



Co-ordination committee seminar of the national focal points

National Water Information Systems Towards a Mediterranean model

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Agenda



- **Current status:** *based on the "Technical and financial feasibility studies of the National Water Information Systems in Mediterranean Countries" by EasyInfo in 2006*
 - Definition and need for NWIS
 - Current NWIS status
 - Identified barriers to NWIS
 - Identified opportunities to NWIS
 - EMWIS countries NWIS assessment
- NWIS Common **base line requirements**
 - Data handling
 - Structure
 - Interoperability
 - Development requirements
- Proposed **conceptual model** for a common NWIS development
 - Introduction to NWIS Framework
 - Common vs. Local
 - Development principles
- Implementation roadmap
- Funding and timing requirements



Current Status

Definition and need for NWIS



- Definition of NWIS
 - Acronym: **N**ational **W**ater **I**nformation **S**ystem
 - System that stores and processes information shared between the main national water stakeholders in a country.
- Need for NWIS
 - Is one of the main instruments of national water policy
 - Existence of high-value NWIS would bring to EMWIS:
 - Would improve and harmonize information exchange and sharing within participating countries
 - Will have a direct impact on the quality, availability and flow of information from participating countries to EMWIS

Current NWIS status in EMWIS countries



- Different countries use different systems to warehouse water data and information (manual or computerized)
- WIS are managed by main stakeholders of each country and are not unified at national level
- Local WIS do not take advantage, in most cases, of state-of-the-art technologies and developments (web, data warehouses, SOA, XML, GIS, etc)
 - Low level of automation and functionality
- Most of the countries feel the need to develop NWIS although
 - Only Algeria is developing a true National Water Information System
 - Some other countries have only engaged preliminary actions towards its development

Identified barriers to NWIS development



- Data availability
 - Some data are not measured or collected from the field
 - Some data are not computerized > unreliable, unusable
 - Some data is proprietary, confidential or has a commercial value
- Resource availability
 - Lack of Staff within the stakeholders to develop and manage NWIS
 - Lack of financial resources
 - Lack of IT infrastructure
- Organizational framework
 - Lack of awareness of NWIS benefits
 - Poor or non-existent relationships between stakeholders
 - Absence of a political decision to establish such a system
 - Lack of the institutional structure and technical infrastructure to collect, store, and share data: unclear rules and responsibilities for data exchange, lack of data access policies...
 - Political situation

Identified opportunities for NWIS development



- Availability of in-country IT know-how
 - Although not available at the stakeholders or the number of staff available are not adequate and are overloaded with other responsibilities
- Acceptance of NWIS concept during consultation visits
 - Willingness to share information under NWIS
 - On-going donors projects in some countries
- Availability of utilizable IT infrastructure
- Legal obligation to data sharing in some countries
- New organizational restructuring projects engaged in some countries
- Available funds in some countries: Cyprus, Tunisia and Turkey
- Obligations in EU countries to provide water information:
 - WFD reporting, EIONET, etc.

NWIS Readiness assessment



- Most NWIS Ready
 - Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco
- Medium to high NWIS Ready
 - Cyprus, Israel and Jordan
- Medium to low NWIS Ready
 - Turkey and Malta
- Still to be developed
 - Palestine and Lebanon

