

Peer-Review Mechanism

for the Improvement of
Water Framework Directive Implementation

Status of the project and proposal to SCG for the
organisation of the Peer Review workshops
in close connexion with the CIS

SCG meeting on 9 November

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Purpose of the peer-review

The **objective** is to set up a simple, voluntary and targeted system to allow mutual learning between peers about WFD implementation and participative river basin management planning.

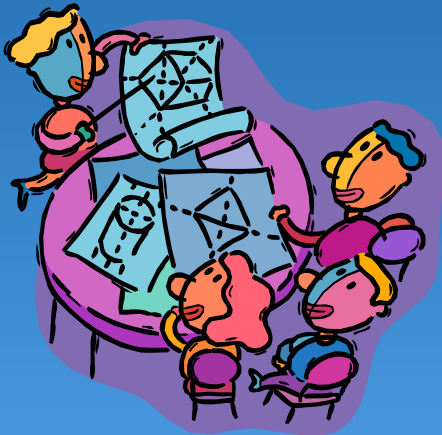
Who ?

Practitioners from River Basin Districts involved in the implementation of the WFD

The peer-review tool

How ?

Expression of interest to the secretariat to receive a peer review mission on the one side and volunteer reviewing experts on the other side



Preliminary exchanges for the preparation of precise Terms of References including match – making procedures to propose Reviewing Experts to Receiving Competent Authorities (RCAs) and online preparatory meeting gathering the mission participants

Organising the Peer Review mission in the receiving Competent Authority in line with the Terms of References

Reports on lessons learnt and tips

Hands-on workshops

Project activities :

September
2014

- Launch of the Peer review Secretariat project for 2 years

November
2014

- Establishing the protocol to perform the peer-reviews, "manual of procedures"

January
2015

- Call for expression of interest for both RBDs and experts launched

Project activities:

