

Peer-Review Mechanism

for the Improvement of
Water Framework Directive Implementation

Lourdes– 21 October 2016

Purpose of the peer-review

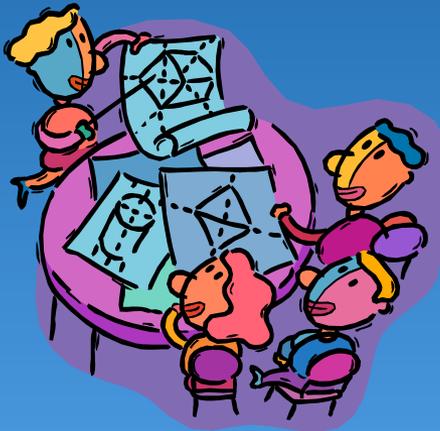
The **objective** is to set up a simple, voluntary and targeted system to allow mutual learning between peers about WFD implementation and participative river basin management planning

Who ?

Practitioners from River Basin Districts involved in the implementation of the WFD

The peer-review tool

How ?



1- **Peer review missions** dedicated to issues selected by Receiving Competent Authorities (RCAs) and implemented by selected volunteer reviewing experts. They were carefully organised in line with precise Terms of References and online preparatory meeting gathering the mission participants before and after the mission.

2- **Hands-on workshops** on most discussed issues during the missions

Project activities:

September
2014

- Launch of the Peer review Secretariat project for 2 years

November
2014

- Establishing the protocol to perform the peer-reviews, "manual of procedures"

January
2015

- Initial call for expression of interest for both RBDs and experts launched

Project activities:

