Presentation of the Current situation in Greece

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Presentation structure

- **Introduction:** Towards water (economic) regulation

- **Decision making scheme within water governance**

- **The role of the Special Secretariat with respect to water regulation - management of water services from the perspective of strategic planning**

- **Key challenges to cope with - On going actions & next steps**
Towards water regulation

- Lack of a single legislative framework regulating tariff determination regardless of the provider (divergences between actual cost & prices, diversities between areas within Greek territory)

- Weaknesses related to the ability to compare & evaluate providers’ effectiveness, in terms of sustainability (cost recovery & quality of provided services- irrespective with the price imposed)

- Lack of motivation for the improvement of water services
Towards water regulation

- Over exploitation and mismanagement of water resources
- Management against the protection of consumers
- Non compliance with established national & European provisions.

Obligations stemming from WFD lead to setting rules for costing & pricing - principals of cost recovery & “polluter pays”, taking into account the results from economic analysis of water services.
Decision making scheme – Tariff approval

Water Service Providers: Municipalities & Municipal Water Utilities

Water Service Providers: EYATH & EYDAP

Municipal Council

Approval of the tariffs

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Approval of the tariffs

propose

decides

decides
Decision making scheme – Governmental level

National Committee for Water

proposes

Approval of the rules

Consultation Committee

decides

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The Special Secretariat for Water as the “Water Regulator”/established in 2013

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The role of the SSW with respect to regulatory competencies (Law 3199/2003 and its amendments)

- Development, Surveillance & evaluation of pricing policy for water services (in cooperation with the co competent Ministries)

- Regulation & Measures proposals to the Minister of Environment to specify the pricing policy
The role of the SSW with respect to regulatory competencies (PD/JMD)

Directorate for the Planning & Management of Water Services

Strategic planning, Development & Evaluation of policy against the rational & sustainable management of water services
The role of the SSW with respect to regulatory competencies (PD/JMD)

- Development of policy: proposals to the National Committee for Water:
  - procedures, methodologies & levels of cost recovery
  - General rules for costing & pricing of water services per sectoral use
  - Methodologies & rules for costing & pricing in the context of specification of the established general rules (co operation with co competent Ministries)
  - Rules & measures against the improvement of water services
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Department for Costing & Pricing of Water Services

- **Surveillance & Monitoring:**
  - of management rules for water services (water providers)
  - of the implementation of pricing methodology
  - of the implementation of the NCW’s decisions (responsible authorities) – linearization of actions
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- Monitoring & Surveillance of the terms in case of Concession Agreements (with respect to pricing policy):
  - Existed CA
  - New/Amendments of CA: work out the terms, monitoring of the implementation of strategic & business plans in cooperation with the competent authorities
The role of the SSW with respect to regulatory competencies (Law 4254/2014)

- Approval Responsibilities assigned to the Special Secretary for Water:
  - tariffs proposed by the Water Companies for Athens (EYDAP S.A.) &
  - Thessaloniki (EYATH S.A.) by the Special Secretary for Water (entry into force from 1st July 2015) with the opinion of the Minister of Economics.
Key challenges in the near future/ ongoing tasks

- **Price policy and WFD requirements** – Implementation of RBMPs: the general rules for costing and pricing of drinking water should be drafted & finalized by the end of 2015 (integration of comments – consultation procedures to finalize the proposal to NCW)

- **Monitoring system**: development of the tools for the effective monitoring of water utilities performance, including regulatory accounts and IT tools
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- Development of a “platform” for the implementation of the pricing policy by responsible authorities/bodies – procedures & methodology.
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