

Integrating Flood Risk Management and River Basin Management Planning

Is it possible?

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Areas of significant flood risk

- Four coastal, rest fluvial
- Covers around 70.000 inhabitants
- Majority in areas with waters in less than good ecological status
- Integration of measures necessary! (both ways)

Synergy from measures?



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Integration process

INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF MEASURES (with stakeholders)

DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF MEASURES (experts)

- impacts, risks, feasibility, costs and benefits, environmantal impacts

STAKEHOLDER'S VIEW OF MEASURES

 Stakeholde's view of measures proposed by experts, impact and acceptance



RESULTS AND PRIORITATION OF MEASURES

- Overall evaluation of measures (benefits, harms, feasibility, ecceptance)

- Prioritation of measures in flood risk management plans



Initial assessment of the measures

Evaluation of the impact of every single measure (initial expert judgement)

Identicifation and development of the existing measures at hand

Identification of the top new measures to be assessed further:

- Analysis of the flood protection benefit
- Analysis of the environmental impacts
- Sosioeconomic effects
- Feasibility and implementation risks





Value board

Great	The measure causes severe long term/non-reversabile harms	
Moderate – –	The measure causes moderate long term harms on a limited area or moderate temporary harm on a larger area	
Little –	The measure causes observable temporary and local harm	
Neutral	The measure causes neither negative or positive effects	
Little +	The measure has a sligt postive impact	
Moderate + +	The measure has a positive impact on local scale or a slight positive impact on a larger scale	
Great + + +	The measure has a large scale great positive impact	



Results from initial evaluation: Case River Lapuanjoki		Decrease of flood harm in different situations			Environmental impacts			Socioeconomic impacts			
		1/100	1/250	Other areas	Water quality	Biodiversity	Fish	Other	Agriculture	Hydropower	Social
Development of existing flood management measures	5	3	1	+	0	-	-	0	0	0	0
Change in the use of embankment areas in Lapua and Kauhava and protection of Lapua center locally (protection of settlement 1/50)	10	9	7	+	++	0	+	0	++	0	_
Water retention in catchment in small scale measures 40 ha	1	0	0	+	+	++	0	+	_	0	+
Water retention in catchment in small scale measures 400 ha	3	1	0	+	++	+++	+	++	-	+	+ ++
Protection of settlement and special targets with embankments or other structures	10	10	1	0	++/0	_	0	0	0	0	
Intensification of the regulation of Lake Kuortaneenjärvi (dredging of channel, bottom dam, regulation change etc)	5	3	1	+	-	_	_	0	0	+	0
Increasing the regulation volume and regulation of Lake Kuortaneenjärvi (dredging of channel, bottom dam, significant regulation change)	7	4	1	++				-	0	+	
Intensification of lakes in upper paert of River Nurmonjoki	3	1	0	+		_		0	0	+	
New artificial lake, Tiisten basin	10	10	7	++			/+	0		+ + +	++
Expansion of artificial Lake Varpula and leading water from Lake Kuortaneenjärvi	10	7	5	++			/0		0	+++	_





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Number of answers

>> Alternative measure groups

- The measures included in all alternatives (1) were stated and their environmental impact assessed
- The measures in four optional groups (2-5) were assessed on
 - Overall flood protection effectiveness
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Feasibility
 - Environmental impact



MEASURE	ALT1 "change of embankment area"	ALT2 "Protection of Lapua center with embankments"	ALT3 "Intensificatin of the regulation of Lake Kuortaneenjärvi"	ALT4 "Embankment + Lake Kuortaneenjärvi"
Development of existing flood management measures	х	х	х	х
Water retention in catchment in small scale measures	х	х	х	х
Change in the use of embankment areas in Lapua and Kauhava and protection of Lapua center locally	х			х
Protection of settlement and special targets with embankments or other structures		х		
Increasing the regulation volume and regulation of Lake Kuortaneenjärvi			х	х
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- Measures and measure group alternatives were further discussed in the cooperation group for water management and marine strategy managment (no real assessment)
- Water management measures were not analysed for flood risk management in detail, i.e. the effects of:
 - Agricultural measures (wetlands, filter strips)
 - Forestry measures (water retention effects of lowered drainage depth)
 - Restoration measures (river- and brook restorations)



Challenges: Case Kemijoki / Vuotos basin

- Higher protection level set for settlemets (1/250) which leads to a need for more extreme measures
- Measures that were in line with objectives in water management were not included in the final version of the flood risk management plan. The alternative with Lake Kemijärvi was excluded after the public hearing and is not even proposed as an option in the final draft
- Different interests up- and downstreams of River Kemijoki: City of Rovaniemi prefers the Vuotos basin upstreams, municipalities upstreams suffer from this option with no benefit
- A critical assessment of the protection level is needed to reach a acceptable solution for water management.

Be sure to have your motive right from the start!

Thank's for the attention!