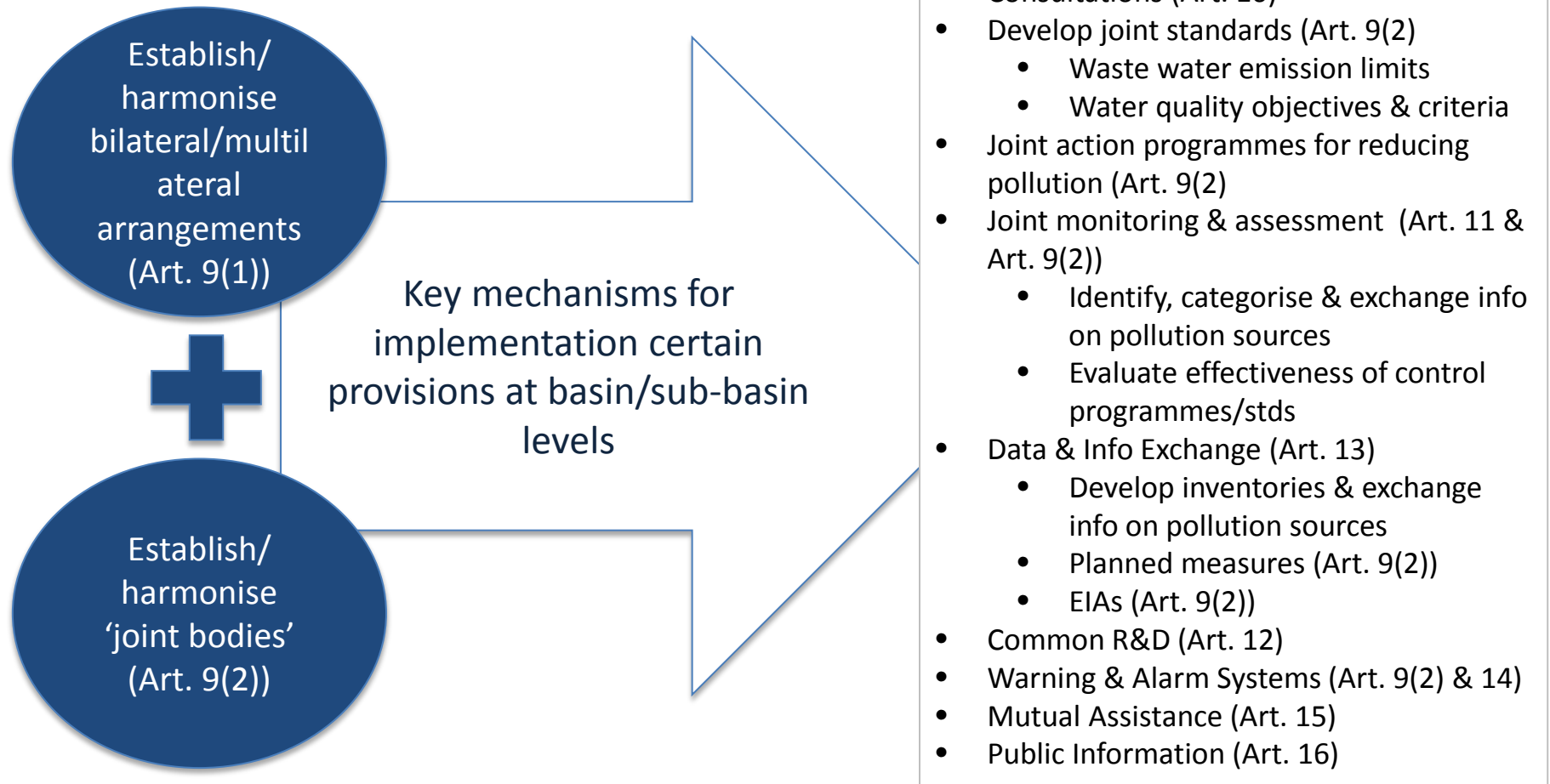


Bilateral and multilateral cooperation

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Specific provisions operate at the riparian level



Bilateral and multilateral agreements

Art. 9, para 1

Guide p.63 (ENG) / p.76 (AR)

Enshrines general obligation to cooperate, providing means & framework to implement this obligation

Obligation to enter into agreement or other arrangements = specificity of the Water Convention

For Riparians Parties with respect to other Riparians Parties

For existing arrangements:

- States *must* revise existing arrangements to 'eliminate contradictions' with UNECE Water Convention
- States *must* enter into watercourse-specific agreements where they do not exist

Joint bodies

Art. 9, para 2

Guide p.70 (ENG) / p.83 (AR)

Obligation to establish joint bodies (specificity of the Water Convention)

Detailed list of tasks to be performed by joint body → consistency and substantive compatibility

If existing agreements don't provide for the establishment of joint body, take steps to adjust instruments accordingly

Tasks of a joint body

- Data collection and evaluation
- Joint monitoring
- Elaborating emission limits for waste water, and water-quality objectives
- Action programmes for pollution reduction
- Establish warning and alarm procedures
- Forum for information exchange on existing and planned uses, and best available technology
- Participate in implementation of EIAs