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**ROUNDTABLE 4: Revision of the Water Framework  
Directive (WFD), improve coordination with other  
European Directives**

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# Main outcomes and recommendations

WFD principles and objectives are not challenged, their implementation must be effectively adapted to local context (natural conditions, institutional settings).

Major progress has been made and the deterioration of the water status has stopped: **“principle of non-deterioration”**.

**“One out all out”** principle is at the same time a strict proof of the common will to reach good ecological status, yet it is a limit to the **communication** of progress already made.

**Integration and consistency** between European regulation (Habitats, Flood, Marine Strategy, REACH, etc), various policies (**agriculture**, energy, navigation, etc), funding mechanisms could still be improved.

Knowledge has improved but actions on significant pressures could still be better identified: **climate change**, invasive species, etc.

Need to involve the **Member States and basin managers** at the stage of revising the future of the WFD.