



The long way from confrontation to cooperation

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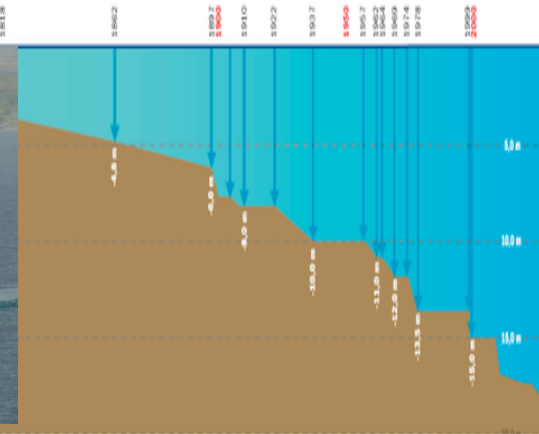
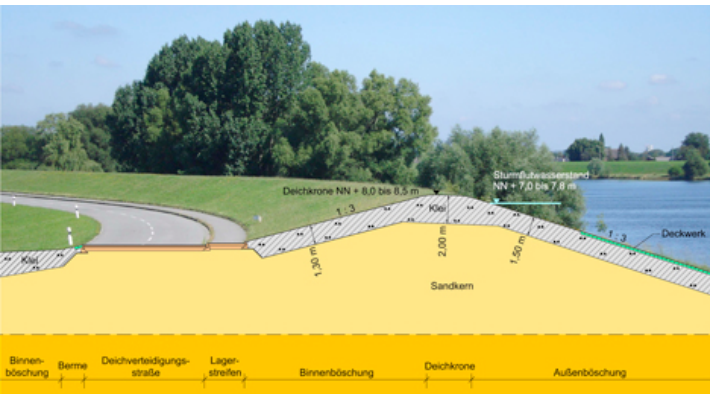
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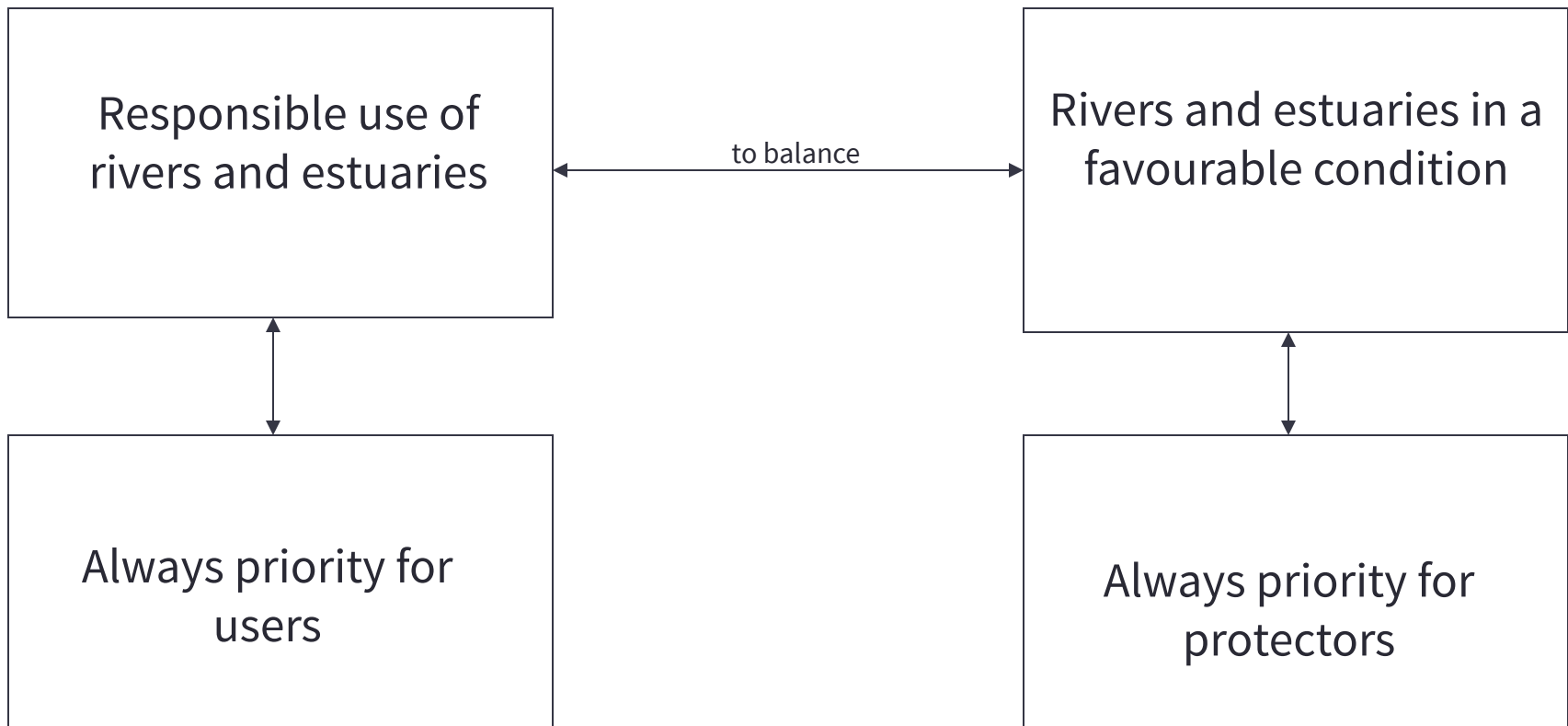
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Reasons and consequences

