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## **Annexes to the MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP ON**

### **Societal Cost Benefit Analysis and Sediments**

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**Annex I:** Presentation on *A first attempt to approximate Europe's sediment budget* by Ramon J. Batalla, University of Lleida, Catalonia, Spain and Philip N. Owens, National Soil Resources Institute, Cranfield University, UK



**A first attempt to approximate Europe's sediment budget**

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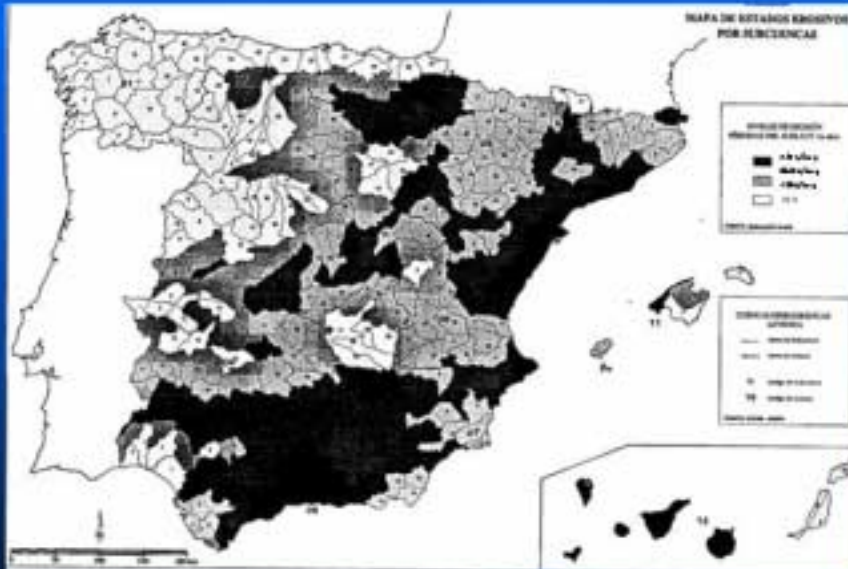
*A Deliverable of the Sednet Work Package 2: Management at the basin scale*

**Objective**

**To enhance the awareness of the extend of the European sediment issue by providing a first approximation of Europe's sediment budget**

- ✓ The budget is based on estimates of soil erosion, sediment yield, sediment storage on river channels, floodplains and in reservoirs, and estimates of the sediment discharge to oceans and seas
- ✓ Estimates are based on typical values for select river catchments, which are then extrapolated to large geographical areas. Values represent order of magnitude approximations
- ✓ For simplicity, we have used a value of  $6 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$  to represent the surface area of the EU (Member States, New Member States and Applicant Countries)

## How much is being eroded from rocks and soils and delivered to rivers?



•  $100 \text{ t km}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1} \times 75\% \text{ of Europe's area } (6 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2) = 450 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$  (Humid Northern Europe)

•  $500 \text{ t km}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1} \times 20\% \text{ of Europe's area } (6 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2) = 600 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$  (Mediterranean humid Mid-Southern Europe)

•  $2500 \text{ t km}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1} \times 5\% \text{ of Europe's area } (6 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2) = 750 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$  (Semiarid Southern Europe)

**Total:  $1800 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$**

(bedload not included, generally 10%)



## How much is being delivered from rivers to the seas?



- $40 \text{ t km}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1} \times 60\% \text{ of Europe's area } (6 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2) = 144 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$
- $150 \text{ t km}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1} \times 30\% \text{ of Europe's area } (6 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2) = 270 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$
- $500 \text{ t km}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1} \times 10\% \text{ of Europe's area } (6 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2) = 300 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$

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**Total:  $714 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$**   
 (bedload not included, generally 10%)

## How much is stored/extracted in between production and deposition areas?



- In-channel storage of fine-grained sediment = 5% to 10% of the sediment delivered to rivers =  **$90 \text{ to } 180 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$**

- Floodplain sedimentation of fine sediment = 10% to 50% of the sediment delivered to rivers =  **$180 \text{ and } 900 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$**  (Owens et al., 1999)

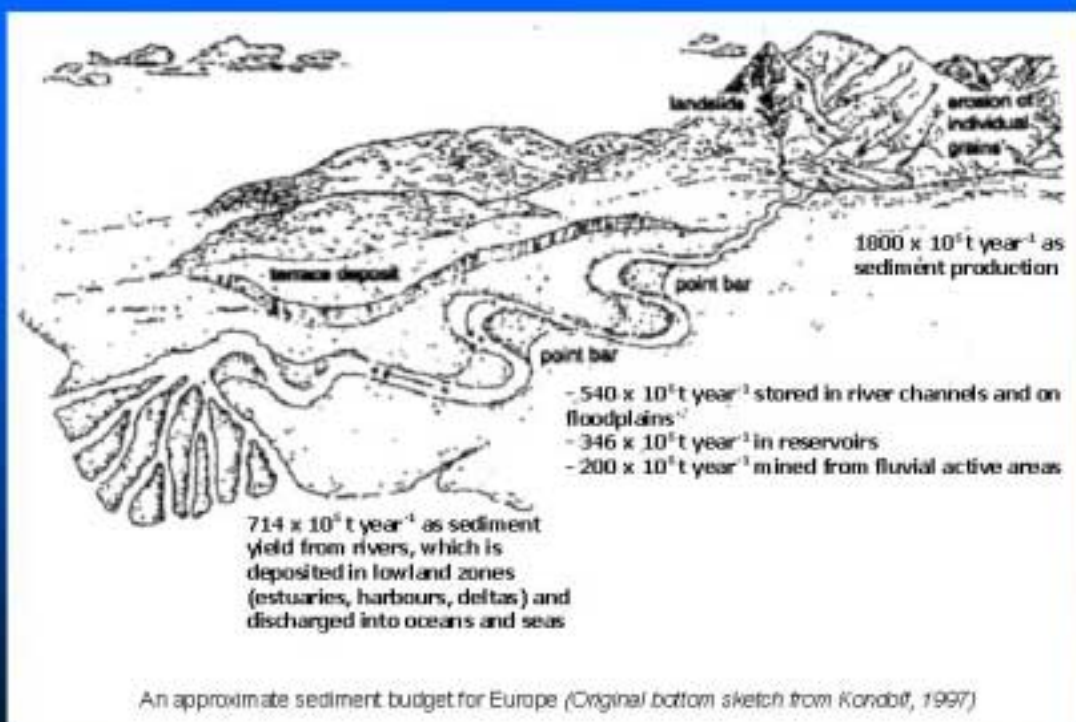
- Average estimate of floodplain and channel storage =  **$540 \times 10^6 \text{ t y}^{-1}$**

*(assuming that within-channel sediment storage does not represent a net loss to the system at the annual timescale )*

