

# The contents of the second river basin management plans – from analysis to main topics of the review process



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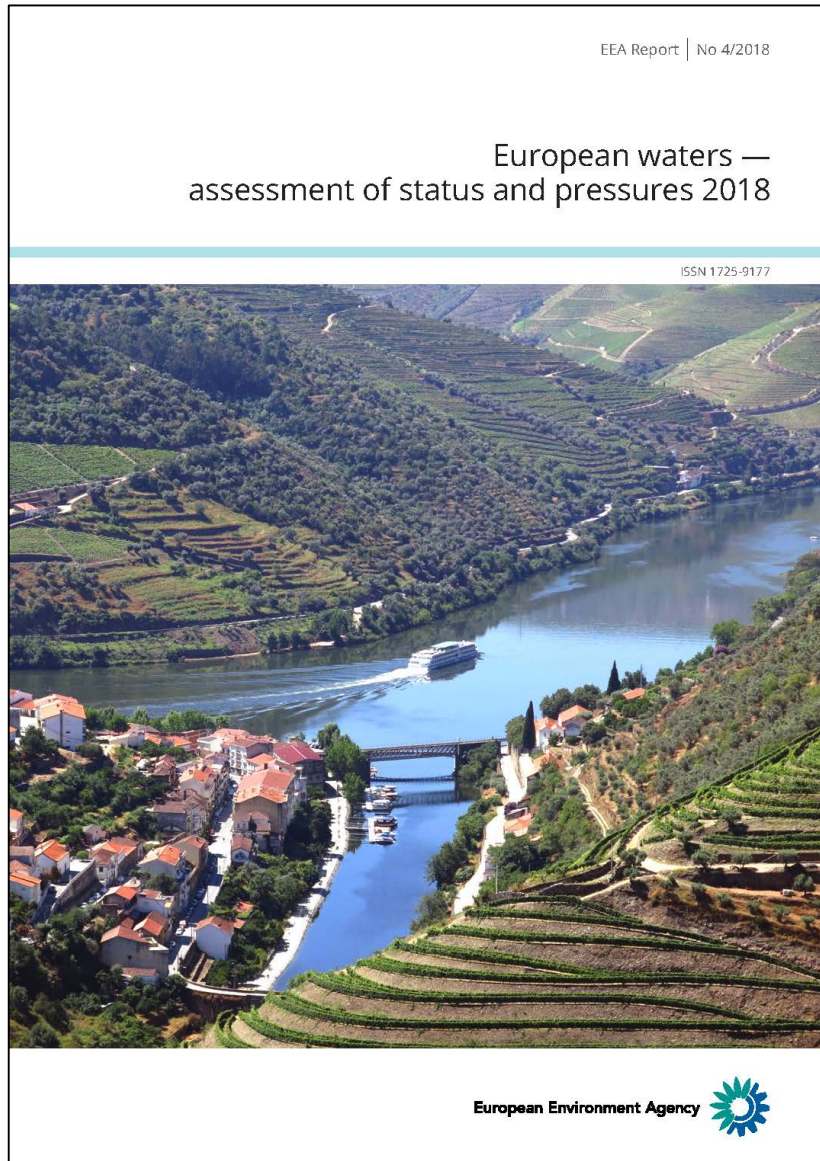
**WFD Article 18:** *The EU Commission shall publish a report on the implementation of the directive two years after the Member States have delivered the RBMPs.*

*The report shall include **a review of the status of surface water and groundwater** in the Community undertaken in coordination with the European Environment Agency (EEA).*

- 1. EEA State of Water report and WISE-WFD visualisation tool**



# European waters — Assessment of status and pressures 2018



## Key messages

- This report presents results on the status of EU waters based on the second River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs, 2010-2015).
- Since the first RBMPs our knowledge of Europe's waters has grown significantly, providing a better understanding of the status and the pressures causing failure to achieve good status.
- Nevertheless European waters remain under pressure from water pollution, over-abstraction and structural change from a range of human activities.

# What information is our report based on?



- **25 EU Member States and 160 River Basin Management Plans reported to Water Information System for Europe (WISE).**
- **89 000 river water bodies** — 1.2 million km, avg. length 13 km
- **18 000 lake water bodies** — 2/3 from Sweden and Finland, avg. area 4.9 km<sup>2</sup>
- **800 transitional water bodies** — avg. area 19 km<sup>2</sup>)
- **2 800 coastal water bodies** — avg. area 102 km<sup>2</sup>
- **13 400 groundwater bodies** — 4.3 million km<sup>2</sup>






# WISE-Freshwater WFD visualisation tool +150 dashboards



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Six thematic web pages with dashboards

## Related content

Data references **Data visualisations** Figures used News and articles See also



Quality element status



Ecological status of surface water



Delineation of water bodies



Chemical status of surface water



Groundwater quantitative and



Pressures and impacts

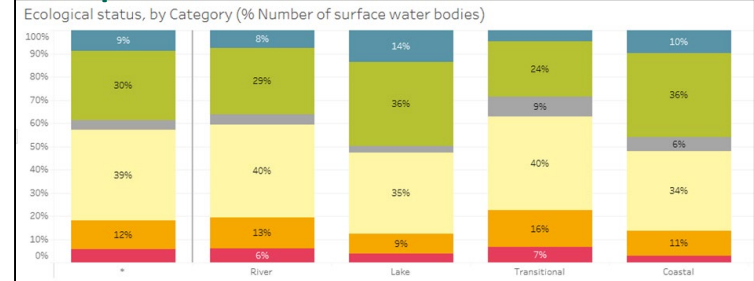
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## Tables

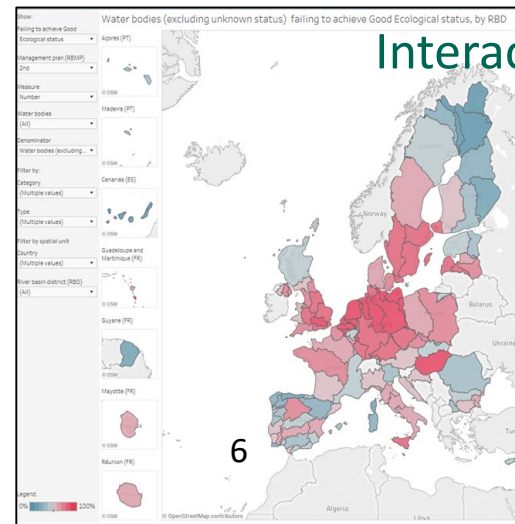
Surface water bodies: Number and Size, by Chemical status

Show:	RBMP	Number		% Number (pane)		Length		% Length (pane)		Area	
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## Graphs



## Interactive maps



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# WISE-Freshwater WFD - Template for tables