- priorities for the users
- bad ecological situation of rivers and estuaries
- protest of environmental NGOs
- governments ignored the legal obligations
- Confrontation got more intense

Role of public institutions

Public administration has to follow the priorities of government

Even environmental departments depend on political backing

Public administration works top down

Role of public institutions

Chamber of commerce
(from 1842)

City-hall
(from 1897)



Role of environmental NGOs

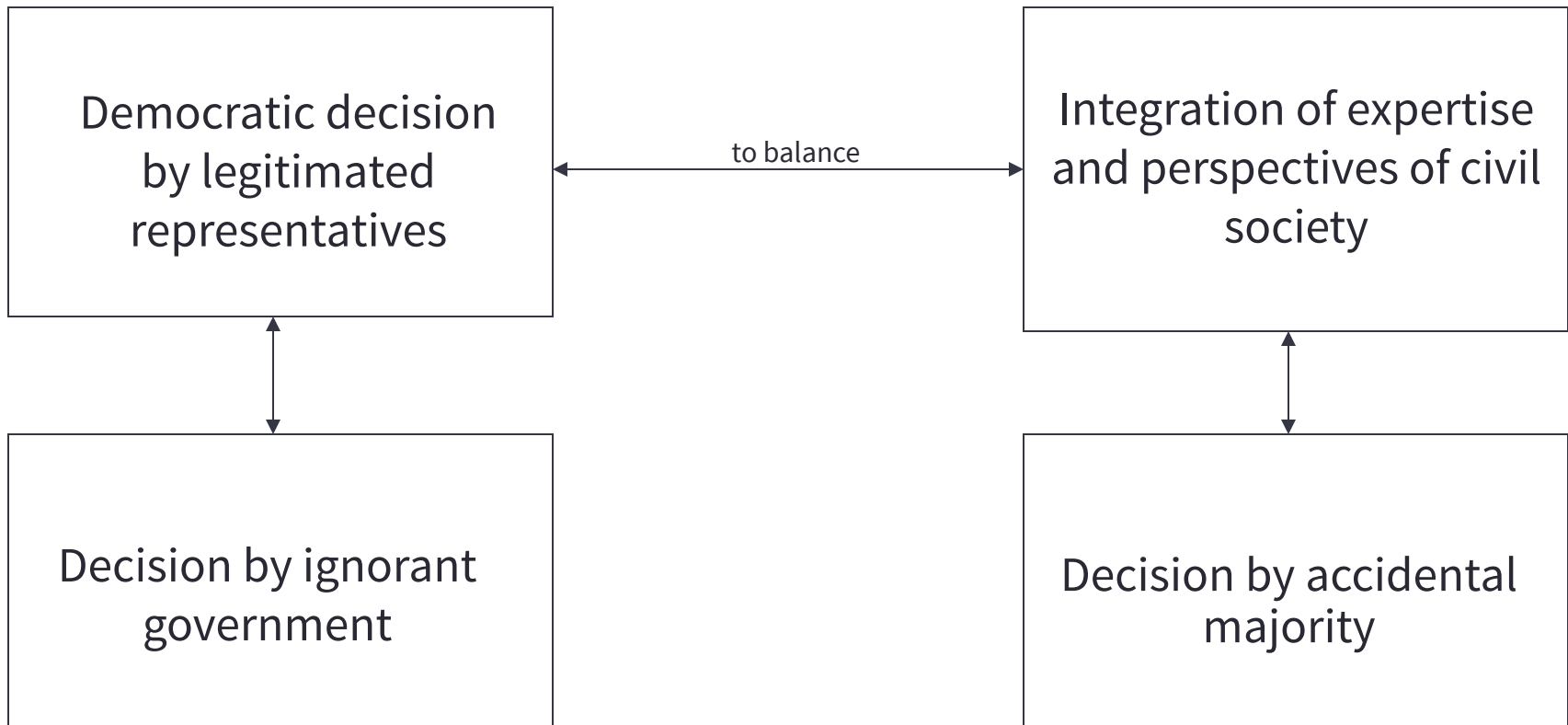
representatives of environmental goals

free from governmental top-down rules

economically weak

Steps to establish mutual respect

Finding the appropriate balance



Steps to establish mutual respect

Road shows

Integrated

- Information

Not integrated

- Right to ask and comment
- Mutual understanding
- Agreement about situation
- Decisions to change situation

