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**Methodology for project implementation  
Description of WES 'architecture'  
Building the project's workplan**

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# METHODOLOGY OUTLINE



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## Our 5-S Delivery Principles of Implementation

- ✓ **Safeguard** the continuity of the previous SWIM-H2020 SM project and further build on its achievements;
- ✓ **Sustain** a beneficial balance between the regional activities and the demand-driven national activities which maximises the expected impact towards regional integration;
- ✓ **Seek** and advance coordination and synergy with bilateral and other interventions supported by IFIs and other sources;
- ✓ **Support** multi-level dialogue and the fulfilment of the national commitments, addressing regional needs as identified by different instruments and actors (e.g. UfM, Barcelona Convention, H2020 and its follow-up), EU aspirations (e.g. ENP and ENI strategies), and international provisions (e.g. SDGs);
- ✓ **Strengthen** the level of commitment and ownership by the PCs.

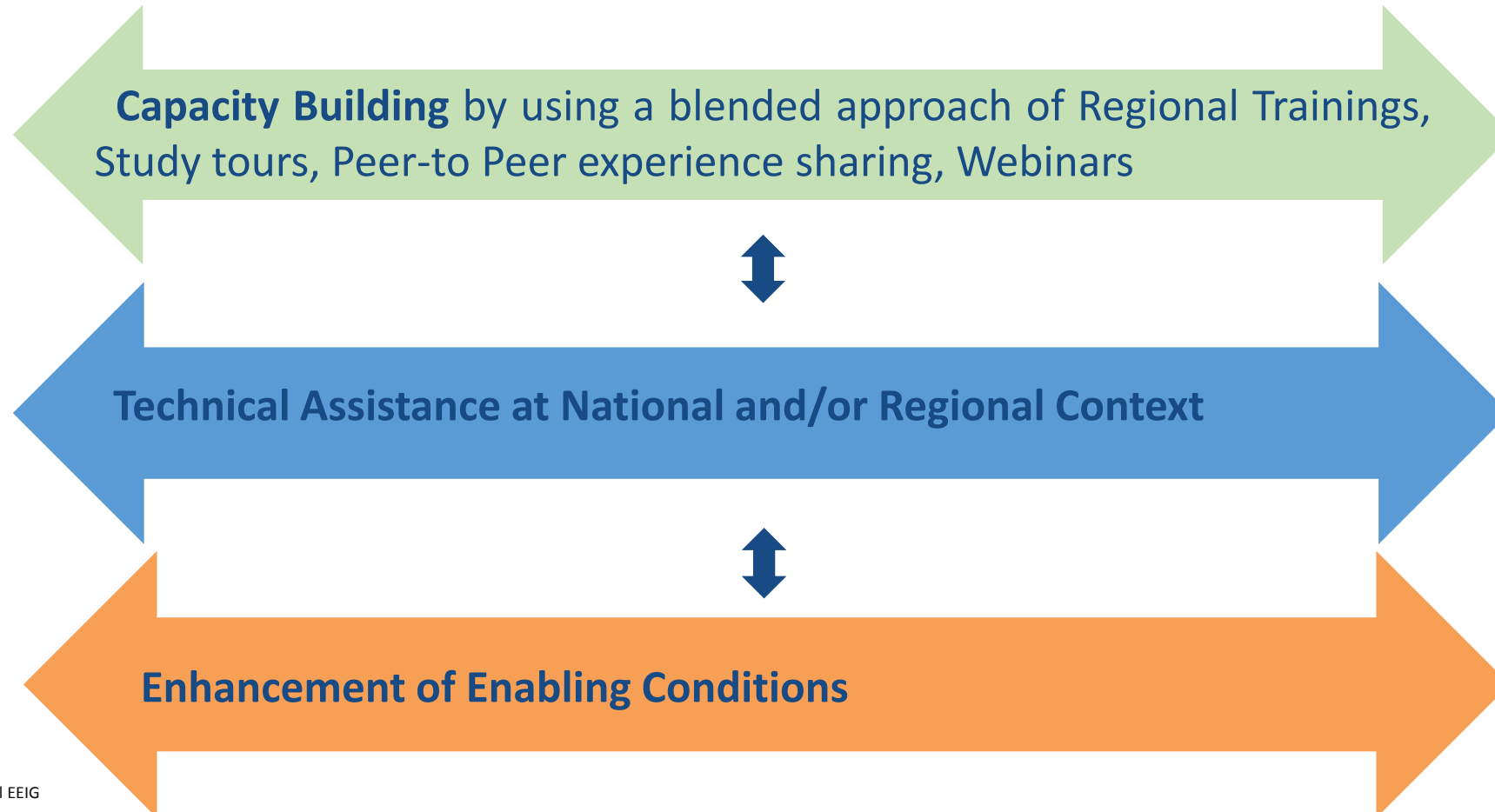


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## Three Inter-related Dimensions around which activities are built:

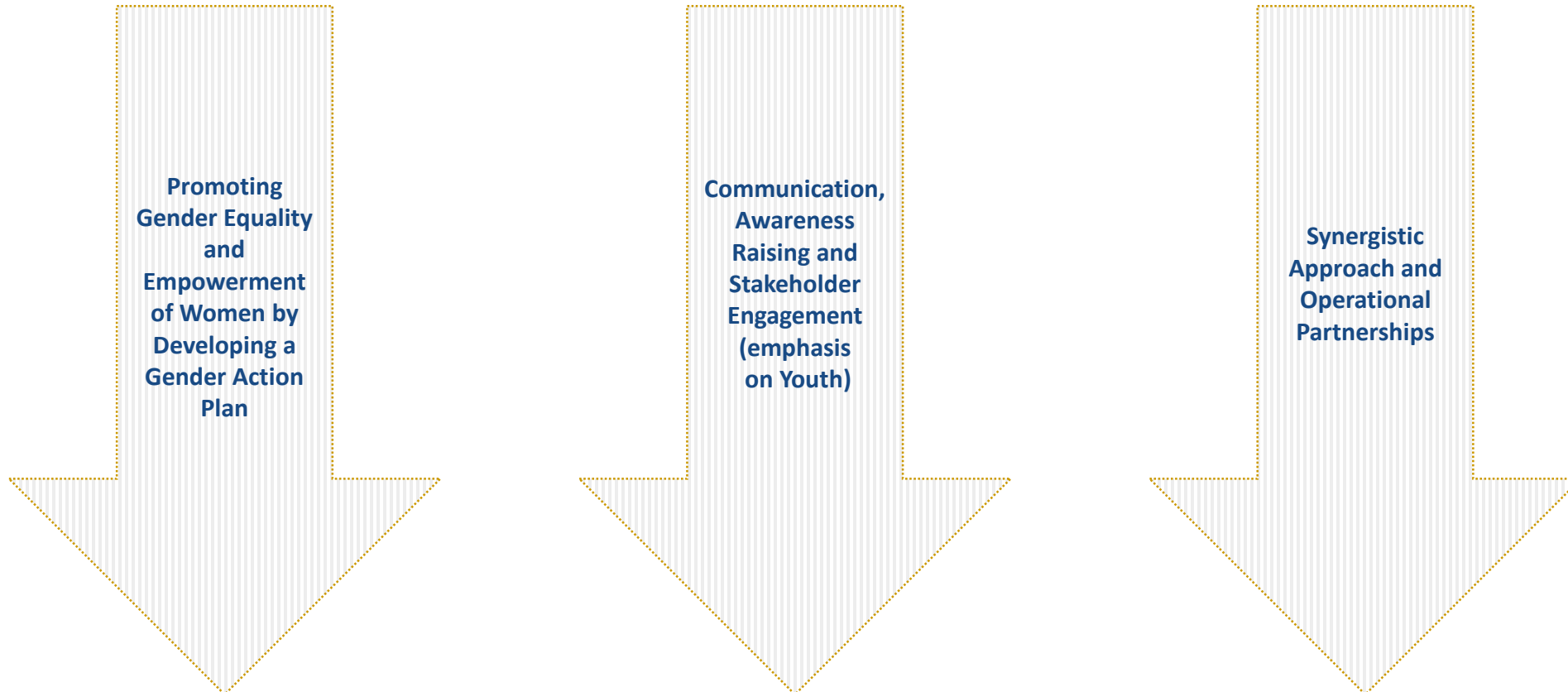


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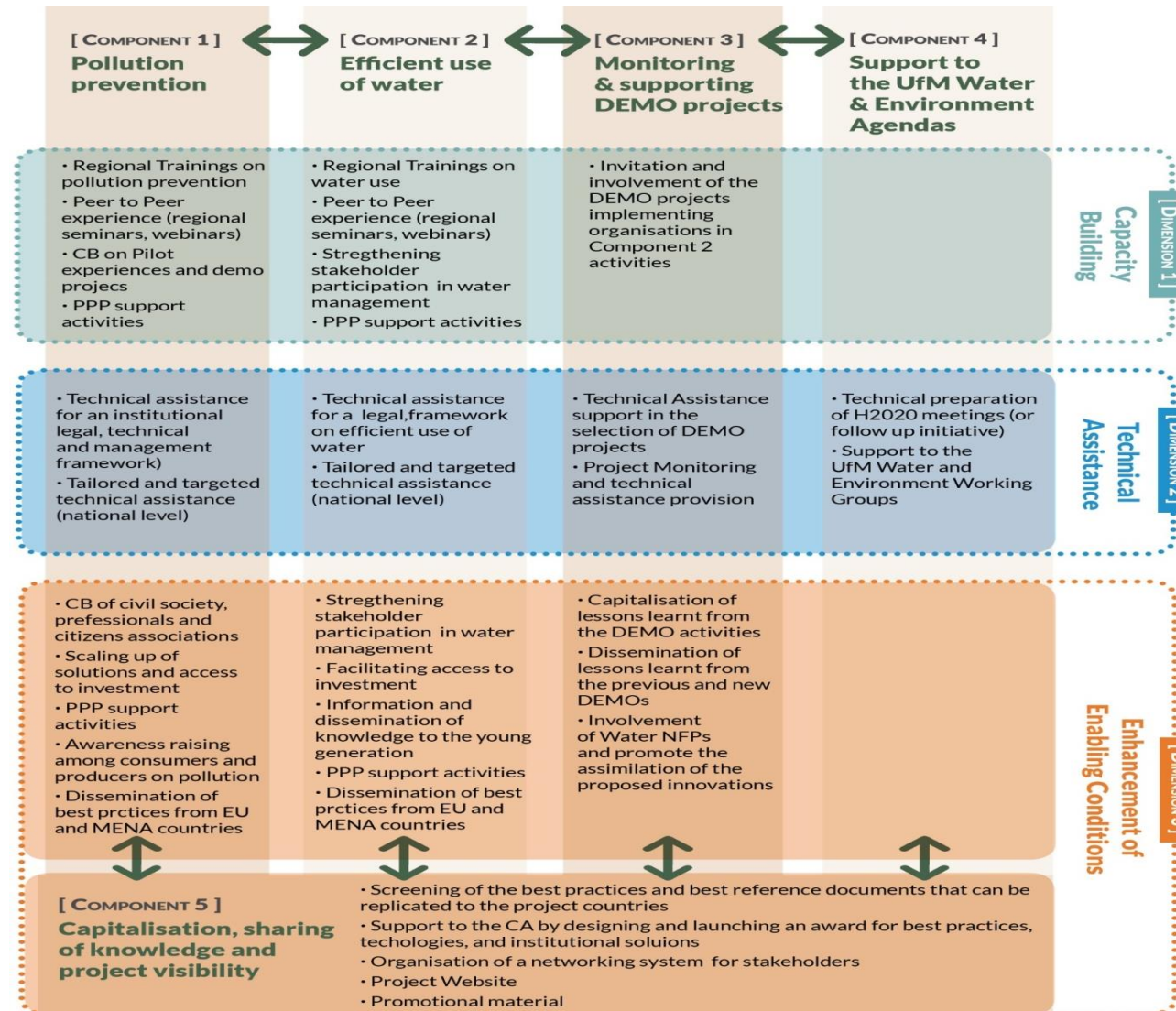
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## Cross Cutting elements permeating the project's implementation





