

Water Framework Directive Monitoring Project –Workshop Programme

Introduction

The Water Framework Directive (WFD) 2000/60/EC, is a legislative framework to protect and improve the quality of all water resources (e.g. rivers, lakes, transitional, coastal waters and groundwater) within the European Union. National implementation is the responsibility of each member state. The WFD has defined clear deadlines for each of its requirements: in 2007 a review of the monitoring activities has to be reported to the EU, followed by the preparation of river basin management plans in 2009. Before 2015, water bodies have to meet good status, comprising good ecological and chemical water quality.

By the end of 2006 Cyprus will need to make operational the monitoring networks and systematic monitoring will need to take place during 2007 and onwards (per WFD Article 8). This will form the basis for a programme of measures for achieving the environmental objectives of the WFD by 2009. At the same time it will be necessary to set up a reporting system through the introduction of GIS as a reporting and decision making tool as per requirements of Article 14, 15 and 18 of the WFD. This contract will address these two needs in parallel.

The project “Development of Integrated Water Monitoring Programmes and Tools for Cost-Effective Monitoring and Assessment to Support Sustainability of Water Resources and the Implementation of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC in Cyprus” targets at the establishment of water monitoring programmes and integrated databases. The project duration covers a period of 20 months starting from April 2006.

The direct beneficiaries of the Project are the Water Development Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment (MANRE) as the Implementing Agency and the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research of MANRE and the State General Laboratory of the Ministry of Health as Co-operating Agencies. All three Agencies have a role in monitoring of waters in Cyprus whilst the role of other agencies/organizations involved in water monitoring will be taken into account.

Objectives of the Workshop on May 9, 2006

- To launch the project
- Inform a wider audience on its targets and goals
- To foster co-operation between all stakeholders



Workshop location

Agricultural Research Institute, Nicosia

Workshop Programme

9:00 - 9:10	<i>Opening and launch of the project</i> Mr. Christodoulos Artemis, Director Water Development Department Dr. Anastasia Kotronarou, Project Manager	10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
9:10 - 9:30	<i>Introduction to the project and Consultant's team</i> Dr. Kees Bons, Team Leader, WL Delft Hydraulics	11:00 - 11:20	<i>Design of the Monitoring Programmes</i> Dr. George Kotzageorgis, ENVECO S.A.
9:30 - 10:00	<i>The Water Framework Directive and its relevance to Cyprus</i> Mr. Demetris S. Argyropoulos, D. Argyropoulos & Associates	11:20 - 11:40	<i>Development of the Integrated Database</i> Dr. Pascal Boderie, WL Delft Hydraulics
10:00 - 10:30	<i>WFD Art.8 Consequences</i> Mr. Iacovos Iacovides, I.A.CO Environmental and Water Consultants Ltd	11:40 - 12:00	<i>Implementation of the Monitoring Programmes</i> Mr. Panicos Nicolaidis, Nicolaidis & Associates
		12:00 - 13:00	<i>Questions and discussion</i>