
European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine Waters (ETC-ICM)

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Ecologic Institute is member of the European Topic Centre on Inland, Coastal and Marine waters (ETC-ICM) which works with the European Environment Agency (EEA) under a Framework Partnership Agreement for the period from 2019 to 2021.

The ETC-ICM aims to provide support to the European Environment Agency (EEA) in the following areas:

- **Monitoring, data and information systems:** The ETC-ICM is expected to provide support to EEA in further developing the European Data Centre for Water as main component of the Water Information Centre for Europe (WISE) comprising WISE freshwater and WISE marine. This has to facilitate the data assimilation for EEA needs, and to provide expert support to EEA in coordination activities for European water monitoring. The ETC-ICM is also expected to establish links with other data centers (Biodiversity, Land use, Climate change and Air) and cooperate on analysis and visualisation tool developments across the topics.
- **Indicators:** The ETC-ICM has to give support to EEA development of indicators to support regular environmental assessments indicating its state and trends and to support policy processes in the water area (freshwater and marine). The ETC-ICM needs to maintain and develop indicator fact sheets, especially for the core set of indicators, which include an analysis of the trends in the EEA member countries. The work on indicators is interlinked with data and (integrated) analysis and assessments.
- **Policy Support:** The ETC-ICM is particularly active in developing the knowledge base for policy implementation at European level. The ETC-ICM needs to support EEA in fulfilling its role regarding the cooperation with the European Commission towards the further implementation of the Water Framework Directive, Marine Strategy Framework Directive and other water directives.
- **Assessments:** It is the responsibility of the ETC-ICM to provide the scientific and expert knowledge base for EEA assessments on different water topics.

Ecologic Institute's expertise in the ETC-ICM covers freshwater and marine economics, ecosystem assessments, policy evaluation, hydromorphology, pressures from agriculture, assessments related to social sciences and linkages between different disciplines.

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