

# River basin management in Belarus

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# General situation

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- ❑ Absence of River basin approaches in legislation and management practice;
- ❑ There is no designated management bodies, responsible for river basins;
- ❑ Local authorities are not involved into basin management;
- ❑ Strict territory division.

# Responsibility

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Water resources are responsibility of:

- Ministry of the Environment;
- Ministry of Forestry;
- Ministry of Emergency;
- Committee on hydrometeorology;
- And others.

# Economical mechanism

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- Limits of pollution substances;
- Fees and permits for water usage;
- Fines for pollution.

# Pilot projects

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- ❑ Nemun – TACIS project about 5 years ago;
- ❑ Zapadnaya Dvina basin– MATRA project 2006-2008;
- ❑ Monitoring and data sharing project – BY-LT-LV-RU – on going.
- ❑ Idea to create a transboundary Management Plan for Zapadnaya Dvina – needs to be signed by BY-LV-RU in 2009.