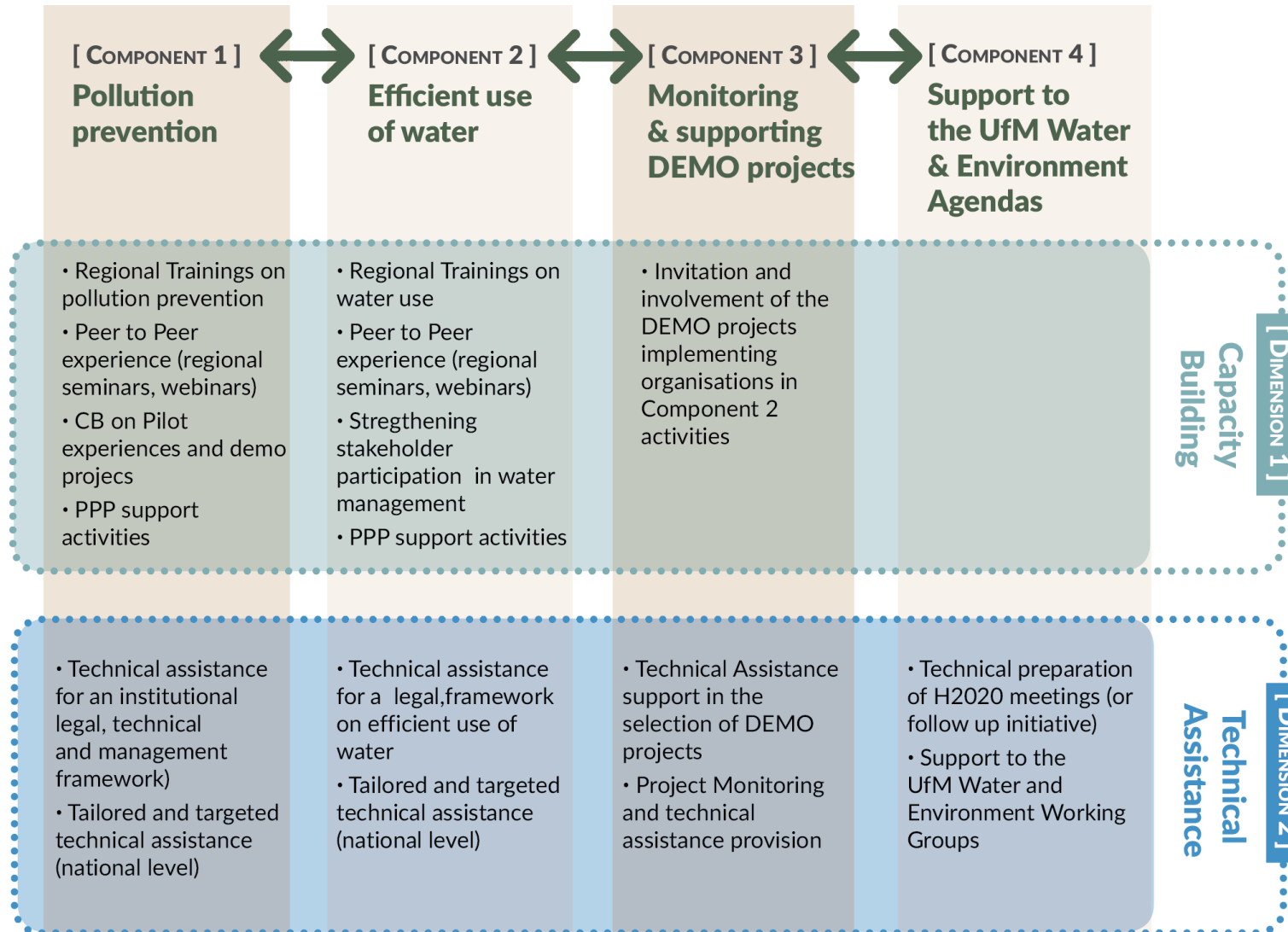
# THE OVERALL ARCHITECTURE



# CAPACITY BUILDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



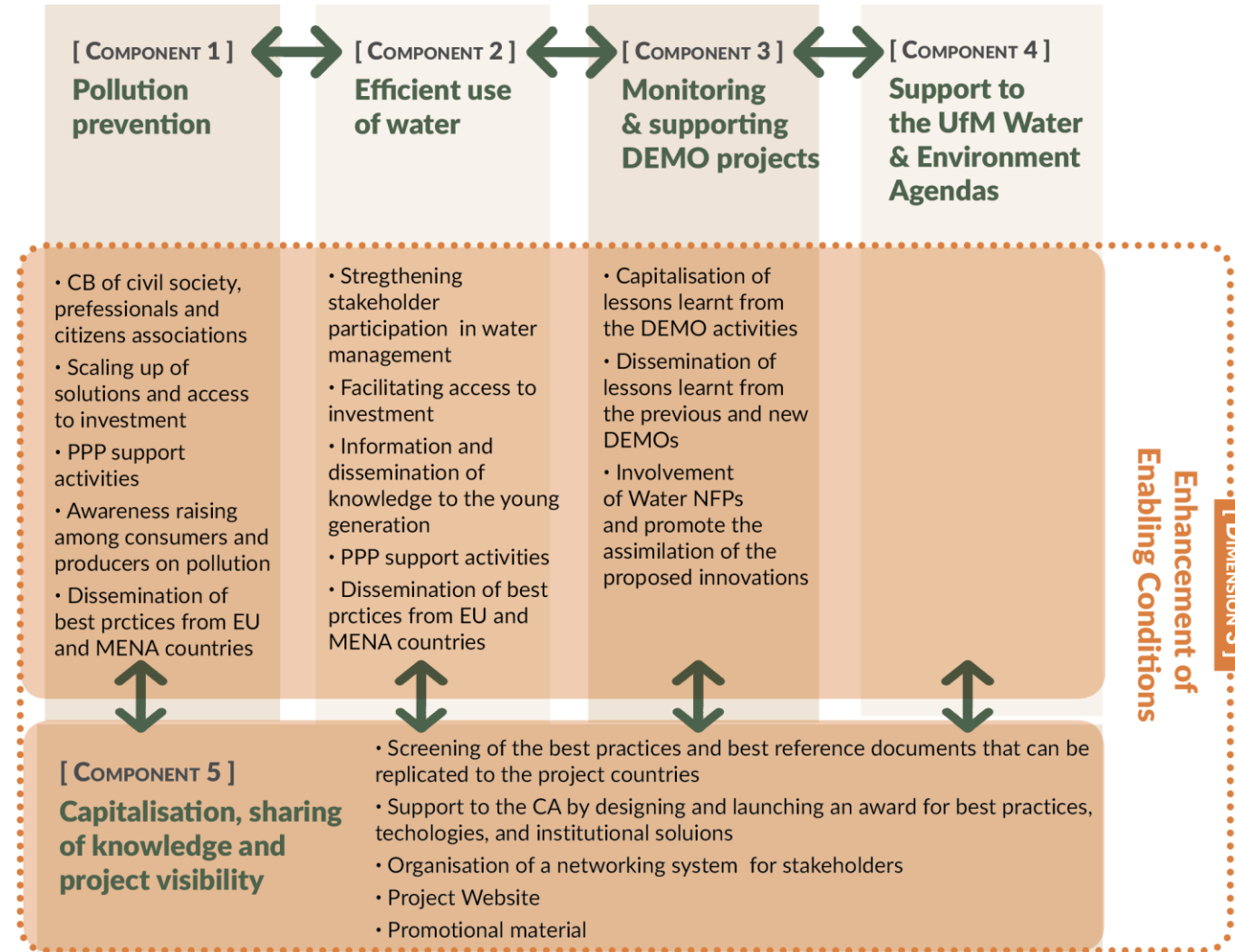
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# ENHANCEMENT OF ENABLING CONDITIONS



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## Component 1: Pollution prevention

4 topics were formed in order to facilitate a guided, harmonised and well-structured design of TA and CB activities

- **Topic 1:** Curbing Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter
- **Topic 2:** Promotion of Mechanisms, Tools and Conditions for shifting to a Circular Economy
- **Topic 3:** Prevention and Reduction of Pollution reaching the Mediterranean from specific Industrial sectors
- **Topic 4:** Support in mainstreaming and implementing Integrated Environmental Management







## Component 2: Efficient use of water

**5 topics were formed in order to facilitate a guided, harmonised and well-structured design of TA and CB activities**

- **Topic 1:** Assessment and Estimation of Water Use (Per Sector)
- **Topic 2:** Investigation and Introduction of Water Efficiency Gains at the Decentralized Level
- **Topic 3:** Water Resources Valuation, Cost-recovery and Affordability of Water Services
- **Topic 4:** Legal And Regulatory Aspects of Mainstreaming Water Use Efficiency in the National and Regional Frameworks
- **Topic 5:** Enhancing Water Efficiency and Productivity in Agriculture





## Component 3: Monitoring & Supporting DEMO projects

**Supporting the CA in the selection process of demonstration projects: 36 applications have already been received - 31 passed the administrative check. The list of pre-selected 31 CNs was further reduced to 19 when assessed against the criteria of Relevance and Design of the Actions.**

- Monitoring and provision of technical assistance
- Invitation and involvement of DEMO projects implementing organisations in Component 2 activities
- Capitalisation of lessons learned from the DEMO activities
- Dissemination of lessons learned from the previous and new DEMOs
- Involvement of Water NFPs and promote the assimilations of the proposed innovations





## Component 4: Support to the UfM Water and Environment agendas

Preparatory logistical & technical support for:

