

“Workshop on Eutrophication Reduction Measures under EU Directives in the Domain of Water ”

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Wrap up 2 days meeting



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Main topics (1)

To examine the eutrophication and the designation of sensitive areas or nitrate vulnerable zone in line with the Nitrates Directive

To discuss current eutrophication assessment methodologies and investigate implications for the RBM Plan and the Program of measures

To analyse the synergies between the inland waters and transitional and coastal waters in relation to the nutrient reduction measures.

To provide examples of the WFD-compliant assessment systems for coastal waters

To present the assessment methodologies and criteria used for UWWT and ND designations

To introduce the impact and pressure criteria used in WFD Article 5 risk assessment which can be applied by beneficiary countries

To present the criteria and standards under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive with relevance for beneficiary countries



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Main topics (2)

To introduce the relevant EU policies, guidance documents and policies for the topics of the workshop

To examine options to support decision makers from the local to the transboundary and international level on the challenges caused by reduction of eutrophication

To discuss relevant needed coordination between WFD, ICZM and MSFD for the eutrophication at the national and regional level

To discuss case studies from different countries describing (i) existing and proposed measures concerning control of marine and inland waters eutrophication, and (ii) measures intending for eutrophication management in the ECRAN beneficiary countries.

Lessons learned from Romania



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Key points of discussion (1)

1. Eutrophication of lakes and problems with ensuring drinking water quality
2. Barcelona Convention and MAP
3. Different weight in regulating N compared with P
4. Agricultural practices: manure disposal, transport, financing
5. Problems related to monitoring, especially biological monitoring
6. Monitoring of priority substances
7. Criteria for selecting extension of sewage and not of individual system
8. Decision of municipalities for building their own wwtp supporting by their funds
9. Financing mechanism – increase of water price in case of regional operators
10. Regional operators owned by the municipalities



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Key points of discussion (2)

11. Use of money collected from penalties – who gets this money and how they are spent – RO – ANAR budget spent on monitoring
12. Differentiation and division between water supply and wastewater treatment
13. Monitoring obligations under different conventions and directives
14. Use of Inventories of emissions, E PRTR, EQS, ARS, contaminated sites
15. Requirements for creating sufficient admin capacity for negotiation at national level and local
16. Transposition obligation and deadlines
17. Accessing IPA funds
18. The size of EU infringements
19. Reorganization issue in line with WFD requirements
20. Technical capacity important during negotiations



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Outcomes

- Improved understanding of the topics, challenges and tasks, and related responsibilities along the eutrophication process, and the selection of the reduction measures in the RBMP in line with the WFD and in the Action Plan according to the MSFD
- Exchange of experiences and knowledge significantly improved
- Key obstacles impeding the tasks implementation and related solutions identified
- Active involvement of the participants through the preparation of case studies on eutrophication reduction measures
- Guidance documents related to the WG tasks discussed and clarified



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