# Changes made to the Joint OECD/Eurostat Questionnaire

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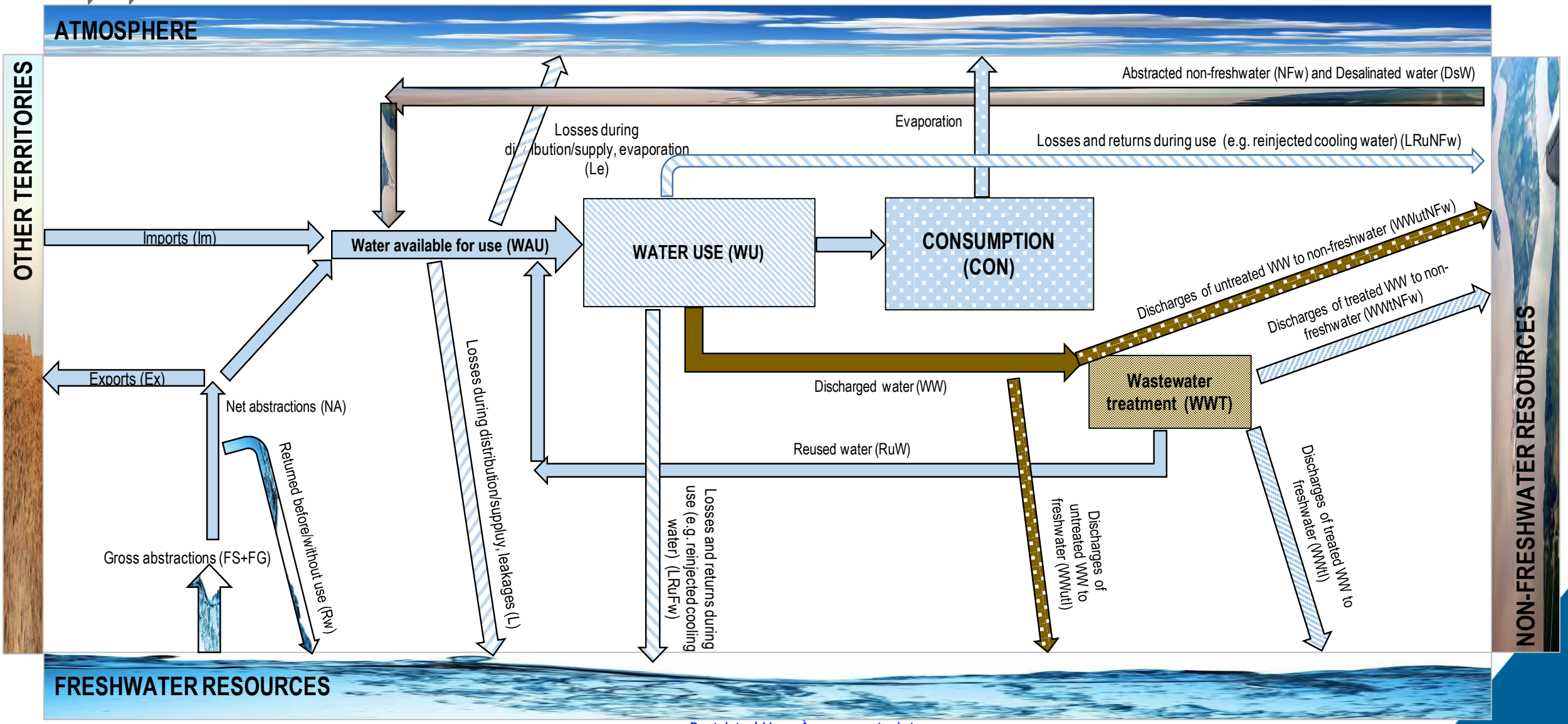
# Adjustments to the joint OECD/Eurostat questionnaire

- **Adjustments to the joint OECD/Eurostat questionnaire on inland waters to better measure water-related targets of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and to align with the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA).**
- **The proposed adjustments:**
  - have been agreed with international partners;
  - will not affect data collection (i.e. no additional burden and no break in series), and
  - are being implemented in the current, 2024 data collection round
    - Some are additions, deletions and clarifications that are independent of SEEA
    - Some are modifications to better align to SEEA
    - Some differences with SEEA remains and are highlighted
    - Redefine water use and consumption (new flow scheme)

# New flow scheme

Data
Indicators
Reporting



# Main amendments to align with SEEA

- Treat the **artificial recharge** into the aquifer as a return flow
- Connected to point above, amend the definition of "**recharge**" to distinguish between natural and artificial recharge
- Redefine "**reused water**" to include reuse of untreated wastewater
- Redefine **water available for use** as "gross freshwater abstractions minus returned water (before or without use) minus exports plus imports plus non-freshwater abstractions plus desalinated water minus losses during distribution/supply/use (evaporation and leakages) plus reused water (treated or untreated)"
- Redefine **water consumption** as "Water evaporated, evapo-transpired, incorporated into products and crops, or consumed by humans or livestock", calculated as residual, as "water available for use minus wastewater minus losses and returns to freshwater during use (e.g. reinjected cooling water and excess irrigation water) minus losses and returns to non-freshwater during use (e.g. reinjected cooling water)"

# Thank you
# for your attention!

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