February-June
2015

- Elaboration of ToRs with RCAs and first webinars

August
2015

- First Peer Review missions

Sept. – Oct.
2016

- 4 Peer Review workshops

Up to
Nov. 2016

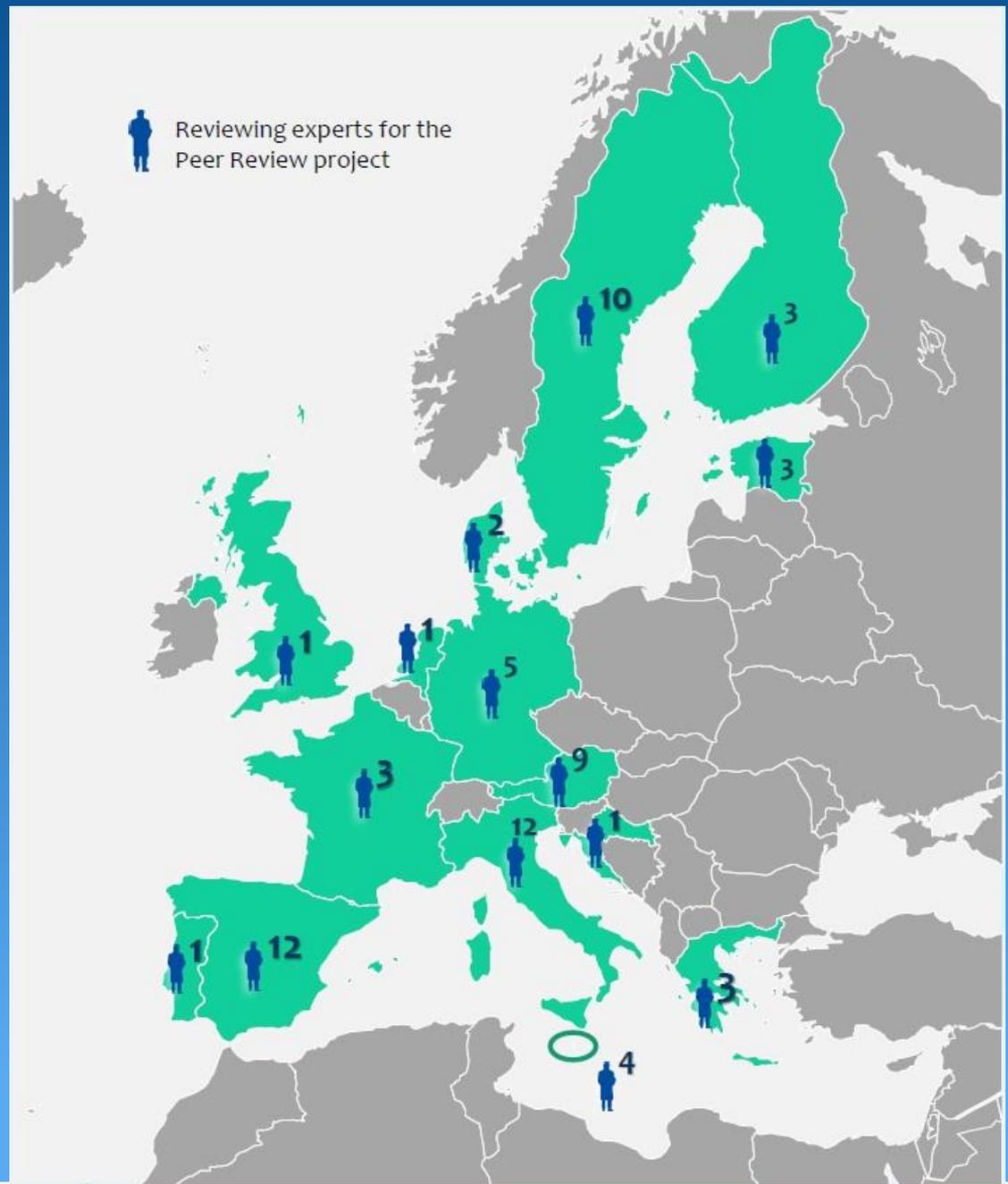
- finalisation of Peer-review missions

Up to
Dec. 2016

- Final assessment and report

Geographic distribution of reviewing experts

- 70 candidate reviewing experts from 15 MS



RBDistricts candidates for a PR mission

South Baltic Water District, Sweden

Tiber Basin Authority, Italy

Duero River Basin Authority, Spain

Jucar River Basin Authority, Spain

