

# ERRC 2013 Visual Summary

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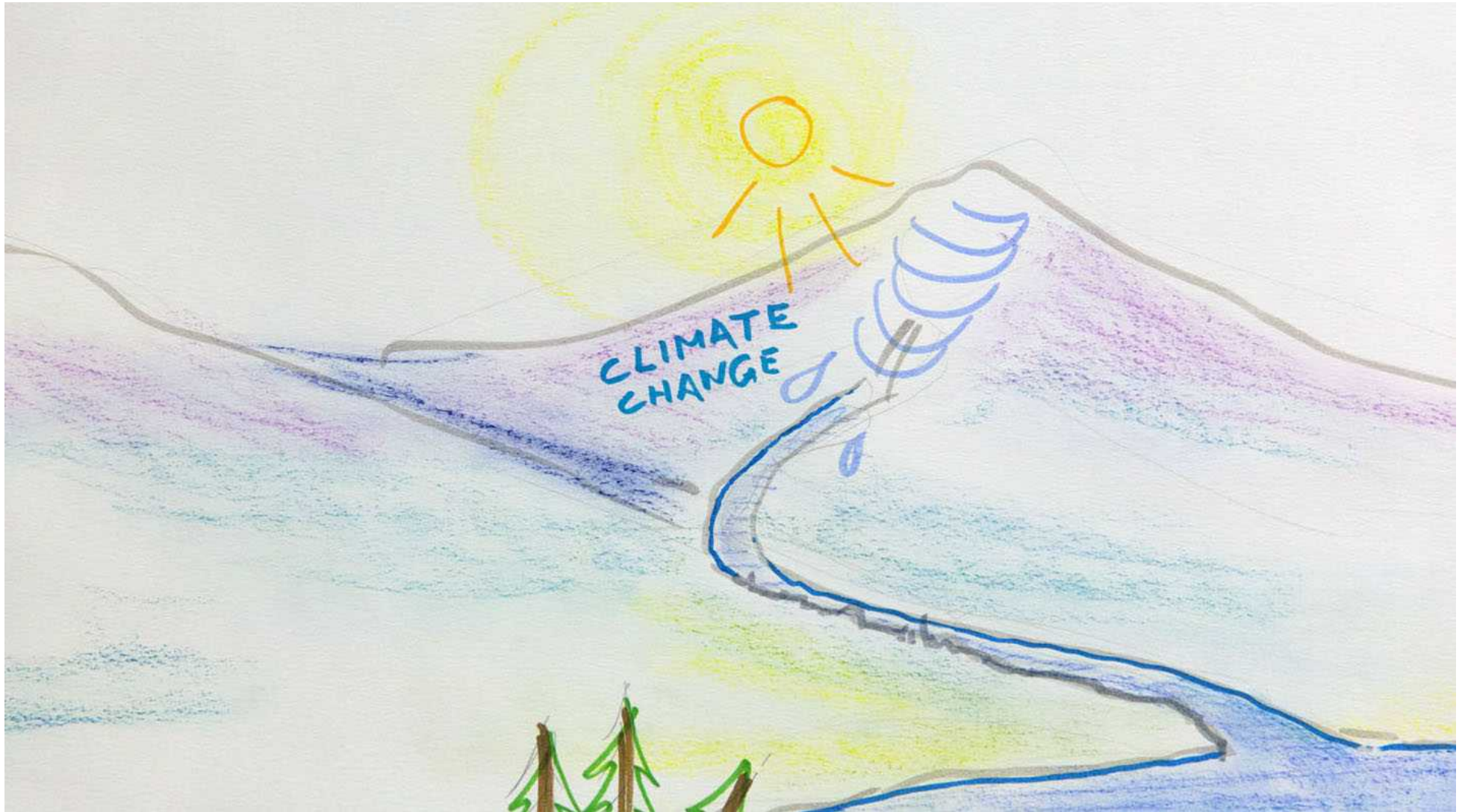
This conference has addressed many topics on the state of our rivers, how we could restore and improve this and how we already bring this into practice.



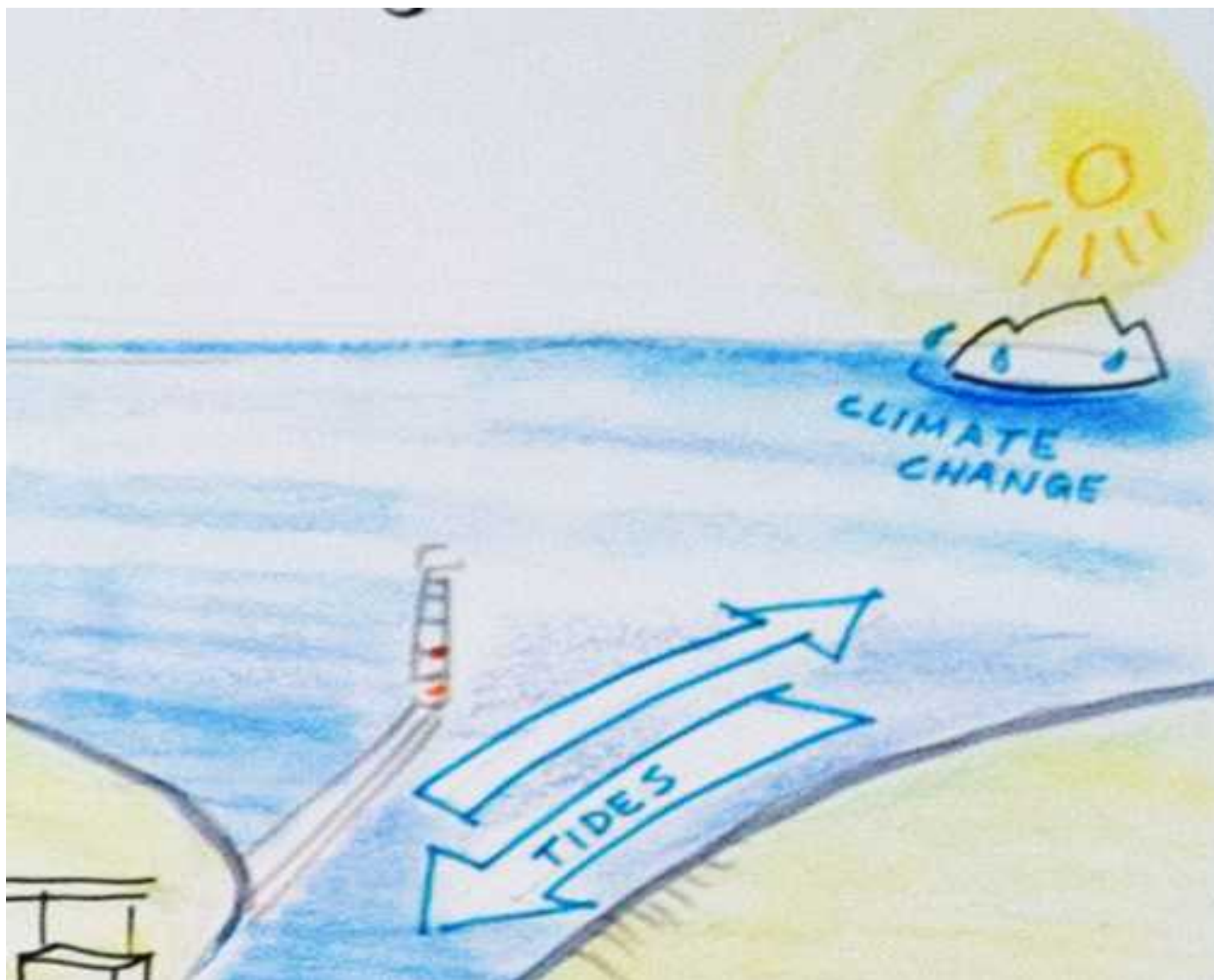


## What are the issues?

We have changing environments at the source ...

