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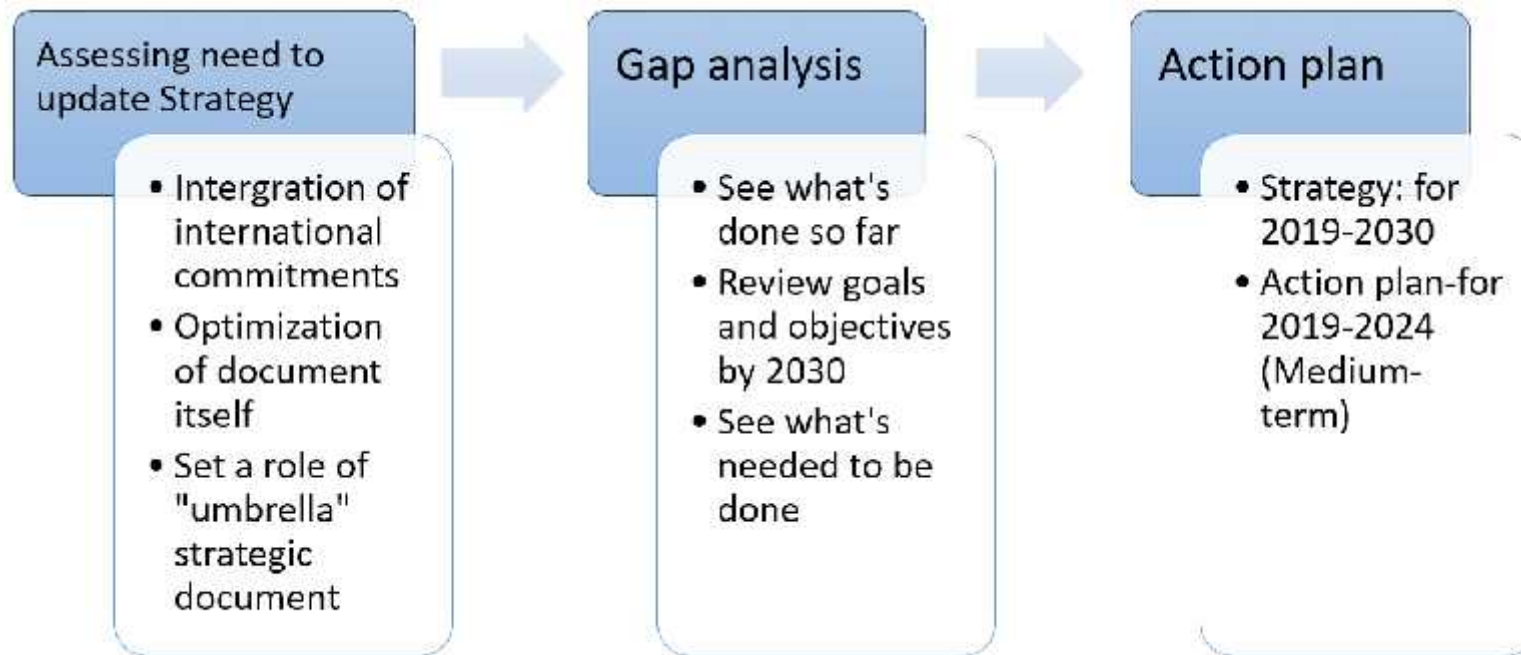
Updating Strategy and Action Plan for WSS in Moldova

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Project overview



Plus PFM component

Assessing need to update strategy

Integration of international commitments

- **SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation) commitments (Priority 10 in M2030)**
- **Protocol on Water and Health (NP 16-25)**
- **EU-Moldova Association agreement**
- **Directives:**
 - *Directive 91.271.EEC urban waste water treatment*
 - *Directive 98.83.EC on quality of water for human consumption*
 - *Directive 2000.60.EC establishing framework for Community action in water policy*
- **Espoo Convention**
- **Bilateral conventions with Romania and Ukraine**
- **Others**

Harmonization

- **Timing (from S.14-28 to S.19-30/AP.19-24), 2030 being target year for all key docs**
- **Terminology**
- **Actions**