- the 10th H2020 Review & Monitoring meeting (23-24 Sept. 2019)
- the 10th Horizon 2020 SGM (25 Sept. 2019)
- the follow-up of the Horizon 2020 Flagship Initiative for a Cleaner Mediterranean and the Post 2020 Environment Agenda
- Consultation meetings in view of the UfM Ministerial on Environment and CC (2020)





## Component 5: Capitalisation, Sharing Knowledge and Project Visibility

- Screening of best practices and best reference documents that can be replicated to the project countries
  - Support to the CA by designing and launching an award for best practices, technologies, and institutional solutions (*A Concept Note has been drafted and submitted to CA for the design & launching of a “Plastic-free Mediterranean” Award*)
  - Organisation of a networking system for stakeholders (*Efforts have been started to identify the majority of the WES networking activities*)
  - Project website
  - Promotional material
- } The project’s visual identity has been designed and accepted, as well as the project’s leaflet and conference material. The project website is about to be ready.





## Horizontal Regional Actions:

- Education for Sustainable Development
- Consultation meetings of Civil Society, MPs and Local Authorities
- Knowledge Management; Science/Policy interface; citizen science
- Overall environmental governance - promotion of the Aarhus Convention in the entire region of the Mediterranean
- Networking, women's empowerment, Youth





## Dimension 1

### Capacity building using a blended approach of Regional trainings, Study tours, Peer-to-Peer experience sharing and Webinars

- **Regional trainings:** 8 on Water, 8 on Environment, 4 Horizontal
- **Study tours:** 4 to 8 study tours
- **P2P:** 10 P2P exercises combined with 4 Webinars

It is important to stress that these, in most cases, will be interlinked and also connected to the national activities/technical assistance.





## Dimension 2

### Technical Assistance

- 4 topics per PC: 2 for Component 1 and 2 for Component 2
- Almost all topics are of common regional or sub-regional interest & address multiple PCs
- Technical assistance at regional level as well

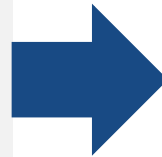




## Dimension 3

### Enhancement of Enabling Conditions: included in all Components and Horizontal actions

- ✓ Creating the right enabling conditions for comprehension, social acceptance, appreciation and utilization of the products/results.
- ✓ Creating synergies among relevant actors and stakeholders brought together, by strengthening the existing partnerships or creating new ones.



#### Through:

- Formal, non-formal, informal ESD on key topics of the project.
- Exchanging successful practices, sharing experiences, identifying new and innovative methodologies and developing regional and sub-regional networks;
- Effective communication and dialogue on issues of mutual interest,
- Exchange best practices, explore opportunities to potentially replicate/up-scale specific projects;
- Real capacity development of beneficiaries where the know-how transfer is based on a real working environment.
- Promote environmental governance
- Networking, women's empowerment, Youth
- Consultation meetings of Civil Society, MPs and Local Authorities





# METHODOLOGY OUTLINE – SELECTING POTENTIAL COUNTRY PRIORITIES



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WES Key Experts ran a rigorous screening of potential country priorities for all Components of the project with emphasis on the Water and Environment ones, based on needs and priorities documented in the following ways:

- during the National/Country Meetings of 2018 implemented by SWIM-H2020 SM;
- during the Closing SWIM H2020 SM Conference (April 2019 in Brussels);
- during informal discussions with some Focal Points and national stakeholders over the past two months;
- recorded as a relevant SWIM-H2020 or other project activity recommendation;
- noted in the Capitalization Questionnaires completed by the country Focal Point towards the end of SWIM-H2020 SM;
- noted as a priority activity requested by the PC during SWIM-H2020 SM but which was not addressed at the time due to time/resources limitation.

Throughout this screening process, the following **criteria** were also considered:

- relevance to WES objectives;
- links to the UfM and/or Barcelona Convention
- character of the activity: new or a follow-up to a previous SWIM-H2020 SM one, or on an emerging issue;



# IN CONCLUSION



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The WES programme has been designed with:

- guidance of global and regional water and environment agendas
- a lot of care for the needs of PCs
- attention for the efficient and effective use of the resources provided by the EU
- commitment for meaningful cooperation with Institutional Partners: UfM, Barcelona Convention, LAS
- close synergy with other relevant projects funded by the EU and other donors
- efforts for proper communication, involvement of stakeholders and openness to the society as a whole

...therefore, we are confident that with the wise guidance from the EU and the active involvement and support of the FPs, it will be useful and successful





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