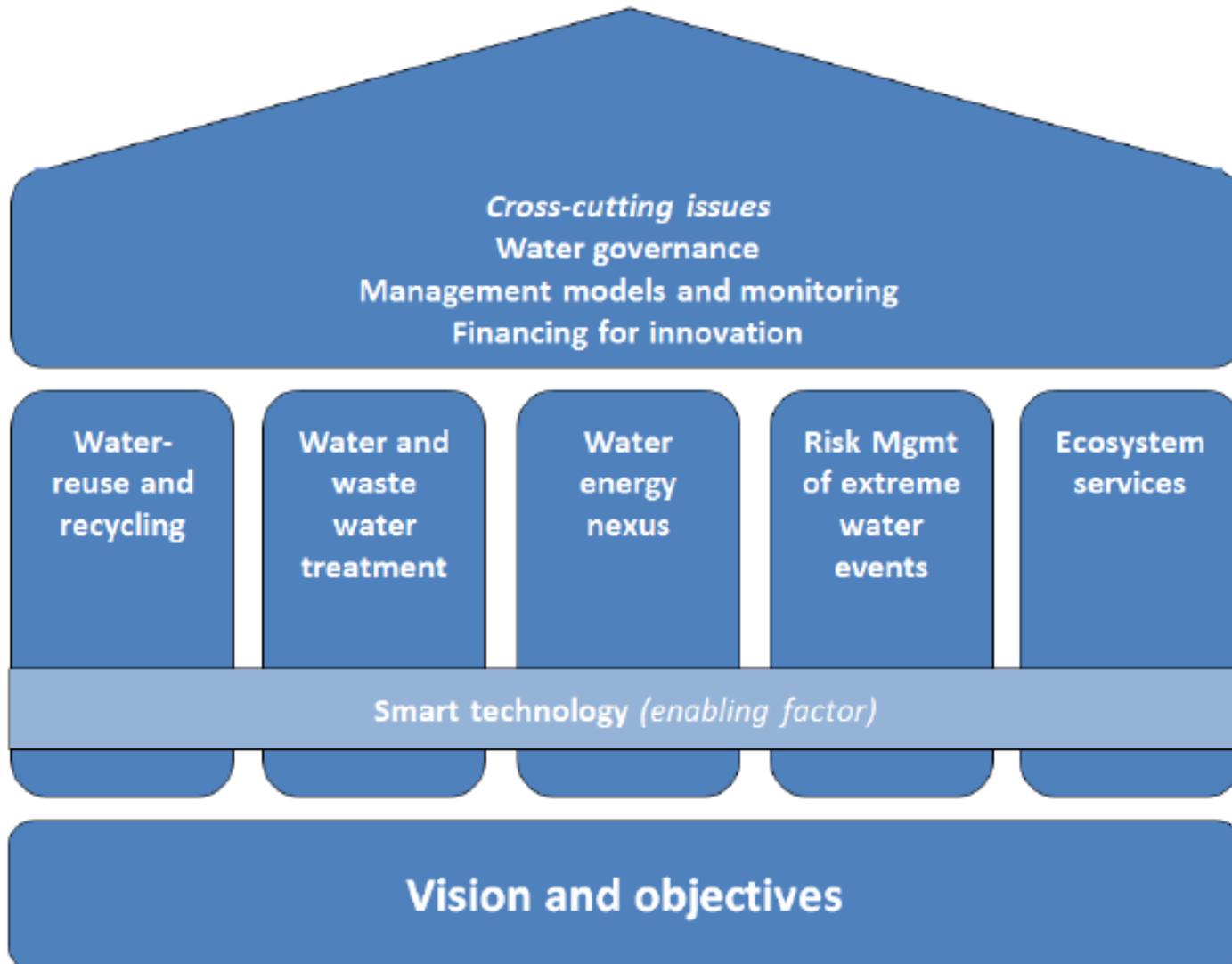
- Tributyl Tin, (TBT), Brominated diphenyl ethers (BDEs), Polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), nonylphenol, diethyl hexyl phthalate (DEHP) and nickel (Water Framework Directive (WFD) Priority / Priority Hazardous Substances (PS/PHS))
- Triclosan, zinc and copper (WFD specific pollutants)
- 17alpha-ethinylestradiol (EE2), 17 beta-estradiol (E2), diclofenac and ibuprofen (Proposed PS

An example - PAHs



- An NPV of at least £32bn is derived, with an operational CO₂_e emission of 839 ktonnes per annum where NTF or AOP are used
- Even with this level of investment there will still be in the region of 2000 WwTW that may contribute to a downstream breach of the EQS.

EIP – establish some BIG GOALS for RDI



Thank you for your attention

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