



Flood Risk Management

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This summary provides background information and links to key deliverables of the Water Framework and Floods Directive Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) in relation to **Flood Risk Management**. A specific folder in the public part of CIRCA containing key documents is available [here](#).

For more detailed information on other specific topics consult other summaries [here](#).

Legal context

- [Directive 2007/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on the assessment and management of flood risks](#)
- [Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 on establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy](#) (consolidated version)

Information on [DG Environment Water pages on Europa](#)

On the [Floods pages](#) the following can be found:

- Information on the [preparatory process](#) leading up to the adoption of the Directive.
- The [2004 Commission Communication](#) "Flood risk management - Flood prevention, protection and mitigation"
- The [2006 Commission proposal](#) for a Floods Directive
- Key documents from the [negotiation](#) of the Directive, [timetable](#) and [overview of progress of implementation](#) (official notifications and reporting), along with [key links](#) to other relevant EU and international websites and [relevant EU legislation](#).
- [Water notes](#) include information on specific aspects of the Water Framework Directive, including [Climate Change – Addressing Floods, Droughts and Changing Aquatic Ecosystems \(No. 10\)](#), and other water issues.
- [Towards better environmental options in flood risk management](#) - an information note from DG ENV on the benefits of natural flood management and green infrastructure!

Other instruments and policies on [Civil protection / Emergency response](#) and on [EU Solidarity Fund](#) are not the topic of this note.

Key CIS documents

CIS Guidance documents

- [Full list of WFD CIS Guidance documents](#)
- [Guidance document No. 4: Identification and Designation of Heavily Modified and Artificial Water Bodies](#), including on how flood protection is taken into account in the designation
- [Guidance document No. 8: Public Participation in Relation to the Water Framework Directive](#), of relevance given the need to coordinate the process between the Directive for the next cycle
- [Guidance document No. 12: The Role of Wetlands in the Water Framework Directive](#)
- [Guidance Document No. 20: Guidance document on exemptions to the environmental objectives](#), including on how 'new modifications' (Article 4.7) and

'exceptional floods' (Article 4.6) can be taken into account

- [Guidance document No. 21: Guidance for reporting under the Water Framework Directive](#), as examples for and for synergies with the Floods Directive reporting
- [Guidance Document No. 22: Updated Guidance on Implementing the Geographical Information System \(GIS\) Elements of the EU Water Policy](#), with annexes for specific Directives
- [Guidance document No. 24: River basin management in a changing climate](#)

Other documents

- [Best practices in Flood prevention, protection and mitigation](#) (2003)
- [Policy paper on WFD and Hydromorphological pressures](#), focus on navigation, hydropower and flood protection, [Good practice document](#) and [Case studies](#) (2006)
- [Good Practice for Delivering Flood-Related Information to the General Public](#) (2007)
- [Handbook on good practices in flood mapping in Europe](#) (2007), including the 'Atlas of Flood Maps' also available on Europa
- [Floods Directive: Concept paper on Compliance checking and reporting](#) (November 2009)
- [Floods Directive: Reporting sheets](#) (as of February 2011)

Key CIS activities and events

The **mandate for Working Group F on Floods (WG F)** is part of the [CIS Work Programme 2010-2012](#) and includes work on the following:

- Development of reporting formats, tools and schemas for reporting of the Floods Directive.
- Continued information exchange in WGF, and in Thematic Workshops.
- Preparation of Resource documents on: Floods and economics and on a Catalogue of good practices in flood risk management in view of climate change.
- Development of scope for database on significant past floods linked to reporting in WISE.

Past and future CIS workshops and other events

Thematic conferences or workshops on Floods and related topics

- [Workshop on WFD and Flood Risk management \(UK\), 26-27 February 2008](#)
- [Land use and local planning \(AT/SI\), 8-10 April 2008](#)
- [Flood Risk Mapping \(IE\), 17-19 September 2008](#)
- [Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment \(CZ\), 25-26 May 2009](#)
- [Climate Change and Flood Risk \(SE\), 8-10 September 2009](#)
- [Catchment Approach to Flood Risk Management \(UK\), 15-16 October 2009](#)
- [Flood Risk Management Plans \(NL\), 26-27 January 2010](#)
- [Flash Floods and Pluvial Floods \(IT\), 26-27 May 2010](#)
- [Floods and economics \(BE\), 25-26 October 2010](#)
- [Stakeholder involvement in flood risk management \(RO\), 17-18 April 2012](#)

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