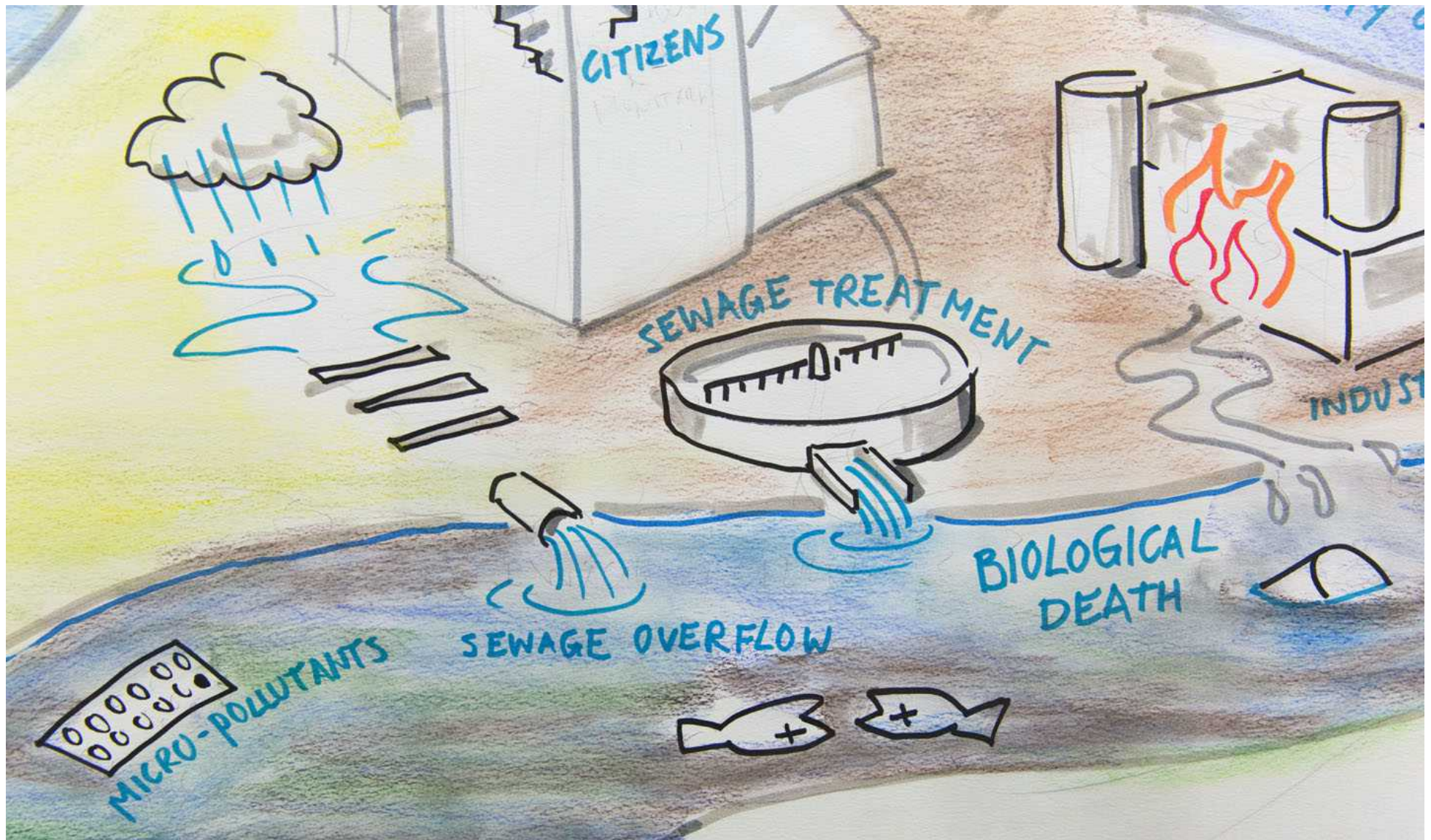


...and in at the estuary of our rivers.



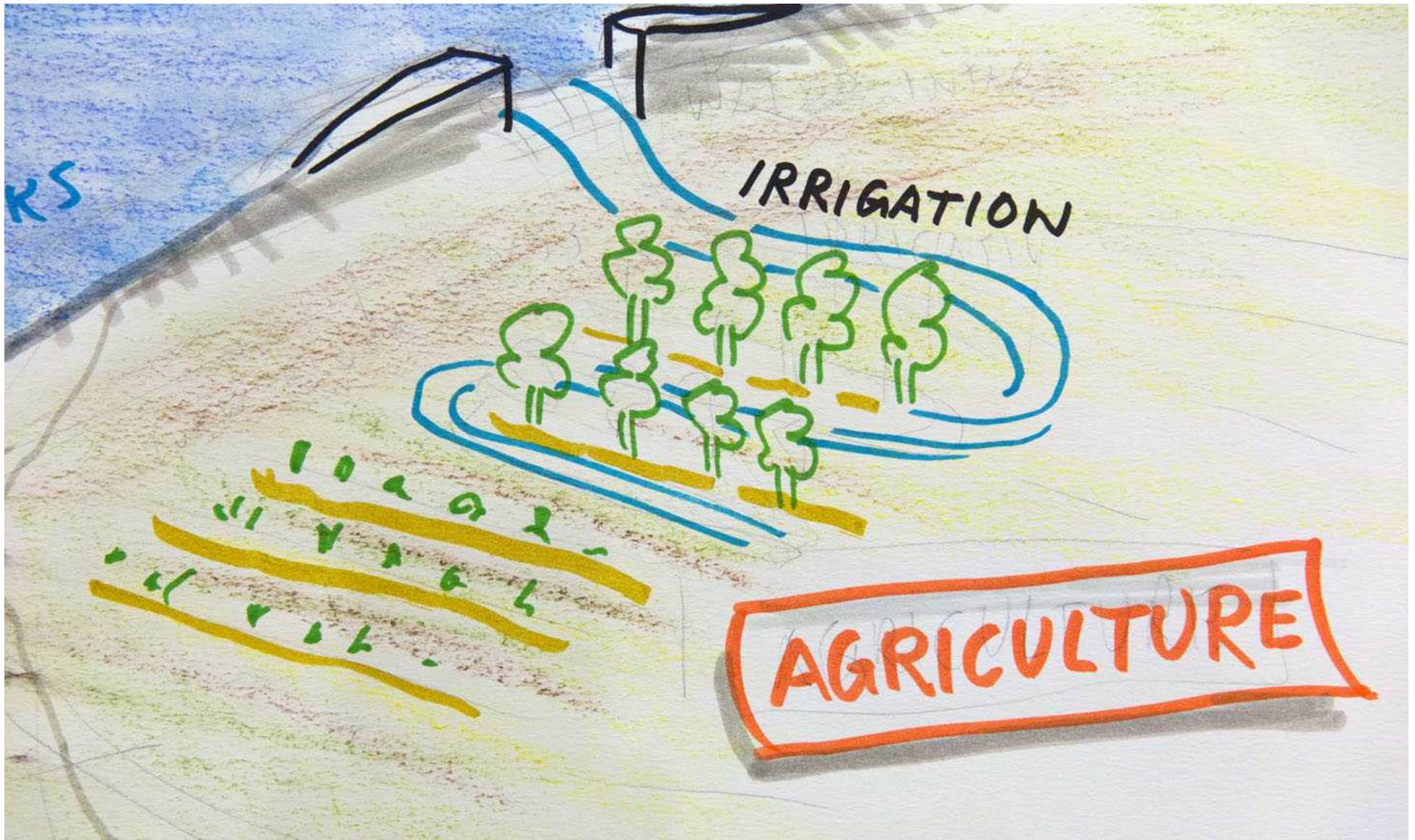


We pollute rivers...



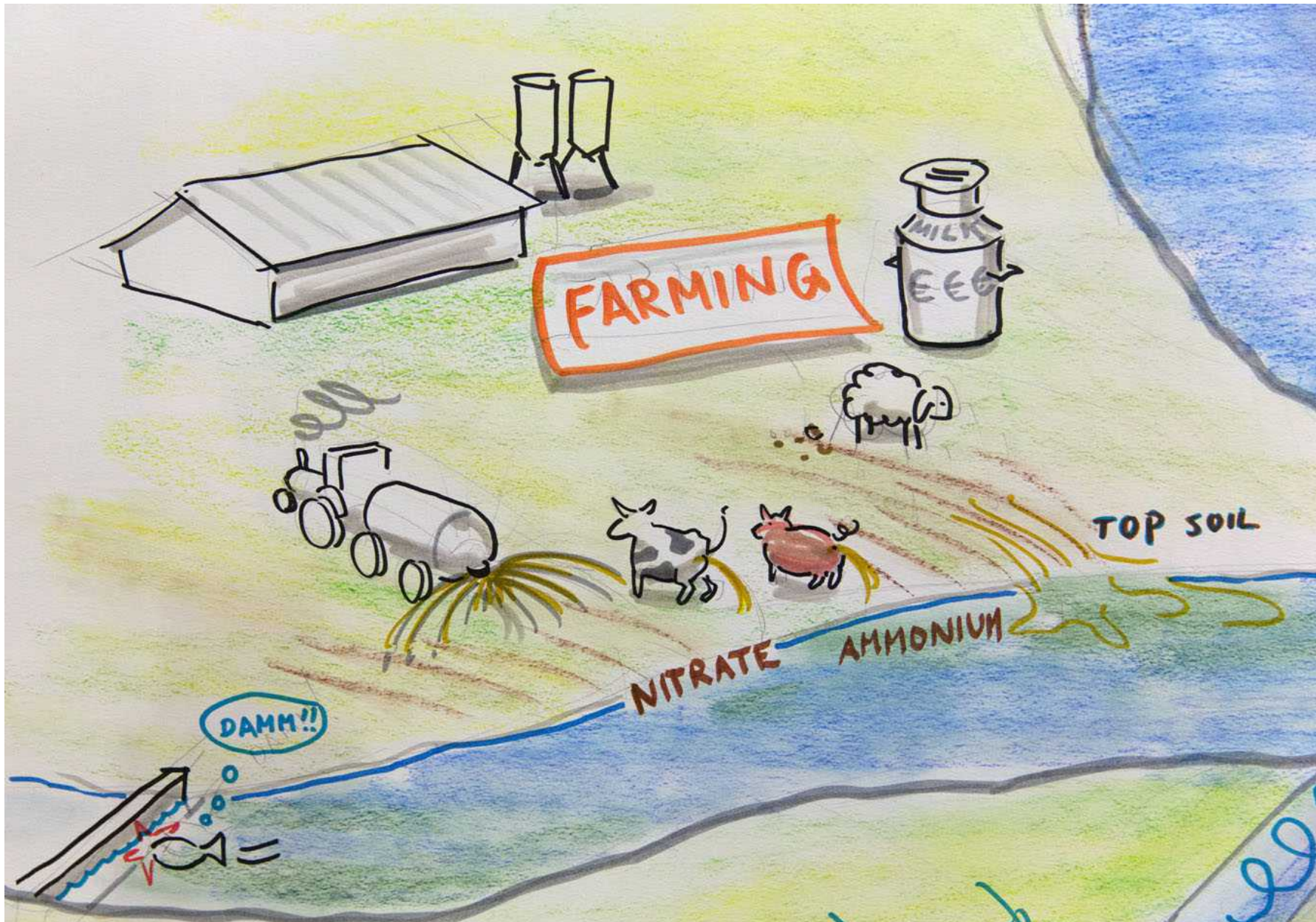


...we take water from the rivers for agriculture....



