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*INDEPENDENT FOLLOWING UP OF WFD
IN SPANISH RIVER BASIN DISTRICTS*

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European scope

MAIN GOALS:

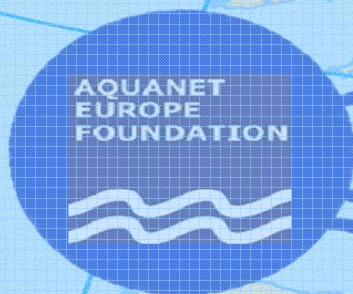
Building up an European Network of NGOs dealing with water issues

Monitoring WFD implementation processes

Raising public awareness and participation for protecting aquatic ecosystems

Aquatic ecosystem's restoration projects

Knowledge exchange and dissemination activities



FNCA (SP&P)

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The implementation of the WFD in Spain implies a **deep change in water policy**:

GOALS:

from a policy addressed to **increase water supply** to a policy addressed to achieve **a good ecological state of water bodies**

CONCEPTUAL APPROACH:

from water as **economic resource** to water as **a multifunctional good**
from dealing with **exploitation systems** to dealing with **ecosystems**

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE:

Participatory decision making
Knowledge integration
New management culture

*Enforcement of the WFD in Spain involves
a **SOCIAL and INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING PROCESS***

FNCA project main question:
How is the WFD being implemented in Spain?

Vision

Qualitative assessment
Quality of information in RBD reports
Integration of information for decision making
Double approach: thematic and territorial
Identification of (general and specific) gaps and good practices
Opportunities for institutional benchmarking
Ideas and proposals for improving the WFD implementation

Synthesis report

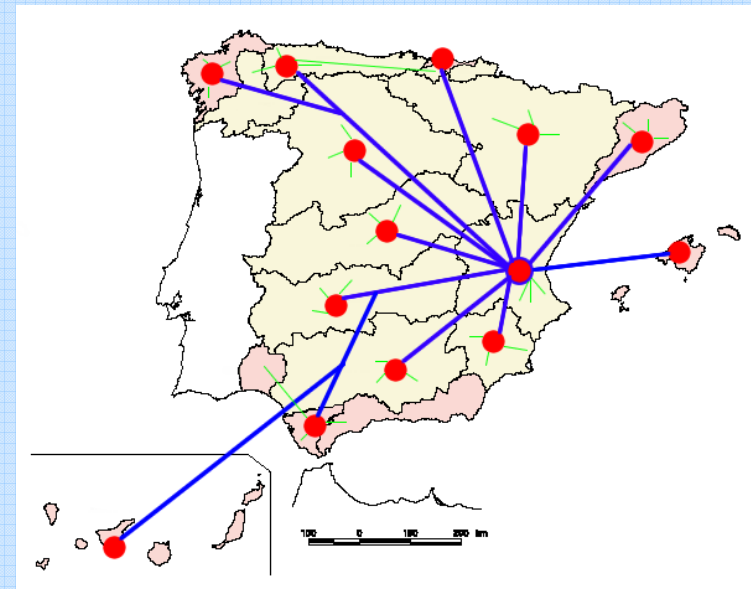
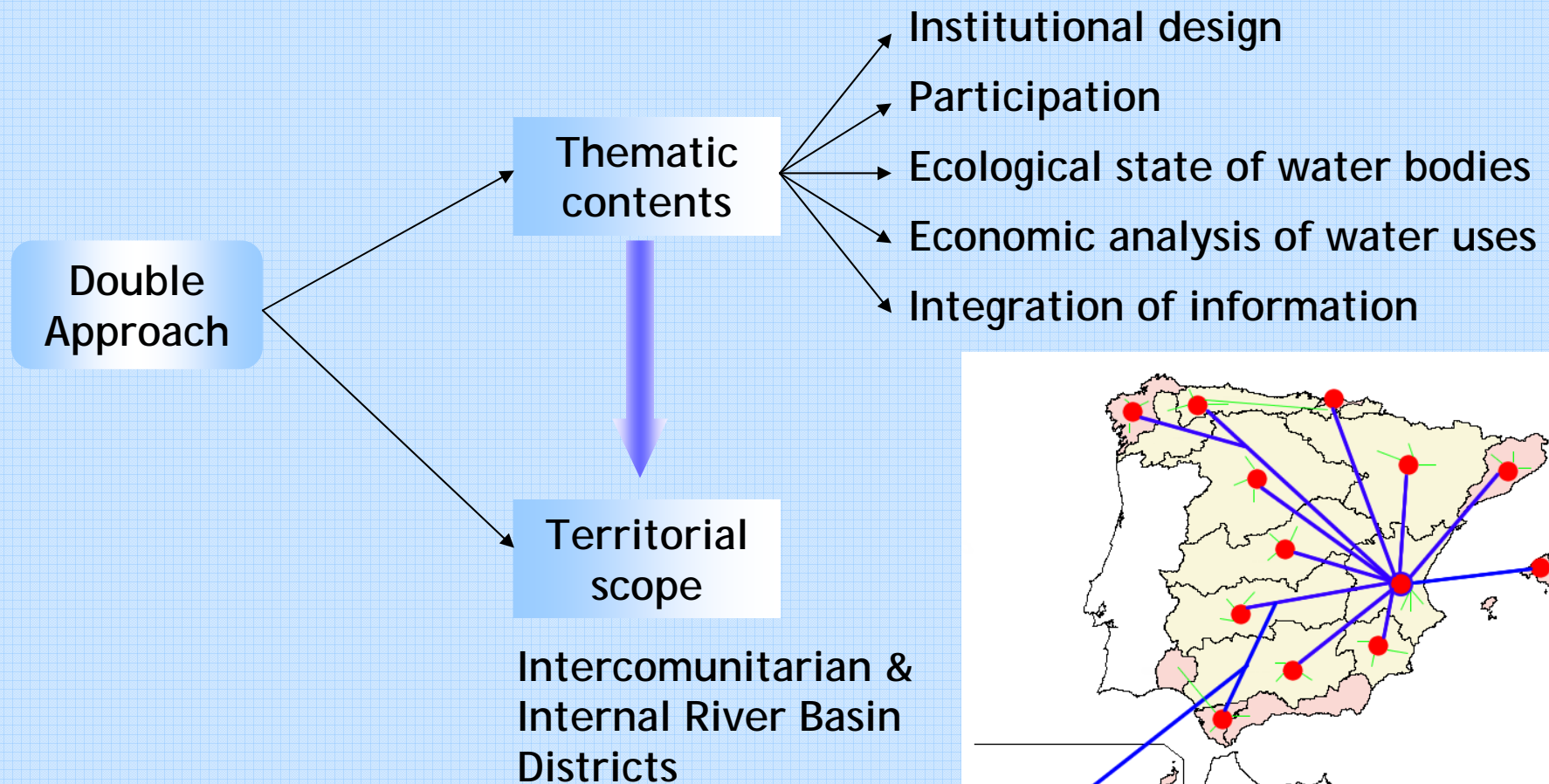
Research design
(Feb.-June 2006)