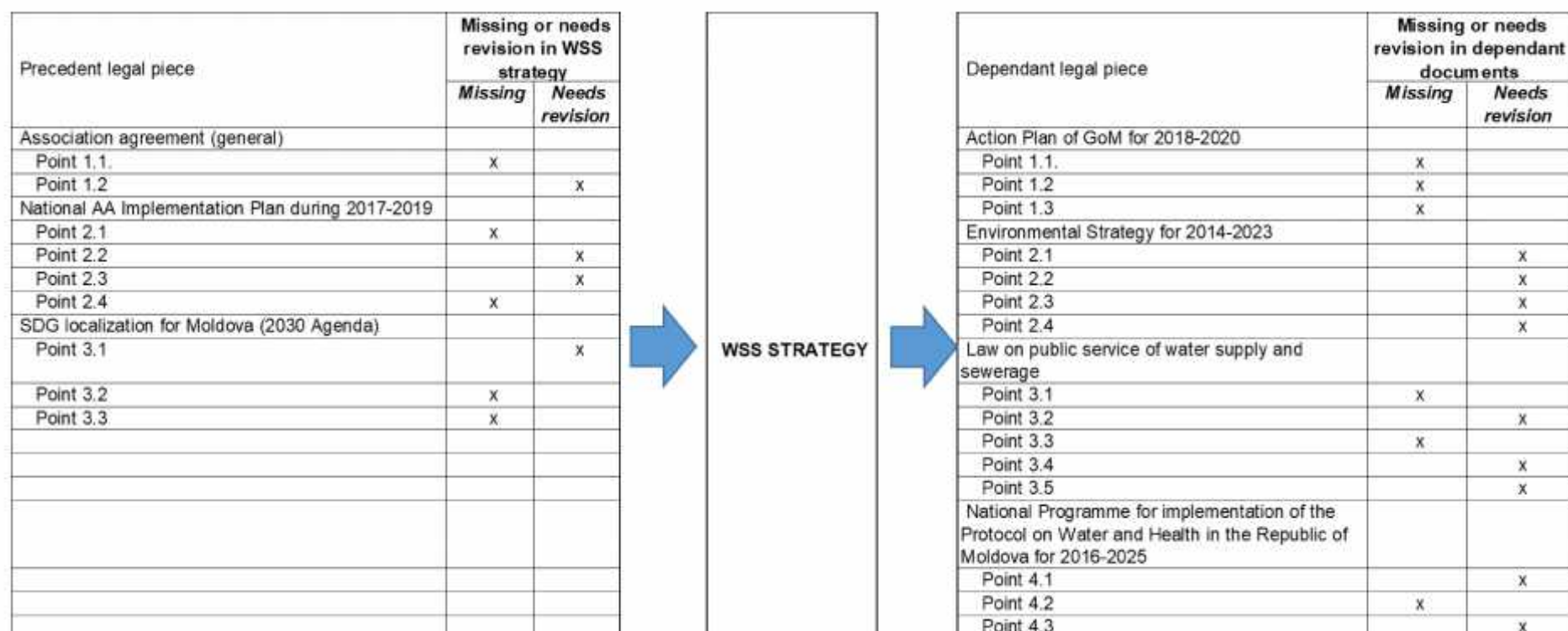
Bringing in key policy adjustments

- **Master Plan (country-level inventory-taking and mapping of WSS infrastructure needs)**
- **Efficient donor and development partner coordination of efforts**
- **Wastewater sludge treatment**
- **Mandatory subscription of users to any (centralized or local) water supply and wastewater removal systems (critical for investment decisions)**
- **Realistic terms for EU directives fulfilment**

Done so far

- **Review of WSS strategy**
- **Review of status and process of development of other key documents**
- **Stakeholder interviews**
- **Review of action plan status and progress**