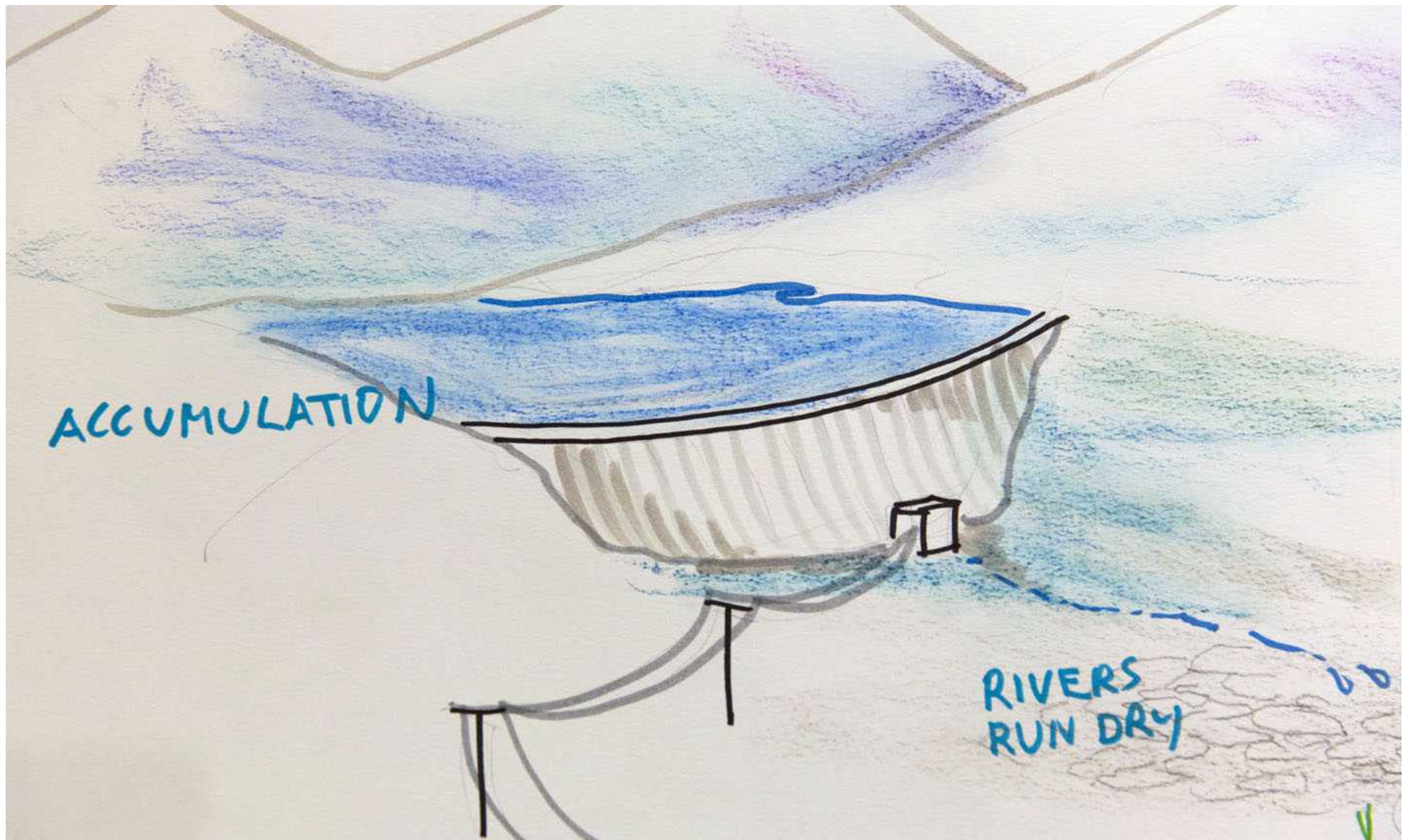


...and we give them something back... ;-)





Due to accumulation some rivers run dry...



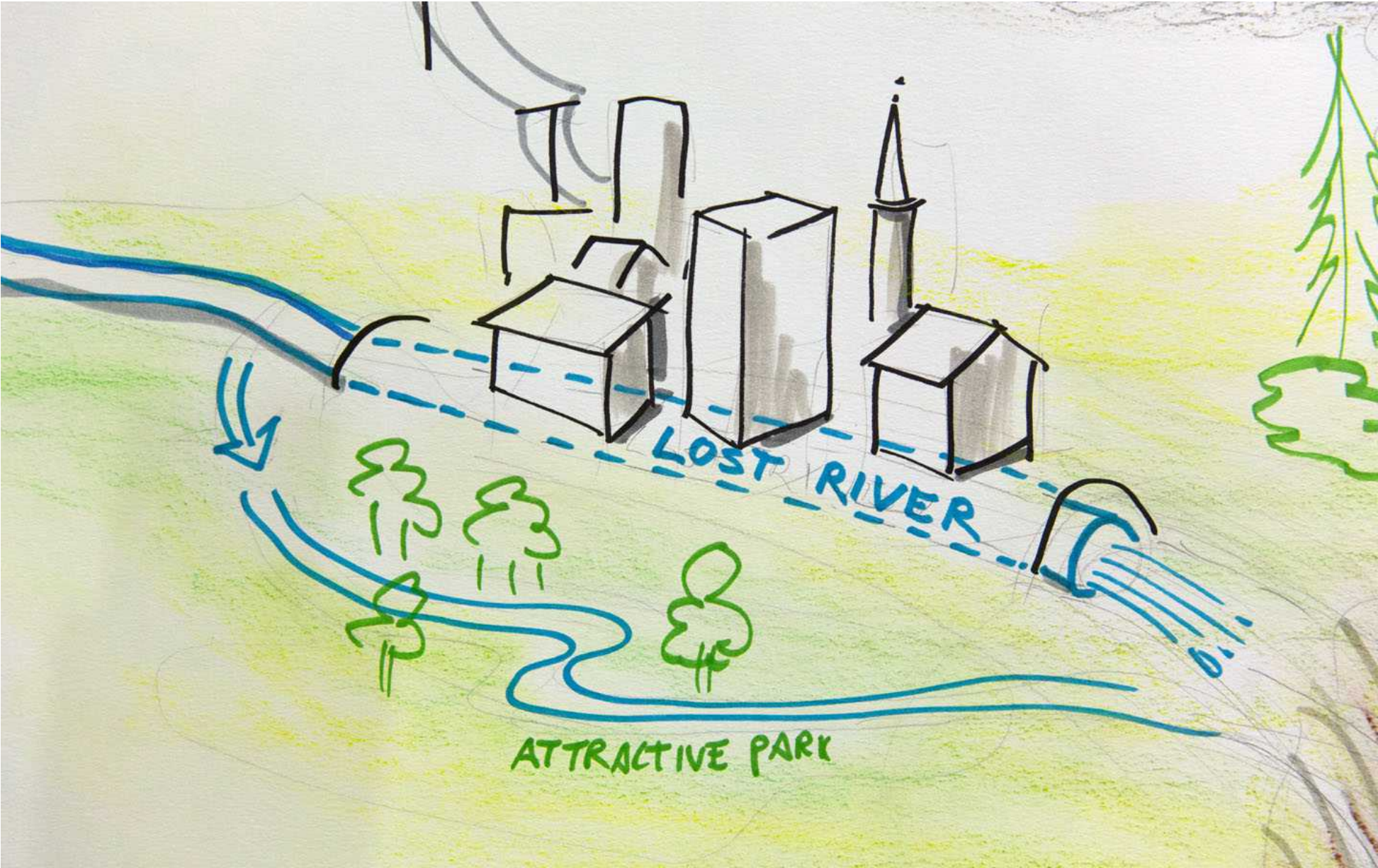


.. we don't allow fishes to migrate and to spawn....





.. we even hide our rivers from our lives.





