



WFD & HYDROMORPHOLOGY

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Why a specific CIS activity?



- WFD characterisation – a high proportion of surface water bodies are at risk of failing to meet the “good status” due to hydromorphological pressures
- A high percentage of SWB provisionally identified as HMWB
- Amongst the main driving forces: hydropower, navigation, and flood protection.



Main objectives of the activity



- Extent of the hydromorphological pressures and impacts resulting from human activity
- Identification of the potential areas of conflicts between the policies
- Recommendations for reconciliation using existing or new instruments and measures
- Focus on navigation, hydropower and flood protection



2 different types of approach



- A technical activity targeted at the identification of good practice in relation to restoration and mitigation measures
- A political activity targeted to policy recommendations for a better integration between the different policies
- Both activities will be co-ordinated by a steering group



Work organisation



- Leaders for each activity (GE, UK, EC)
- A small steering group (10-15 people) will assist the leaders
- Specific workshops will allow all the interested MS and stakeholders to express their views



Links with other working groups



- ECOSTAT regarding the definition of GEP
- Stakeholder meeting EU flood action programme
- PRB component