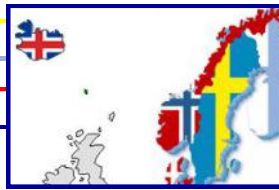


# Nordic WFD



# Conference

Hurdalssjøen Hotel

## Program Wednesday 28. September 2011

09.15 Bus departure from Oslo Gardermoen Airport

09.45: WELCOME, REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

### 10.00 – 12.30: EUROPEAN WFD PERSPECTIVE

#### Welcome address

*Tor Simon Pedersen (Norwegian Ministry of Environment)*

#### The Austrian solution to tricky WFD issues and the alpine convention

*Karl Schwaiger (Austrian Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment & Water Management)*

#### Implementation of measures and hydropower issues in Scotland

*Michael Wann (Scottish Environment Protection Agency)*

#### Implementation of integrated water management around the Baltic sea

*Pia Fredriksen (NERI, Aarhus University)*

#### Questions and discussion

### 12.30 – 13.30: LUNCH

### 13.30 – 16.30: STATUS — IMPLEMENTATION IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES (30 min each)

#### RBMPs and PoM in Finland—How to meet the EU compliance check of our plans?

*Antton Keto (Finnish Environmental Institute)*

#### First experience from WFD kick-off on Iceland

*Heiðrún Guðmundsdóttir (Environment Agency of Iceland)*

#### Swedish water management and POM 2011 - 2016

- Reorganisation and need for new strategies based on the compliance check?

*Lennart Sorby (Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management—SwAM)*

#### River basin management planning and program of measure—Learning the lessons in Norway

*Anders Iversen (Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management)*

#### Questions and discussion

### 17.00 – 18.15: NORDIC WFD COLLABORATION AND HARMONISATION

#### The Nordic WFD collaboration project—overview 2008—2011

*Jo H. Halleraker (Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management)*

#### The Nordic HMWB and hydropower

*Antton Keto (Finnish Environmental Institute)*

#### Monitoring and classification - common stations and approaches

*Steinar Sandøy (Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management)*

#### Modelling and ICT solutions for efficient water management

*Niklas Holmgren (CA Södra Östersjön RBD)*

#### Discussion

18.30 Bus departure to Oslo Gardermoen Airport

19.30: CONFERENCE DINNER



## Harmonisation and realization of the WFD in the Nordic countries

### Need for harmonisation

The expectations for harmonisation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) between River Basin districts is high from stakeholders. Although there is a national perspective on most issues, the international perspective will be even higher. When the Commissions summary of the national Article 13 reports and the compliance check will be public, with demands for improvements to full fill the WFD requirements, a further harmonisation of WFD implementation practise is likely to be needed.

### Similar water challenges

Acknowledging the work done within the EU context by different working groups, still a lot have to be done by the member states. Basically there are also several advantages in promoting a similar development of e.g. different classification systems and analyses for the Nordic countries. Realizing the expectations, the Nordic countries have established a forum for exchange of experience, since many of our water bodies are of similar types as in the other countries. Further steps can be taken to harmonize the WFD River Basin Management Plans.

### Previous project cooperation

Based on previous funding from the Nordic Council of Ministers, there have been a Nordic cooperation since 2008 on "Harmonisation and realization of the WFD in the Nordic countries with emphasis on lakes/rivers". On this [projects websites](#), previous presentations from workshops and conclusions and summarized notes are available. The project have initiated and enhanced a more widespread knowledge exchange between water managers and aquatic scientist in the Nordic countries on common water issues related to the implementation of the WFD.

### Conference location

The conference location will be at the Hurdalsjøen hotel is a modern hotel situated 75 km north of Oslo and 25 km north of the International Airport Gardermoen. It is a beautiful site by the lake Hurdalssjøen - surrounded by a huge park and wide forests. More information in the conference location is available at [www.hurdalsj.no](http://www.hurdalsj.no).