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# Environmental policy in the last 20 years in Hungary

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# Beginning of 1990's : system change

## Changes in the environmental field

- Regulation
- Programme development
- Governmental and non-governmental organisations
- International co-operation



## Well documented analysis from this era

- Environmental pollution issues – environment is a key concern
- Good practices of the developed countries
- Preparation of the accession to the Euro-Atlantic organisations
- Activities of the NGOs

# History of the Environmental Policy



## I. Milestones in the field of environmental planning

- Governmental institutions
- Legal instruments
- Programme development

## II. International issues influencing the environment

## III. Recommendations of Former OECD Environmental Performance Reviews



European Environment Agency



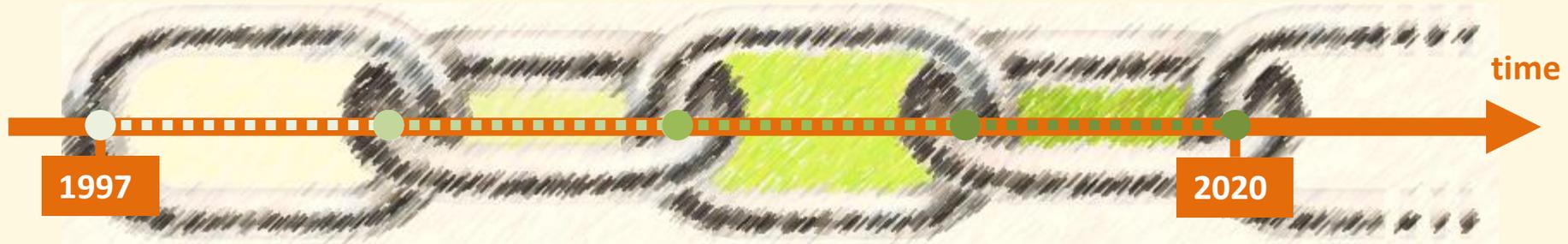
# Continuous Environmental Policy Planning