**Title**  
Surface water bodies: Number or Size, by Category

**EU results**

RBMP	River		Lake		Transitional		Coastal		Territorial		Unpopulated	
	total	% (col)	total	% (col)	total	% (col)	total	% (col)	total	% (col)	total	% (col)
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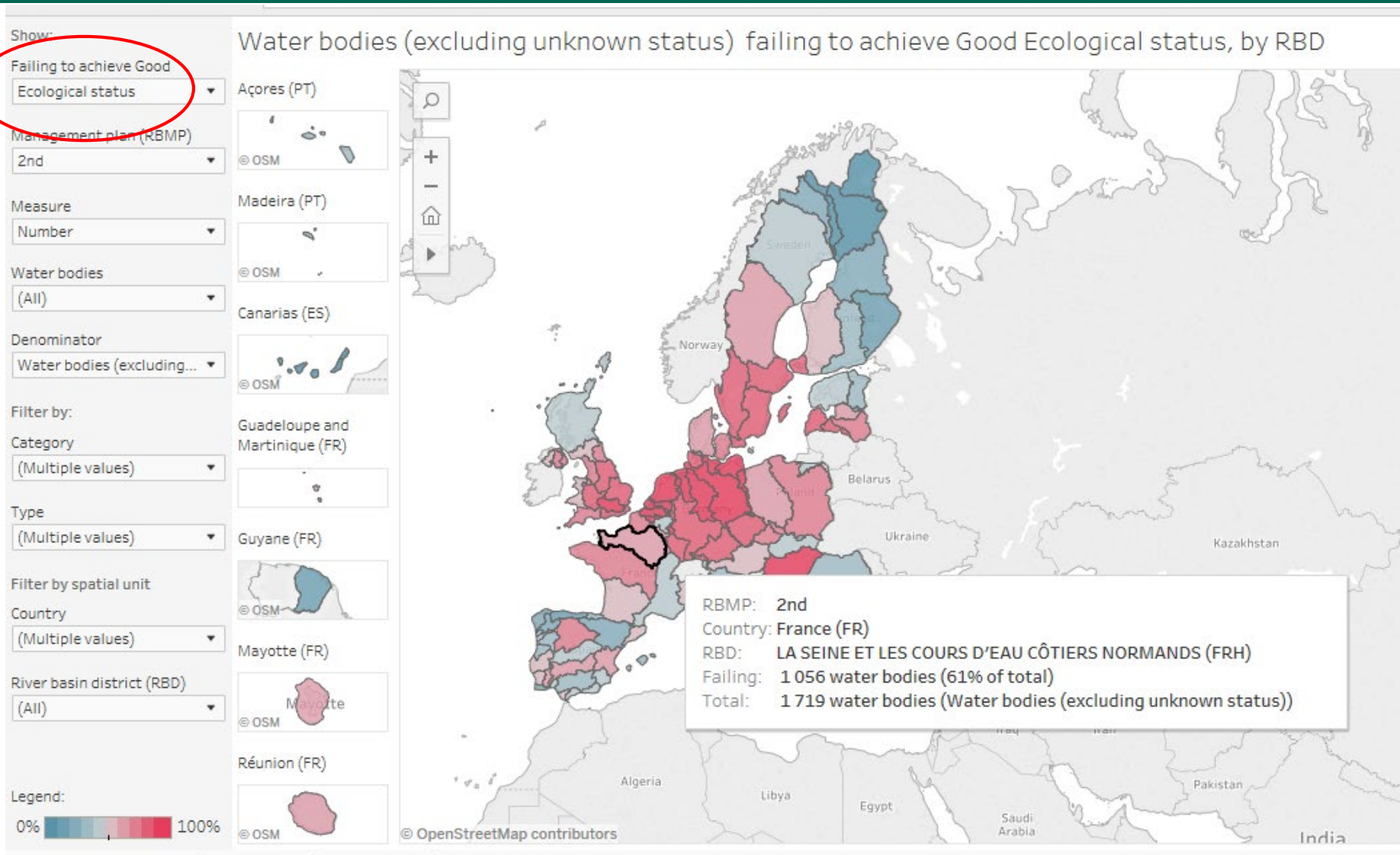
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CY	174	0,2%	8	0,0%			22	0,8%				
CZ	1 044	1,2%	77	0,4%								
DE	8 998	10,1%	730	4,0%	5	0,5%	75	2,7%				
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**Member State results**  
Drill down RBDs, subunits

**Notes**

- 1) River basin districts and sub-units as reported in the 2nd RBMPs.
- 2) For river water bodies, the size value is the length. For other water body categories, the size value is the area (km<sup>2</sup>).
- 3) 'Unchanged' water bodies are water bodies that have not been redelineated between the 1st and 2nd RBMP.

# WISE-Freshwater WFD - maps





# Ecological status or potential in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> RBMPs

Show:  
Measure  
Number

Water bodies  
(All)

Filter by:  
Category  
Multiple values

Type  
Multiple values

Filter by spatial unit:  
Country  
All

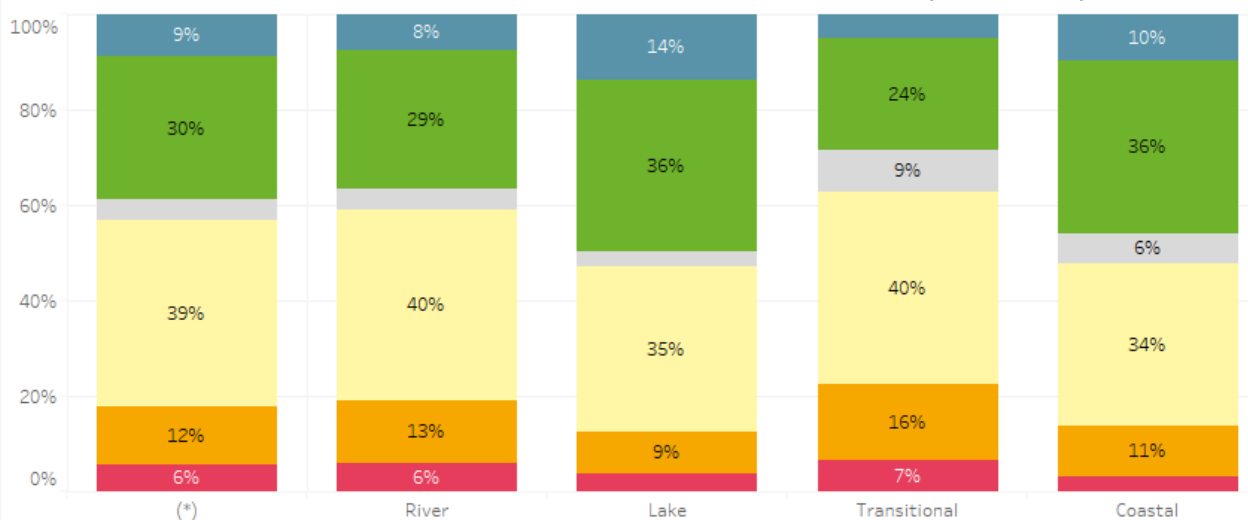
River basin district (RBD)  
All

Sub-unit  
All

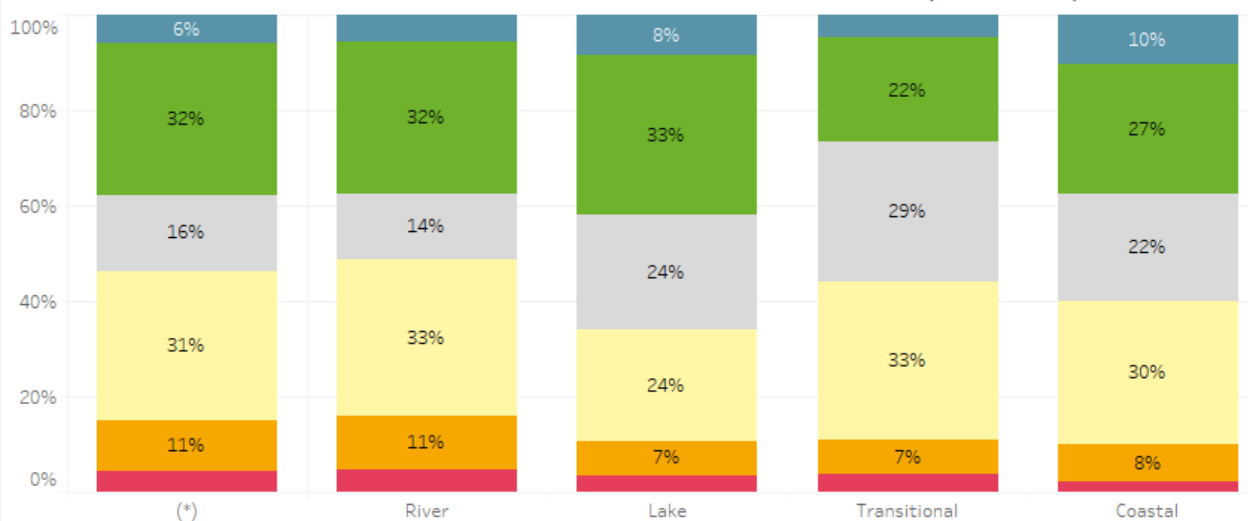
Ecological status or potential

- High
- Good
- Unknown
- Moderate
- Poor
- Bad

Surface water bodies: Ecological status or potential, by category (2<sup>nd</sup> RBMP)



