



# WFD meets CAP - Opportunities for the future

Results from the questionnaire on programmes  
of measures related to agriculture

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## Background



- Member States (MS) need to develop Programme of Measures by 2008-09 (PoMs) for each River Basin District (RBD) to tackle specific pressures on the water (Article 11 WFD)
- Art 5. Report of MS identified agriculture as one main pressure to water

->Questionnaire on "The development of WFD - Programmes of Measures under the light of agriculture" to the Water Directors

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## Why this questionnaire ?



- Start a discussion process within the MS
- Identify the "most popular" measures in the EU
- Strengthen the development of new instruments to support the WFD, if needed
- Indications to support the design of the detailed rules of Art. 38 Rural Development Regulation (payments linked to the WFD)
- Indications to support the review of the Cross Compliance Regulation in 2007-08
- Gather information for the further design of the process linking CAP & WFD



## Results I



- Responses from 17 Member States (AT, BE, CZ, DK, EE, F, D, HU, LT, LUX, LV, MT, NL, P, SLO, SK, UK, ES), Switzerland and 3 river basins (Odense, Danube, Ebro)
- MS have started to discuss PoM, but several uncertainties and open issues
- Thereof
  - Not all questions could be answered; and
  - Answers can be seen as preliminary



## Results II



### Measures

- Focus on nitrates and pesticides
- Other pressures (hydromorphology, phosphorus, water abstraction) are addressed to some extent
- Some MS have started to prepare "catalogues of measures",
- Measures mainly under the Nitrates Directive and the implementation of "buffer zones" of various types (strips, grasslands...). Further efforts will also be made on advisory issues.
- Some MS consider applying IPPC rules to farmers
- Minor consideration of instruments

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## Results III



- Costs of measures are mostly unknown
- In some MS, research on cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA) is under preparation
- Beneficial effects of measures focus on soil erosion and biodiversity

### Supplementary Measures

- Need and design will be discussed when mandatory measures are selected
- Might be implemented by using RD measures

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## Results IV



### Use of Rural Development Regulation for WFD

- RD measures and funds will be used for WFD implementation
- The use of RDR Art. 38 (specific measure for WFD) is poorly considered

### Control

- For diffuse pollution: difficulties to establish a relation between pollution and polluter
- Modelling, land-use maps, statistics, monitoring (existing and upcoming (WFD)) will be used

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## Results V / Next steps



### Other issues

- Using polluter-pays principle and water pricing are not very popular for recovering costs of measures
- All MS will apply exemptions, but large uncertainties about the scale and the definition

### Next Steps

- 4-5 pages summary document on the questionnaire will be produced
- Sent out to Member States by end of May 2006

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