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Kære Rolf

Tak for sidst. Hold op hvor var vi fede (eller også blev vi det af al kagen;)

Altid en fornøjelse at arbejde sammen med jer!

Her mine kommentarer til en af SIC adapts anbefalinger, den vedr. direktiverne.

Jeg når ikke den med landbruget (eller de andre) i dag - ved ikke om du har haft tid til at se på den Irene?

Ellers får jeg den kommenteret inden mandag (eller hvad var fristen?)

Bedste hilsner

Trine

Comments on theme N° 1c Improve coordination between EU Directives to facilitate adaptation By Trine Balskilde Stoltenborg, ph.d. in environmental law

- **Do you agree / disagree with the message / recommendation**
 - **What would you change / add?**

First I want to stress that I am not yet that familiar with the floods Directive so my comments are primarily on the WFD and the Habitats Directive (HD).

What is important to keep in mind is that it is two different kind of regulation the two directives represent. The recommendations given don't always seem to have taken this explicit into account. This means that the recommendations at some point favour the one way of regulating and sometimes the other - without being consequent on this. Especially the recommendation aiming at harmonizing the directives in some cases takes away the possibility for the Member State to arrange and decide in accordance with its other management (takes away the flexibility for the MS buildt into the directive). It might be deliberately but in that case it isn't expressed.

The statement: "Coordination at the EU level is necessary to improve the results, to reach the goals and to limit the resources necessary to implement the Directives" is an example of a recommendation that *can* end up with narrowing the Member States right to manage their environment in the most sufficient (local) way. I therefore believe it should be explained *in which situations* it is necessary to coordinate at EU level.

Concerning the statement: "For the public it is difficult to understand why the same river needs different plans for the quality of water, for the quantity of water, for the ecology of the water" it must be commented, that if it is different plans it takes to reach the different goals then it is so and the task is to explain why!

- **Are there activities (in your work, in your country, in your region) that are in line with / that contradict this recommendation?**

In Denmark there have been a way of dealing with the WFR and the HD setting up a common time scale for plans. It hasn't made the process any easier - the coordination between the different set of rules (and often goals) just isn't easy! But it should be said that it has set focus on (coordination) matters so it in the next plan period will be easier to tackle all the issues the complex directives raises.

In the cluster project WaterCAP we also deals with the issues.

- **Which bottlenecks do you envisage for successful implementation?**

That we don't take the discussions on the right (legal) premisses (as tried to explain above) - and therefore it isn't always the right thing we discuss/it isn't always the thing we discuss that we think we discuss. It's taken in a wrong setting/context, at we don't see the implication of the discussion!

Another thing is that all this talk on harmonizing and wanting to standardize in order to be able to compare the different (different!) countries management very well ends up with the countries not acting, being focused on the other countries instead of acting!

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Emne: SIC adapt meeting 25 June, Brussels, information for commentators

Dear Rolf Johnson,

We appreciate very much that you agreed to contribute to the *SIC adapt* Meeting on 25 June in Brussels by commenting on theme II "Adaptation requires more flexibility" of the Cluster's draft policy recommendations. In the session on theme II a representative of the Cluster will present one or more recommendations from the theme. Please, feel free to shape your comment as you deem appropriate, including comments on one or more the recommendation(s) of theme II as you choose (please note the speaking time of 5 minutes for each commentator). Of course you are welcome to comment on the other themes as well, e.g. during the further discussion.

Please find attached:

- A paper with detailed information for commentators
- The discussion paper with the draft policy recommendations
- A powerpoint format as basis for your comment.

Please send us the file with your comments until 20 June 2012.

If you have any questions regarding your comments and the event, please feel free to contact us.

Due to problems with spam filters: May we kindly ask you to confirm that you received this e-mail? Thank you.

Best regards,

On behalf of the Cluster Coordination Office

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