



WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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ALBANIA WATER POTENTIAL

POTENTIAL



28 784 km²-AREA



43 305 km²-HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN



152 RIVERS AND TRIBUTARIES



250 LAKES



650 RESERVOIRS



1500 km² WETLANDS



478 km COASTLINE



1480 mm/year ANNUAL PRECIPITATION



39.22 milliard m³/year VOLUME



DRINI-BUNË



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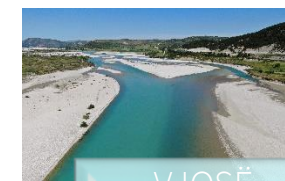
ERZEN



SHKUMBINI



SEMAN



VJOSË

SECTOR'S DIMENSION



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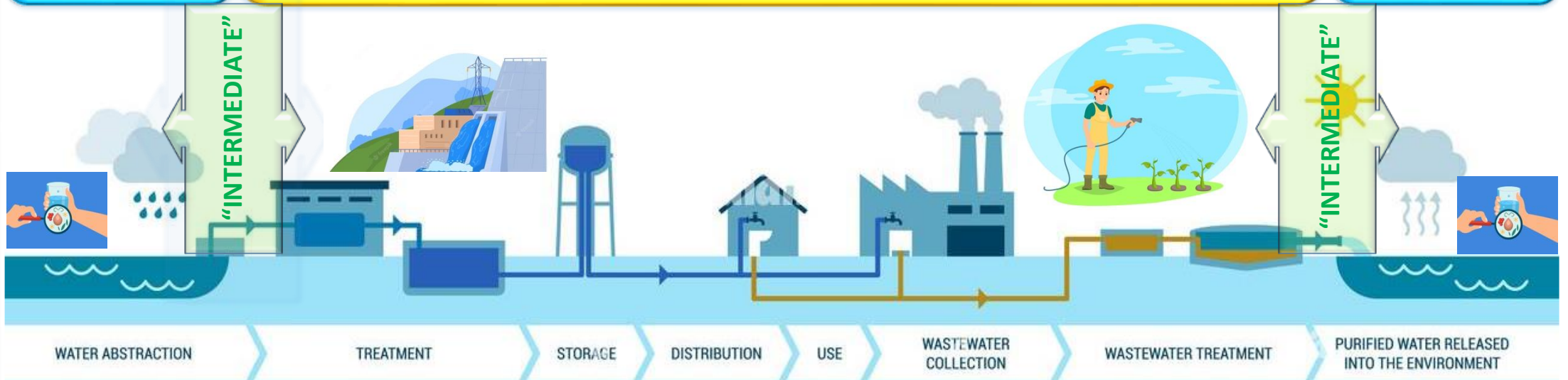
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WATER SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE

