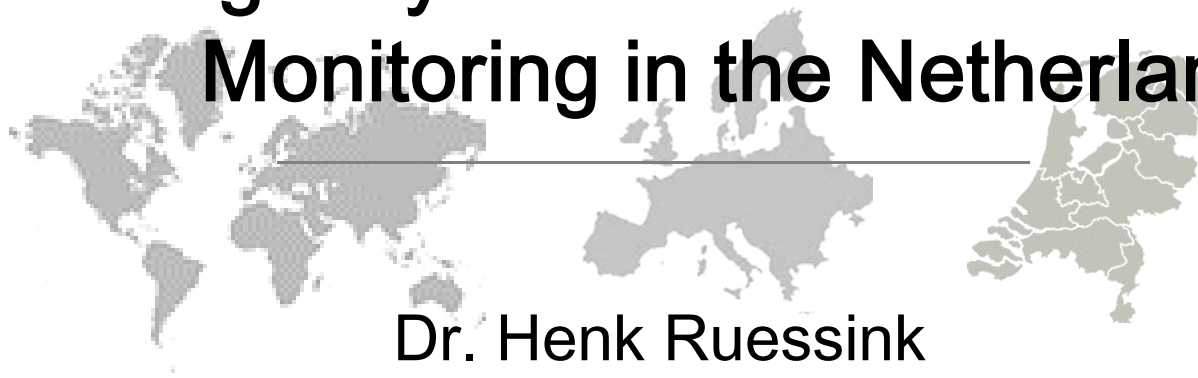


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Cross-media Integration and Interagency Coordination in Compliance Monitoring in the Netherlands



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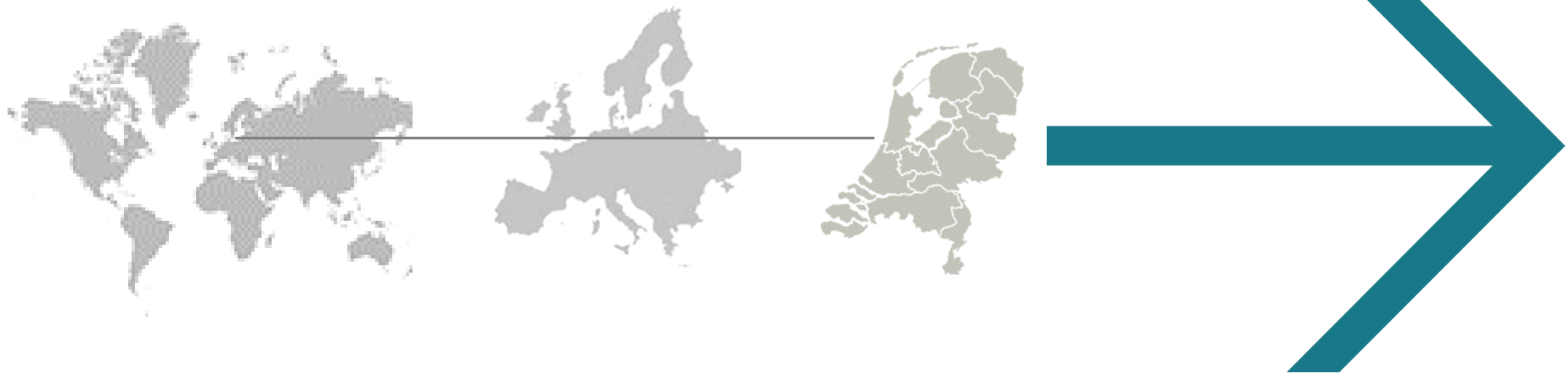
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SOME DATA ON THE NETHERLANDS

Total area	41,500 km ²
Land	33,800 km ²
- highest	+322 m
- lowest	-11 m
Water	7,700 km ²
Population	16,466,000
	487/km ²



