

INFORMAL MEETING OF EU WATER DIRECTORS AND EU MARINE DIRECTORS

AGENDA

Thursday, 5 June 2014

	<p>PART 1: MARINE DIRECTORS MEETING <i>[with participation of the Executive Secretaries of OSPAR, HELCOM, BARCON, BSC, ICES and GFCM as guests and observers]</i></p>
09:00	<p>Welcome by Mr. K. Triantis, Special Secretary for Water of the Hellenic Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change and Greek Water and Marine Director</p>
09:10	<p>1. Transposition and implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) - overview by the Commission</p> <p>2. Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) activities for the MSFD</p> <p>2.1 <i>Overall progress on the CIS work programme and information on agreements made at MSCG (information by Commission) [DOC MD/2014-1/1 including Annex (Revised PoM recommendations)]</i></p> <p>2.2 <i>Commission report (Article 12 assessment)– outcome, results of regional meetings and follow up (presentation by Commission and discussion) [DOC MD/2014-1/2]</i></p>
COFFEE 10:30h – 11:00h	
11:00	<p>2. Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) activities for the MSFD</p> <p>2.3 <i>Strengthening the role of the Regional Sea Conventions and other international organisations – orientation debate with Executive Secretaries of OSPAR, HELCOM, BARCON, BSC, ICES, GFCM (5 min presentation by each) [DOC MD/2014-1/2, same as above]</i></p> <p><i>Discussion with Executive Secretaries of the Regional Sea Conventions</i></p>
12:00	<p>3. Commission activities regarding the MSFD</p> <p>3.1 <i>New Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning – link to MSFD implementation (presentation by Commission)</i></p> <p>3.2 <i>New Regulation on Invasive Alien Species – link to MSFD implementation (presentation by Commission)</i></p> <p>3.3 <i>Recent Commission activities with relevance to the marine environment, e.g. Outcome HOPE Conference, Blue Growth-related Communications (ocean energy, coastal and marine tourism, blue innovation), ... (information from the Commission)) [DOC MD/2014-1/3]</i></p>
12:15	<p>4. European and international issues</p> <p>4.1 <i>Council discussions on marine issues (including outcome of the informal Environmental Council discussion)</i></p>

	<p><i>on "Sustainable Blue Growth" and preparation of Council Conclusions on Integrated Maritime Policy) (presentation from the Presidency)</i> [DOC MD/2014-1/7]</p> <p><i>4.2 International discussions on marine issues including Rio+20 follow up and UN World Oceans Assessment (information from the Presidency and the Commission)</i></p>
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	PART 2: JOINT MEETING WATER AND MARINE DIRECTORS
14:30	<p>5. Common Implementation Strategies – developing the programme of measures and reporting (together) for water and marine environment policy</p> <p><i>Presentation (by UK and Commission) followed by discussion on how to strengthen synergies between both implementation processes further</i> [DOC WMD/2014-1/4]</p>
16:00	<p>6. Financing opportunities for water and marine environment policy [DOC WMD/2014-1/5]</p> <p><i>6.1 Update on the outcome and state-of-play of the key financing instruments, in particular ERDF, EARDF, EMFF, Horizon 2020, LIFE, including particular support projects (presentation by the Commission)</i></p> <p><i>6.2 Preparation of operational programmes, opportunities for water and marine policy – discussion</i></p>

COFFEE and FAMILY PHOTO 16:30 – 17:00

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17:00	6. Financing opportunities for water and marine environment policy (continued)
17:30	<p>7. Water / Marine / Biodiversity and Nature policy and implementation – progress on joint agenda (information point) [DOC WMD/2014-1/6]</p> <p><i>Presentation by Commission on follow up of joint Directors' meeting and SE intervention on outcome of Nature Directors' meeting (including implementation of Article 11 CFP)</i></p>
17:40	8. Sustainable Aquaculture – progress on joint guidance on MSFD and WFD (information point)
17:50	<p>9. Other issues</p> <p><i>a) Upcoming Presidencies (information by IT/LV/LU)</i></p> <p><i>b) New Swiss legislation on elimination of micropollutants in urban waste water – presentation CH [DOC WMD/2014-1/8]</i></p>

END OF DAY 1 –18:00h

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9:00 – 12:15

	PART 3: WATER DIRECTORS' MEETING
9:00	Opening and welcome speeches
9:05	10. WFD CIS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <i>Progress report on CIS (acknowledgment of written report) [DOC WD/2014-1/1]</i>b. <i>ECOSTAT work on Nutrients (presentation by the Commission, information point) [Presentation only]</i>c. <i>Finalisation of water scarcity & droughts indicators (endorsement of finalised indicators and way forward for future work) [DOC WD/2014-1/3]</i>d. <i>Reporting guidance (presentation by the Commission, discussion and endorsement) [DOC WD/2014-1/4]</i>
11:00	11. Commission activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <i>EIP Water – latest development (presentation by the Commission, information point) [Presentation only]</i>b. <i>European Citizens' Initiative – Right to Water – Commission response of March 2014 (presentation by Commission) [DOC WD/2014-1/6]</i>c. <i>Implementation of water industry directives – latest developments (presentation by the Commission) [DOC WD/2014-1/7]</i>d. <i>Water Conference 2015 (information from the Commission) [DOC WD/2014-1/8]</i>
12:00	13. Other issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <i>EU Court of Auditors report on Integration of EU water policy objectives and the CAP [DOC WD/2014-1/9] (presentation by the Commission, information point)</i>b. <i>International Water Conventions (written note from the Commission) [DOC WD/2014-1/10]</i>

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	PART 4: Discussion and approval of the minutes of the Water and Marine Directors meetings
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