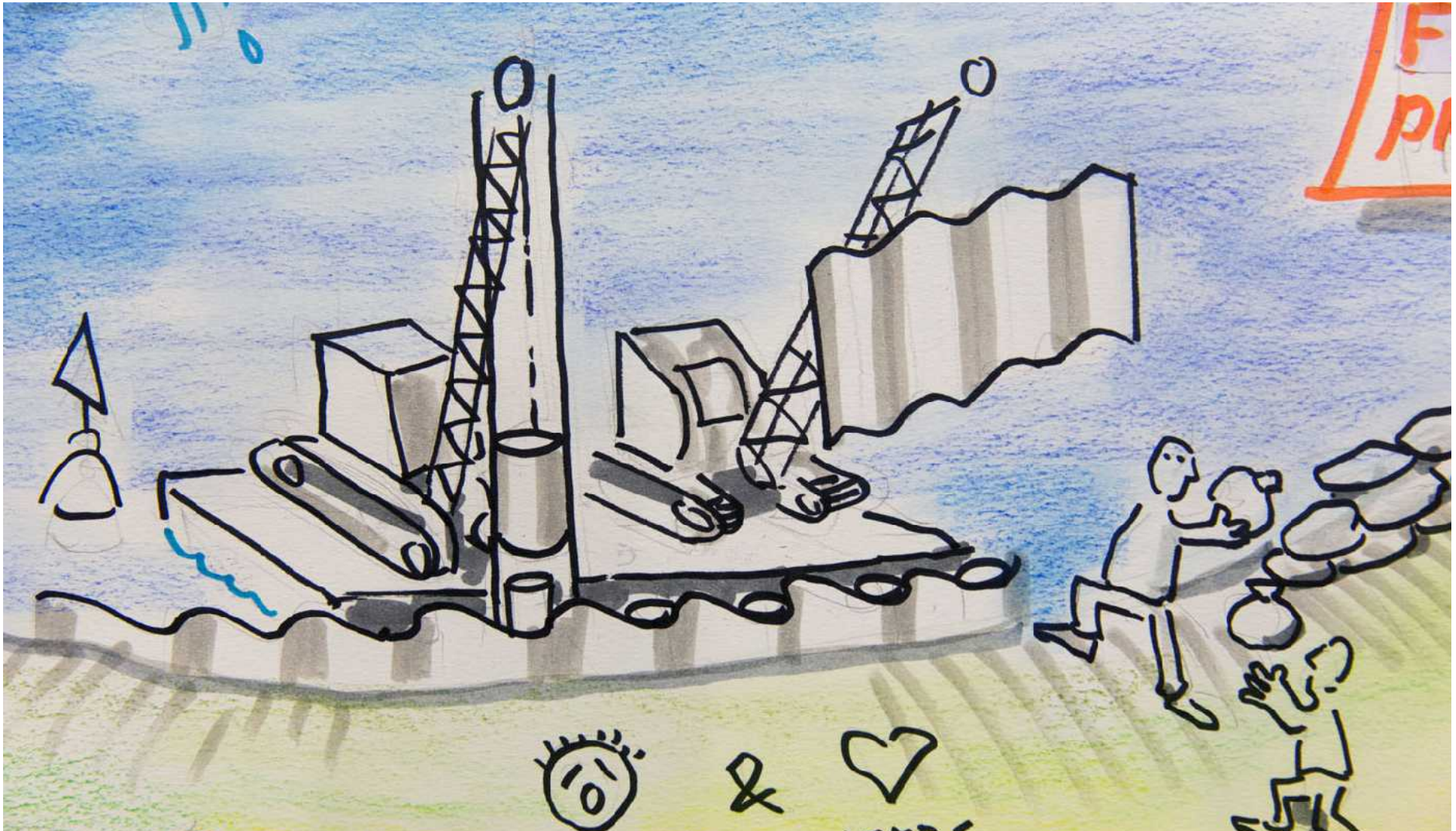
Sometimes the river fights back....





So what do we want to do?

Flood protection is not enough.





We want to bring rivers back to their original state...





The river is its own carpenter.



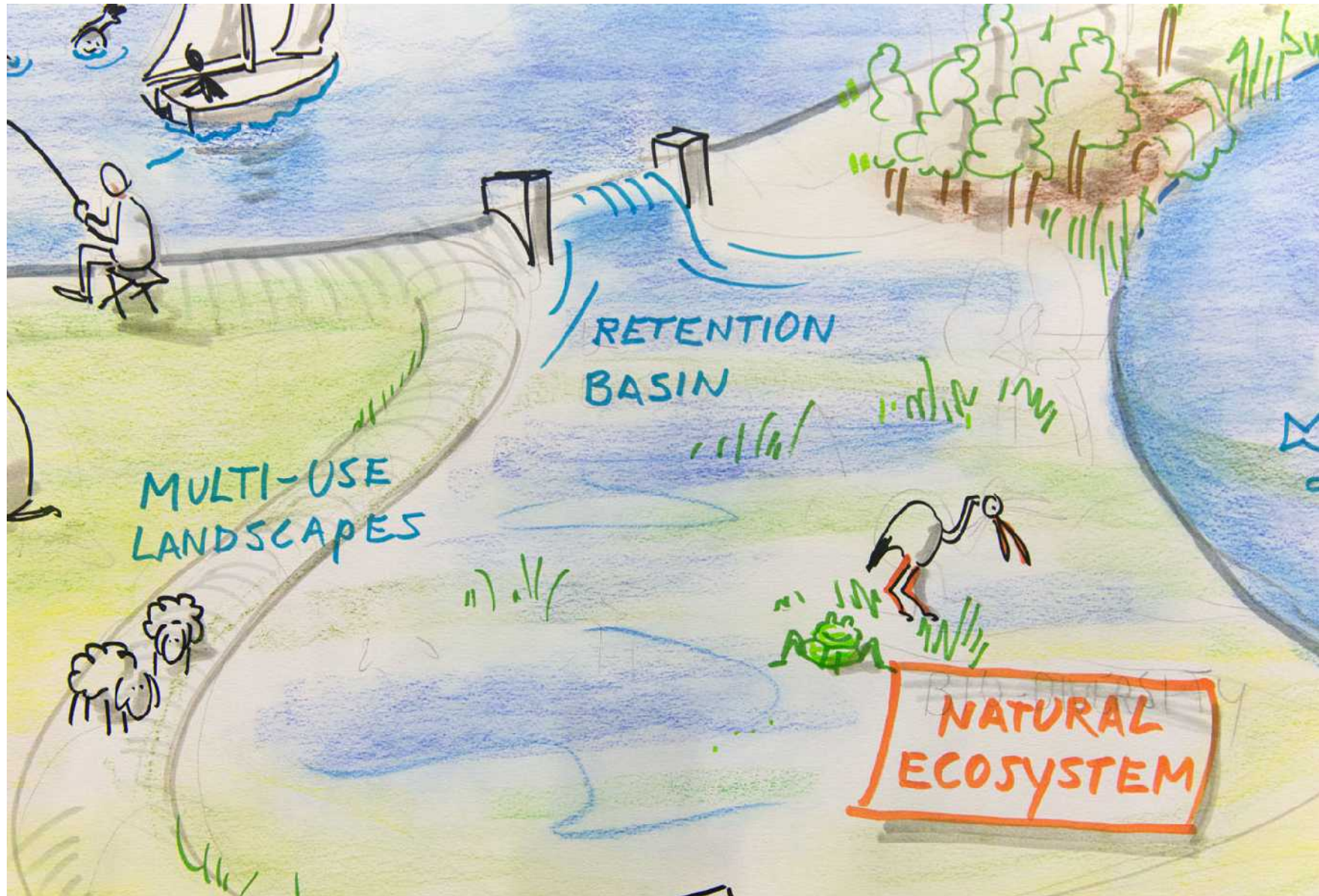


So that we can enjoy the beauty of the river....





...and multi-purpose landscapes.



