

# Assessment of the results of the Water Framework Directive

Based on the second snapshot report  
by the EEB and WWF

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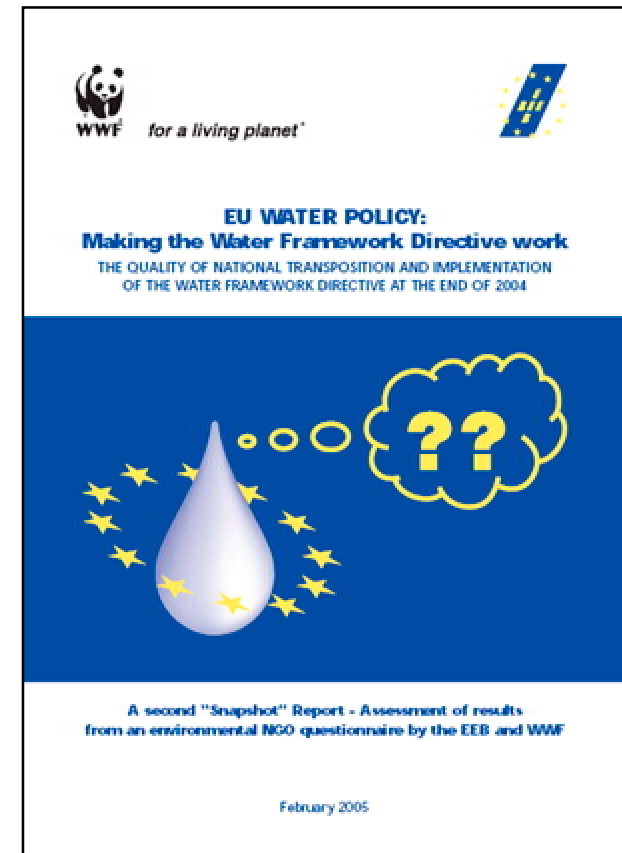


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# Introduction

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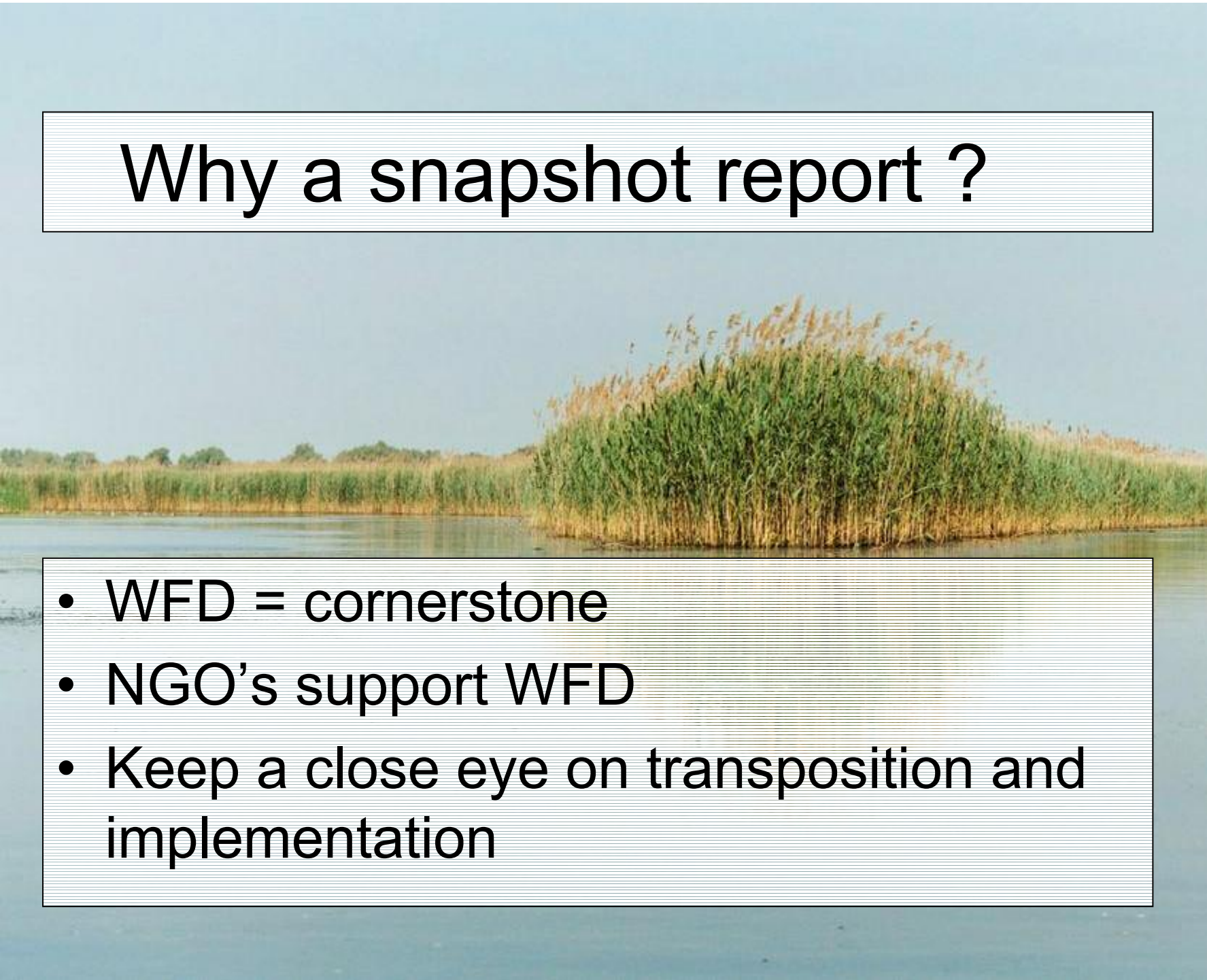
# Who's who ?