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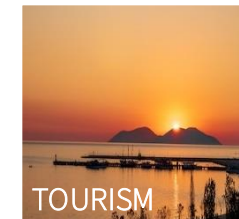
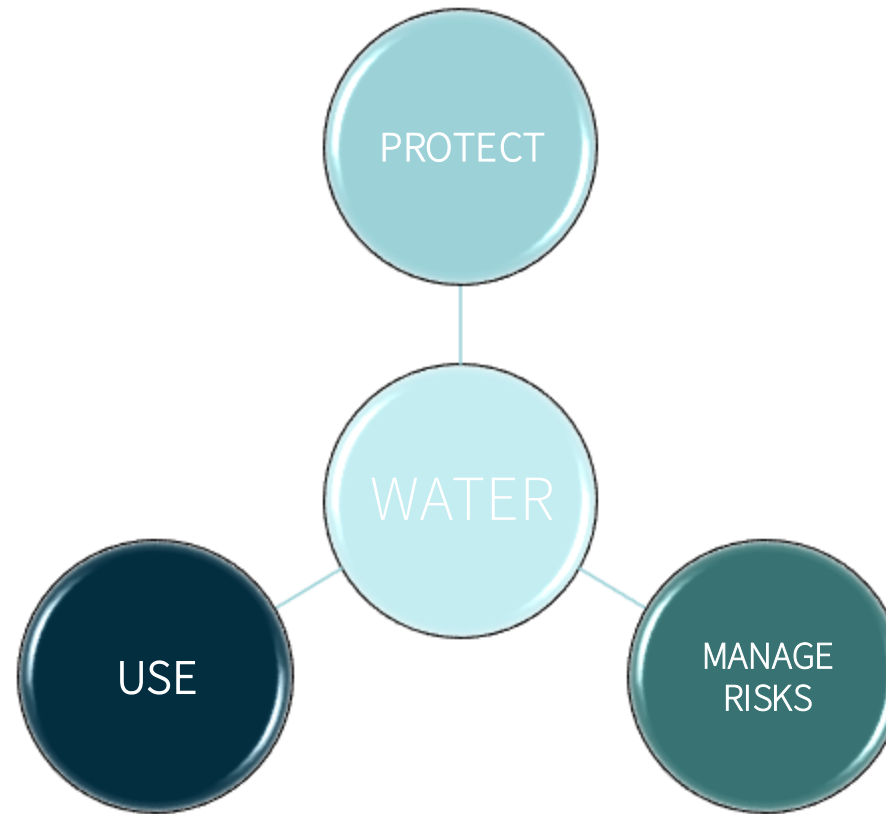
