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WFD: New challenges

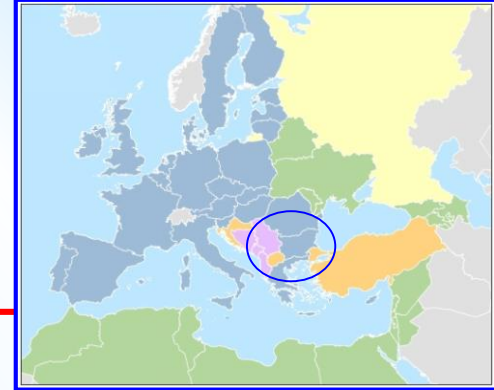


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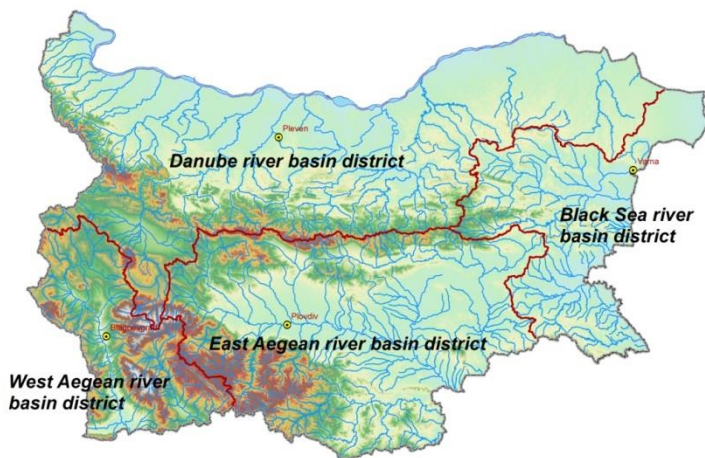
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The Context

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 applies requirements of Danube and Black Sea water protection conventions and the UN Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.

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Experience after 2 RBMPs



- tackle the gaps in 1st RBMPs and covering them in 2nd RBMP: (delineation of SWBs, HMWBs, biological validation of typology, classification system, monitoring programs, finalization of intercalibration of BQE assessment methods, establishment EQS for specific substances, keep strong connection between drivers - pressures - status - objectives - measures, application of exemptions, strategic approach for HPS, studding all mining activities and their pressure, transboundary GWB, assessment of pressure from intensive aquaculture and establish principle for sustainable development)

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Experience after 2 RBMPs

- ❑ **Improving coordination** (common approaches in different topics, coordination with other responsible ministries - Coordination committee, ext.)
- ❑ **Legislative changes** (changes in Water law - taxes for water use and pollution, coordination committee, improving regulations for water, new regulation for irrigation and truism, new water tariff, ext.)

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Need more work



- To ensure common understanding of WFD requirements and to find working solutions (water managers - policy makers - main stakeholders)
- Integration of scientists to the implementation process
- To specify and clarify role of parties in RBMP
- Improving data and methods for assessment (monitoring data, data for pressures, especially diffuse pollution, modeling programs, ext).
- To improve correlation of SW status assessment with neighboring countries

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New Challenges

- ❑ Improving implementation (better coordination between water policy in other related policies in all stages of planning process)
- ❑ To ensure funding for the implementation of the program of measures and in particular the commitments under the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive in saturation to tackle with economic crisis and migration process.
- ❑ CC impact (improving understanding - prediction - response, related to water)

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3rd RBMP: New Questions

- What will happened after 2027 ?
- How to explain to the public the application of the classification system and EQS and improvement of the water bodies status?
- How to integrate other directive to reach the goals?

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3rd RBMP: Some Answers

- ❑ Need to find easy and understandable solutions to explain WFD issues to public in a transparent way - simplification of the process (indicators, information tables)
- ❑ To improve information for public and establish more informal communications (including social media during the whole planning process)
- ❑ Need to clarify the link between WFD and other directives concerning monitoring



Thank you for your attention!