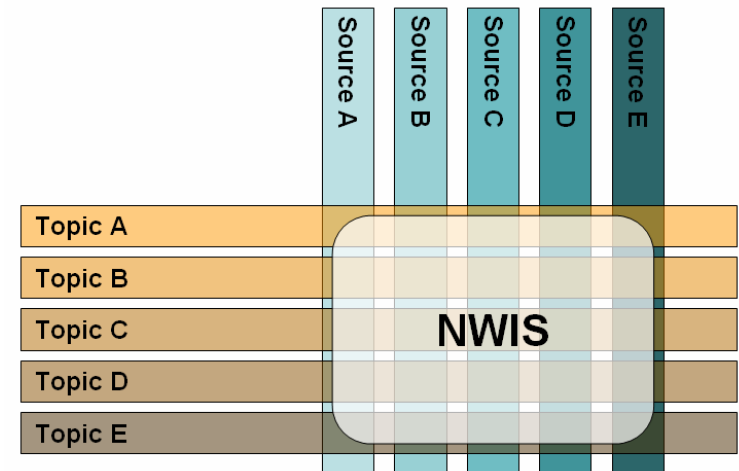


NWIS Identified Requirements

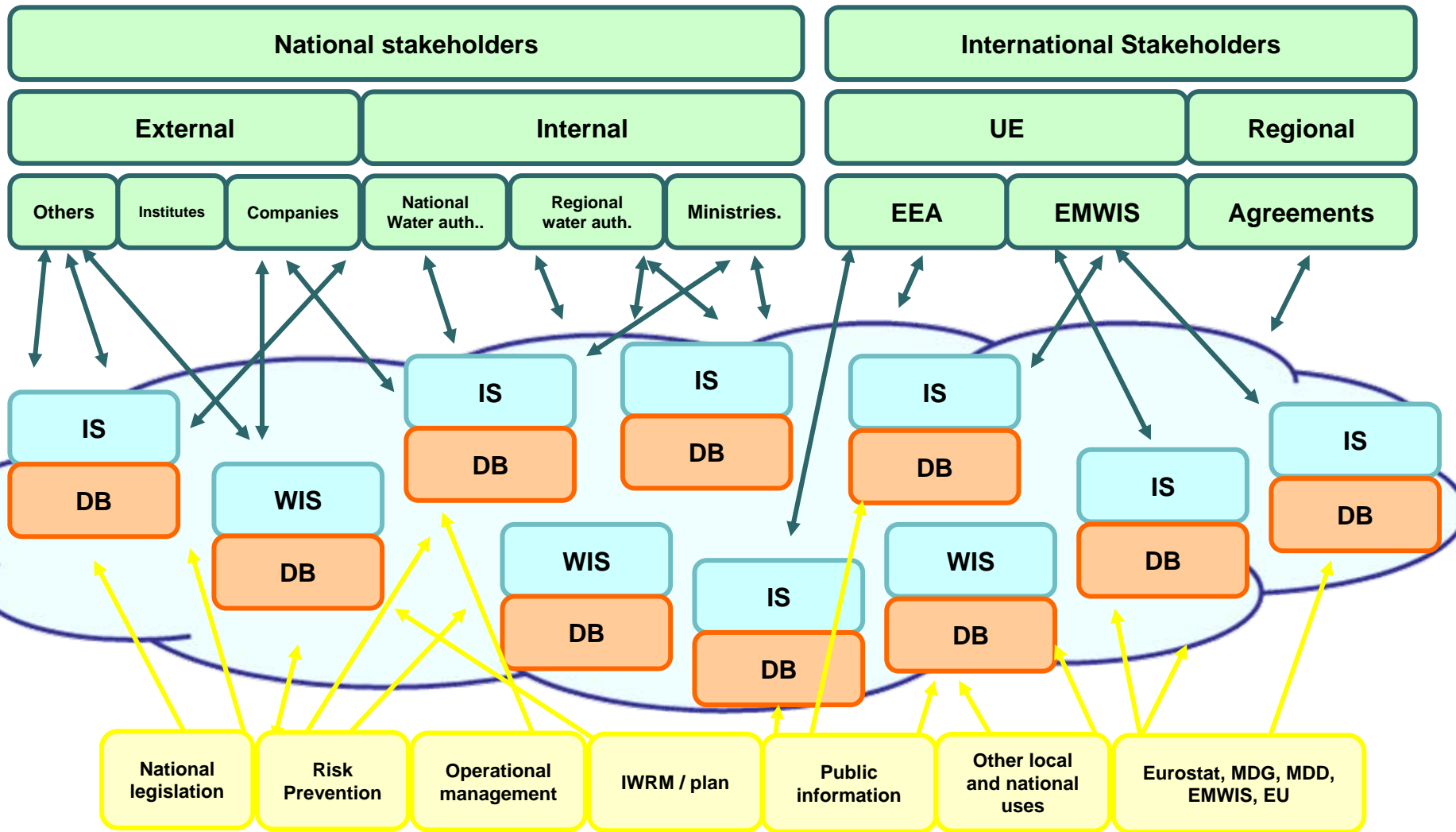
NWIS Common base line requirements



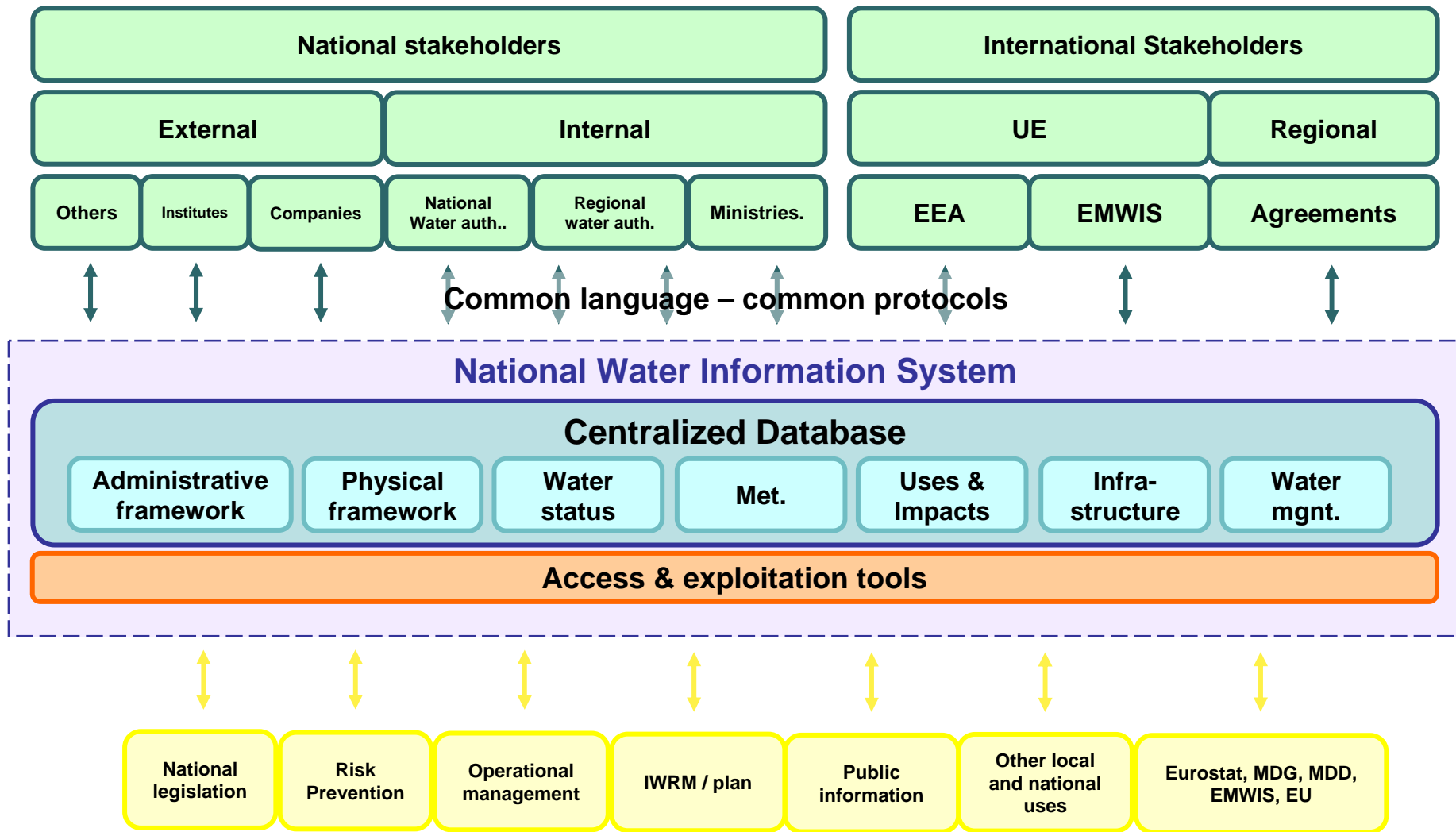
- **Multiplicity of topics**
 - Water description and water status: surface water, ground water, quantity, quality, rainfall.
 - Water uses and impacts: industrial, agriculture, urban
 - Water infrastructure
 - Water management: laws, institutions, investments, monitoring actions.
- **Multiplicity of information types**
 - Documents
 - Real time data
 - Validated data
 - Aggregated data / indicators
 - geographic information
- **Multiplicity of focus levels**
 - Local
 - National
 - International / regional



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- **Interoperability**

- Common agreement protocols
 - Both internal (national level) and external (regional / international level)
- Common language
 - Common data dictionaries
 - Conceptual data models
 - Description of concepts
 - Description of attributes
 - Comparable data structures
 - Common alphanumeric and geographic reference frames
 - Common encoding protocols
 - Common referential layers
 - Data exchange format
- Common standardized procedures
 - SOPs for data collection, validation, etc.
- Common infrastructure
 - Interconnection capability (network and communications)
 - Interoperable system's architecture and tools (based on international standards)

