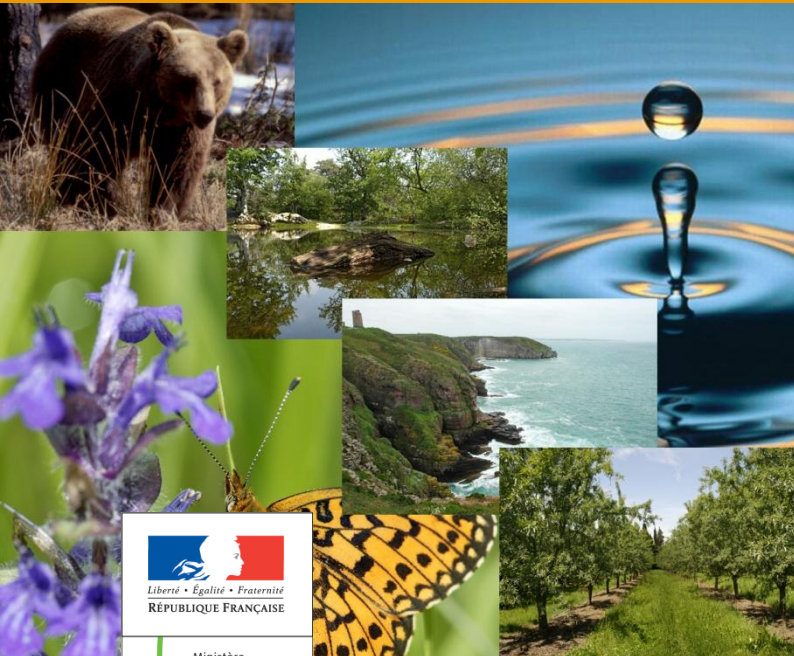


# Workshop on coordinated implementation of nature, marine and water policies

## Quality approach for reporting in France



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# Some reminders of what the reporting is

- ❑ To assess the compliance of the implementation with the directive (WFD, MSFD, Habitats, ..)
- ❑ To assess policies and to compare results to the achievement of objectives
- ❑ To help decision-making for implementing the strategic issues and managing policies (a supervisory role)
- ❑ Now, a new approach : building a European knowledge base... beyond compliance and assessment



# Trigger event of improvement (1/2)

## □ Reporting experience in 2010

- ✓ Workload and time spent too heavy and constraining : 10 men a year
- ✓ European tools still under development
- ✓ Some national frameworks of implementation still to be drawn
- ✓ Consistency controls of data not ready on time
- ✓ Turn over of human resources



# Trigger event of improvement (2/2)

## □ Improvement process

- ✓ Start well in advance to better allocate time and anticipate works to be done
- ✓ Strengthen common rules in terms of organization, process, methods and tools



# Enlargement to other directives

- ❑ More or less similar difficulties encountered in other reporting
- ❑ Increase of reporting requirements for each directive
- ❑ Need to streamline processes and save human resources
- ❑ Need to improve reporting between marine, water and nature directives



# Objectives of FR organizational approach

- ❑ To secure content and process
- ❑ To capitalize and keep track of methods and priorities
- ❑ To better use data for decision making
- ❑ To make reporting more professional (skills and inclusion into regular work flows)
- ❑ To hamonize process through water, marine and nature directorate



# Implementation of cross-cutting approach

- ❑ Tool of quality management used in our Directorate
- ❑ Setting a network of national coordinators of marine, water and nature directives
- ❑ Common process to be used for each directive and procedures fitting for each directive
- ❑ Exchanges of information, experiences and identification of synergies
- ❑ To avoid duplication and make linkages between data reported as far as possible

# Define the quality approach (1/2)

- 5 steps dealing with process + 1 with leading
  - ✓ Preparation
  - ✓ Data production by data providers
  - ✓ Data management
  - ✓ Delivery of reports
  - ✓ Follow up of the European assessment
  - ✓ Steering and coordination by the Ministry (oversee role)
    - ✓ In particular, cross-cutting issues between the different directives
  
- Flow chart of quality management

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# Define quality approach (2/2)

## □ Procedures to be written

- ✓ For each directive by each national coordinator
- ✓ With outputs and periods / deadlines

## □ Steering committee

- ✓ Led by the water, marine and nature Director
- ✓ Supported by a quality management expert
- ✓ Review twice a year
- ✓ For the WFD, one RBD associated



# Example : step 1 Prepare the reporting

## □ 6 current actions / procedures

- ✓ Timetable
- ✓ List and role of people to be met and WG reporting to be organised
- ✓ Define typology of controls (quality, consistency, compliance)
- ✓ Set up the **French reporting guidance** – also time for RBDs to identify existing and missing data
- ✓ Development of other tools – mainly to support RBDs “reporters”
- ✓ Cross cutting data and information – time to exchange in the network of national coordinators

# Step 1- action 4 : FR guidance

## □ Action 4 : French reporting guidance for WFD

- ✓ Translation and proofreading by experts (very time consuming)
- ✓ Collect French guidances from national and local thematic experts, reporters in RBDs, other Ministries, marine team, other stakeholders (very time consuming) –about 20 to 40 people in each RBD
- ✓ Build interactive reporting guidance comprising reporting schemas, European guidance, French guidance, background documents, ...)
- ✓ Design synthesis and simple analysis from data reported (additional to the EC) and comparison with the 1st reporting
- ✓ Ensure consistency with the 1st reporting in 2010, PoM reporting in 2012 and reporting under other directives

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# Test & strengthen quality approach

- Improvements have began for 2016 WFD reporting
  - ✓ Anticipation 18 months before the deadline
  - ✓ Now, collect and sharing detailed guidances between national and local experts with the objective to harmonize between RBDs
  - ✓ At the same time, identification of possible works to be completed or launched
  - ✓ Schedule including all subjects needed for the reporting (efforts of capitalization)
  - ✓ Strategic document on going
  - ✓ Coordination with the marine reporting coordinator and some exchanges with nature colleagues...

# Test & strengthen during 2016 reporting

□ Currently, operational actions between MSFD and WFD (opportunity of common schedule in 2016)

- ✓ National instructions giving linkages between MSFD and WFD with paragraph dedicated to reporting
- ✓ Comments shared by national coordinators about the reporting package of both directives
- ✓ Better respective understanding of reporting requirements
- ✓ Awareness rising of all stakeholders

# Conclusions

- ❑ Reporting is a very significant work with huge impacts on organization, work practices, skills, HR...
- ❑ That can only be agreed if it is meaningful, useful, and with added value for the MS
- ❑ Reporting must be seen as a whole, as written in the reporting guidance :
  - ✓ *“Quality of the EC’s assessments relies on the quality of the MS’ reports”*
  - ✓ *“Bad or incomplete reporting can lead to wrong or incomplete assessments for EC”* and ... also for MS
  - ✓ Each delay and any changes at European level have significant consequences on MS’ and RBDs schedule and works



*Thank you for listening  
and  
for your suggestions*