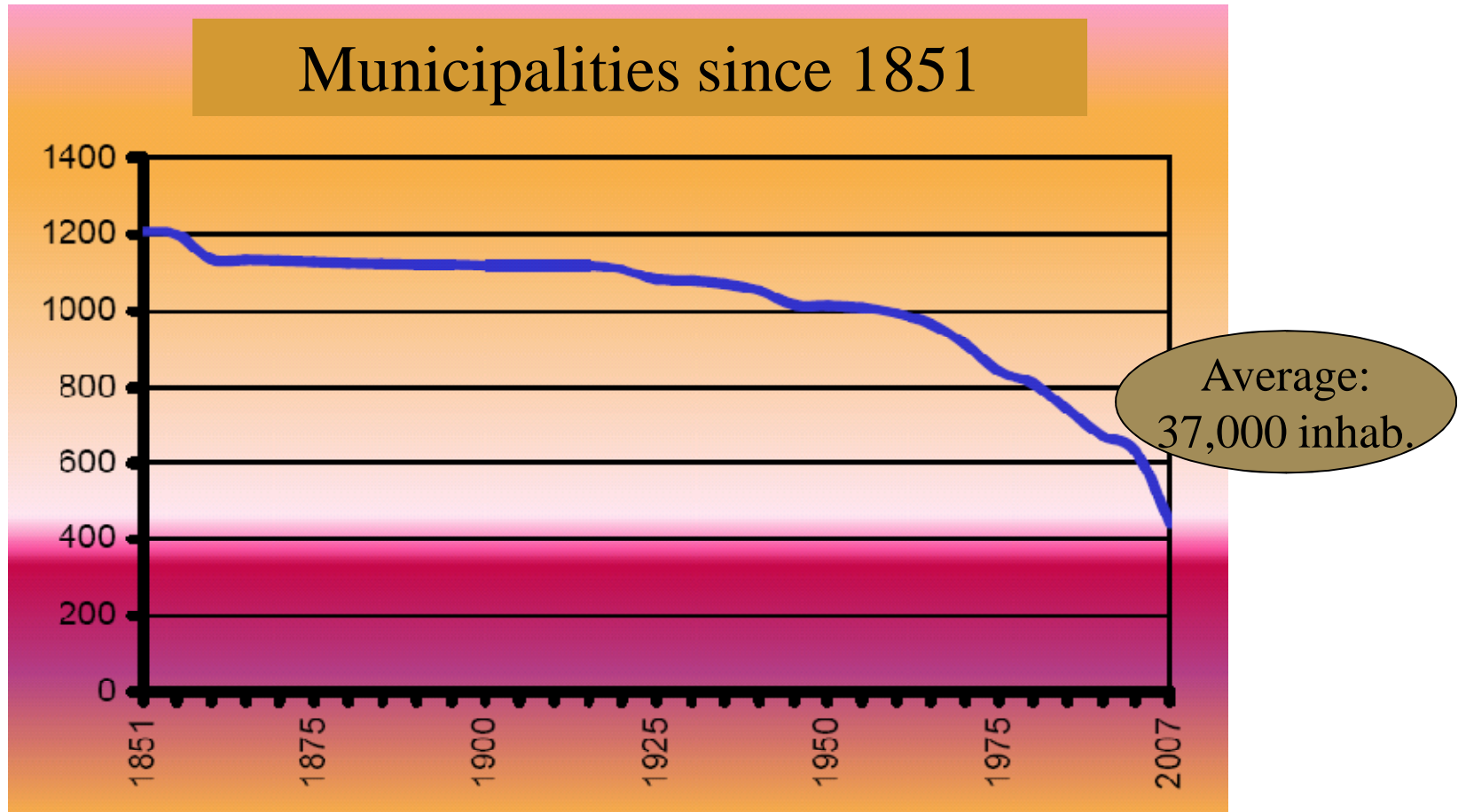


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MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS





RESPONSIBILITIES OF AUTHORITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS

	Permits	Compl. Mon.	Enforcement	Sectoral / Integral
Ministries	Yes	Yes	Admin, Crim	Sectoral, Integral
Provinces	Yes	Yes	Admin	Integral, excl. water
Water Boards	Yes	Yes	Admin	Sectoral
Municipalities	Few	Yes	Admin	Integral, excl. water
Police regions	No	Yes	Criminal	Integral
Special Agencies	Yes	Yes	Admin	Sectoral



FLAWS OF EXISTING STRUCTURE

- Many inspection authorities, overlapping tasks
- Ambiguity and/or redundancy of inspections
- Large inspection burden on enterprises
- Little inter-agency & inter-sectoral coordination
- Lacking transparency to regulated community
- Inefficient use of resources of stakeholders

- *Politicians, industry, authorities:*
“A change is needed!”

