

Water Cooperation in Central Asia: Experience, Processes and Challenges (View from CAREC)

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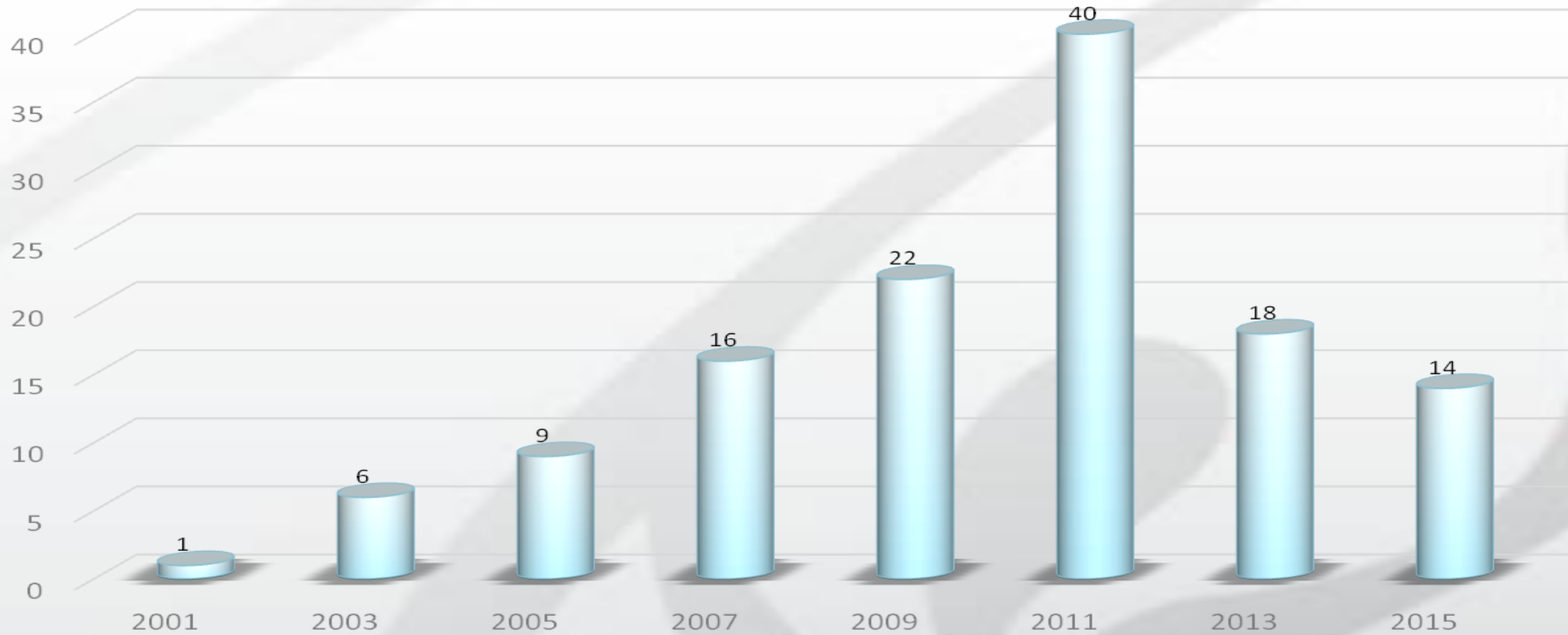
CAREC- Regional Cooperation Platform

CAREC – a platform for cooperation and exchange of knowledge and technologies...

- in addressing environmental and sustainability issues in Central Asia
- by providing a multi stakeholder dialogue on both national and regional levels
- Promoting innovative approaches and global processes in the region of Central Asia

