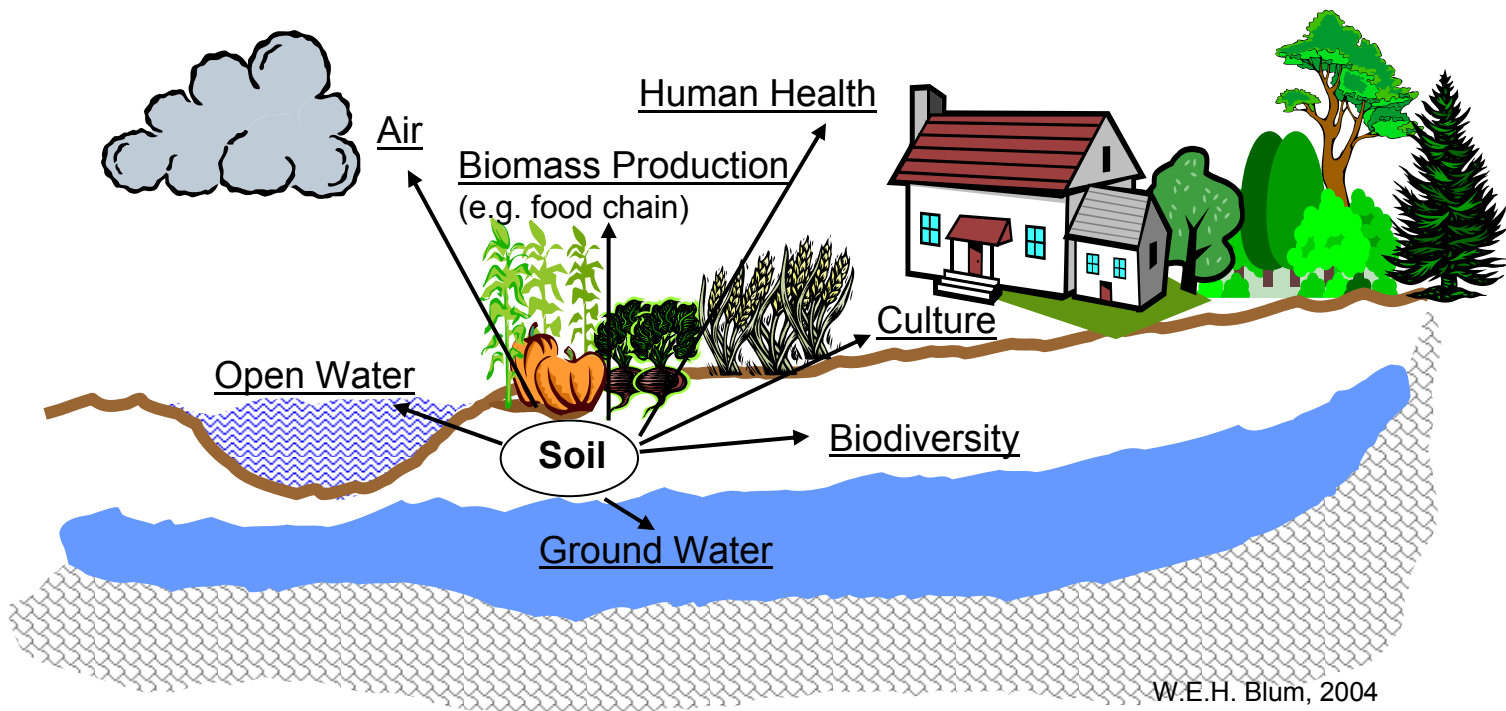




UPCOMING THEMATIC STRATEGY ON SOIL PROTECTION

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IMPORTANT REMARKS

- **THERE IS NO COMMUNITY LEGISLATION ON SOIL**
- **THE ISSUES PRESENTED HEREAFTER**
 - **ARE NOT PART OF THE ACQUIS**
 - **ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COMMISSION**
 - **WILL HAVE TO BE ADOPTED SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE COUNCIL AND THE PARLIAMENT**



Policy Issues

- ❖ soils are as essential to human society as air and water
- ❖ In many areas of Europe, soil is degraded or irreversibly lost
- ❖ No specific Community policy on soil

6TH ENVIRONMENT ACTION PROGRAMME

- ❖ Soil is a **finite resource**
- ❖ Advocates for a **sustainable use of the soil**
- ❖ **Prevention** of erosion, deterioration, contamination
- ❖ As a priority action- a **Thematic Strategy on Soil Protection**