Water Management Agency, Luxembourg

Catalan Water Agency, Spain

Autorità di Bacino dell'Alto Adriatico, Italy

River Basin District of River Kokemäenjoki - Finland

Rhine-Meuse Water Agency - France

Miño-Sil River Basin Authority - Spain

Northern Baltic Sea Water District Authority - Sweden

Danish Water Agency - Denmark

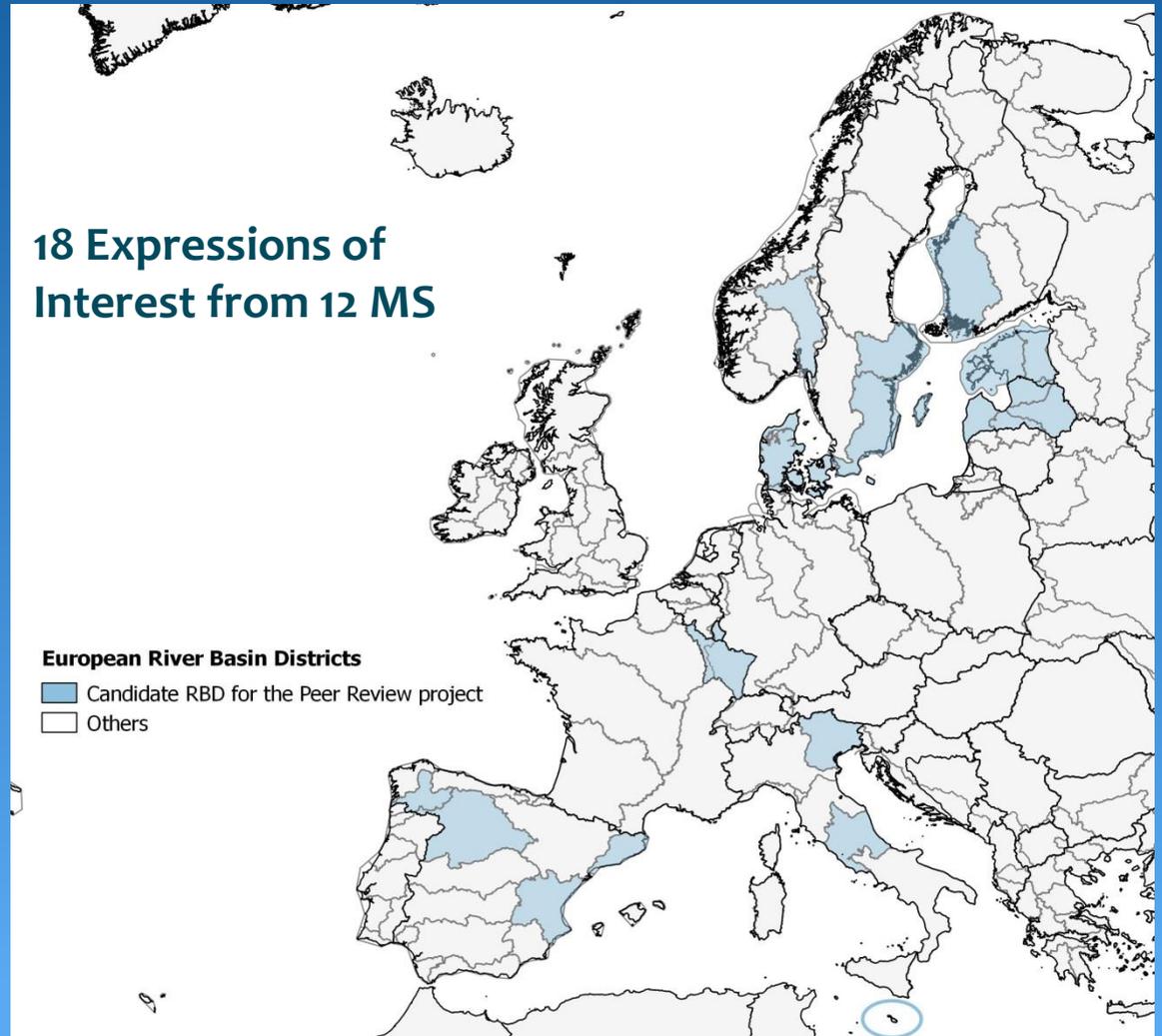
Malta

Ministry of the Environment – Estonia

Glomma River Basin District – Norway

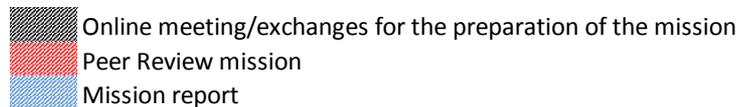
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18 Expressions of Interest from 12 MS