February-June
2015

- Elaboration of ToRs with RCAs and first webinars

August
2015

- First Peer Review missions

End 2015/2016

- 4 Peer Review workshops

Until June
2016

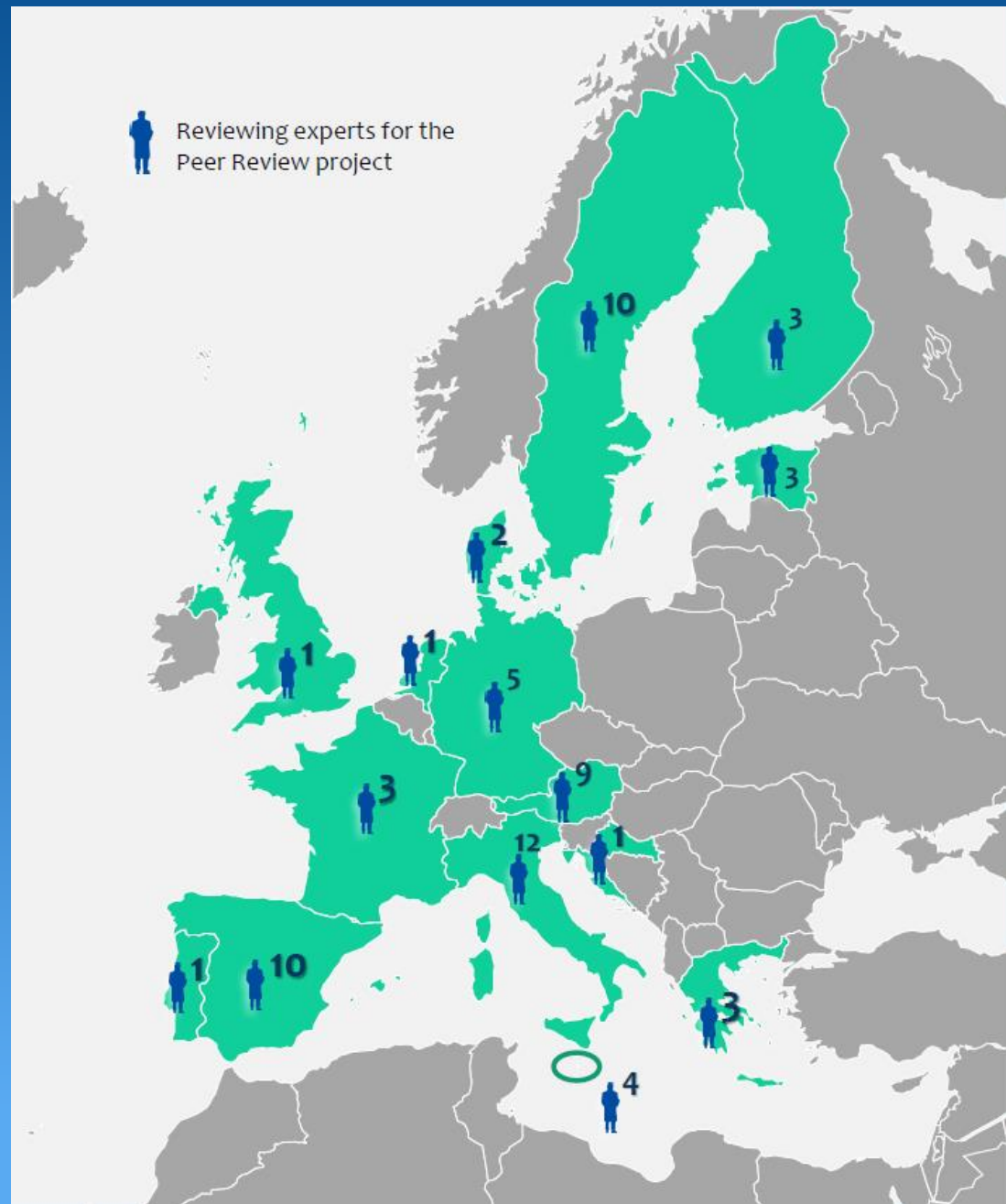
- finalisation of Peer-review missions

Sept. 2016

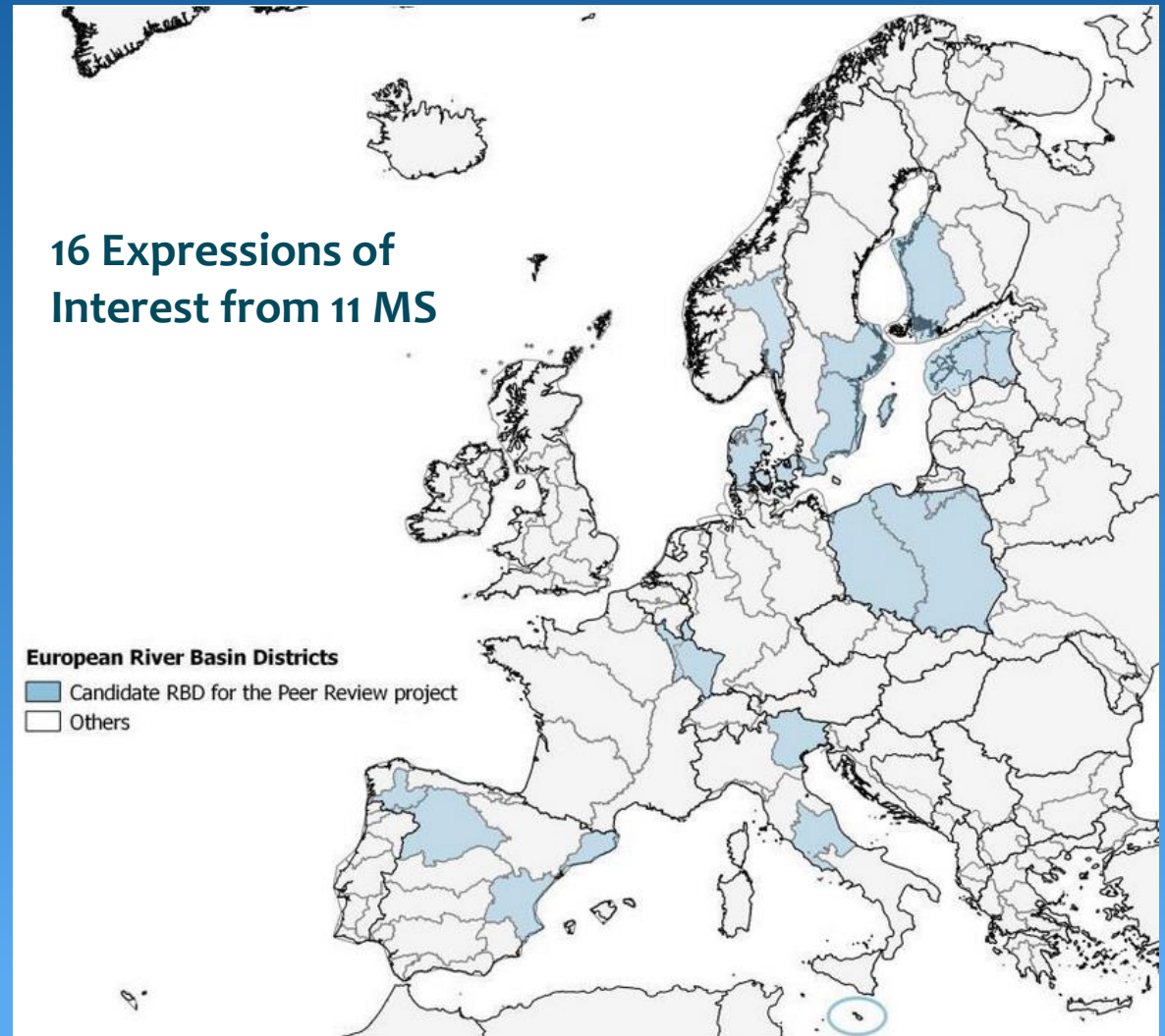
- Final assessment and report

Geographic distribution of reviewing experts

- **68 Potential reviewing experts from 15 MS**



RBDistricts benefiting from a PR mission



South Baltic Water District, Sweden

Tiber Basin Authority, Italy

Duero River Basin Authority, Spain

Jucar River Basin Authority, Spain

Water Management Agency, Luxembourg

Catalan Water Agency, Spain

Autorità di Bacino dell'Alto Adriatico, Italy

River Basin District of River Kokemäenjoki - Finland

Rhine-Meuse Water Agency - France

Miño-Sil River Basin Authority - Spain

Northern Baltic Sea Water District Authority - Sweden

National approach - Poland

Danish Water Agency - Denmark

Malta

Ministry of the Environment - Estonia

Glomma River Basin District - Norway

Main topics of the reviews (1)

Topics covered	Receiving Competent Authorities
Economic analysis	Catalan Water Agency, Spain
Economic analysis	River Basin District of River Kokemäenjoki - Finland
Economic analysis: environmental costs and values	Duero River Basin Authority, Spain
Economic analysis: disproportionate costs	Rhine-Meuse Water Agency - France
Economic analysis: environmental costs and values	South Baltic Water District, Sweden
Program of measures - Exemptions	Northern Baltic Sea Water District Authority - Sweden
Program of measures - Priorisation	Northern Baltic Sea Water District Authority - Sweden
Program of measures - Uncertainties	Northern Baltic Sea Water District Authority - Sweden
Program of measures and public participation	Malta
Programme of measures	South Baltic Water District, Sweden
Programme of measures	River Basin District of River Kokemäenjoki - Finland
Programme of measures - Environmental objectives	Duero River Basin Authority, Spain
Programme of measures - Environmental objectives	Miño-Sil River Basin Authority - Spain

Main topics of the reviews (2)

Topics covered	Receiving Competent Authorities
Groundwater chemical status	Autorità di Bacino dell'Alto Adriatico, Italy
Groundwater monitoring	South Baltic Water District, Sweden
Groundwater monitoring	Water Management Agency, Luxembourg
Groundwater monitoring	Autorità di Bacino dell'Alto Adriatico, Italy
Groundwater quality monitoring	Catalan Water Agency, Spain
Groundwater quantitative status	Autorità di Bacino dell'Alto Adriatico, Italy
Characterisation and objectives	River Basin District of River Kokemäenjoki - Finland
