



15 Years of the Water Framework Directive: Commission's view of WFD implementation in Europe and Germany

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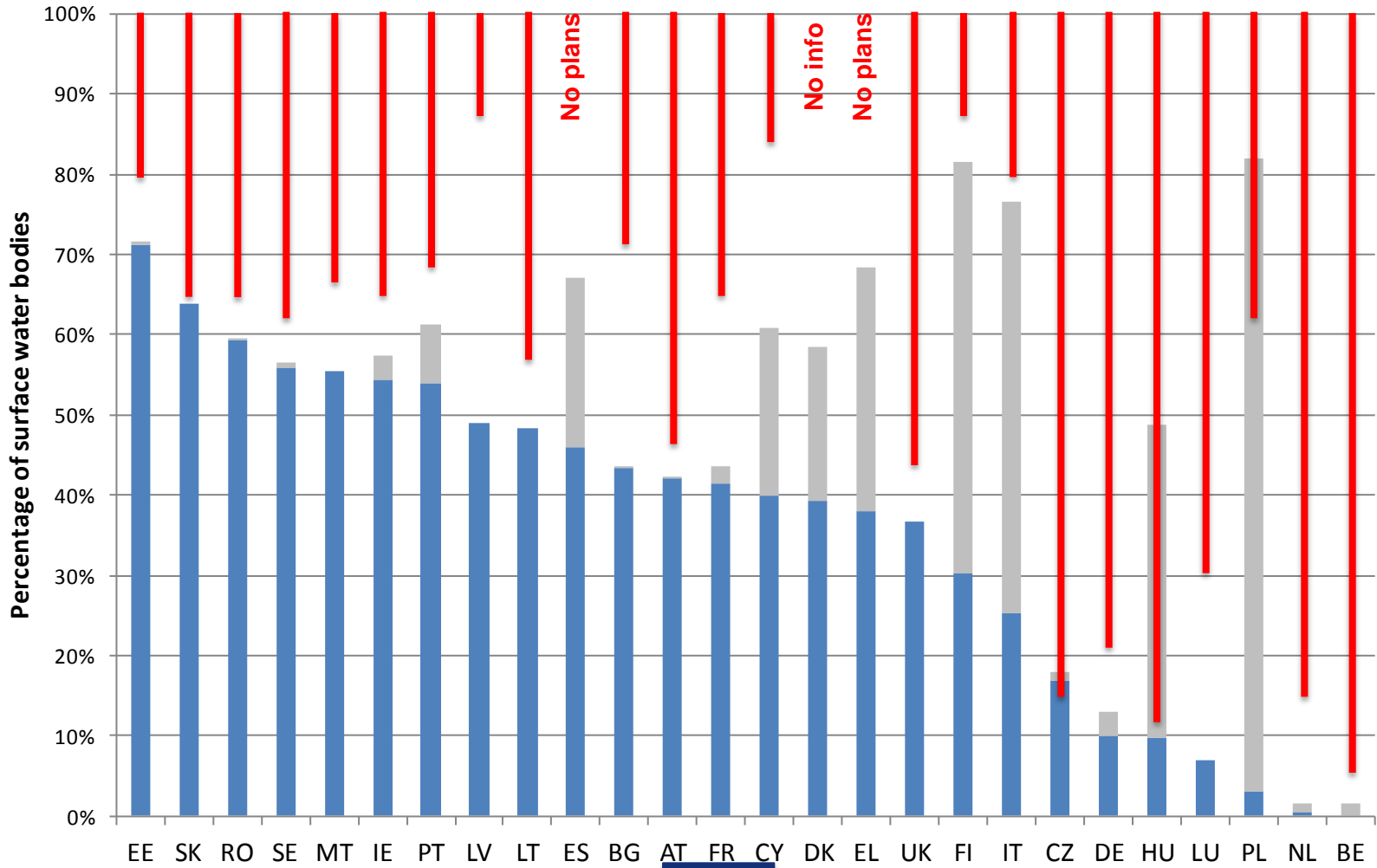
WFD Milestones (1st cycle)

- **2009: 1st RBMP**
- **2012: Water Blueprint/COM assessment** of MS RBMPs
- **2012: MS reports** on the implementation of PoMs
- **2013-14: bilateral meetings** with 28 MS to discuss RBMPs
- **2015: COM assessment** of MS reports on PoMs
- **2015: 2nd RBMP (and 1st FRMP)**
- **💣* 2015: the deadline for good water status**



Status of European Waters 2009

■ Good Ecological Status
■ Unknown Ecological Status
■ Exemptions



Source: WFD Reporting



Achievements

- Expected result: **53%** of EU surface waters in good status by **2015** if MS PoMs deliver (up from 43% in 2009)
- WFD and "daughter" directives have contributed to **improving water protection** in EU
- **Effective dialogue** with MS to improve implementation (CIS)
- Increased **trans-boundary cooperation** in water management

But still a lot to do...