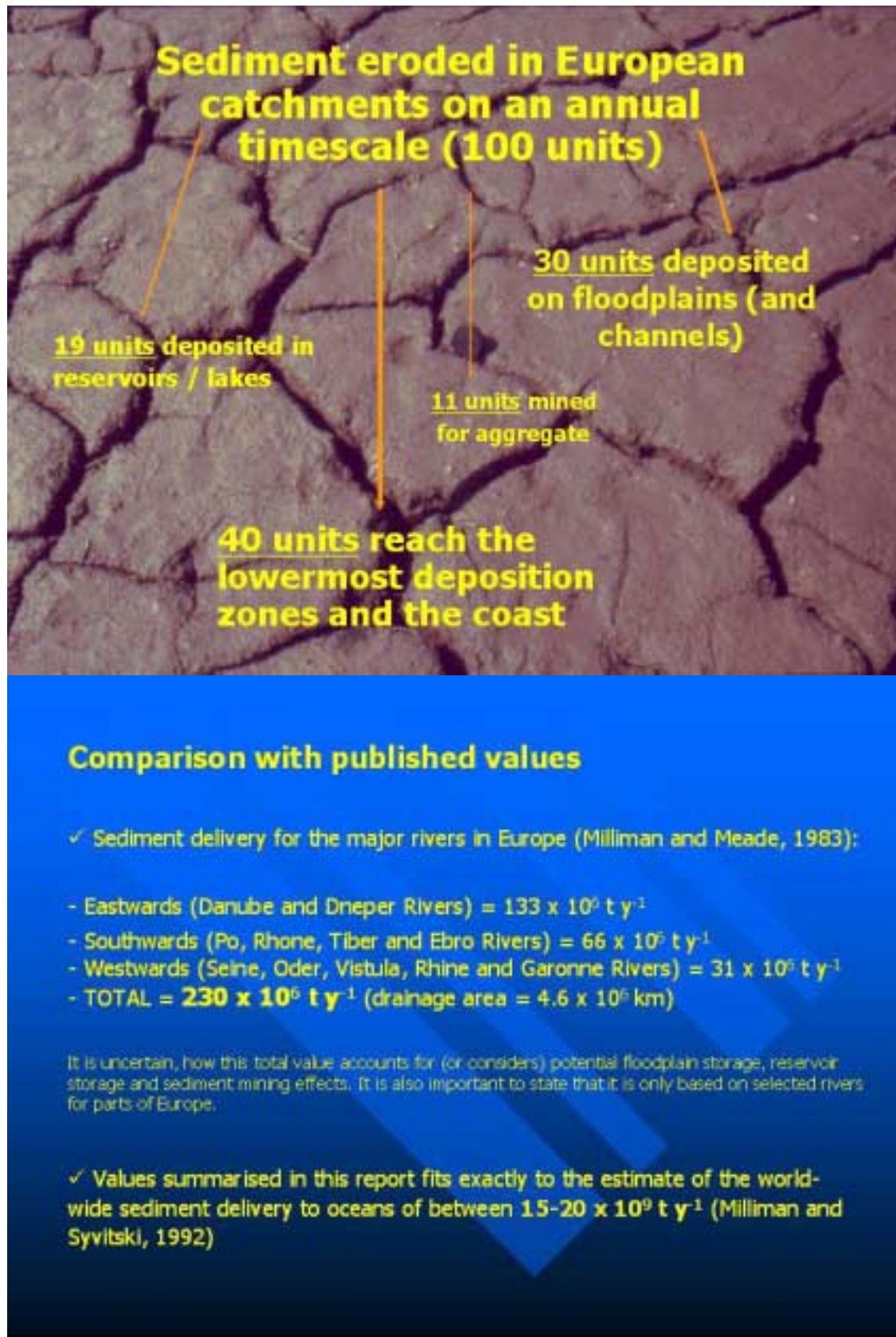


- The average consumption of sediment as aggregate for construction =  $2000 \times 10^6 \text{ t} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}$  (ca.  $7 \text{ t person}^{-1} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}$ ):
  - at least 1/3 is mined from rivers (bedload) and floodplains (both bedload and suspended sediment) =  $600 \times 10^6 \text{ t} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}$
  - 1/3 can be replaced annually by rivers during floods ( $200 \times 10^6 \text{ t} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}$ )
  - 2/3 are mined from ancient river deposits (not included in the current annual budget)

- The rest  $346 \times 10^6 \text{ t} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}$  are deposited in reservoirs and lakes (e.g. Low values of siltation in reservoirs in Spain =  $50 \times 10^6 \text{ t} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}$  (Batalla, 2003))







## Final remarks

- ✓ Estimations indicate orders of magnitude of each of the main sediment-related processes in rivers of Europe, and so considerable caution should be used with these values
- ✓ Uncertainty is high due to the lack of extensive, reliable and homogeneous data on sediment production, transport and deposition for all European river catchments
- ✓ Because of the limitations associated with the values presented, there exists a need for a comprehensive Europe-wide assessment of sediment fluxes and transfers within European rivers, and the delivery of sediment to the coastal zone


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**Annex II:** Presentation on *Societal Cost Benefit Analysis (SCBA) and Sediment Management* by Jaap van der Vlies TNO Strategy Technology and Policy, The Netherlands

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- What is a Societal Cost-Benefit Analysis (SCBA)? and what is it not
- What steps do we have to take to conduct a SCBA ?
- Possibilities and limitations in application of the SCBA.


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## What is a SCBA?

### NOT .....and..... what it is/should be

• Valuation method of functions	• Evaluation tool ; weighing <i>alternative actions</i> against each other
• ..for Economists only	• For all those wanting to make choices between alternatives
• A financial analysis	• An evaluation tool taking ALL societal aspects into account, including imponderables
• A gimmick/black box	• A tool with a long history (potentially) leading to transparent information processes & stakeholder involvement

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## What is Cost Benefit analysis & who uses it?

- An Evaluation tool for decisionmaking ( companies, organisations, governments)
- Decisions about alternative actions (investments, infrastructural projects, policy actions)  
NB: alternatives, NOT functions
- For example: UN/ Worldbank; Private companies, Ministries (eg Delta Works, Safety studies in NL)
- Taking into account ALL effects regardless of their nature and summarized for ALL of society



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## Steps to take in a SCBA (1)

- Problem analysis & definition of alternatives/actions/policy measures: understand the system & conditions
- Identification of the effects of the alternatives:
  - again : understand the system;
  - “doing nothing” – zero- alternative;
  - all effects are to be compared with the 0 - alternative and are to be measured in changes;
  - from a societal perspective : ALL changes irrespective of their nature & where they occur.



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## **Steps to be taken in a SCBA (2)**

- Analysis of relevant exogenous developments  
(for the 0-alternative & sensitivity analysis)
- Quantification/valuation of the effects (costs & benefits) of the different alternatives; where possible in monetary terms
  - special attention for discounting
  - watch out for double counting & imponderables
- Ranking of alternatives according to Cost benefit ratio



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## **Possibilities & limitations**

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|--|--|
| • In principle many possibilities to make choices transparent                              | • Profound understanding of the system one tries to influence (takes time)             |
| • Stake holder involvement (to get information about the system & generating alternatives) | • Stakeholders (& political agenda's ) also need time, timing & their specific setting |
| • To help comparisons of alternatives;   | • A SCBA makes no choices: only a ranking  |
| • Combines Disciplines   | • Communication of results is important  |





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**Annex III:** Presentation on *Economic Analysis and River Basin Management* by Carlos Mario Gómez, Department of Economics, University of Alcalá Madrid, Spain




# ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT


## Sendet Workshop on Societal Cost Benefit Analysis and Sediments

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## Economic Analysis in the WFD

For achieving its environmental objectives, i.e. good water status for all waters, in the most effective manner. The Water Framework Directive clearly integrates economic analysis into water management and policy making.

The Directive calls for:

- The identification of the economic significance of water uses.
- The application of economic principles (e.g. the polluter pays principle),
- The use of economic approaches and tools (e.g. cost-effectiveness analysis)
- The consideration of economic instruments (e.g. water pricing)
- The analysis of the recovery of the economic costs of providing water for different economic activities (Cost recovery analysis).

To be useful for decision-making, the different elements of the economic analysis should be well integrated in the policy decision and management cycle.

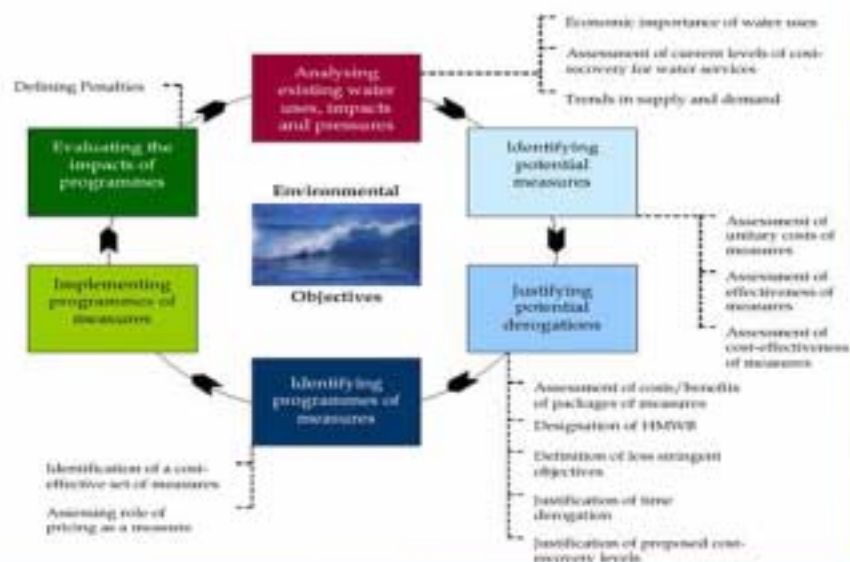
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## [i] Economic Analysis in the WFD implementation Process

