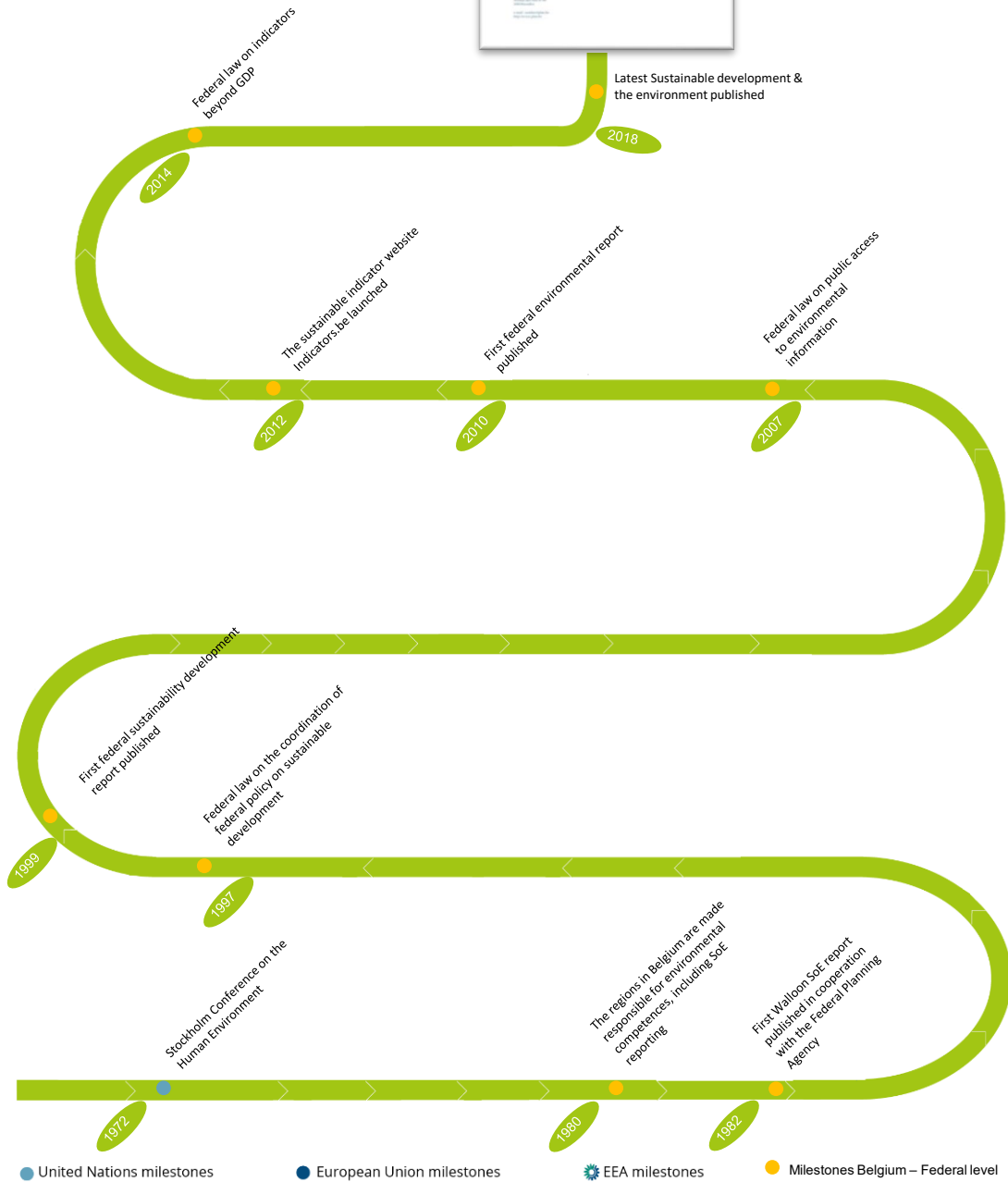


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STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORTING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL





State of the environment tools and building blocks

TOPICS COVERED

Themes

- North Sea
- Air
- Climate
- Biodiversity
- Public procurement
- Enforcement
- Health
- Production and consumption patterns
- Sustainability

