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Synergies between MSFD, WFD and
other EU Directives



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Structure of the presentation

- Interlinkages MSFD and WFD
- Main difference MSFD and WFD
- Interactions with other policies
- Adapting reporting needs
- Questions related to WFD reporting



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Interlinkages WFD – MSFD (1)

WFD: prevent further deterioration of status, protect and enhance the status of waters and geographical/spatial (overlap: coastal waters)

Measures taken under WFD will contribute to reaching GEnS, under the MSFD, for those pressures where main pressures are land-based activities (e.g. contamination by hazardous substances).

MSFD – WFD OVERLAPS

- The overlap exists particularly in relation to chemical quality, the effects of nutrient enrichment (eutrophication) and aspects of ecological quality and hydromorphological quality
- **WFD and MSFD** - prevent and reduce input of pollution



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MSFD – WFD differences (1)

- Assessment classes /boundaries and approaches
- Scale of assessment/reporting
 - ☐ WFD:
 - GS is determined at EU level and at regional level through IC
 - water bodies are used as assessment units and these are the same for all topics, including nutrients
 - ☐ MSFD:
 - GEnS is determined by MS at the level of region
 - The scale for assessment, such as the Black Sea region may vary by topic (use of sub-divisions)



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MSFD – WFD differences (2)

- Geographical scope of MSFD covers also the exclusive economic zone
- Baseline and targets
 - ☐ WFD: reference conditions (baseline) and boundary setting + intercalibration
 - ☐ MSFD: no specific approach and MS has to define GEnS/targets
- MSFD is broader, covering a greater range of biodiversity components and pressures which are not included for coastal water bodies under the WFD.
- Consultation period required: MSFD



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Interlinkages WFD – MSFD (3)

The targets and indicators for MSFD Good Environmental Status must be aligned with existing WFD assessment tools and criteria as regards coastal waters.

The monitoring programmes for MSFD need to be aligned with those for WFD.

National/International/Regional collaboration should be ensured for the implementation of both Directives, but this is rather difficult in case of the MSFD, particular because the timelines of this Directive requires quick engagement and the different actors responsible with the implementation aspects.



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Interaction with other Policies (1)

The **Habitats** and **Birds** Directives (1992 and 1979, codified 2009) are Europe's central laws on nature conservation, providing special protection for key sites (the Natura 2000 network), animal species, plant species and habitat types of European importance.

This protection will be reinforced with the Marine Directive's Marine Protected Areas.

The **Common Fisheries Policy** (2002) sets out a collaborative approach regarding the shared seas and fisheries.



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Interaction with other Policies (2)

The EU **REACH Regulation** (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemical substances), which entered into force on 1 June 2007.

It aims to improve the protection of human health and the environment through the better and earlier identification of the intrinsic properties of chemical substances, like the environmental risk they pose.

It is directly related to Descriptor 8 (contaminants) and indirectly to Descriptor 9 (contaminants in seafood) and Descriptor 10 (marine litter) of the Marine Directive.



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Adapting WFD reporting to MSFD reporting needs

Useful info for landlocked countries !!

The measures reported under the WFD KTMs in 2016 are expected to make a relevant and significant contribution to achieving the targets and GES for the MSFD, especially to address **land-based pressures** which are also affecting the marine environment.

In order to avoid reporting of relevant measures under both WFD and MSFD, the 2016 **WFD reporting guidance has been adapted to include linkages to the MSFD by means of new reporting questions that cover the MSFD.**



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Questions related to MSFD in the 2016 WFD reporting on measures (1)

1. Is this measure relevant for the purpose of the MSFD?
2. Has the preparations of the WFD RBMP/PoM been coordinated with the implementation of the MSFD?
3. In developing the WFD PoM, have you assessed the need for additional measures/more stringent measures beyond those required by the WFD in order to contribute to the achievement of the relevant MSFD objectives in coastal and marine environment?



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Questions related to MSFD in the 2016 WFD reporting on measures (2)

4. If MSFD Assessment is “yes”, for which issues are additional measures needed to meet the MSFD objectives? Choice is given between Nutrients, chemicals, litter, others
4. Reference on the *coordination* with the MSFD implementation and the consideration of the MSFD objectives in developing the WFD PoM
4. Joint consultation carried out on the MSFD/WFD?



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Thank you!



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