



WFD meets CAP – Opportunities for the future

2 – 3 March 2006, Vienna (Austria)

Conference Script for Delegates Updated Version

Dear delegate,

Across the EU, pressures from agriculture are seen as one of the biggest challenges to meeting the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The UK and the EU Commission have therefore jointly taken the lead and set up an EU Strategic Steering Group (SSG) that focuses on the linkages between the WFD and agriculture. The SSG reports its progress to the Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) and the Water Directors.

The technical conference on “WFD meets CAP – Opportunities for the future” is organised as part of SSG activities and the EU-RTD Project CAP&WFD. It will be held in Vienna on 2-3 March 2006 under the auspices of the Austrian Presidency. The conference objectives are as follows:

- **Setting the scene:** Short key statements during the opening session and within the working groups will be given to prepare the discussion in the working groups.
- **Exchange:** Member States get the opportunities to exchange views, best practice examples and national approaches in linking water management and agriculture.
- **Issue Reports:** Participants will have the opportunity to discuss and give advice on how to improve the following SSG issue reports:
 - Issue Report 1: **Cross Compliance** and the WFD,
 - Issue Report 2: **Co-operation and participation** at the interface of EU Agricultural and Water Policies,
 - Issue Report 3: **Incentive water pricing** and cost recovery in the WFD: Elements for linking EU Agricultural and Water Policies.

The updated version of the conference script includes additional information on the working groups such as leading questions for each working group and impulse statement speakers.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your contributions in Vienna.

The conference organisers



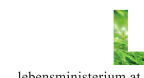
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1. Objectives and proceeding

In order to allow for the preparation of the Vienna conference all delegates received drafts of the issue reports by 14 February 2006. Written comments on the reports are welcome until **15 March 2006**. Please send your remarks to gilles.crosnier@cec.eu.int, dworak@ecologic.de and poul.petersen@defra.gsi.gov.uk. For more information on the next deadlines of the SSG activities and the background papers, please see the time schedule presented in section 2 of the conference script.

In order to ensure an appropriate proceeding of the CAP&WFD conference and maximise the event's outcome, please note the following key points for the individual sessions of Day 1 and 2:

DAY 1 – 2ND MARCH 2006

Session I – Opening

This session provides the relevant background information concerning the linkages between the CAP and the WFD in order to prepare for the conference and especially for the discussion of the specific topics within the working groups. Please note that you will receive the related background paper on policy and legal linkages together with the above mentioned issues reports by 13 February 2006. Furthermore, the results of the questionnaire on Programmes of Measures from the Member States will be presented and discussed in session 1.

Session II – Working groups

After the UK DEFRA report on the key messages from the London Conference 2005, the participants are asked to sign up for one of the four parallel working groups on:

WG 1 – **Rural Development** and the WFD (two groups)

WG 2 – **Cross Compliance** and the WFD

WG 3 – **Water Pricing**

The issue reports and the corresponding policy summaries which will be briefly presented at the beginning of each working group will provide you with details on the issues to be discussed within the working groups (for more detailed information on the proceeding in the working groups, see below).

Delegates contribution

Delegates have the opportunity to contribute views during the working group discussions. To facilitate these discussions, the organisers would like to invite the delegates to prepare for the conference's sessions II and III by considering the following issues:

- how is the CAP likely to interact in practice with the implementation of the Water Framework Directive in their country and vice versa;
- which of these interactions, be they synergistic or antagonistic, are likely to have the most significant implications for WFD and CAP implementation in their country;



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- what are their initial views on key issues to facilitate a better integration between the agricultural policy and the water policy;
- what are their first ideas on the design of WFD Programmes of Measures and/or measures funded under the rural development programme;
- what are the objectives and structure they would like to see for any follow-up activity on policy integration issues.

Leading questions for each working group

Three to four leading questions for each specific group have been developed and distributed to you with this updated version of the conference script in order to guide the discussion. We hope you will find this information useful in preparing your contributions to the discussions.

Rural Development working groups (WG1a & 1b)

- How important is the consideration of water management issues when establishing Rural Development programmes in your Member State?
- What are the main challenges for using RD measures in WFD implementation in your Member State?
- Which aspects are covered under RDR Article 38 by your Member State?

Cross-Compliance working group (WG 2)

- Could we identify some main difficulties for Member States and the farming community to implement the requirements of the WFD?
- How does cross-compliance currently relate to the requirements of the WFD in your MS?
- What are the main benefits of implementing cross-compliance for the WFD in your MS?
- What are the future perspective of cross-compliance to meeting the WFD in your MS?