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# Why a snapshot report ?

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- WFD = cornerstone
  - NGO's support WFD
  - Keep a close eye on transposition and implementation

# Status of the snapshot report

- Information from NGO's
- “soft evidence”
- General conclusions and suggestions








# Quality of Water Framework Directive transposition

- General objective: good ecological status
- Prevention of further status deterioration
- Competent authorities
- Public participation

# Good ecological status




## GENERAL WFD OBJECTIVE IN TRANSPOSITION LAW

 <b>Stated</b>	 <b>Ambiguous</b>	 <b>Not stated</b>	<b>No info and/or transposition process not finished yet</b>
AT, BE (Fl.), DE, FR, HU, ROM, SE, UK UK (Eng. & Wales and Scotl.)	BE (Wal.), DK, EE, EL, ES	IE, NL, PT, UK (North.IE)	FI, IT, NOR






# Prevention of deterioration

## PREVENTION OF FURTHER DETERIORATION

 <b>Starting by 2003 latest and interim measures</b>	 <b>Starting after 2003 or no interim measures</b>	 <b>Not stated</b>	<b>No info and/or transposition process not finished yet</b>
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# Competent authorities

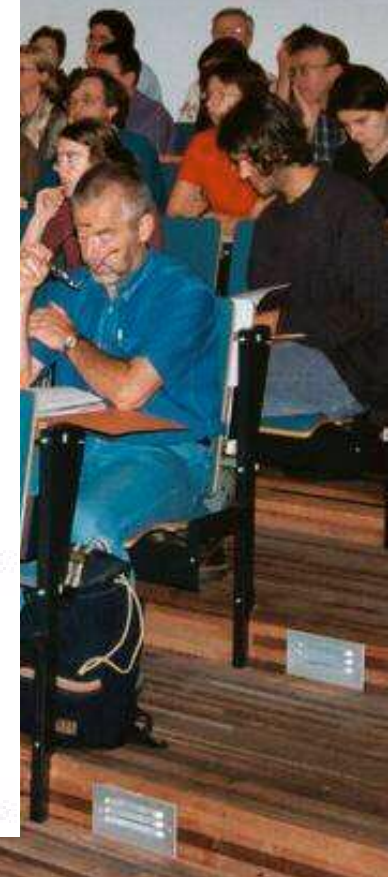
## COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

 <b>One authority per River Basin District, with strong powers</b>	 <b>One authority per River Basin District, with weak powers (or competences not clear yet)</b>	 <b>Co-ordination between existing authorities</b>	<b>No info and/or transposition process not finished yet</b>
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# Public participation

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROVISIONS (FROM WFD'S ARTICLE 14) IN TRANSPOSITION LAW

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<b>All WFD public participation provisions in law</b>	<b>Public participation provisions in law, but no procedures for encouragement of active involvement</b>	<b>Weak public participation provisions in law, or insufficient access to information</b> (or provisions yet to be established in separate Decree)	<b>No info and/or transposition process not finished yet</b>
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# Quality of Water Framework Directive implementation

