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Common Implementation Strategy for the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC): Planning Process

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Description / Abstract

This document aims at guiding the competent authorities entrusted with the implementation of the Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (the Water Framework Directive - "WFD"). The document focuses on the interactions and scheduling activities and tasks to accomplish WFD requirements. This Guidance claim to be a management tool to WFD implementation at national level. It addresses in particular the competent authorities responsible for implementing the Directive at the level of River Basin Districts although it also includes information at other planning scales: sub-basin, national and international. The document may also help governments in taking decisions concerning the allocation of responsibilities and resources to the implementing authorities. It can further be interesting for stakeholders and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with a view to a better understanding of the planning process.

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