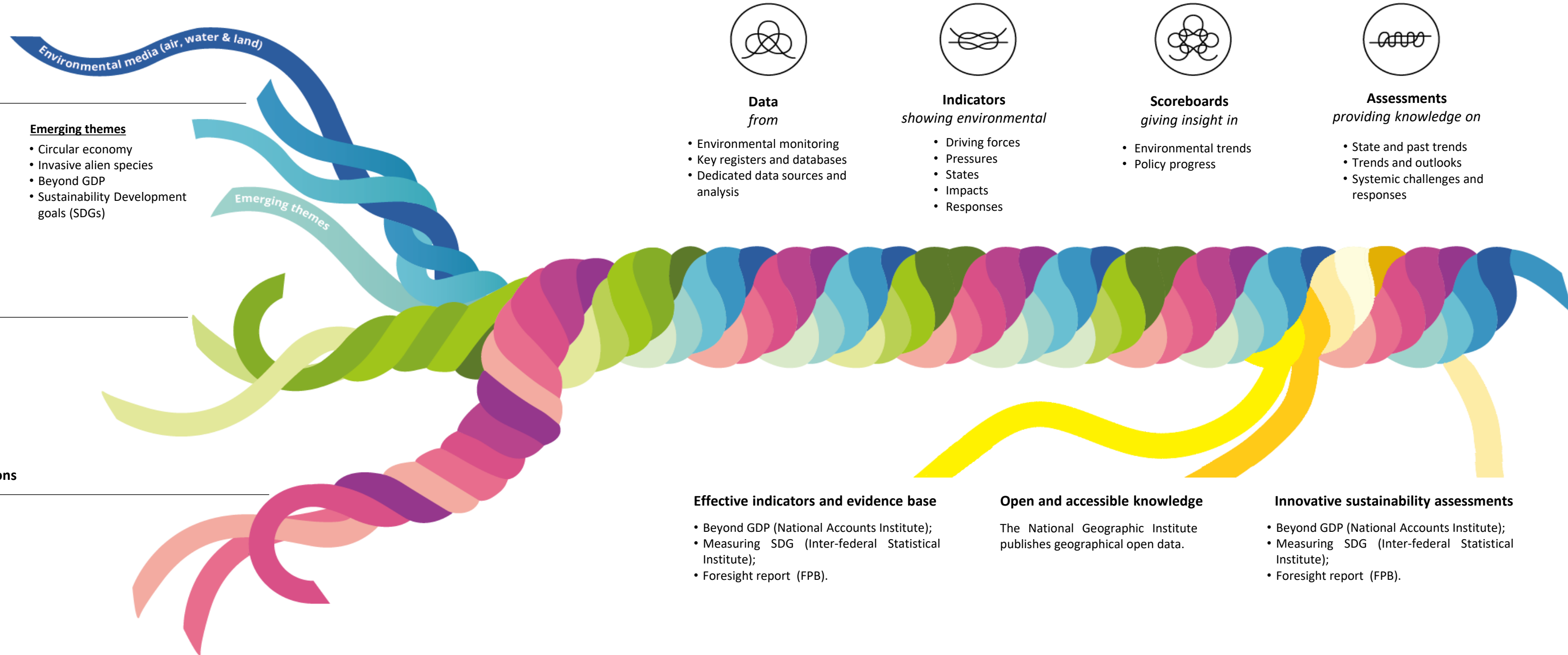
Emerging themes

- Circular economy
- Invasive alien species
- Beyond GDP
- Sustainability Development goals (SDGs)

Sectors

- Transports
- Energy (incl. nuclear)
- Agriculture-Food

Systems and Sustainability transitions



Advances in national state of the environment reporting

State of the Environment reporting in Belgium at the federal level Information and knowledge for a sustainable environment

In Belgium the main reporting on the SoE is done at regional level, with the exception of reports on the state of the North Sea under Belgian jurisdiction which are made by several federal administrations with the scientific help of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Department Natural Environment, the Flanders Institute for Agriculture and Fisheries; the Flanders Institute for Nature and Forest Research and the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain. These reports on the SoE are made in compliance with the Marine Strategic Framework Directive, they also constitute the first part of the Federal report on the Environment. The second part is a description, analysis and evaluation of environmental policies or impact on the environment for all federal competences. The first edition was published in 2010, the third edition will be published in the summer of 2019, this report is coordinated by the Federal Public Service Health and Environment.

Besides these environmental reports, important reporting is done on Sustainable Development. Since 1998, the Federal Planning Bureau (FPB) has published 8 federal reports on SD. The next report will be published mid-2019. Federal reports cover alternatively two main subjects:

- An assessment report: the assessment and evaluation of the existing situation and of existing policies. One of the main tools used in these assessment reports is the set of SD indicators developed at the FPB.
- A foresight report: a description of expected developments, both with unchanged policies and with new policies aiming at achieving the SDGs.

The National Accounts Institute is also in charge of reporting on 'indicators beyond GDP'.