
Working Group 1



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Who should be the target group(s) of the Manual?



- Ministries
 - all responsible ministries should be addressed
 - permitting authorities
- National agencies for water
- Local authorities
- Implementing agencies
- Stakeholders (i.e. navigation sector, NGOs)
- Experts – policy and technical/environmental
 - including consultants responsible for work performance
- EC DGs (TREN, ENV, REGIO)
- International River Commissions

Content of the Manual?

- Manual should address planning (SEA) and implementation (EIA) level
- Should support the initiation of integrated planning approaches
- Include recommendations for balanced decisions to avoid eventual conflicts
 - ┌ EU role
 - ┌ International experts
 - ┌ Active support of Ministries of Environment
 - ┌ Manual and JS take informal role
- Reflection and interrelation of navigation project with other ongoing projects
 - ┌ as part of feasibility studies
 - ┌ helps to screen alternatives
 - ┌ supports win-win solutions
 - ┌ performance in practice is not easy
- Inclusion of specific EU requirements to be achieved (i.e. WFD Article 4.7)

Table of Content (Manual)

- Adjust/balance wording in manual
 - ✓ *intact* rivers (basic chapter)
 - ✓ sustainable waterway planning (integrated planning chapter)
 - ✓ follow JS wording in general
 - ✓ more attention to integrated planning group
 - ✓ make sure to prevent confusion regarding the structure and role of integrated planning group, steering group etc.

Extent of the Manual?



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- Check list/guidance for integrated planning to ensure successful projects
 - Manual should be a living document
 - Case-by-case approach (not all recommendations apply for each project equally)
 - Keep introduction short and focus on integrated planning
 - ◡ i.e. legal framework in annex
 - Language – English (national translations by countries)
 - Include exclusively examples for good practices instead of complete list
 - ◡ include respective project problems and solutions – critical reflection
 - ◡ process orientation but no engineering details