

Regional Workshop on Strategic Planning in Water Sector

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Introduction of the thematic synergies between
SPI WG and WM WG that justify the joint training



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Structure of the presentation

Water Management WG: tasks and work plan

Strategic Planning and Investment WG: tasks and
work plan

Working plan 2015 (WMWG and SPIWG)

Integration – key concept

Relevance of planning for WFD implementation

Valuing the workshop outcomes



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Water Management Working Group

Activity 2.3: Water Management

- Task 2.3.1: Annual Meeting
- Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary river basin management plans
- Task 2.3.3: Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD (cost recovery and cost-effectiveness considerations), including innovative systems of waste water treatment
- Task 2.3.4: WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive – objectives, synergies and approaches



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Task 2.3.2: Assistance in the development of transboundary RBMPs

Scope: provision of practical assistance to the beneficiary countries in the development of the Program of Measures, with exemplification in Drina River Basin, selected as a pilot basin, based on agreed set of criteria.

In recognition of the potential benefits through **replicability across the whole targeted ECRAN project beneficiaries**, a number of **Case Studies** will be discussed, and lessons learned to date, best practices and cross - cutting recommendations will be summarised.



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Subtask 2.3.2.1: Assistance for the preparation of the Program of Measures (PoM) in Drina RB

- The development of RBMP specific topic will last all three years of the project 2014-2016.
- **A transboundary pilot river basin has been selected – Drina RB.** A methodology will be prepared for developing the PoM as part of the RBM Plan in Drina RB.
- **Specific topics requiring assistance** to facilitate the production of the PoM are identified for organising further capacity building.



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Subtask 2.3.3: Economic analysis (WFD) - cost recovery and cost effectiveness considerations, water-pricing / water tariff settings

- Subtask 2.3.3.1. Approaching for selecting the most cost-effective combination of measures in Drina Joint Program of Measures
- Subtask 2.3.3.2: Selection of EA theme for regional training



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Subtask 2.3.4: WFD and MSFD objectives, synergies and approaches

- Subtask 2.3.4.1: Delivery of regional trainings to build the capacities of the beneficiary countries in the area of synergy and difference between WFD and MSFD
 - Streamlined procedure for development of PoM
 - The role and approach to implementation of MSFD for landlocked countries included in the ECRAN project targeted beneficiaries.
- Subtask 2.3.4.2: Selection of the topic for up to one country specific and tailor made trainings on the key points of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Marine Strategy Framework Directive implementation
- Subtask 2.3.4.3: Development of country specific trainings to build the capacities of the beneficiary countries in the area of ICZM and MSFD implementation



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WM WG Work Plan 2015

Water Management Working Group Tasks	2015			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2.3.1 Organisation of annual Working Group meeting	PW PW			
2.3.2 Assistance in the development of transboundary river basin management plans (RBMPs)	PW W3 TA	PW W4 TA	PW SV(WG3)	PW W5 TA
2.3.3 Economic analysis in accordance with the WFD (cost recovery and cost-effectiveness considerations), including innovative systems of waste water treatment			PW	PW
2.3.4 WFD and Marine Strategy Framework Directive – objectives, synergies and approaches.		PW RG TA	PW	PW

Legend

- PW** – Preparatory work: methodologies, concepts, templates, reporting
W – Workshops
SV – Study Visit
RG – Regional Training
TA – TA/EX Assistance

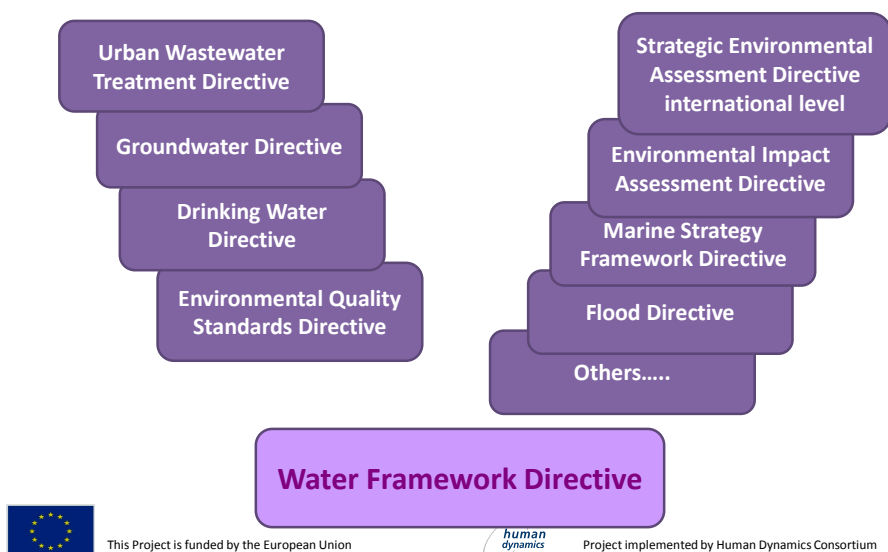


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Interlinkages WFD - other EU Directives



