

11th Nordic WFD Conference 25 – 26 September 2024

**– Implementation of measures in surface and groundwater –  
successes and difficulties in the Nordic countries**

**Discussions in Working Groups**

**Thursday 26th September 2024**

<b>WG3- Environmentally Hazardous Substances</b> (Lead country – Denmark and Iceland) Chair: Kirsten Vielwerth Secretary: Hólmfríður Þorsteinsdóttir	
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Short remainder from yesterday: Summary of <i>topics and discussions</i> from Day 1. What are we bringing with us to Day 2?</b>  <b>Introduction to WG and explanation of WG format</b>  <b><i>Plenary and thereafter division into group rooms</i></b>
<b>9:15 – 10:45</b>	<b>Short round of presentation in group rooms and start of discussions</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> SE <b>Presentation:</b> Short pitch of the discussion points  <b>Topic: Measures to reduce discharges of environmentally hazardous substances to surface water and groundwater</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sharing of knowledge concerning source tracing of pollution, types of discharges and their level of pollution</li><li>- How will the Nordic MS approach the data collection for emissions of PFAS, for example considering that emissions of PFAS are not covered by the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR)</li><li>- Sharing of existing substance- specific measures, both general and specific, and grouped by surface and ground water, as well as outcomes of such measures.</li><li>- Technical discussion of possibilities/suggestions for new substance-specific measures, and grouped by surface and ground water, both general and specific.</li><li>- How are the Nordic MS planning to follow up on the effect of implemented measures? For example, how are other MS making sure that point emissions from ongoing operations are reduced?</li></ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Posts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Country facts sheets re. current RBMP for FI, NO, SE, IS and DK</li></ul>

	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<p><b>Presentation: Short pitch of the discussion points</b>  <b>Various challenges, including The 2027 Challenge</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Rasmus Dyrmosø Nørregaard, DK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <u>Watch List</u> updates every 2 years regarding surface water: How to monitor the substances, i.e. have the necessary analytical methods and the capacity to conduct the analyses during the 2-year period?</li> <li>• How is it dealt with concerning the voluntary watch list for groundwater?</li> <li>• What does MS do re. strategies to <u>group</u> surface water bodies together for the purpose of monitoring priority substances?</li> <li>• How MS interpret Art. 4, para 4, WFD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in regard to the priority substances that were introduced or got updated EQS in (2013/39/EU). In other words, how should the text in Art 3 para 1 (EQSD) be interpreted “<i>Article 4(4) to (9) of Directive 2000/60/EC shall apply mutatis mutandis to the substances listed in points (i) and (ii) of the first subparagraph.</i>”</li> <li>• in regard to <u>very persistent</u> substances such as Hg or PFOS? Can extremely long half-life be a reason for extensions that are not limited to a maximum of two further updates of the river basin management plan?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>The 2027 Challenge</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Kirsten Vielwerth  <b>Presentation:</b> Timeline of the WFD and use of exemptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are water bodies that are not in good chemical status at the <u>end of 2027</u> for environmentally hazardous substances handled by the member States?</li> </ul> <p><b>End of discussions morning session</b></p>
<b>12:30 – 13:15 - LUNCH and networking</b>	

13:15 – 14:15	<p><b>Continued discussions in group rooms</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Kirsten Vielwerth Presentation: Short re-cap of the ECJ rulings C-461/13 and C-535/18</p> <p><b>Methods for calculating/assessment of the deterioration</b> of the status of waterbodies where the EQSs for respectively surface water and for groundwater is already in the lowest class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpretation of the Weser (surface water) and the Detmold (groundwater) ECJ rulings</li> <li>• Calculation of measurable increase in the concentration at the monitoring site that is representative of the surface waterbody as a whole, incl. focus on the particular challenge this is for substances that have an EQS for biota.</li> <li>• Sharing of information of other approaches for handling permits of discharges into waterbodies where EQSs for surface water and/or groundwater are exceeded.</li> </ul> <p><b>Summary of session and agreement of what to present in plenary</b></p>
14:15 – 14:45	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Hólmfríður Þorsteinsdóttir, all</p>
14:45	<p><b>Plenary</b> <b>Short presentations from the Working Groups in plenary by Lead (chair and/or secretary), each of the 4 WG ca. 15 min each</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee</b></p> <p><b>Wrap up by the Programme Committee</b></p>
16:00	<p><b>End of Nordic WFD Conference and goodbye 🙋</b></p>