

# **Steps for Defining and Assessing Ecological Potential for Improving Comparability of Heavily Modified Water Bodies**

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The CIS Guidance Document No. 37 proposes a common practical framework for defining the good ecological potential which is the environmental objective of heavily modified water bodies designated under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The Guidance aims to assist the comparability of approaches between Member States. Its recommendations are based on a common understanding of the WFD requirements on this topic and good practice for implementation developed within the [Common Implementation Strategy](#) (CIS) of the WFD.

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