Process results

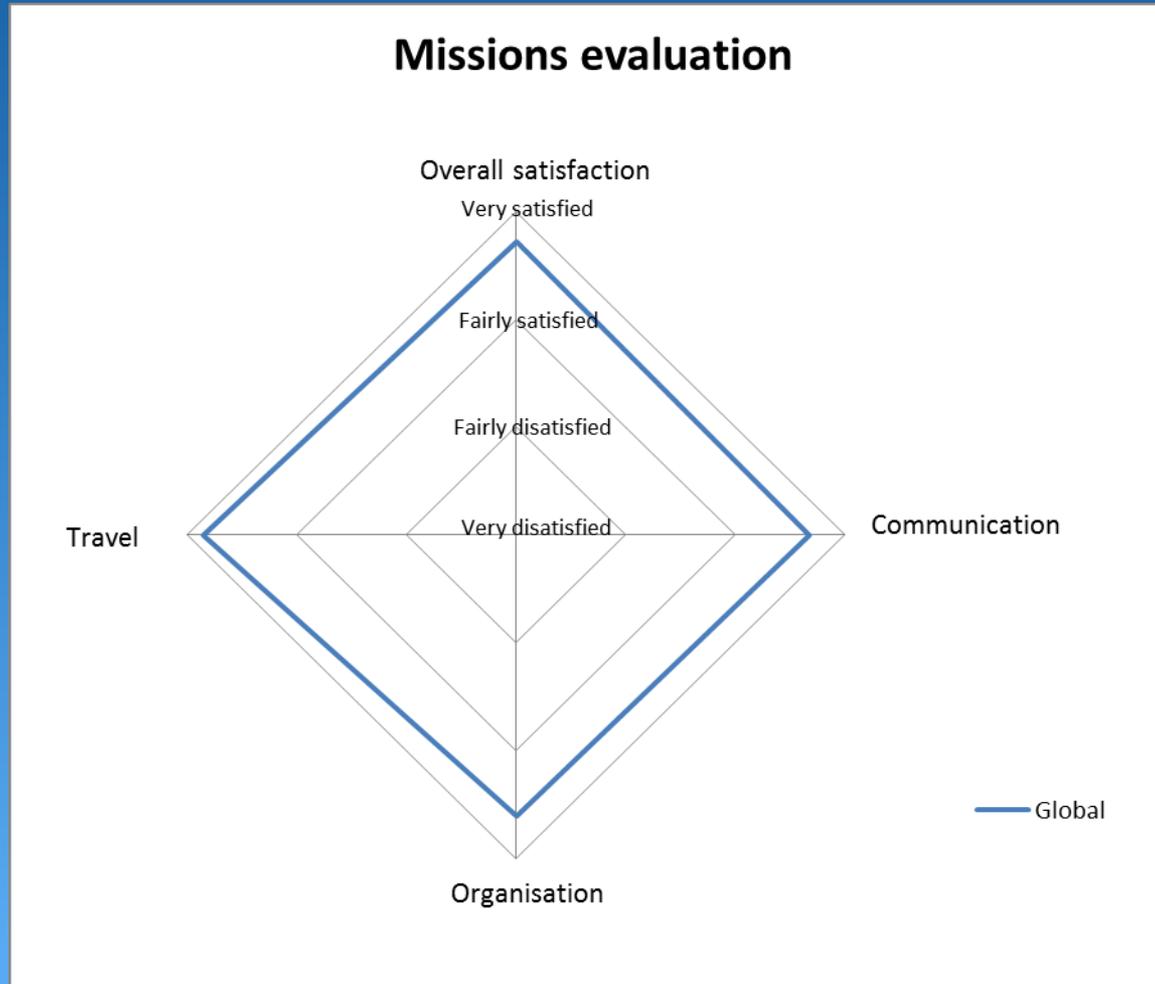
Peer-Review Project: Missions' schedule	2015										2016											
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RCA																						
Water Management Agency Luxembourg	█				█	█																
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Northern Baltic Sea Water District Authority													█		█							
Ministry of the Environment - Nature Agency Denmark																		█	█			
Environment, geology and meteorology centre - Latvia																		█		█		



Preliminary outcomes and messages

- ❑ Target for 20 Peer Review missions, but timing at the turn of the RBM Planning cycle not very favourable
- ❑ Good participation from MS (RCAs and experts) to join the process. Nordic countries appreciate in particular this opening to different experiences. Older member states have less used the mechanism.
- ❑ Satisfied participants who gained experience and extra motivation in improving their daily work

Preliminary outcomes and messages



Hands-on Workshops

- ❑ **Groundwater** on 8-9 September at the South Baltic RCA in Kalmar (Sweden)
- ❑ **Data management** on 5-6 October near Nice (France)
- ❑ **PoM** on 18 October in Lourdes (France) before the annual EUROPE-INBO conference
- ❑ **Lessons learned** for the peer review instrument for good practice exchange on WFD implementation between member states on **26 October afternoon** before the SCG in Brussels (Belgium)

BXL, next week

□ Lessons learned:

- Marks the end of the first phase of the program and analyses the lessons learned from the Peer Review missions and the 3 previous workshops
- Makes suggestion for the evolution of the tool based on the results of the inquiry
- The workshop is held the day before the **SCG meeting** so that a communication can be made on the conclusion of the workshop and discussion could occur on the future of the

For more information:

All materials related to the Peer review mechanism can be found on the project website:

www.aquacoope.org/peer.review/

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