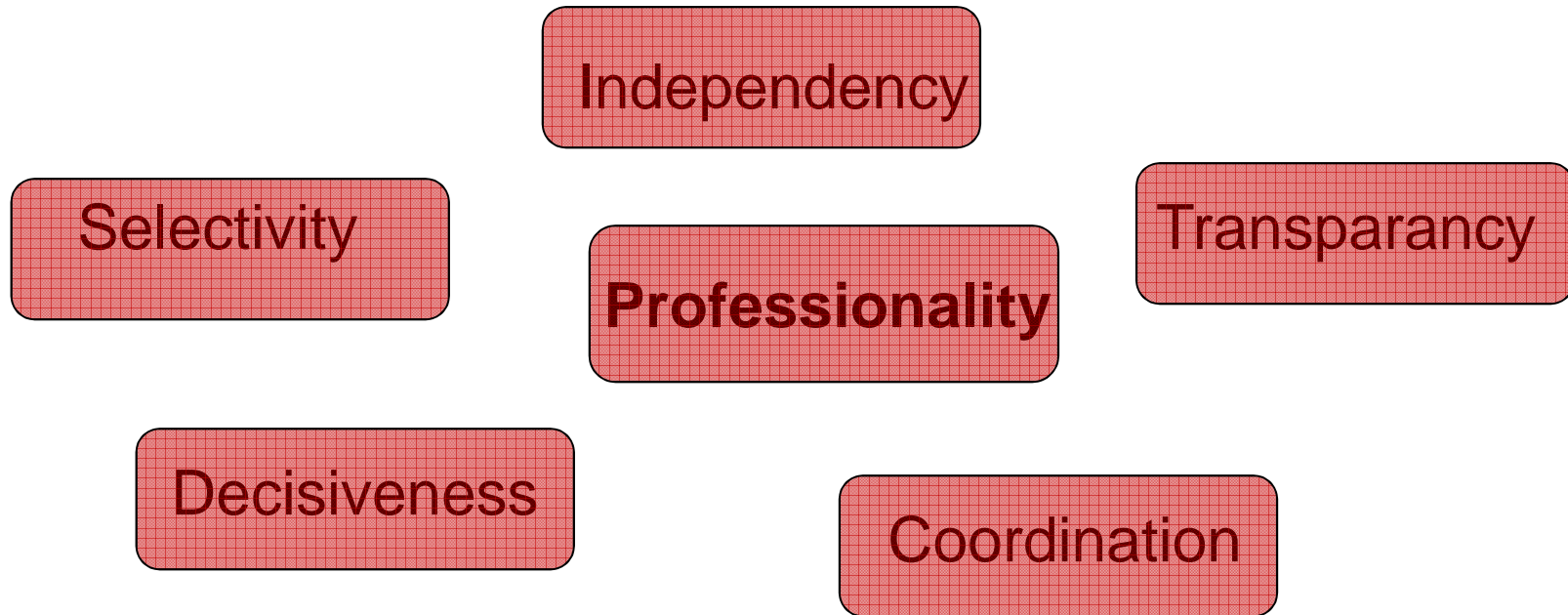


REMEDY: RENEWED INSPECTION APPROACH

- Inspection bodies work together and coordinate
 - Inspections are performance- and risk-based
 - One-stop inspection front offices for regulatees
 - Inspectors offer compliance assistance
 - QMS of inspectees are taken into account
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- *A national program:*
Towards more effectiveness and less nuisance



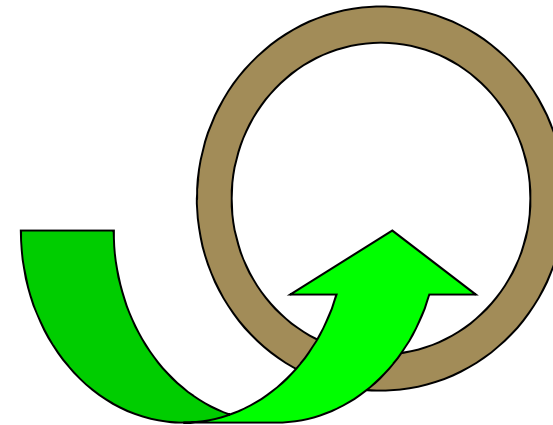
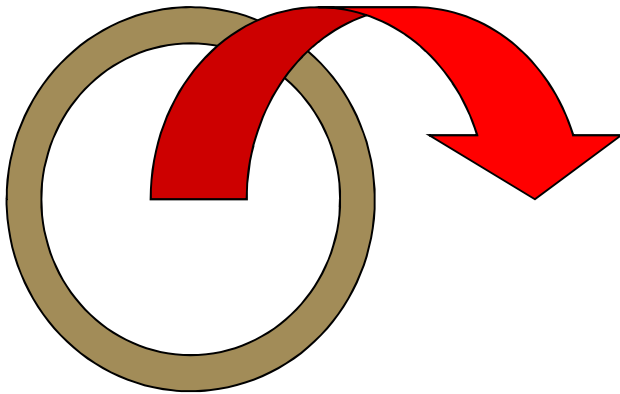
6 PRINCIPLES OF GOOD INSPECTION PRACTICE



