

Cooperation as key to sustainable water services

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SECO approach to urban development and infrastructure services



Sustainable Urban Development

Urban Governance

Urban Mobility

Urban Resilience

Urban Energy Mmgt

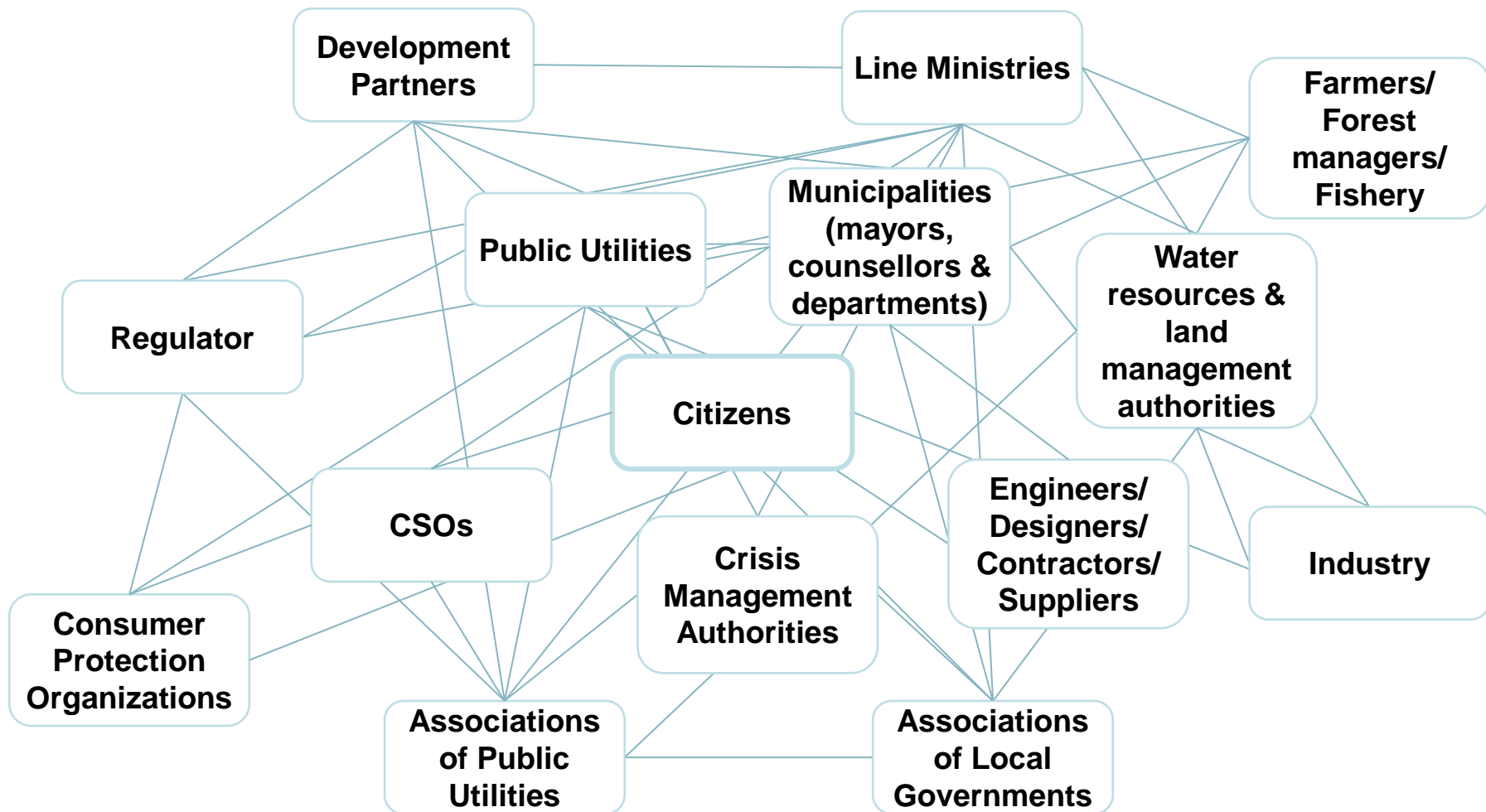
