

## **Examples and case studies on Art. 4(7) WFD implementation in the field of highway and motorway projects preparation**

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Projects financed from the EU sources have to fulfil the evaluation conditions in accordance with the Water Framework Directive. In the Slovak Republic, the assessments of highways and motorways projects was performed in accordance with §16, item 6, b) of Act No. 364/2004 Coll. (Water Act) – primary assessment of the new infrastructure project based on submitted documentation (i.e. Project Assessment according to Art 4(7) WFD 2000/60/EC) was elaborated for the following projects:

D1 Lietavská Lúčka – Višňové – Dubná Skala

D3 Čadca, Bukov – Svrčinovec

D3 Svrčinovec – Skalité

After the Amendment of the Water Act (Act no. 51/2018 Coll.) which came into force on 15 March 2018, according §16 (3) of Water Act, the authorised body (WRI) issued Expert Assessments based on project documentation to following projects:

D1 Prešov západ – Prešov juh

D1 Budimír – Bidovce

Based on experience from these projects for the optimisation of project preparation it is necessary to solve the following issues:

1. To define (for instance in guidance document)
  - documentation necessary to be submitted to competent administration body (specifically based on the level of project preparation – not all the projects in evaluating process are in the stage of territorial procedure, some of them are already implemented);
  - data needed
  - maps details.

To provide all data can be really time consuming (especially in projects with tunnels) which can cause the administrative procedure prolongation and evoke doubts in the quality of the assessment.
2. To clarify the process of cumulative impacts evaluation – methodical guidance
3. To interlink the NATURA 2000 evaluation within WFD versus NATURA 2000 within Appropriate Assessment
4. To interlink assessments related to WFD and EIA