

Aligning Policy Instruments for Soil, Water and Biodiversity

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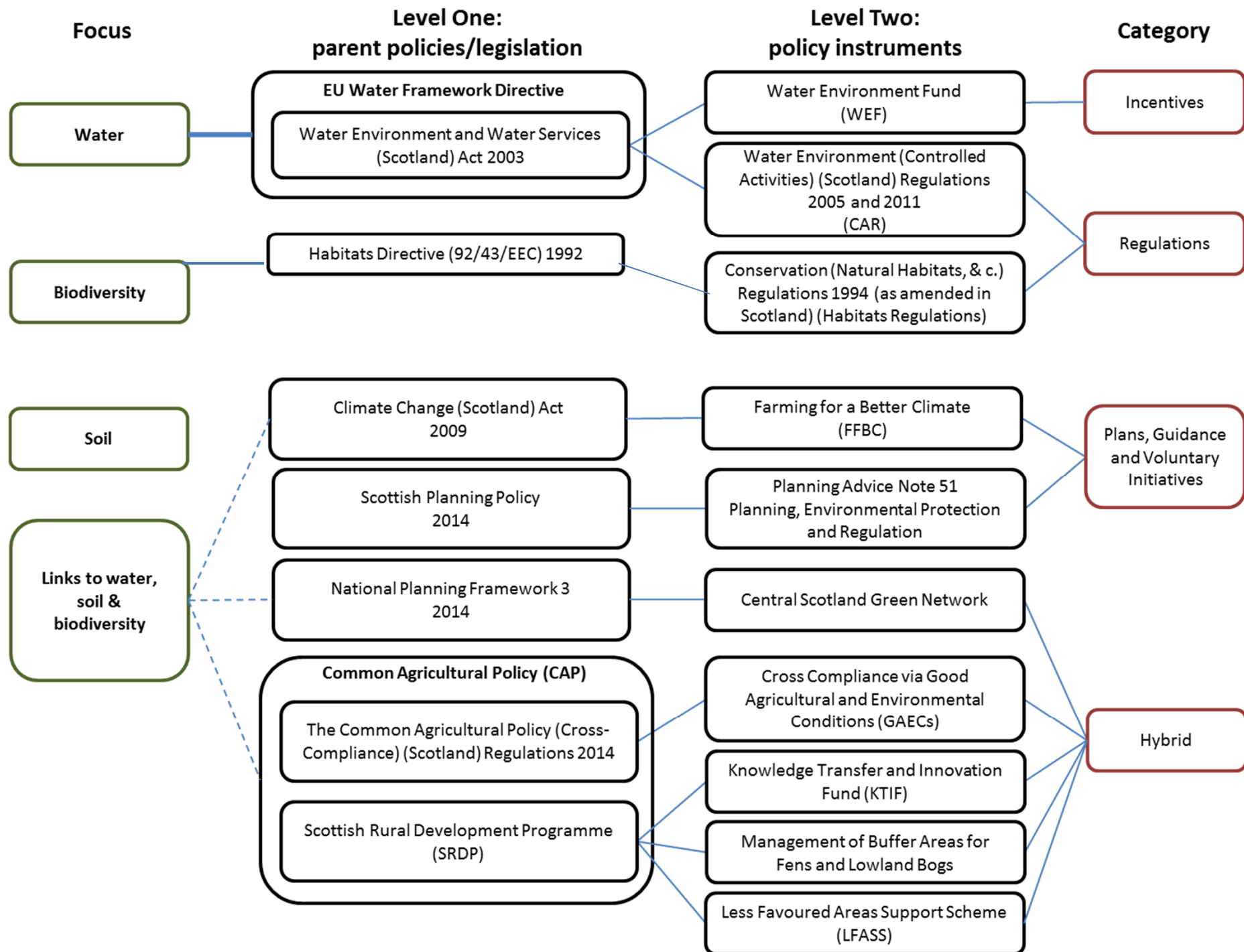


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Why?



- How best to manage our natural assets for multiple benefits
- How to manage more effectively and more efficiently
- Land Use Strategy promoting ecosystem approach
- Stakeholder feedback regarding policy 'conflicts'
- Post-EU opportunity for tweaking designs



Results



- **Are existing policy instruments delivering multiple benefits?**
- Some explicitly designed for multiple benefits, others achieving this through creative implementation
- Within environmental domain; and across to socio-economic; intermediate and final benefits
- Could do more for soil health, air quality, habitats and biodiversity
- **Are there opportunities for better alignment? Does this mean coordination or integration?**
- Many layers of alignment – within instruments, working within or across organisations, and linking up diverse stakeholders.
- Already effort, often invisible, to avoid duplication
- Some opportunities (cross-compliance to achieve more for soil and climate change)
- Closer coordination preferred to formal integration
- **Many implementation challenges but also opportunities**

Thank you



More information on project can be found at:

<http://www.hutton.ac.uk/research/projects/analysing-how-policy-instruments-shape-soil-water-and-biodiversity>

Draft report will be updated based on feedback from participants and today's workshop and posted on website by end April.

Happy to circulate and discuss further!

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