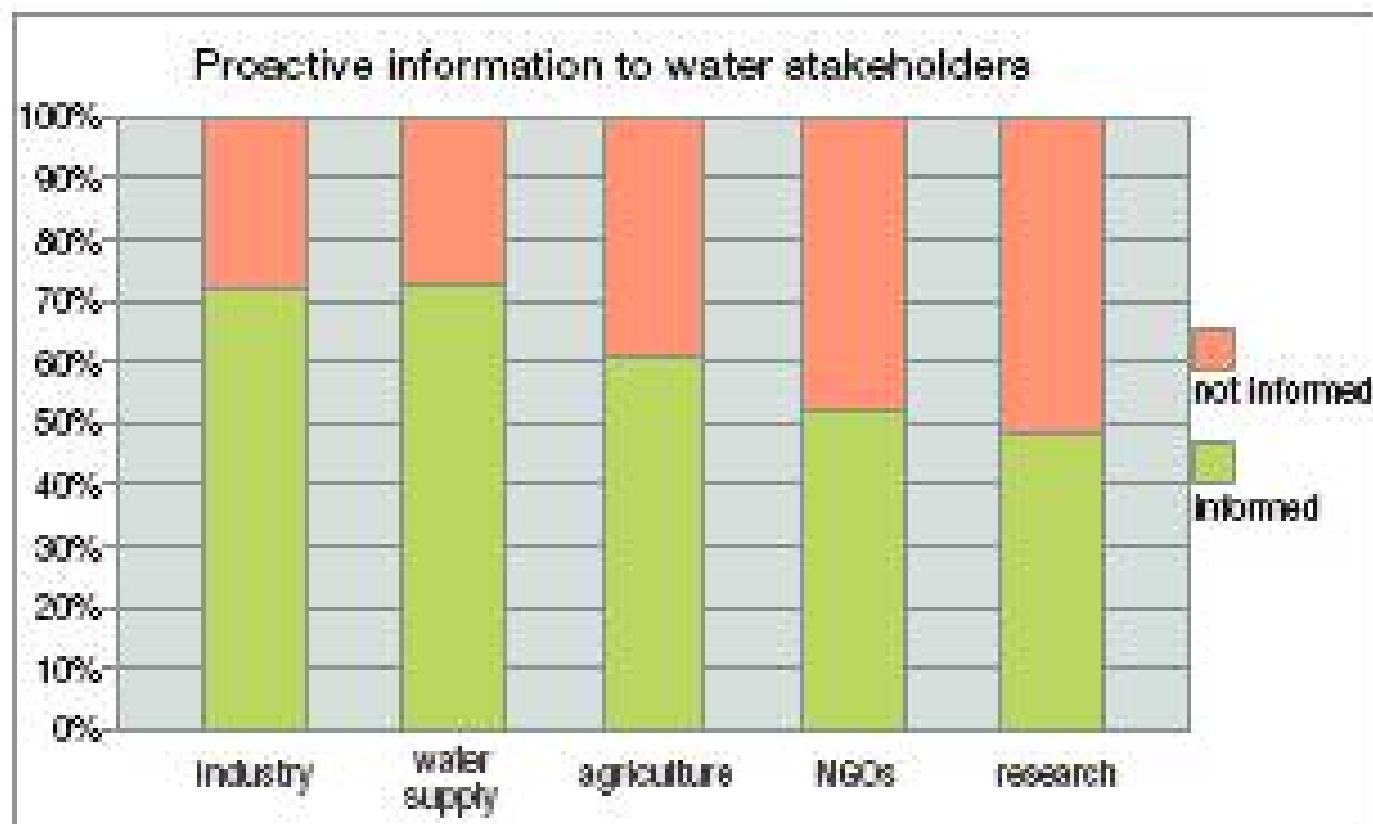
- Public Participation in practice
- First analyses and characterisation of River Basin Districts
- Intercalibration



# Public Participation in practice

- Attitude is improving
  - Real public participation = pro-active
  - Many countries still long way to go
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# Public Participation in practice



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# Analyses and characterisation

- Involvement NGO's problematic
  - Difficult making an assessment
  - Capacity problem
- Economic analysis
  - Importance
  - Problems: environmental costs, cost-effectiveness

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# Intercalibration

- Making the national assessment systems comparable and consistent
- Low NGO involvement
- Transparency problem (improving)
- Where are the fish ?