Steps to establish mutual respect

Transparent handling and exchange of information

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Steps to establish mutual respect

Information and joint consultations with a resulting protocol (“Dialog-Forum”)

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Information, joint consultation and recommendations (“Estuary partnership”)

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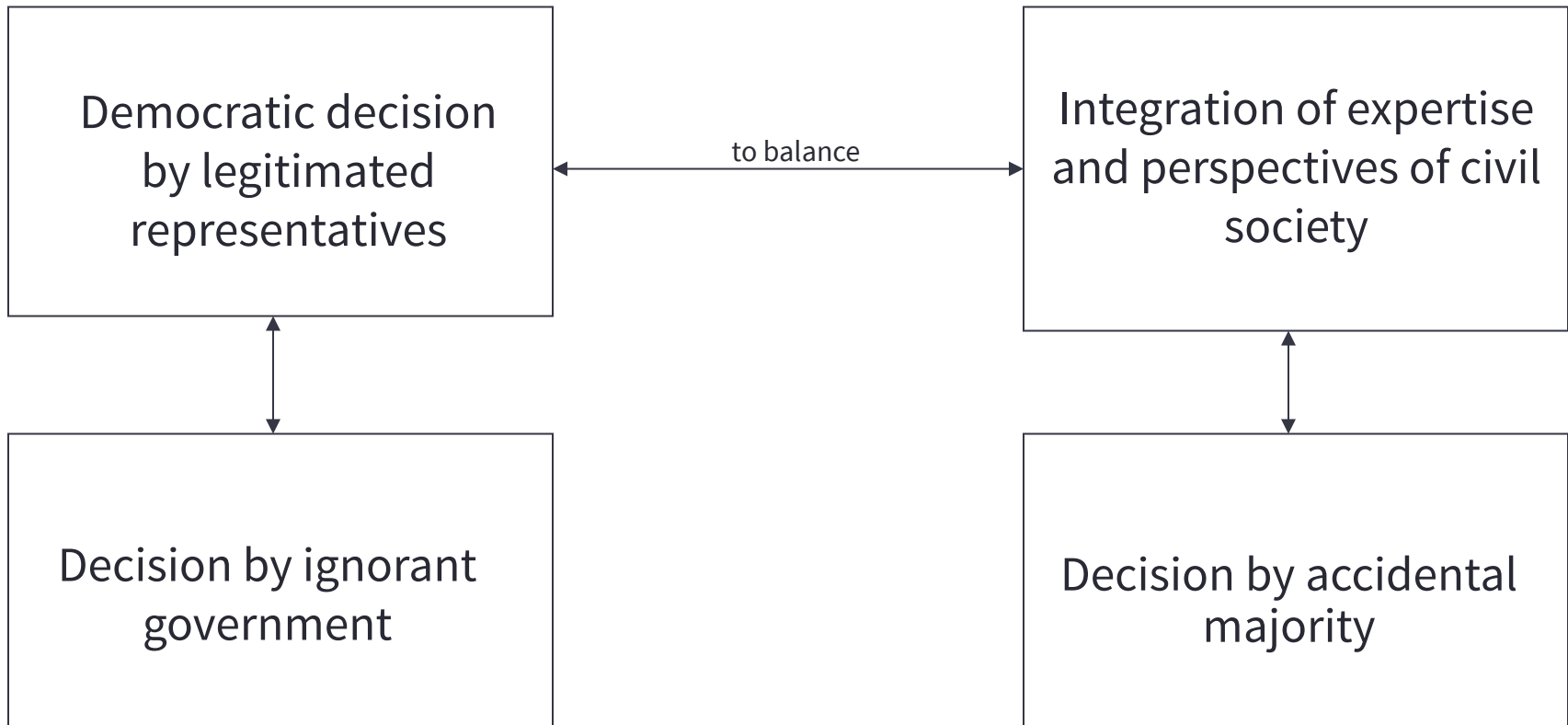
Information, joint consultation und decisions (“Elbe Habitat Foundation”)

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Not integrated

Conditions for cooperation



The government should at least “comply or explain“ to offer respect for the efforts of participants in the participation process and their results (in theory).

Public servants will avoid agreements which are not accepted by their political leaders (in practice).

Conditions for cooperation

- **Respect**
- **Trust**
- **Ability to participate**

Thank you for your attention



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