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# European Water Framework Directive

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## Description / Abstract

Water is essential for life and an indispensable resource for the economy. Accordingly, EU water policy focuses on protecting water resources. The EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) is designed to protect European waters, achieve good ecological status and enable sustainable use. To meet these objectives, it stipulates that water must be managed at river basin level.

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