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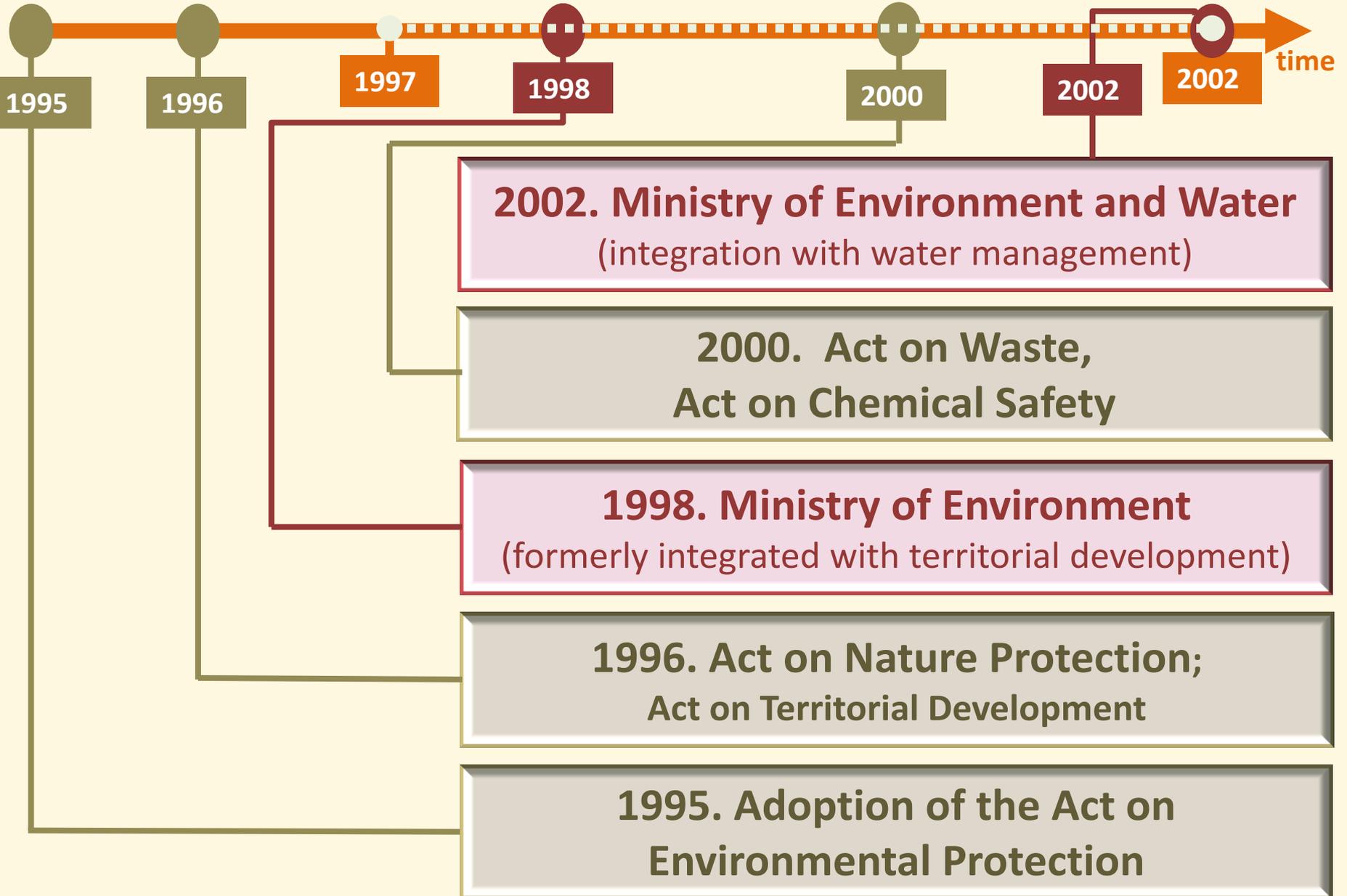
- The framework of environmental policy planning: six years term National Environmental Programmes since 1997
- Legal base: **Act on Environmental Protection** (LIII of 1995)
- They analyse the **complex system of the society, economy and environment**
- Obligatory part: **National Nature Conservation Plan**

# 1st National Environmental Programme (1997-2002)

**1. NEP** - after the system change taking stock of the problems and tasks; it defined the objectives of the Hungarian environmental policy and it was the basis of inter-sectoral co-operation



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**2000. First OECD Environmental Performance Review of Hungary**

**2000. Cyanide pollution of the Tisza River** – As an impact of this the Directive on environmental liability and the Directive on Mining Waste was adopted

**2000. ISPA programme**  
Accession of Hungary to the **European Environmental Agency**

**1998. Starting of the EU accession negotiations**  
environmental conditions– National Programme for the transposition of the EU Acquis

