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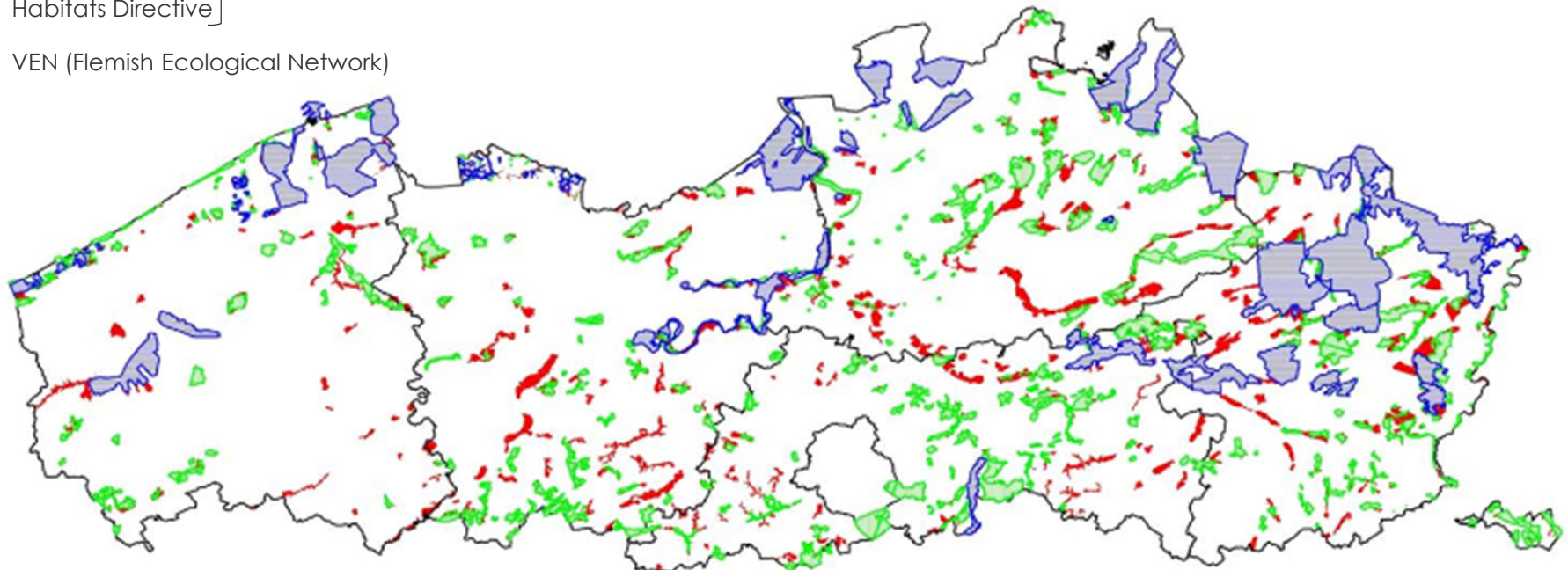
Implementation of Natura 2000 in Flanders



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is natuur

Natura 2000 in Flanders

-  Birds Directive
 -  Habitats Directive
 -  VEN (Flemish Ecological Network)
- } Natura 2000



ca 12,3 % of Flanders => 47 habitats, 109 species (incl. birds)
Many activities within N2000 or with impact on N2000

European Nature objectives

Regional objectives ⇔ regional consultation groups



Site objectives ⇔ local local consultation groups



Site action plans ⇔ local platforms, project groups



Extensive consultation process with stakeholder groups and other authorities

Cooperation at all levels



Unie van Zelfstandige Ondernemers



departement
Mobiliteit en
Openbare Werken



Decision Gouvernement 23/04/2014

▶ **Modification Nature Decree**

→ Executive act Conservation Objectives (20/06/2014)

→ Nature management plans => Cons.Obj

→ N2000 Programme, MP Strategic Management plans, strong shoulders

▶ **Memorandum conservation objectives with 21 decision points**

→ 36 designation acts

→ Nature objectives per site

→ Implementation plan

→ Tasks 2020

→ Efforts for administrations

→ Draft circular appropriate assessment

→ Evaluation system appropriate assessment + road map

→ Communication PAN

× Impact analysis

× Inventory emission reduction

× Roadmap for Final Programmatic Approach to Nitrogen

× Establishment steering group (“regiebureau”)

