



# Information reported on Droughts Water Framework Directive

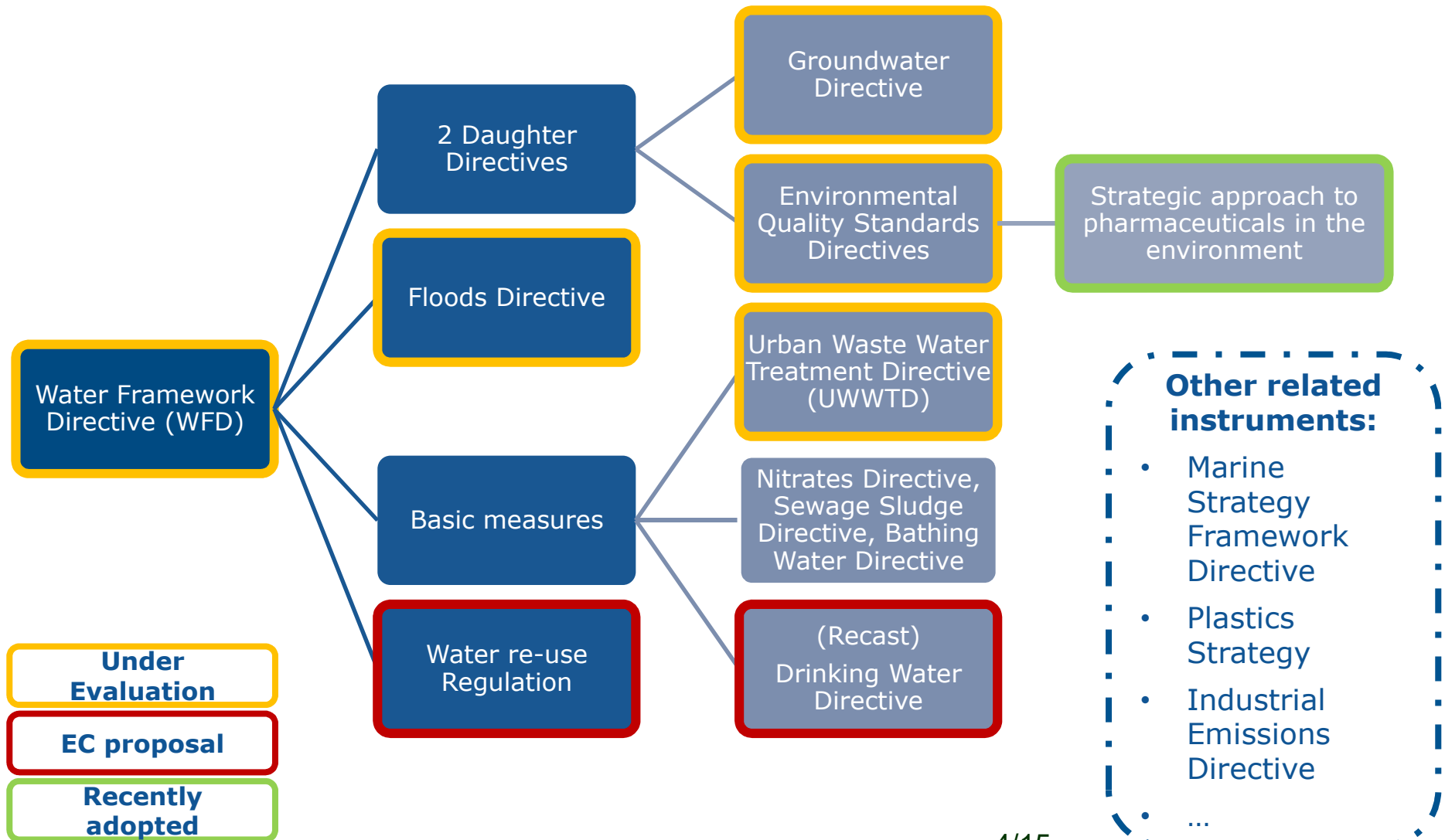
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# EU water acquis



# 5th WFD Implementation report adopted on 26/2/2019



The screenshot shows the European Commission website page for 'WFD and FD Implementation Reports'. The page title is 'WFD and FD Implementation Reports'. The main content area contains the following text:

**The fifth Water Framework Directive Implementation Report – assessment of the second River Basin Management Plans and the first Floods Directive Implementation Report – assessment of the first Flood Risk Management Plans (2019)**

In accordance with Article 18 of the Water Framework Directive and Article 16 of the Floods Directive, the Commission must publish a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of these Directives after each update of the River Basin Management Plans and Flood Risk Management Plans respectively.