Figure 3 – Economic Elements are Linked and Must be Integrated

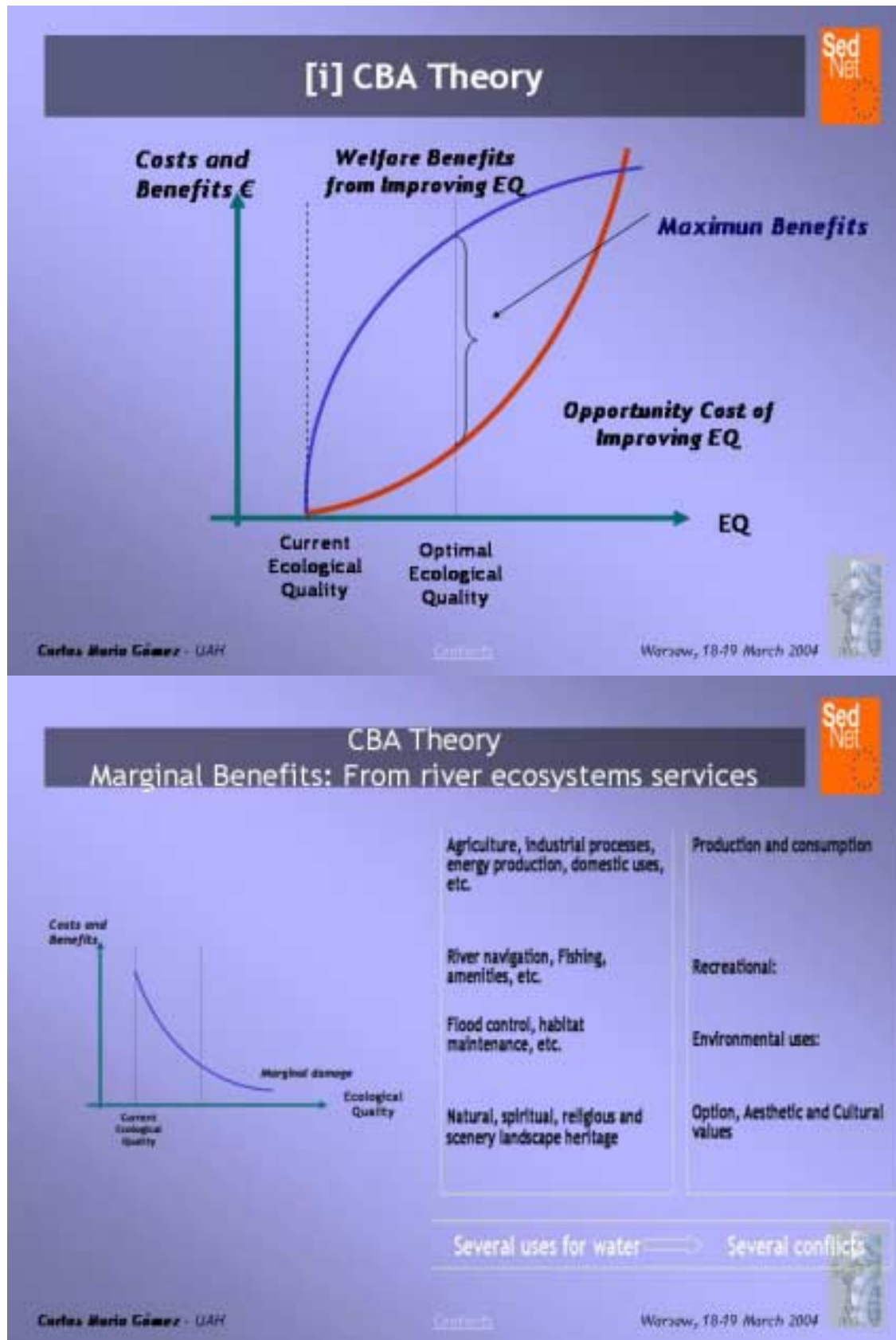


Source: WATECO (2002) The implementation challenge of the waterframework directive


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## [i] Damage associated with the interruption of river sediment transport




### River section



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## Control Costs






### Examples of Measures

- » Gravel replenishment below dams
- » Sediment sluicing and pass-trough from reservoirs
- » Flushing flows
- » Beach nourishment with imported sediments
- » System of sand rights

