



# Co-operation and participation at the interface of EU Agricultural and Water Policies

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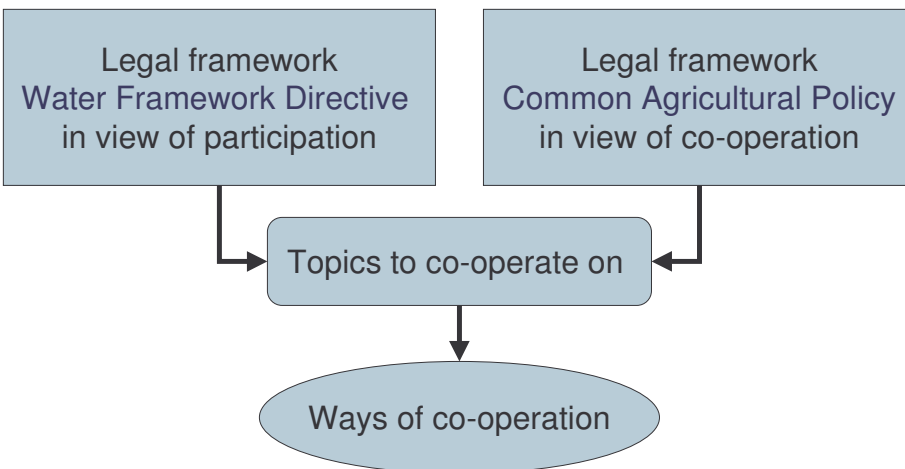
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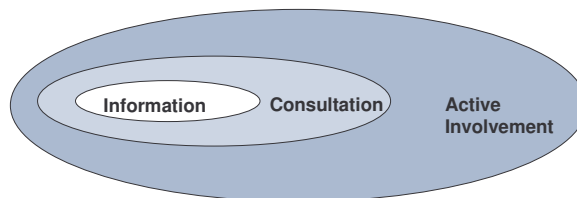
## Background

- Water management and agricultural production are closely linked to each other
- Command and control approaches have limited success in controlling pollution from agriculture  
→ New approaches are needed
- New legal framework since 2000 (WFD entry-into-force) and 2003 (CAP reforms)



## WFD in view of participation

- Public participation (PP) is referred to in WFD Preambles 14 and 46, Article 14 and Annex VII
- Three levels of participation



- CIS Guidance on Public Participation provides further information



## WFD in view of participation (cont.)

### Article 14: Consultation

**12/2006: timetable for the production of the RBMP incl. PP**  
6 months for comments in writing from public

**12/2007: interim overview of significant management issues**  
6 months for comments in writing from public

**12/2008: draft copies of RBMP**  
6 months for comments in writing from public

### Final RBMP contains

Summary of public information measures taken,  
their results and changes to the plan made as a consequence

Contact points and procedures for obtaining background documentation  
and information, details on measures and monitoring data



## CAP framework in view of co-operation

- **Pillar 1: Income Regimes**
  - No legal framework, but several topics
- **Pillar 2: Rural Development Regulation (2007-2013)**
  - **EU / international: EU RD Network**
  - **National: national networks for RD offer a chance to involve water managers**
  - **Local: bottom-up approach (LEADER+)**



## Topics to co-operate on

- Use of WFD Article 5 Reports to target RD measures
- Monitoring for control under Cross compliance, Rural Development and WFD Programmes of Measures
- Advisory systems (e.g. awareness raising for water protection, sustainable water consumption)
- Development of common standards
  - Good agricultural and environmental conditions (CAP)
  - Good practices (WFD)



## Topics to co-operate (cont.)

- Developing a water pricing system (e.g. tariff structure, prevention of social hardships)
- **Sustainable** river basin management is a key component of **multifunctional** rural areas:
  - Aims of both policies could work together
  - EU needs vital rural areas and clean waters
  - Creation of win-win situations is a key for success
  - **Dialogue** between farmers and water managers at local level is crucial



## Approaches facilitating participation

- **Capacity building** via training, education, advisory services
- **Consultation** (river basin planning / development of rural areas)
- **Active involvement** (river basin planning / development of rural areas)
- **Co-operative Agreements (CA)**



## Lessons learned from MS

- **Only few examples from Member States exist**
- **Limited experiences so far with public participation under WFD**
- **Early involvement of stakeholders is a key to success**
- **Make use of existing participatory structures**
- **Training, education and advisory services are important components**
- **Development of tailor-made solutions**



## Key messages

- **New approaches needed**
- **Reformed CAP and the WFD include opportunities for co-operation between different stakeholders**
- **Upcoming WFD consultations offer opportunities for agricultural sector to get more involved**
- **Several topics provide a “basis” for co-operation**
- **Only a few examples from Member States**
- **Important: training, education & advisory services**
- **Create win-win solutions by using tailor-made approaches**