

Environmental accounts and water policy in the Netherlands

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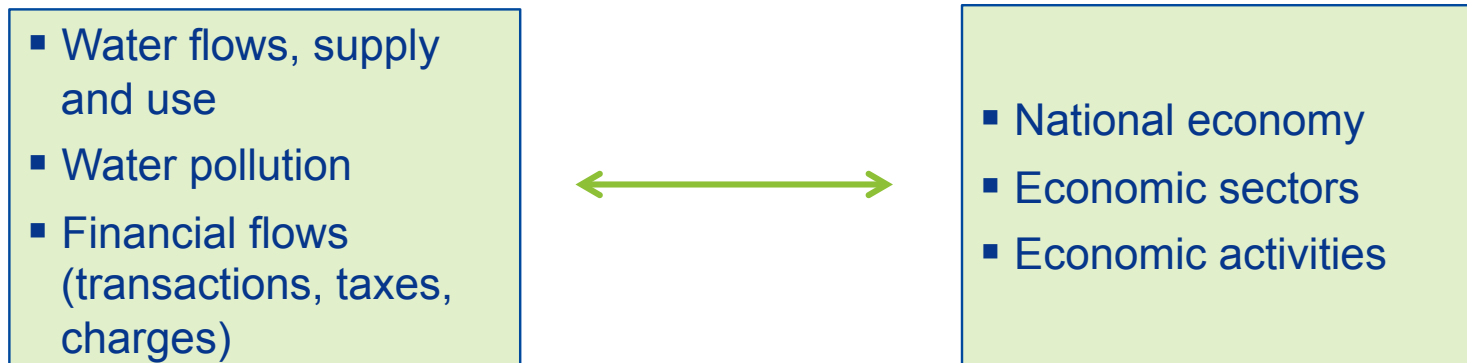
Water policy framework

- Trend towards integration since the 1980s
- 2000: EU Water Framework Directive (WFD)
 - key objective: 'good status' for surface water and groundwater by 2015 (2027)
- National Water Plan
- River Basin Management Plans
- Programmes of Measures



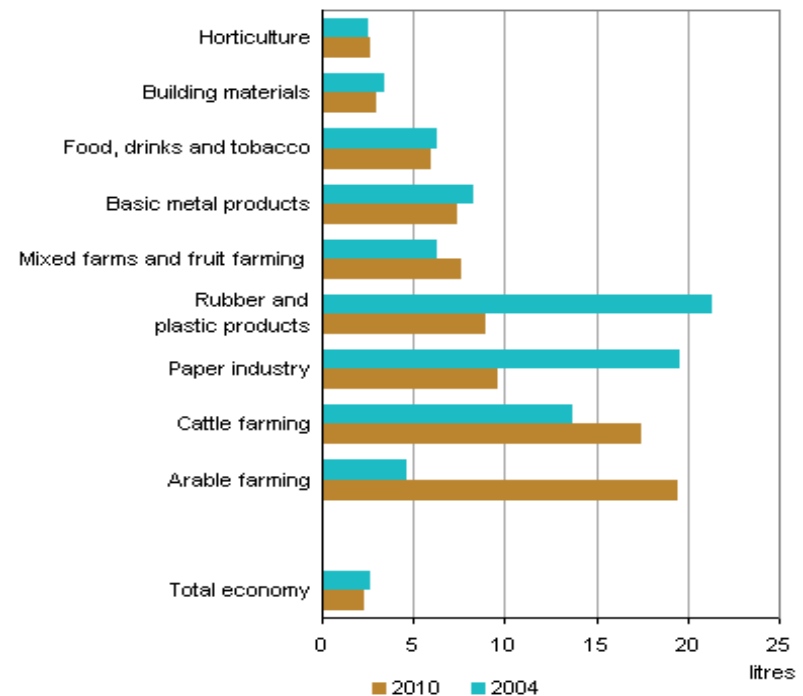
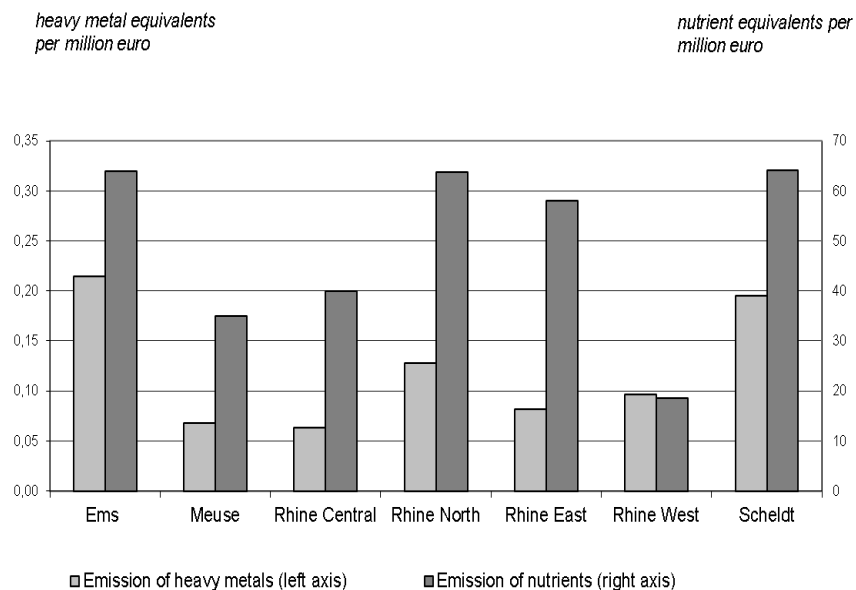
Water accounts as part of environmental/resource accounts