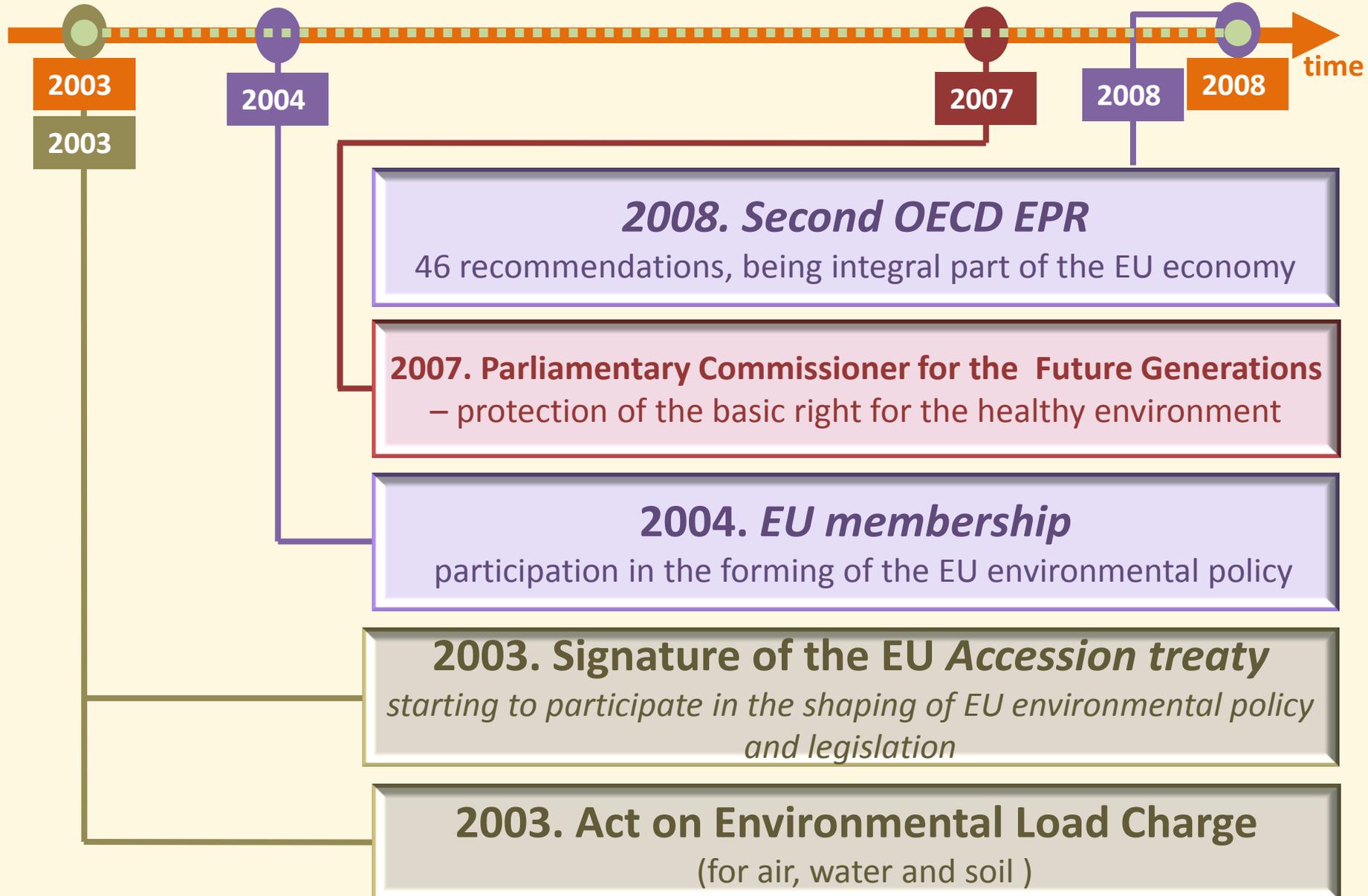
**1996. OECD membership**  
environmental policy is one of the most important field of co-operation

# 2nd National Environmental Programme (2003-2008)

**2. NEP** – *Sustainability principle*; preparation to the EU-accession – fulfilment of the environmental conditions; Thematic Action Programmes: areas requiring special treatment; encouraging the greening of other sectors; influence on the development policy

