



Workshop on monitoring EUROPE-INBO 2013

From fulfilling the WFD requirements to actual implementation and uses of results of monitoring.

November 13, 2013, Plovdiv, Bulgaria





Context and objectives

- New way of works through EUROPE-INBO
 - Time devoted to a « technical subject » back-to back with the yearly conference
 - Preparatory works and circulation of information to CIS/SCG
- Relying on Europe-INBO specificities
 - Representatives from MS national level, River Basin Organisations, Neighbouring countries...
 - Concrete field experiences



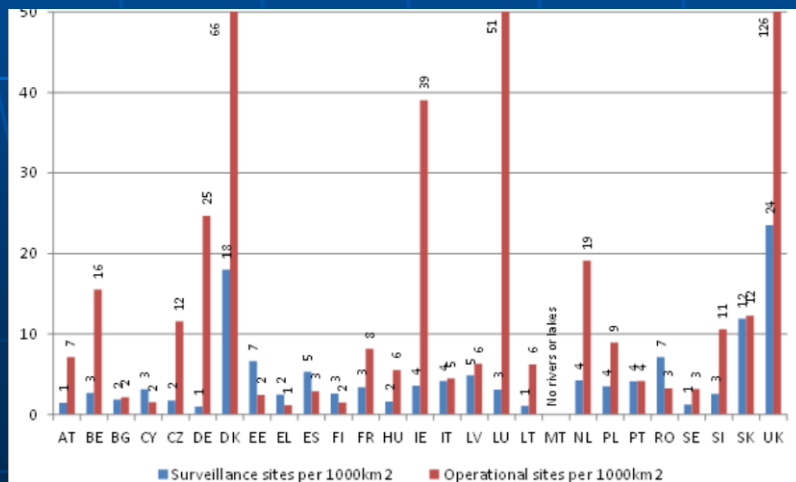
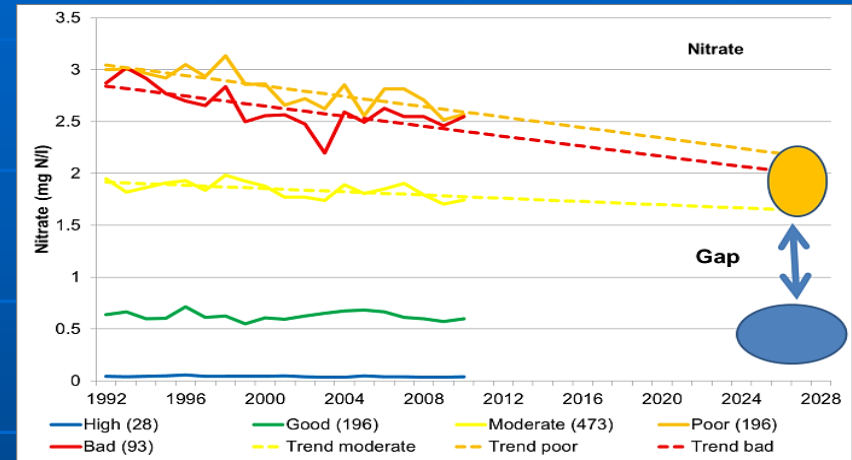
Context and objectives

- Context of preparation of the second WFD river basin management plans, which includes a review of the monitoring networks and programmes
- Compare practices and practical experiences of monitoring, and promote the exchange of questions and solutions

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- First half, presentations and feedback from EU level/ countries/ RBOs



Results from first WFD cycle

Data needs/trends/exploitation

Gaps and perspectives for 2nd cycle and CIS 2013-2015 work programme

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Results from first WFD cycle

Main changes/ difficulties / gaps

Perspectives for 2nd cycle



3 Member States

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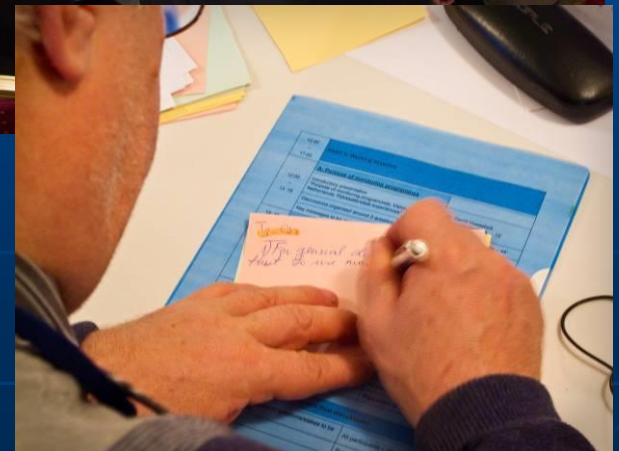
- Second half on practical exchanges and roundtables in groups

