

# Watersketch

## Water Framework Directive

### National implementation inventory questionnaire

*Exploring the planning aspects of the national level implementation of the water framework directive*

#### **Questionnaire introduction to Watersketch partners and interview-persons:**

This questionnaire is related to the Interreg IIIb project, Watersketch, and it focuses on the National Implementation of the Water Framework Directive, and the relationship to spatial planning aspects. The questionnaire is to be completed by the Watersketch partners, together with national level responsible administrators. The questions should be answered based on a face-to-face dialogue between the two. It may be necessary to ask for help from national planning agency employees, if certain aspects related to general planning procedures couldn't be answered during the interview. The Watersketch partner should do this.

#### *1. General information:*

- Interviewer and interviewed:
- Country:
- Implementation date:
- List of competent authorities (WFD, Annex I)
  - \* National level (e.g. responsible ministry / ministries):
  
  - \* River Basin District level:

#### *2. National implementation of WFD:*

- A. "Have any new laws, statutory orders or other pieces of legislation been passed by the Parliament or a competent authority with the aim of implementing the WFD?"
- B. Has existing law been amended as a result of the implementation of the WFD?
  
- If yes to amendments/change of existing laws, statutory orders, etc., please state the name of the laws (preferably in English)



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- If yes, does the WFD imply criteria that are more demanding than former criteria?
  
- Which authority undertakes the classification related to WFD
  
- Has any national guidelines been prepared in which the WFD is addressed?
  
- If yes, in which areas (e.g. identification of pressures, impact assessment)?
  
- If yes, has the River Basin District been involved in the preparation? How?
  
- If there are no national guidelines, which guidelines have been followed (e.g. Common Implementation Strategy Guidance Documents)?
  
- Has or will guidelines for public participation be created at national level? yes/no

## **SPATIAL PLANNING AND WFD**

*"Spatial planning refers to the methods used largely by the public sector to influence the future distribution of activities in space. It is undertaken with the aims of creating a more rational territorial organisation of land uses and the linkages between them, to balance demands for development with the need to protect the environment, and to achieve social and economic objectives. Spatial planning embraces measures to co-ordinate the spatial impacts of other sector policies, to achieve a more even distribution of economic development between regions than would otherwise be created by market forces, and to regulate the conversion of land and property uses." (European Commission 1997, Compendium of European Spatial Planning Systems, p.24) .*

Most countries have spatial planning units at different geographical levels, which uses spatial management instruments and plans for the coordination of activities in space. Under the water Framework Directive several tasks involve the assessment and planning of activities in space (general description of the river basin district, art 5, assessment of pressures, river basin management plans and monitoring setup). The aim of the following parts of the questionnaire concerns spatial planning in general and how the interaction between existing spatial planning procedures and WFD is and will be.

#### *4. Spatial planning framework and process in general*

- At which levels is spatial planning undertaken (e.g. town plans, regional plans, national plans):
  
- By which authority are new (national or regional,) spatial planning themes being decided? (e.g. decisions on area designations at national, regional or municipality level)
  
- Which laws/regulations cover spatial planning at national, regional and local level?
  
- What is the frequency of spatial planning (updating) at the respective levels:
  
- How and when, in the process, is the public involved in the planning process:
  
- Do environmental objectives affect on spatial planning practises in your country?
  
- If yes, give examples:

#### *5. Implementation of the River Basin Management Plan:*

- At which spatial level (national, regional, local) is the river basin management plan produced?
  
- Which authority produces the river basin management plan?
  
- Is there any national attempts or guidelines for preparation of program of measures?
- If yes, could you specify

- If no, how will you proceed
  
- Do any regional instruments for regulating diffuse source pollution exist?
  
- How are protected areas (art. 6) related to water bodies taken into account in the River Basin Management Plan?

*6. Potential problems*

- Which problems do you anticipate in the implementation process, and at which stage?
  
- Is WFD conflicting with existing national legislation: yes/no
  
- If yes, could you specify (which legislation)?

*7. Others*

- Are environmental objectives of WFD realistic to achieve in your country: yes/no
  
- How, in your view will the present spatial planning process accommodate the environmental objectives of WFD (good ecological status or potential)?