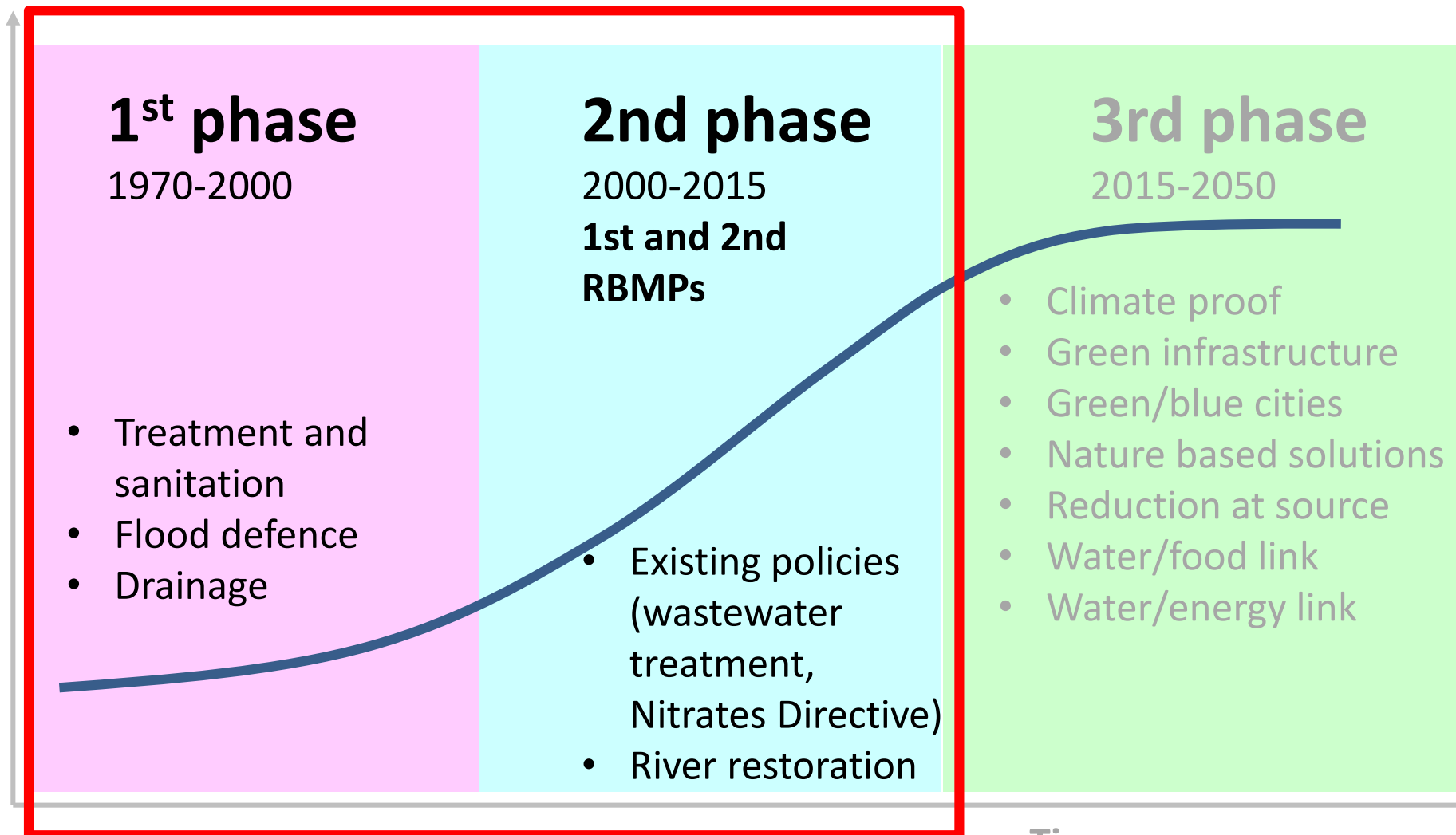
Surface water bodies: Ecological status or potential, by category (1<sup>st</sup> RBMP)