Discussions around 3 topics:

1- Purposes of monitoring programmes

2- Organisation and role of monitoring actors, from data collection to uses

3- Monitoring strategies



Main outcomes



Overall:

We talked about a « monitoring policy » , a ground for our water policies ! Key element for decision-making. It has a cost, but the necessary cost for sound decisions and actions.

The exchanges have involved monitoring specialists, planners, data users...

From EU countries, neighbouring countries, others...

Main outcomes



Theme 1: Purposes of monitoring networks

Obviously the results of monitoring are used for **implementing directives, decision-making, policy enforcement, reporting...**

But also

- A tool for sharing and mutual understanding on main issues, thus an **essential communication tool**, from local level to transboundary basins. But it is necessary to **ensure transparency and reliability of data.**
- There is a **need for integrated monitoring programmes**

Main outcomes



Theme 1: Purposes of monitoring networks

- There is a need to **define ways to involve stakeholders** in order to exchange with them on the basis of those monitoring results.
- We are still lacking some **analysis and interpretation tools** in order to effectively communicate to decision makers, economic sectors, general public...Notably on past and current trends or emerging issues

Main outcomes



Theme 2: Organisation and roles of actors

- **Major coordination and funding role for national or basin public organizations**, which is a guarantee of continuity, consistency of methods and therefore the quality of results
- This is not contradictory with **more involvement of other actors**, public or private, industrial, agriculture (complementary networks and self-monitoring are management tools to develop and maintain!)
- In parallel, **works on the quality of the data and ownership** of the data should support this "multi-stakeholder" policy
- **New participatory tools** are usefull for the overall dynamics of ownership of stakes for the general public, but to be kept on focused topics and with an organized framework

Main outcomes



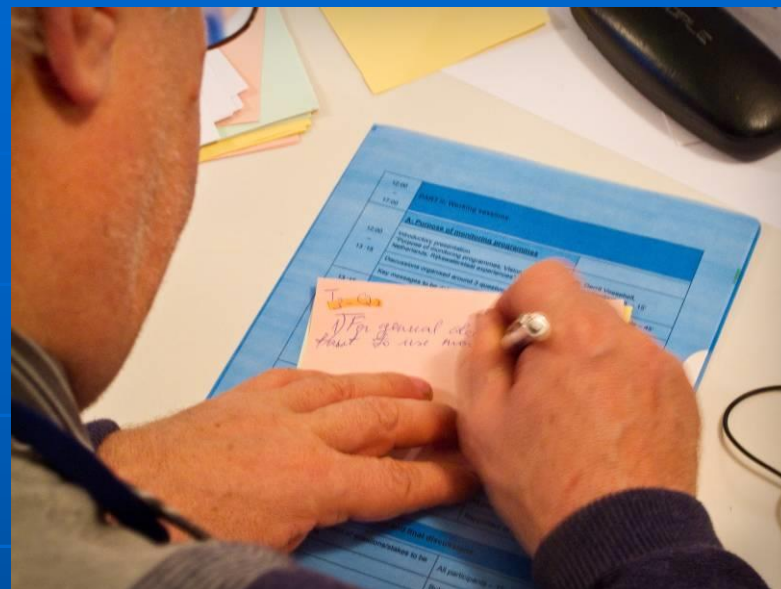
Theme 3: Monitoring strategies

- **Ability to adjust strategy over time**, to be the most cost effective, given the WFD requirements and other needs
- **Need cross-border cooperation with a shared vision**
- Strengthen the **link between monitoring uses and aquatic bodies**
- **Invest in new technologies, innovations** (passive samplers, environmental DNA): how best to use them?

Follow-up



- Conclusions, already **lessons to bring back and share** in our basins
 - One report on the event
 - **Restitution to the CIS, SCG** and ecostat group ... so that our recommendations are introduced into concrete guidelines for the Commission
 - A positive first experience to be reproduced on priority topics...
- An **evaluation questionnaire**: feedback and suggestions from improvement and topics



Thank you for your participation!

