

Presentation of the Current situation in Greece

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Presentation structure

- Introduction: Towards water (economic) regulation
- Decision making scheme within water governance
- The role of the Special Secretariat with respect to water regulation - management of water services from the perspective of strategic planning
- Key challenges to cope with - On going actions & next steps

Towards water regulation

- Lack of a single legislative framework regulating tariff determination regardless of the provider (divergences between actual cost & prices, diversities between areas within Greek territory)



- weaknesses related to the ability to compare & evaluate providers' effectiveness, in terms of sustainability (cost recovery & quality of provided services- irrespective with the price imposed)



- Lack of motivation for the improvement of water services

Towards water regulation



- Over exploitation and mismanagement of water resources
- Management against the protection of consumers
- Non compliance with established national & European provisions.

Obligations stemming from WFD lead to setting rules for costing & pricing - principals of cost recovery & “polluter pays”, taking into account the results from economic analysis of water services.

Decision making scheme – Tariff approval

**Water Service Providers:
Municipalities & Municipal
Water Utilities**

propose →

**Municipal
Council**

decides ↓

Approval of
the tariffs

**Water Service Providers:
EYATH & EYDAP**

propose →

**Special Secretariat for Water
Ministry for Environment
&
Energy**

decides →

Approval of
the tariffs

Decision making scheme – Governmental level

National Committee for Water

decides →

Approval of the rules

↑ **proposes**

Consultation Committee

Special Secretariat for Water
Ministry for Environment & Energy

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The Special Secretariat for Water as the “Water Regulator”/established in 2013

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Directorate for the Planning & Management of Water Services



Department for Costing & Pricing of Water Services



Department for Monitoring, Evaluation & Support of Public Agreements

The role of the SSW with respect to regulatory competencies (Law 3199/2003 and its amendments)

- **Development, Surveillance & evaluation of pricing policy for water services (in cooperation with the co competent Ministries)**
- **Regulation & Measures proposals to the Minister of Environment to specify the pricing policy**

The role of the SSW with respect to regulatory competencies (PD/JMD)

Directorate for the Planning
& Management of
Water Services

Strategic planning, Development & Evaluation of policy against the rational & sustainable management of water services



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Department for Costing & Pricing of Water Services

- **Development of policy: proposals to the National Committee for Water:**
 - procedures, methodologies & levels of cost recovery
 - General rules for costing & pricing of water services per sectoral use
 - Methodologies & rules for costing & pricing in the context of specification of the established general rules (co operation with co competent Ministries)
 - Rules & measures against the improvement of water services

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Department for Costing & Pricing of Water Services

- **Surveillance & Monitoring:**
 - of management rules for water services (water providers)
 - of the implementation of pricing methodology
 - of the implementation of the NCW's decisions (responsible authorities) – linearization of actions

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Department for Monitoring, Evaluation & Support of Public Agreements

- **Surveillance & Monitoring:**
 - development of a methodology for monitoring of compliance with the management policy for water services
 - of the implementation of the NCW's decisions (responsible authorities) – linearization of actions

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Department for Monitoring, Evaluation & Support of Public Agreements

- **Monitoring & Surveillance** of the terms in case of **Concession Agreements** (with respect to pricing policy):
 - Existed CA
 - New/Amendments of CA: work out the terms, monitoring of the implementation of strategic & business plans in cooperation with the co competent authorities

The role of the SSW with respect to regulatory competencies (Law 4254/2014)

- Approval Responsibilities assigned to the Special Secretary for Water:
 - tariffs proposed by the Water Companies for Athens (EYDAP S.A.) &
 - Thessaloniki (EYATH S.A.) by the Special Secretary for Water (entry into force from 1st July 2015) with the opinion of the Minister of Economics.

Key challenges in the near future/ on going tasks

- **Price policy and WFD requirements** – Implementation of RBMPs: the general rules for costing and pricing of drinking water should be drafted & finalized by the end of 2015 (integration of comments –consultation procedures to finalize the proposal to NCW)
- **Monitoring system:** development of the tools for the effective monitoring of water utilities performance, including regulatory accounts and IT tools

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- **Development of a “platform” for the implementation of the pricing policy by responsible authorities/bodies – procedures & methodology.**



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