## 2. Background

# Water management — investing in natural capital

Sustainability



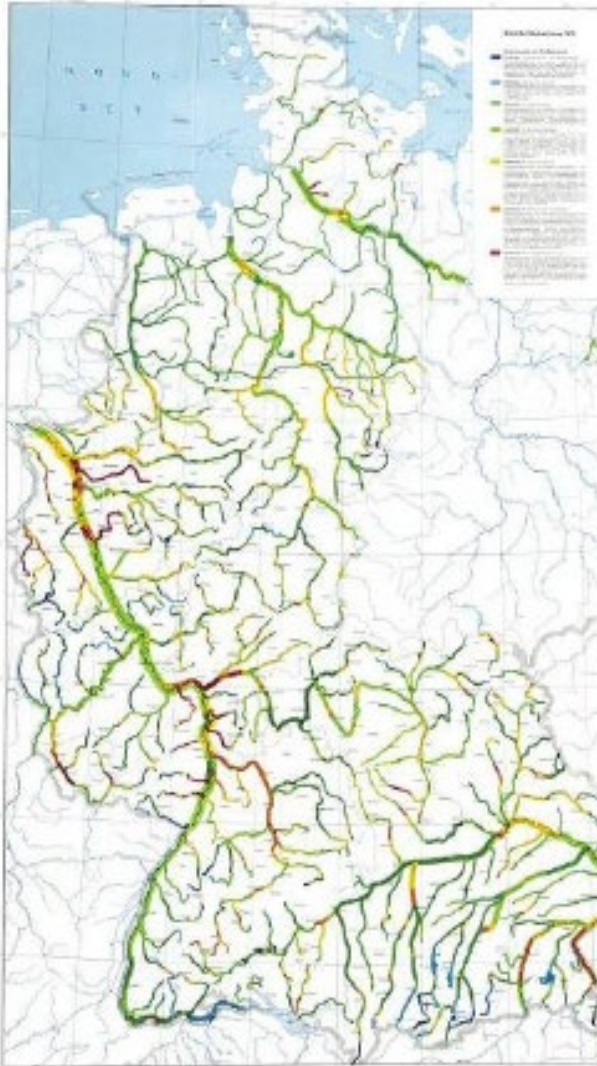
Time



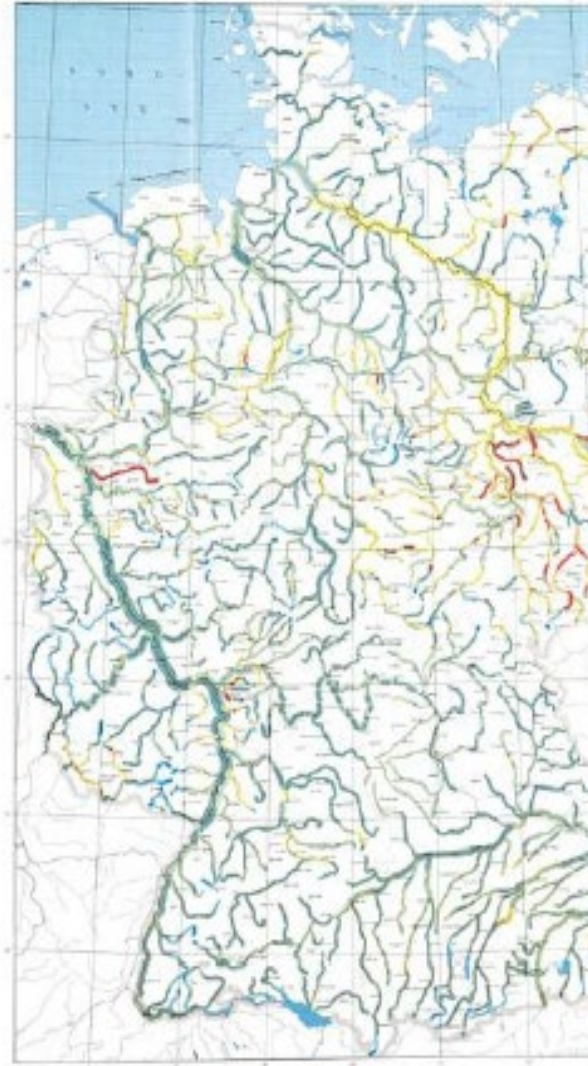


# From a water quality focus to integrated assessments

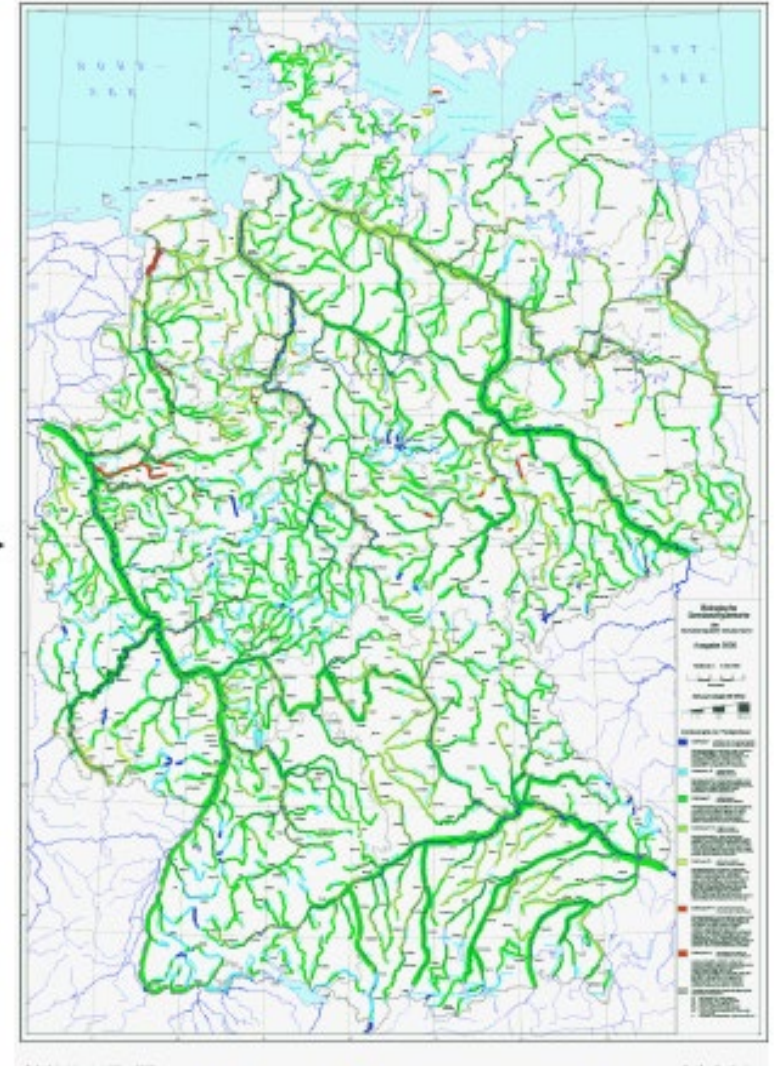
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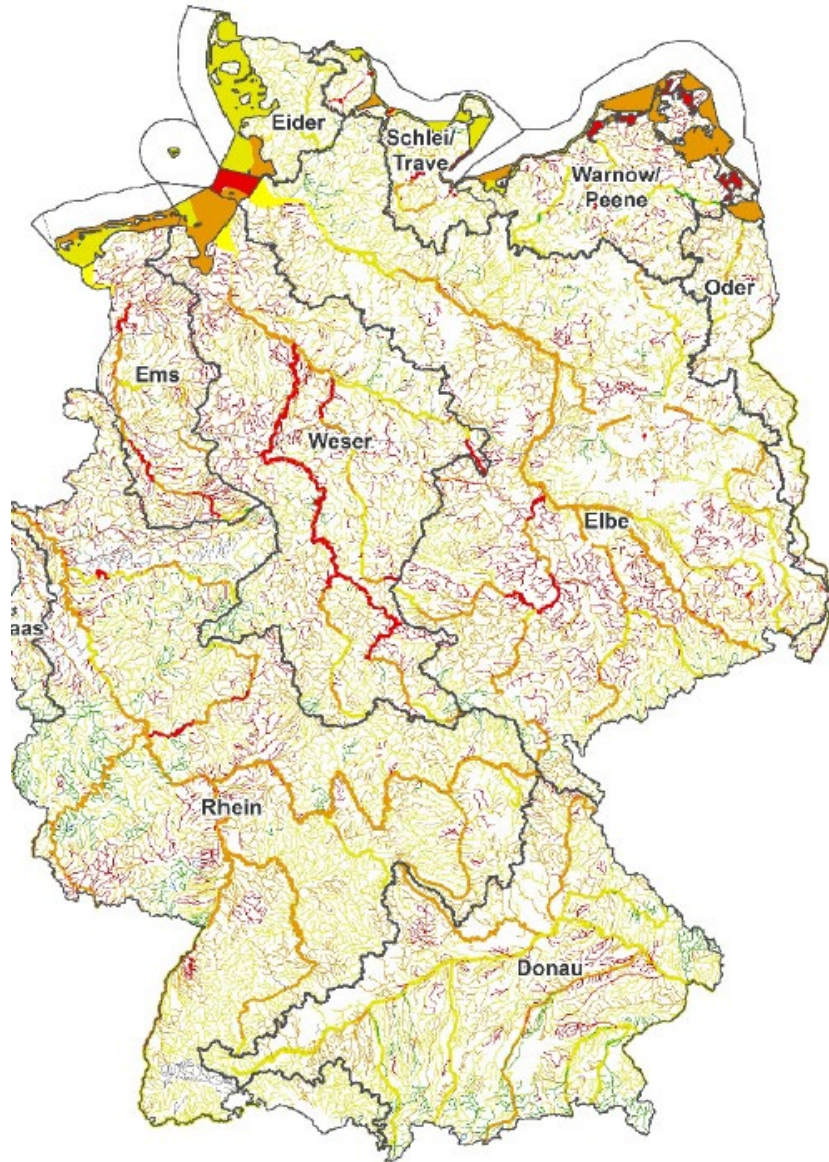


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# Ecological status after Water Framework Directive



## Ecological status 2015

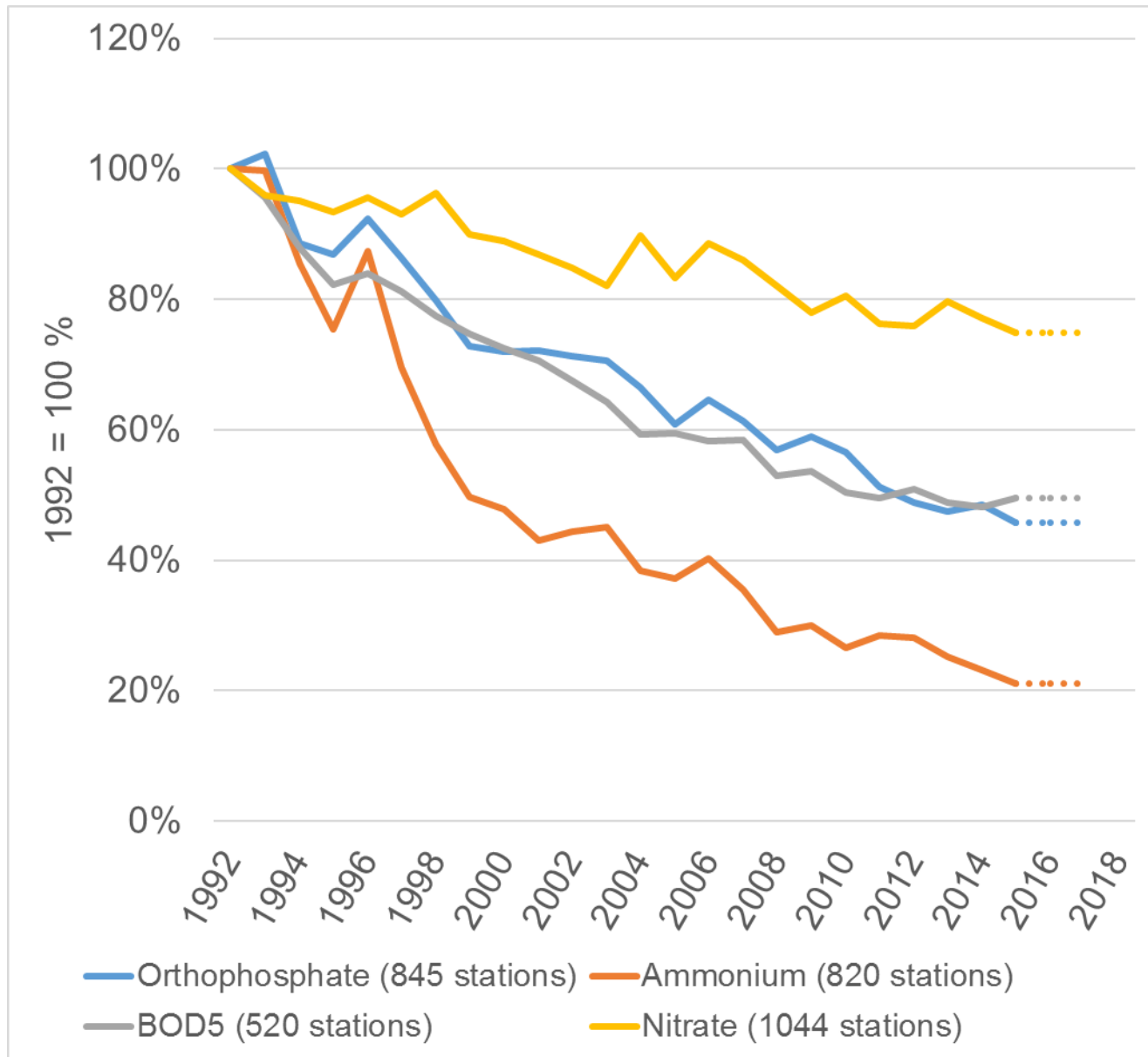
More pollutants

Ecosystem approach

One-out-all-out  
principle



# Trends in European river water quality



Nitrate  
(from agriculture)  
BOD5\*  
Orthophosphate  
Ammonium  
(from waste water)