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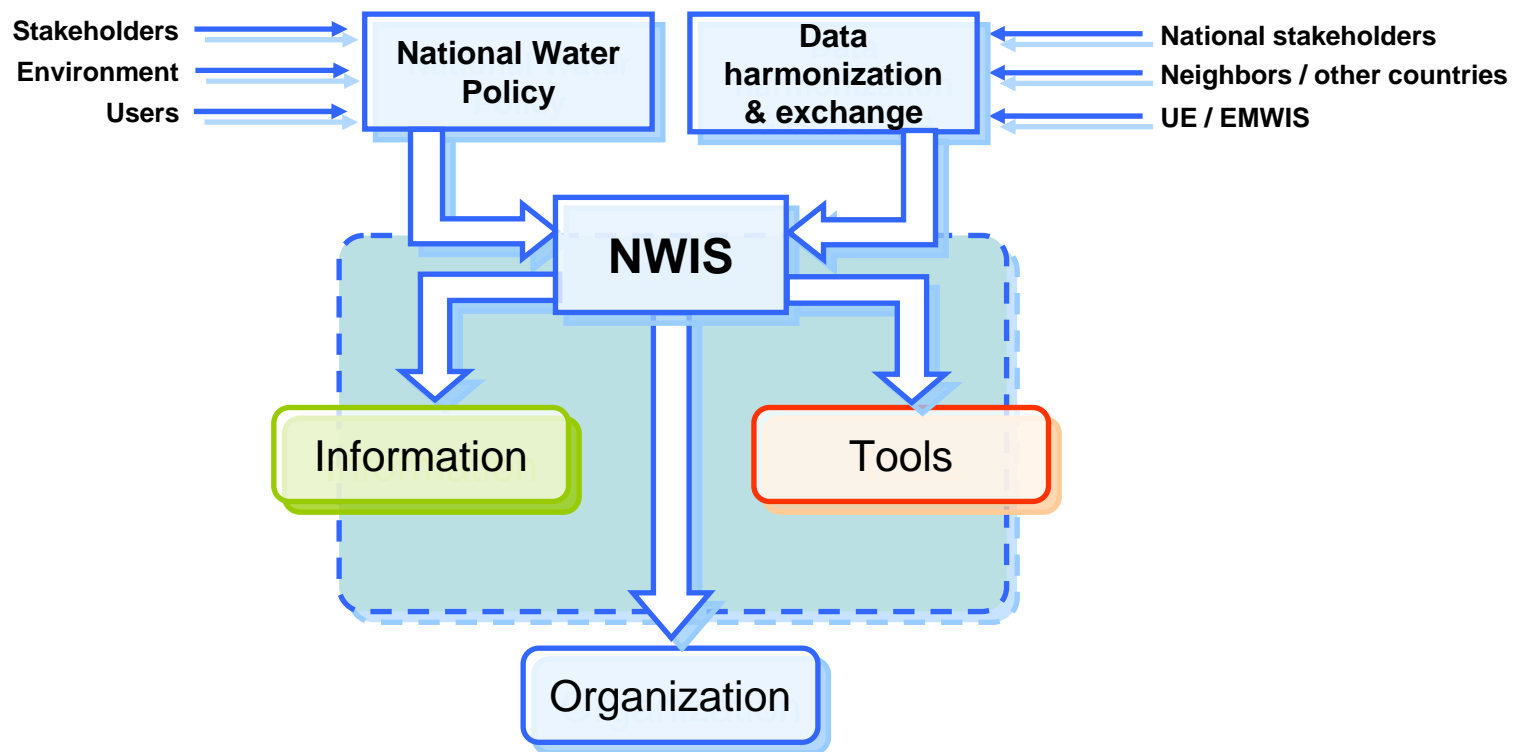


- **Maintainability**
 - Minimize acquisition cost
 - Minimize development cost
 - Minimize maintenance and support costs
- **Extensibility**
 - Open: database, data model and tools
 - Based on standards: OGC, etc.
 - Open source license
- **Accessibility**
 - Web Based
 - Service Oriented Architecture
 - Common tools to access geographical + alphanumerical data