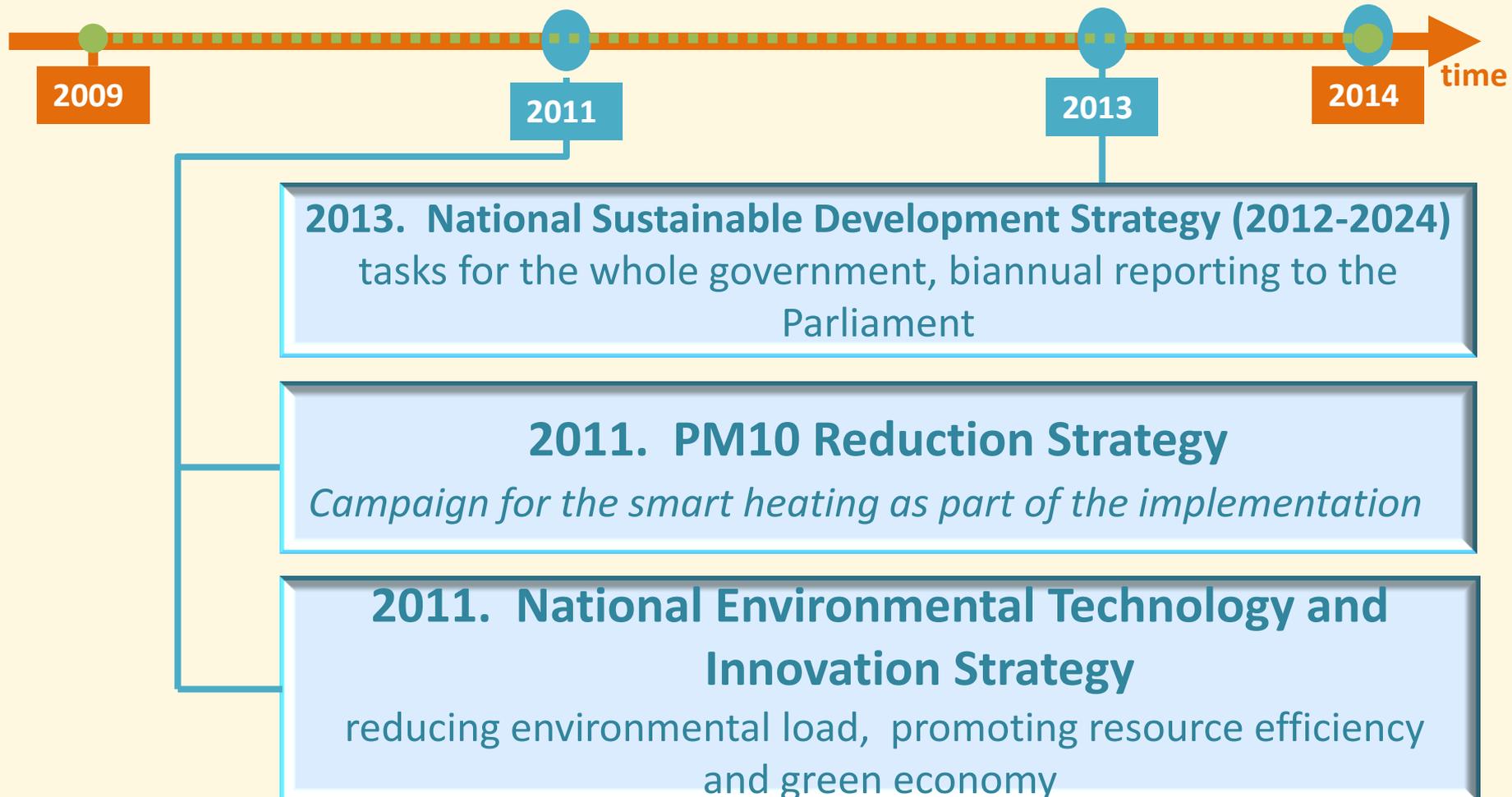


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