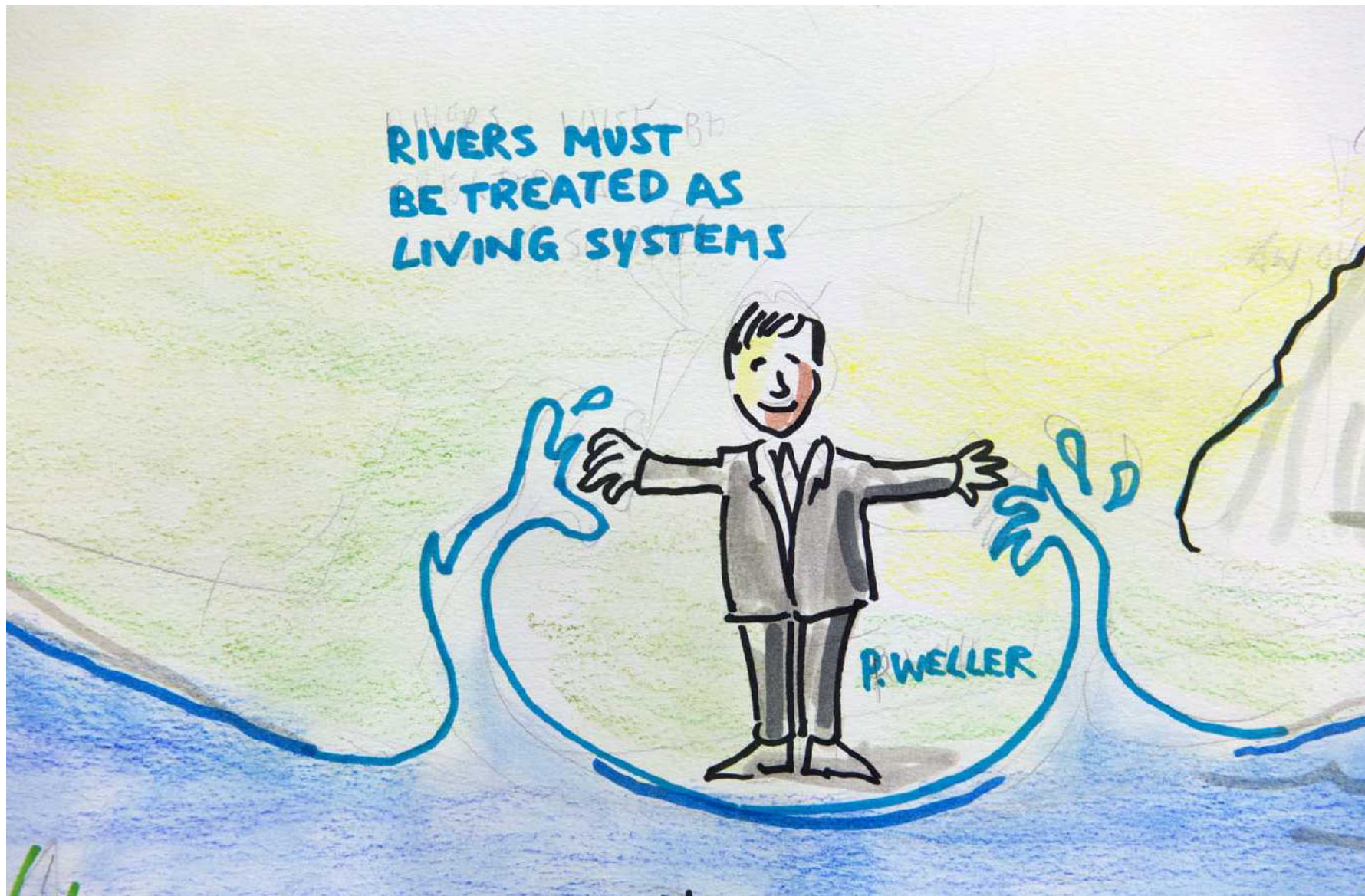


In order to secure one of the key necessities for life....





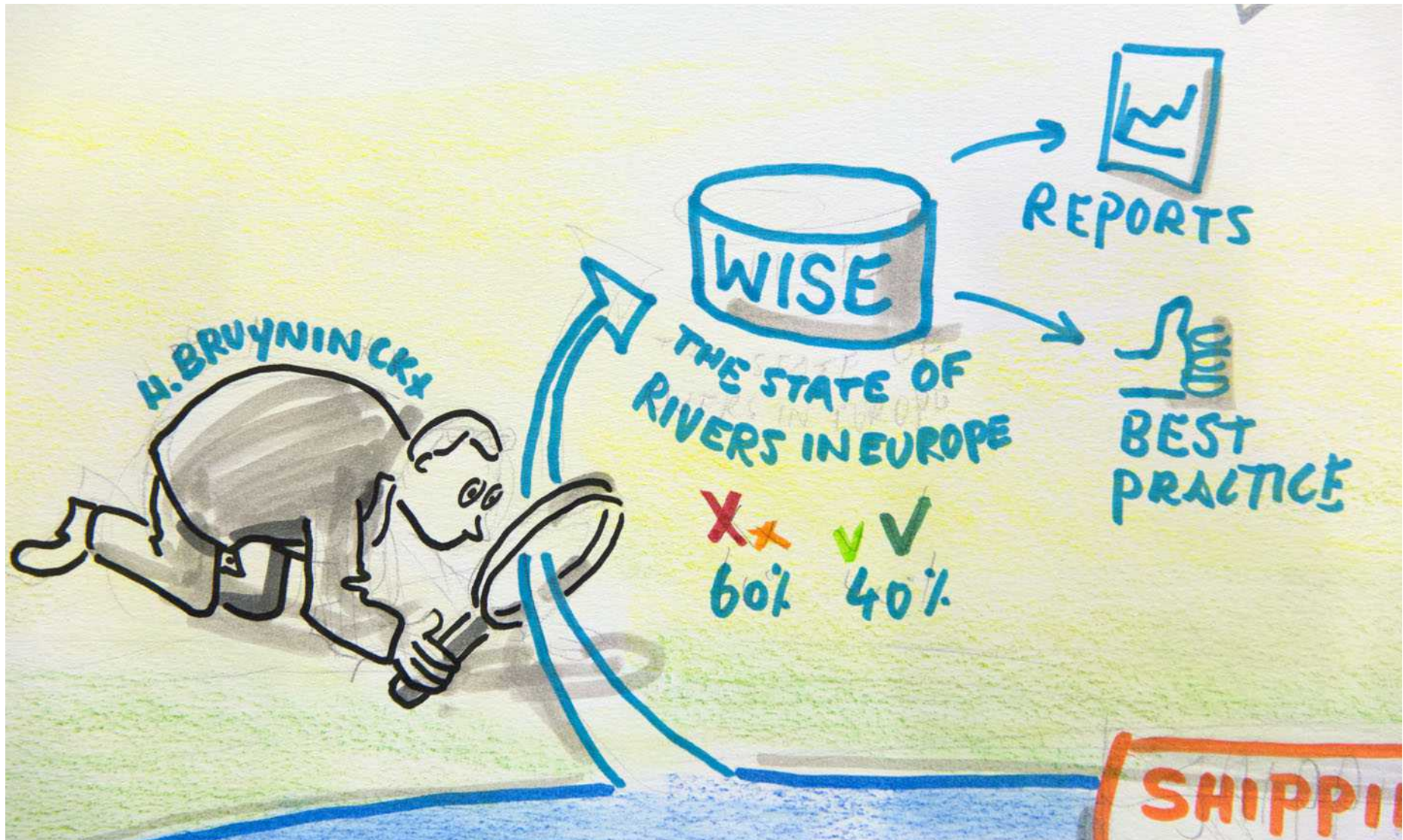
... we need to treat rivers as a living system.





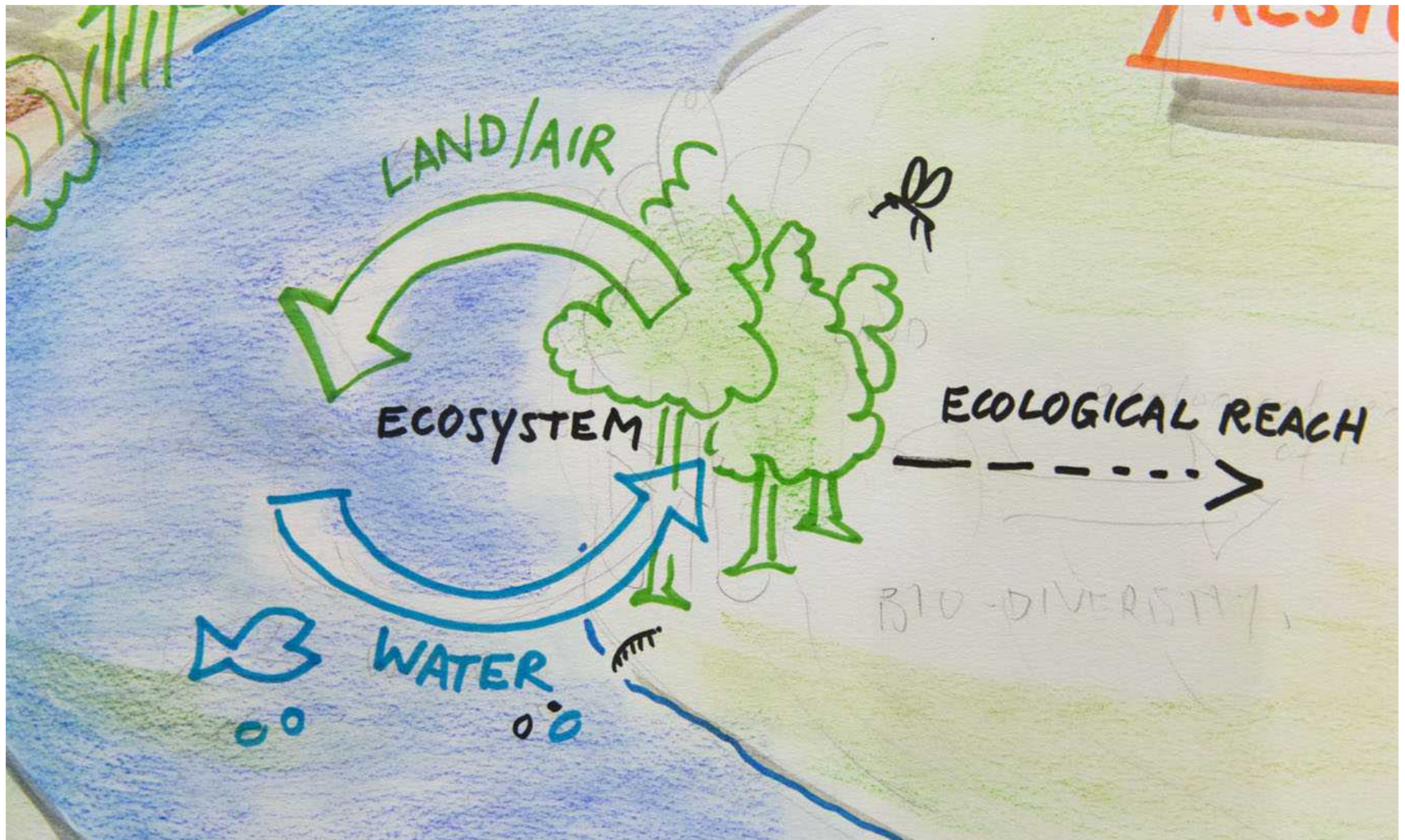
But that is easily said... but what does that mean in practice?

