

# Water JPI Third Alignment Workshop

Mirror Group Survey

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# Mirror Group Case Study

## Definition

National group set up to:

- Disseminate/coordinate water research-related activities at national level and
- Report back on Water JPI activities and coordinate the national contribution to these activities

## Aim of this case-study:

- To assess the added value of having a national Mirror Group to encourage alignment with & active participation in the Water JPI activities

## Who?

- *France, Finland, **Ireland**, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdom*

# Survey

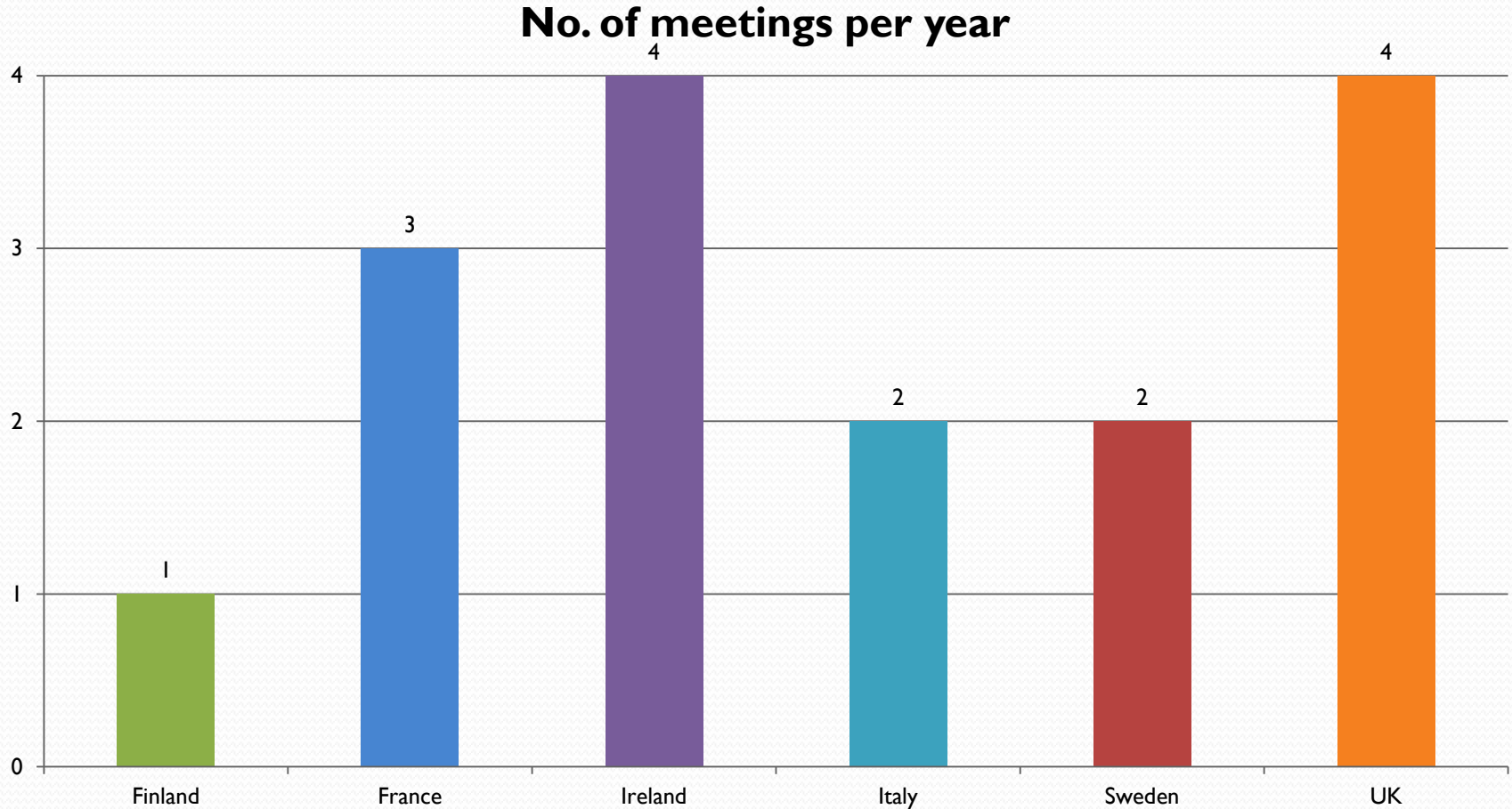
- Mirror Group Description
- Mirror Group Role
- Added value of the Mirror Group



