



Groundwater

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This summary provides background information and links to key deliverables of the Water Framework Directive Common Implementation Strategy (CIS) in relation to **Groundwater**. A specific folder in the public part of CIRCA containing key documents is available [here](#).

For more detailed information on other specific topics consult other summaries [here](#).

Legal context

- [Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy \(WFD\)](#)
- [Directive 2006/118/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration](#)
- [Directive 80/60/EEC of 17 December 1979 on the protection of groundwater against pollution caused by certain dangerous substances \(Repealed by the WFD as of 22.12.2013\).](#)

Information on [DG Environment Water pages on Europa](#)

On the [Groundwater](#) pages, the following can be found:

- EU policy on groundwater protection, background on the development of the 2006 Directive on protection of groundwater, [groundwater deterioration risks](#) and details of scientific and technical support to the groundwater legislative framework.
- EU policy on groundwater protection includes the [Water Framework Directive](#) and [the Groundwater Directive \(2006/118/EC\)](#). [Groundwater threshold values](#) are also described in this section.
- Background on the development of the 2006 Directive on protection of groundwater includes details on the [Commission proposal](#), the [negotiation process](#) and links to [key documents](#), including the [impact assessment](#).
- Technical support is provided by the [CIS Working Group on Groundwater](#), various [research activities](#) and [others](#).
- [Water notes](#) include information on specific aspects of the Water Framework Directive, including [Groundwater at Risk – Managing the Water Under Us \(No. 3\)](#), and other water issues.
- [Brochure on groundwater protection in Europe](#)

Key CIS documents

CIS Guidance documents

- [Full list of WFD CIS Guidance documents](#)
- [Guidance document No. 15: Guidance on Groundwater Monitoring](#)
- [Guidance document No. 16: Guidance on Groundwater in Drinking Water Protected Areas](#)
- [Guidance document No. 17: Guidance on preventing or limiting direct and indirect inputs in the context of the Groundwater Directive 2006/118/EC](#)

- [Guidance document No. 18: Guidance on Groundwater Status and Trend Assessment](#)
- [Guidance document No. 26: Guidance on risk assessment and the use of conceptual models for groundwater](#)

Other documents

- [Technical report No. 1: Groundwater trends](#)
- [Technical report No. 2: Groundwater characterisation](#)
- [Technical report No. 3: Groundwater monitoring](#)
- [Technical report No. 4: Groundwater risk assessment](#)
- [Technical report No. 5: Groundwater management in the Mediterranean](#)

Commission implementation reports

- [Report from the Commission in accordance with Article 3.7 of the Groundwater Directive 2006/118/EC on the establishment of groundwater threshold values](#)

Key CIS activities and events

The **mandate for Working Group C on Groundwater (WG C)** is part of the [CIS Work Programme 2010-2012](#) and includes work on the following

- Exchange of best practices related to the implementation of groundwater issues of the WFD and GWD.
- Contribution to the review of the GWD in 2013.
- Contributions to horizontal issues, e.g. climate change effects on groundwater, expected pressures and impacts and its consideration in RBMPs; input to Expert Group on climate change and water.

Past and future CIS workshops and other events

Thematic conferences or workshops on Groundwater and related topics

- [European Groundwater Conference 2010, Madrid 20-21 May](#)

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