Peer-Review Mechanism

for the Improvement of Water Framework Directive Implementation

Lourdes – 21 October 2016
The **objective** is to set up a simple, voluntary and targeted system to allow mutual learning between peers about WFD implementation and participative river basin management planning.

**Who?**

Practitioners from River Basin Districts involved in the implementation of the WFD.
How?

1- Peer review missions dedicated to issues selected by Receiving Competent Authorities (RCAs) and implemented by selected volunteer reviewing experts. They were carefully organised in line with precise Terms of References and online preparatory meeting gathering the mission participants before and after the mission.

2- Hands-on workshops on most discussed issues during the missions
Project activities:

- **September 2014**: Launch of the Peer review Secretariat project for 2 years
- **November 2014**: Establishing the protocol to perform the peer-reviews, "manual of procedures"
- **January 2015**: Initial call for expression of interest for both RBDs and experts launched
## Project activities:

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<td>February-June 2015</td>
<td>• Elaboration of ToRs with RCAs and first webinars</td>
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<td>August 2015</td>
<td>• First Peer Review missions</td>
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<td>Sept. – Oct. 2016</td>
<td>• 4 Peer Review workshops</td>
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<td>Up to Nov. 2016</td>
<td>• Finalisation of Peer-review missions</td>
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<td>• Final assessment and report</td>
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Establishment of a Peer-Review Mechanism
Geographic distribution of reviewing experts

- 70 candidate reviewing experts from 15 MS
RBDistricts candidates for a PR mission

South Baltic Water District, Sweden
Tiber Basin Authority, Italy
Duero River Basin Authority, Spain
Jucar River Basin Authority, Spain
Water Management Agency, Luxembourg
Catalan Water Agency, Spain
Autorità di Bacino dell'Alto Adriatico, Italy
River Basin District of River Kokemäenjoki - Finland
Rhine-Meuse Water Agency - France
Miño-Sil River Basin Authority - Spain
Northern Baltic Sea Water District Authority - Sweden
Danish Water Agency - Danemark
Malta
Ministry of the Environment – Estonia
Glomma River Basin District – Norway
Environment, geology and meteorology centre - Latvia

18 Expressions of Interest from 12 MS

European River Basin Districts
- Candidate RBD for the Peer Review project
- Others
## Peer-Review Project: Missions' schedule

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<th>2016</th>
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- **RCA**: Online meeting/exchanges for the preparation of the mission
- **Peer Review mission**: Red
- **Mission report**: Blue
Preliminary outcomes and messages

- Target for 20 Peer Review missions, but timing at the turn of the RBM Planning cycle not very favourable
- Good participation from MS (RCAs and experts) to join the process. Nordic countries appreciate in particular this opening to different experiences. Older member states have less used the mechanism.
- Satisfied participants who gained experience and extra motivation in improving their daily work
Establishment of a Peer-Review Mechanism

Preliminary outcomes and messages
Hands-on Workshops

- **Groundwater** on 8-9 September at the South Baltic RCA in Kalmar (Sweden)
- **Data management** on 5-6 October near Nice (France)
- **PoM** on 18 October in Lourdes (France) before the annual EUROPE-INBO conference
- **Lessons learned** for the peer review instrument for good practice exchange on WFD implementation between member states on 26 October afternoon before the SCG in Brussels (Belgium)
Lessons learned:

- Marks the end of the first phase of the program and analyses the lessons learned from the Peer Review missions and the 3 previous workshops
- Makes suggestion for the evolution of the tool based on the results of the inquiry
- The workshop is held the day before the SCG meeting so that a communication can be made on the conclusion of the workshop and discussion could occur on the future of the
All materials related to the Peer review mechanism can be found on the project website:

www.aquacoope.org/peer.review/

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