# How was it set up?

Respondent Organisation	Response
Academy of Finland (Finland)	Group of stakeholders invited to AKA to discuss Finland's role in Water JPI
ANR (France)	By French GB Members, with the key actors at national level
Environmental Protection Agency (Ireland)	The EPA invited other relevant funders (i.e. funding Water Research in Ireland) to take part in a coordination group at national level for Water Research (remit of the EPA) - The membership was widen at a later stage to key stakeholders.
MIUR (Italy)	It was set up alongside the SC 5 national consultation board
Formas (Sweden)	Invitations sent to other authorities
Natural Environment Research Council Centre for Ecology and Hydrology(UK)	Superseded previous body (UK Water Research and Innovation Partnership)

# What is the frequency of Mirror Group meetings?



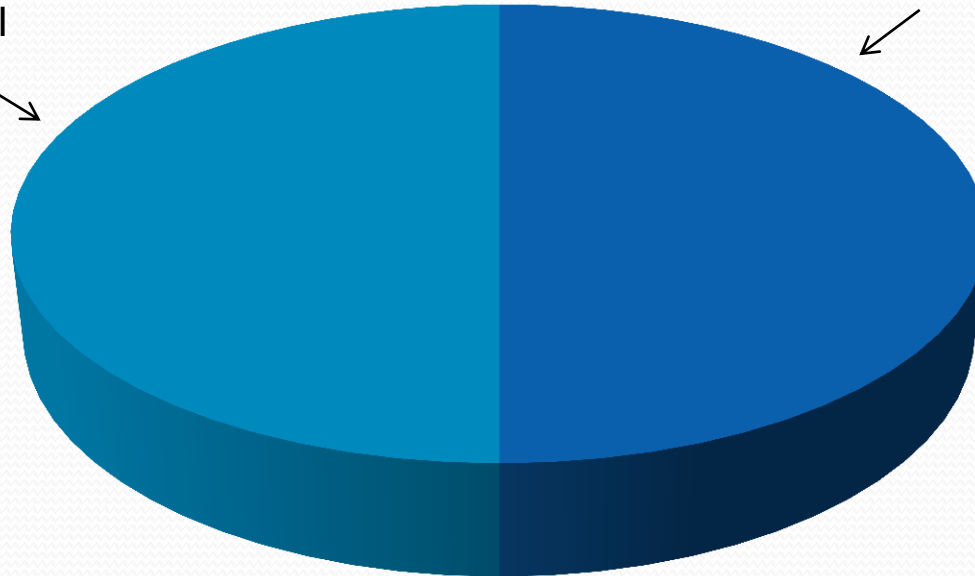
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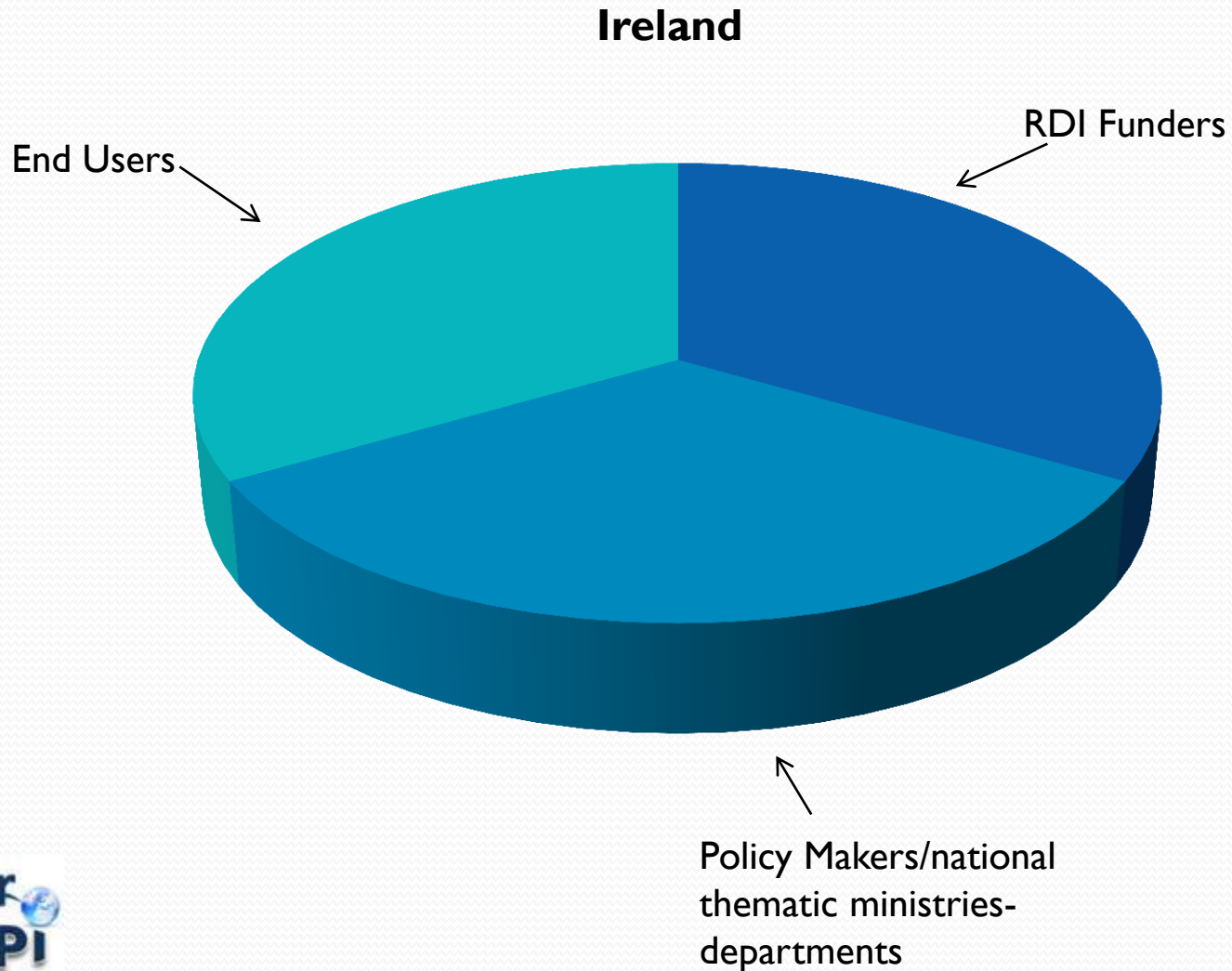
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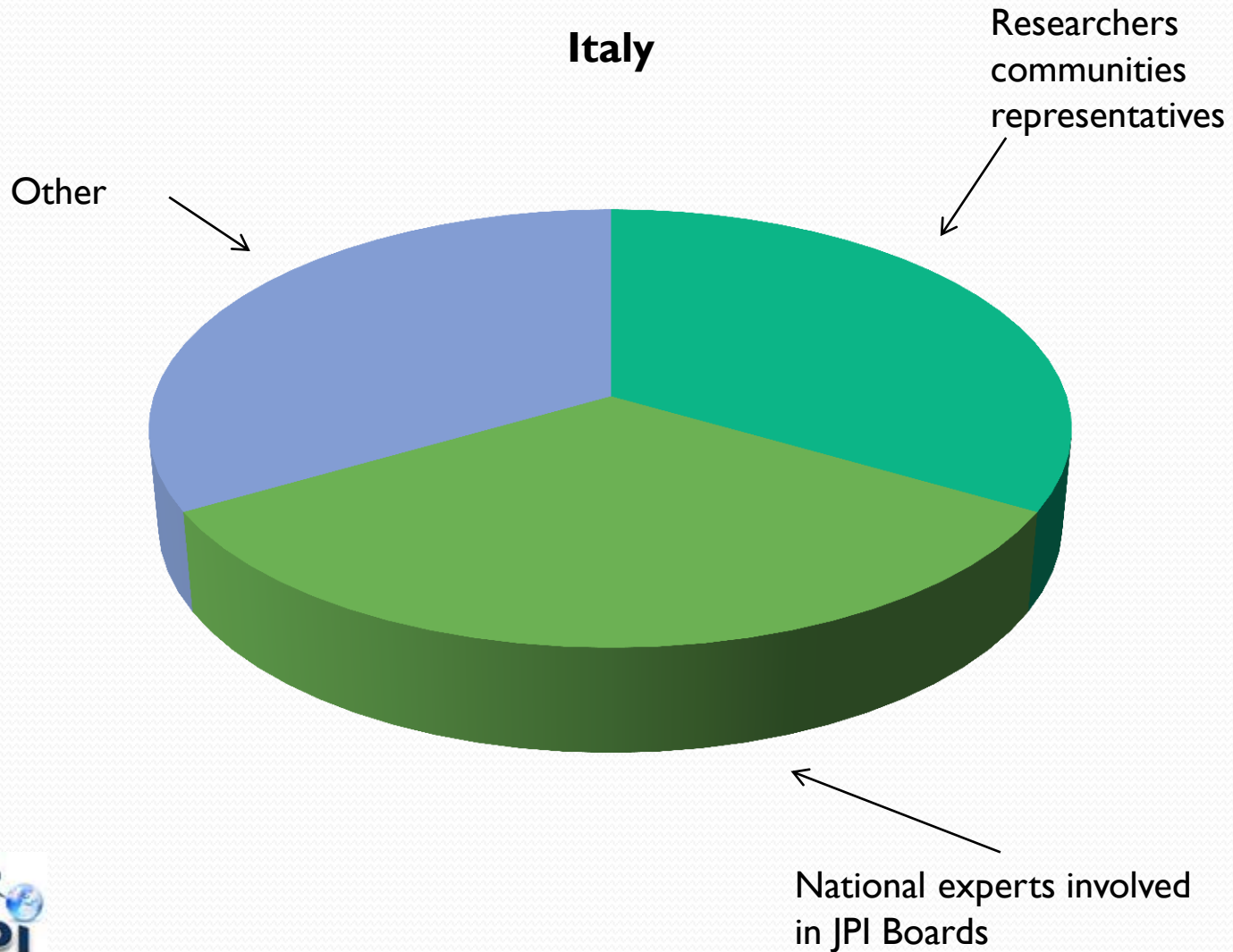
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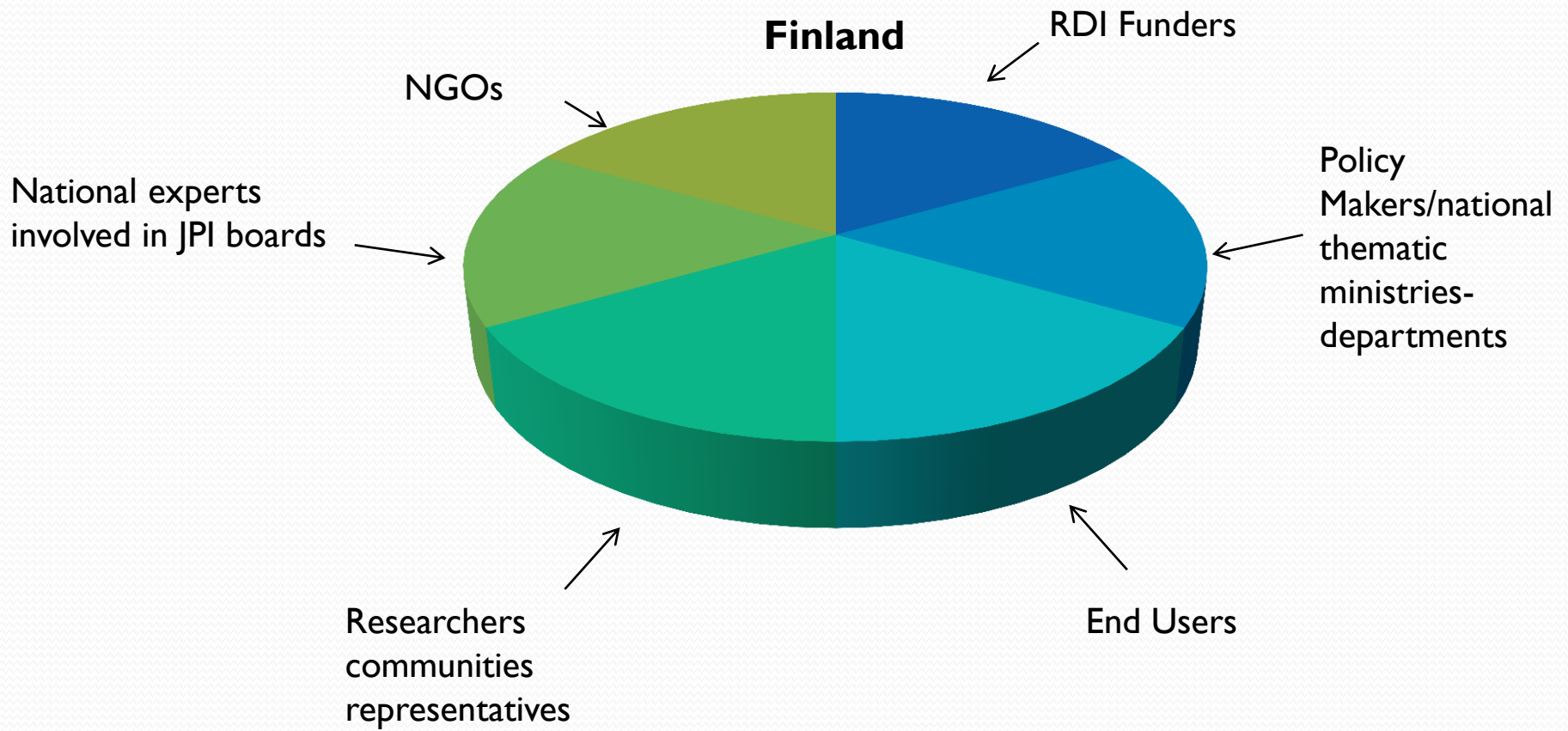


