



ECOSTAT Classification Workshop: Summary Report on Hydromorphology

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The Working Group ECOSTAT of the Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) held a workshop on classification on 29-30 May 2018 in Tallinn. The aim of this workshop with respect to hydromorphology was to facilitate a better common understanding on the use of hydromorphological quality elements for the overall assessment of ecological status and potential. This is part of a wider work item on classification in the ECOSTAT work programme focusing on the linkage between supporting and biological quality elements (BQEs). The Workshop Summary Report presents the main discussions that occurred during this meeting and is available for download.

The specific objectives were to:

- discuss challenges related to indicating hydromorphological pressures by BQE methods and possible good practices already in place in the Member States;
- discuss possible ways of aligning supportive hydromorphological quality element assessment with BQE assessment to classify the ecological status.

In addition, prior to the workshop, a background paper was prepared and circulated to participants providing background information on the topic and suggesting questions for discussion.

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