

# STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WFD IN EUROPE: ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Integrated Assessment of the 2<sup>d</sup> RBMPs



**European workshop – November 6 & 7, 2018**  
**Marriott, Brussels Grand Place**

## PROPOSED AGENDA

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Time	Session	What?	How?
09h30	Registration		
10h15	<b>Session I – Setting the scene</b>	Welcome, objectives, agenda The IA of RBMPs: what is new? Complying with the WFD versus improving water status: are these the same “battle”?	European Commission & Integrated Assessment (IA) team Presentation
11h05	Coffee break		
11h25	<b>Session II – Putting the WFD philosophy into practice</b>	Investigating key WFD components that are central to its success and effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Framing the problem in the right way</li> <li>- Choosing the “best” measures</li> <li>- Translating “paper planning” into real-life implementation</li> <li>- Capturing progress (monitoring &amp; evaluation)</li> </ul>	Four breakout groups for main key pressures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hydromorphology</li> <li>2. Nutrients</li> <li>3. Chemicals</li> <li>4. Abstraction</li> </ol>
13h00	Lunch break		
13h45		First collective learning	Reporting from breakout groups and plenary discussions
14h45	<b>Session III – Windows of opportunity for “integrating pressures”</b>	Addressing multiple pressures in the DPSIR framework: food for thoughts from Aquacross*	Presentation
15h05		Identifying practical options for addressing multiple pressure situations for the different components of the DPSIR framework	Four breakout groups addressing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessments</li> <li>2. Selection of measures</li> <li>3. Translating WFD principles into operational tools</li> <li>4. Monitoring &amp; evaluation</li> </ol>
16h25	Coffee break		
16h45		Second collective learning	Reporting from breakout groups and plenary discussions
17h45	Wrap up of the first day		IA team
18h00	End of Day 1		

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November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Time	Session	What?	How?
09h00	Re-launching the debates		IA team
09h15	<b>Session III – Strengthening synergies between the WFD and other policies</b>	Challenges and opportunities for strengthening policy integration	Presentation and clarification questions
09h30		Identifying issues & options relevant to policy integration that (a) are in “the hand of water managers” and/or (b) require internalising the WFD principles, priorities and objectives into the operational tools of other policies	Four breakout groups addressing: 1. Agriculture & water 2. Energy & water 3. Biodiversity & water 4. Floods and the WFD
10h45	Coffee break		
11h05		Third collective learning	Reporting from breakout groups and plenary discussions
11h45	<b>Session IV – Looking for solutions that address drivers</b>	Setting the scene: seizing opportunities outside of the “water box” Illustrations: 1. Internalising water issues in Food Territorial Plans (France)* 2. Addressing chemical pollution in value chain agreements (NL)*	Presentations and plenary discussions
12h30	Lunch break		
13h15	<b>Session V – Addressing the legacy from the past – lessons for the future?</b>	Illustrations addressing (a) morphological pressures in rural areas, (b) pollution from old (industrial) sites, (c) over-exploited groundwater resources...	Presentations and plenary discussions
14h00	<b>Session VI – Identifying lessons... prior to closing the debates</b>	Identifying key messages and areas that require further work Final views from participants: (a) priority take-home message and (b) areas where the IA needs to bring clear value Closing words & Thanks	IA team  All participants  European Commission & IA team
15h00	End of the workshop		

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