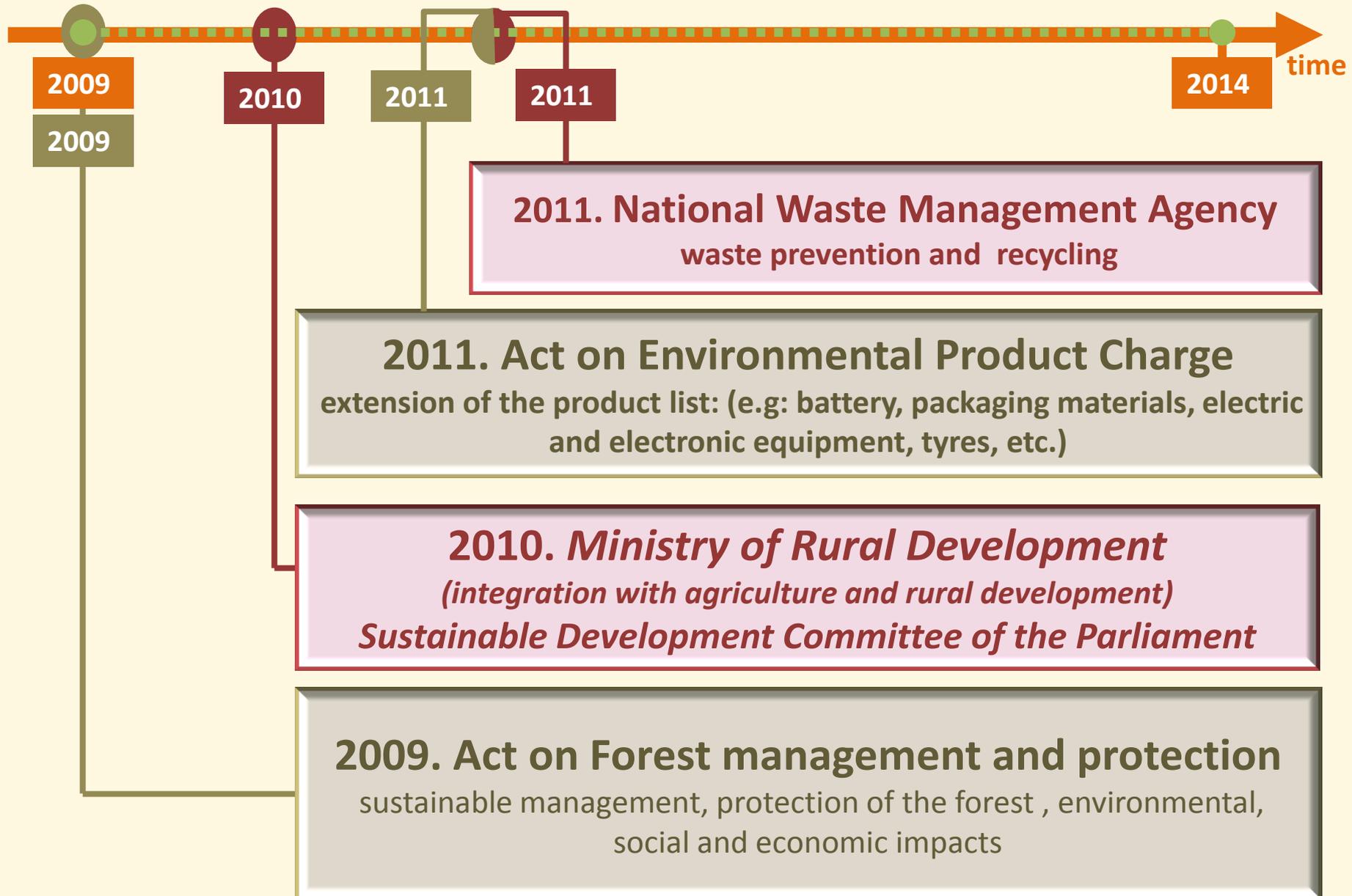