\*5-day biochemical oxygen demand



# Hydromorphological pressures are causing altered habitats and affecting the ecological status



Barriers and transverse structure

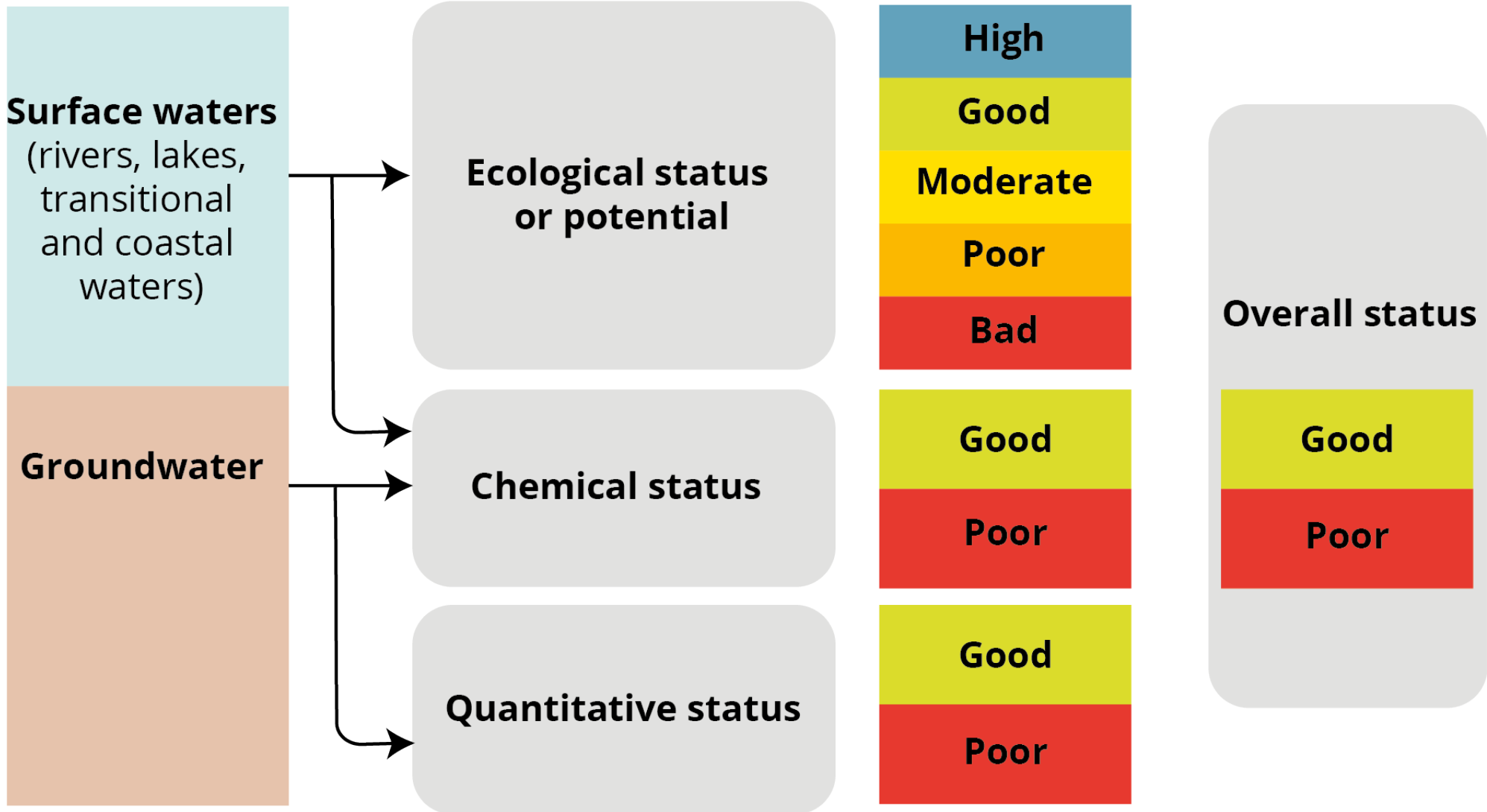
Morphological changes

Abstraction and flow regulation and water level regulation



## **3. Current status**

# Four areas of assessment

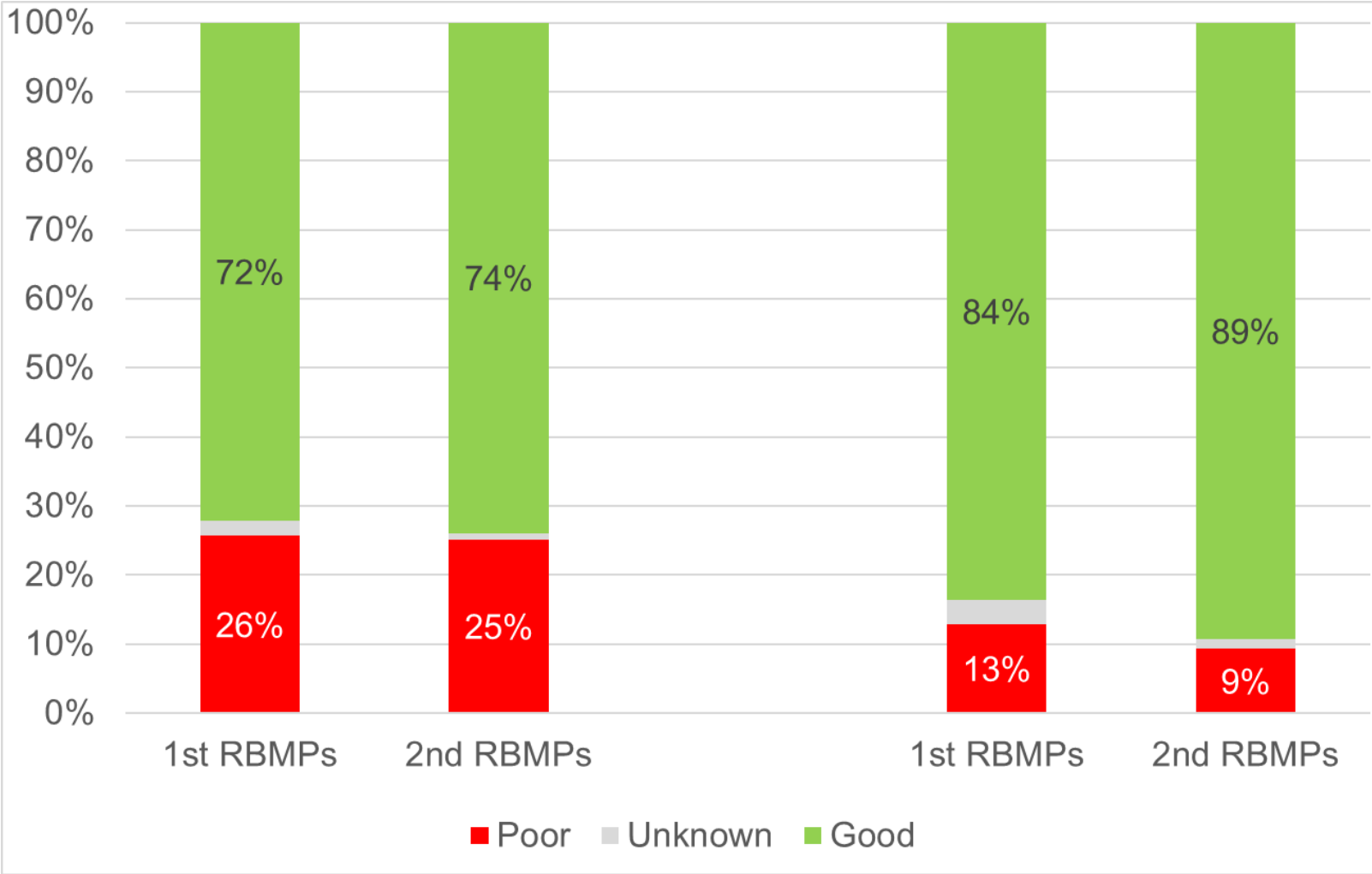




