

IMPLEMENTATION OF WFD AND MSFD IN GREECE MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

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Main scope:

To ensure the compatibility of all environmental projects and programs (especially those that are co-financed by European Commission) with environmental policies of the country and EU and the law.

Coordination of state agencies for the implementation of environmental policies.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Established as separate ministry in 2009. Before 2009 there was one ministry for both environment and public works.

STRUCTURE:

- GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE
- GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR REGIONAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- **SPECIAL SECRETARIAT FOR WATER**
- SECRETARIAT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY INSPECTORATE
- SPECIAL SECRETARIAT FOR FORESTS

SPECIAL SECRETARIAT FOR WATER

Established as Special Secretariat in 2010 (Former Central Water Agency)

The Special Secretariat for Water is responsible for the development and implementation of all programs related to the protection and management of the water resources of Greece and the coordination of all competent authorities dealing with the aquatic environment.

The implementation of the Water Framework and the Marine Strategy Directives as well of the related Directives fall within the scope of the activities of the Secretariat.

The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Regional Water Authorities, formulates and, upon approval by the National Council for Water, implements the River Basin Management Plans and the national monitoring program.

SPECIAL SECRETARIAT FOR WATER

More specifically the Secretariat is responsible for:

- the coordination of all agencies and state institutions, related to water issues and the regional Water Directorates
- **the implementation of the Water Framework Directive**
- **the implementation of the Marine Strategy Directive**
- the implementation of the national monitoring program
- the implementation of the Floods Directive
- the implementation of the Urban Wastewater Directive and reuse programs
- the implementation of the Nitrates Directive
- the implementation of the Bathing Waters Directive
- trans-boundary and international water issues

Implementation of the Water Framework Directive

Requirements of WFD (deadline):

- Analysis of characteristics of river basin districts, review of impacts of human activities and economic analysis of water use (by 2004)
- Register of protected areas (by 2004)
- Establishment and implementation of a monitoring program (by 2006)
- **Preparation, consultation and approval of River basin management plans (should be completed and published for consultation by end of 2009 and submitted to EU by March of 2010)**
- Establishment of programmes of measures (by 2009)
- Measures operational (by 2012)

Implementation of the Water Framework Directive in Greece

Incorporation in Greek law:

- Law 3199/2003
- Presidential Degree 51/2007 (final harmonization)

There was big delay for the incorporation of the WFD in the National law and subsequently, River basin management plans were not completed until the end of 2009.

That fact caused the reference of Greece (among other countries) to European Court in March of 2010 and finally the conviction of the country in April of 2012.

Implementation in Greece of the Water Framework Directive

Activities during the last 2 years:

- Completed and published by the Special Secretariat for Water the technical report entitled "Quality of surface and ground water in the country: reference period 2000-2008"
- Most of management plans of River basins have been published for consultation (at least 6 months). Until the end of 2012 will be finished all management plans and published for consultation.

Implementation in Greece of the Water Framework Directive

Has been established and is gradually operational since March of 2012 a national monitoring program for the assessment of the status of surface water and ground water, in order to obtain a coherent and comprehensive overview of water status within each river basin district

This National Monitoring Network, consists of 2000 stations (sampling points) in 1500 water bodies. There are surveillance and operational monitoring stations refer to surface waters (inland, transitional and coastal) and also other stations that refer to groundwater.

The data and information obtained are stored in electronic data bases, including the National Data Bank of Hydrological and Meteorological Information and the National Environmental Information Network and processed for reporting, and dissemination purposes. Furthermore, the necessary software tools have been developed, enabling further data processing aiming at an effective protection and management of the water resources.

Implementation in Greece of the Water Framework Directive

Activities during the last 2 years:

For the assessment of the water quality status:

- A Joint Ministerial Decision has been issued which sets the limits for 93 priority substances and other chemical compounds. Also with other Ministerial Decision have been defined maximum permissible values □□ for groundwater

Implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in Greece (56/2008/EC)

Requirements of MSFD (deadline):

- (i) an initial assessment of the current environmental status of the waters concerned and the environmental impact of human activities thereon (to be completed by 15 July 2012) ,
- (ii) a determination of good environmental status (to be established by 15 July 2012)
- (iii) establishment of a series of environmental targets and associated indicators (by 15 July 2012)
- (iv) establishment and implementation of a monitoring programme for ongoing assessment and regular updating of targets (by 15 July 2014)
- (v) development of a programme of measures designed to achieve or maintain good environmental status (by 2015 at the latest)
- (vi) entry into operation of the programme provided for (by 2016 at the latest)

Implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in Greece (56/2008/EC)

Activities until today:

- Incorporation in Greek law: Law 3983/2011
- Has established the National Committee for the Marine Environmental Strategy, which defines the national policy for the protection and management of the marine environment as well as monitors, coordinates and evaluates its implementation.
- An assignment has been given for the development of the 3 first deliverables of MSFD (initial assessment, determination of good environmental status, establishment of environmental targets and associated indicators).
- Preparation for the development and the implementation of the monitoring programme

Financing of the implementation of WFD and MSFD

Most activities for the implementation of WFD and MSFD have been co-financed by European Community and Greek Government by the

National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) 2007 – 2013 (total budget: 42 billions Euros):

- Operational program: "Environment and Sustainable Development 2007-2013."
- 5 Regional operational programs also are financing environmental projects

Financing of the implementation of WFD and MSFD

European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2009-2014

(Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein)

Programme: “Integrated Marine & Inland Water Management”

Financing the implementation of the monitoring programme required in MSFD for some years.

Thank you