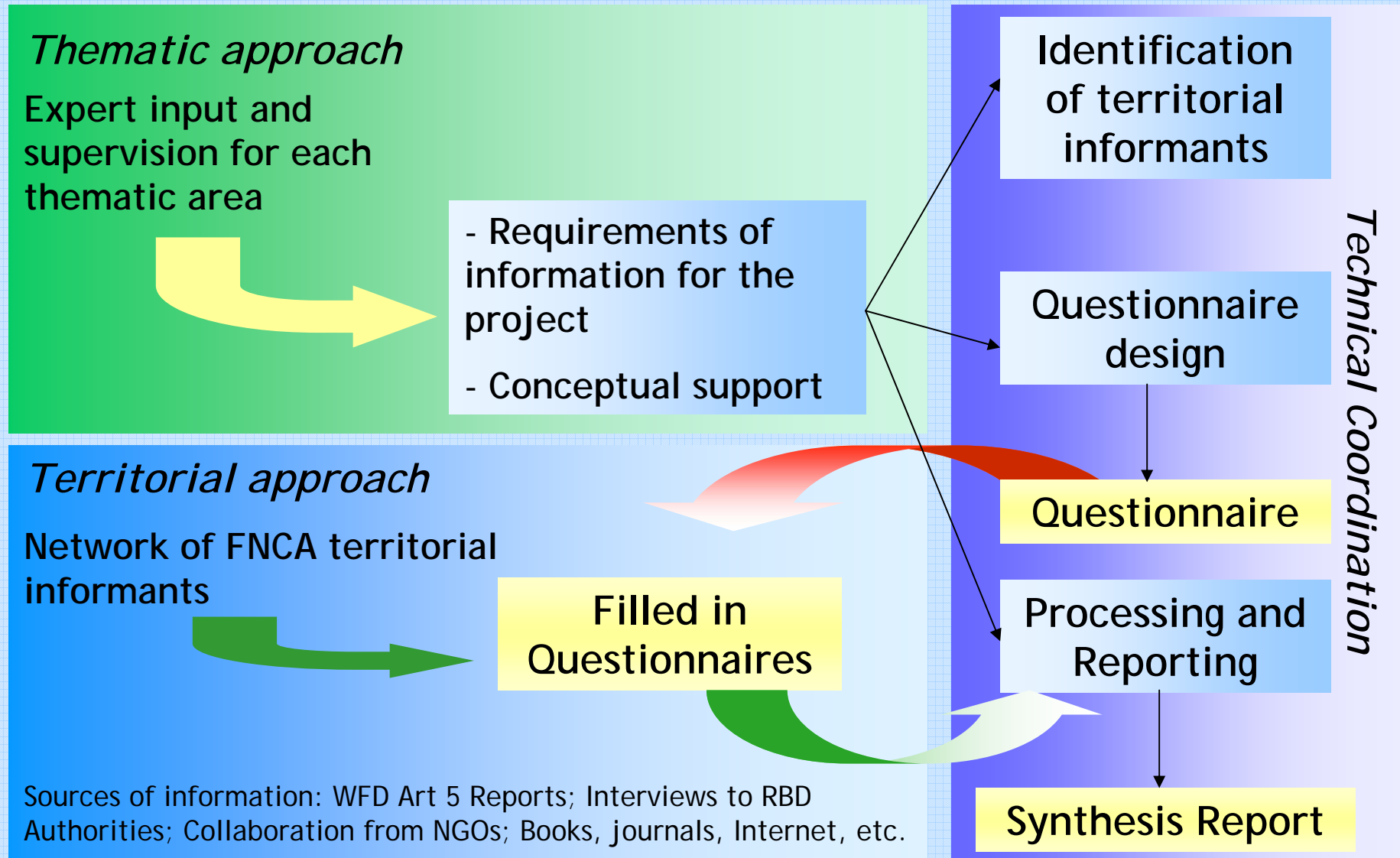
Information collection
(June-Sept. 2006)