Background

TOWARDS COMMUNICATION- April 2002

SOILS THREATS IDENTIFIED

Erosion

Decline in Organic Matter

Soil Contamination

Salinisation

Biodiversity loss

Compaction

Soil sealing

Floods and landslides

INTEGRATION of soil protection aspects in other policies



CONTENT OF THE THEMATIC STRATEGY

COMMUNICATION

**SOIL
FRAMEWORK
DIRECTIVE -SFD**

**IMPACT
ASSESSMENT
REPORT**



SOIL THREATS ADDRESSED BY THE SOIL FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

Regional/national approach

CONTAMINATION

SEALING

Risk area approach

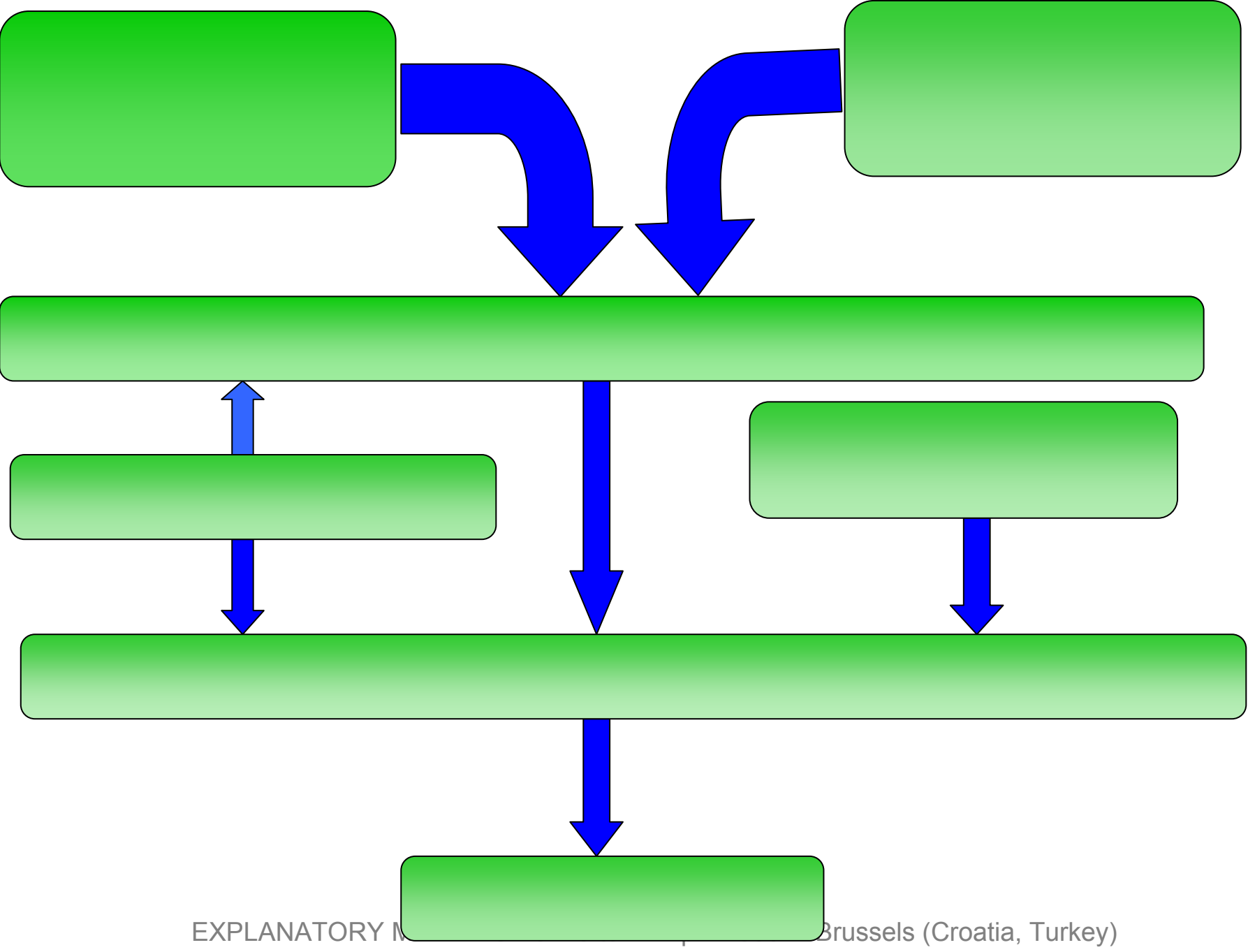
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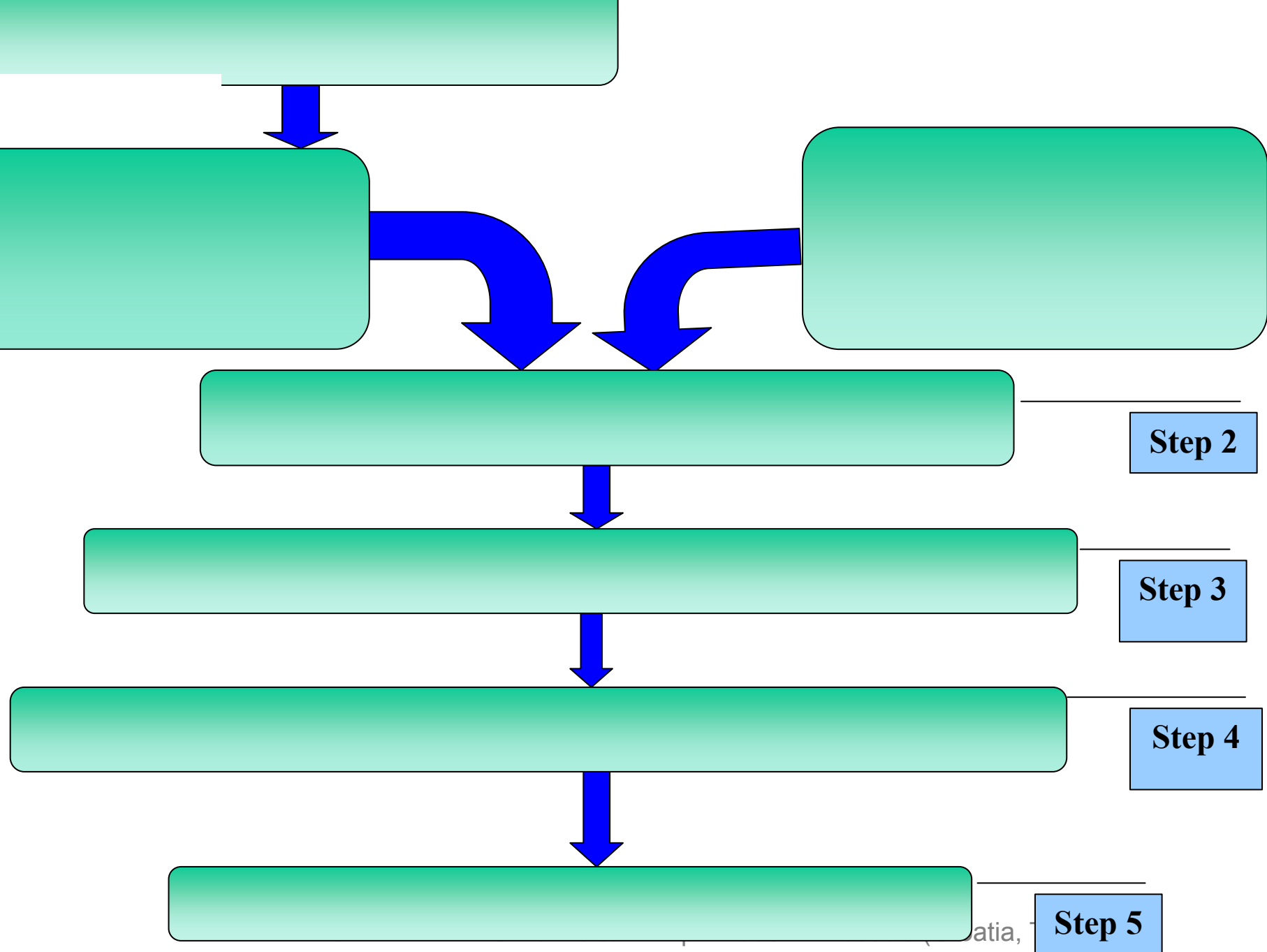




SEALING

- ❖ TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE USE OF SOIL, MS SHALL PROVIDE FOR e.g.
 - rehabilitation of brownfield sites
 - providing for space saving constructions,
 - use of construction products to mitigate effects of sealing

- ❖ REPORTING on measures taken by MS





SUMMARY- General approach

- ❖ The objective is to protect soil functions and ensure sustainable use of soil.

For sealing

- ❖ MS are encouraged to provide for a sustainable use of soil by encouraging space saving activities/technologies

For all other threats

- ❖ Make an inventory/identify Risk Areas
- ❖ Make National action Programmes

- Targets

- Measures

- Monitor progress

- Consult public

→ Consult PUBLIC

- ❖ Report on progress and efficiency