Water Management and Agriculture Workshop

Results of the Stakeholders' Survey Analysis

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Background

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“the organization of a stakeholders' dialogue on inter-linkages between WFD and EU agricultural policies”.
Objectives

The main objectives of the survey are:
- to learn from stakeholder experience, expertise and best practices
- to identify the needs and potential barriers for further capacity building and implementation process for agricultural measures
- to further support the countries efforts in implementing the EU and national legislation and achieve the WFD objectives.
Target audience

The survey is addressing stakeholders in the Danube countries who are involved or directly responsible for aspects of integration of agricultural and water policies initiatives and efforts within the context of the implementation of Nitrates Directive (ND) and Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), and the Water Framework Directive (WFD).
The stakeholder’s structure according to their representation

- Government agencies involved in water/agricultural policies
- Authority involved in developing/implementing water/agricultural policies
- Other basin communities
- Scientific institutions/universities
- Registered NGOs
- The private sector
Professional profiles of people who are attending the workshop

- Water resources management: 56%
- Agriculture: 21%
- Environment and natural resources: 21%
- Forestry, Fisheries: 5%
- Rural development: 5%
- Land management and urban planning: 2%
Scope (interest) of stakeholders involvement

- WFD objectives: 42%
- Environmental: 19%
- National: 16%
- Social: 6%
- CAP reform: 9%
- Compensation mechanisms: 8%
- National (interest): 16%
Reasons why getting the stakeholders involved

- 25% to support the acceptance of EU directives
- 23% to assure that as many different stakeholder are addressed
- 17% to increase innovative, useful and efficient outcome
- 19% to build broad – based support for negotiations
- 16% to facilitate implementation of the decision
Benefits reached through stakeholder involvement

- Harmonized objectives of individual groups
- Better understanding for the public issues
- Remove potential conflicts between stakeholder
- Resilience in communities/farms through cooperation
- Sustainability of agricultural measures
Actions required for the implementation of agri-environmental measures

- Farm advisory services: 28%
- Communication: 26%
- Citizen involvement: 15%
- Information on the effectiveness of measures: 3%
- Other: 28%
To which extent the implementation of ND and CAP addresses agricultural impacts on water?

- 39% To a great extent
- 43% To some extent
- 10% To a minor extent
- 0% To no extent
- 0% Don't know
- 4% No
- 4% Not completed
To which extent the WFD objectives are affected by agricultural practices?

- To a great extent: 45%
- To some extent: 40%
- To a minor extent: 11%
- To no extent: 2%
- Don't know: 2%
- No: 0%
- Not completed: 0%
The barriers identified in considering the WFD - CAP interlinkages

- Absence of supporting legislation: 37%
- Limited knowledge on the benefits of agri-environmental measures: 29%
- No clear responsibility for WFD CAP interlinkages: 9%
- Absence of relevant mechanisms (such as inter-ministerial committees): 7%
- No barriers in my country/region: 13%
- Don't know: 1%
- Other: 4%
Do farm advisory services currently consider WFD – agriculture interlinkages in their activities?

- Never: 0%
- Partially: 60%
- Frequently: 18%
- Don't know: 22%
Where the most of the farm practical management advice is targeted?

- Wetland restoration
- Erosion related measures
- Prohibition for applying fertilisers or manure
- Buffer strips
- CGAP in line with Nitrates Directive application
- Measures in the NVZ
- Limitation of N and P application
- Manure storage
- Nutrient balances
- Selection of annual crops
Barriers to a more effective system of farm advisory services

- Insufficient funds for agri-environmental measures implementation;
- Limited information on the compensation mechanisms offered by CAP;
- Absence of legal obligations to consider the WFD requirements;
- Lack of knowledge;
- No barriers.
Most suitable products used for public and stakeholders consultation

- Booklet
- Questionnaire
- Handbooks
- Brochure
- Guidelines
- Leaflets
- Networks
- Good practice from other Member States
- Demonstration farms, research, best practice examples
- Website resources
- Train-the-trainers and roll-out programmes
- Training and workshops for authorities to consider climate change adaptation in Rural
- Platform/network for managing authority
- Services on expected outcomes of agri-environmental measures