

Annex 1: Background of the main reporting requirements for Questionnaire-2011

WHAT is ADDRESSED in the UWWTD Questionnaire-2011?

The Questionnaire-2011 contains the request to report the information inventory on designated sensitive areas and their catchments (including type of sensitivity and geo-referenced data)¹ as well as the information request for each agglomeration for which the deadlines of the Directive and/or transitional periods have been expired. In order to have a more complete view on the waste water treatment process, aggregated information at Member State level on sewage sludge and waste water re-use is also asked.

A short summary of the main information request is described in the box below.

Box: Short technical description of the main reporting requirements

- **The Questionnaire-2011 contains three parts:**
 1. Information on designated sensitive areas and their catchments (and also less sensitive areas in case they have been designated)
 2. Information about agglomerations, including
 - (a) **Master data** (agglomerations/treatment plants/discharging points/receiving areas/receiving water bodies) and
 - (b) Complete information per each agglomeration: part (a) plus information on waste water collection, conduction, treatment performance, etc.
 3. Aggregated information at Member State level on sewage sludge and waste water reuse
- **The Reference year to report is basically 2009**; status as on 31/12/2009; monitoring results for the year 2009: from 01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009.
 - Alternatively, 2010 data could be reported if available, but the information for the entire Member State has to be consistent and refer to a unique, clearly indicated, reporting year – either 2009 or 2010 – to avoid mixing information from different years.
- ‘Old’ Member States (EU-15) are requested to report
 - information for **all three parts** mentioned above (1, 2 and 3; see list of parameters in Annex 2) including **all** information about agglomerations related to **1998, 2000, 2005 deadlines** and deadlines pursuant to Articles 5(6+7)
- ‘New’ Member States (EU-12) are requested to report
 - information for **all three parts** mentioned above (1, 2 and 3; see list of parameters in Annex 2) including **all** information about agglomerations for which **transitional periods have already expired**
 - **master data** for agglomerations for which transitional periods **have not expired yet**
- **Master data** includes the parameters presented in Annex 2, Data Block 2,. In particular, Master data of agglomeration, Master data of treatment plant, Master data of discharge point and receiving area.

¹ Information on less sensitive areas if they are designated, have to be also reported.

In addition, Member States have the possibility, **to provide additional information beyond the requirement of the Directive**. Relevant data blocks are indicated in the description of data blocks as 'additional parameters'. This data will not be used for the compliance checking exercise. The purpose of this request is to obtain additional data that can be used by other EU institutions (e.g. EEA- for the assessment of the state of the environment, Eurostat- for pre-filling the Joint questionnaire on Inland Water), which then do not have to request this data via their reporting obligations and thus implement the principle “report once, use many times”.

The electronic IT- web tool is recommended to be used to compile the dataset and create xml file. It enables data compilation (either from csv or xml files) and subsequent extensive quality checks. Another option to generate xml file consist in direct export from national databases (without import into the web tool)

TECHNICAL HELP DESK:

All Member States are asked to up-load their UWWTD-files (GIS-files, tabular data as xml-files, additional documents and reports) into a Central Data Repository (CDR)². For this reporting exercise, the European Environment Agency (EEA) provided the access rights to the reporters nominated by the Member States to upload the report in WISE.

Instructions on “How to use ReportNet for reporting under the Urban Waste Water treatment Directive” for the submission of the reports from the Member States in pursuance of UWWTD³, are available at

<http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help> (under “Dataflow specific instructions”)

All technical supporting documents are also available via this help document. The Commission provided relevant practical explanations on the reporting process⁴., during the workshop on reporting held on 18 November 2010.

In case of login problem the following address can be used:

- helpdesk@eionet.europa.eu

A technical help desk on the reporting exercise is provided by the European Topic Center on Inland, Coastal and Marine Waters (ETC-ICM) at the Czech Environmental Information Agency, Prague, Czech Republic, and is available as from 1 September 2009 during the wholereporting exercise for Questionnaire 2011.

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² <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/> selecting the country and the envelope –UWWTD to submit the country report

³ At <http://rod.eionet.europa.eu/> select the country, the issue – water, the organisation – DG ENV(EC) and then UWWT Directive

⁴ All documentation of the workshop is available from CIRCA at: http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/wfd/library?l=/framework_directive/treatment_directive/workshop_reportin-g-18&vm=detailed&sb=Title