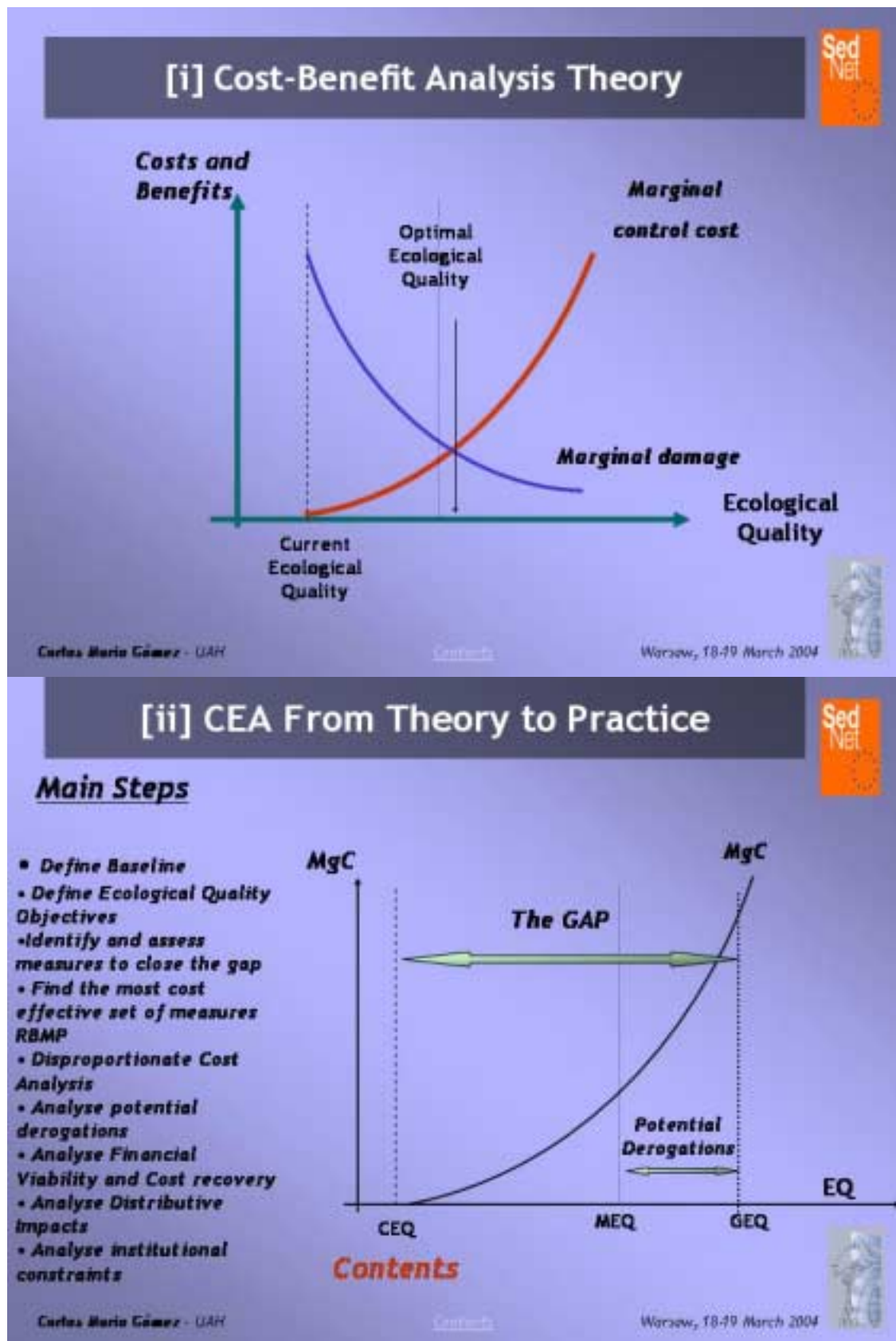
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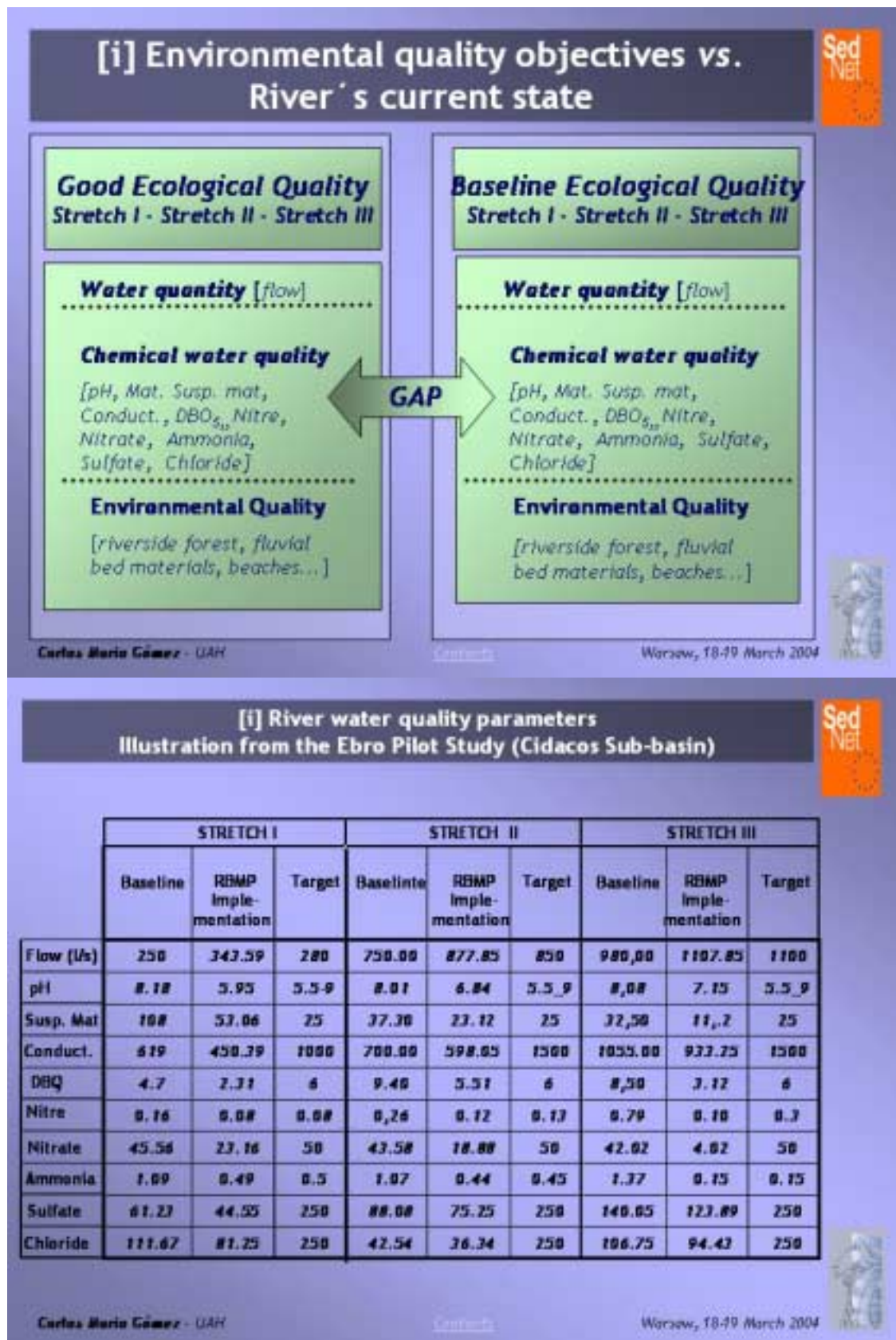
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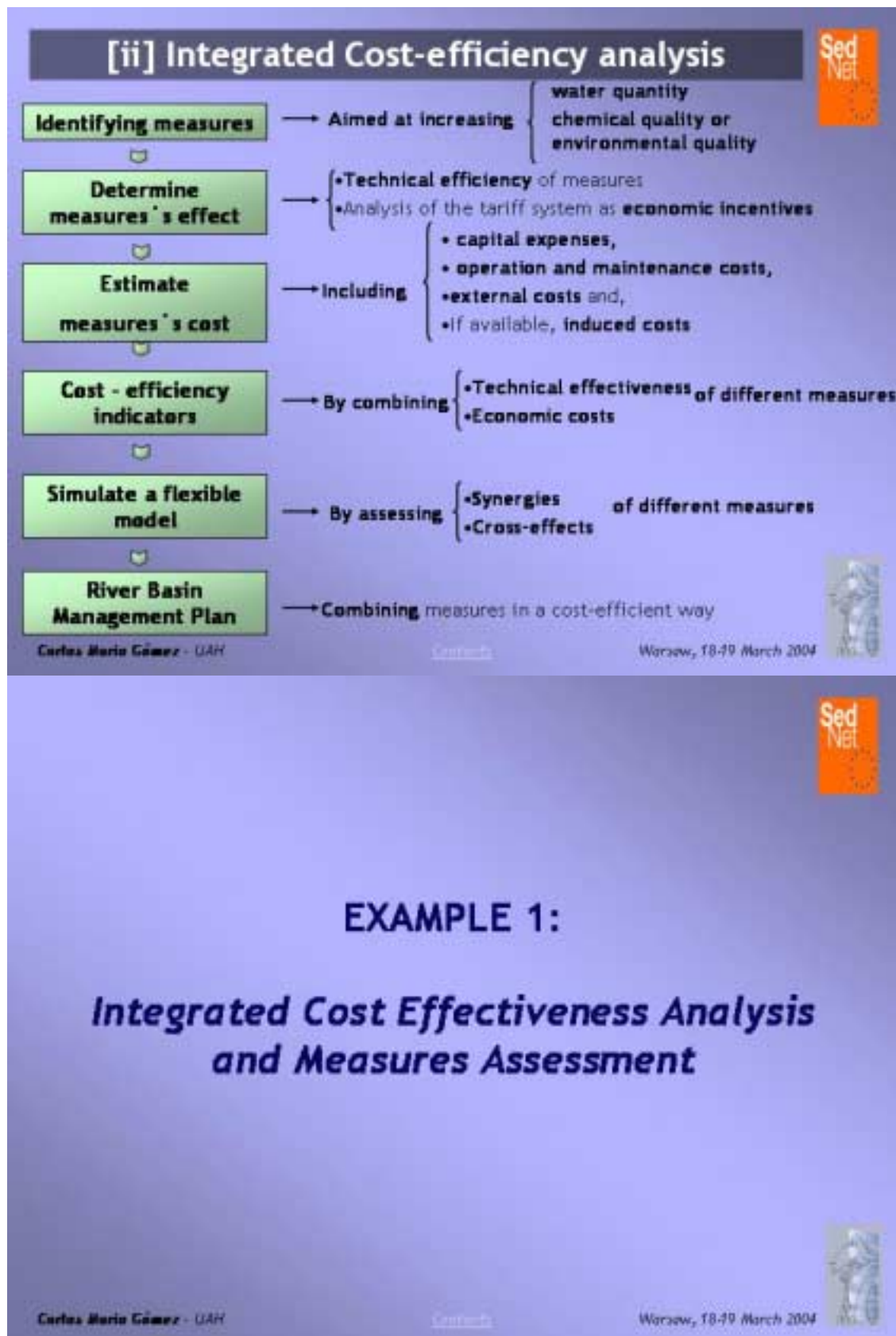
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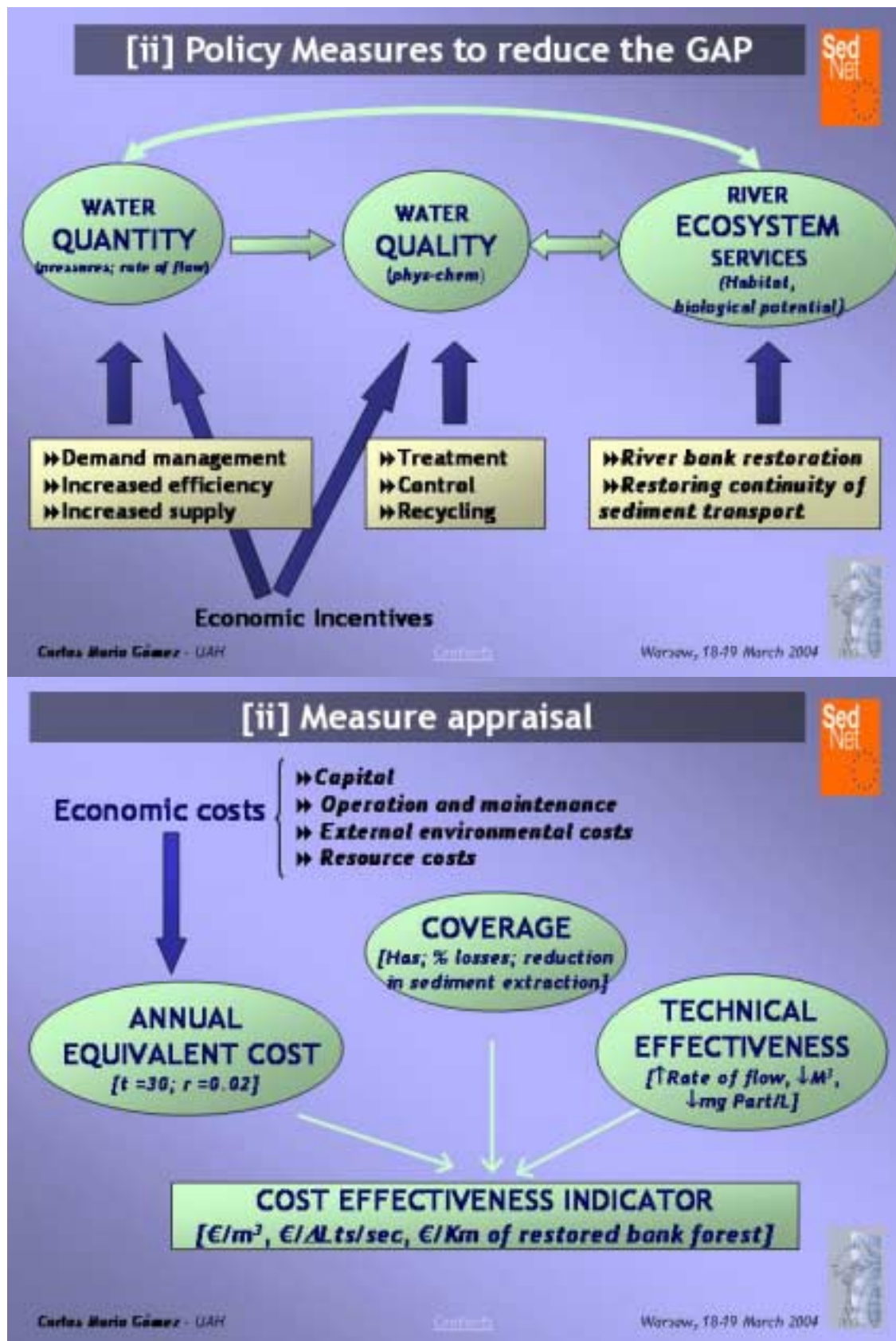












