



**Multilateral Screening Meeting - Croatia and Turkey**

**Chapter 27 – Environment – Water quality**

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**Groundwater Directive**

**80/68/EEC**

# Directive 80/68/EEC



- **Article 1 – purpose and definitions**
- **Article 2 – exemptions**
- **Article 3 – objectives**
- **Preventing the pollution of groundwater by substances belonging to lists I or II in the Annex, and as far as possible, checking or eliminating the consequences of pollution which has already occurred**

# Elements of conformity (1)



- **Article 4:**

- **Prohibition of direct discharges of list I substances**
- **Prior investigation for any disposal possibly leading to indirect discharge of list I substances, which have to be prevented (results used for authorising or not the activity)**
- **Appropriate measures to prevent indirect discharges of list I substances due to activities other than disposal**
- **Exemptions linked to « unsuitable groundwater » and re-injection of water into the same aquifer subject to prior investigation**

# Elements of conformity (2)



- **Article 5:**

- **Subject to prior investigation all direct discharge of substances in list II so as to limit such discharge, and the disposal of these substances which might lead to indirect discharge (results used for authorising or not the activity provided that precautions for preventing groundwater pollution have been taken)**
- **Appropriate measures to limit all indirect discharges of list II substances due to activities other than disposal**

# Elements of conformity (3)



- **Other articles:**
  - **Requirements linked to authorisations concerning direct discharge (Article 9) and indirect discharge (Article 10), e.g. place and method of discharge, essential precautions, maximum quantity permissible in effluents or substances disposed etc.**
  - **Authorisations to be reviewed at least every four years (Article 11)**
  - **Required inventory of the authorisations (Article 15) and supply of information to the Commission at its request on a case-by-case basis (Article 16)**

# Links with Water Framework Directive and (new) Groundwater Directive



- **No deterioration of “good groundwater chemical status” (one of the environmental objectives of the WFD)**
- **Programme of measures to prevent or limit inputs of pollutants into groundwater, with prohibition of direct discharges, with series of exemptions (Article 11)**
- **Repeal of the 80/68/EEC Directive by the end of 2013**
- **Annex VIII list of pollutants merges list I and II from 80/68/EC**
- **When implementing 80/68/EEC, WFD principles and approaches should be applied (e.g. on monitoring)**
- **New groundwater directive, currently under negotiation, will change situation**