Integration: a key concept underlying the WFD within the river basin district (1)

- Integration of environmental objectives - quality, ecological and quantity
- Integration of all water resources, surface water and groundwater bodies, wetlands, coastal water resources at the river basin scale
- Integration of all water uses, functions and values into a common policy framework, i.e. water for the environment, water for health and human consumption, water for economic sectors, water as a social good
- Integration of disciplines, analyses and expertise - hydrology, hydraulics, ecology, chemistry, soil sciences, technology engineering and economics to assess current pressures and impacts on water resources and identify measures for achieving the environmental objectives in the most cost-effective manner
- Integration of water legislation into a common and coherent framework.



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Integration: a key concept underlying the WFD within the river basin district (2)

- Different EU legislation (e.g. the Nitrates Directive and the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive) must be co-ordinated in RBMPs through PoMs
- Integration of all significant management and ecological aspects relevant to sustainable river basin planning - such as flood protection and prevention
- Integration of a wide range of measures, including pricing and economic and financial instruments, in a common management approach for achieving the environmental objectives of the Directive.
- Integration of stakeholders and the civil society in decision making in the development of RBMPs
- Integration of different decision-making levels that influence water resources and water status, be local, regional or national, for an effective management of all waters
- Integration of water management from different MS, for river basins shared by several countries, existing and/or future MS.



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Illustration
on how the expected regional training results
will be incorporated into the WG activities



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Proposed approach

- Main objectives and requirements: similarities and overlaps - WFD – other EU Directive
- Traditional approaches
- National transposition
- Institutional development
- Main activities
- Joint implementation requirements
- Timeline, reporting
- Capacity building



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Relevance of planning for WFD (1)

- Planning process – follow all ongoing and planned initiatives so they do not prevent the achievement of WFD objectives
- The planning process has to be flexible, dynamic, cyclic and able to anticipate future developments or to take into account events such as flooding or droughts
- The complexity of the planning process of water management within RB depends on the characteristics of the catchment, the scale and the possible spatial conflicts with other policy sectors that have a significant impact on water, but are structured along administrative and political boundaries.
- WFD requires coordination and coherence across administrative and political borders.
- Every Member State should be able to inform and involve stakeholders and the public



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Relevance of planning for WFD (2)

Preconditions for a sound planning process according to the relevant aspects of the WFD:

- Long-term vision for the RBD
- Realistic management objectives to reach the vision
- Knowledge and information management
- The need of building capacity
- Integration on the operational level
- Links with other planning policies
- The right timing
- Appropriate toolbox.



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Relevance of planning for WFD (3)

- The river basin planning process is the central tool for the co-ordination of policies for the purpose of water management
- The WFD approach recognizes the need for co-ordination across sectors for planning and management purposes
- The policy objectives of other sectors need to be harmonized with those of water management



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Relevance of planning for WFD (4)

- The scale is a very relevant aspect for a good integration in the planning process.
- Good integration on the planning scale: to co-ordinate "top-down" and "bottom-up" approaches
- River basin planners and managers need to build some cross-cutting principles into all components of their work, to ensure that the co-ordination and coherence required for effective results is actually achieved
- Integration needs to happen at the river basin scale, e.g. between flood management, water supply and environmental protection measures; sometimes at the national scale legislation; and some other times at the European scale, e.g. between WFD, Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and Structural Funds.



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Relevant thematic issues of integration in Drina RB

- **Integration environmental, economic, social objectives**
- Integrated information sources
- **Spatial integration** – land use planning
- **Cross sectoral integration**
- Priority for Quality and quantity (water, sediments..)
- PoM and climate changes: "climate proof" measures
- **Role of economic instruments in achieving the WFD objectives through integration of policies**
- **PoM – prioritization of investments**



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Valuing the workshop outcomes

- Discuss principles on integration
- Case studies, lessons learned
- Discussion on the similarities and overlaps (extent, nature) between the WFD and other directives
- Examination of synergy/coordination needs between authorities managing RBMPs, within river basins regarding water investments
- Identification of joint solutions to overcome different related problems
- Select 2-3 case studies, each with the potential to underline different sets of interlinkages, synergies and actions and overlaps between the WFD and investment strategies.



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