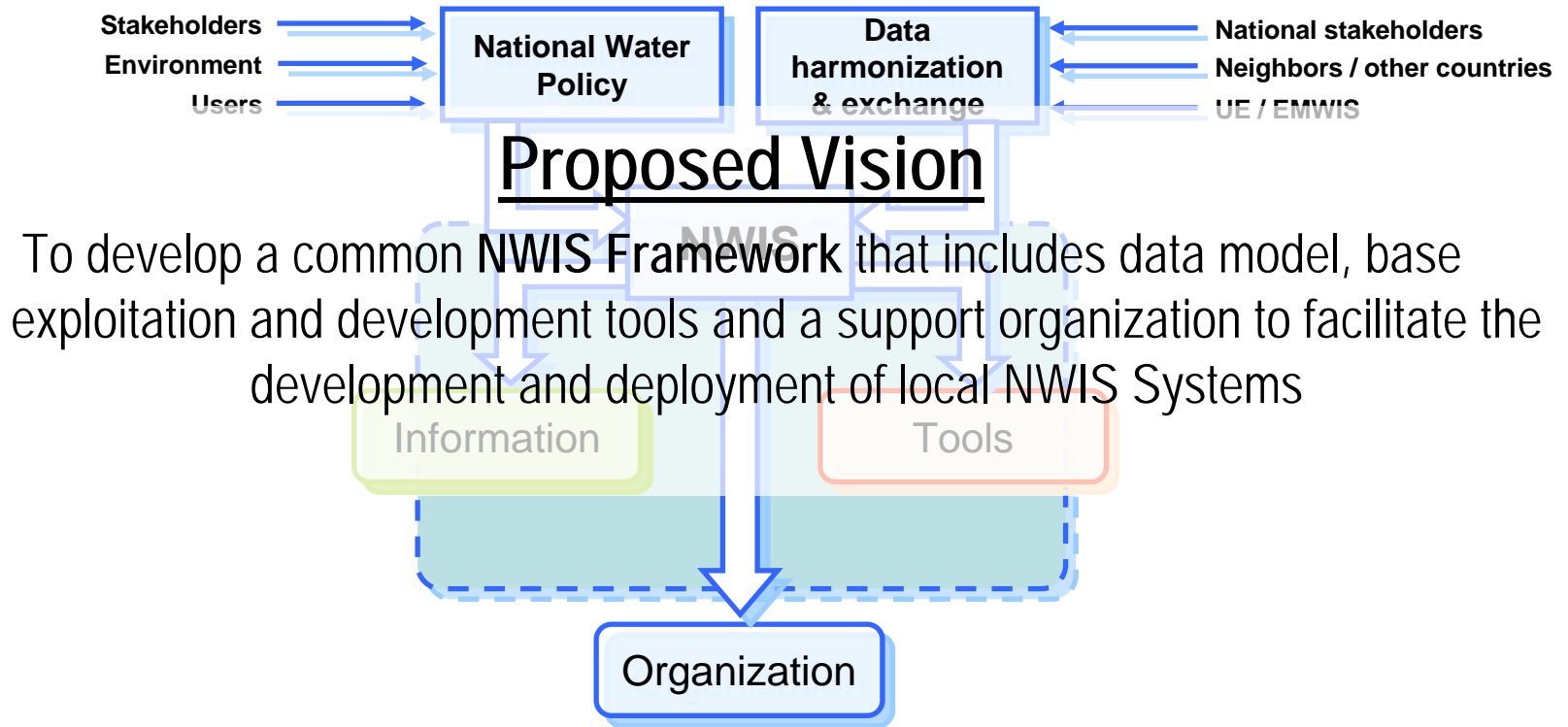


Development Proposal

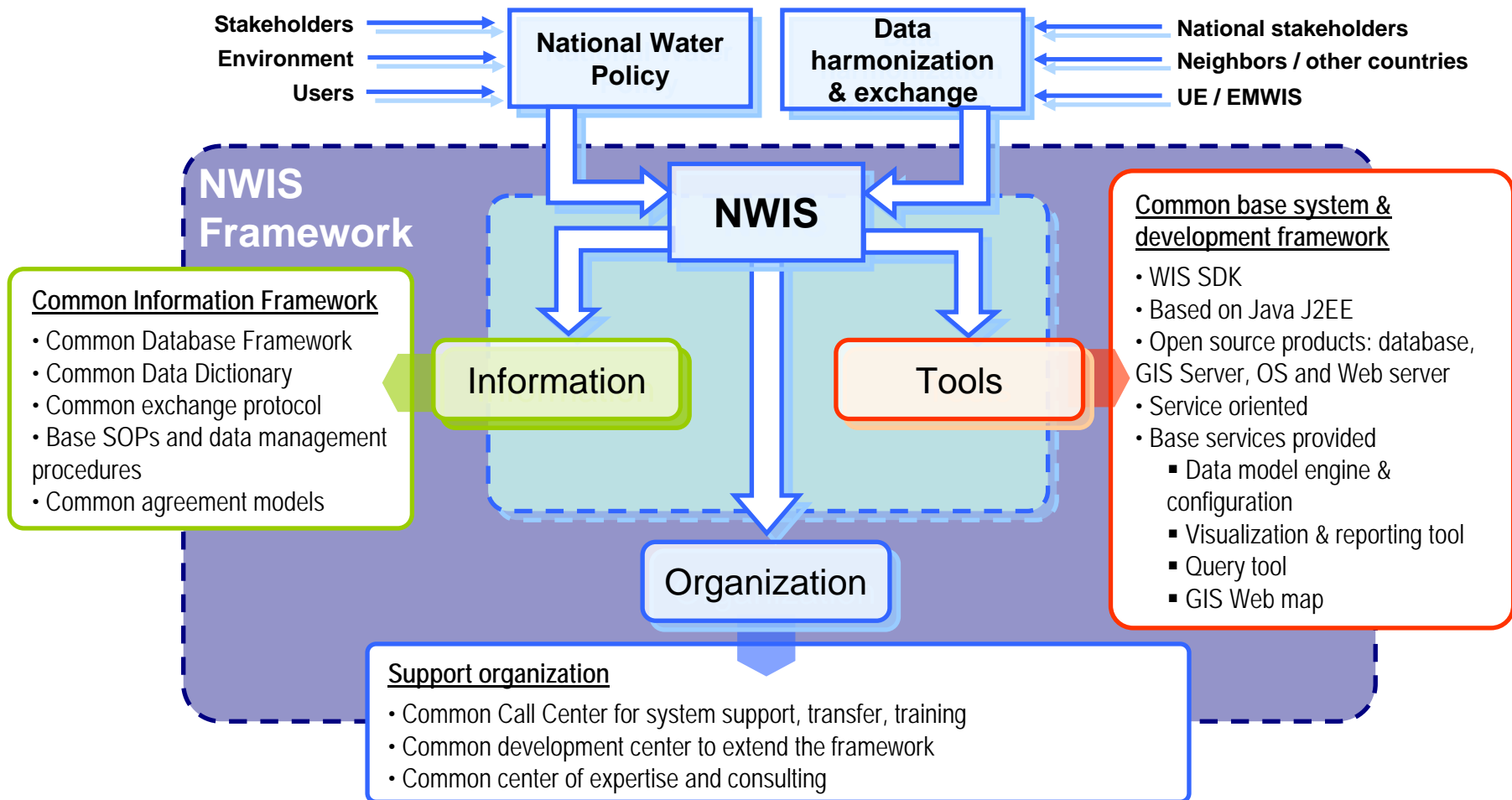
NWIS Conceptual model



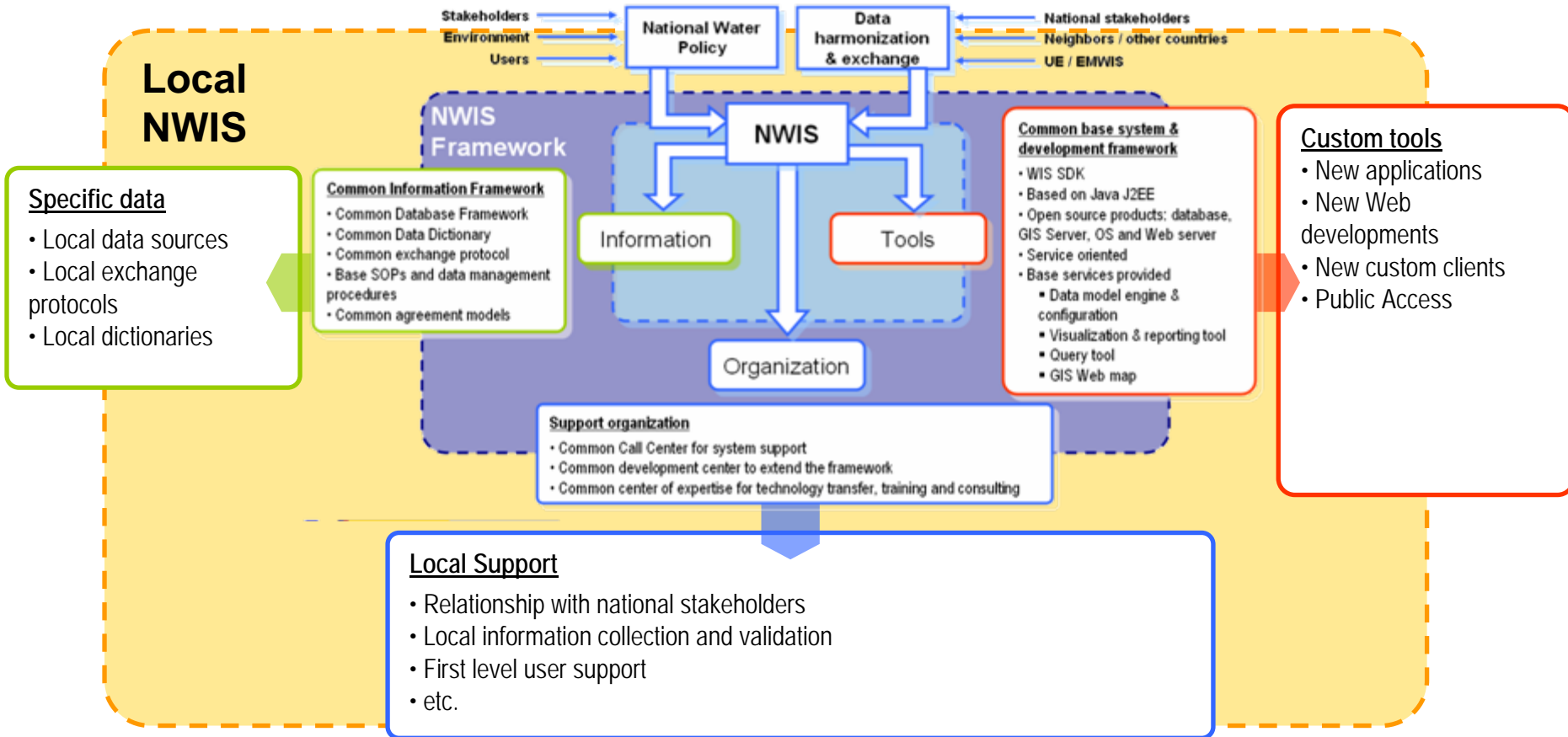
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NWIS Framework