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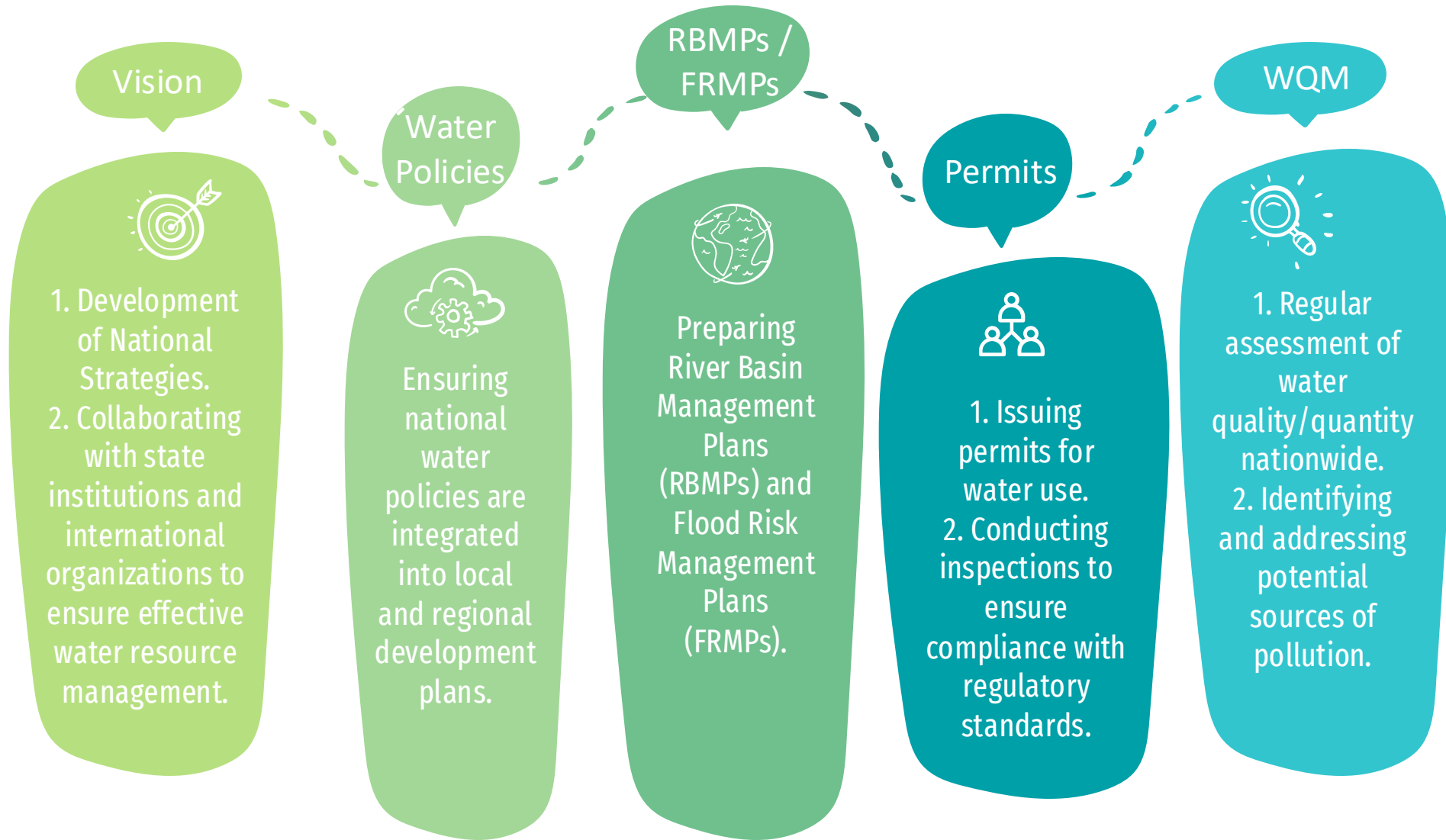
AMBU MISSION



