

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

Conference Room 6, 1st floor, Thursday 26th Sept 2024

WG1 - Hydromorphology (Lead country – Iceland and Norway)	
Chair: Eydís Salome Eiríksdóttir, Marine and Freshwater Research Institute/ NN, Norwegian Environment Agency Secretary: Svava Björk Þorláksdóttir, Icelandic Meteorological Office/ Hege Sangolt, Norwegian Environment Agency	
09:00	Short remainder from yesterday: Summary of <i>topics and discussions</i> from Day 1. What are we bringing with us to Day 2? Introduction to WG and explanation of WG format <i>Plenary and thereafter division into group rooms</i>
9:15 – 10:45	Short round of presentation in group rooms and start of discussions 1. Hymo measures and strategies for upscaling a. Strategic approaches for upscaling hymo measures Environmental flow prioritization in Finland– criteria and the prioritization method Jarno Turunen, Finnish Environment Institute b. Good practice - examples of successfully implemented measures: Dam removal in Finland: River Hiitolanjoki Jarno Turunen, Finnish Environment Institute The Himleån project - to increase understanding of assessments and decisions and increase the implementation of measures through public participation Katarina Vartia, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management An overview of hydropower mitigation measures in Norway - E-flows and minimum G-flows vs other hymo measures Jo H. Halleraker, Norwegian Environment Agency
10:45 -11:15	Coffee

11:15 – 12:30	<p>2. Management and guidelines for HMWBs – and progress in implementation of mitigation measures</p> <p>HMWBs (and EP) and exemptions in Sweden Katarina Vartia, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management</p> <p>Revisions and terms to achieve the environmental objectives Oda Bjærke, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate</p> <p>Further discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on national libraries of mitigation measures • How has CIS guidance no 37 been implemented in the Nordic countries? • Estimating ecological potential (ecological effect/benefits from measures, how to handle uncertainty)? • How do we monitor and document implementation of measures and effect on status over time? • Ecological potential vs. exemptions (e.g. rivers with no Eflow requirements)? • Sustainability measures - WFD principles vs EUs taxonomy? <p>End of discussions morning session</p>
12:30 – 13:15 - LUNCH and networking	
13:15 - 14:45	<p>Continued discussions in group rooms</p> <p>3. Updates on new methodologies/national guidance</p> <p>Classification of hydromorphological alteration</p> <p>Hydrological status assessment of Finnish Rivers Jarno Turunen, Finnish Environment Institute</p> <p>Experiences with the proposed NO hymo classification system for rivers and lakes in Iceland Svava Björk Þorláksdóttir, Icelandic Meteorological Office</p> <p>Further discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Free-flowing River methodology – related to existing hymo classification systems in Nordic waters. • River continuity at catchment scale vs WB scale • Do we see the benefits and is it feasible to find time (and resources) to establish and carry out a Nordic hymo-project comparing methods, e.g. apply for funding for this from the Nordic Council of Ministers? <p>Summary of session and agreement of what to present in plenary</p>
14:45	Plenary

	Short presentations from the Working Groups in plenary by Lead (chair and/or secretary), each of the 4 WG ca. 15 min each <i>Coffee</i> Wrap up by the Programme committee
16:00	End of Nordic WFD Conference and goodbye 🙋