Reliable Infrastructure Services

Water

Energy

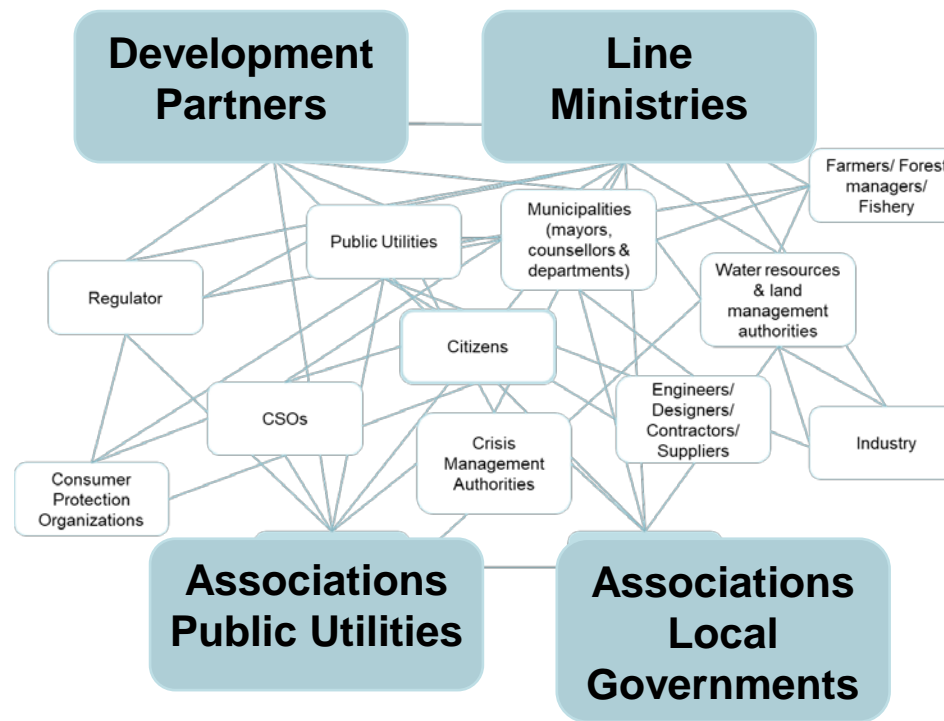
Is cooperation key for sustainable water services?

Cooperation amongst whom?



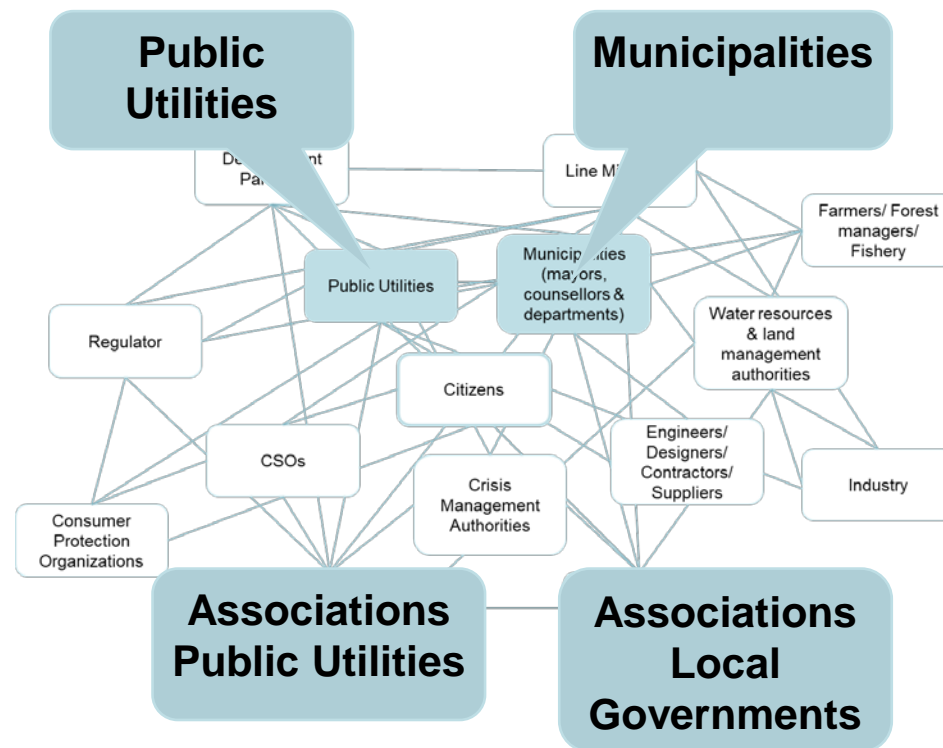
Cooperation amongst Development Partners, the Line Ministry and the Associations

