



Strategic Coordination Group

1 March 2007

1st Implementation Report of the Water Framework Directive



Content

- WFD implementation report
- Preliminary results – facts and figures / performance
- Recommendations and Commission Actions
- Follow-up



Implementation Report General - 1

- Commission Implementation report in accordance with Art. 18 (3)
- Form of publication:
 - Communication

Overall performance on WFD, links to wider context areas, policy messages and way forward
 - Commission Staff Working Document

More indicators and statistics, more detailed analysis
 - Fourth implementation report UWWTD



Implementation Report General - 2

Principles:

- Snap-shot of the situation in 2005/2006, no update envisaged.
- Based on assessment MS reports on Art 3 and 5 and legal transposition instruments.
- Based on first screening. Further in-depth assessment is needed for certain issues (e.g. economics, HMWB, etc).



Implementation Report General - 3

Content:

Implementation Results in Member States

- Facts and Figures from MS Reports
- Performance Assessment

Recommendations to MS

Commission Actions



Implementation Report General - 4

MS Performance Assessment

- Legal transposition
- Administrative arrangements (quality of implementation Art. 3)
- Environmental and economic analysis (quality of implementation of Art. 5)
- Reporting performance (aggregation of Art 3 and 5 performance)



Preliminary Results Legal transposition - 1

- Legal transposition

Focused on:

- Art. 4: environmental objectives, incl. Art. 4.7
- Art. 9: recovery of costs for water services, incl. definition of water services
- Art. 14: public participation

17 Member States with serious shortcomings.



Preliminary Results

Article 3 - 1

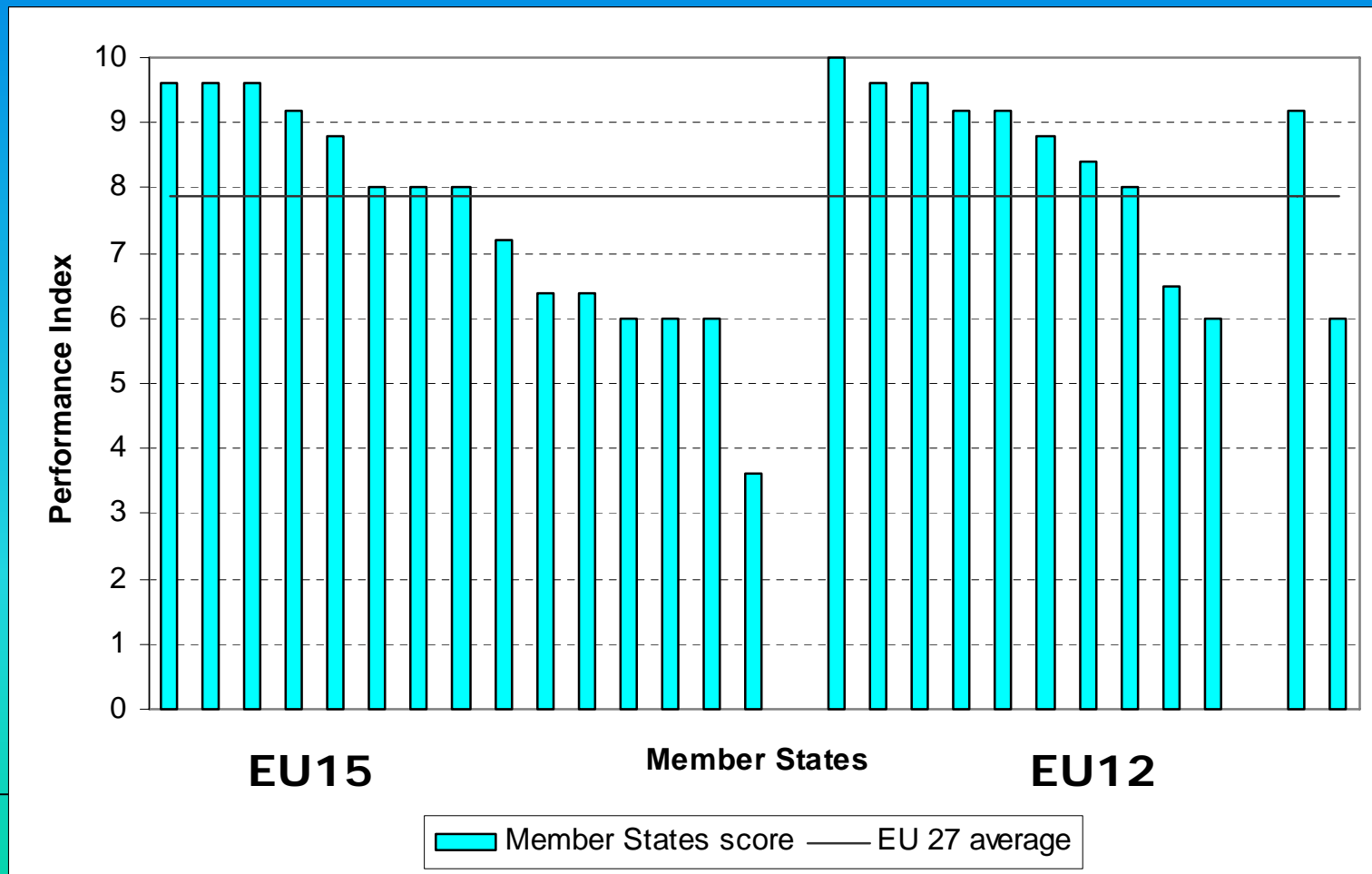
■ Article 3 - Performance Assessment:

- 5 key issues:
- ☑ Designation of river basin districts
 - ☑ Competent authorities
 - ☑ Administrative set-up
 - ☑ Int. Co-ordination
 - ☑ Data submission



Preliminary Results Article 3 - 2

Article 3 - Performance Assessment:





Preliminary Results Article 5 - 1

- Art. 5 – Facts and Figures:
 - size of waterbodies
 - percentage of HMWB and AWB
 - percentage of waterbodies at risk
 - level of information on pressures
 - level of information for economic analysis

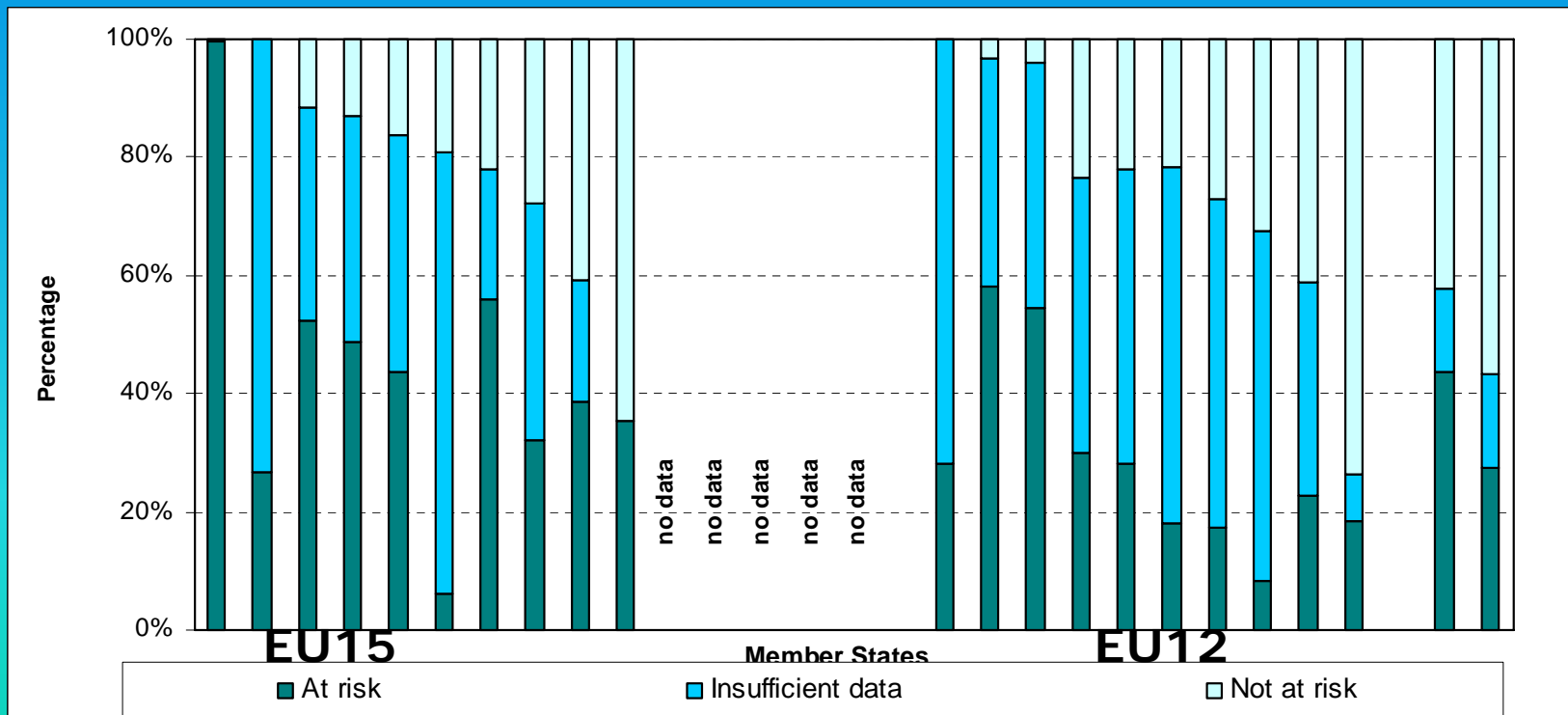


Preliminary Results

Article 5 - 3

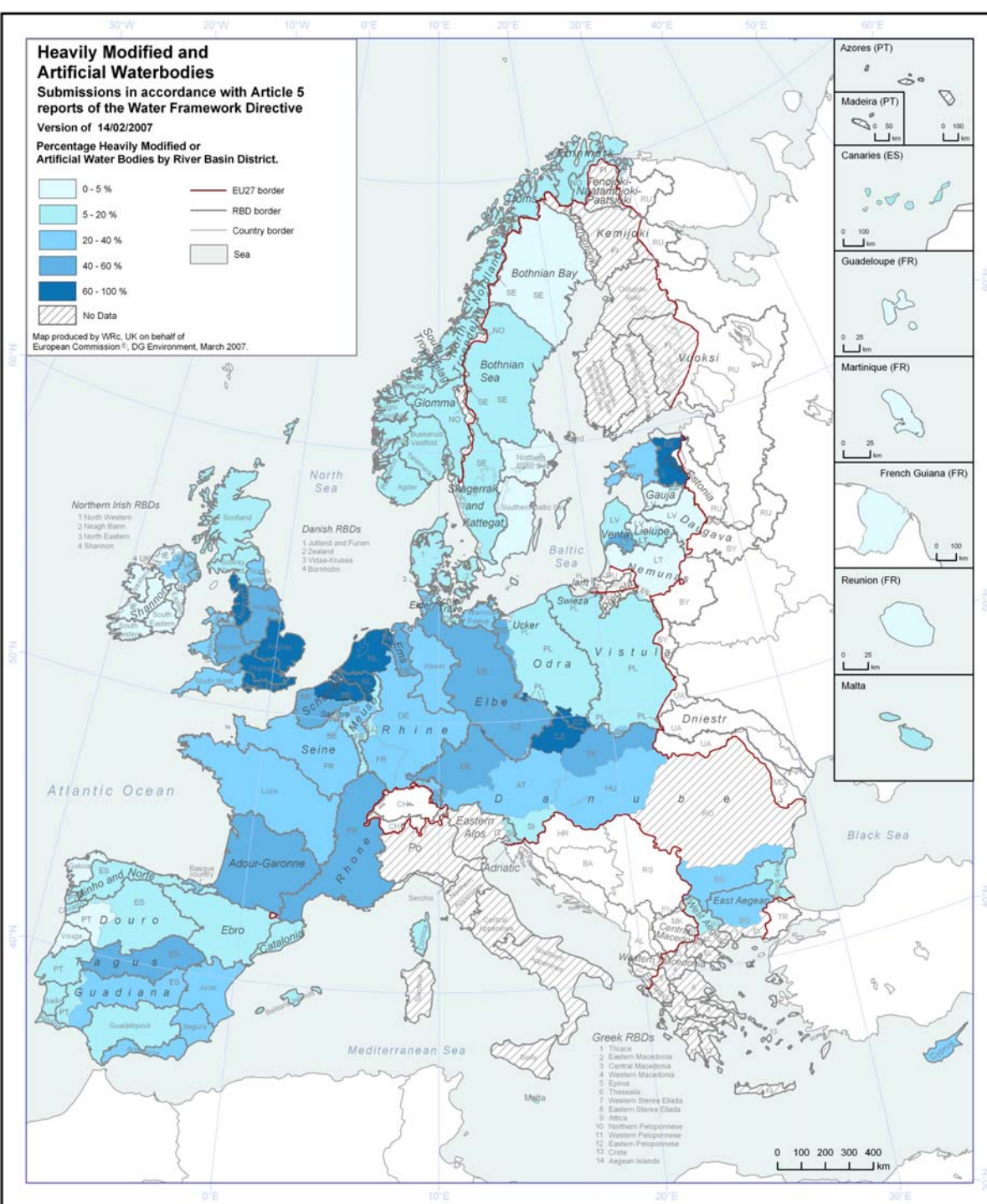
- Art. 5 – Facts and Figures:

