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Objectives

- ✓ *Compliance assessment*
- ✓ *Report on progress & policy effectiveness*
- ✓ *Prepare WFD and FD review*

Building on experience from the assessment of 1st RBMPs

- ✓ *Focus on achievement (pressure, status)*
- ✓ *More assessment, less description*
- ✓ *In-depth analysis of evidence base of PoMs, justification of exemptions, cooperation in international RBDs...*
- ✓ *Coordination ENV/EEA/JRC*

WFD Reporting Guidance 2016

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Intended process (RBMPs)

Assessment and evaluation in 4 parts

- *WFD and FD compliance assessment*
- *WFD achievements regarding status and pressures (EEA report)*
- *Synergies with other environmental Directives*
- *In-depth assessment (on a few priority pressures and across provisions of WFD and other EU law)*

Scope of the assessment

- ✓ *Second RBMPs:*
 - ✓ **country specific assessments**
 - ✓ **assessment at EU level (overview)**

- ✓ *First FRMPs:*
 - ✓ **country specific assessments**
 - ✓ **assessment at EU level (overview)**

- ✓ *International coordination in water resources and flood management*
 - ✓ **iRBD/iUoM specific assessments**
 - ✓ **assessment at EU level (overview)**



Timeline

Common to 1st FRMPs and 2nd RBMPs

MS reports: legal obligation = March 2016

EC Implementation report for WFD and FD:

legal obligation = End 2018

possibly earlier, as an early input to the review process

Support contract: 2016-2018



Assessment of 2nd RBMPs

Main guiding questions:

- ✓ *Status of implementation of WFD requirements?*
- ✓ *Compliant implementation?*
- ✓ *Progress made since the 1st cycle?*
- ✓ *Follow-up of COMM's previous recommendations?*
- +
- ✓ *Identification of good practices*
- ✓ *Recommendations for the future steps*



Assessment of 2nd RBMPs

- ✓ **Timing:** *draft assessment for consultation within 6 to 8 months after WISE reporting is completed.*
- ✓ **Product-driven approach**
→ *cf. draft report's **outline***
- ✓ **Scale** *of the assessment: MS by default, RBD level when approach and/or methodologies are different within a MS*
→ *cf. **planned level** of assessment*



Assessment of 1st FRMPs

Main guiding questions:

- ✓ *Status of implementation of FD requirements?*
 - ✓ *Compliant implementation?*
 - +
 - ✓ *Identification of good practices*
 - ✓ *Recommendations for the future steps*
-
- ✓ *8 key topics*
 - ✓ *Based on WISE reporting, FRMPs, background documents (PFRAs, FHRMs...)*



Assessment of 1st FRMPs

- ✓ **Timing:** *draft assessment for consultation within 6 to 8 months after WISE reporting is completed.*
- ✓ **Product-driven approach**
→ *cf. draft report's **outline***
- ✓ **Scale** of the assessment: *MS by default, UoM level when approach and/or methodologies are different within a MS*
→ *cf. **planned level** of assessment*

Assessment of international coordination

Main guiding questions:

- ✓ *iRBDs and iUoMs subject to coordination?*
- ✓ *What coordination, how effective and what value added to WFD and FD implementation?*
- ✓ *WFD: harmonisation of assessments and approach to measures?*
- ✓ *Progress in coordination since the 1st cycle / PFRA phase?*
- +
- ✓ *Identification of good practices*
- ✓ *Recommendations for the future steps*

Assessment of international coordination

Scale of assessment

- ✓ *WFD: iRBD, not sub-basins (except if iRMBP)*
+ *case studies for in-depth assessment*
- ✓ *FD: iUoMs that include areas of potential significant risk*
+ *case studies on areas of particular interest*



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- *8th implementation report published on 4 March 2016 – based on reporting under articles 15 and 17 of the UWWTD*
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-urbanwaste/implementation/implementationreports_en.htm
- *9th reporting exercise was launched at the end of 2015 (reference year 2014) – deadline 30 June 2016*
- *In the framework of REFIT, the Commission intends to launch in 2016 an external study to evaluate past and current performance of the Directive*



- *Report on implementation published by the EEA in May 2016*
- *Review of the Directive is due by 2020, will take into account observations by Member States on further research or required assessments and cooperation with the WHO is foreseen.*



- *Member States reporting was due in autumn 2015*
- *Synthesis report under preparation*
- *REFIT of the Directive is under way. External evaluation study was done and Commission Staff Working Document will be published before Summer 2016*



- *Reporting deadline – 30 June 2016 (reference period 2012-2015)*
- *Information to be reported is outlined in Annex V of the Directive*
- *Implementation report by the Commission will be published in 2017*



Commission Communication on "Delivering the benefits of EU environmental policies through a regular Environmental Implementation Review" adopted on 27 May 2016

First report to be published towards the end of 2016 (on the WFD, it will be largely based on the recommendations contained in the implementation reports of 2012 and 2015)



Objectives:

- *provide an informed and synthetic picture of where each Member State stands as regards the main environmental implementation gaps;*
- *create the opportunity for a structured dialogue with each Member State on the achievements and challenges in tackling the implementation gaps and about the actions needed;*
- *provide tailored support to Member States to improve implementation of the EU environmental acquis and policies;*



Objectives:

- *strengthen the EU's compliance culture in the area of environmental policies;*
- *provide an informed basis for political debates and deliberations between the EU institutions about the horizontal challenges, opportunities and possible solutions aimed at further narrowing the implementation gaps;*
- *identify and share best practices and common problems.*



- *Commission Staff Working Document "Towards a Fitness Check of EU environmental monitoring and reporting: to ensure effective monitoring, more transparency and focused reporting of EU environment policy" adopted on 27 May 2016*
- *The Fitness Check will be presented in Spring 2017 and will be accompanied by a Communication setting out the next steps*
- *More on*
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/reporting/index_en.htm



General objective:

- *to develop more modern, efficient and effective monitoring and reporting for EU environment policy building on past successes which would result in less pressure on the public and private sector contributing to reporting*



Specific objectives:

- *better results on the ground (i.e. higher implementation and compliance rates);*
- *better information and empowerment of citizens (i.e. transparent and publicly available information through active dissemination);*
- *facilitating Better Regulation in the EU environment policy cycle (i.e. having the evidence base for evaluations and Impact Assessments and improving the overall knowledge and evidence base for Union environment policy); and*
- *lower costs and less burden for those providing the information.*



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Thank you!