

## **Developments in Turkey in the Context of Participatory Approach Based on River Basin Management**

### **Summary**

In this study, the developments in the area of participatory approach based on river basin management in Turkey have been indicated. This study serves a guide for showing what has been done in Turkey in the area of basin management and participation of related parts to this process. The need of water management in Turkey as a result of semi-arid climate, increasing population, increase of industry etc. has stated. Water pollution which is another important pressure of water resources make the water management crucial has stressed. In the first step of the study, the institutional structure of Turkey in water sector has been showed. Water is an intersection of many sectors for this reason it has many stakeholders such as public bodies, private sector, non-governmental organizations and local people. It needs to manage in a holistic way which includes the participation of all stakeholders in a harmonious way. In addition, the structure of “Water Management Coordination Committee” which established for the coordination of related parts in water sector has been stressed. One of the importance of “Water Management coordination Committee” is that the approval of programme of measures of river basin management plans is done by this Committee and that makes the implementation of programme of measures very easier. The progress in this area as a result of adaptation of EU Directives has been explained. Turkey has strived various efforts in this issue. As a result of adaptation to EU acquis one of the legislative improvements “Draft By-Law on Protection of Basins and Preparation of Management Plans” has been explained. By-Law includes the procedures and principles of planning and protection of quantity and quality of groundwater and surface water by a holistic approach and principles of preparation of river basin management plans. Furthermore, regional management structures which will be formed during the preparation of “River Basin Management Plans” have been set forth. In the following stage the concept of “River Basin Protection Action Plans” which will be converted to “River Basin Management Plans” has been examined and the efforts for participation of all stakeholders to decision and implementation phases have been defined. The projects, studies and improvements in the area of basin management have explained.