

# Report on the Workshop



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## Workshop on water data management organization and electronic reporting

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### Basin Scale

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# Objectives

- To share lessons learned of previous reporting phases
- To discuss on best practices and potentialities for simplification, streamlining and standardization of data provision.



25 persons  
1 representative from EU Commission  
24 persons from 12 countries

# Organisation



Progress / perspectives related to the received data exploitation, and about the analysis of the reporting process presented by EC

Analysis / first conclusions of the preliminary survey: INBO

Study cases on organisation / approach of data collection (national or basin):  
Austria, Bulgaria, France, Romania, Spain, Sweden  
Example of data reported valorisation: case of SIIF ERU

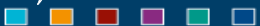
2 groups: exchange on improvement of procedures at national and basin levels



# Preliminary Survey



- Questionnaire elaborated in coordination with the European working group on data and information sharing (CIS-WG/DIS)
- Sent to the WFD reporters of all European countries
- To get information on the organisation for data collection and processing and feed-back on the difficulties and suggestions for improvement of the reporting phase
- 16 answers from 14 countries



# Preliminary Survey

- The WFD reporting gave opportunity to improve the internal water data management tools & procedures within countries
- ... and increase regular exchanges with basin organisations.
- Variability in Organisational schemes for data collection, data processing and reporting, according the countries
- *Example:*

Fully relying on their National WIS

Use partly their National WIS

No National WIS

Report Preparation centralised

Report preparation by Basin level

In all study cases (survey / presented) , the national level never work alone  
Always include more or less the basin and local authorities



# Recommendations



- **Stable**

- Need to stabilise the specification for reporting far in advance: 9 months to 1 year before the reporting phase & to keep it stable from one reporting cycle to another as any change might have impact on the structure of some national information systems;

- **Rational**

- Wish to rationalise the reporting: principle of "reporting once- use many times" and to reuse the data already reported (even if in link with other directives);

- **Wide Use**

- Importance that the reporting can be used for public information and useful at basin level, as example in valorising the reported data to produce elements of better knowledge and understanding of the situation and processes related to the basin water resources, use, policies impact, ...;

- **Delay**

- Wish to define as soon as possible the specifications for reinforcing the links and the coherence with INSPIRE;



# Recommandations



- **Document**

- Need to complete the documentation, in particular the definitions of concepts and descriptive data to be reported, knowing that this must be done in agreement with the countries in order to facilitate the mapping and coherence between the dataset already produced at national level and the datasets requested for reporting;

- **Simplify**

- Wish to simplify the reporting procedures and to reduce the amount of data to be reported (or at least to explain), as the reporting is very time consuming;





# Recommandations



- **Communication**

- Importance to reinforce the communication between basin and national level, namely in order that the difficulties encountered at basin and local level for data collection and processing could be presented and discussed in the European working groups;

- **Traceability**

- Need to reinforce the traceability of the dataset used in order to clarify the difference that could exist between various sources of information

- **Interoperability**

- The interest for the development of interoperability rules to facilitate the communication between information systems....





Thank you for your attention !

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