# 3rd National Environmental Programme (2009-2014)

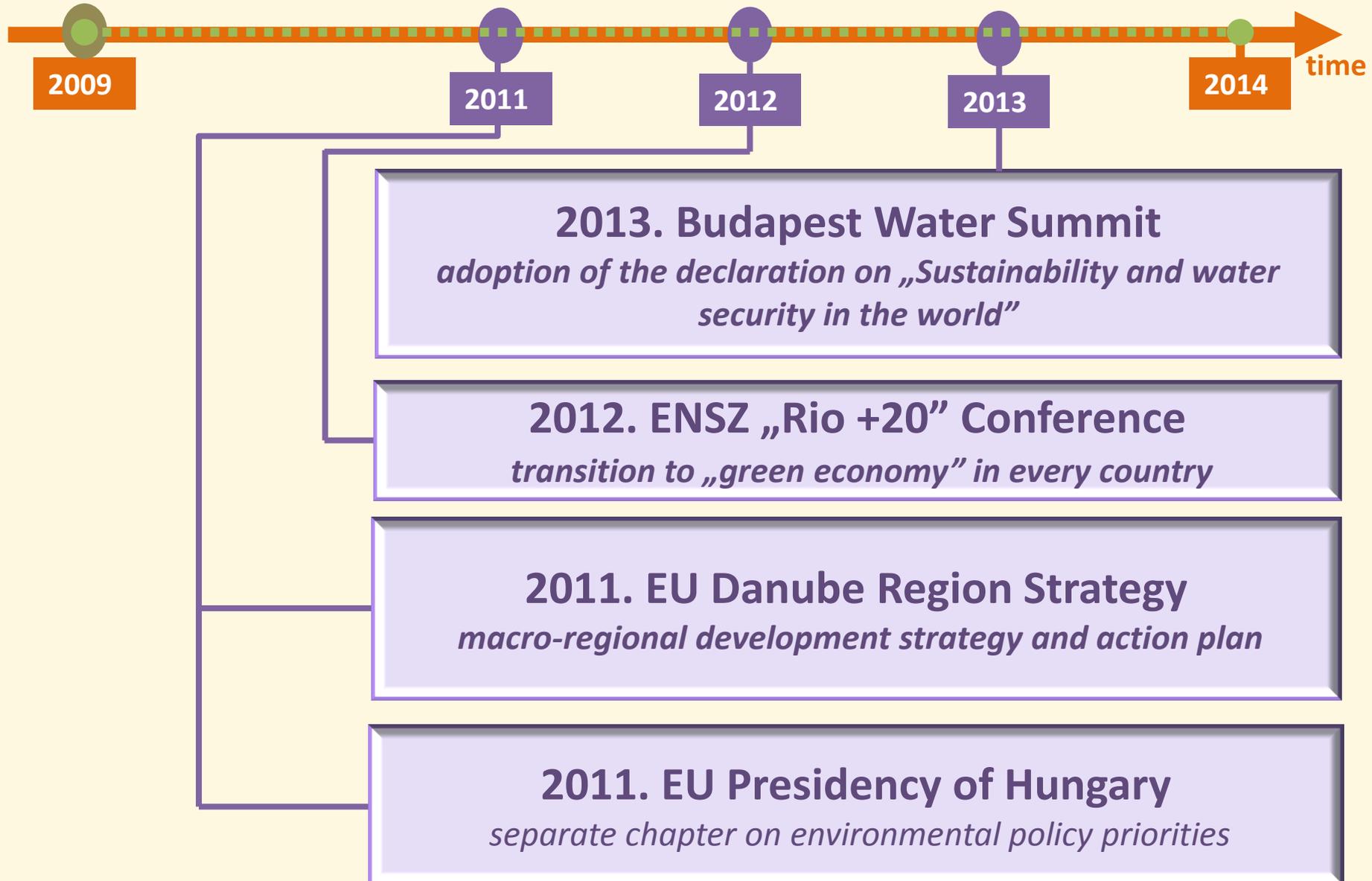
3. *NEP* – framework of the environmental protection objectives and tasks, shift to the sustainable development pathway



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# 4th National Environmental Programme (2015-2020)

## 4. NEP – Strategic objectives:

Improving the quality of life and the environmental conditions of human health.

Protection of natural values and resources and their sustainable use.