## [ii] Example of measure appraisal



<b>Water Body:</b>	<i>Stretch I</i>
<b>Measure:</b>	<i>Efficiency in Urban Distribution Networks</i>
<b>Actual Efficiency:</b>	70%
<b>Maximum Attainable Efficiency</b>	85%
<b>Maximum Water Saved [m<sup>3</sup>]</b>	695,258
<b>Cost Effectiveness Indicator 1 [€/m<sup>3</sup>]</b>	0.26
<b>Maximum Flow Increase [l/s]</b>	11.1
<b>Cost Effectiveness Indicator 2 [€/l.p.s. ]</b>	5,232

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## [ii] Cost-effectiveness indicators of water saving measures in rural areas



MEASURE	MAX. COVE- RAGE (Nos)	AEC (€)	MAX. WATER SAVINGS (m3)	MAX. WATER FLOW INCREASE (lit/sec)	COST- EFFECTIVENESS INDICATORS	
					€/m³	€/lit/sec
IRRIGATION ASSISTANCE						
	21	411	16,938	0.54	0.02	766
7,000-10,000 m3/ha	1	70	586	0.02	0.03	1,077
5,000-7,000 m3/ha	3	60	1,561	0.05	0.04	1,212
	19	384	1,620	0.05	0.24	7,475
Less than 1,000 m3/ha	1	70	81	0.003	0.25	7,755
WSP (WATER SAVING PROGRAM)						
	21	1,234	16,938	0.54	0.07	2,297
7,000-10,000 m3/ha	1	60	586	0.02	0.10	3,231
	3	180	1,561	0.05	0.12	3,635
	19	1,152	1,620	0.05	0.71	23,266
Less than 1,000 m3/ha	1	60	81	0.003	0.74	22,425
EFFICIENCY IN CHANNELS	45	7,704	53,189	1.69	0.14	4,568
CHANGE OF DISTRIBUTION	45	10,859	66,062	2.09	0.16	5,184
CHANGE IN IRRIGATION TECHNOLOGY	26	5,141	66,062	2.09	0.08	2,454
CHANGE OF DISTRIBUTION + IRRIGATION TECHNOLOGY	26	11,342	110,720	3.51	0.1	3,230

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## [ii] Cost-effectiveness indicators of water saving measures in urban areas



Measure	Maximum Water Saving	AEC €	AEC/M <sup>3</sup>	Maximum Flow Increase lt/sec	AEC/Lt/s
1. New abstractions	1,000,000	100,000	0.100	31.7	6,307
2. Water imports	Unlimited		0.224	Unlimited	7,560
3. Efficiency in distrib. network	895,258	58,072	0.260	11.1	5,232
4. Instalation of meters	88,989	25,376	0.280	2.8	8,993
5. Saving campaign consumers	163,820	17,744	0.170	3.3	5,390
7. Saving program households	136,330	20,805	0.150	4.3	4,813
8. Saving program firms	48,589	5,201	0.110	1.5	3,376
9. Saving program institutions	27,822	5,300	0.190	0.9	5,896
10. Water recycling	350,000	92,855	0.260	11.1	8,367

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## Cost-Eft. Ind. / Quality measures (NO<sub>3</sub>) - Stretch I



Stretch I	NO <sub>3</sub> Initial Concentration (mg/l): 35.61	Individual Efficiency (mgNO <sub>3</sub> / l)	AEC (€)	AEC/ Saved unit (€/mg/l)
Relative contribution	Measures			
0.25 cattle-raising	Quality control on cattle wastewater points	0.88	6,010	6,836
0.25 agric.	Quality control on drainage net	0.88	6,010	6,836
0.25 agric.	Contamination reduction Programme	1.76	15,020	8,543
0.25 gan.	Cattle wastewater control	2.2	24,040	10,938
0.25 agric.	Good Practices Campaign	1.32	18,030	13,673
1	River bank restoration	4.07	138,868	34,109
0.25 cattle-raising	Cattle wastewater treatment	8.7	345,247	39,690
0.5 urb.	New wastewater treatment plant	0.35	20,807	59,170