GAP Analysis



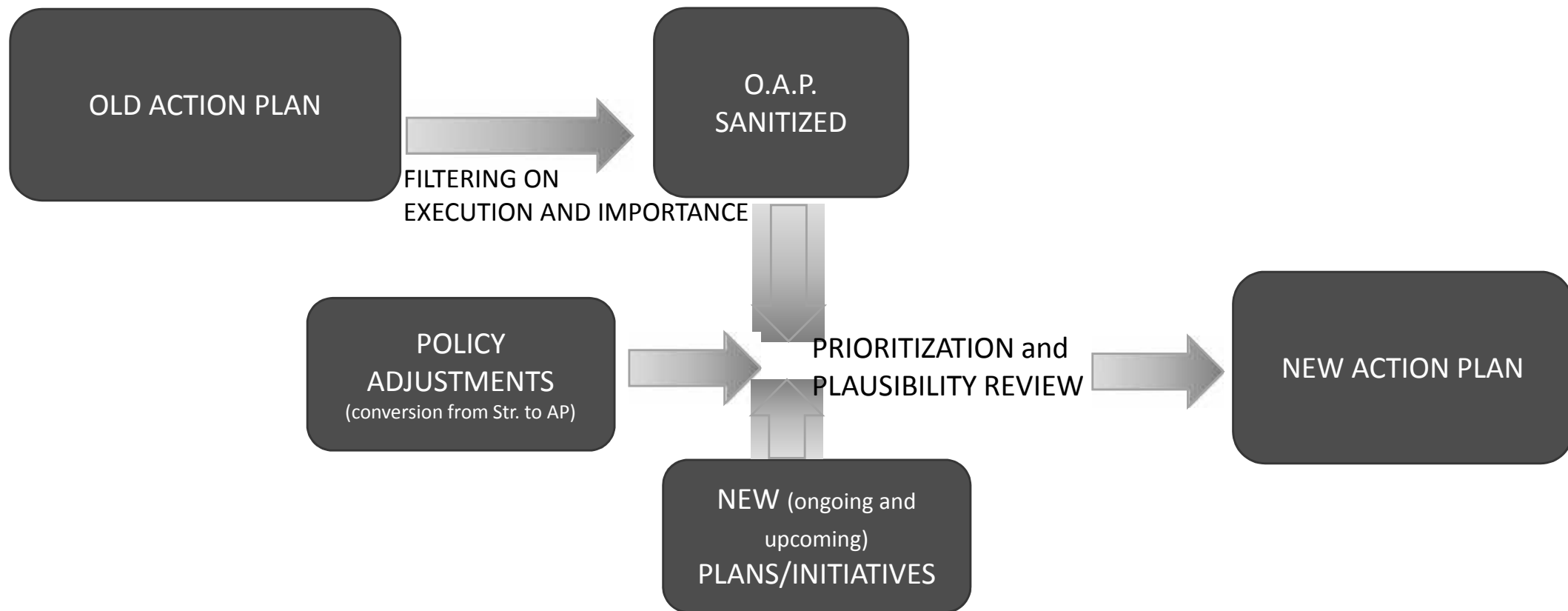
Action plan

**Action Plan for the period of 2014-2018
to the Strategy on Water Supply and Sanitation (2014-2028)**

Abbreviations: **MO** – Monitorul Oficial: (Official Monitor); **FS** – feasibility study; **ME_{nv}** – (former) Ministry of Environment; **MRDC** – (former) Ministry of Regional Development and Constructions; **MF** – (former) Ministry of Finance; **ME** – (former) Ministry of Economy; **MH** – (former) Ministry of Health; **NERA** – National Energy Regulatory Agency of the Republic of Moldova; **LPAs** – Local Public Authorities; **WSS** – water supply and sanitation.

Nr.	Name of action	Deadline	Responsible institution	Partners	Monitoring indicators
1	2	3	4	5	6
General objective: Gradual provision of safe water access and adequate sanitation for all localities and the population of the Republic of Moldova					
<i>Specific objective 1): Decentralization of public water supply and sanitation services</i>					
1.1.	Elaboration of the policy paper on decentralisation in the field of water supply and sanitation services under the Joint Integrated Local Development Program	2015	<u>ME_{nv}</u>		Document developed
1.2	Elaborating the single concept (at national level) and the action plan for the regionalisation of water supply and sanitation services	2015	<u>ME_{nv}</u>		Concept for regionalisation approved
1.3.	Strengthening the capacity of the Coordination and Monitoring Unit	2015	ME _{nv} .		Unit established, operational

Action Plan logical flow-chart



As a result we will have

- **“Umbrella” strategic document for stakeholders (government agencies, development partners, investors etc.) to refer to and use as a guide for specific complementary (rather than duplicating) engagements**
- **Proposal to shift deadlines for compliance with WSS related EU Directives to have a more realistic set of deadlines**
- **Action plan with prioritized and realistically assessed measures (can partly repeat/overlap or serve as a guide for other action plans, but NOT CONFLICT with them)**