We measure.



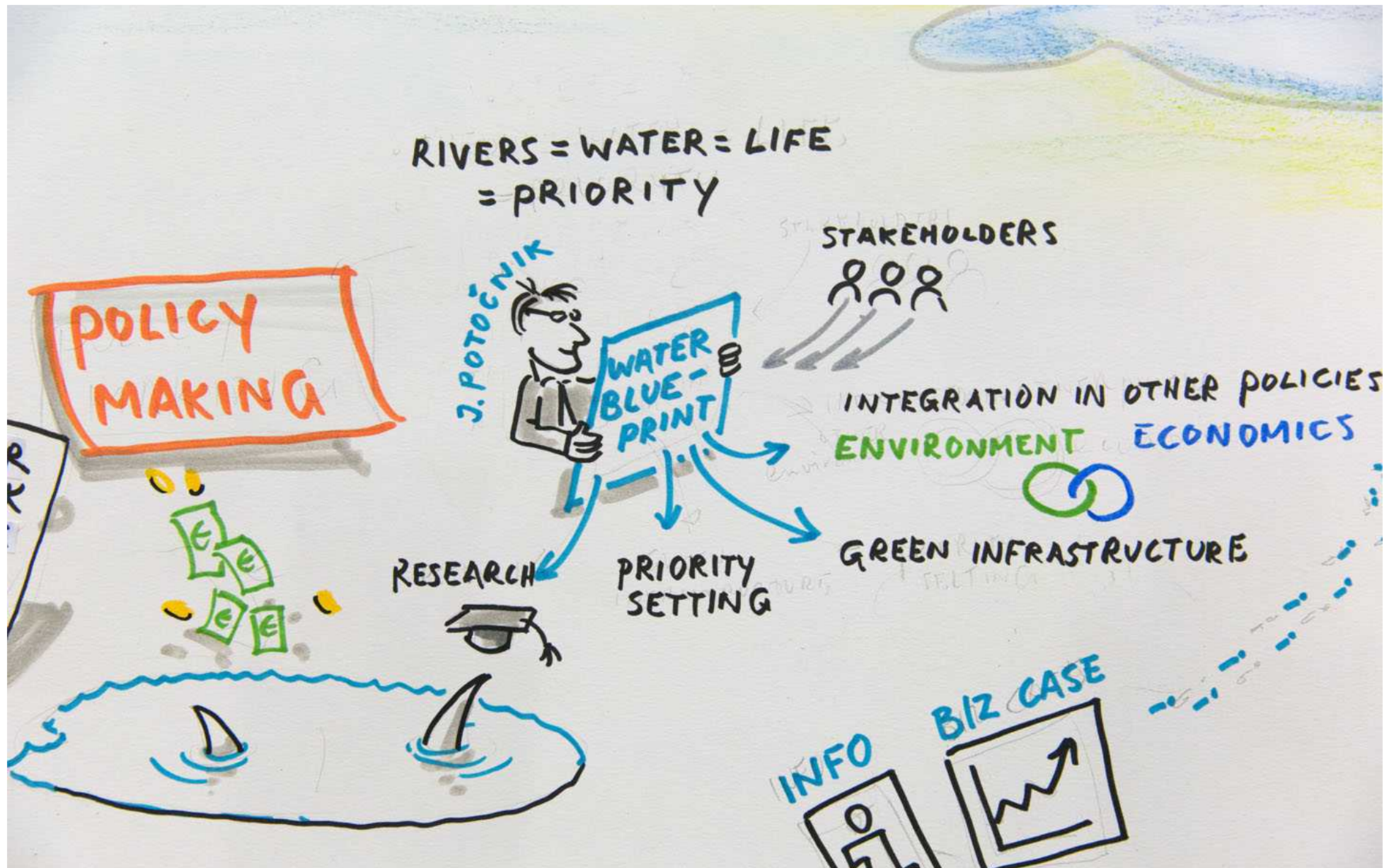


We research.





We define policies.





We educate the public.



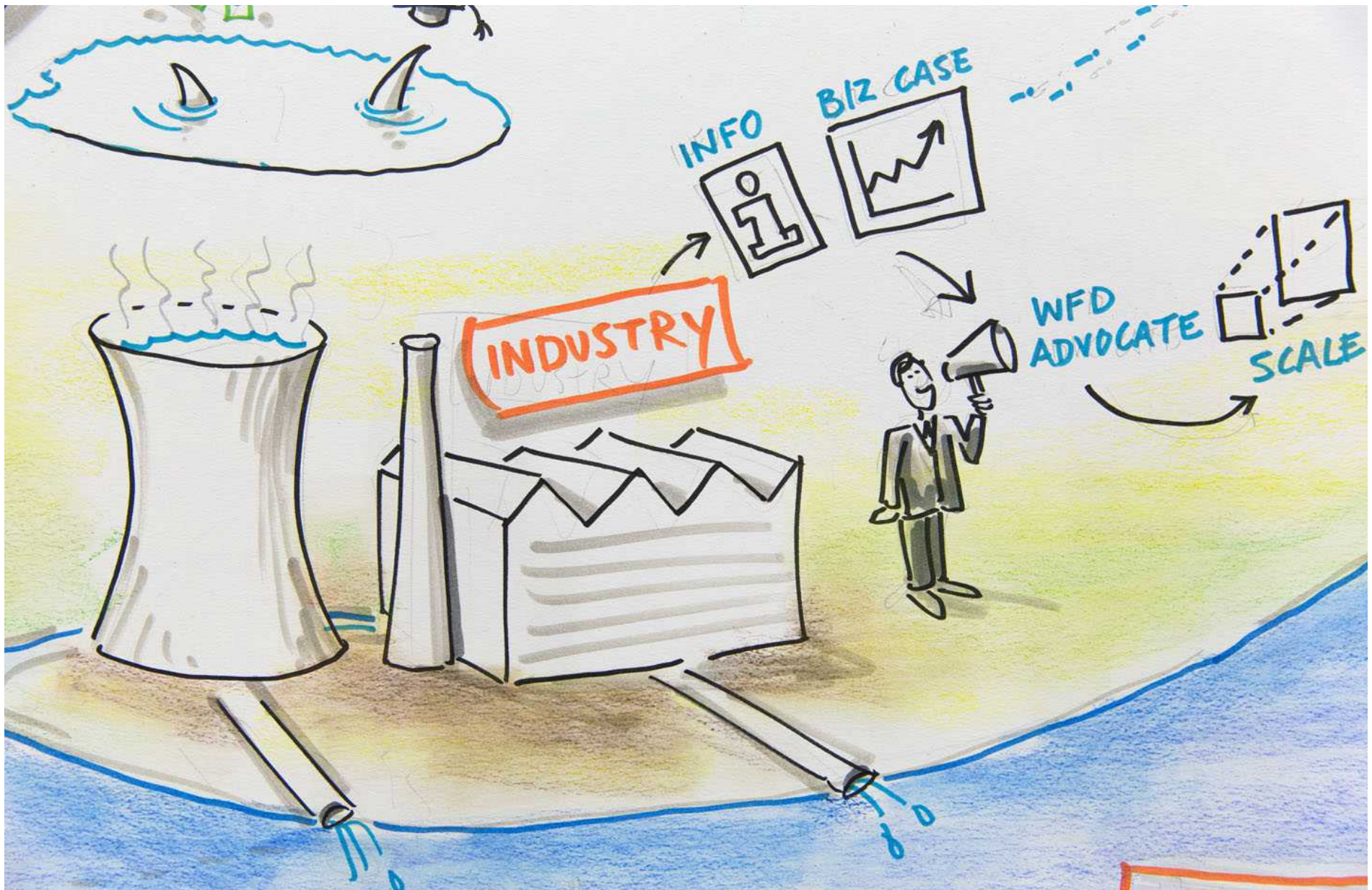


And we involve stakeholders in decisions.



