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**The River Basin Management Plan – a basis for sustainable water  
management**

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The general goal of the European Union Water Framework Directive (WFD) is represented by achieving a “good status” for all water bodies, which implies the necessity of the harmonization of the issues of water uses with those of aquatic ecosystems protection.

The tool for achieving of good status is represented by the River Basin Management Plan, which is based on the knowledge on the water bodies status, sets the environmental objectives for a six year time frame and proposes measures for the achieving of “good status” towards the sustainable use of water resources.

In the first part, the presentation covers the revolutionary elements brought by the WFD in the field of water management.

Furthermore special attention it is paid to the Common Implementation Strategy of the WFD at the Danube river basin level with special emphasis on the River Basin Management Plan.

At the Romanian level, the way of implementation of the WFD and the stage of the achievement of the National River Basin Management Plan are presented.