PFM Component

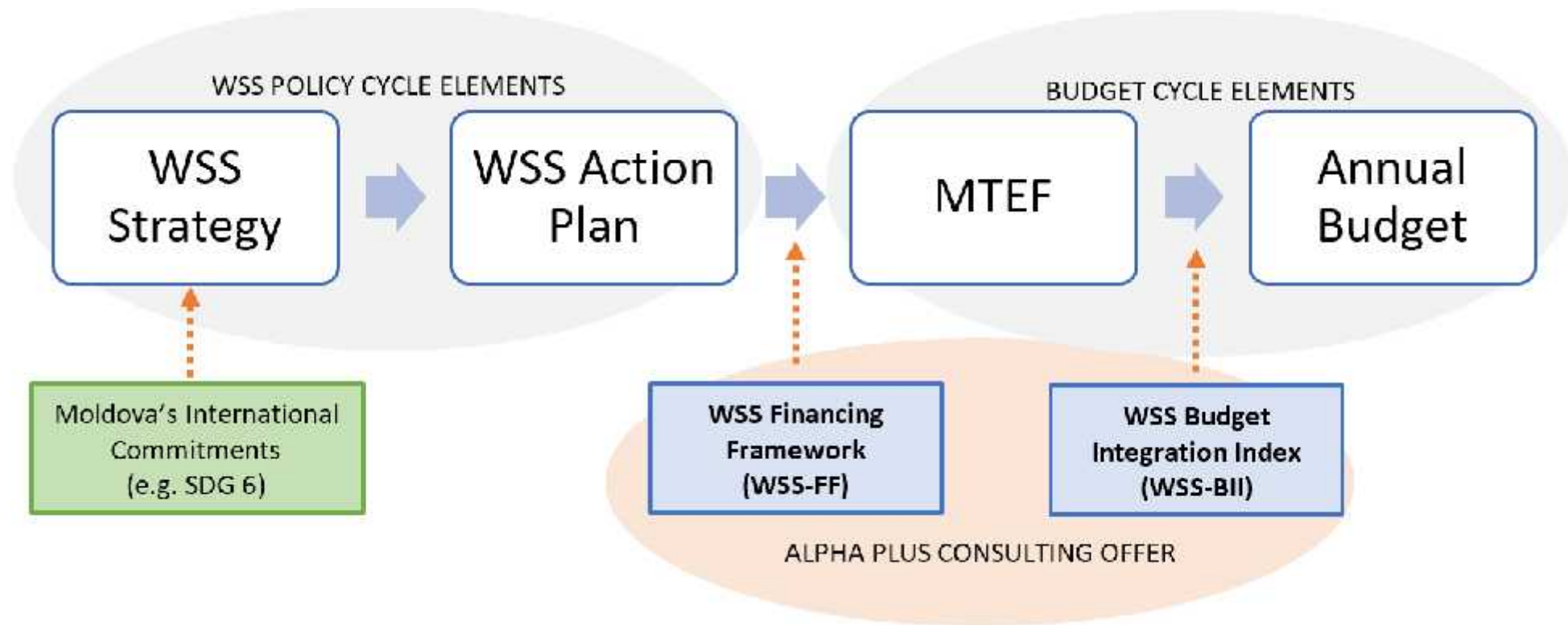
- **NOT solely about budget allocations to the WSS sector, BUT budget decision makers (Executive and Legislature) must receive evidence on WSS expenditure effectiveness and their direct linkage to SDG targets and other international commitments of Moldova**
- **WSS policy must be adequately and effectively reflected in various elements of the budget cycle**
- **Address common gaps between budget processes and WSS policy documents Gap exists in many sectors and in many countries at various scale and it is not a unique problem for Moldova.**

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GOALS

- **to assist in integrating WSS related policy in the budget cycle**
- **to improve informed decision-making on WSS related public finance**

Enhancing Integration of WSS Strategy with National Budget



WSS Budget Integration Index Tool in Moldova

- Systemic approach and objective validation of the progress towards WSS integrated PFM system in countries
- Setting a baseline, prioritization and helping with formulation of a reforms agenda for WSS integration (guidance for formulating the country's reforms directions and agenda)
- Allows a cross-country comparison, especially relevant in the regional context
- Platform for cooperation framework with development partners – extremely relevant and important in the case of Moldova