Water Pricing working group (WG 3)

- What is the importance of water pricing incentives and incentives from CAP payments for sustainable water use?
- What are the main potential links on the financial aspects of WFD implementation and CAP reform?
- What options are there for dealing with social and economic hardships resulting out of WFD implementation measures for agriculture?

How to proceed in the working groups?

Each working group is structured according to the following proceeding:

Sitting arrangement: Round table

Key steps of proceeding:

- 1) Moderator/chair presents himself and his role, as well as that of the note-taker.
- 2) Depending on the number of participants, there may be a short **tour-de-table** for introductions of individuals and organisations.



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- 3) The moderator/chair sets out the “**rules of the game**”.
- 4) The moderator/chair presents the **questions** posed to the stakeholders. Questions will be typed into PowerPoint (ppt) slides.
- 5) The CAP&WFD project team (Ecologic and Warsaw Agricultural University) gives then an **introductory presentation** (max. duration 5 minutes) with a few key messages from the issue reports.
- 6) Two stakeholders from EU Member States and institutions (pre-arranged) make a **brief impulse statement** to open the discussion. The duration should be 10 minutes each. Please note that we do not expect any ppt slides for the impulse statement.
- 7) Other **delegates** are given the floor by the moderator (each should state their name and organisation).

The following table summarises the roles and tasks of Ecologic and Warsaw Agricultural University staff, and selected stakeholders and experts in the parallel working groups.

Name of Working Group	Chair / Moderator	Introduction by / Rapporteur	Impulse Statements by	Title	Note-taker
WG 1a - Rural Development and the WFD	Z. Karaczun (WAU)	Z. Karaczun (WAU)	I. Knöbl (Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment & Water Management)	WFD and rural development - the Austrian approach	N. Herbke (Ecologic)
			T. Haaranen (Finish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry)	WFD and rural development - the Finish approach	
WG 1b - Rural Development and the WFD	R. A. Kraemer (Ecologic)	T. Dworak (Ecologic)	V. Mohaupt (German Federal Environmental Agency) (tbc)	[No title proposed so far]	J. Ward (Ecologic)
			S. Croguennec (French Ministry of Ecology & Sustainable Development)	Objectives and main features of the French catalogue of measures	
WG2 - Cross Compliance and the WFD	Floor Brouwer (LEI-DLO)	R. Müssner (Ecologic)	R. Findon (UK DEFRA)	Cross compliance measures in UK - how they will contribute to WFD objectives	R. Müssner (Ecologic)
			J.-E. Petersen (EEA)	Cross-compliance and farm advice - two complementary approaches	
WG 3 - Water Pricing	P. Strosser (ACTeon)	E. Interwies (Ecologic)	J. Maestu (Spanish Ministry of Environment)	Pricing in agriculture in Spain	E. Interwies (Ecologic)
			R. van der Veeren (Dutch Ministry of Transport, Public Works & Water Management)	[No title proposed so far]	

In the evening of Day 1, a summary of the main discussions / conclusions of each group will be prepared by the rapporteurs with the support of the note-takers, to be presented in the morning of Day 2.



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Session III – Report-back from working groups

Session III on the second day aims to give feedback from the different working groups, giving delegates the opportunity to:

- get an overall picture of the issues discussed in the individual working groups,
- identify common views on how CAP and WFD are linked,
- identify the next steps to be made.

The session will be closed by the chair who will conclude with an overview of lessons learned.

Session IV – Options for co-operation between the various competent authorities and stakeholders

This session focuses on the cross-cutting issue of co-operation between both policy areas. The issue report on “Co-operation and participation at the interface of EU Agricultural and Water Policies” will be presented to provide participants with relevant information for this session. Two stakeholder statements from EU agricultural umbrella association COPA-COGECA¹ and the federation of more than 140 environmental citizens’ organisations EEB² then give short (10 min) presentations on their view on opportunities and challenges of co-operation for improving the protection of water resources and the aquatic environment. The presentation includes experiences which show the positive effects of such co-operative activities and the challenges while establishing and implementing such programmes. Finally Dr. Ingo Heinz from Dortmund University presents the institutional framework and the benefits from Co-operative Agreements.