- Pooling of resources
- Working on the system
- Strengthening and empowerment of local actors
- Convening role of associations
- Comprehensive and inclusive sector improvement policies
- Performance based approaches



Cooperation amongst different Municipalities/ Public Utilities

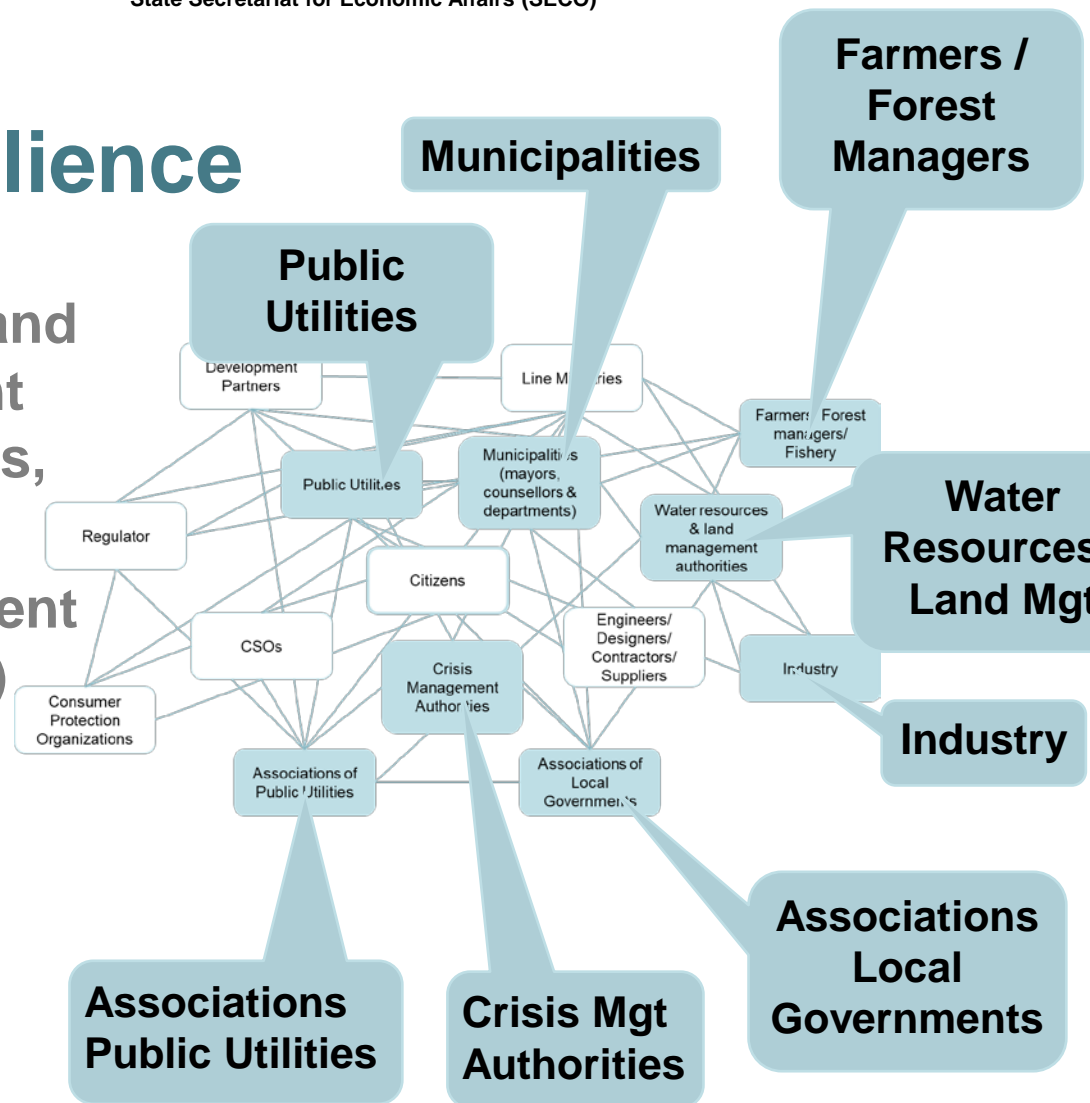
- Regional infrastructure schemes (in particular for waste water treatment)
- Pooling of scarce skilled human resources
- Pooled procurement of supplies and services
- Exchange of good practices/ peer support – Role of Associations