# Conclusions and the way forward


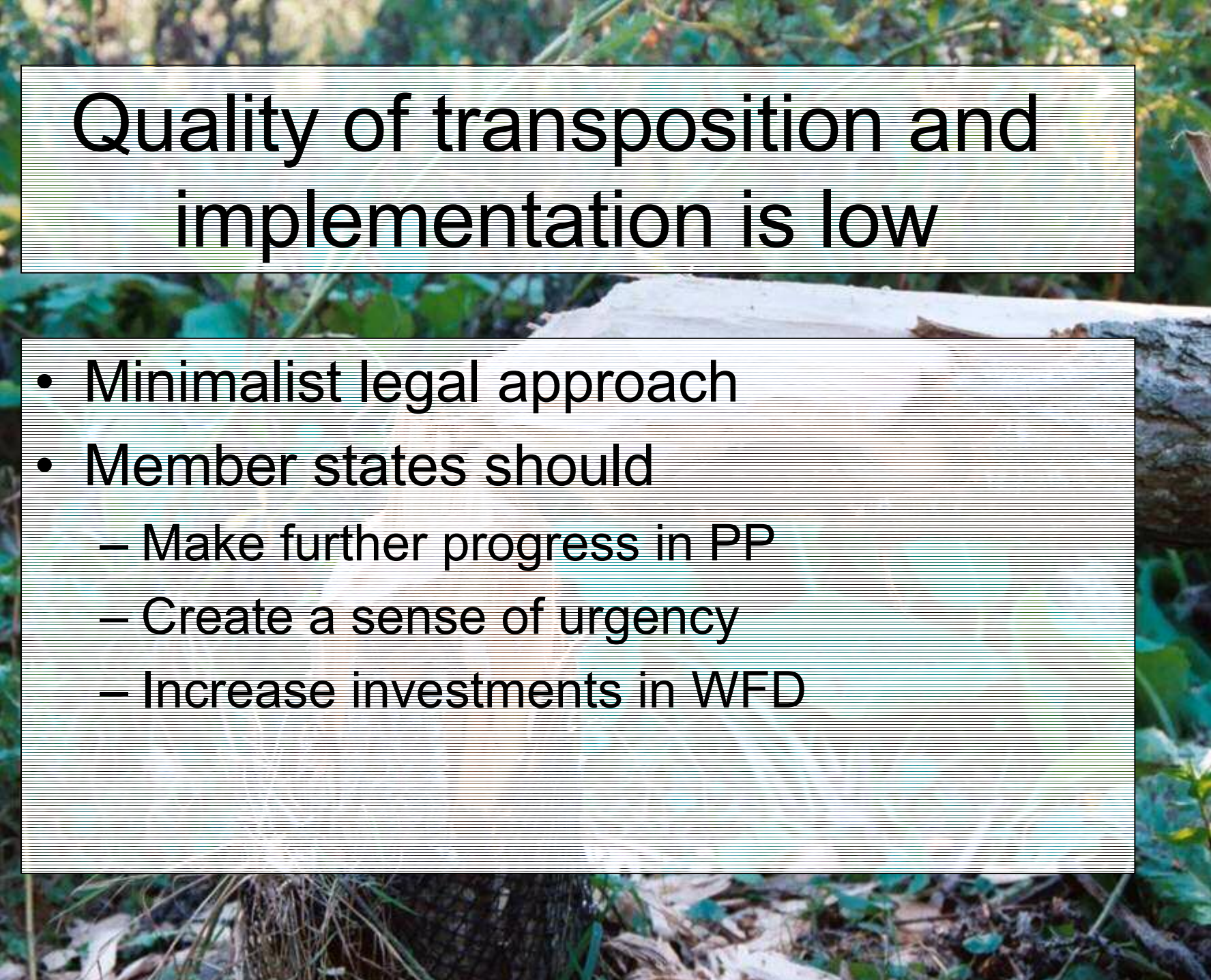
- High expectations
- Quality of transposition and implementation is low
- Insufficient NGO capacity
- Governments reluctant to value NGO participation



# High expectations

- NGO's have high expectations
- Member states should
  - Improve management of expectations
  - Explain socio-economic benefits





# Quality of transposition and implementation is low

- Minimalist legal approach
- Member states should
  - Make further progress in PP
  - Create a sense of urgency
  - Increase investments in WFD



# Insufficient NGO capacity

- NGO's could help, but lack capacity
- Member states should
  - Increase information
  - Increase funding
  - Especially in regions with a structurally low level of civil society organisation



# Governments reluctant to value NGO participation

- Technical exercises or open management ?
- PP is crucial for succes of WFD
- Member states should
  - Train staff to deal with non-technical aspects of their work



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