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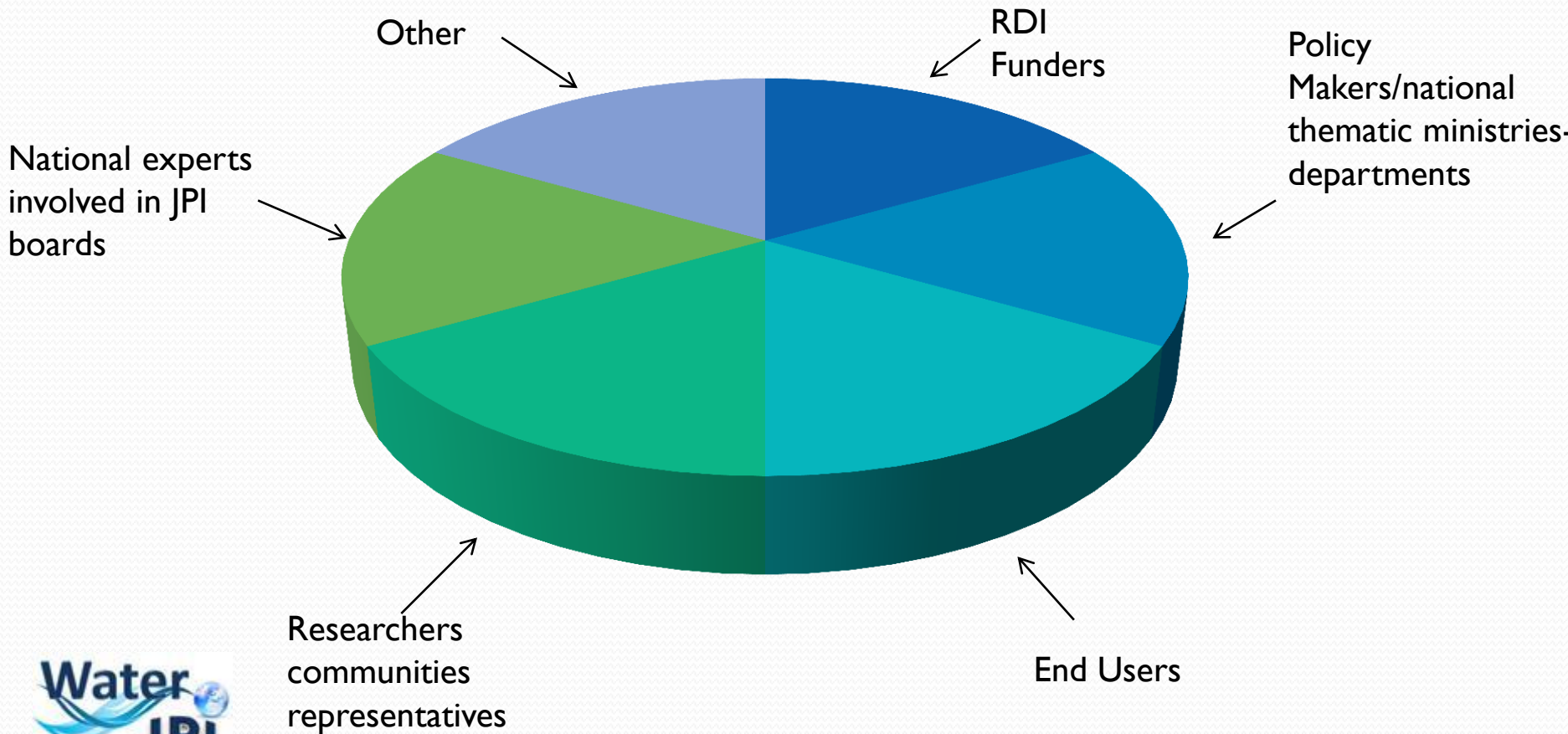