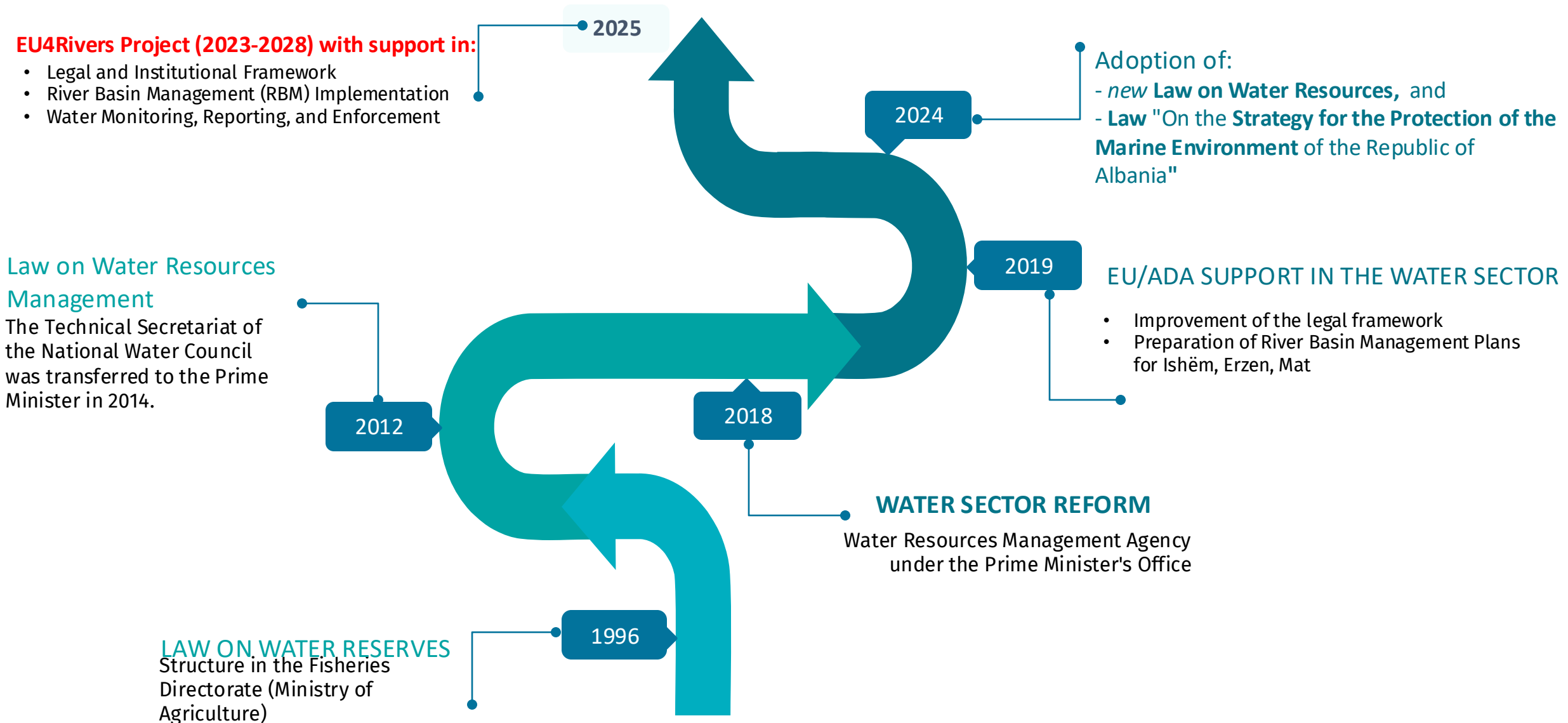
Good governance of water resources in order to fulfill all vital needs, keeping in mind the sustainability of ecosystems, promoting the competitiveness of uses and prioritization towards economic profitability



