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?

- 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