SDG 6 Budget Integration Index Tool in Moldova

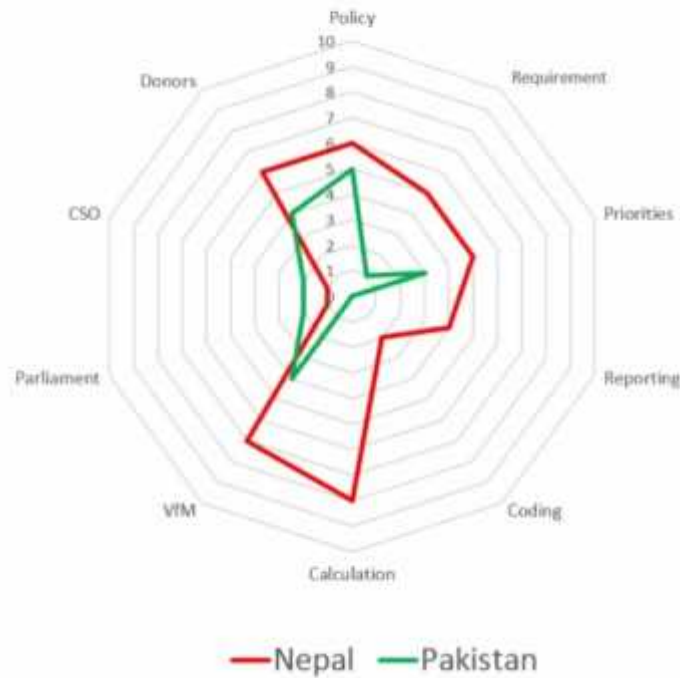
The tool consists of 4 assessment dimensions with 10 categories, equally weighted.

<i>Dimension</i>	<i>D Weight</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Category Weight</i>	<i>Notes</i>
P. Policy	30	P1. Policy	10	Reviews the existing WSS policies and their applicability in the budget cycle
		P2. Requirements	10	Assesses policy, budgeting and institutional requirements to drive budget decision-making
		P3. Priorities	10	Assesses how well WSS is prioritized
S. System	30	S1. Reporting	10	Assesses WSS budget reporting processes
		S2. Coding	10	Checks how well budget coding captures all WSS related expenditures
		S3. Calculation	10	Assesses the calculation quality, criteria, scope of WSS budget allocations
A. Accountability	30	A1. Performance	10	How measurable is the performance assessment of WSS expenditures
		A2. Parliament	10	What is the parliament's role in WSS budgeting
		A3. CSO ¹	10	What role the CSO's play in WSS budgeting
D. DPs	10	D1. Donors	10	What role the donors play in WSS budgeting
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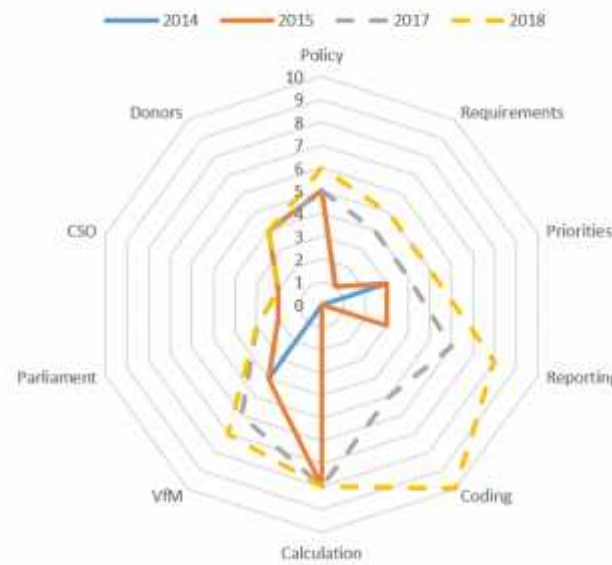
SDG 6 Budget Integration Index Tool: benefits for countries

Progress of Climate Change Finance integration

2014 (before the Project)



Pakistan



Introducing and Institutionalizing WSS Financing Framework

The Goal of the WSSFF is to better inform the MTEF process and consequently the budget decisions by providing comprehensive picture on:

- i) financing needs of the sector over the strategic period (demand for resources to fully execute the plan)
- ii) existing commitments (committed resources often based on historical financing patterns, signed loan or grant agreements and current forecast on supply of existing resources, including household and private sector)
- iii) variance (financing gap) – not only numerical value, but also prioritization and scenario filling in thereof



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