Improving resource efficiency and making steps toward a green economy



# 4th National Environmental Programme (2015-2020)



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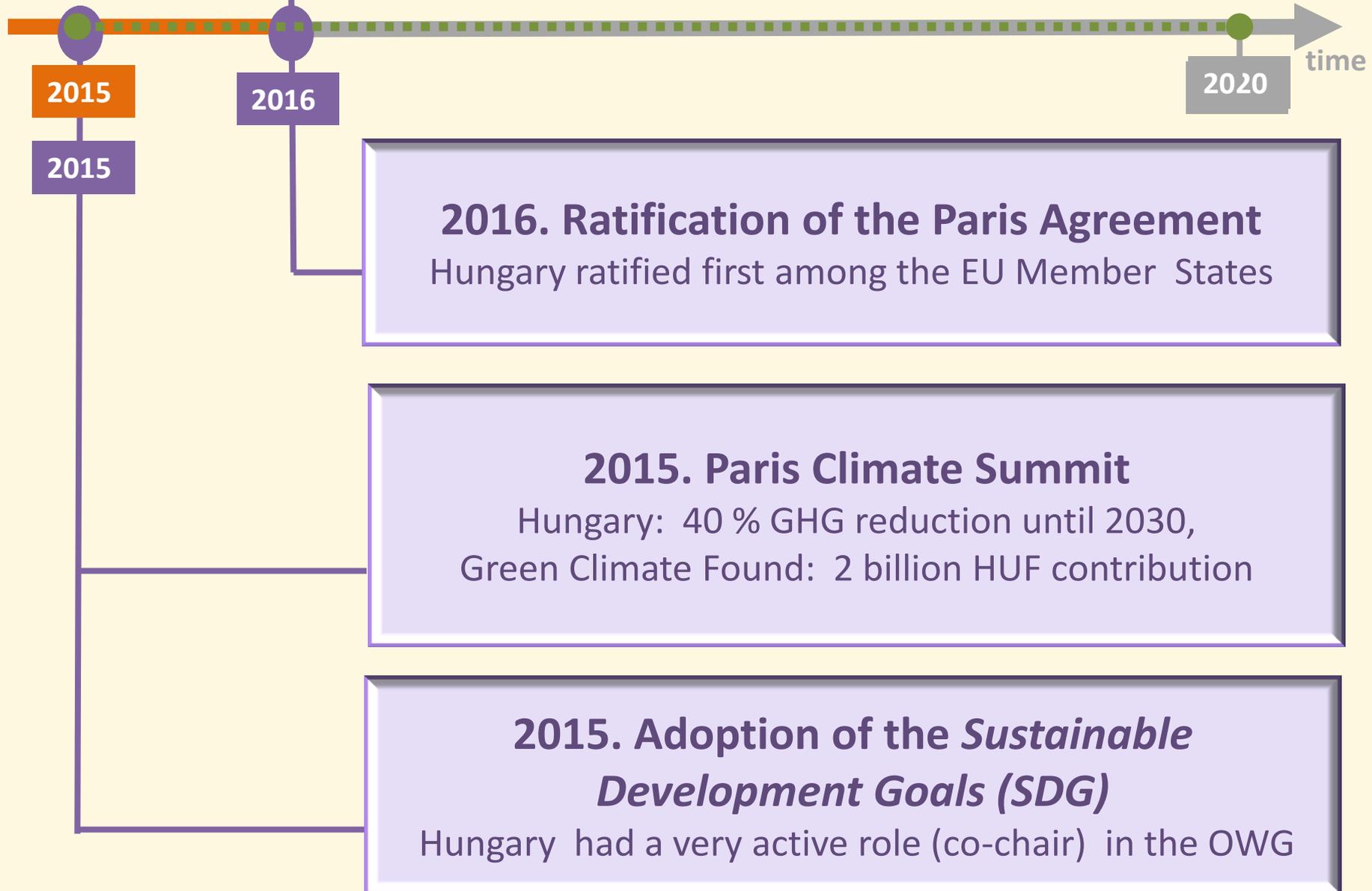
**2015. Sustainability Directorate of the President's Office**

**2015. National Waste Management Directorate** of the Environmental and Nature Protection Chief Inspectorate;  
**Integration of the Inspectorates** into the Government's Offices

**2015. Ratification of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol** (Act. LIX of 2015)

**2015. Act on Energy Efficiency**

# 4th National Environmental Programme (2015-2020)



# Conclusions

- From a sectoral towards an integrated environmental policy planning
- Environmental policy is the basis for development policy
- **Diverse environmental institutional system**
- Complex legal framework

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