

# The Common Implementation Strategy's Working Group on Floods

The Common Implementation Strategy for the Floods Directive and the Water Framework Directive

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### **EU** law

### Primary Legislation: Treaties

### **Secondary Legislation:**

### **Binding**

### REGULATIONS



Applied in their entirety across the EU

### DIRECTIVES



Set out goals that all EU countries must achieve. Up to the individual countries to devise their own laws on how to reach the goals

#### **DECISIONS**



Binding on those to whom they are addressed (e.g. EU country or company) and directly applicable

### Non-binding

### RECOMMENDATION



Economic governance



## The fundamentals of the Floods Directive/FD

- Introduced in 2007
- **Purpose**: establish a <u>framework</u> (incl. governance and measures) for the assessment and management of flood risks
- Aim: <u>reduction</u> of adverse consequences associated with floods for...

human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity

• **Approach**: textbook, "identify-evaluate-react to risk\*" in (6-yearly) **cycles**, to account for various uncertainties



<sup>\*\*</sup>risk defined as impact x likelihood

## The risk management cycle vs. the FD's cycle

### Risk management cycle

Identify risk

Evaluate risk

React to risk

### FD's cycle

- → Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments
- → Flood Hazard and Risk Maps
- → Flood Risk Management Plans

- First FD cycle 2009-2015\*
- Second FD cycle 2016-2021\*, etc. (there is no sunset clause)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> PFRAs by December 2018 (reporting to the Commission by March 2019)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> FHRMs by December 2019 (reporting by March 2020)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> FRMPs by December 2021 (reporting by March 2022)

<sup>\*</sup> For our reviews visit https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/flood\_risk/overview.htm and https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water-framework/impl\_reports.htm

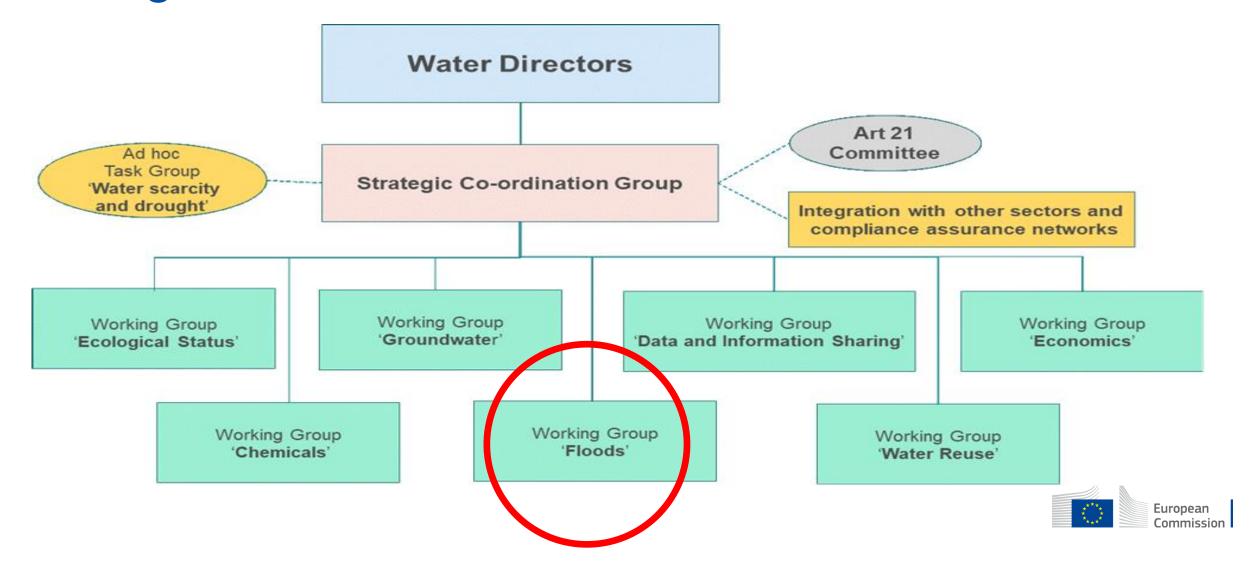


## The Common Implementation Strategy for the FD and the WFD

- The implementation of the FD and WFD raises a number of challenges and a common understanding is crucial to the successful and implementation of the Directives
- In order to address these challenges in a co-operative and coordinated way, stakeholders agreed on a "Common Implementation Strategy" just five months after entry into force of the WFD
- The CIS also supports the Commission in policy development
- Organisations interested in joining should contact <u>ENV-WATER@ec.europa.eu</u>
- Rules of procedure



## The Common Implementation Strategy's organisation



## WGF's work program for 2022-24

The WGF is a forum for coordination and information exchange between Member States, the Commission and other actors (including other CIS WGs) on themes relevant to the **implementation of the Floods Directive** 

The objective is to improve the implementation of the FD



## WGF's work program for 2022-24, cont'd

### The WGF supports the implementation of the FD by

- **information exchange** between Member States, the Commission and stakeholders on good practice, policy, research/projects and new approaches **to enhance flood risk management** (incl. transboundary) in the European Union, and,
- feedback on the implementation of the FD and its reporting with a view to reaching a
  common understanding on the requirements for the Directive's implementation
  and efficient and effective reporting, and,
- **linking with related activities** of the CIS at EU level, and with other Commission or international activities for support of the implementation of the Directive.



## WGF's work program for 2022-24, cont'd

### Tasks to achieve the objective:

- Meetings (twice a year)
- Workshops (twice a year)
- Development of documents (background papers, studies, reports,...e.g. https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/flood\_risk/links.htm)
- Input into other CIS and EU-level activities (the WG on Water Scarcity and Droughts included)
- Outreach (Europa website, CIRCABC,...)



