



Natural Water Retention Measures Western Regional workshop

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Regional workshop Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM): How can catchment management be adapted to widen the potential for NWRMs?

July 1st-2nd 2014

Venue: ENGEES, 1 Quai Koch - Strasbourg

Agenda


Day 1

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| 8:30 | Meet-up and registration for the site visit Where: in front of ENGEES, 1 quai Koch, Strasbourg |
| 8:45 | Site visit Integrated Rhine Programme - Polder Altenheim: The Polder provides a total retention capacity of about 17,6 Mio. m ³ . Using ecological flooding natural flood plains have been developed at the site <i>Guidance: Ulrike Pfarr - Administration of Baden Wurttemberg</i> |
| Ca. 13:00 | Registration and light lunch |
| 13:30 | Opening: introduction to the objectives of the workshop and agenda Introduction to the DG ENV project on NWRM <i>Pierre Strosser, ACTeon</i> Reminder of the key lessons from the first workshop <i>Heather Williams, AMEC</i> |
| 14:00 | Session 1: NWRM and catchment management – framing main concepts and issues <i>Chair: Alistair McVittie, SRUC</i> |
| 10 minutes | Keynote 1 – NWRM features: <ul style="list-style-type: none">NWRM features: an overview of the main outcomes of the NWRM initiative so far <i>Benoît Fribourg-Blanc, OIEAU</i> |
| 10 minutes | Keynote 2 – key steps in the design and implementation of NWRMs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">An insight on the logical steps for designing and implementing NWRMs proposed in the Practical Guidance (drafted in the context of Task 3 of the NWRM) |



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| | initiative) <i>Pierre Strosser, ACTeon</i> |
| 10 minutes | Keynote 3 – the multiple dimension of NWRMs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and economic issues related to the multiple dimensions of NWRMs <i>Carlos Mario Gomez, IMDEA</i> |
| 10 minutes | Keynote 4 – the policy context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing linkages between NWRMs and relevant EU Directives <i>Thomas Borchers, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety</i> |
| Ca. 14:40 | Session 2: the linkages between NWRMs and the EU policy framework <i>Chair: Nick Jarrit, AMEC</i> |
| 15 minutes each | NWRM implementation in the existing policy frameworks “Real life” experiences from water managers and other planners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floodplains in Germany - Synergies with nature conservation, WFD and flood protection. <i>Stephanie Natho, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)</i> Renaturation, valorisation et protection contre les inondations sur la riviere hermance <i>Marie Pénélope Guillet, SYMASOL</i> Sigma Plan (Belgium): flood risk management and integration of sectoral policies at the national level (<i>title to be confirmed</i>) <i>Maarten Jans, Department of Waterways and the Sea Canal (W&Z)</i> |
| 15:30 |  |
| 15:45 | Round table discussion: implementing NWRM in the EU policy context Discussion will be led by experts dealing with the implementation of different directives and strategies at the MS level (WFD, FD, Habitat/ Birds Directives, Climate Change Adaptation strategy). The discussion will be structured around a series of questions that will help assessing the possible links, the synergies and incoherence related to NWRM implementation in the current policy context. Leading experts: <i>Claire Mc Camphill, European Commission, DG Environment</i> <i>Thomas Borchers, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety</i> <i>Benoît Grandmougin, Alsace Region</i> <i>Peter Close, Northern Ireland Environmental Agency</i> |



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| | Synthesis of discussion |
| Ca. 16:45 | Session 3: Financing NWRMs in a catchment-based perspective <i>Chair: Carlos Mario Gomez, IMDEA</i> |
| 15 minutes each + 30 minutes discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The case for financing: overview of existing financing frameworks and potential alternative financing opportunities <i>Gloria De Paoli, ACTeon</i> Economic instruments for agro-environmental measures - An international review of opportunities to combine WFD and CAP <i>Rob van de Veeren, RWS</i> Financing for NWRM and agriculture <i>Claire Mc Camphill, European Commission, DG Environment</i> <p>Discussion: towards the identification of viable innovative financing frameworks in the EU policy context</p> |
| 18:15 | Wrap-up session <i>Heather Williams, AMEC</i> |
| Ca. 18:30 | Closing day 1 |

....and, at the restaurant:


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| Just before dinner | Step 1 of the role play - Launching the interactive session of Day 2 <i>Overall facilitation: Sabine Tutte, Pierre Strosser (ACTeon)</i> |
| 30 minutes + short discussion | <p>For the three case studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the role play (<i>Sabine Tutte, Pierre Strosser</i>) Presentation of the project areas: Ill river, FR - <i>Benoît Grandmougin, Région Alsace</i>; Polder Altenheim, DE - <i>Ulrike Pfarr, Administration of Baden Württemberg</i>; Quaggy river, UK - <i>David Webb, Environmental Agency</i> |



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Day 2

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| Ca. 8:30 | Introduction to Day 2 <i>Gloria De Paoli, ACTeon</i> |
| Ca. 8:40 | Session 4: Interconnected catchment planning for NWRMs <i>Chair: Pierre Strosser & Sabine Tutte, ACTeon</i> |
| 10 minutes | Step 2 of the role play – Warmup <i>Sabine Tutte, ACTeon</i> |
| 8:50 | <p>Break-out group session</p> <p>The objective of the group sessions will be to find solutions for specific issues encountered in the planning and implementation phases, using the three case studies as working examples.</p> <p>Building on case study knowledge, the groups will go through the key steps of design and implementation of NWRMs (steps proposed in the Practical Guidance). Discussions will identify key implementation issues and possible solutions/ steps to boost NWRM effectiveness in delivering multiple objectives –thus objectives pursued by the WFD, FD, Habitat/ Birds Directive and Climate Change adaptation strategies.</p> <p>Basic information sheets and resource maps will be developed for each case study and distributed to working group participants as a background for discussions.</p> <p>Group activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 3 of the role play: Getting into the role (10 minutes) • Step 4 of the role play: Inform the river basin managers (5 minutes) • Step 5 of the role play: Search for possible measures (20 minutes) • Step 6 of the role play: Press conference (15 minutes) • Step 7 of the role play: Negotiations of the different stakeholders (30 minutes) • Step 8 of the role play: presentation of the adapted plan (20 minutes) • Step 9 of the role play: comparison of the game result and the real project within the groups, key lessons are kept (15 minutes) |
| 10:40 |  |
| 10:50 | Step 10 of the role play - plenary: case studies and outcomes of role play – Lessons learnt General discussion (50 minutes) |
| 11:40 | Session 5: Synthesis of key messages emerging during the workshop <i>Nick Jarrit, AMEC</i> |
| 12:00 | Session 6: Linking workshop discussions and activities to the NWRM initiative – What are the implications for the Practical Guidance? <i>Pierre Strosser, ACTeon</i> |



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| | Moderated discussion: how can key messages of the workshop feed into the practical guidance? |
| Ca. 12:45 | Wrap-up and closing of the workshop <i>Heather Williams, AMEC</i> |
| 13:00 | Closing of the workshop |