WFD: Findings & Recommendations

- **PoMs**: MS included what is in place, in the pipeline or feasible rather than what is necessary
 - Base PoMs on assessment of pressures to design cost-effective measures
 - Provide appropriate justification for exemptions
- **Water Abstraction**: insufficient measures to control abstraction and ecological flow
 - Review permits to ensure sustainable use
 - Improve monitoring and enforcement
- **Water pricing** and **cost recovery** not applied across sectors & MS (e.g. lack of metering)
 - Adjust inadequate pricing of water resources



- **Agriculture:** still many gaps to address diffuse pollution
 - Better control fertilizers use
 - Create incentives for more water efficient irrigation
 - Better use of EU Funds (i.e. RDF)
- **Industry:** no systematic consideration of WFD objectives in the review of discharge permits
 - Review existing permits to ensure good water status
- **Household:** too slow planning and financing infrastructure investment (collection & treatment)
 - Better use of EU Funds (i.e. Regional & Cohesion)

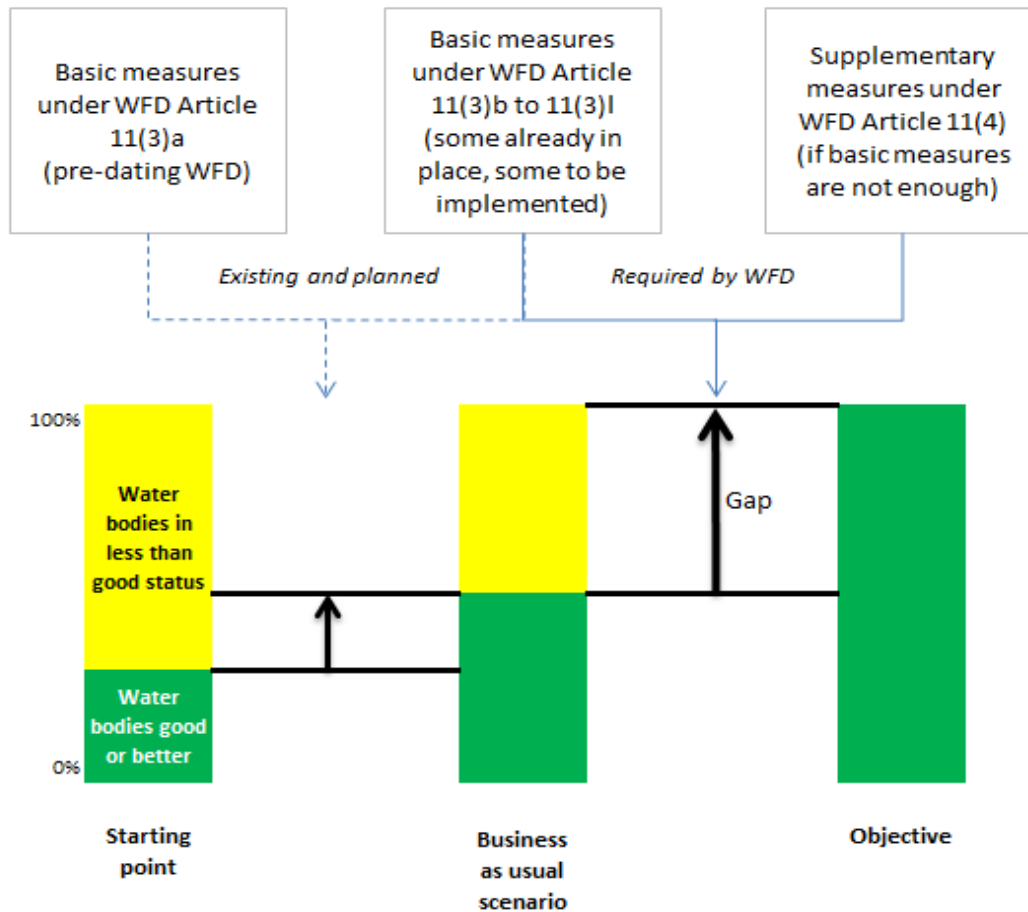


FD: Key Findings

- Significant progress in the implementation (most MS have done **Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment**)
- **Flood Hazard and Risk Maps** provide a wealth of info on flood risks in EU
- Good basis to develop **Flood Risk Management Plans** (by 12/2015)
- Need to **ensure better coordination** between FD and WFD (i.e. use of Natural Water Retention Measures)



Failure of MS to follow the WFD logic





Implementation in Germany

- Improve the PoM intervention logic
- Address nutrients pollution
 - Agriculture – specify basic measures (Nitrates Directive) and additional measures
 - Municipal waste water – specify basic measures (UWWTD) and additional measures
- Control pesticide pollution
- Ensure ecological flows when reviewing abstraction permits
- Put in place controls to prevent new morphological pressures
- Better justification of exceptions (disproportionate costs)
- ➔ **More ambitious PoM to bring more water bodies to good status by 2021**



Next steps

- **CIS continuation in 2016-2018**
- **Assessment of 2nd RBMPs and 1st FRMPs**
- **Integrated assessment (how other policies contribute to the achievement of WFD objectives)**
- **Economic study on value of water/water services and the cost of non-implementation**
- **Evaluation/REFIT**
- **WFD and FD Review**



More information

Wasserrahmenrichtlinie und Hochwasserrichtlinie - Maßnahmen zum Erreichen eines guten Gewässerzustands in der EU und zur Verringerung der Hochwasserrisiken. Mitteilung der Kommission an das Europäische Parlament und den Rat: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/pdf/4th_report/COM_2015_120_de.pdf

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