### WGF co-chairs → contacts

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## Location of WGF meetings



Next six Member States in line for the Presidency of the Council of the EU (but the WGF meeting locations do not necessarily align):

- Sweden: January-June 2023
- Spain: July-December 2023
- Belgium: January-June 2024
- Hungary: July-December 2024
- Poland: January-June 2025
- Denmark: July-December 2025

#### Map key:

Member States hosting a WGF meeting (Spring 2007 till Spring 2023 included) and number of times meeting was held there.

(in 2020 and 2021, two meetings were held online)



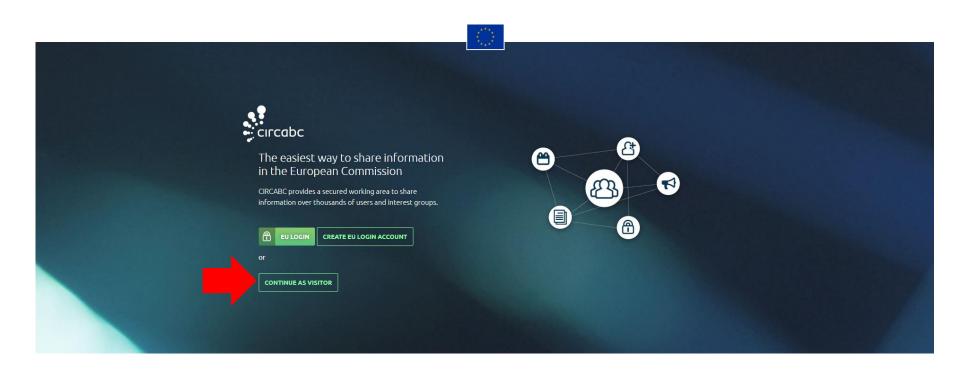
### Where can I find info about the WGF?

wfd - Library (europa.eu)

https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/9ab5926d-bed4-4322-9aa7-9964bbe8312d/library/36bd43c0-07dc-4e74-803c-57a3f306cb4a/details

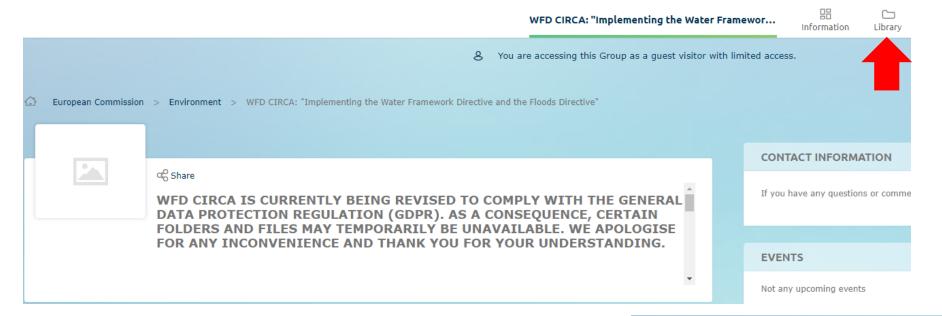
The following slides explain how to access the WGF folder on CIRCABC

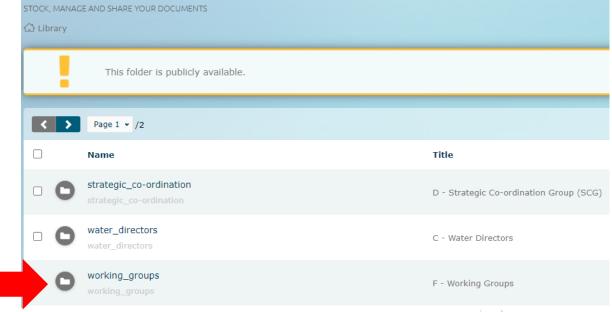




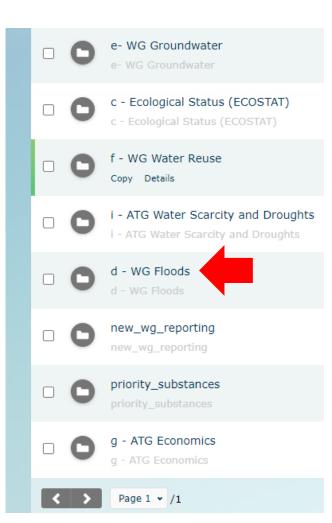


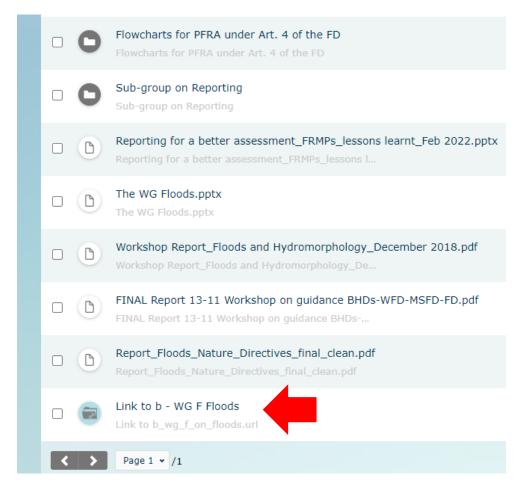
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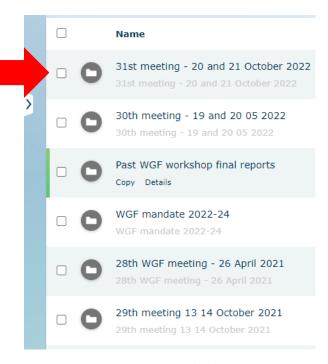














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