

General plan of the WP1

"Directives and conventions affecting the integrated planning and management of river basins"

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Introduction

Strategic focus for Work Package 1:

- To evaluate common EU directives and national legislation concerning waters.
- To compose main spatial planning processes in different countries

The planned results of Work package 1:

- Improved knowledge of different factors affecting on watercourse status and use.
- Transfer of knowledge between different BSR countries of common and national factors.

General structure of the work

1. Milestone

- Together with the other work packages there will be arranged a joint kick-off seminar for all participating partners as well as subcontractors.
- A detailed plan for how to collect various EU directives, regional planning practices, international conventions and national water course related legislation will be set up.
- The situation in the various case river basins will be described in detail providing an overview of the current status.
- Means of co-operation as well as methods of information exchange will be defined together with work package 4.

2. Milestone

- Directives and conventions on spatial planning and integrated river basin management will be collected and analysed.
- The analysis tasks will be carried out by a group representing as well the research community as the practical planning community.
- Pan-European and international legislation will be gathered during the first phase, and national legislation in a second phase.
- The case studies in work package 2 will be used in the analysis effort, and possible divergence between legislation and practical river basin planning will be identified.
- Finally, the need for new methods and tools to support the implementation of the Water Framework Directive and other water related legislation will be analysed

3. Milestone

- The Aarhus Convention emphasises the role of public participation in environmental planning. According to article 14 of the WFD, the Member States shall encourage the active involvement of all interested parties in the implementation of this Direc-

tive, in particular in the production, review and updating of the river basin management plans.

- The WFD requires three rounds of written consultation of which the first one will be finalised before the end of the current project.
- Based on a close co-operation between researchers and practical planners, methods and tools for the involvement of citizens in river basin management will be identified and described.
- The difficult problem of transferring expert language in river basin management to non-specialist citizens will also be addressed.

4. Milestone

- Reviewing the methods and tools for sustainable watercourse planning developed as a part of WP 3 aiming at accordance between the methods and tools and the various legislation on river basin planning.
- Additionally, we will try to spread and get acceptance of the idea of doing “planning with the public” instead of “planning for the public”.
- The design of Planner’s Toolbox and the project homepage will adopt this idea.
- Finally, we will offer information for training and handbook preparation together with work package 4.

5. Milestone

- The guidelines on public participation will be used in practise at the regional WFD authorities among partners to involve the citizens in the elaboration of a river basin management plan, which is required before the end of 2006 according to the Water Framework Directive.
- This work will be done in a close co-operation with work package 2.
- Experiences from case studies and expected new legislation on watercourse related planning will be gathered and added to the report as well as the Planner’s Toolbox.

6. Milestone

- The lessons learned will be analysed and all results disseminated at a common workshop.
- Representatives from Russia as well as Estonia and Latvia will be invited to participate in the workshop, thus actively disseminating the results to a wider audience.

Linkages to other work packages

The Watersketch project is one integrated project, but it is divided into 4 work packages in order to organise the work in a proper way. However, there is a lot of links between the various work packages and milestones. The figure below illustrates how work package 1 is related to the other work packages.



Time schedule for work package 1

The work group have set up the following provisional working plan for work package 1:

2004

September

Kick off seminar in Pori

November

1. Work group meeting in Roskilde
Identifying legislation related to WFD
Preparing a Questionnaire

2005

Analysing WFD legislation

March

2. Work group meeting in Vilnius

April

Seminar for Baltic stakeholders in Vilnius

Analysing national implementations

June

Draft report on WFD legislation

Public participation in Water district planning

3. Work group meeting in Lodz ???

Developing PP methods together with planners

November

4. Work group meeting in Hamburg

The citizen versus the water expert

2006

Adding support for PP in Planners Toolbox

Feb. / Mar.

5. Work group meeting in ???

Input to handbook and training concerning legislation

September

6. Work group meeting in ???

Preparing guidelines for public participation in relation to WFD

Writing final report on Water related spatial planning

2007

Preparing the final seminar

June

Final seminar