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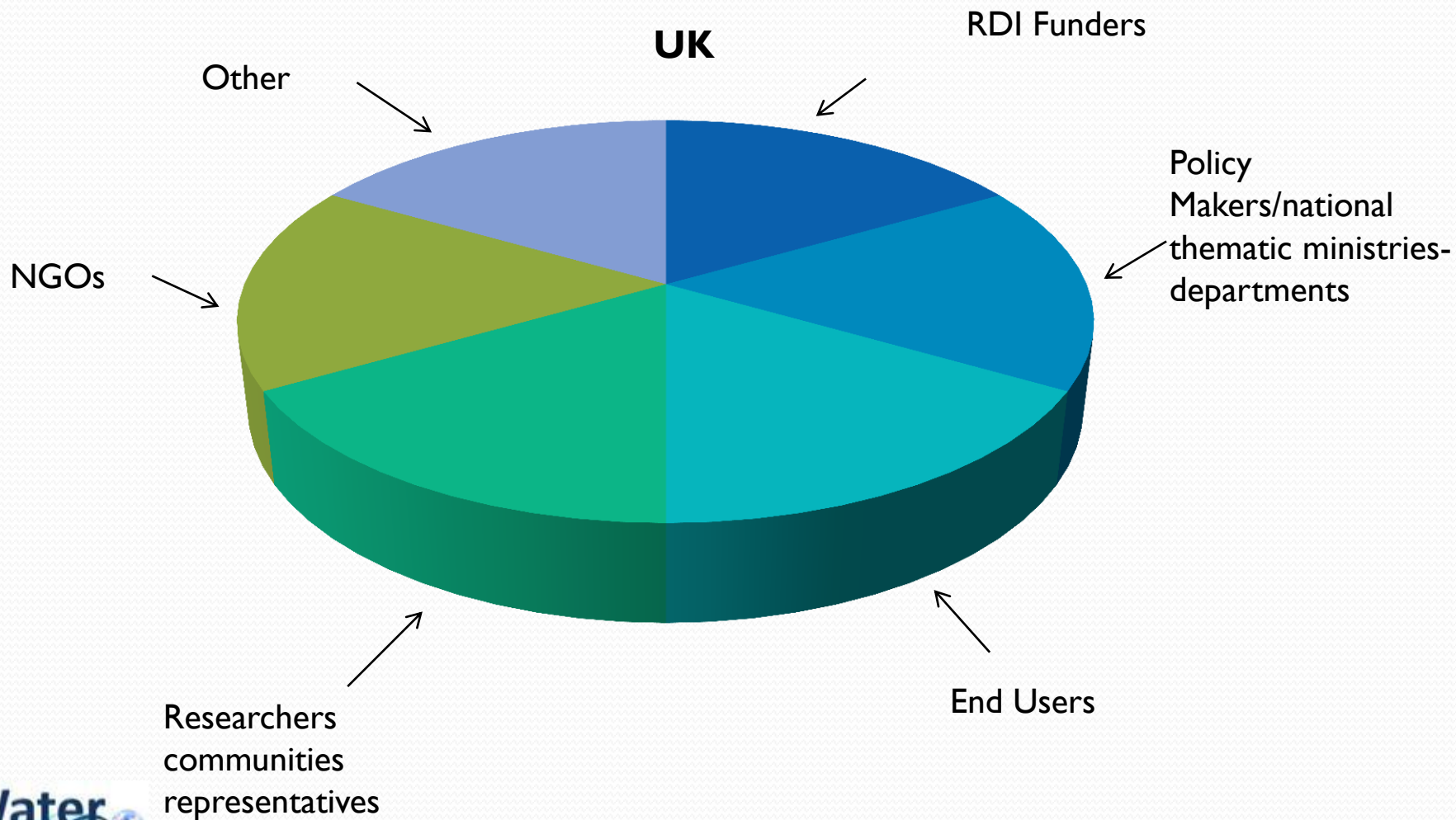