AMBU's Responsibilities under Laws



Important Milestones in Water Legislation in Albania



NSIWRM 2018-2027 OBJECTIVES

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (NSIWRM) 2018-2027

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1st OBJECTIVE

- **Water Quantity:** ensuring a fair and sustainable use of all water resources, that serves all interests through the application of national legal acts and sub-acts, which transpose the relevant EU directives

2nd OBJECTIVE

- **Water Quality:** ensuring good water quality of all water resources, achieving the status of "good water status" by 2027, through the application of national legal acts and by-laws, which transpose the relevant EU directives

3rd OBJECTIVE

- **Water Risks:** reduction of water risks (floods and droughts) through management and investment, which serves all interests, along with the application of national legal acts and by-laws, which transpose the relevant EU directives

4th OBJECTIVE

- **Water Information:** generally recognized trustworthy water and climate data and models are secured for all stakeholders, and adequate policy advice based on these data and models is provided to government by relevant institutional data owners

5th OBJECTIVE

- **Water Governance:** water is managed in a sustainable and inclusive way, serving all interests, providing equal water related socio-economic benefits and involvement in decision making for future generations, according to IWRM and EU environmental water policy principles

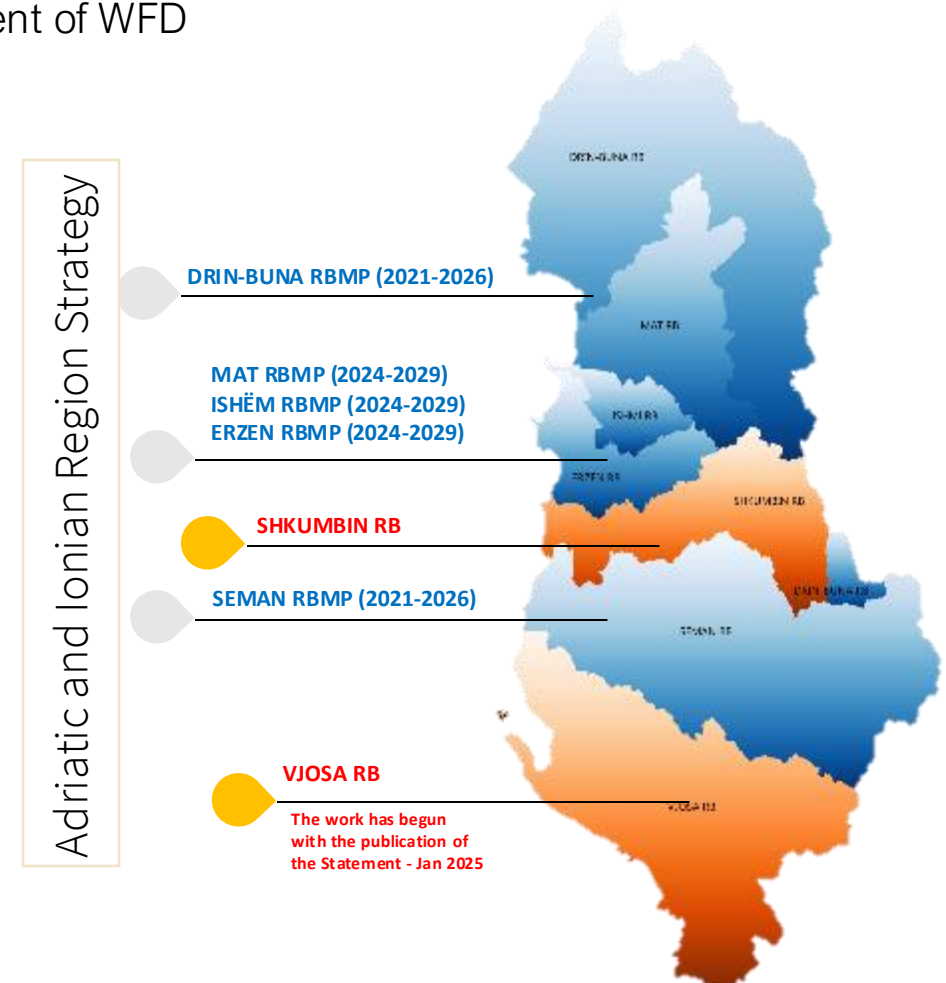
Status of RBMPs in Albania

Current Status of River Basin Management Plans (as the main instrument of WFD implementation for strategic and planning documents in force)

