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Local Governance in the WatSan domain

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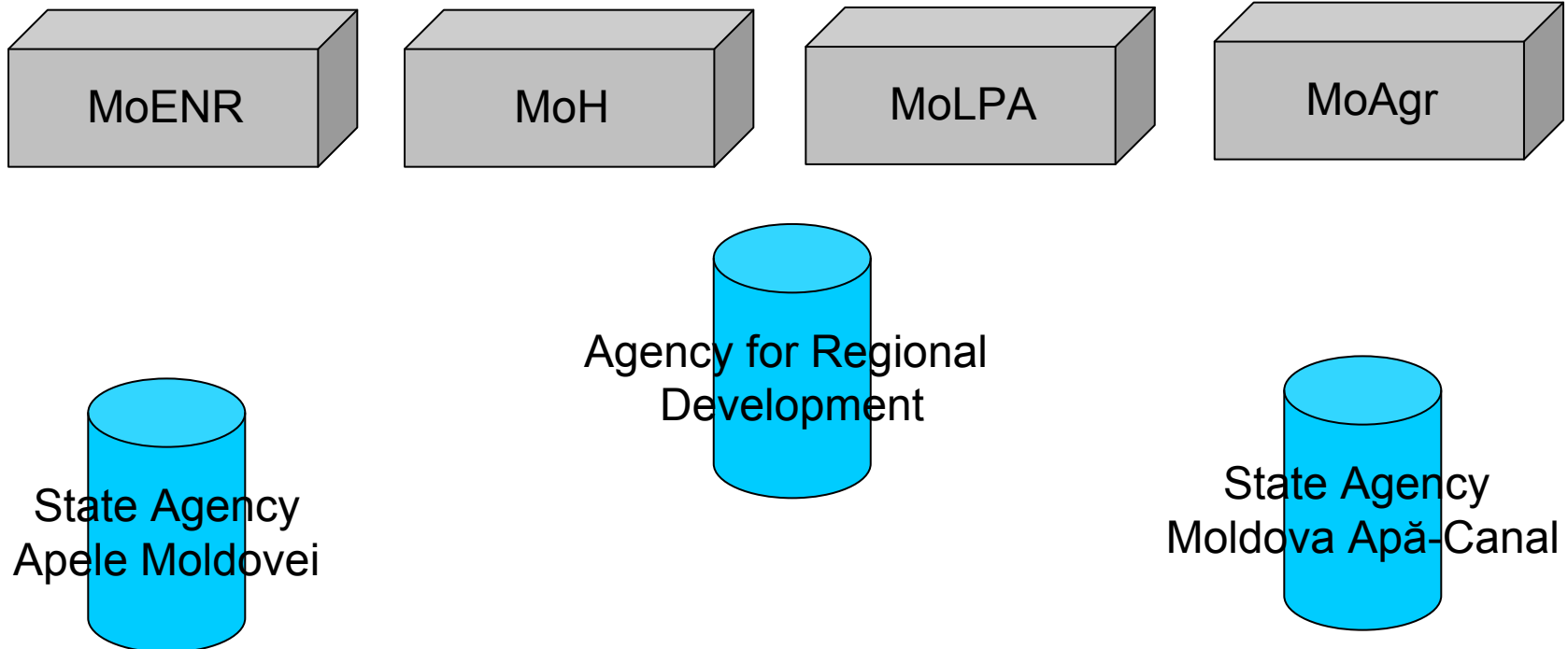


Situation of the Water and Sanitation infrastructure (1991 – 2001)



Situation of the Water and Sanitation infrastructure (urban)

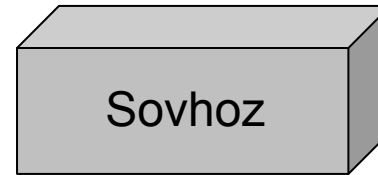
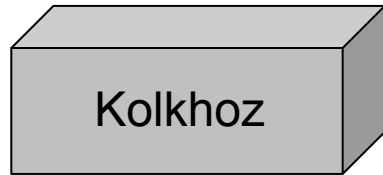
- 4 ministries covering the responsibility of the water management
- and 3 agencies
- Water utility boards in the urban areas and districts centres (Apă-Canal)





Situation of the Water and Sanitation infrastructure (rural)

- Kolkhoz & Sovhoz ran systems (before 1991)
- Municipalities without any capacity to run the systems



- no tariffs, no responsibilities, no ownership, no service
- 35 % of the rural population have centralized drinking water supply
- 5 % of the rural population with efficient sewer and wastewater treatment system
- **Wide gap between urban and rural zones !**



SDC objectives and approaches in rural areas

Objectives

- increase the access to drinking water and sanitation (MDG Nr. 7)
- strengthen the water and sanitation management in the rural zones
- introduce the notions of "self-financing" and "sustainability"

Approach

- bottom-up with direct involvement of the concerned population
- increase ownership by contributions of all stakeholders
- increase participation by creation of a Water Consumers Association (WCA) directly from the beginning
- spread transparency by including also district authorities into the implementation



Implementation of a system

Before the construction

- active communication with municipality and/or group of initiative
- creation of a WCA with statutes, registration, bank account, steering committee
- contract of cooperation with all set contributions

During construction

- every household becomes a member of the WCA with its contribution:
 - financial: € 35 to create the treasury
 - manual: 6 working days to assure the layout out of protection zones
50 m trench digging on the main network
building of the individual connection chamber

After construction

- exploitation concession given by municipality
- yearly assembly to elect the steering committee
- billing system to assure the self financing of the system
- responsibilities clearly set to assure the system's maintenance



Projects





Governance in the projects

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