



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 framework (incl. governance and measures) for the assessment and management of flood risks
- **Aim:** reduction 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*

**risk defined as impact x likelihood

The Floods Directive: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32007L0060;>

The risk management cycle vs. the FD's cycle

Risk management cycle

Identify risk
Evaluate risk
React to risk

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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)
 - 2nd PFRAs by December 2018 (reporting to the Commission by March 2019)
 - 2nd FHRMs by December 2019 (reporting by March 2020)
 - 2nd FRMPs by December 2021 (reporting by March 2022)

* For our reviews visit https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/flood_risk/overview.htm and https://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/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 ENV-WATER@ec.europa.eu
- [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:

① 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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EVENTS

Not any upcoming events

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