× Tasks for administrations

× Restructuring programme

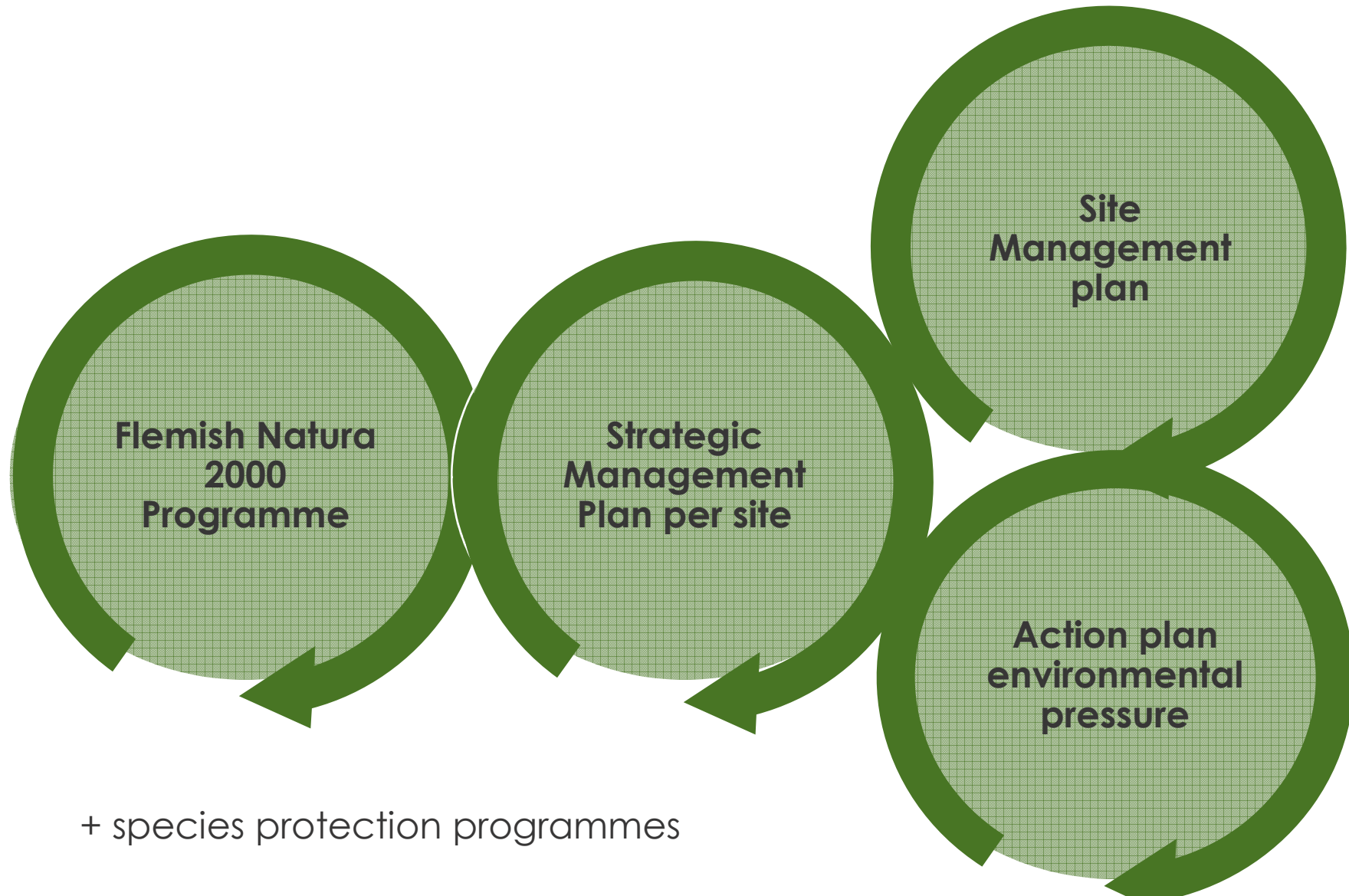
× Budgetary scheme

Tasks for 2020

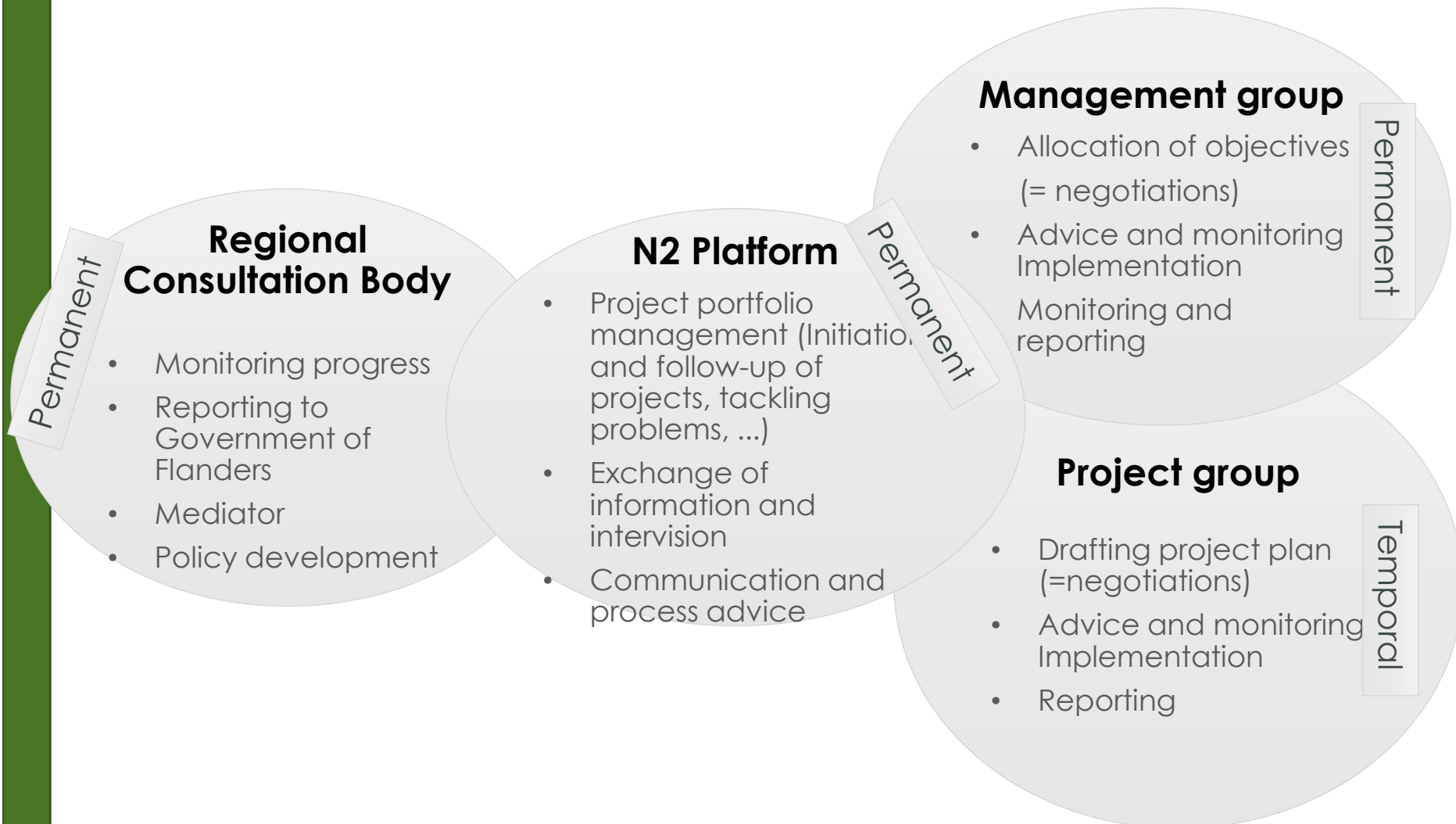
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priority
measures

- ▶ = milestones towards 2050 (Gouvernement Decision 23/04/14)
 - × Stand still for all EU habitats and species, conform nature protection law
 - × 16 of the 47 habitat types have a favourable status or improved status compared to report of 2007
 - × For all habitat types and species 70% of the measures is being implemented to enable the realisation of a favourable conservation status
 - × For the species needing extra habitat surface 1/3 (33 %) of this extra surface is realised through nature development and management measures

Implementation: instruments



Natura 2000 Programme CONSULTATION FORA



Natura 2000 Programme

► Objective:

- gradual achievement of conservation objectives 2020
- avoiding or stopping decline/disturbance
- priority efforts including complementary policy (PAN)

► Contents:

- Budgetary cycle 6 years for nature management, acquisition, complementary measures
- Programme for research, mapping ecological requirements habitats and species
- Engagement of actors (actions, resources, conditions) ⇨ cooperation agreements

► Continued effect:

- Framework for Strategic Management plans N 2000
- Framework for policy evaluation and budget
- Framework for reporting to EC and Government