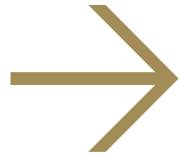


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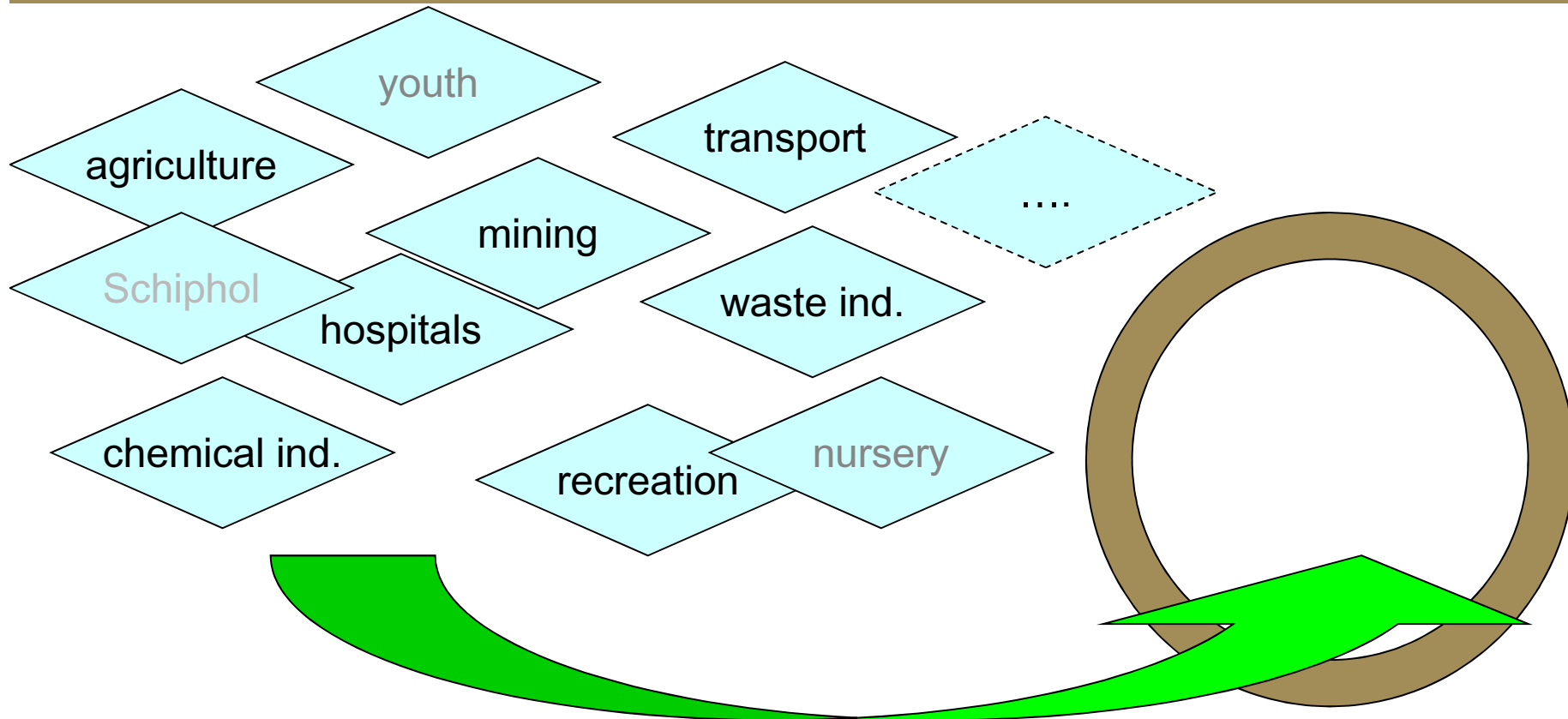
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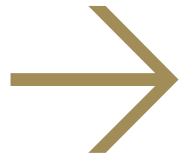
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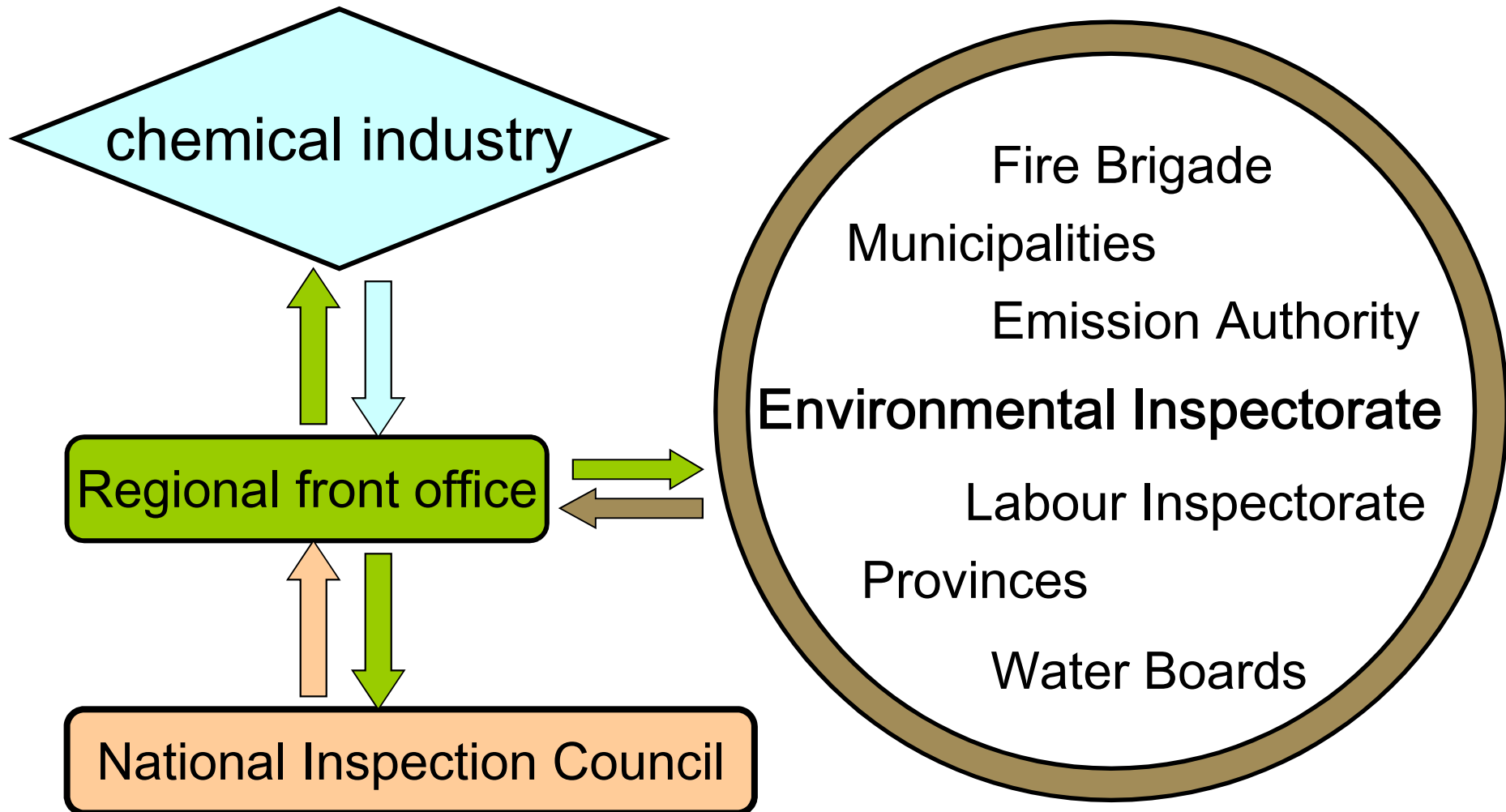
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Domain/Cluster-based approach