# Status of groundwater 1st and 2nd RBMPs

## Chemical status

## Quantitative status



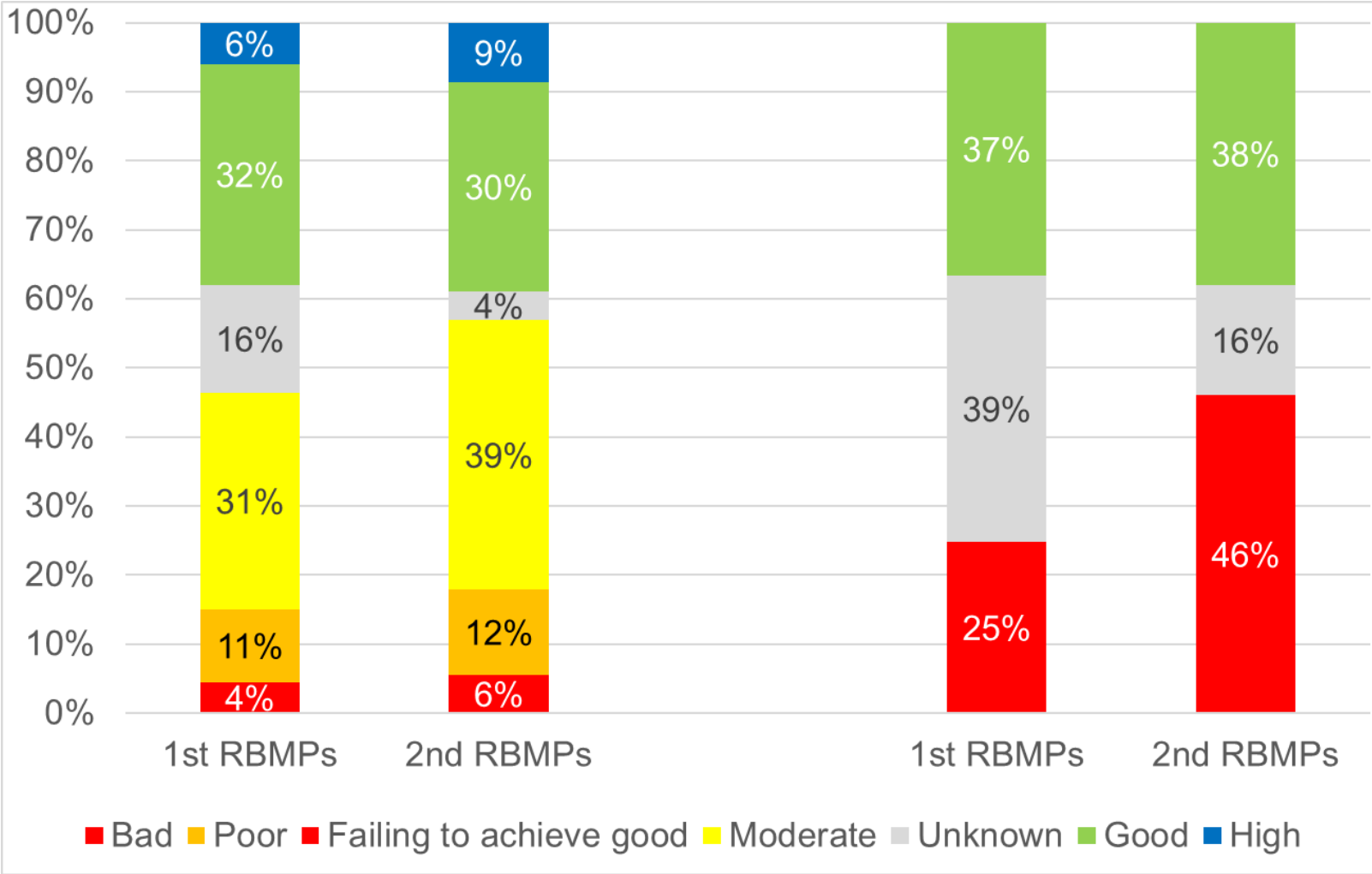
Source: Results from WFD first River Basin Management Plans (2009) and second River Basin Management Plans (2010-2015)



# Status of surface water 1st and 2nd RBMPs

## Ecological status

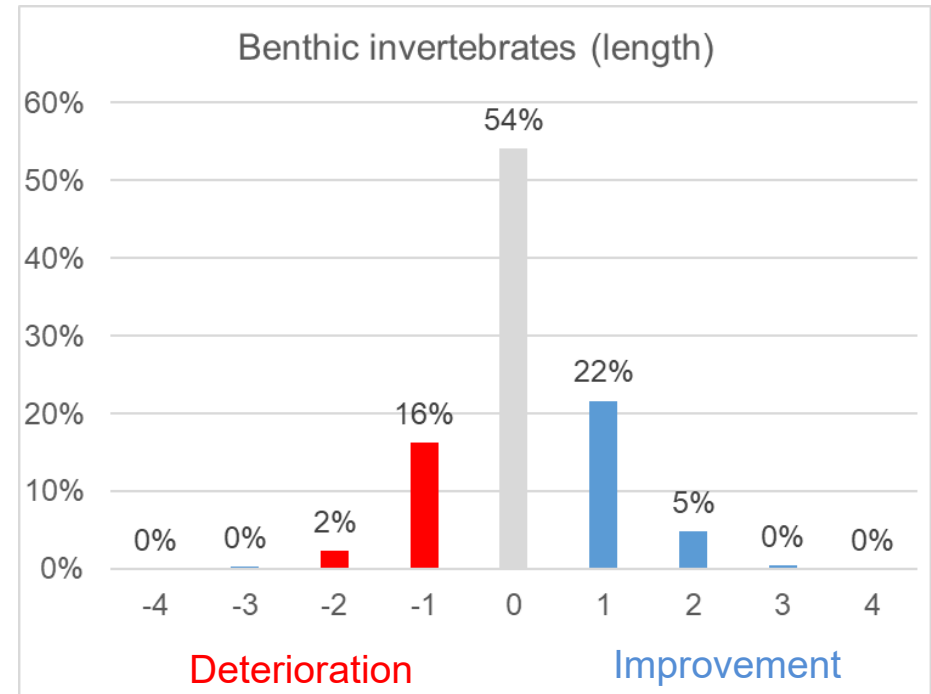
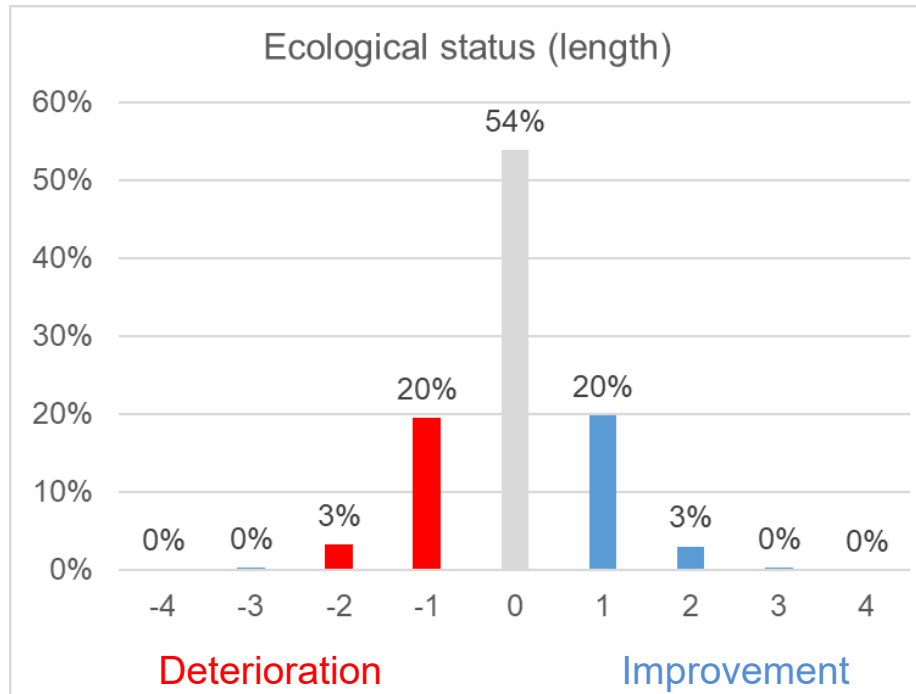
## Chemical status