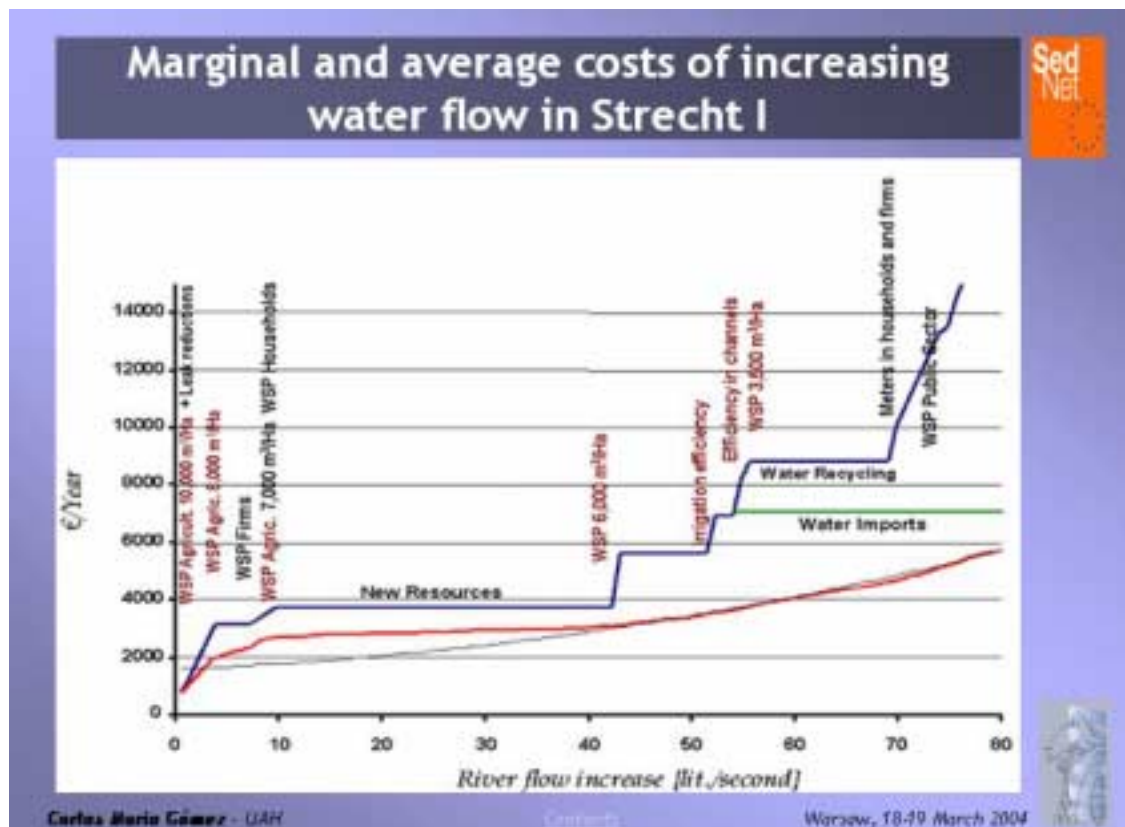
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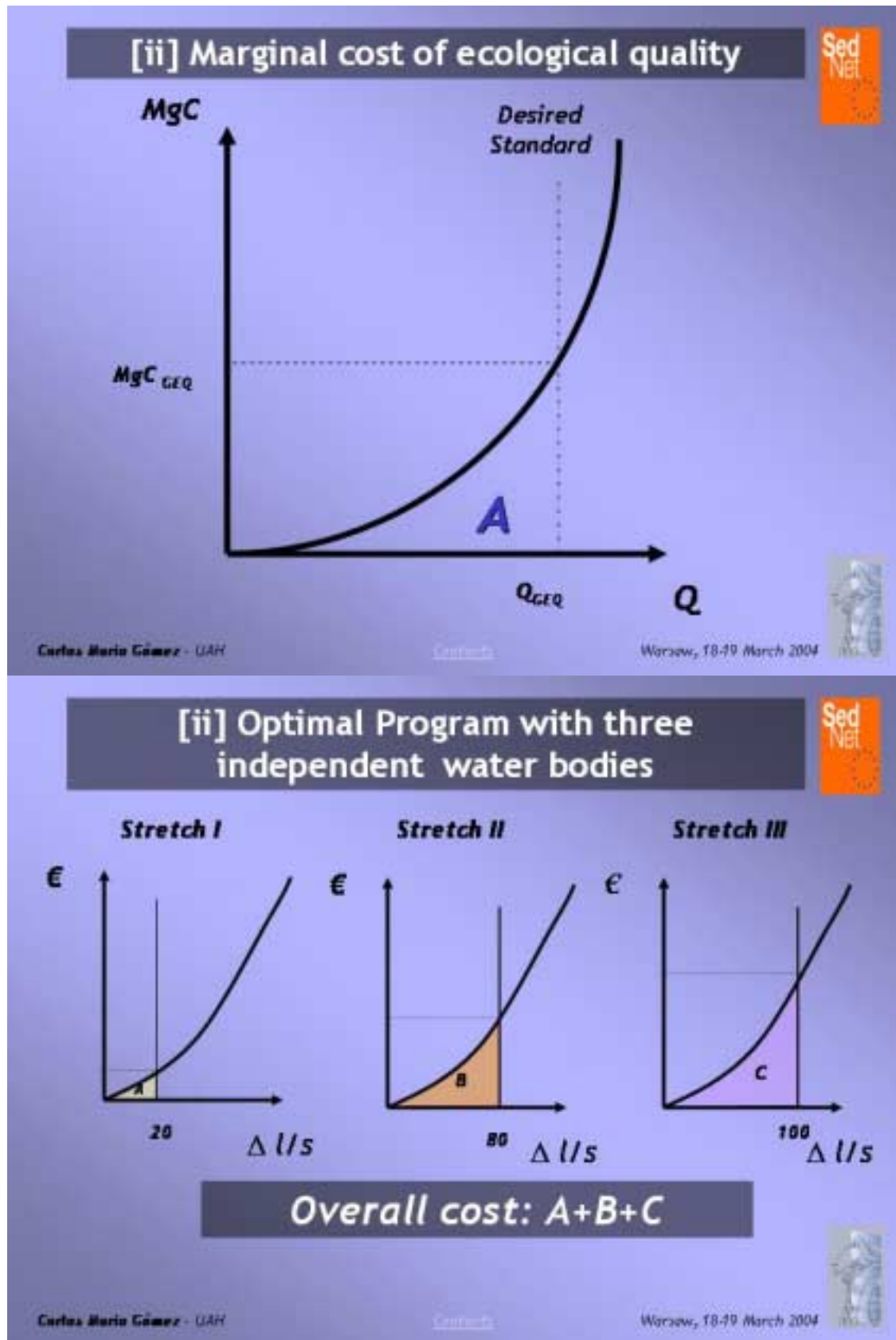
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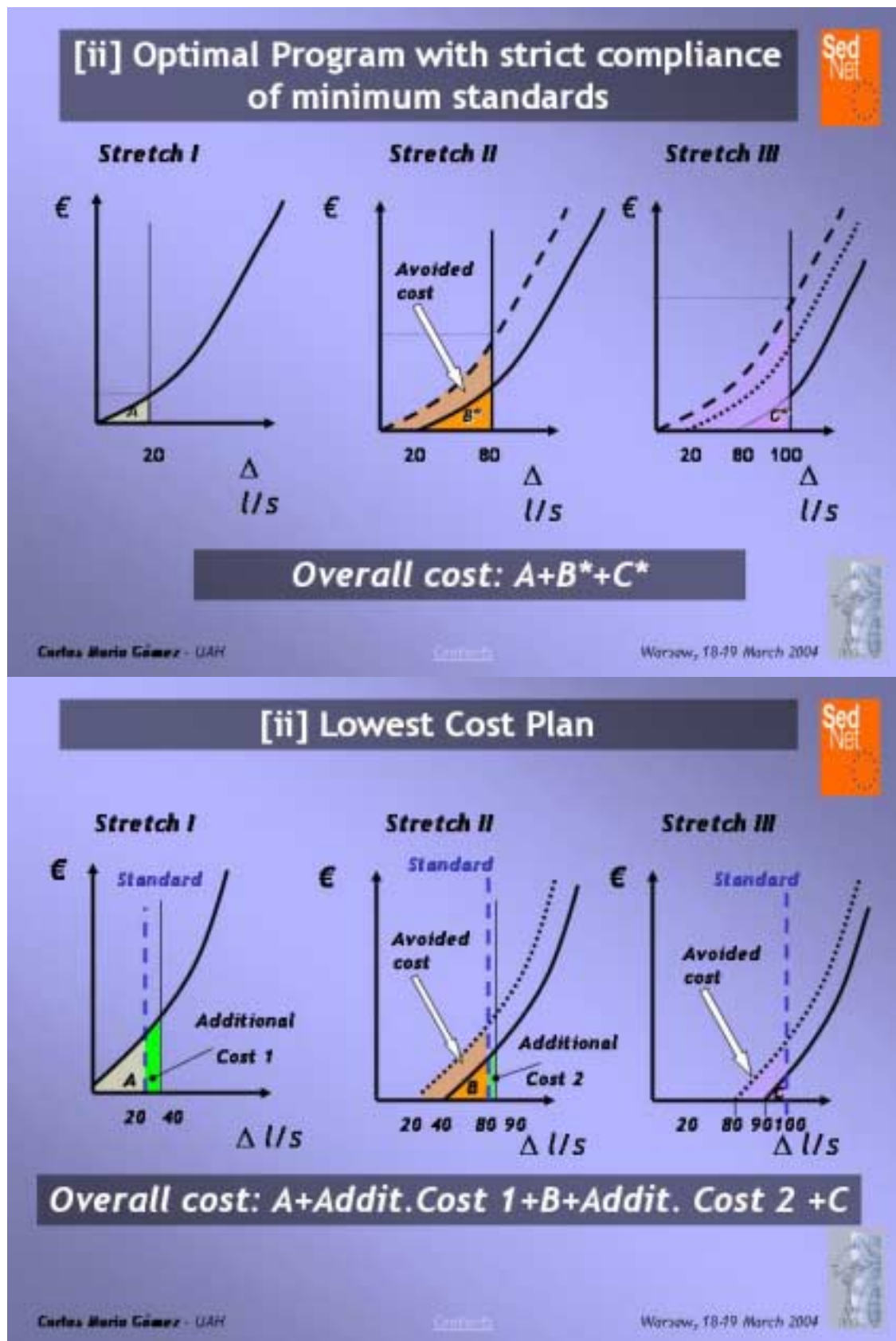
### Cost-effectiveness analysis in linked water bodies