MS Charts, eg surface waterbodies at risk





■ Art. RBD m





Preliminary Results

Article 5 - 5

Art. 5 – Performance Assessment

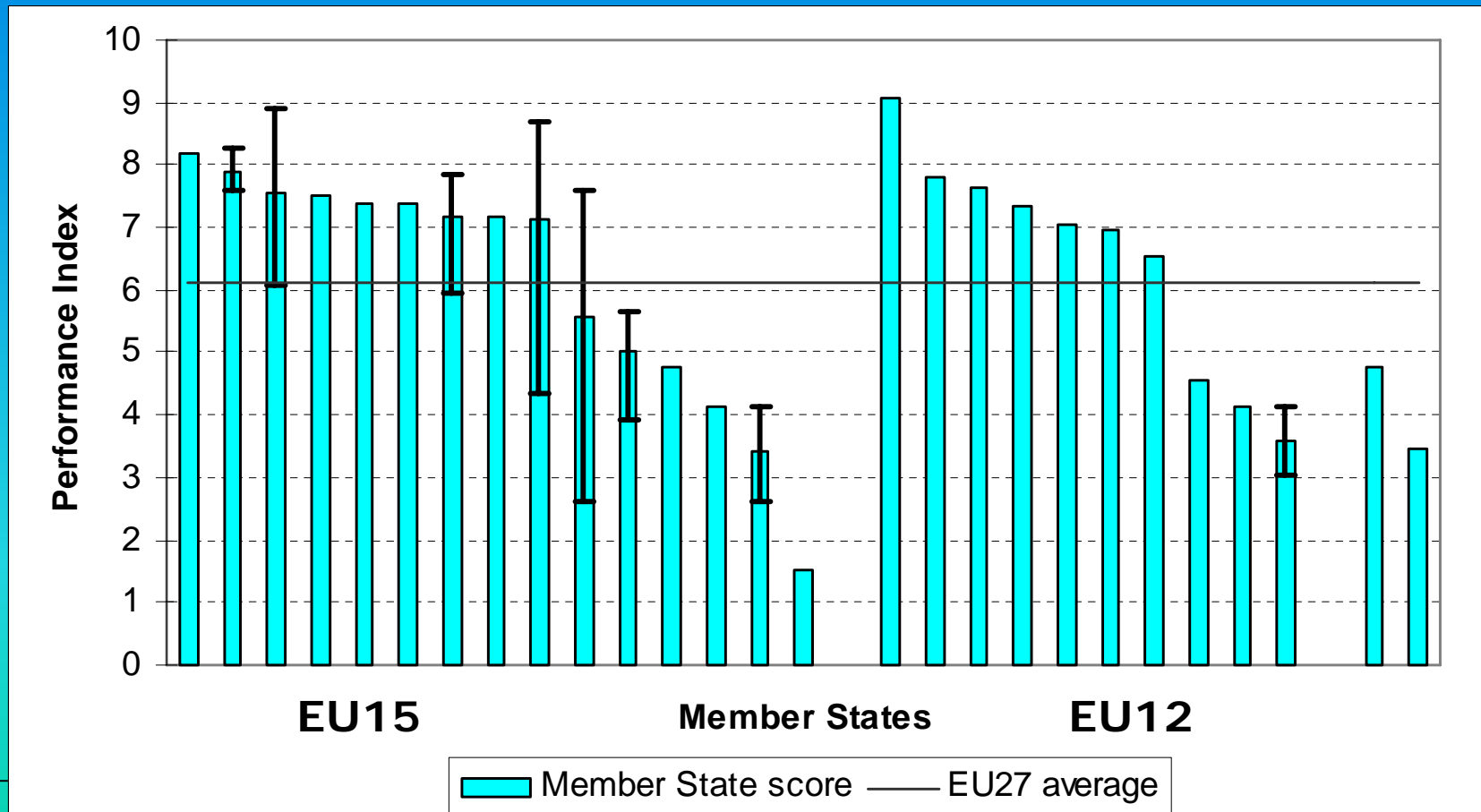
Four key issues – many sub-issues:

- Analysis of characteristics (4 questions – max. 8 points)
Example question: Is the methodology for delineation of surface water bodies clear?
- Impact of human activity (15 questions – max. 30 points)
7 questions on surface waters, 8 questions on groundwater
Example question: Is information on significant pollutants and their loads provided?
- Economic analysis of water use (3 questions – max. 6 points)
Example question: Has information of the level of cost recovery been supplied?
- Protected areas (1 question – max. 2 points)



Preliminary Results Article 5 - 6

Art. 5 – Performance Assessment





Recommendations and Commission Actions

- Overcome current shortcomings
- Integration with other EU policies
- Continued partnership for CIS
- Factoring in Climate Change
- Promoting use of economic instruments



Follow-up

Until 22 March

- Final validation of results and statistical data, also for RBDs
- Send out performance assessments

After 22 March

- Bilateral contacts with some MS
- In-depth assessment on priority subjects
- Regular feedback to WD and SCG



Follow up

Details will be presented at the
European Water Conference
22/23 March 2007 in Brussels