

## Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Landlocked Countries

### Regional Training

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### HANDOUT 1

#### Setting the Scene

##### Marine related issues in the WFD

- Art. 1: the purpose of the WFD is “to establish a framework for the protection of inland surface waters, transitional waters, coastal waters and groundwater” which contributes, inter alia, to “the protection of [...] marine waters”; WFD aims “to **prevent and eliminate pollution of the marine environment**” and “to cease or phase out discharges, emissions and losses of priority hazardous substances, with the ultimate aim of **achieving concentrations in the marine environment near background values for naturally occurring substances and close to zero for man-made synthetic substances**”
- Art. 3(4) Coordination between Member States in RBDs

##### MSFD provisions related to landlocked countries

- Preamble 15 “[...] therefore, the effect of the provisions of this Directive which exclusively address Member States which have marine waters should be limited to those Member States”
- Article 26(3) - “Member States without marine waters shall bring into force only those measures which are necessary to ensure compliance with requirements under Article 6 and Article 7”

#### Key issues and messages for landlocked countries

- 1 Criteria and methodological standards on good environmental status of marine waters (Commission Decision 2010/477/EU) - Descriptor 4.3, 5, 8 and 10)
- 2 River continuity issues of RBMP - appropriate measures at sea and in coastal waters
  1. Minimising human-induced eutrophication
    1. Nutrient (N, P) reduction at point and diffuse sources
    2. Guidance Document on Eutrophication Assessment
    3. Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive
    4. Nitrates Directive
    5. P free detergents Regulation
  2. Concentrations of contaminants at levels not giving rise to pollution effects
    1. EQS Directive (priority substances)
    2. REACH
  3. Properties and quantities of marine litter
    1. JRC Report on Marine Litter
    2. GESAMP Report No. 82

#### Key recommendations

- Late involvement might lead to severe financial consequences for upstream landlocked countries
- River basin commissions - the most appropriate coordination body for landlocked issues.