Public participation in implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Poland

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Public participation in Poland:

- Team of Public Participation in the WFD implementation by the DWR of the Ministry of Environment

- „Programme of public participation in implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Poland”
The Programme adjusts requirements of the Water Framework Directive regarding public participation to Polish conditions of water management planning within the river basin and provisions of law being in force in Poland.

It includes detailed guidelines concerning organisation of public participation process at the national level - Oder and Vistula river basins, and at the level of water regions.

The Programme identifies and selects social groups that should be involved in implementation of the Water Framework Directive, national and local government institutions responsible for ensuring public participation, forms, methods and tools necessary for the process, and costs of public participation process are estimated.

Addressees of the Programme of public participation in implementation of the Water Framework Directive are institutions responsible for the WFD implementation in Poland.
National level of two river basins - Oder and Vistula river:
National Water Forum (NWF)

The NWF will contribute to democratisation of decision making process, that is connected with gaining social acceptance for decisions made in scope of water management.

Organisations participating in the National Water Forum will represent full spectrum of public interests and private water usage.

The Forum’s activity should be received by possible broadest public, and encourage it to participation in solving significant water management questions.

The most important tasks of the Forum:

- Providing information
- Consultations
- Active involvement
Organisation of the NWF’s work:

- Number of participants: 100 – 130 persons,
- Duration: 1 to 2 days (depending on the discussed topics),
- Form of meeting: plenary session and work in workgroups (discussion panels),
- Schedule of meetings: once or twice a year - spring, autumn,
- Media: meetings open for the representatives of media,
- Internet: creation of the website devoted to the NWF at the Water Management Office's server, containing information about organisation of next meetings, program and summary of each convention along with resolutions or problems to be solved,
- Interactive Internet-based forum
Regional level (water regions):
Instruments of public participation at the level of (water regions):

- Water Regions Water Management Councils
- Constant Commissions of Public Participation formed by Water Management Councils,
- Internet,
- Local water events,
- Media (cooperation with local media).

The Commission activity fields:

- providing information about the aims of the WFD and the process of its implementation, about water management organisation in the water region,
- discussing and commenting on effect of the reports required by the WFD,
- discussion and making remarks for documents presented at three stages of public consultations,
- making remarks in respect to organisation of the public participation process in the water region.
the year 2006
information campaign

- March – September - information campaign:
  - media plan and media cooperation
  - press information
  - media events
  - creation of a password and logo
  - newsletter and brochures
- By April 2006 - the creation of the sub-website concerning the public participation
- By June 2006 - the development of a model report and the scheme of consultation assessment and questionnaires
- By October 2006 - interactive internet forum
- October 2006 - the 1st National Water Forum
Udział społeczeństwa

Definicje

Udział społeczeństwa polega na umożliwieniu społeczeństwu wykonywania wpływów na wyniki planów i efekty przebiegu prac w zakresie ich prowadzenia.

Udział społeczeństwa w prawie polskim ma rangę konstytucyjną. Prawo ochrony środowiska i prawo wodne zapewniają społeczeństwu dostęp do informacji o zawiadomieniach wodnych oraz jego udział w podejmowaniu decyzji. Aktywny udział społeczeństwa to proces, który daje możliwość wpływania na podejmowanie decyzji poprzez dyskusję poszczególnych problemów oraz prezentowanie własnych rozwiązań.


Strona główna

Dostęp do informacji

Konsultacje społeczne

Czynne zaangażowanie

Podstawowe definicje

Formy udziału społeczeństwa

Udział społeczeństwa w konstrukcji RWD

Udział społeczeństwa w prawie polskim

Dostęp do informacji

Herausrag

Program udziału społeczeństwa
Schedule of Public Consultations

- **2005**: Review of important problems connected with water management as determined within a given river basin
- **2006**: Schedule and programme of works
- **2007**: Draft of a River Basin Water Management Plan
- **2008**: Draft of a River Basin Water Management Plan
Consultations of the „Schedule and programme of works connected with the development of the Water Management Plan” will be held simultaneously at the level of water regions and at the country level:

- **22 December 2006 - 22 June 2007**

Consultations of the „Review of Essential Problems of Water Management” at the level of water regions, will be held from:

- **22 March to 22 June 2007**

Consultations of the „Review of Essential Problems...” , at the country level, will be held from:

- **22 December 2007 to 22 June 2008**

Consultations of the „Water Management Plans” will be held from:

- **22 December 2008 to 22 June 2009**
Local Action:
Testing of the Public Participation in the Upper Vistula Pilot Basin

OBJECTIVES:

- Testing the adaptation of the European guidance on public participation in the Upper Vistula pilot basin, application of this document in the Polish context, and receiving feedback of this application

- Identification of the possible difficulties that might occur during the implementation process, and of the necessary improvement

- The results of the testing will be the basis for drafting the first national guidance on the public participation on the regional level, taking into account the Polish institutional and legislation context
Active involvement of interested parties is realized through the Informal Public Participation Committee of the Water Management Councils in the Pilot River Basin of the Upper Vistula.

The committee consists of 20 representatives.

The committee members represent various interested parties: local government authorities, economic, agricultural, fishing, and ecological organizations whose activities refer to water management and water users (companies).

Consultation of the main issues of the water management:

Passive (written) consultation:
- Questionnaires
- Internet

Active consultation (local meetings):
- 40 – 80 people
- representatives of local elected officials, water users (agriculture, forestry, fishery, tourism, industry...) NGOs
- media
- experts
- broad public
Thank you for your attention