Discussion - Delegates contribution

The organisers kindly invite delegates to contribute their views and experiences during the session. In order to focus the plenary discussion within this session, delegates should consider the following questions for their preparation:

- What are the approaches used to establish co-operation within their country?
- What factors are necessary for successful co-operation?
- What are the main challenges for establishing co-operation?
- How are they dealing with establishing different levels of co-operation (local, regional, national, transboundary)?

Conclusions

The conclusion of the conference will be taken into account in the further work of the SSG and during the development of the issue reports. Updated drafts of the issue reports and the conference conclusions will be available by the end of March 2006. A summary will be prepared by Ecologic and WAU and disseminated among the participants.

¹ Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations, General Confederation of Agricultural Co-operatives.

² European Environmental Bureau.



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2. Time schedule of SSG activities

The following table gives you an overview of the next deadlines of the round of comments on the background papers (SSG issue reports) and the follow-up activities:

Task	Deadline
Deadline for registration for the Vienna Conference	7 Feb 2006
Start of first round of comments for the 3 background documents	13 Feb 2006
Vienna Conference	2/3 Mar 2005
End of first round of comments for the 3 background papers	15 Mar 2006
Draft summary technical conference	15 Mar 2006
Start second round of comments for the 3 background papers	3 Apr 2006
End of second round of comments for the 3 background papers	23 Apr 2006
Final draft of the 3 background papers	1 May 2006
Discussion of the 3 background papers at the SCG	15/16 May 2006
Discussion and endorsement of the 3 background papers at WD- Meeting	1/2 Jun 2006
Round of suggestions for a continuation of the activity in 2007-08.	June 2006
Start of first round of comments for the synthesis report	July 2006
Start of first round of comments for a new mandate 2007-08	July 2006
Plenary session in Brussels: discussion of the synthesis report and the draft mandate 2007-08	19 Sep 2006
Second round of discussion of the synthesis report and the draft mandate 2007-08	September-October 2006
Discussion of the synthesis report and the draft mandate 2007-08 at the SCG meetings	5 Oct and 8-9 Nov 2006
Endorsement of the synthesis report and the mandate 2007-08 at the Water Directors meeting	30 Nov - 1 Dec 2006



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3. Technical information

Presentations

We kindly ask you to prepare a PowerPoint (ppt) or an overhead presentation. On arrival at the workshop, all participants will receive a conference binder containing all the presentations, the final programme and a list of participants. In order to allow sufficient time for this documentation to be printed and assembled, please ensure that your presentation materials (transparencies or ppt slides) are sent to Ecologic by **17 February 2006**. Please email your presentation materials to cap-wfd@ecologic-events.de or send us a floppy disc or a CD.

Please make sure to indicate your name, the institution you are representing and to insert page numbers. For the decipherment of your ppt, please ensure that the slides are well structured, the font size is a min 30 point in boldface with a spacing of 1,5 per line and the slides are in landscape format. As your presentation materials will be printed in black & white, please be aware of the colours you are using. Please do not use a dark background to your slides and avoid dark colours side by side or one upon the other (for ppt slides: you can test the effect by activating the black & white mode). If your presentation includes photos, graphs etc., please use pictures with a resolution of 72 dpi (dots per inch). Please make sure that your document does not exceed a file size of 2 MB.

Technical Equipment

There will be an overhead projector, laptop and a LCD-projector available for your presentation. An assistant from Ecologic will provide technical support throughout the conference. Please do not bring your own laptop but send us your ppt presentation before the conference as technical compatibility of your personal computer with the LCD-projector of the conference venue is not always given. We will upload it onto the conference laptop prior to the conference and test it.

To minimise the risk of technical problems, please ensure that your presentation materials (transparencies or ppt slides) are sent to Ecologic by **17 February 2006**.

Translation

The conference language is English. No translation will be provided.

Time Schedule

Please keep in mind the time allotted to you for your presentation. Please arrive no later than the break before your presentation. This enables you to check the technical equipment and to meet with the Chair of your session.

Documentation of the conference

Conference proceedings including the written contributions delivered by the speakers; the slides displayed will be given to the participants in a binder at beginning of conference. Additionally, all presentations will be provided for download from the conference website **www.ecologic-events.de/cap-wfd**. Please make sure that your document does not exceed a file size of 2 MB.

Further questions

In case of any questions or suggestions, please contact **Carolyn Wolf & Conference Team**: phone +49-30-86880-0, e-mail: cap-wfd@ecologic-events.de.



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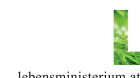


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