Characterisation and objectives	Miño-Sil River Basin Authority - Spain
Environmental objectives	Tiber Basin Authority, Italy
Environmental objectives	Duero River Basin Authority, Spain
Environmental objectives	Jucar River Basin Authority, Spain
Exemptions	Water Management Agency, Luxembourg
Objectives and exemptions	South Baltic Water District, Sweden
Water information system	South Baltic Water District, Sweden
Water information system	Tiber Basin Authority, Italy
Consultation process and data sharing	River Basin District of River Kokemäenjoki - Finland
Reporting-WIS-GIS	Miño-Sil River Basin Authority - Spain

First results

Until now:

- 6 Peer Review missions held (Luxembourg, Alto Adriatico-Italy, Kokemäenjoki-Finland, Malta, Duero-Spain and Jucar-Spain)
- 10 Webinars organised between RCAs and selected Reviewing Experts
- 16 Peer review missions under preparation in total
- **4 opportunities of peer reviews left for new peer review mission and new reviewing experts very much welcomed!**
- **Formalisation and logistics included in the manual of procedure proved to be operational!**

Preliminary outcomes and messages

- ❑ Good participation from MS (RCAs and experts) to join the process. Smaller countries appreciate in particular this opening to different experiences.
- ❑ Satisfied participants who gain experience and extra motivation in improving their daily work
- ❑ 4 Hands-on workshops on targeted topics to be prepared

Hands on Workshops proposal

- ❑ Proposal for an organisation in coordination with the new CIS
- ❑ Identified fields in the first PR match the following groups:
economic analysis, program of measures, groundwater and data info sharing
- ❑ Organised 1 day workshop back-to-back with CIS working group meetings i.e. in coordination with the chair of the CIS group, inviting the working Group members to prolong their participation and invite in parallel selected RCA and extra practitioners for the workshop on selected topics

Hands on Workshops content

- ❑ Introduction from the RCA's country or basin specific strengths and weaknesses for WFD implementation and selected topic in particular
- ❑ Presentation of their peer review mission results
- ❑ Discussion on extra solutions for the RCA case study with the CIS working group members
- ❑ Synthesis on main issues in EU countries in the targeted domain and good practices to be developed to tackle them

For more information:

All materials related to the Peer review mechanism can be found on the project website:

www.aquacoope.org/peer.review/

For any further information feel free to contact the Peer review secretariat at the following email address:

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