



Commission activities

**13th STEERING GROUP MEETING
EUSDR PA4 – Water Quality
25-26 April 2017, Bratislava (SK)**

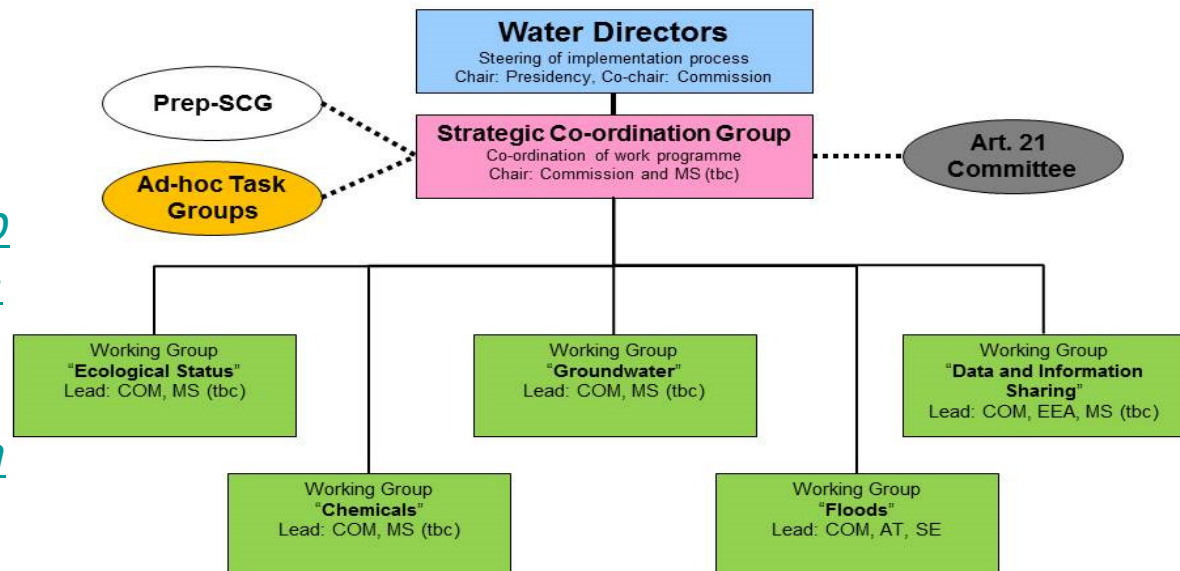
DG Environment, C.1 Clean Water Unit

CIS WORK PROGRAMME 2016-2018

*Agreed by the Water
Directors on 25
November 2015 in
Luxemburg:*

<https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/6b94f19b-97e5-4e46-97f0-817822859b5f/CIS%20Work%20Programme%202016-2018.pdf>

CIS Organisation 2016-2018





Water Directors Meeting

28-29 November 2016

- *Continuation of the discussion on the 3rd cycle of the WFD and beyond 2027 – Ad-hoc Strategic Group established*
- *Priority substances – coordination of WFD and Environmental Quality Standards Directive reviews supported, investigation of more holistic approach to regulation of chemicals in the environment supported*
- *Took note of Water & Agriculture workshop on 24 Oct 2016, supported idea of joint meeting with agriculture decision makers on strategic issues*
- *Floods Directive – lessons learned*
- *Took note of progress report and progress on intercalibration*
- *WFD WISE reporting – acknowledged high priority. Used also for CF/ERDF + EARDF ex-ante conditionality assessment*





Strategic Coordination Group meeting

9 February 2017

- *Overview on the state of adoption of River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP) – updates on:*
 - *WISE reporting*
 - *Commission's assessment of the RBMPs and FRMPs*

- *Commission activities:*
 - *Circular Economy, Environmental Implementation Review (EIR), Communication on SDGs*
 - *Initiative on water reuse*
 - *Strategic approach to pharmaceuticals in the environment*
 - *Start of the Blue2 Study*
 - *Developments on Water and Agriculture*