NWIS Local Architecture

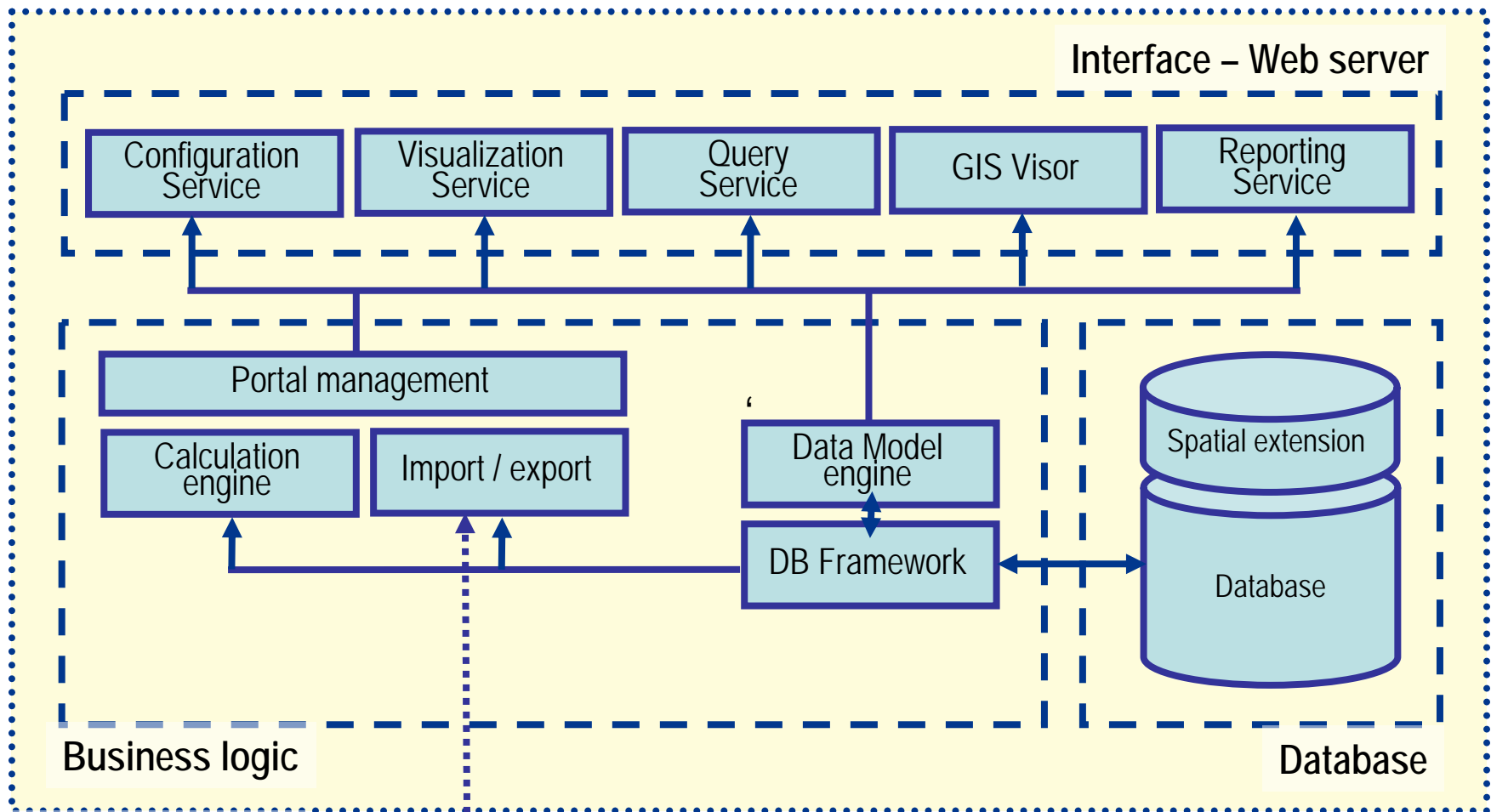


NWIS Framework Development Principles



- Open source software package
- Based on open source platforms too
 - Linux OS
 - PostGRE Database
 - PostGIS Geospatial Database support
 - MapServer for GIS Support
 - J2EE based WIS SDK and core components (base services)
- Conceptual and standardized data model based on WFD principles
 - Water Body concept
 - Pressures, impacts
 - Common Implementation Strategy guidelines
- Open and supported on OGC and ISO standards
 - INSPIRE - Spatial Data Infrastructure Node
 - ISO 19115 & ISO 19139 Metadata structures