- Developed in NL and elsewhere since around 2000
- Included in SEEA CF
- Enable monitoring progress towards water policy objectives



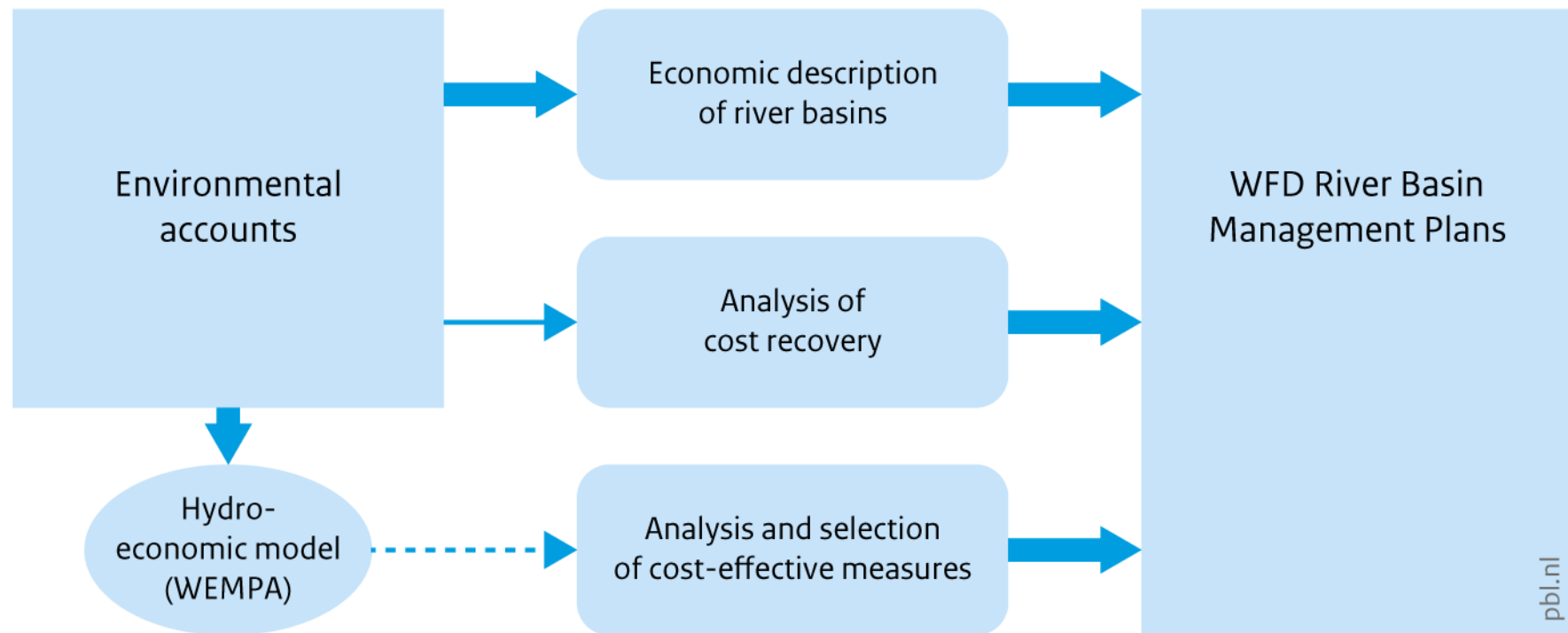
Illustrations of water accounts based information

Emission intensity for different river basins (2007; producers only) Groundwater withdrawal per euro value added in different sectors



Source: CBS

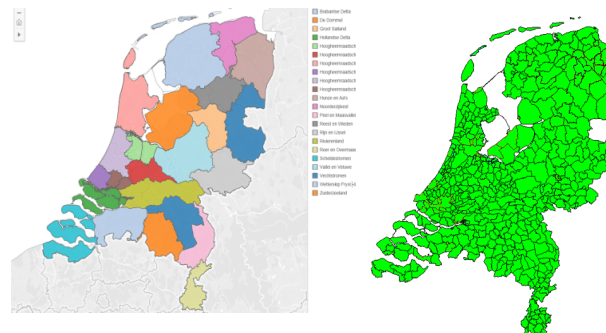
The role of water accounts in WFD implementation



Conclusions

- Important role for Water Accounts in WFD implementation in NL
- Limited use in selecting measures to achieve WFD objectives may be related to scale and nature of these measures

- 22 water boards
- 390 municipalities



- Possibly even more important role in other water policy areas (e.g. marine strategy)

Thank you for your attention!

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