Report elaboration
(Sept.-Nov. 2006)

Report presentation
(Dec. 2006)

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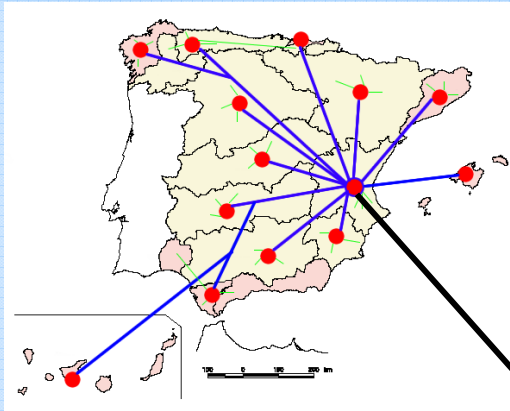
AQUANET-FNCA Project

Following up of WFD implementation processes in Spain

Synthesis Report

INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN	Common and specific regulative aspects Organizational impact of WFD in Water Institutions
PARTICIPATION	Availability of and accessibility to information Communication & Consultation mechanisms Design of participatory process for WFD implementation
ECOLOGICAL STATE OF WATER BODIES	Characterization of water bodies & identification of pressures and impacts Information scale & quality
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS	Meaningfulness of economic scale of analysis Water uses economic analysis: information quality & scale Cost recovery for water services: information quality & scale Environmental & resource costs
INTEGRATION	Usefulness of information in WFD Art 5. Reports for decision making Ecological & economic territorial scale Quality of information & opportunities of participation

RBD comparison; examples from RBD experiences
Gaps and opportunities of mutual learning



Synthesis Report

Research:
National and International Events
Base for future research on WFD implementation
Observatory on WFD's implementation

Civil Society:
NGOs
Public in general

Public Administration:
RBD Authorities
Environmental Ministry
Regional and local authorities



Faro (Portugal), 4th December 2006

*AQUANET International Workshop on WFD implementation:
European approaches to participation in RBM*

The main goal: getting useful lessons by comparing institutional and participatory practices and experiences throughout Europe -paying particular attention to the WFD implementation in zones under severe water stress.

Programme extract:

Session 1. River Basin Authority's institutional models and WFD enforcement:
experiences from 5 European countries (SP, BE, I, H & G)

Session 2. WFD: effective or "virtual" social participation in water management?
Paying special attention to the case of European zones under water stress

Presentation and debate of Sessions 1 and 2 conclusions

REGISTRATION: free of charge (attendants limited to 30 people)

For more information and registration details to the AQUANET International Workshop,
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Complementary Activity to the FNCA's V Iberian Congress on Water Planning and Management

Faro (Portugal), Dec. 4th - 8th 2006

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***THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR ATTENTION!***

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