

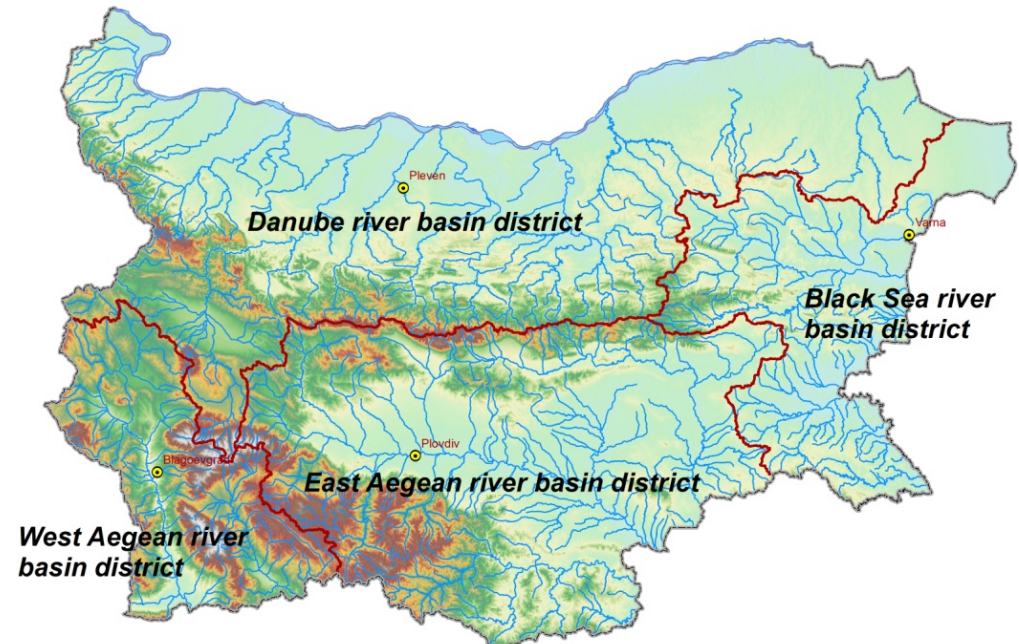
RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WFD IN BULGARIA. MAIN CHALLENGES

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RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT IN BULGARIA

- Bulgaria started to implement requirements of the EU water policy legislation during the pre-accession process between 2000 – 2006 and WFD with the same deadline.
- Bulgaria implemented the water basin management principle identifying river basin management districts and establishing river basin management authorities.



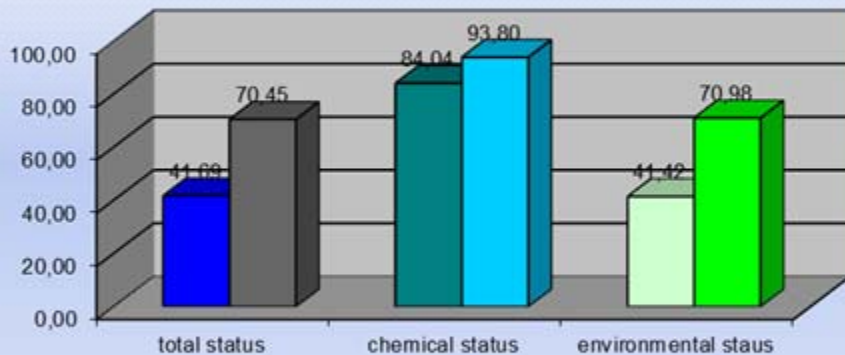
RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS

- Four river basin districts in Bulgaria
- Bulgaria has developed and adopted the first **River Basin Management Plans (2010 – 2015)** under the requirements of the WFD for each river basin district/each river basin as a basis for integrating water policy
- **Program of measures** is the key instrument for achieving the objectives of the RBMP

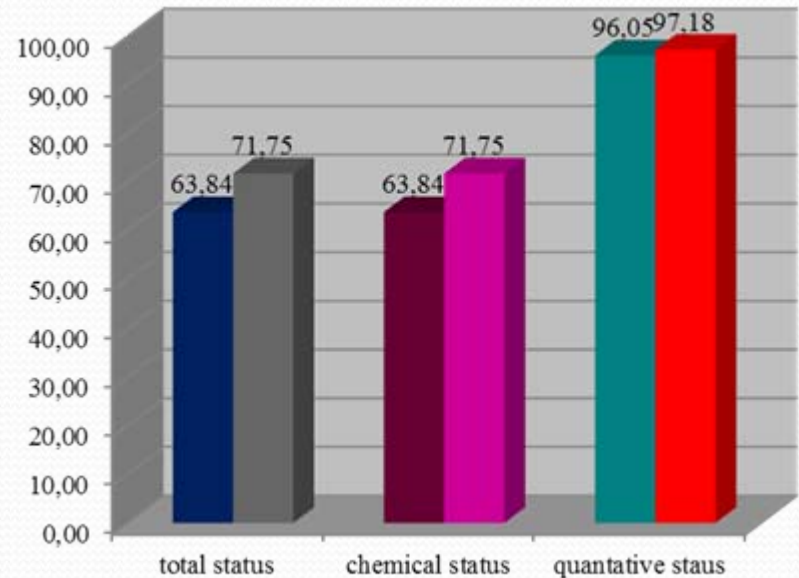
OBJECTIVE OF RBMPs

- Bulgaria established the objective to achieve good status for about 60-70% of water bodies and related aquatic ecosystems.

Objectives for SW



Objectives for GW



MAIN CHALLENGES

- To ensure common understanding of WFD requirements both between water managers and policy makers and also among the main stakeholders
- Integration of scientists to the implementation process in order to develop common methodologies at national level in all aspects of implementation



MAIN CHALLENGES

- Due to the fact that all RBDs in Bulgaria are international, there is a need to establish working mechanisms to coordinate achievement of the environmental objectives in transboundary context with our neighbour countries
- Establishment of working cooperation and coherent integration of water policy issues among the related administrations at different levels



MAIN CHALLENGES

- To ensure funding for the implementation the program of measures and in particular the commitments under the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive.
- Integration of WFD implementation with other policies – Biodiversity, Agriculture, Energy.



BULGARIA'S ANSWER TO THESE CHALLENGES

- Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water started cooperation with different research institutes
- Bulgaria started cooperation with neighbour countries to establish mechanisms for transboundary coordination in context of Common Implementation Strategy of WFD including common projects in water field

BULGARIA'S ANSWER TO THESE CHALLENGES

- To achieve the objectives, set out in the RBMPs the national legislation was amended in order to establish coordination between Environmental Impact Assessment Directive for new projects and objectives and measures established in the RBMPs.
- Bulgaria tried to integrate measures to protect biodiversity and especially Habitat and Bird directive issues in the first RBMPs and will continue further with the integration in the second planning cycle

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