The Commission Report must include among other things a review of progress in the implementation of the Directives and an assessment of the Plans, including suggestions for the improvement of future Plans. The report also includes an assessment of the international cooperation under the implementation of the Directives.

**This 5th Implementation Report was adopted on 26/02/2019 and consists of the following documents:**

- A [Commission report](#) to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (assessment of the second River Basin Management Plans) and the Floods Directive (assessment of the first Flood Risk Management Plans), and an [Annex with recommendations](#) to all Member States on both Directives [bg](#) [ca](#) [da](#) [de](#) [es](#) [et](#) [fr](#) [hr](#) [it](#) [lv](#) [lt](#) [hu](#) [en](#) [nl](#) [pl](#) [pt](#) [ro](#) [sk](#) [sl](#) [tr](#) [uk](#)
- A [European Overview of the second River Basin Management Plans](#) - Commission Staff Working Document accompanying the report
- A [European Overview of the first Flood Risk Management Plans](#) - Commission Staff Working Document accompanying the report
- [Country-specific assessments for EU Member States' second River Basin Management Plans](#) - Commission Staff Working Documents accompanying the report : [Austria](#) , [Belgium](#) , [Bulgaria](#) , [Croatia](#) , [Czech Republic](#) , [Cyprus](#) , [Denmark](#) , [Estonia](#) , [Finland](#) , [France](#) , [Germany](#) , [Hungary](#) , [Italy](#) , [Latvia](#) , [Luxembourg](#) , [Malta](#) , [Poland](#) , [Portugal](#) , [Romania](#) , [Slovakia](#) , [Slovenia](#) , [Spain](#) , [Sweden](#) , [The Netherlands](#) , [UK](#)
- [Country-specific assessments for EU Member States' first Flood Risk Management Plans](#) - Commission Staff Working Documents accompanying the report : [Austria](#) , [Belgium](#) , [Bulgaria](#) , [Croatia](#) , [Czech Republic](#) , [Cyprus](#) , [Denmark](#) , [Estonia](#) , [Finland](#) , [France](#) , [Germany](#) , [Hungary](#) , [Italy](#) , [Latvia](#) , [Lithuania](#) , [Luxembourg](#) , [Malta](#) , [Poland](#) , [Portugal](#) , [Romania](#) , [Slovakia](#) , [Slovenia](#) , [Spain](#) , [Sweden](#) , [The Netherlands](#) , [UK](#)

- *Commission report to the European Parliament and the Council*
- *European overviews*
- *Country-specific assessments*
- *International cooperation reports*

➤ *See also report from the European Environment Agency: [State of Water Report, 2019](#)*



## EU Policy background-droughts

- Specific Communication 2007 and follow-up (questionnaire to MS, annual reports 2008-2010).
- Previous working groups on Water Scarcity and Droughts under the Water Framework Directive Common Implementation Strategy.
- Water Blueprint Communication 2012.
  - ❖ Review of the EU policy on water scarcity and droughts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> River Basin Management Plans Assessment 2015-2021: importance of climate related impacts.

*Europe's waters are increasingly affected by climate change. Compliance with EU water law is helping to manage effects [...], to anticipate to droughts.*



## Assessment of 2<sup>nd</sup> River Basin Management Plans

- **Specific section on climate change and droughts.**
- **Information assessed from ~25 MS.**

### Main points:

- **14 MS droughts are relevant for water management (11 MS droughts are not considered) -Not really aligned with EDO's information-.**
- **6 MS have reported Drought Management Plans (DMPs) in place.**
- **Application of WFD article 4(6) exemption: 4 MS (ES, HU, NL, PT).**
- **Key drought related measures, specific indicators.**
- **In general, green infrastructures and water retention measures are underused.**



# Assessment of 2<sup>nd</sup> River Basin Management Plans

## Main points (Cont.):

- **Some indicated specific sub-plans for water scarcity and droughts.**
- **Some also recognise drought related problems in several river basin districts. Yet, no direct action was reported.**
- **Since the recommendations made by the Commission in the first cycle, only 3 MS made additional progress (developed indicators and extended DMPs).**
- **The Commission made specific recommendations on drought management to several MS: BG, HR, FR, DE, HU, PL, PT, SI, ES, SE.**