

NEW PERSPECTIVES OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING DEFINITION

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1. Introduction and study objectives

Six teaching modules (TMs) will be developed as Open Educational Resources – OERs (video presentations, text based resources, evaluation tests) during the educational project Environmental Education – OERs for Rural Citizens (EnvEdu – OERs).

During the development of the TM2, Environmental Quality, the authors found out that there is a gap in defining of environmental monitoring.

Together with the environmental assessment, inspection and analysis, environmental monitoring is one of the most used methods in environmental protection.

This study (i) highlights the gaps in the definition of environmental monitoring, both from a legislative perspective and from the perspective of its delimitation from environmental assessment, environmental inspection and environmental analysis; (ii) proposes a complex definition for the term of environmental monitoring.

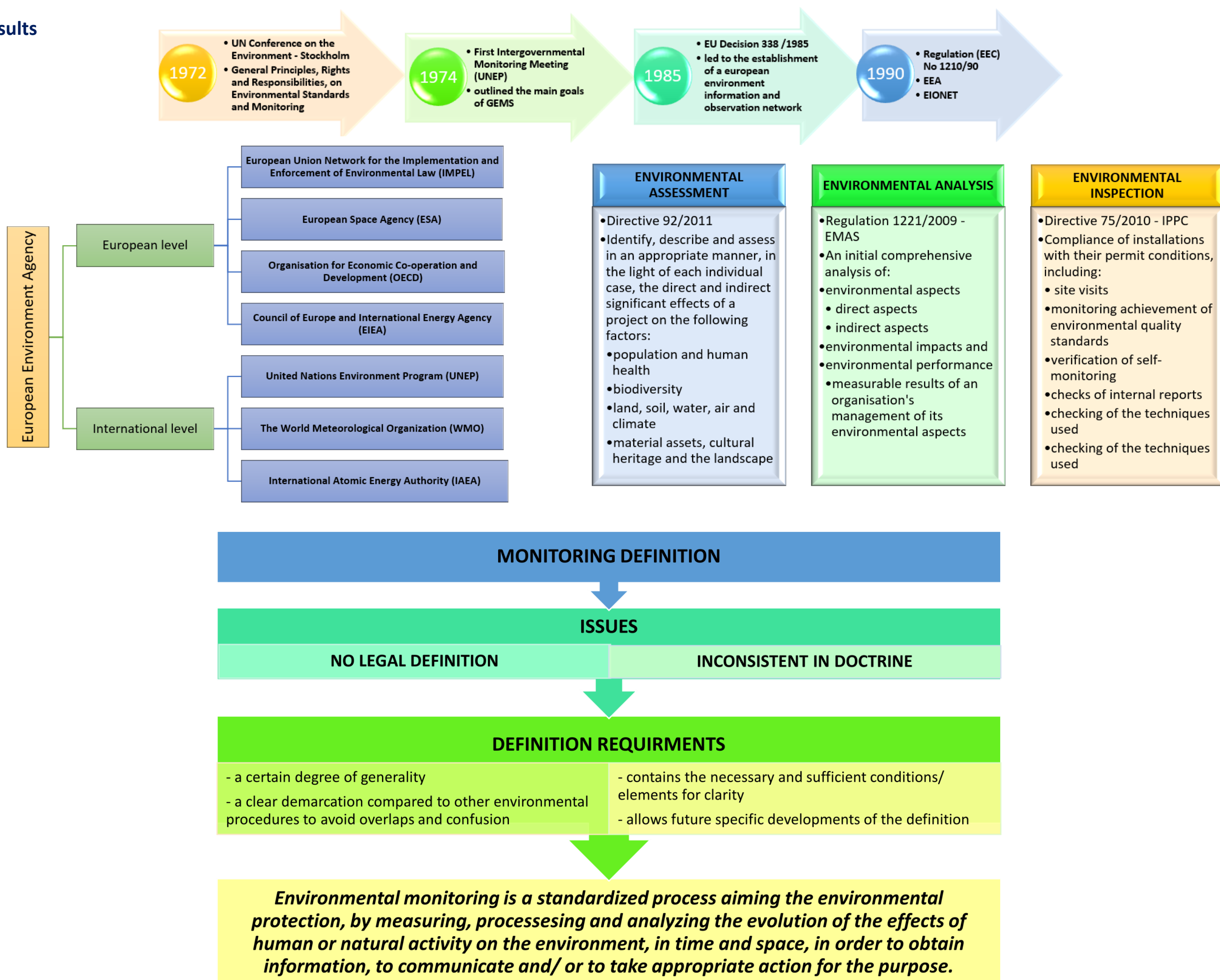
2. Methodology

- research of the specialized scientific literature

- research of the international environmental legislation, of the European Union one, and, in a particular, of the national one, in Romania;

- a delimitation of the term of environmental monitoring versus the term of environmental assessment, environmental inspection and environmental analysis, through comparative interpretation

3. Results



4. Conclusion

The new definition of environmental monitoring allowed the formulation of classification criteria and, implicitly, coherent classifications of environmental monitoring.

The definition proposed in this study can constitute a starting point for legislative initiatives, and a basis for a complex approach to environmental monitoring activity.

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