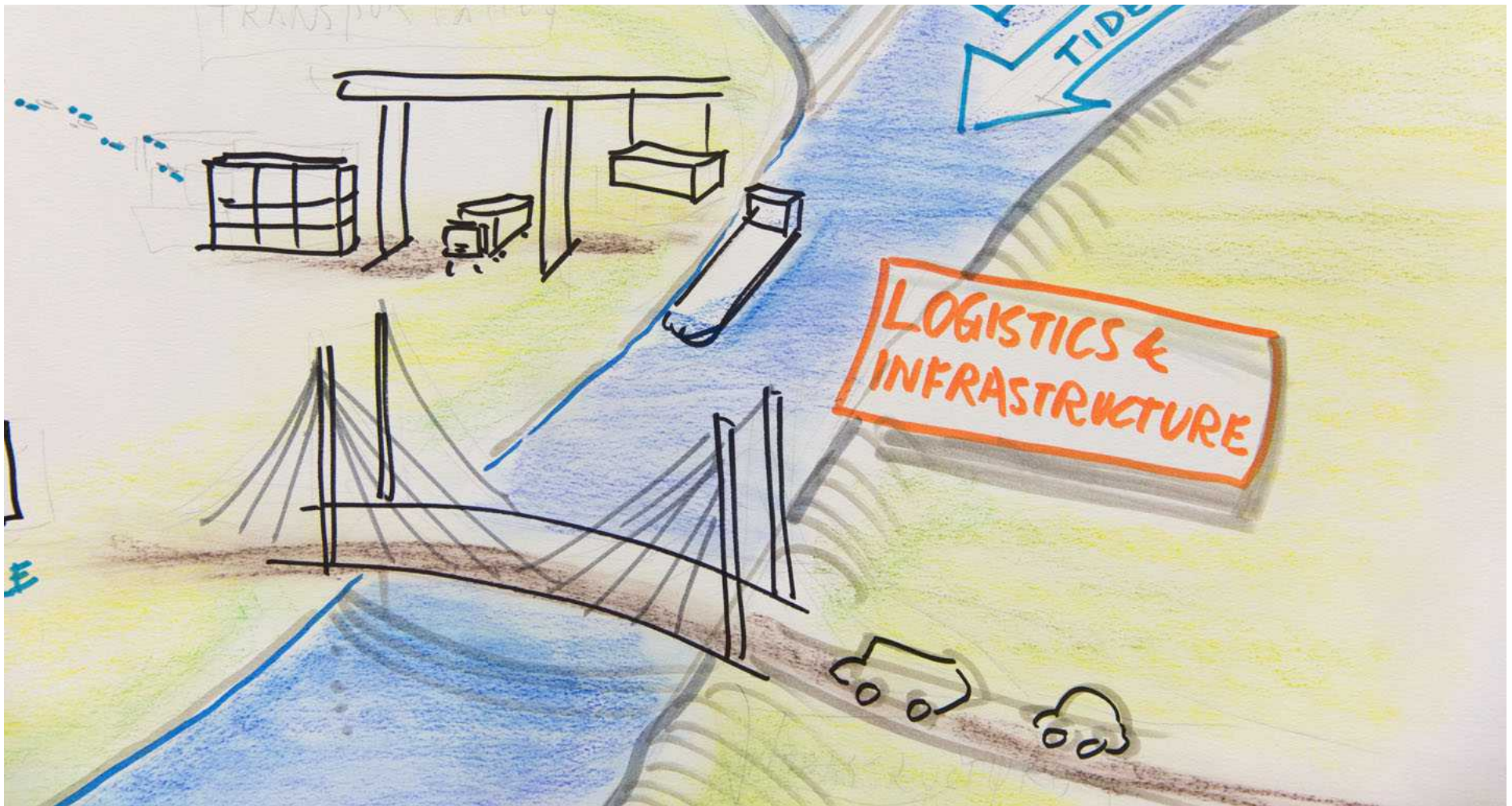


Especially Industry...





Infrastructure & Logistics...



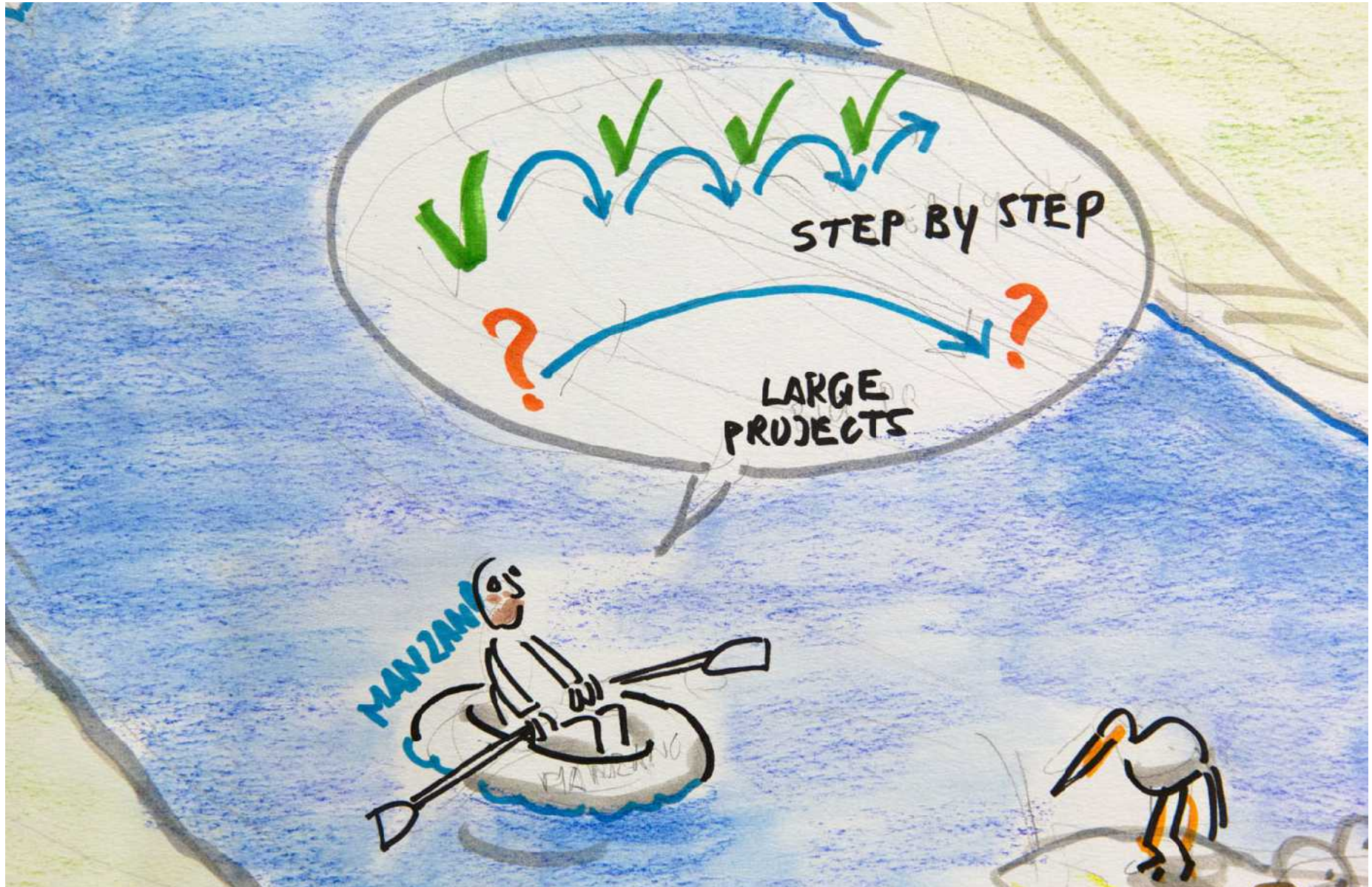


And those who use the river for transportation

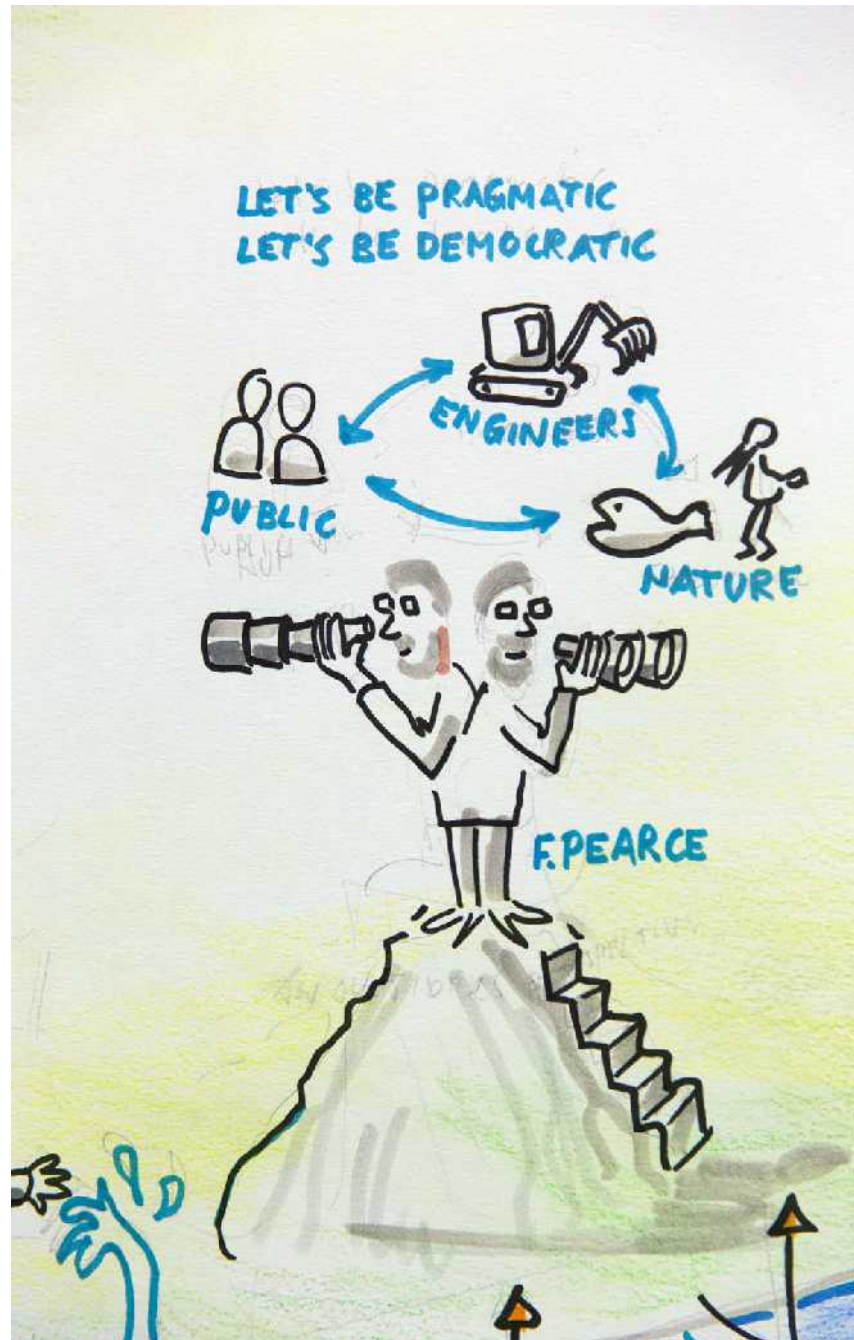




That is not easy!