*"Improving quality in one stretch reduces total compliance costs"*

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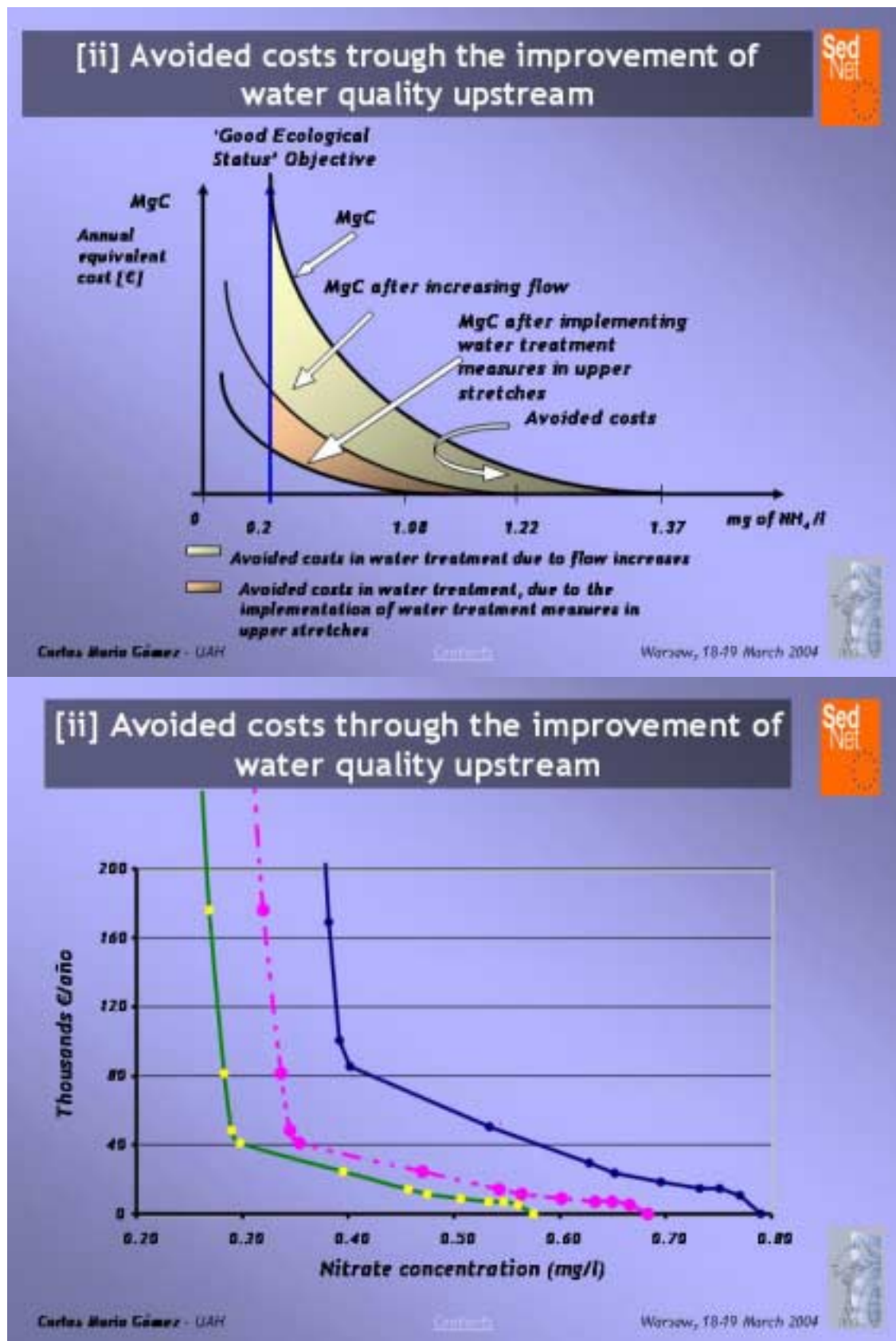
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## [ii] River Basin Management Plan - Quantity and ecological measures



Streight I		Streight II		Streight III	
Measures	Cost	Measures	Cost	Measures	Cost
Irrigation Assistance		Irrigation Assistance		River bank rest. 138.868	
5.000-7.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	60	5.000-10.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	740		
7.000-10.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	20	1.600-5.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	420		
>10.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	411	>10.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	1.660		
< 1.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	20	1.000-1.200 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	2.320		
1.000-5.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	384	1.200-1.600 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	24.340		
Water Saving Program		Water Saving Program			
5.000-7.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	180	5.000-10.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	2.220		
7.000-10.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	60	>10.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	4.980		
>10.000 m <sup>3</sup> /ha	1.234	River bank restoration	111.094		
Channel Substitut. +Irrigation Techn.	11.342				
New abstractions	100.000				
Water imports	22.400				
Efficiency distribution networks	158.320				
Meters instalation	25.376				
Consumers saving campaign	17.744				
Households Saving Program	20.806				
Firms Saving Program	5.201				
Institution Saving Program	5.201				
River bank restoration	64.805				

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## River Basin Management Plan - Quality measures



Sector	Measures	Cost (€)
Urban	Control	4.380
Urban	New wastewater treatment plant	28.552
Urban	Advanced technologies for waste water treatment	205.167
Urban	Cattle wastewater control	24.649
Urban	Quality control on cattle wastewater points	6.010
Cattle raising	Cattle wastewater treatment	346.000

## River Basin Management Plan - Financial instruments

% Cost recovery		
100%	Agricultural tariffs increase (€/m <sup>3</sup> )	0,05
100%	Water supply tariff increase (€/m <sup>3</sup> )	0,27
100%	Cattle wastewater treatment tariff (€/m <sup>3</sup> )	5,2
100%	Households wastewater treatment tariff (€/m <sup>3</sup> )	0,17
100%	Industrial wastewater treatment tariff(€/m <sup>3</sup> )	0,18

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## EXAMPLE 4:

# *Incorporation of environmental impacts*

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### [iii] Deciding with limited information

**If there is no reliable monetary data:**  
describe the environmental impact and temporarily ignore the environmental cost

**Cost Effectiveness Appraisal**

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**Lowest Cost Policy Package**

Benefit transfer  
Avoided Costs  
Full cost of water services

**Estimate *threshold values***

**Information from *secondary sources***

**Sensitivity Analysis**

**May the cost value change the RBMP?**

Is the potential cost saved in the RBMP high enough?

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**Conduct a *valuation study***