Cfr. VR 2014
DOC.0914/2BIS



Overall
support
by LIFE BNIP

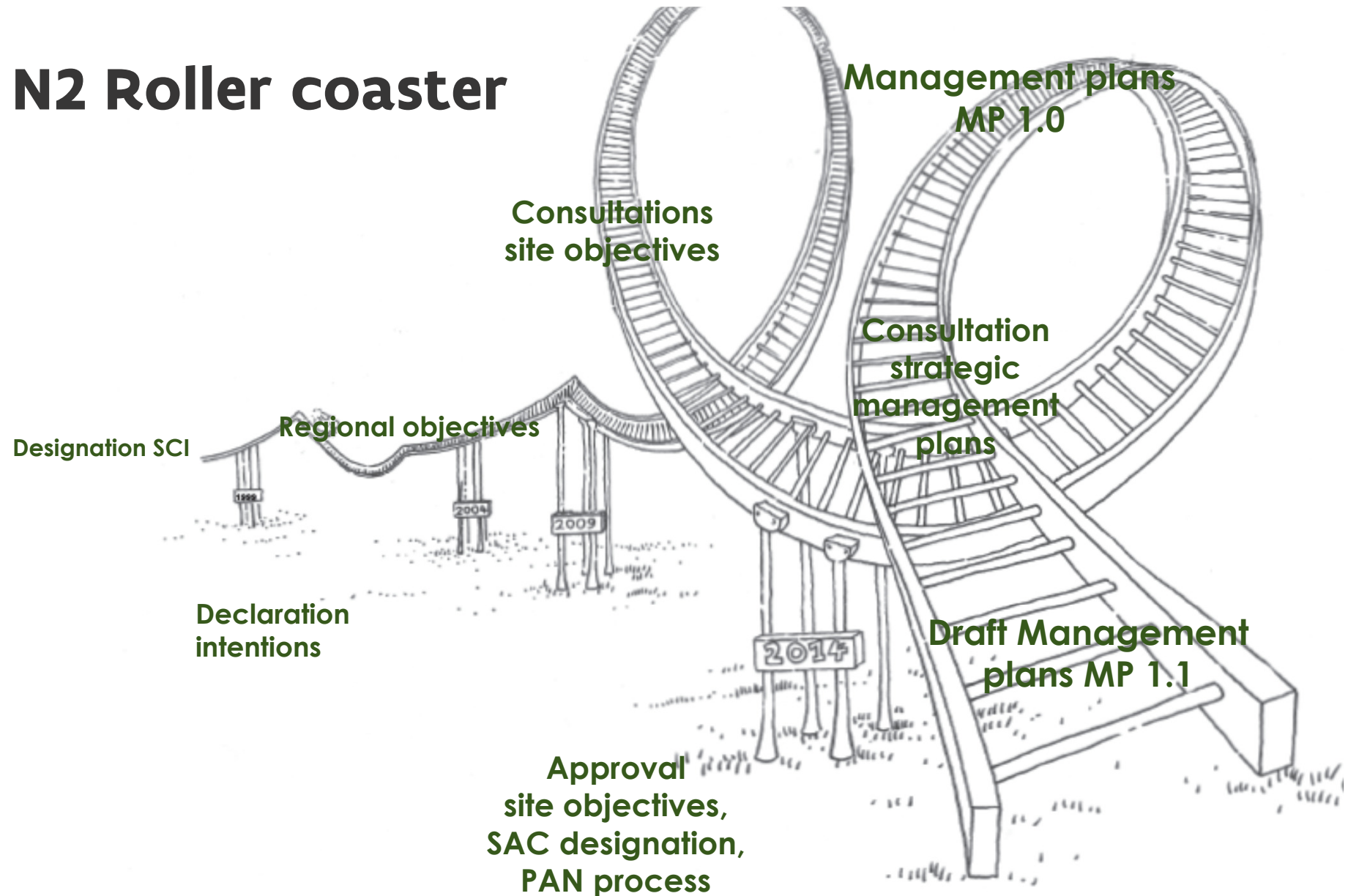
- at BE level :** new boost to N2 progr, processes and procedures
- management plans of SPA and SACs (designation Wall, BXL, Marine finalized)
 - Partnerships + Capacity building
 - Database systems for monitoring

Continuous puzzling

- Puzzling at regional and local level
- New framework for site management plans, instruments for implementation and appropriate assessments
- Opportunity to enhance partnerships !
 - ⇒ New drive: BNIP
 - ⇒ Positive examples: LIFE 3WatEr, Sigma
- ↔ Open saldo objectives + Ongoing developments/land uses in sites:
 - => need for search areas



N2 Roller coaster



Points of attention

- ▶ Not a change of the legal framework now that translation has been done up to the level of site management plan, consensus in approach, ambition and implementation has been reached
- ▶ guidance on interpretation of terminology, establishing uniform reference values, how to implement PES, ...

- ▶ Support in ensuring finance for Natura 2000 & Biodiversity – stricter rules on % of nature measures in the OPs for structural funds, Rural Dev. Fund,...

- ▶ Effective integration in other policies at EC and MS level

- ▶ Compliance of directives on environmental quality
Approach for emission reduction at EU level
→ How to deal with impact of emissions from neighbouring countries?