It needs international cooperation.  
River restoration is an international adventure!





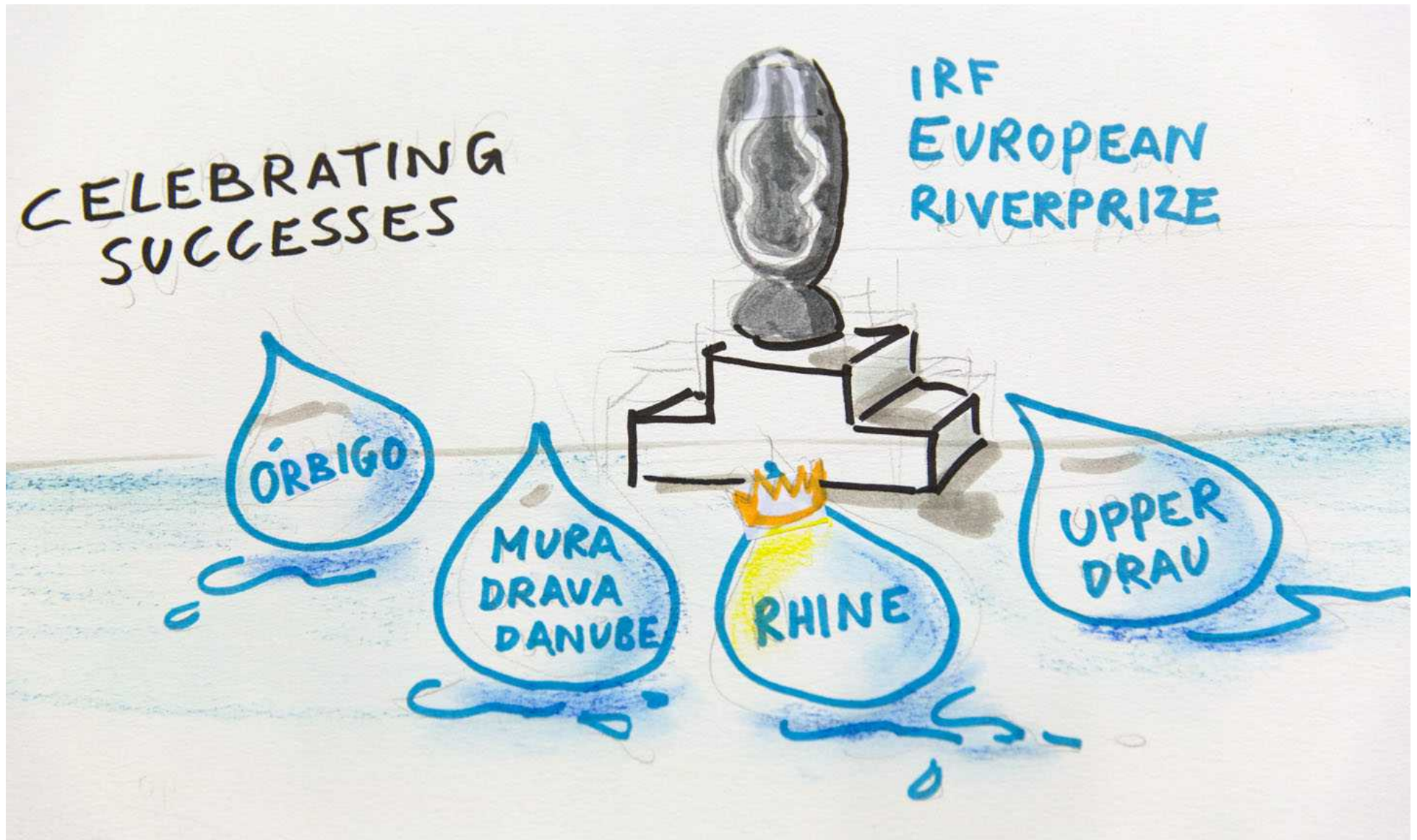
**This conference....**

...has brought many of this further “upstream”.





It shows, that much could be done already.  
Congratulations!



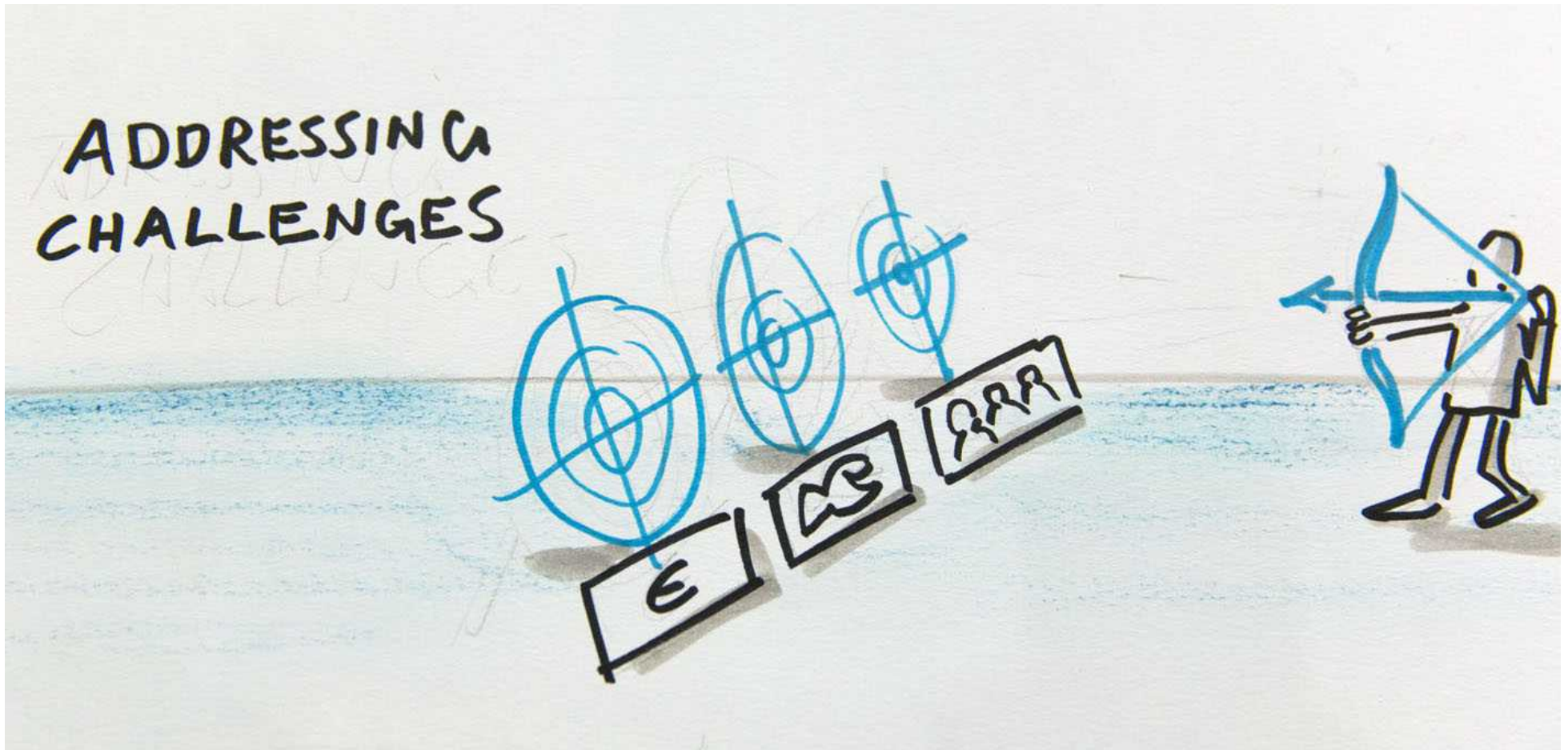


Some of the results you could see with your own eyes.





But there are still many economic, environmental and social challenges to be tackled.





I hope this picture will help you to convey that message into your organisation and to your stakeholders.

Thank you for all your input.

I really enjoyed working on this topic and I wish you good luck and success with your mission!



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