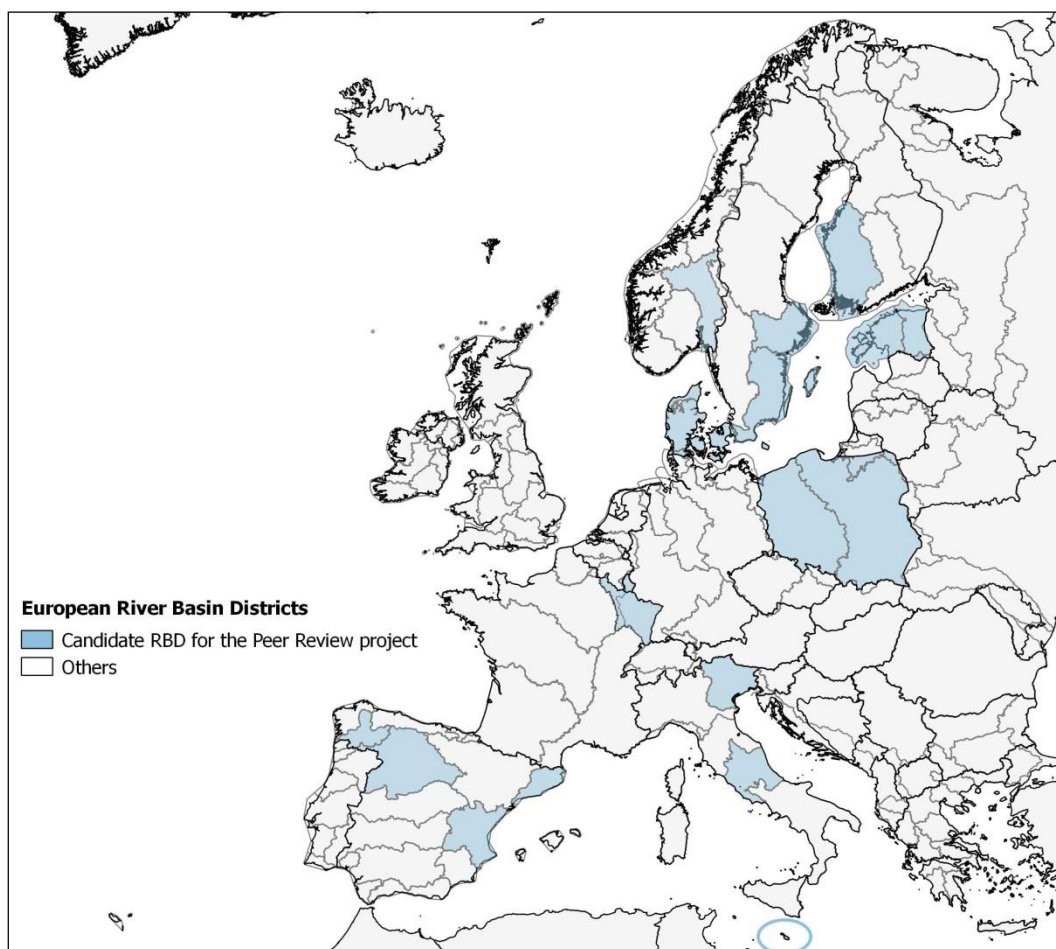


## **EU experience the Peer-Review Mechanism for direct exchange between member state on the improvement of Water Framework Directive implementation**

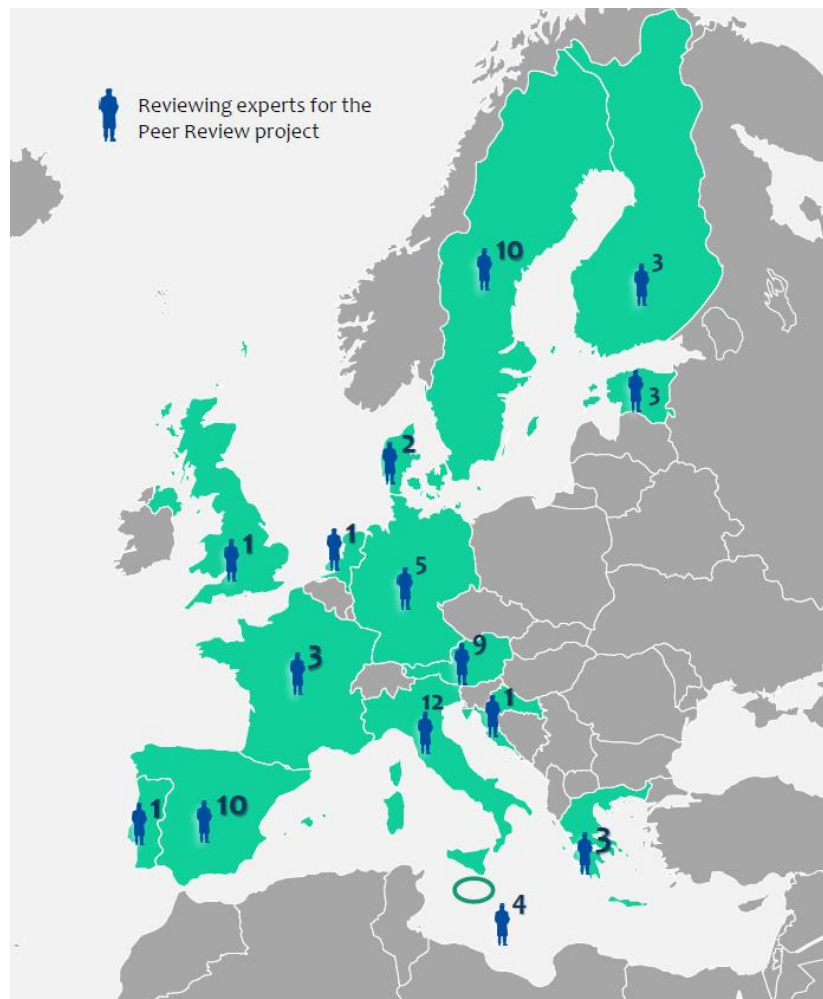
The consortium formed by International Office for Water (France-lead partner), together with the National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management (Romania) and the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisation Secretariat (Spain), has been implementing the Peer Review mechanism and insuring its secretariat for the last year.

This project responds to the observation of the Commission assessment of the first 2009-2015 river basin management plans across Europe which has shown important differences in implementation between the various EU member states. To better share the experience of the practitioners in charge of participative river basin management planning in their own country, the objective of the project is to set up and run a simple, voluntary and targeted system to allow mutual learning between peers about WFD implementation.

Based on the first call launched at the beginning of 2015, 16 Receiving Competent Authorities (RCAs) from River Basin Districts located in 11 EU Countries (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Spain and Sweden) have expressed their interest in having some selected issues regarding their river basin management plan reviewed by their colleagues from other member states or districts (Reviewing Experts or Peers). The Peer Review missions have started in August 2015 and will be held until spring 2016.



In parallel, over 68 Experts from 15 Member States have registered so far as candidate to be Reviewing Experts by sending their Europass CV and profile form to the secretariat. New experts can still volunteer to take part in the peer review mechanism as it is an open and dynamic process.



To join the community for mutual support and exchange on WFD implementation, please contact of the Peer review Secretariat: [peer.review@oieau.fr](mailto:peer.review@oieau.fr)