The situation of drafting the RBMPs in Albania

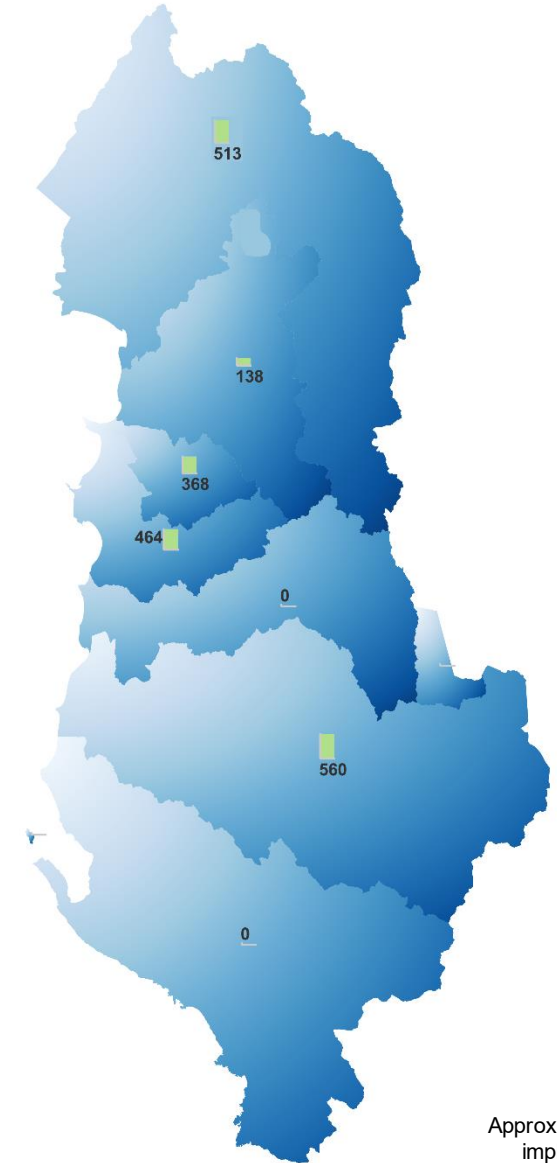
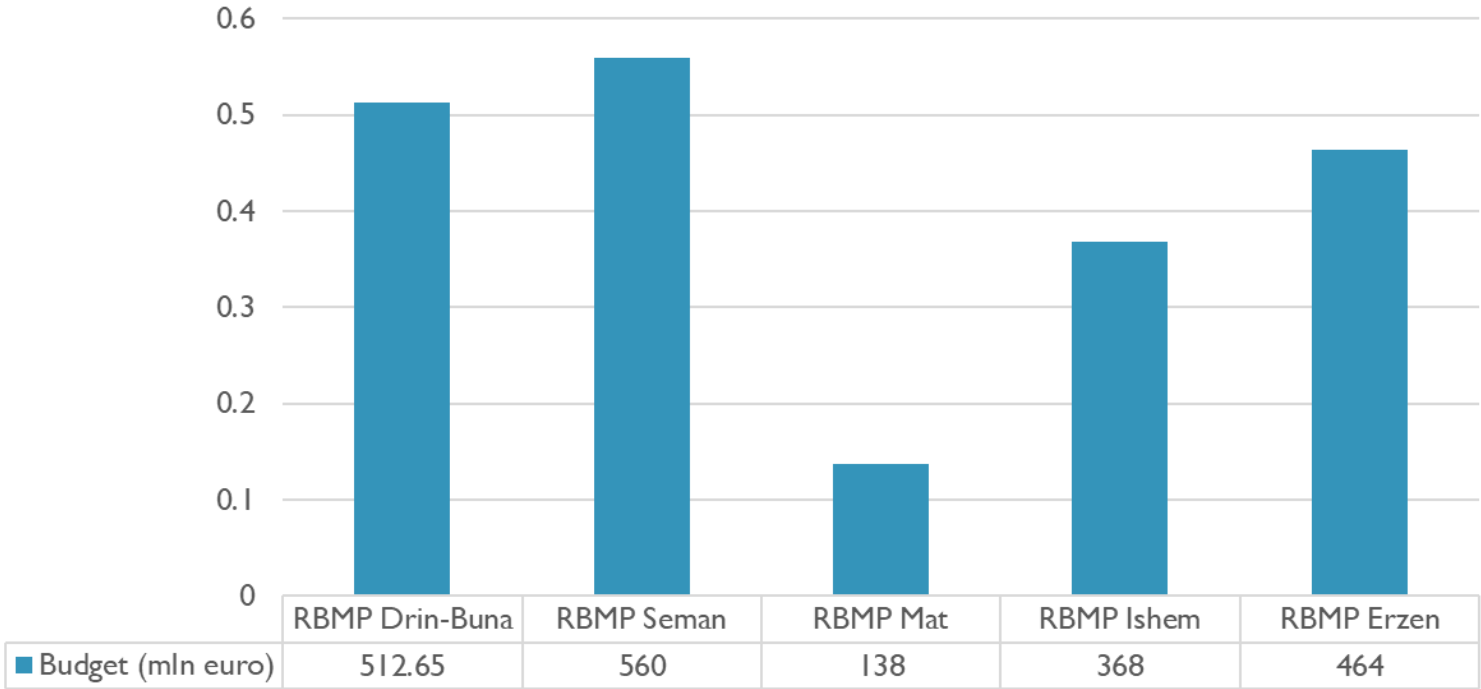
Currently, we have 5 RBMPs approved by the Council of Ministers.

Meanwhile, there are 2 more river basins, Vjosa and Shkumbini, without RBMPs, where, with the support of IPA III, under the leadership of the EU4Rivers project, they will be drafted.