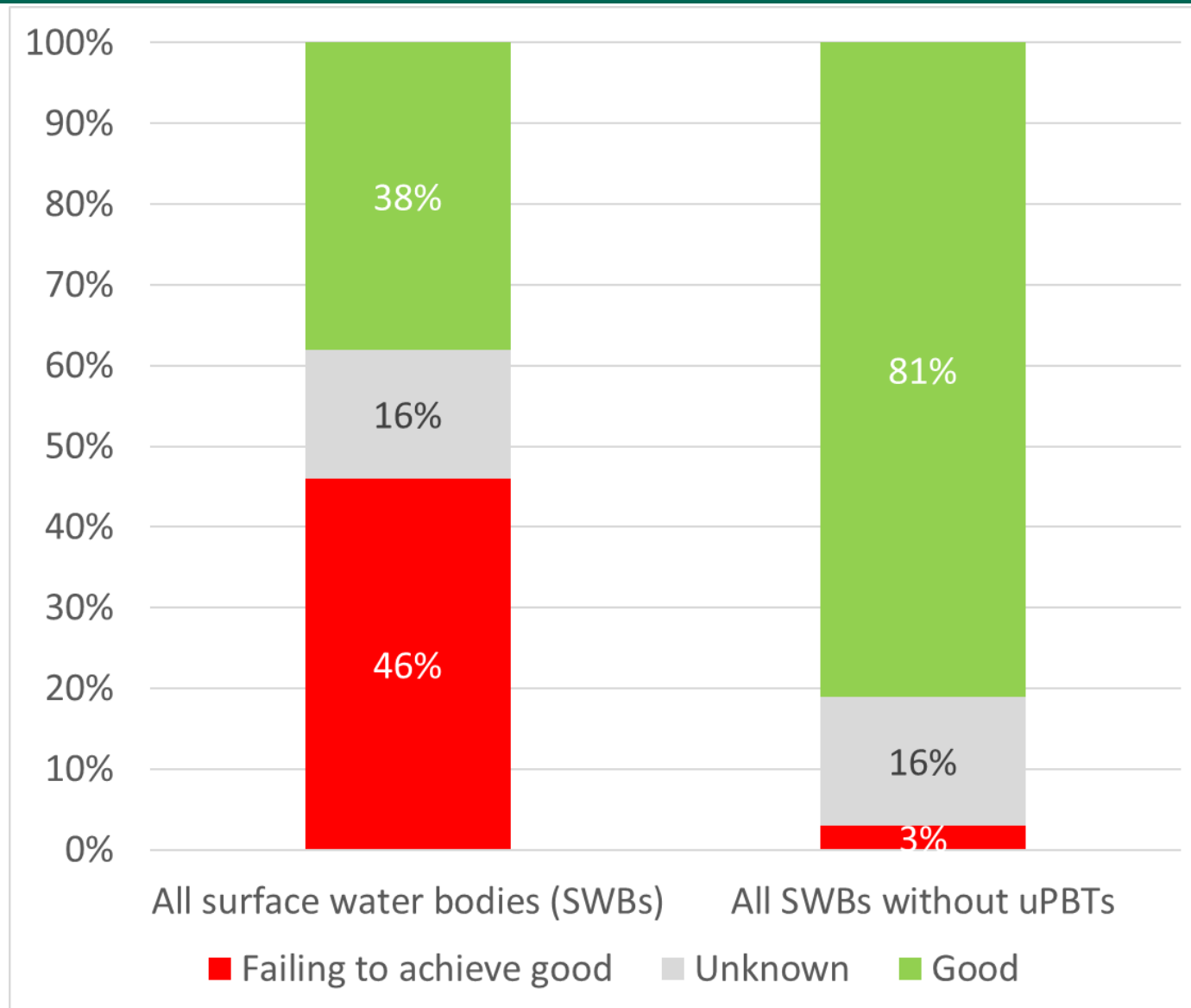
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# Change in river ecological status 1st and 2nd RBMPs



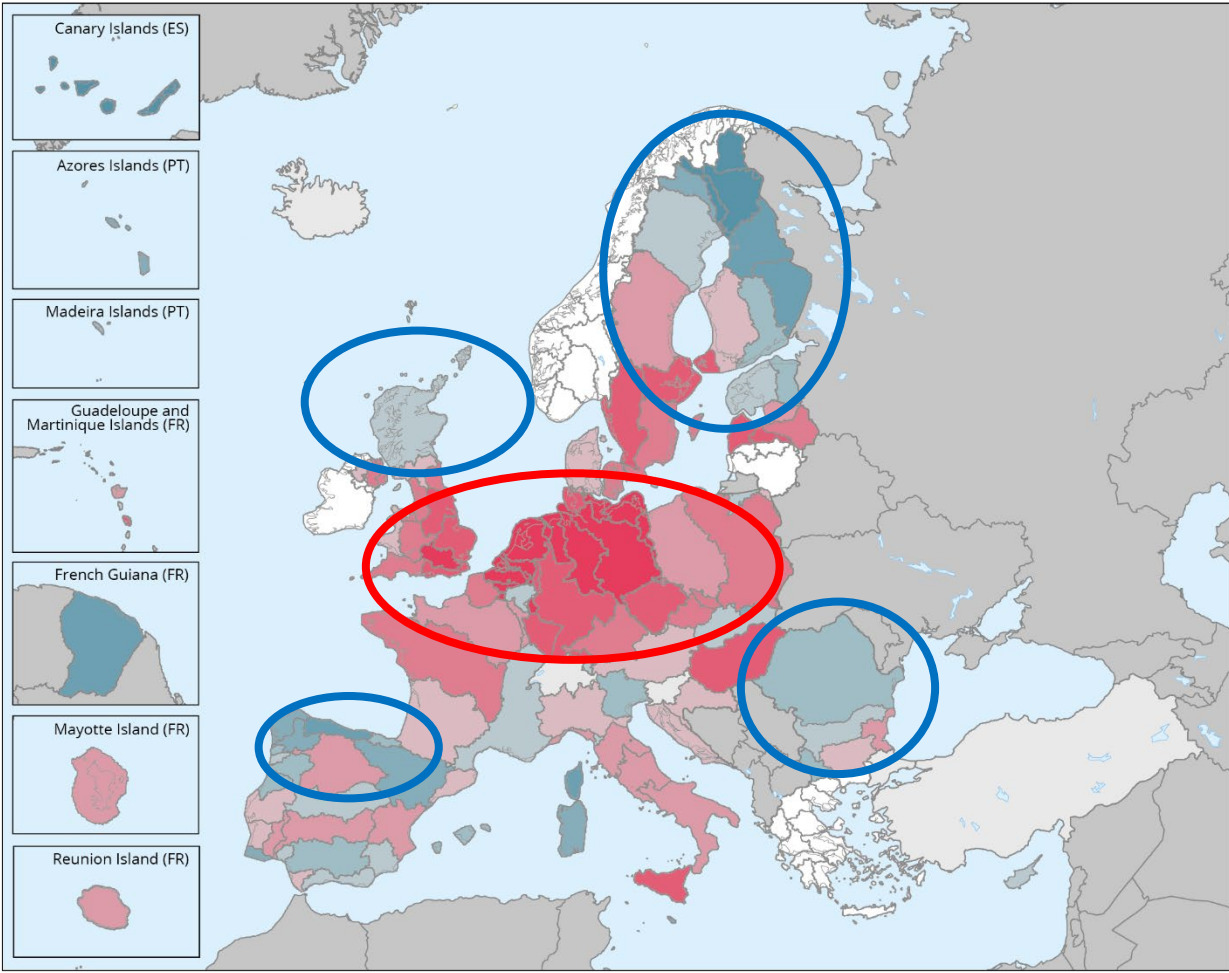
# Surface water chemical status with and without uPBTs\*



\* Subset of 'ubiquitous, persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic' priority substances, mainly mercury



# Ecological status — 2nd RBMPs (2010-2015)



**Percentage of water bodies not in good ecological status or potential per river basin district (RBD) in second RBMPs**

0% 100% RBD areas without data No data Outside coverage

Source: Results from WFD second River Basin Management Plans (2010-2015)