EXAMPLE: CHEMICAL INDUSTRY DOMAIN





FUNCTIONS OF FRONT-OFFICES

- Communication
- Coordination & Streamlining
- Organisation
- Information Exchange
- Innovation



FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL INSPECTION COUNCIL

- Strategy and Direction
- Coordination and Coherence
- Communication
- Training and Education
- Benchmarking
- Removing Obstacles
- International Context

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500+ ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES

- Multi-stakeholder cooperation crucial
- Integrated approaches essential
- Collective priorities and focus precondition
- Programmatic coherence needed
- For this purpose:

*National Environmental Enforcement Coordination
Secretariat*



PARTIES OF THE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION SECRETARIAT

- Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment
- Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
- Ministry of Economic Affairs - Mining Inspectorate
- Police
- Public Prosecutor Office
- Association of Provinces
- Association of Municipalities
- Union of Water Boards



PROMINENT TASKS OF THE SECRETARIAT

- Uniform strategies for intervention
 - Professional development and support
 - Information and documentation
 - Stimulating and facilitating collaboration
 - Collective priority setting
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- *Annual National Environmental Enforcement Plan*



- Inter-agency agreed priorities (@ executive level)
- Leading subjects for individual authorities
- Chain-oriented focus of selected topics

Priorities 2007/8:

1. Soil remediation
2. Construction and demolition waste
3. Illegal firework
4. Animal fat chain
5. Asbestos chain
6. Waste exportation



Thank you
Questions
Discussion