

# Significant Water Management Issues Exercise

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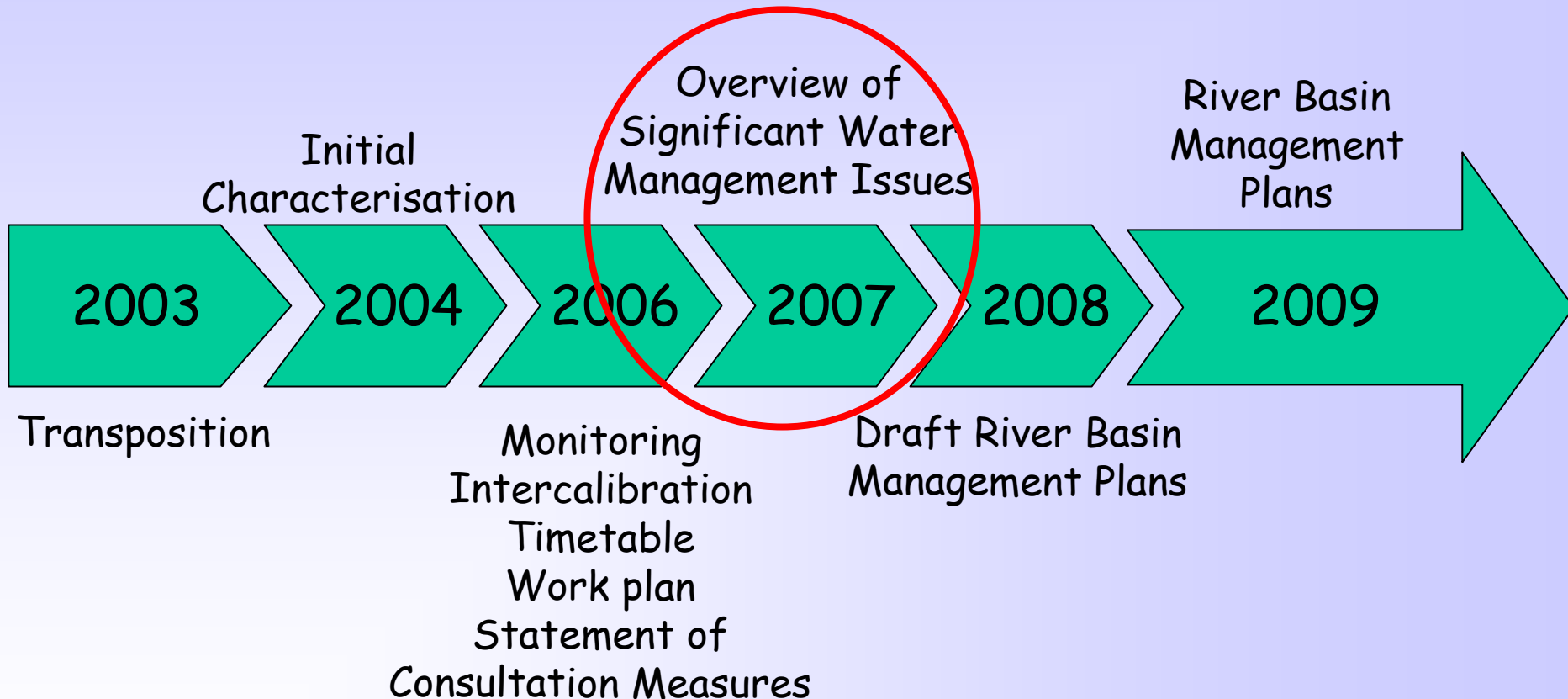
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# Article 14 - Public Information and Consultation

- MSs shall encourage the active involvement of all interested parties in the implementation of this Directive
- MSs shall ensure that for each RBMP they publish and make available for comment
  - **Timetable & work programme** for prod<sup>n</sup> of RBMP inc. **statement of consultation measures**
  - **Interim overview** of significant water management
  - Draft copies of RBMP

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# Implementation timetable



# SWMI Report - What is it?

- An interim overview of the significant water management issues identified in the river basin
- A Directive requirement but NOT a report to go to Europe
- Milestone on the road to river basin management plans
- Must be produced by December 2007
- At least 6 months to comment to allow active involvement and consultation

# Significant Water Management Issue - Possible Examples?

- Absence of controls on water abstraction activities
- Real cost of water not recognised - lack of economic framework (water pricing)
- Regulatory framework for discharge consents
- Lack of incentives for less polluting practices
- Unsustainable planning policies - septic tanks discussion last meeting

•Please list the top 5 significant water management issues facing Northern Ireland. Against each issue write a priority score of 1 to 5 (with 1 being the highest priority and 5 the lowest).


•Do you think the whole of Northern Ireland faces the same significant water management issues, or are there differences, between River Basin Districts, or urban/rural areas for example?

•What barriers are there to addressing these significant water management issues?

•How may we deal with these barriers?

•Please list what you consider to be other significant water management issues.

•Should we attempt to produce the significant water management issues report earlier to allow more time for the production of the draft river basin management plan?

<b>N.I. Water Framework Directive Stakeholder Forum</b>	
	
Draft Significant Water Management Issues Exercise	
Thank you for taking the time to complete this short exercise. Your answers will help us to form a better understanding of stakeholder views on significant water management issues within Northern Ireland.	
Name (CAPs Please):	
Organisation:	
Email / Telephone:	
1. Please list the top 5 significant water management issues facing Northern Ireland. Against each issue write a priority score of 1 to 5 (with 1 being the highest priority and 5 the lowest).	
<u>Issue</u>	<u>Priority</u>
2. Do you think the whole of Northern Ireland faces the same significant water management issues, or are there differences, between River Basin Districts, or urban/rural areas for example?	
3. What barriers are there to addressing these significant water management issues?	

# Tasks

- Check over content of questionnaire. Would you be content for this to go to all our stakeholders?
- Have a go at filling in, discussing in your groups.
- Still take it away to fill in for the organisation/s that you represent



# Group Discussion

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
David Babington	Felicity Boyd	George Alexander
Sean Convery	Ian Giboney	Peter Barbour
Joanne Gaffney	Rick James	Newell McCreight
Uel Irwin	John Johnson	Ian Morrow
Gerry Madden	Marcus McAuley	Gabriel Nelson
Nigel McCormick	Yvonne McElarney	Stephen Peover
David Small	Alex McGarel	Aileen Smith
Claire Vincent	David Sterling	Trevor Wright

# Follow up to SWMI Exercise

- Circulate questionnaire to wider stakeholder group
- EHS is continuing 'further characterisation' work
- EPG will report to next meeting on outcome of stakeholder questionnaire exercise
- EHS will report on on-going SWMI work to stakeholder group