# Main pressures — 2nd RBMPs



Source: Annabel



Source: Lippeverband, © Dr. Baoquan Song



Source: Rossographer



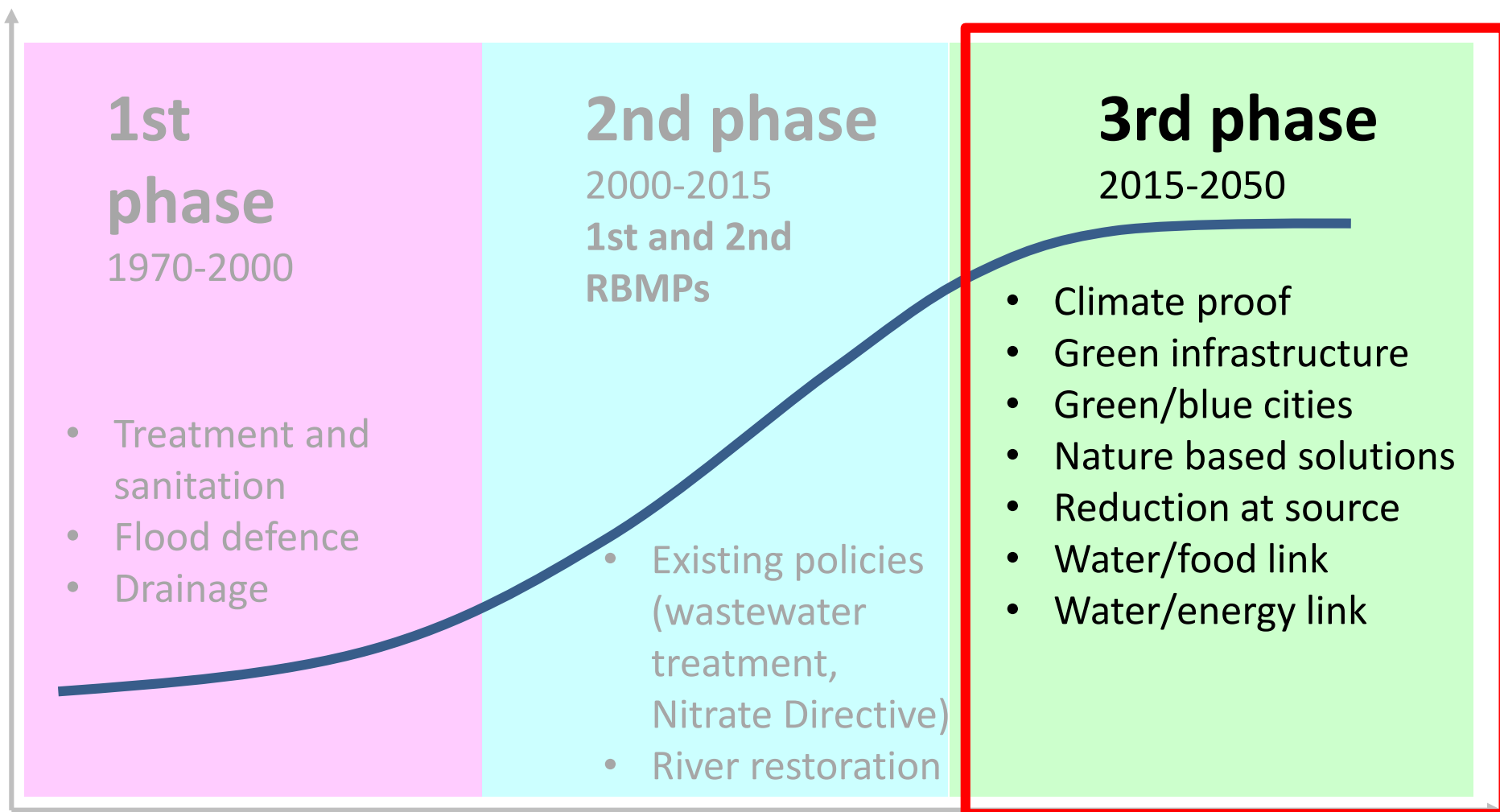
Source: Peter Kristensen

## 4. Looking ahead



# Water management — investing in natural capital

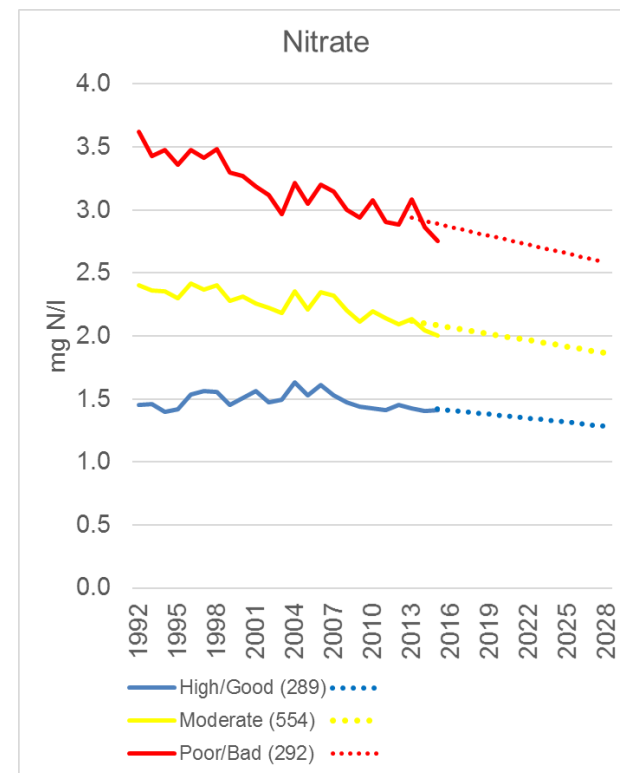
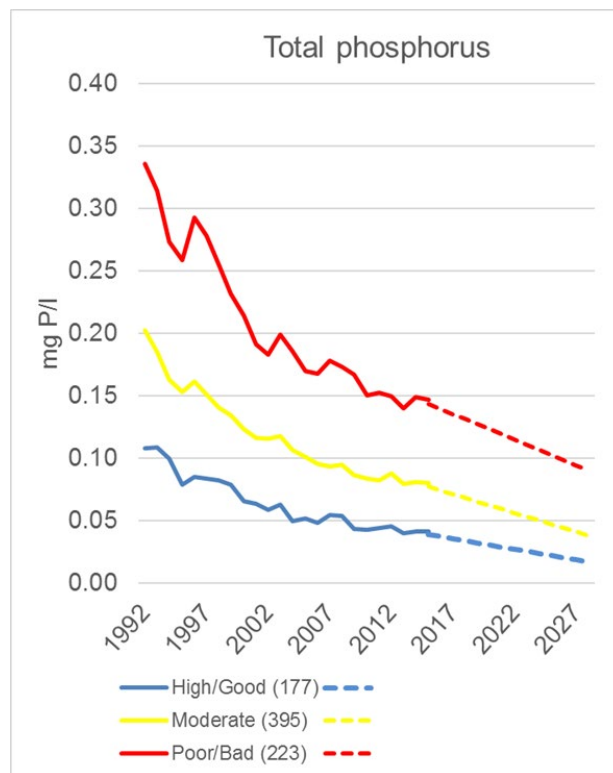
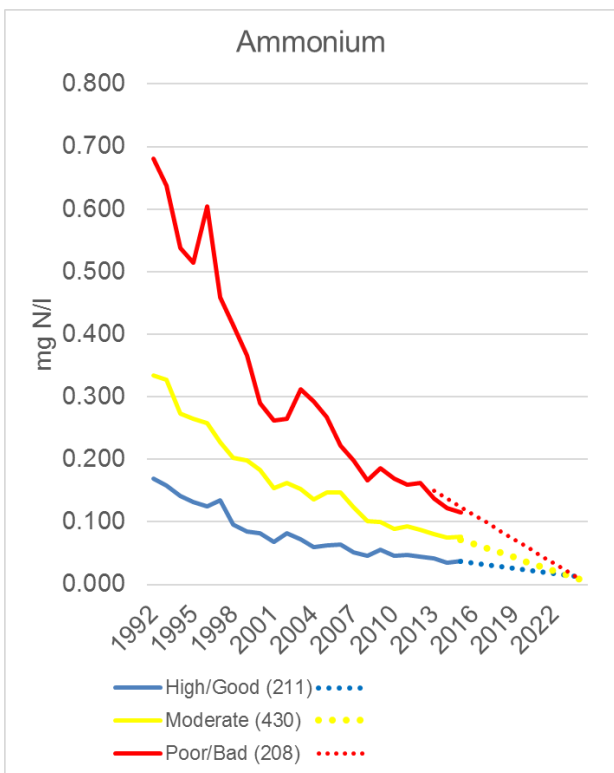
Sustainability



Time



# Water quality by ecological status classes



# Room for the river — working with nature

**Good water  
status**

**Flood  
regulations**



**Ecosystem  
services**

**Economic/  
recreational  
value**

**Aesthetic  
values**



# Pressures and challenges for European waters

- **Remain under pressure** from multiple sources: water pollution, over-abstraction and hydromorphological change;
- Challenges: **securing sustainable management** of water and dependent ecosystems; **ensuring availability** of sufficient high-quality water;
- Need to **improve implementation** of environmental policies for water protection and maximising synergies between them;
- **Economic sectors** e.g. agriculture, energy and transport need to adopt management practices which keep water ecosystems healthy and resilient;
- Through the **most extensive data gathering** exercise ever in Europe, we have found **weaknesses in reporting**.





## **5. Fitness check of WFD and floods directive, evaluation of WFD implementation**

# Evaluation of WFD and fitness check

- EEA state of water report
- Commission reports on implementation of WFD and Floods Directive (+55 products) - soon
  - Commission Communication
  - Commission Staff Working Documents – European overviews
  - (28) Member State specific in-depth assessments
  - Reports on international RBMPs
- Fitness check (website) consultation runs until 4 March 2019
- 22 December Member States to report progress in implementation of 2nd RBMPs Program of Measures
- 2019-2021 Drafting, consultation and publishing 3rd RBMPs
- Revision of WFD?



# Water Directors “discussion” document on “The Future of the Water Framework Directive (WFD)”.

## Chapter 2. The WFD – current challenges and future options.

2.1 What will be beyond the 2027 deadline for achieving WFD’s objectives?

2.2 Communication on progress to meeting WFD’s objectives

2.3 Towards a user-friendly electronic reporting process

2.4 Improving RBMPs as tools for water management.

2.5 Transferring river basin specific pollutant to chemical status assessments.

2.6 Recovery of costs and the economic analysis.

2.7 Monitoring.

2.8 Public information and consulting – streamlining the steps for involving the public.

2.9 Length of the management cycle.

[Link](#) Document for 29 November Water Directors Meeting, Vienna



# Thanks for listening. Questions?



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