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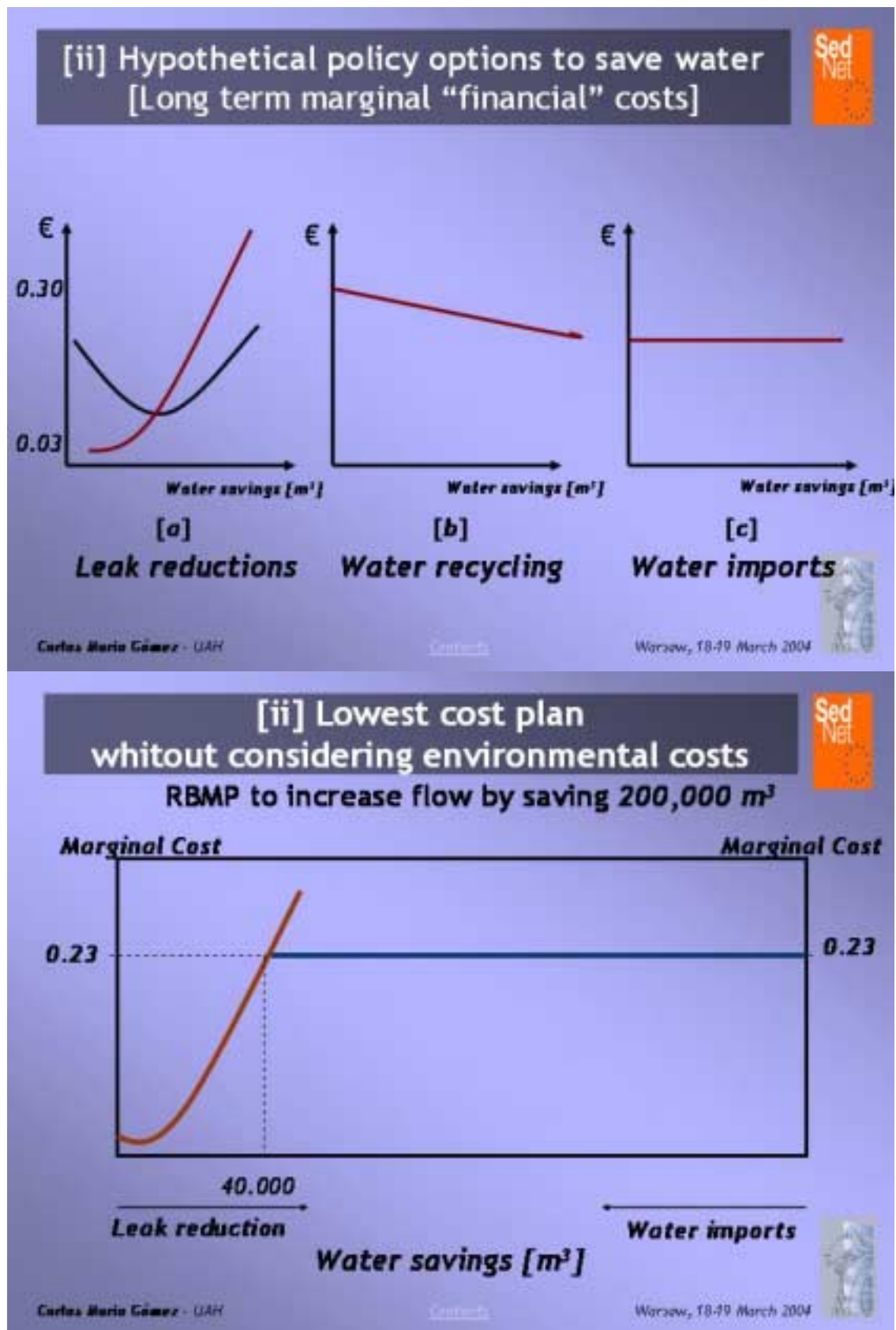
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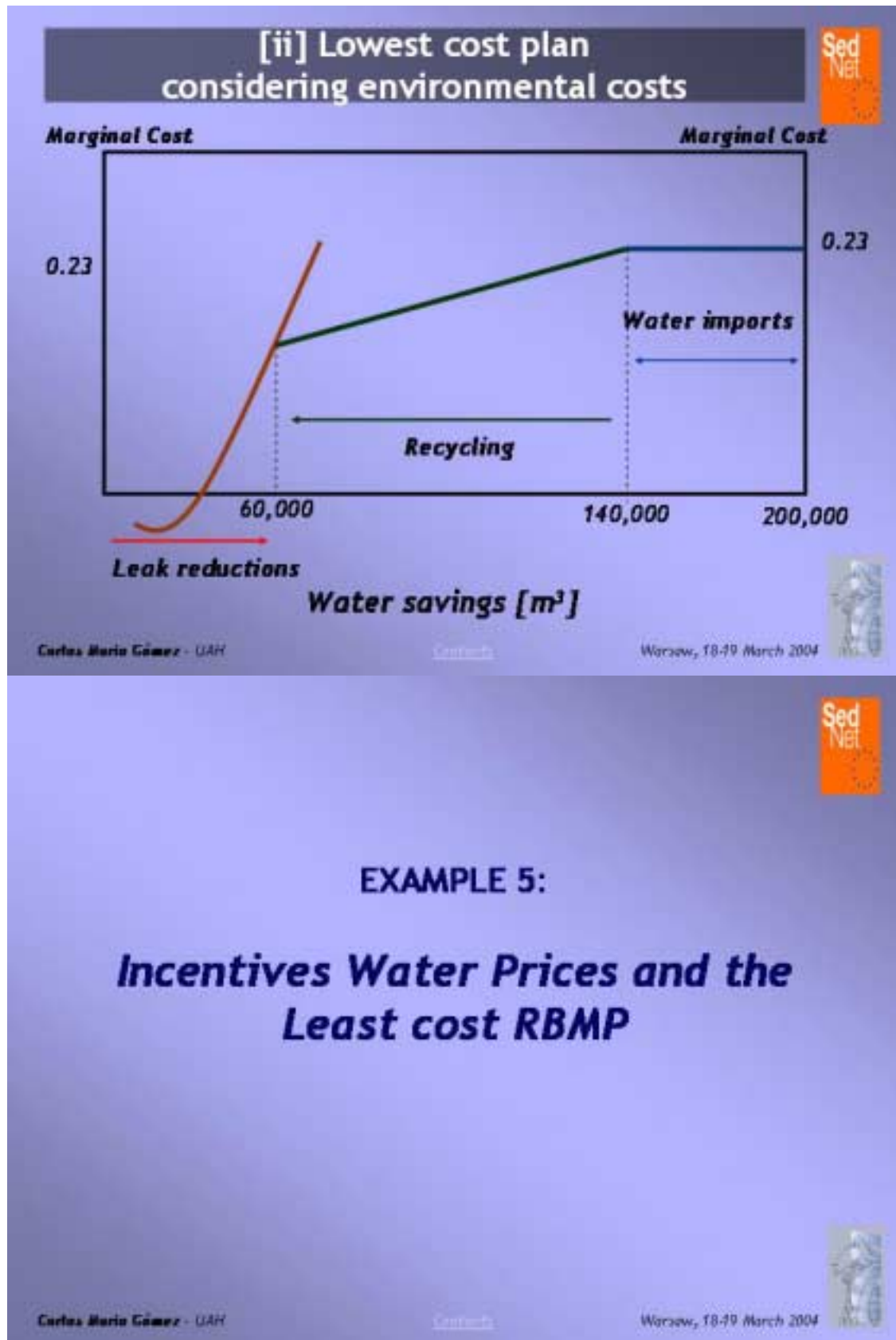
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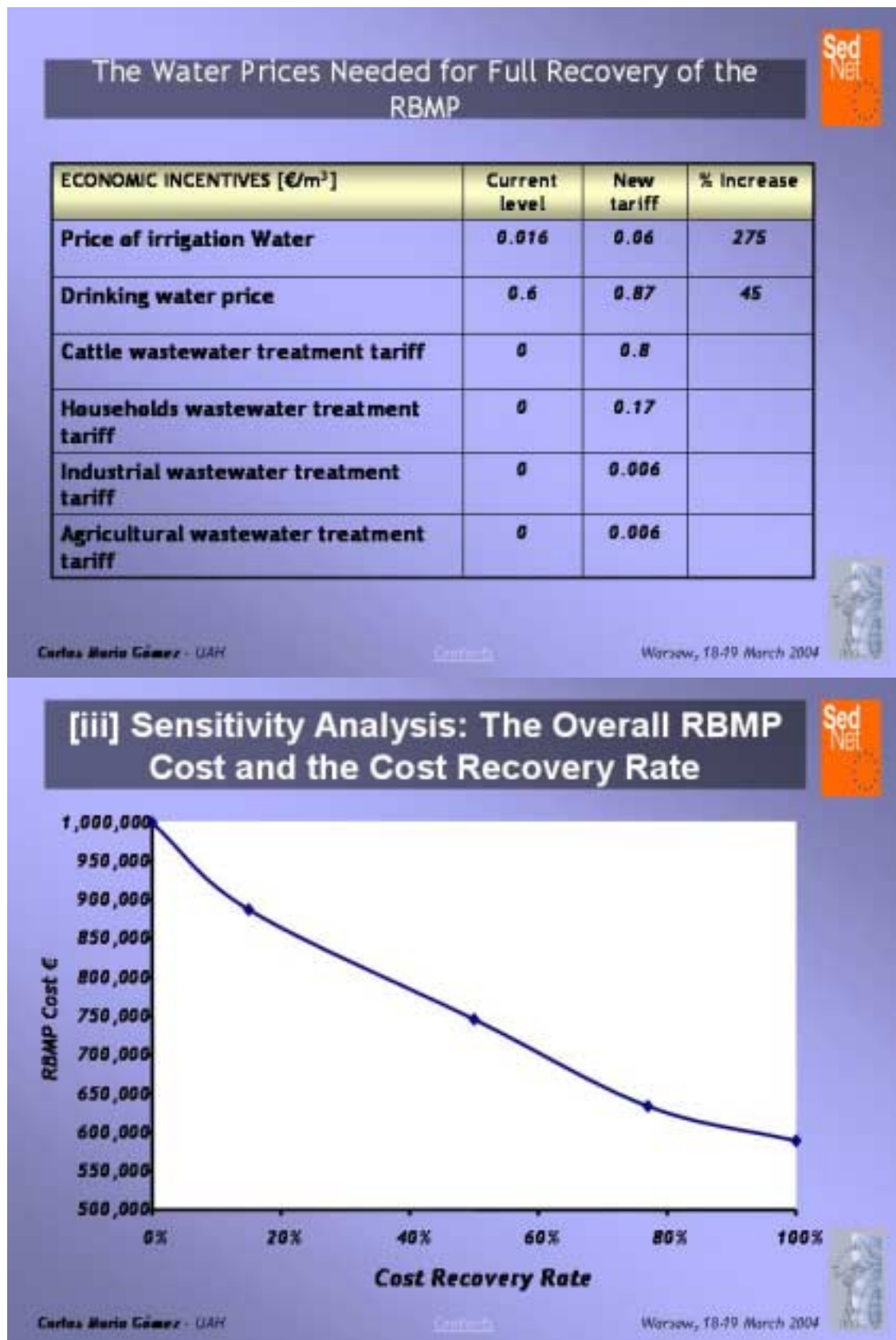
**RBMP**

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### [iii] Cost benefit analysis [Stakeholder analysis]



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### [i] Environmental impacts and their relevance to the overall decision-making process



	Type	Relevant for	Valuation best at
<b>A</b>	External costs or benefits associated with the ecological status of the river basin	Consultation and agreement on RBMP	- CBA - Derogation analysis - Stakeholder analysis
<b>B</b>	External costs or benefits associated to implemented measures to achieve the ecological status of the river basin.	Measure appraisal	- Estimation of cost effectiveness indicators [CEI]; - Order different measures according to CEI.
<b>C</b>	Environmental costs and benefits internalised within the river management plan.	Evaluating costs of alternative RBMP.	- CEA decisions at the basin level

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