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## **The Implementation of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Floods Directive (2007/60/EC)**

### **Second River Basin Management Plans | First Flood Risk Management Plans**

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The fifth Water Framework Directive Implementation Report of the Commission reveals significant improvements in knowledge and reporting on the Water Framework Directive compared to the previous cycle. More Member States reported in a timely manner with more comprehensive, relevant and reliable information. Ecologic Institute supported the preparation of the report on assessment of the second River Basin Management Plans through the development of the assessment methodology, conducting the assessments in accordance with the methodology; and preparing technical reports. The Commission report is available for download.

Two decades of EU water policy and law have made a change. The trend of continuous decline of water quality has been reversed. Water quality throughout Europe has improved. Compliance with the Water Framework Directive objectives is increasing gradually. Although in a number of Member States the right policy measures were taken and a number of financial investments made, in many river basins improvements in water quality will still take some time. While a large majority of groundwater bodies have achieved good status, less than half of surface water bodies are in good status, although some individual underlying trends are more positive. Various EU funds will continue to support these implementation efforts. The path towards full compliance with the objectives of EU water legislation before the end of the third cycle (in 2027) is now very challenging. Reporting shows that, although further measures will be taken until 2021, many others will be needed beyond 2021.

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