NWIS Framework Logical Architecture

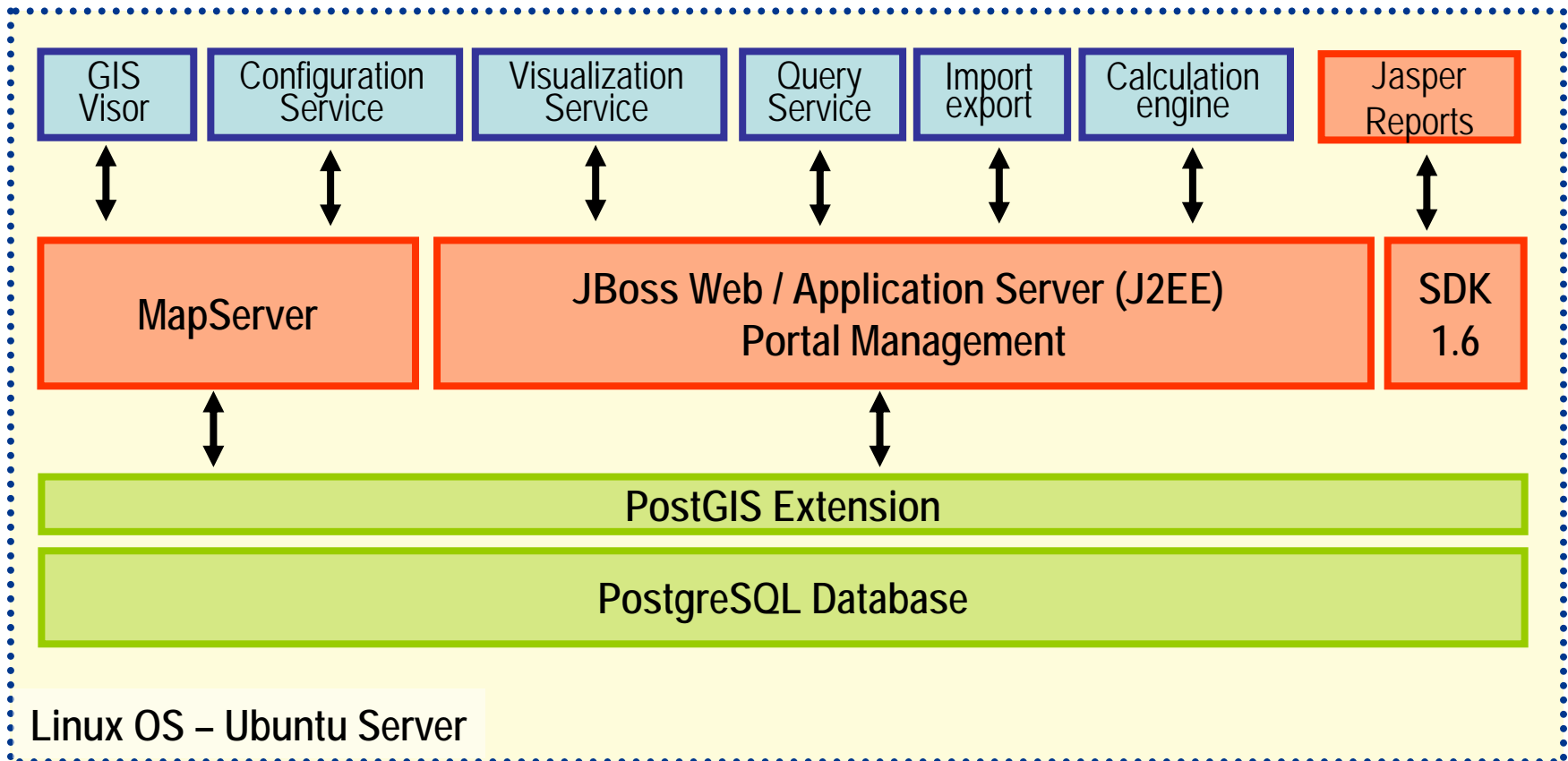


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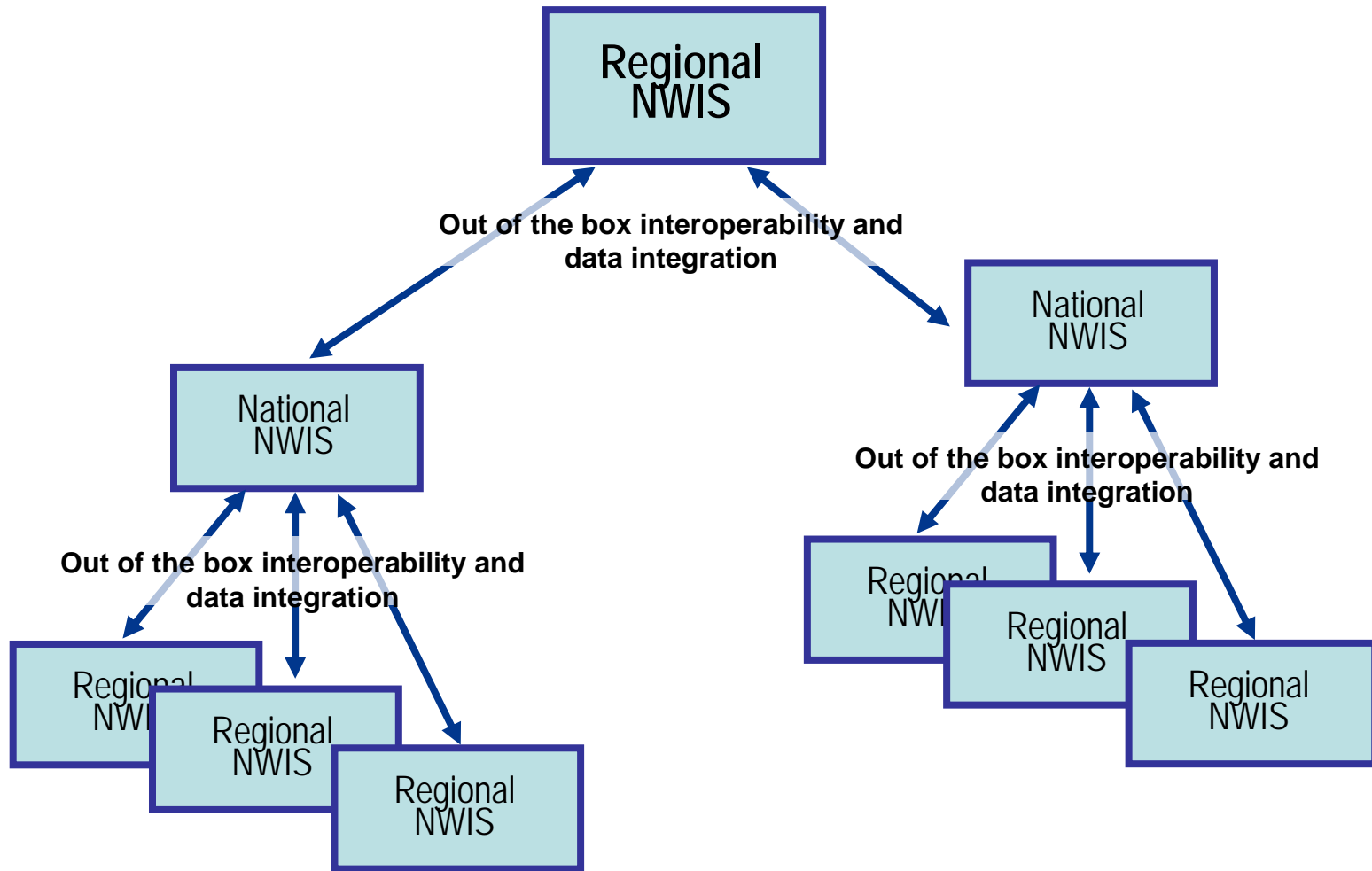
Other NWIS based system



