

Presentation of the coordination framework between marine and water policy at the EU level and future actions

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Coordination structure

- Directorate General Environment
- Water and Marine Director Meetings
- Common Implementation Strategy for Water Framework Directive
- Common Implementation Strategy for Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Marine Strategy Coordination Group
- Coordination Group for Common Implementation of the Water Framework Directive

Informal Water and Marine Directors Meeting

- Take place two times per year –organized by EU presidency
- Have two separate meetings for Water Directors and Marine Directors and one joint session
- The coordination between the two directives as well as the coordination with other related directives or policies
- Common issues to be discussed and agreed are prepared by MSCG and SCG
- Future joint or coordinated activities are agreed during the meeting

Ongoing work on EU Policies on Biodiversity, Nature, Water and Marine environment

- Finalising and consolidating the work on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Sharing expertise in fisheries
- Linking up marine protected areas
- Streamlining and harmonisation of reporting and information management
- Streamlining developments in Ecosystem-based Approaches (ESA) and Ecosystem Services (ESS)

Questions for discussion

- How can we maximise the synergies and minimise the trade-offs when implementing these policies?
- What are the priority areas of cooperation which should be further developed? (see proposals in Annex 2)
- How do Member States address at national level an integrated implementation of these policies?
- What would be the Member States' needs that could be supported by an EU process?
- Should the Commission establish a forum for exchanging best practices with Member States and institutional partners (EC, EEA) on the way to work jointly?
- What more can the Commission do to promote these synergies? How could Commission contribute to and benefit from Member States' work?

Recommendation for a better coordination

- Prepare a cross-cutting policy paper on the basis of the work on frequently asked questions and interfaces between the various directives and policies in these areas.
- Promote the implementation of appropriate fisheries measures for marine Natura 2000 sites, including transboundary cooperation when relevant, and to implement Descriptor 3 and associated marine biodiversity descriptors for the MSFD Good Environmental Status
- Collaborate on establishment and management of marine protected areas building upon the work under Natura 2000
- Increase efforts in streamlining and harmonising reporting under the different policy areas with the view to developing joined up approaches and further develop the shared monitoring and reporting system through WISE and BISE
- Encourage the Commission and Member States to use, where possible and available, the reports from other directives under the MSFD (e.g. on bathing water or as regards Art. 17 Habitats Directive and Art. 12 Birds Directive)

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CCM Rivers and Catchment Outlines, Version 2
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Main priorities in the water policy

- A new strategy to reinforce water management -Blueprint to Safeguard Europe's Water Resources
- European Innovation Partnership
- Water Scarcity and Droughts
- Flood Risk Management
- River basin management in a changing climate. Water is at the core of climate change adaptation



Main priorities in the marine policy

- Further implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Increasing the coordination at the level of Regional Seas Conventions
- Coordination with other environmental directives, Common Fishery Policy and maritime spatial planning
- Implementation of ecosystem approach in all EU regional seas
- Highlight the importance of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive within Blue Growth policy



Thank you for your attention!