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Rethinking the governance of European water protection

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Abstract

In 2000 the EU Water Framework Directive was put into force aiming a good ecological and chemical status in all European Waters by 2015 – extensions possible until 2027. 2015 elapsed and the experiences of the last years show that this aim will not be reached by 2027 either. Diverse dimensions and possible reasons are discussed in various scientific disciplines. In October 2017 the European Commission published the Evaluation Roadmap “Fitness check of the Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive” starting the official fitness check of the directive. The evaluation process shall be finished in 2019.

This gives us the occasion to discuss the status quo of the European water governance model largely framed by the WFD, to analyse success and failure of specific policy instruments and governance arrangements within this implementation process and to rethink the governance of European water protection and water governance in general to solve environmental problems in a sustainable manner.

This workshop addresses frameworks/ lenses/ concepts/ theories and methods to research European water governance: Which perspectives on factors, levels and scales do they focus on? How effective and legitimate is the implementation of guiding principles and processes like participation, sector integration and basin approaches and the CIS-groups and how does it affect implementation processes and outcomes? Which policy instruments, strategies or other factors influence local, regional and national success or failure? Where are best-practice examples identifiable empirically?

We draw conclusions how European water governance might be improved in favour of better performance. Additionally, we critically reflect how the chosen frameworks and methods predetermine the findings of regulating parameters. Additionally, without closing the list, what does all this mean for the upcoming research agenda?

We aim for joint products as a result of the workshop, like e.g. a manifest, a special issue, further events and so on which are open to be discussed and depend on the interest of the participants.

Two-Pagers

In advance of the workshop, we ask each participant to write a one or two pager on the following questions (Answers on these questions shall be based on the researchers own research):

- 1) What do we already know about European water protection implementation? What conclusions can we draw based on the research already done?
- 2) What do we still need to know on water governance to eliminate implementation deficits? (Where are research gaps?)
- 3) What are the most important/ urgent problems of European Water Governance? and What should political-administrative actors do (differently) to improve policy implementation? (What should be changed on the Governance of European water protection?)

Keynote "European water-related policies: implementation obstacles and options for a new momentum"
Martin Pusch (IGB)

Panel
Rethinking plurality and implementation obstacles

Moderation: *Christine Wolf*
Minutes: *Barbara Schröter*

- **Understanding regional variation in WFD governance arrangements in The Netherlands**
Daan Boezeman, Duncan Liefferink and Mark Wiering
- **The path-dependency of network coordination: How institutional characteristics of different authorities influence their mainstreaming of the WFD aims**
Sissel Hovik, Gro Sandkjær Hanssen
- **The EU Water Framework Directive in Germany: Processes of success and failure in polycentric governance systems**
Nadine Jenny Shirin Schröder
- **Water Framework Directive in the implementation crisis – major reasons and ways out**
Moritz Reese, Bernd Klauer, Wolfgang Köck, Stefan Möckel, Erik Gawel, Norman Bedkte
- **Governing integration: insights from integration of European water policies**
Kerry Waylen, Kirsty Blackstock, Sophie Tindale, Alba Juarez-Bourke

Panel
Rethinking perceptions and assessment

Moderation: *Robert Lepenies*
Minutes: *Frank Hüesker*

- **Ontological politics in practice**
Sandra Junier
- **The ontological fallacy of the Water Framework Directive: Implications and alternatives**
Jamie Linton
- **Systematic Learning in Water Governance: Insights from Five Local Adaptive Management Projects for Water Quality Innovation.**
Elisa Kochskämper, Tomas M. Koontz, Jens Newig
- **Risk governance of hazardous high-consumption chemicals in Germany - Unveiling the complexity by using discourse network analysis**
Simon Schaub and Andreas Fleig
- **A multi-criteria evaluation workshop to search for a nature-based solution for river development: The Lahn river case**
Mario Brillinger
- **Governance of European Urban Water Protection**
Aude Zingraff-Hamed

Panel
Rethinking sector integration, coordination and public participation

Moderation: *Kerry Waylen*

Minutes: *Claire Nicolas*

- **Getting together to govern together? Insights from an integrated river management project at Lahn river in Germany**
Barbara Schröter
- **Stakeholder participation in Danish water governance: the role of spatial scale and inclusion of “local” knowledge for participatory processes in water resource management**
Morten Graversgaard
- **Re-thinking Water Governance: Localisation and Collaborative Advantage in England**
Nigel Watson
- **The Role of Complexity in Addressing the Water quality challenge**
Sabrina Kirschke
- **Exploring the interaction of two decision making procedures in WFD implementation: Public participation and economic analysis in the UK and France**
Oliver Fritsch and Blandine Boeuf

Panel
Rethinking water protection objectives and instruments

Moderation: *Claas Meyer*

Minutes: *Janne Spieker*

- **The implementation of the Water Framework Directive – a focused comparison**
Duncan Loefflerink and Mark Wiering
- **Beyond New Public Management: accounting for professional knowledge in good ecological status assessments**
Anna Wesselink
- **Limits to the compound-by-compound approach**
Florence Metz
- **Rethinking the regulation of water pollution – a political life-cycle approach**
Frank Hüesker and Robert Lepenies
- **Is the existing WFD-concept of water quality objectives adequate and what are alternatives?**
Moritz Reese and Bernd Klauer

Panel Rethinking research

Moderation: *Frank Hüesker*

Minutes: *Janne Spieker*

- **State of the art review on comparative water governance**
Gül Özerol, Joanne Vinke-de Kruijf, Marie Claire Brisbois, Cesar Casiano Flores, Pranjal Deekshit, Corentin Girard, Christian Knieper, S. Jalal Mirnezami, Mar Ortega-Reig, Pranay Ranjan, Nadine J. S. Schröder and Barbara Schröter
- **Towards a diagnostic approach for the analysis of coordination challenges in water governance (STEER Project)**
Claudia Pahl-Wostl, Ines Dombrowsky, Elke Herrfahrdt-Pähle, Christian Knieper, Ina Krueger, Andrea Lenschow, Evelyn Lukat, Franziska Meergans, Andreas Thiel, Mirja Schoderer, Nora Schütze, Daniel Schweigatz, Ulf Stein, Jenny Troeltzsch, Rodrigo Vidaurre
- **Summary of 2-pagers from participants**
Frank Hüesker, Nadine Schröder, Barbara Schröter