Political will is required to foster cooperation across administrative boards

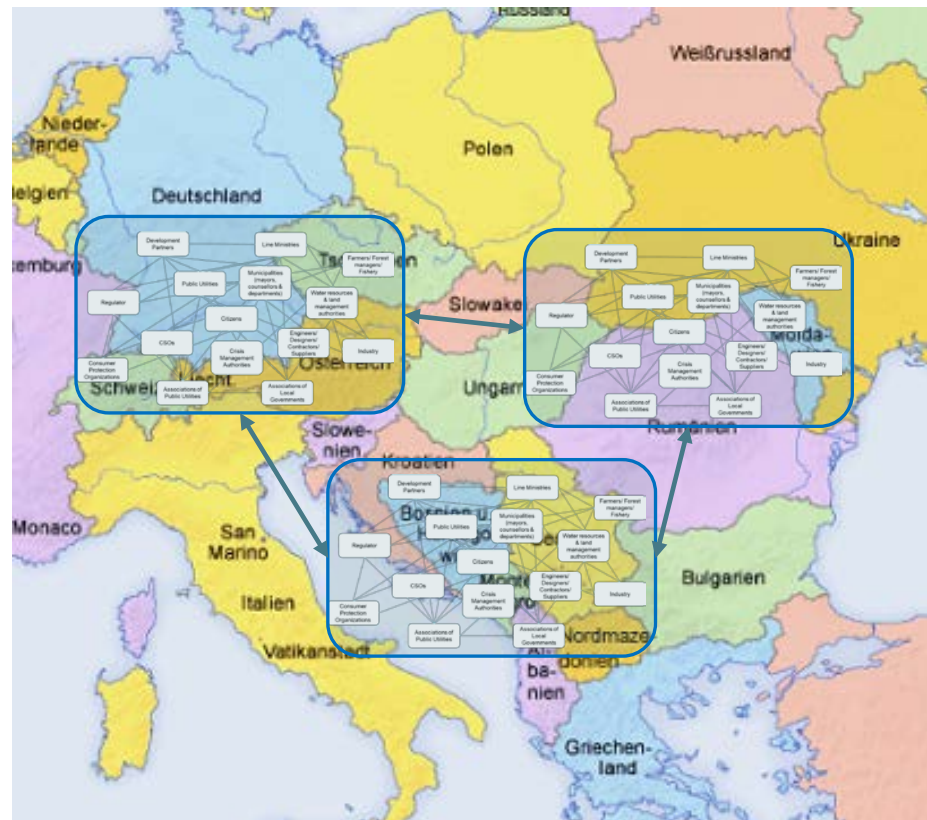
Cooperation for resilience

- Prevention, preparedness and effective crisis management (COVID-19, natural disasters, impact of climate change)
- Sustainable use, management and protection of (drinking) water resources
- Asset management and preventive maintenance
- Smart urban planning



Cooperation across borders

- Peer support and sharing of best practices between associations, public utilities, local governments and national actors
- Facilitation by regional associations (NALAS, IAWD), supported by regional projects (Danube Water Program, Regional Capacity Development Network) and platforms (D-LeaP)



Is cooperation key for sustainable water services?

Without any doubts!

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