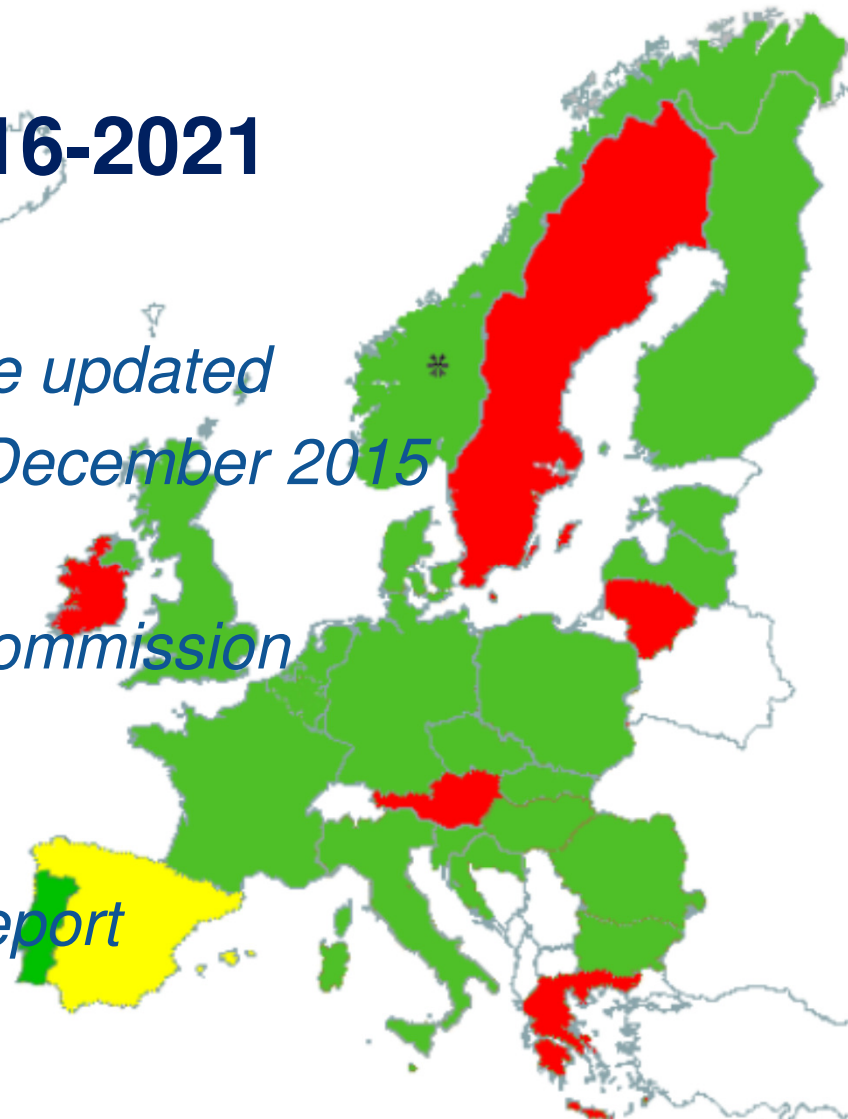




RBMPs 2016-2021

- *Deadline for the adoption of the updated RBMPs (and first FRMP) – 22 December 2015*
- *Deadline for reporting to the Commission – 22 March 2016*
- *Commission Implementation report for WFD (and FD) – in 2018*

Find out more about the RBMPs available in each River Basin District:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/participation/map_mc/map.htm





Assessment of the Plans

- *Updated 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)*





Ad-hoc Task Group (ATG) for the WFD Article 4(7) Guidance

- *Workshop on 13-14 December 2016, Brussels*
 - *Key issue paper as input for discussion at workshop*
 - *Case studies collected during autumn 2016*
- *First draft of CIS Guidance completed in February 2017*
- *Comments received from MS representatives and stakeholders*
- *Second draft in preparation*
- *Meeting 4(7) ATG on 1-2 June 2017, Brussels*
- *Step-wise further development of Guidance during 2017*





Agriculture

- *Commission expects to adopt by the end of April 2017 a **Staff Working Document (SWD)** on "Water and sustainable agriculture" drafted between ENV/AGRI with input from JRC,SANTE,RTD.*
- *The SWD sets out an analysis of the main pressures (nutrients, abstraction, pesticides) on water status arising from agriculture and the need to work together across administrative boundaries to address the issues together through the existing legislative framework.*
- *The SWD identifies areas where further action is needed to help MS better avail of the opportunities that existing AGRI/ENV policy tools provide. These are: governance arrangements, better implementation, financial instruments, knowledge and innovation.*
- *Next steps – joint Water and Agriculture Director level meeting in Brussels 8 May 2017 under MT presidency to discuss the SWD.*
- *Water is the agenda point for the Informal agri fish council meeting 22 May 2017*





Review Drinking Water Directive

- **REFIT Evaluation of the Directive 98/83/EC**
 - ❖ *Commission Staff Working Document summarising the Evaluation published SWD(2016)428 final*
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-drink/review_en.html
- **Revision included in the Commission Work Programme 2017**
- **Preparation for revision on-going:**
 - ❖ *Roadmap (Inception Impact Assessment) published for Feedback in February*
http://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2017-1061434_en
 - ❖ *Impact Assessment Study and Study on Materials/Products in contact with Drinking Water published in March 2017*
<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/94aa2cb9-0daf-450f-a601-e6c76fbc8c17>
 - ❖ *WHO-EC Cooperation Project Reviewing the Drinking Water Parameters to be concluded by Summer 2017*
- **Commission Proposal and accompanying Impact Assessment scheduled for end 2017**



Upcoming meetings

- **ATG on Water Reuse tbc, Cyprus (tbc)**
- **SCG & Art. 21 Committee 17-18 May, Brussels**
- **WGF Sub-group on Reporting 30-31 May and 6 September, Brussels**
- **ATG Article 4(7) Guidance 1-2 June, Brussels**
- **Water & Marine Directors meeting 15-16 June, Bratislava**
- **SCG & Art. 21 Committee 26-27 September, Brussels**
- **WG Data and Information Sharing 2-3 October**
- **WG ECOSTAT 10-12 October**
- **WG Floods and WGF Sub-group on Reporting 17-19 October, Tallinn**
- **WG Chemicals 17-18 October**
- **Water & Marine Directors meeting 4-5 December, Tallinn**





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