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# What is the main added value for the Water JPI, in having the Mirror Group meetings?

- Facilitates national commitment to Water JPI
- Dissemination, Synergies, Avoidance of duplication, Developing co-funding opportunities
- Discussion and sharing vision, focus topics, recent and upcoming activities and projects (at national and EU level)
- Creating the conditions for transferring cross-cutting input to Water JPI representative(s)
- Spread the international work that the Water JPI
- Adding European perspective, issues and priorities

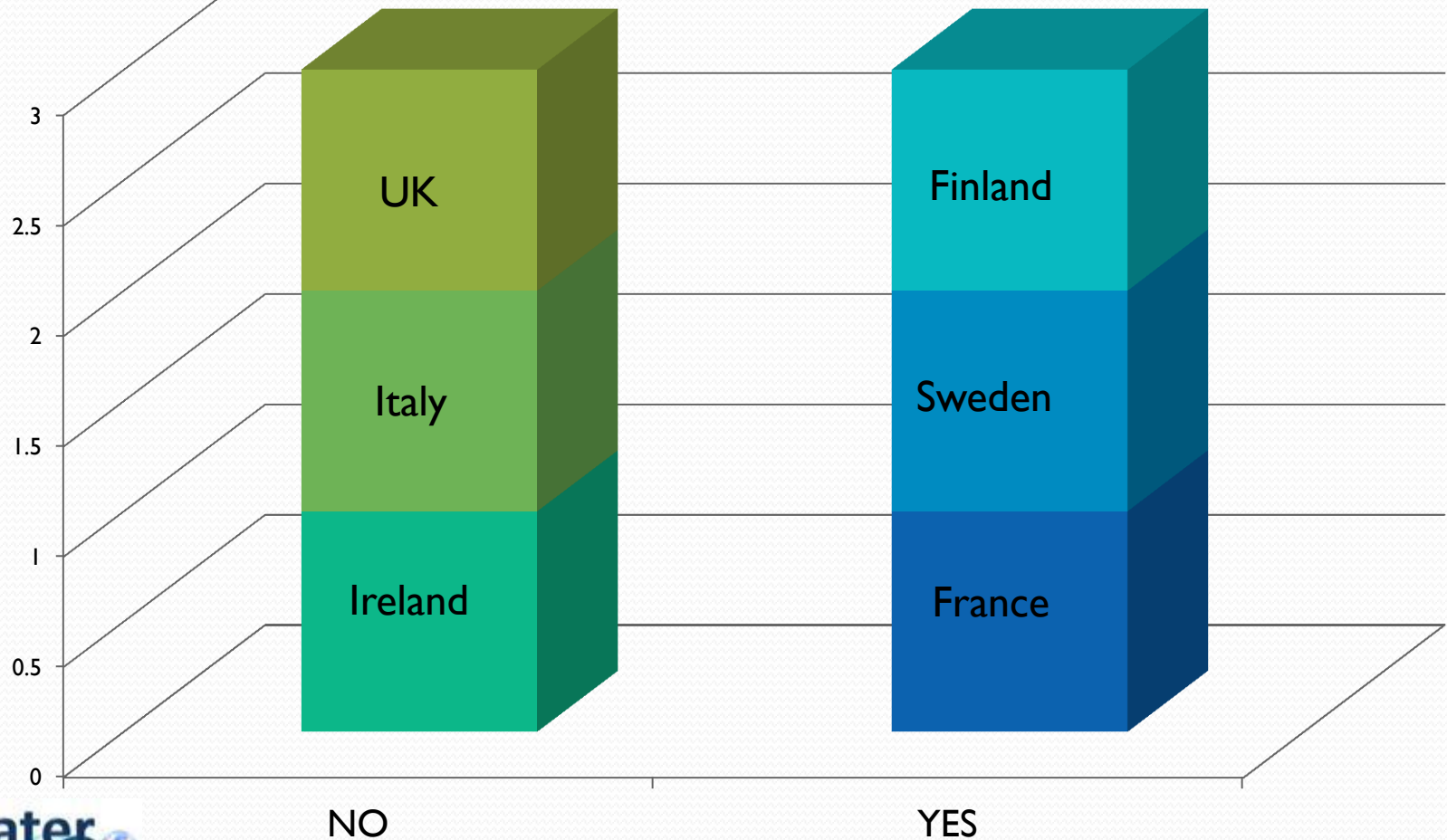
# What is the main added value for Mirror Group members, in having the Mirror Group meetings?