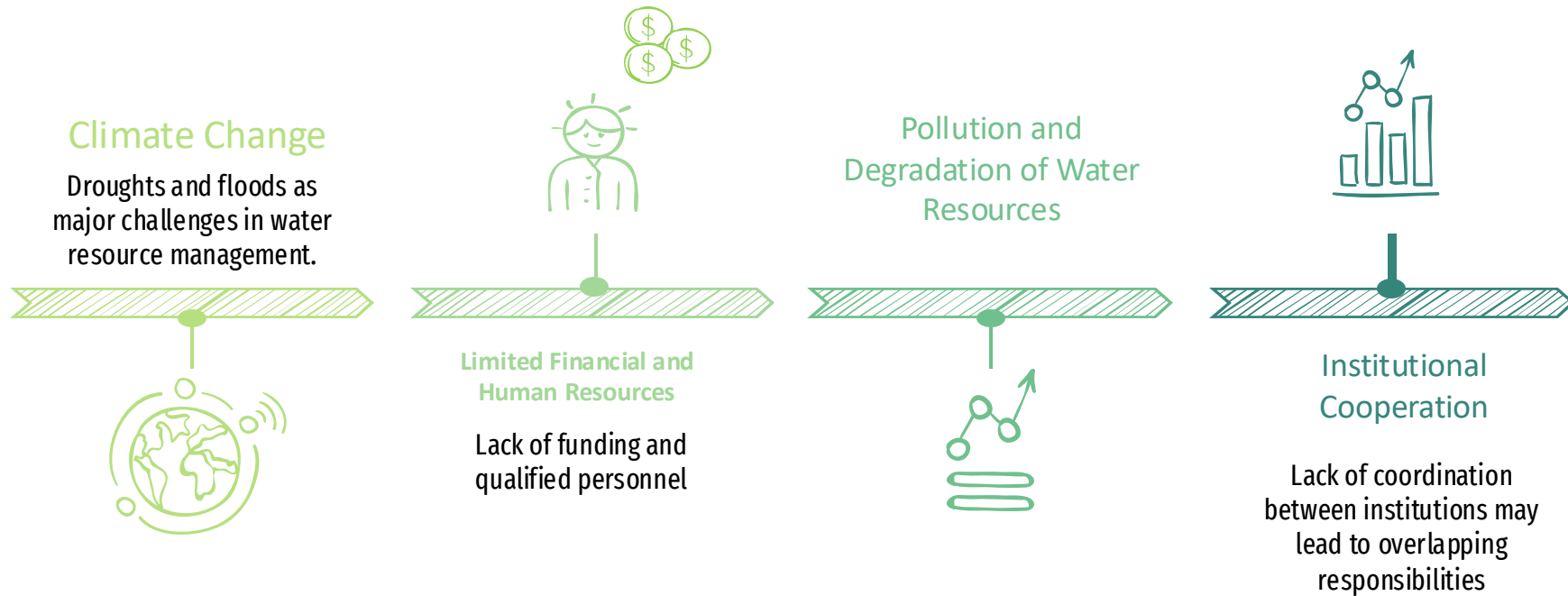


Necessary budget for the implementation of RBMPs

Necessary Approximately Budget for the implementation of RBMPs for Program of Measures



Challenges in Fulfilling Responsibilities



AMBU's Strategic Role



AMBU's Role:

- Competent Authority under WFD
- Leads RBMP development and coordination
- Oversees monitoring networks
- Coordinates transboundary basins (Drin, Vjosa)



... EU Integration



Alignment with Chapter 27 - Environment and Climate Change

EU4Rivers Project support to AMBU

For the sub-chapter Water Quality, the competent authority

- AMBU leads the preparation of Negotiation Positions for Chapter 27.
- Albania has made substantial progress in water management by aligning its water policies and legislation with the EU acquis.



ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS in the area of water quality are conducted within CLUSTER 4 / Chapter 27 (Environment and Climate Change).

- This process provides inputs towards meeting the EU (environment and water) acquis requirements and identifies gaps in the EU approximation process which the GoA and AMBU need to address.
- Chapter 27 is one of the costliest chapters for implementation of the EU acquis.
- EU4RIVERS supports AMBU with the preparation of different Directive Specific Implementation Plans (DSIPs).



THANK YOU