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Number of projects

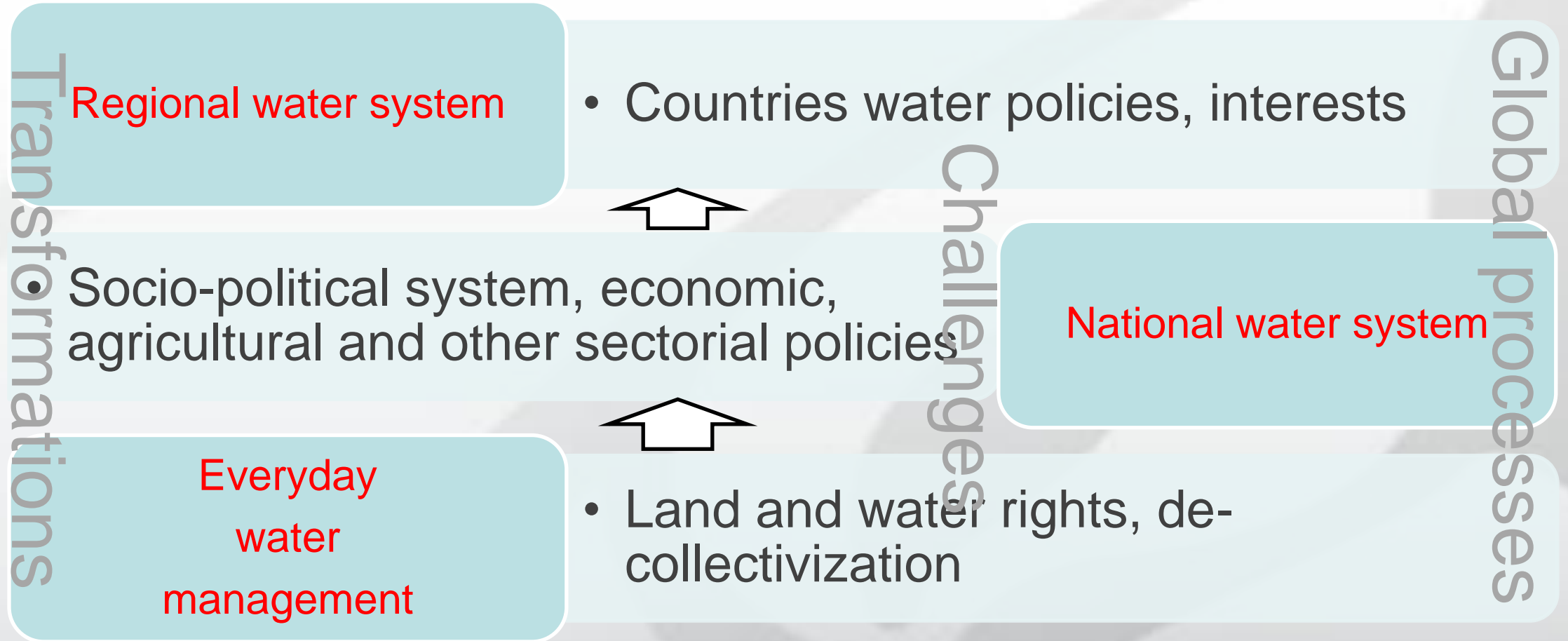


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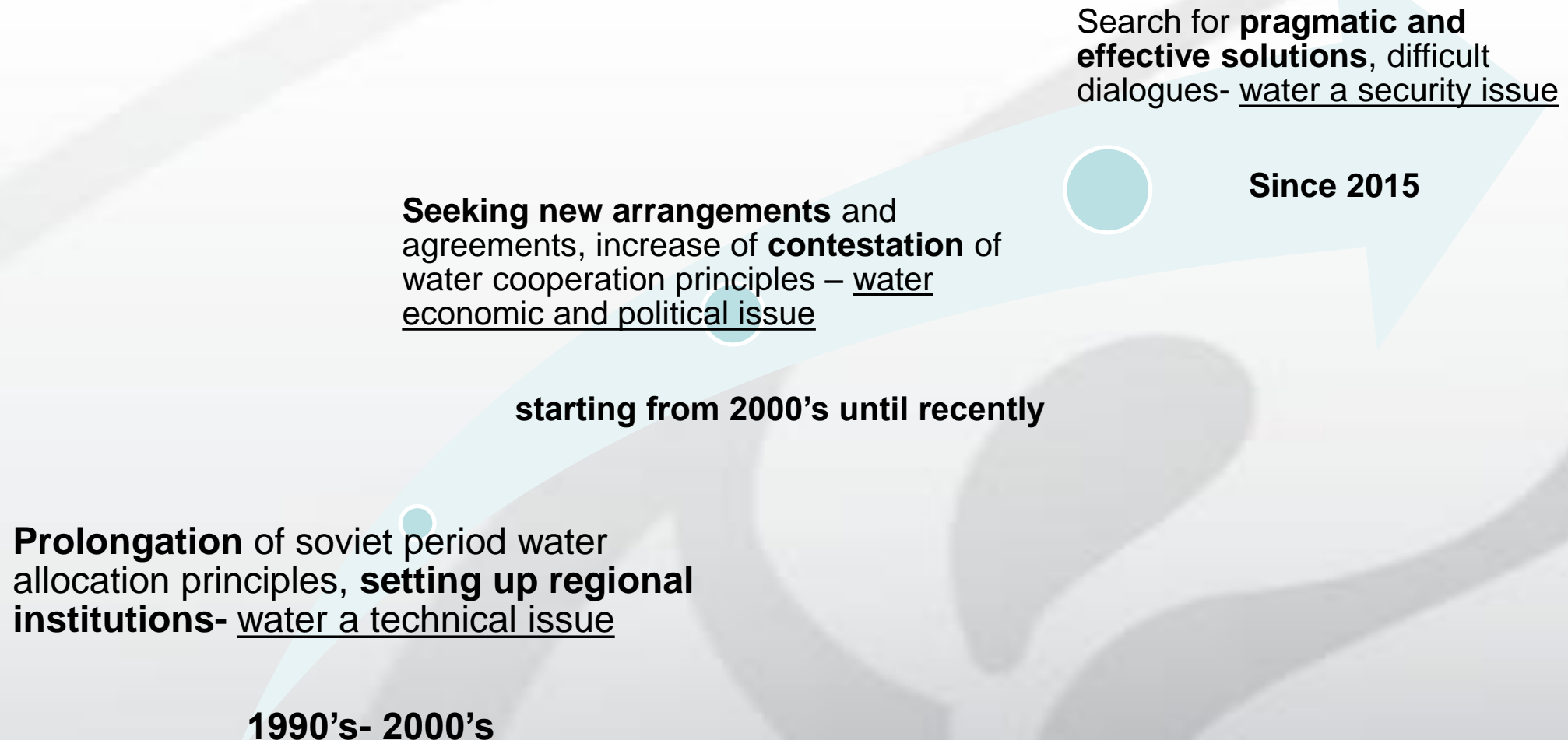
Budget, Million EUR



Transboundary Cooperation: Central Asia



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Transboundary Cooperation: CAREC's approach



**Process
initiation**

**National
consultations**

**Regional
meetings to
generate joint
approach and
vision**

**Collaborative
participation in
large-scale
international events**

Transboundary Cooperation: CAREC's approach

- Regional working groups on thematic areas: water quality, cross-border cooperation – **joint work**
- Exchange of experience through demonstration of best practices - **strengthening trust**
- Capacity building – **common understanding**
- Regional platform for cooperation – platform to coin a common position
- Involvement of different stakeholders (levels, sectors) - **multi-sided view for the questions**

Transboundary Cooperation: CAREC's approach

- Contribution and participation at **National water dialogues**(EU, 2008-2009)
- **Water quality** in Central Asia(UNDP, 2009-2012)
- Promoting **cross-border cooperation** on small streams in Central Asia(USAID, 2012-2016)
- **Transboundary Water Management** in Central Asia (AA- GIZ, 2010- on-going)
- **Integrated water cycle management:** capacity building, its influence on education system and business, TEMPUS programme (EU, 2012-2016)
- Water, Education and Cooperation- **Smart Waters** (USAID, 2015-2020)
- «Promoting dialogue for conflict prevention related to water nexus in CA Central Asia Water - Nexus Cooperation (**CAWECOOP**)» (EC, 2015-2017)

CAREC: what we can offer

- More than **250 projects** with the budget over 50 Mio. EUR, **expertise, knowledge and experience**
- Gained **political endorsements** and signed MoUs with leading regional partners- **recognition and trust**
- Well-established **country offices** in all 5 CA states and a project office in Afghanistan and **partnership networks**
- Enhanced **regional cooperation** with partners through dialogue platforms and joint actions- **entrance and impact**
- CAREC on the **growth** – more interest, more impact, more sustainable environment- **access to the changes, policy making**
- **Mega-projects:** Smart Waters, Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Programme for Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB)- linking the **projects around programmatic themes**



THANK YOU!