

# **3rd Annual Meeting & Workshop**

## **“Tools and guidance for assessing resource and environmental cost in the WFD”**

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Thematic synergies with other WGs  
Cooperation with TAIEX  
Next steps and Conclusions



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# Structure of the presentation

- Thematic synergies
- Results
- Impact of implemented activities



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# Thematic synergies with other WGs (1)

## Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group (WG 1)

**Regional Workshop on “Strategic Planning in Water Sector”** (June 2015, in Podgorica, Montenegro)

### Objective

- to facilitate the transfer of knowledge on the need to prepare planning documents in the water sector to accommodate the EU directives requirements

The training considered the main concerns due to different circumstances in the countries and various interpretations of implications of national legislation has on various water management aspects, including financing of the water related measures.



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# Thematic synergies with other WGs (2)

## Strategic Planning and Investments Working Group (WG 1)

### Main topics of the training

- Requirements for national planning docs as part of the Acquis: UWWTD, DWD, ND, FD
- The principles and requirements of EU water directives relevant for the discussion of sustainable financing in the water sector
- Key issues of environmental investment and financing planning
- Techniques and tools for prioritization of water investments based on a set of criteria reflecting not only environmental benefits, but also the cost effectiveness of measures.



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# Thematic synergies with other WGs (3)

## Environmental Assessments Working Group (WG 3)

A **Study visit** was organised in cooperation with the EIA WG (22-24 Sept 2015, in Czech Republic) to discuss the key links between the WFD and the EIAD, respectively the SEAD:

- the assessment approach required by the WFD, for those situations when likely significant environmental impacts are identified and then assessed according to the EIAD/SEAD
- the objectives of WFD and EIAD/SEAD to integrate the environment into decision-making process.



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# Thematic synergies with other WGs (4)

Main topics of the training:

- Clarification of the legal relationship between the WFD, especially the RBMP and the PoM, and the assessment under the EIAD/ SEAD
- Discussion on the similarities and overlaps (extent, nature) - WFD, EIAD/ SEAD
- Examination of those potential duplications which are possible and synergy/coordination needs between authorities managing RBMPs, within river basins, with exemplification from Member State
- Identification of joint solutions to overcome different related problems
- To share experience of the Czech relevant institutions regarding the water management planning and SEA/EIA application
- 2-3 case studies, each with the potential to underline different sets of interlinkages, synergies and actions and overlaps between the WFD and EIAD/SEAD.



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# Possible topics for future training (1)

## 1) Water and Agriculture: (links with Agricultural policy)

- Implementation of Nitrates Directive
- Greening of CAP (Common Agr Policy) pillar
- Agri - environmental measures as part of the Program of measures under the WFD (RDP)
- Agri- environment climate commitments

## 2) Pollution reduction (point and diffuse sources - urban, industrial, agricultural) - several EU Directives: IED, Nitrates directive, UWWTD, EQS Directive ...

## 3) Flood risk reduction - in line with the Flood Directive and the Flood Risk Management Plans (MS had to finalize them by 2015, so also the ECRAN countries should follow on this topic)

## 4) Drought risk reduction - it should be implemented jointly with WFD - therefore the program of measures should include green infrastructure measures (flood plain, wetlands, etc) + water efficiency measures - as part of the program of measures under WFD

## 5) Integration of natural water retention measures (NWRM) in River Basin Management Plans in line with WFD.



# Possible topics for future training (2)

- 6) Policy Development for integration of Ecosystem Services in line with WFD and Flood Directive (inclusive payments for ecosystem services - also Natura 2000 payments in line with WFD + CAP (cross compliance mechanisms)
- 7) Access to water + sanitation - detailed support on UWWT Directive implementation
- 8) Institutional development - (i) create competent authorities under WFD, but also capable to implement EU Directives, (ii) interministerial mechanism to deal with water and agriculture, (iii) partnerships to deal with cross cutting issues
- 9) Economic instruments - water pricing, pollution charges, innovative instruments, financing mechanisms
- 10) Economic analysis related methodologies: cost recovery, cost - benefit analysis, cost effectiveness analysis, proportionate costs analysis, environmental liabilities
- 11) Emerging opportunities, including renewable energy and biotechnology (Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Blue Growth, others).





# Impact of implemented activities (1)

- It is considered that the work carried out by the countries in preparation of the workshops reflect
  - The desire to be informed on topics which could help reaching the accession and transposition obligations,
  - The interest to exchange experiences, to learn from each other and get familiar with other countries efforts on the same topic,
  - The commitment to perform the ECRAN project activities for the benefit of their own countries.
- The positive impact of the assistance has been noted through:
- The acceptance of the practical approach in the development of PoMs for RBMP, through the use of the methodology prepared for the PoM development, and the related templates requiring national input;
- Usefulness and of the templates for collecting and reporting to EU Directives, prepared based on the EU reporting schemes, and used for the practical work during workshops;



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# Impact of implemented activities (2)

- Increased awareness on concepts, methodologies and best practices;
- Establishment of common understanding on main terms, definitions and principles of EU Directives among the beneficiary countries;
- It provided evidence to the participants, authorities and all stakeholders involved in the EU Directive implementation process on the current data and information gaps and needs, on the missing methodologies and concepts for performing specific assessments , and lack of monitoring data and systems which would facilitate proper assessment and reporting;
- The recognition of the acquainted knowledge, expressed during the workshops and in the evaluation forms, which supported the participants in their daily work, but also to prepare contributions to the project activities;



# Impact of implemented activities (3)

- Understanding the added value in considering integration and cross cutting issues during joint implementation of EU Directives, for avoiding duplication, overlapping and additional effort, and maximizing synergies;
- The WM WG proved to be very receptive to share experience not only with EU MS but also with the Candidate Countries, and this was reflected through their suggestions at the 5th Screening Workshop, regarding sharing the experience of Candidate countries towards the elaboration of the River Basin Management Plan and its Program of Measures;
- The participants have permanently the opportunity to propose topics which are connected to their interest, in their work at home, which are discussed with the whole group;
- There is an obvious evidence of the added value of the training, the discussions during the workshop, and especially of the national inputs, which are presented and discussed during the workshops, and which reflect the participants willingness to improve expertise, but also their high level of professional competence in implementing the project activities.



# Thank you!



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