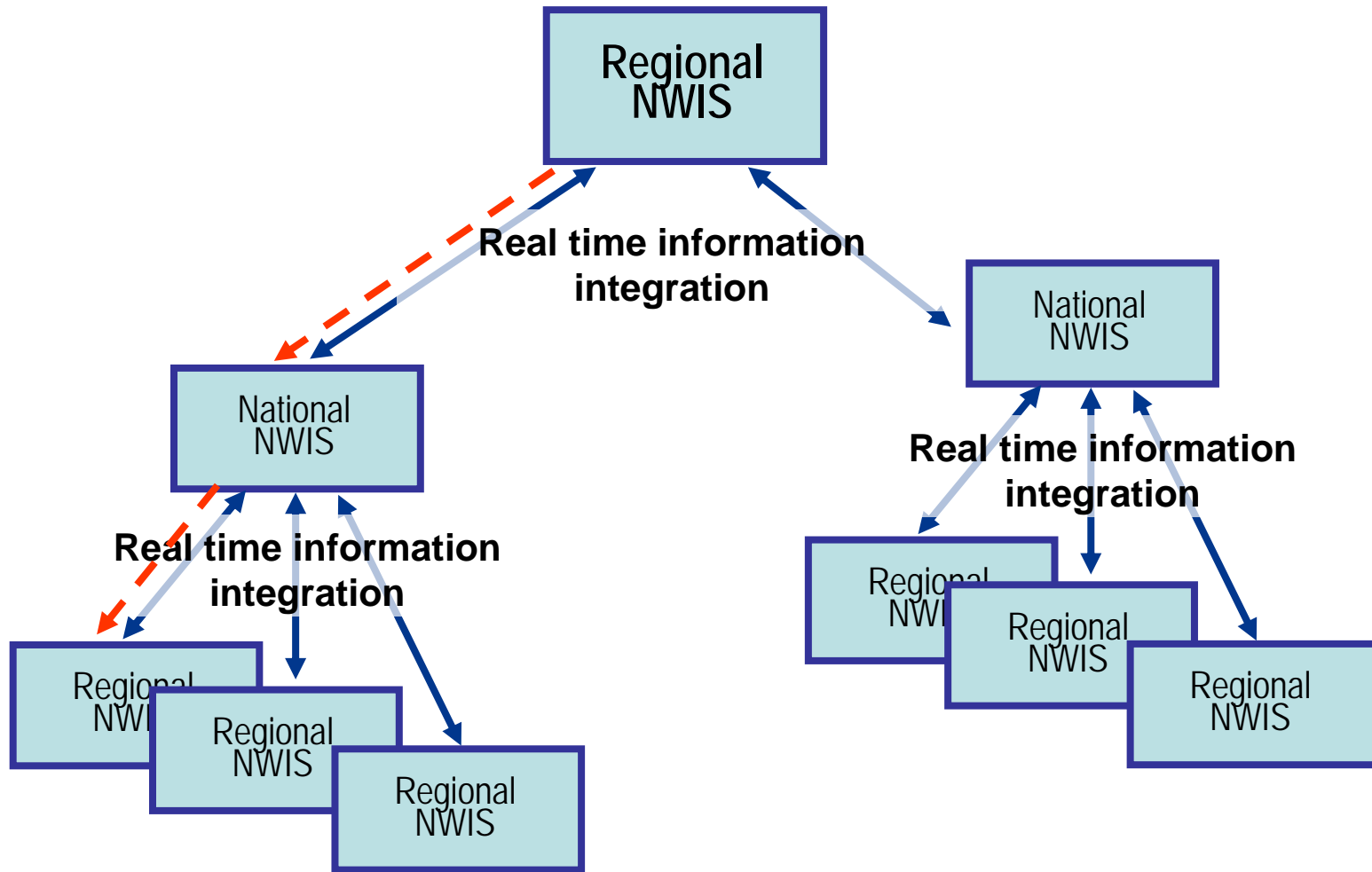
NWIS Framework Software architecture



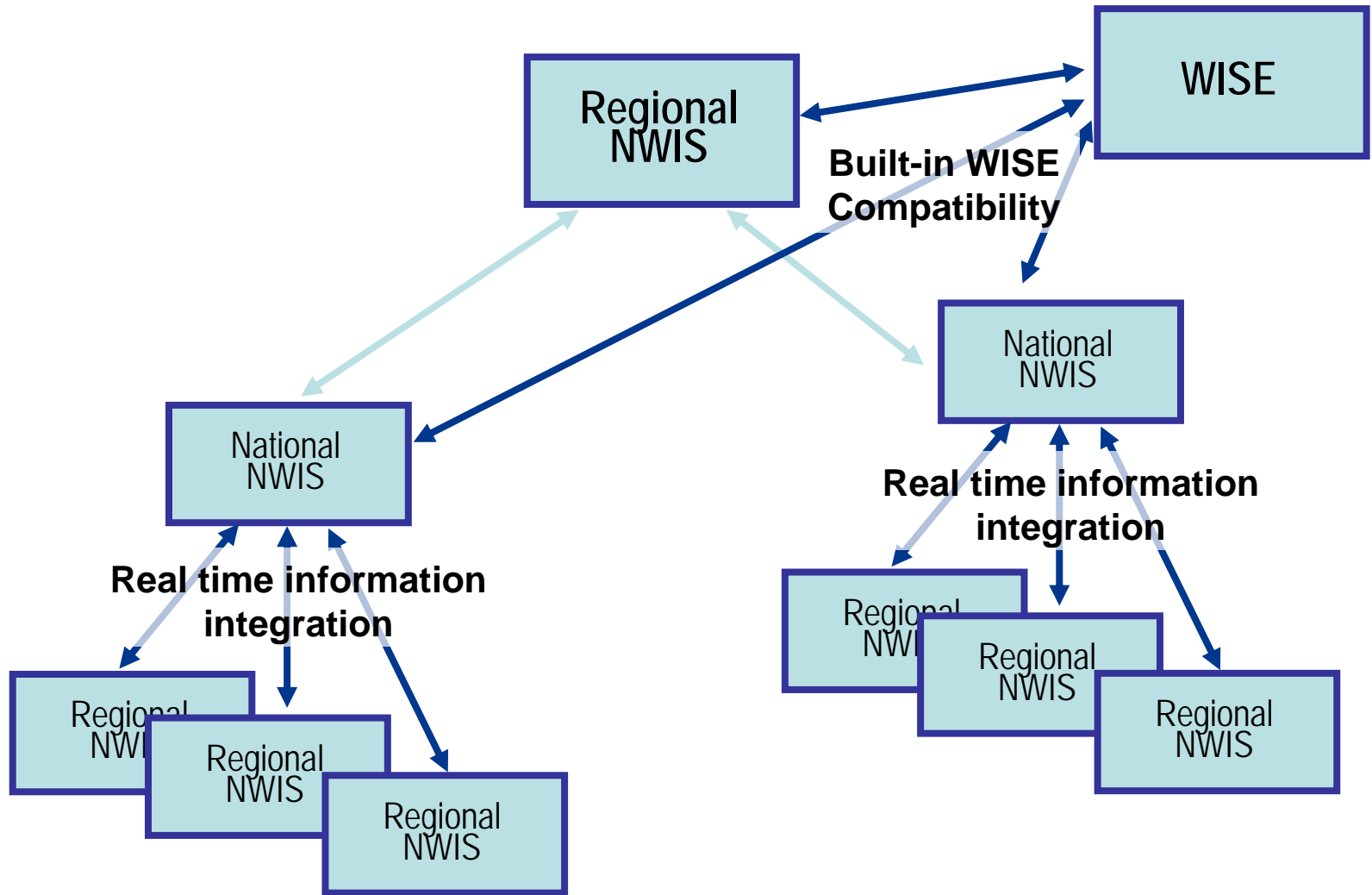
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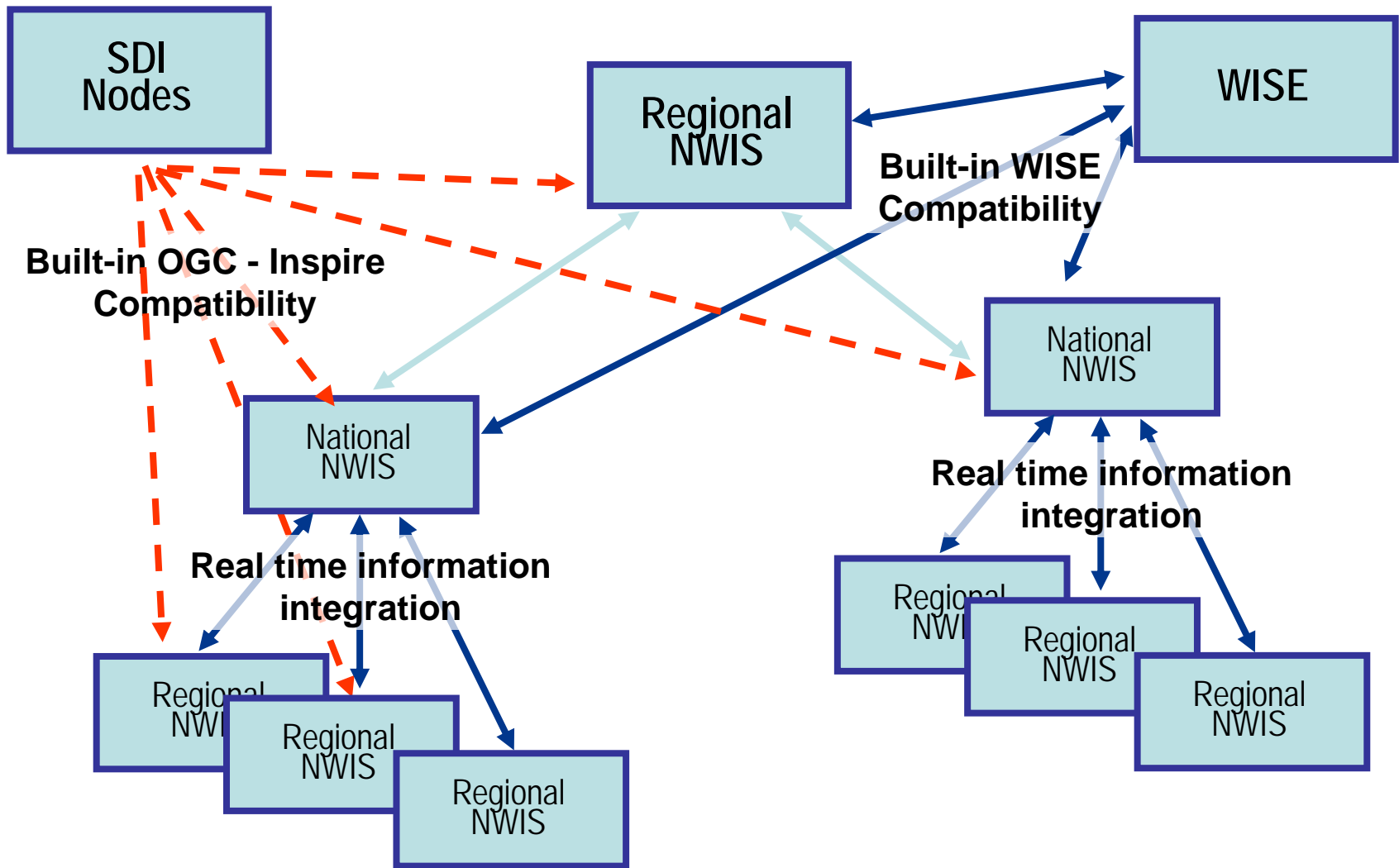
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NWIS Framework support organization



- **Support center**
 - Call center support
 - Technology transfer
 - Training
 - Central system administration
- **Development center**
 - New functionality development
 - Error tracking and bug fixing
 - Platform update: new releases, versions, etc.
- **Center of expertise**
 - Hydrological consulting
 - GIS Support
 - Data validation support
 - Data dictionary, SOPs and protocol administration

NWIS Framework



- Typical implementation road map:

Activity	Who	Duration	Where
Preparation and administrator training	Administrator	1 week	Support center Center of expertise
Installation and configuration of the system	Administrator	1 weeks	Support center Center of expertise
Definition of local DB model	Administrator	2 weeks	Country
Data population	Administrator Users	4 to 12 weeks	Country
User training	Users	1 week	Country
System Validation	Administrator Users	1 week	Country

NWIS Development cost estimation



- NWIS Framework development
 - 300.000 €
 - 6 to 9 months
- Pilot System
 - 150.000 €
 - 2 to 3 months
- Support organization set-up
 - Set-up cost: 60.000 €
 - Yearly cost: 400.000 €
- Deployment (7 countries, 1 system per country including hardware and licenses)
 - 50.000 € / country

NWIS Development cost estimation



Total cost estimation summary

Development	1 development	300.000,00 €	300.000,00 €
Pilot	1 pilot	150.000,00 €	150.000,00 €
Deployment	7 countries	50.000,00 €	350.000,00 €
Support set up	1 time	60.000,00 €	60.000,00 €
Support	3 years	400.000,00 €	1.200.000,00 €
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