- Networking, impacting the SRIA and knowledge exchange
- Dissemination of information, possibility to participate in Water JPI activities, possibility to influence activities or strategy
- Being informed, contribution to activities, increased commitment
- Dissemination, Synergies, Avoidance of duplication, Developing co-funding opportunities
- Funding cycle planning
- Knowledge of JPI activities
- Receiving an overall vision of the EU-related water agenda/strategic plans gathered from the Water JPI perspectives,
- To get information on Water JPI activities and calls as well as supporting and giving input to the Water JPI work
- Knowledge exchange

# What is the role of the Mirror Group in the context of stakeholder involvement and engagement?

- The mirror group representatives are the relevant stakeholders.
- The stakeholder involvement was the first aim of the MG
- Identifying stakeholders needs, promoting actions for involving more, plan activities with them
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- Involving stakeholders priorities and needs, sharing information
  
- Limited/none
- Key stakeholders are represented in our Mirror Group. However, we would not see that engagement as such has been promoted by the current set-up of our group - rather better communication/dissemination
- It involves stakeholders when needed both to give information regarding WaterJPI and to get input from stakeholders and end-users to the waterJPI
- The Mirror Group offers opportunities to report RDI priorities, new initiatives and outcomes to wide range of stakeholders

# Was the Mirror Group set up specifically to facilitate Water JPI activities?



# In your view, does the Mirror Group facilitate alignment of national water related research activities with those of the Water JPI?

Respondent Organisation	Response
Academy of Finland (Finland)	YES
ANR (France)	YES
Environmental Protection Agency (Ireland)	YES
MIUR (Italy)	YES
Formas (Sweden)	YES
Natural Environment Research Council Centre for Ecology and Hydrology(UK)	NO



*This group highlights many areas of research activity and issues in common with the JPI, but is not driven by specific priorities of the Water JPI*



# Which success factor criteria (e.g. indicators) could be used for the Mirror Groups?

- % of input to SRIA being taken into account
- Commitment
- National contributions / position papers / National answer to JPI activities
- National budget contributions, number of meetings, involved people, position papers,
- Cofunding levels at national but also for JPI calls, level of feedback received on strategic/calls documentation, Ensuring that all members get added value for their participation
- Policy drivers
- Indicators evaluating quantitatively the shared knowledge awareness of the end/active users and the impact of the MG on the national and international/EU water agenda.
- Cooperation, Knowledge transformation, Communication,
- Future engagement with JPI partners (within/beyond Europe).

# For countries without a Mirror Group, can you suggest what they need to know to establish a Mirror Group in their country?

- To know key stakeholders in the field
- Mapping their actors, exchange with them for seeing if interested
- Check the interest of water significant players (stakeholders, research)
- Clear Terms of Reference, Ensuring that all members benefit from the membership to the Group, Ensuring that all key funders as well as main stakeholders are included
- Strong organisation mandated with water-related issues, that has good internal support for a leadership role (funds, staff, vision)
- (i) Gathering an overall view of the stakeholders at the country scale. (ii) The identification of key institutions considering all sectors/types of organisations

# For countries without a Mirror Group, can you suggest what they need to know to establish a Mirror Group in their country?

- Ministry's support to build up a network (Mirror Group). Resources from the coordinating organization in charge of keeping the group together.
- Interested partners in the group. This can be created by providing information on the benefits of being part of the group such as knowledge sharing and collaboration on calls and strategic workshops.
- Evidence of common interest across water sector and narrative which shows value of collaborations at national levels across diverse partners (and relevance of/interest in the JPI to this group).

