INDEPENDENT FOLLOWING UP OF WFD IN SPANISH RIVER BASIN DISTRICTS

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General presentation

Created at 2005, based in Amsterdam

European scope

**MAIN GOALS:**

- Building up an European Network of NGOs dealing with water issues
- Monitoring WFD implementation processes
- Raising public awareness and participation for protecting aquatic ecosystems
- Aquatic ecosystem’s restoration projects
- Knowledge exchange and dissemination activities
The implementation of the WFD in Spain implies a **deep change in water policy**:

**GOALS:**
from a policy addressed to **increase water supply** to a policy addressed to achieve **a good ecological state of water bodies**

**CONCEPTUAL APPROACH:**
from water as **economic resource** to water as **a multifunctional good**
from dealing with **exploitation systems** to dealing with **ecosystems**

**INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE:**
Participatory decision making
Knowledge integration
**New management culture**

*Enforcement of the WFD in Spain involves a **SOCIAL** and **INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING PROCESS***
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General approach

FNCA project main question:
How is the WFD being implemented in Spain?

Qualitative assessment
Quality of information in RBD reports
Integration of information for decision making
Double approach: thematic and territorial
Identification of (general and specific) gaps and good practices
Opportunities for institutional benchmarking
Ideas and proposals for improving the WFD implementation

Research design
(Feb.-June 2006)

Information collection
(June-Sept. 2006)

Report elaboration
(Sept.-Nov. 2006)

Report presentation
(Dec. 2006)
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Double Approach

Thematic contents
- Institutional design
- Participation
- Ecological state of water bodies
- Economic analysis of water uses
- Integration of information

Territorial scope
- Intercomunitarian & Internal River Basin Districts
**Thematic approach**
Expert input and supervision for each thematic area

**Territorial approach**
Network of FNCA territorial informants

Sources of information: WFD Art 5 Reports; Interviews to RBD Authorities; Collaboration from NGOs; Books, journals, Internet, etc.

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How it works

**Identification of territorial informants**

**Questionnaire design**

**Filled in Questionnaires**

**Processing and Reporting**

**Synthesis Report**
### INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN

- Common and specific regulative aspects
- Organizational impact of WFD in Water Institutions

### PARTICIPATION

- Availability of and accessibility to information
- Communication & Consultation mechanisms
- Design of participatory process for WFD implementation

### ECOLOGICAL STATE OF WATER BODIES

- Characterization of water bodies & identification of pressures and impacts
- Information scale & quality

### ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

- Meaningfulness of economic scale of analysis
- Water uses economic analysis: information quality & scale
- Cost recovery for water services: information quality & scale
- Environmental & resource costs

### INTEGRATION

- Usefulness of information in WFD Art 5. Reports for decision making
- Ecological & economic territorial scale
- Quality of information & opportunities of participation

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**RBD comparison:** examples from RBD experiences

**Gaps and opportunities of mutual learning**
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Synthesis Report

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Civil Society:
- NGOs
- Public in general

Public Administration:
- RBD Authorities
- Environmental Ministry
- Regional and local authorities

Research:
National and International Events
Base for future research on WFD implementation
Observatory on WFD’s implementation
Faro (Portugal), 4th December 2006

AQUANET International Workshop on WFD implementation: European approaches to participation in RBM

The main goal: getting useful lessons by comparing institutional and participatory practices and experiences throughout Europe -paying particular attention to the WFD implementation in zones under severe water stress.

Programme extract:

Session 1. River Basin Authority’s institutional models and WFD enforcement: experiences from 5 European countries (SP, BE, I, H & G)

Session 2. WFD: effective or “virtual” social participation in water management? Paying special attention to the case of European zones under water stress

Presentation and debate of Sessions 1 and 2 conclusions

REGISTRATION: free of charge (attendants limited to 30 people)

For more information and registration details to the AQUANET International Workshop, please contact to: Graciela.Ferrer@uv.es

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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