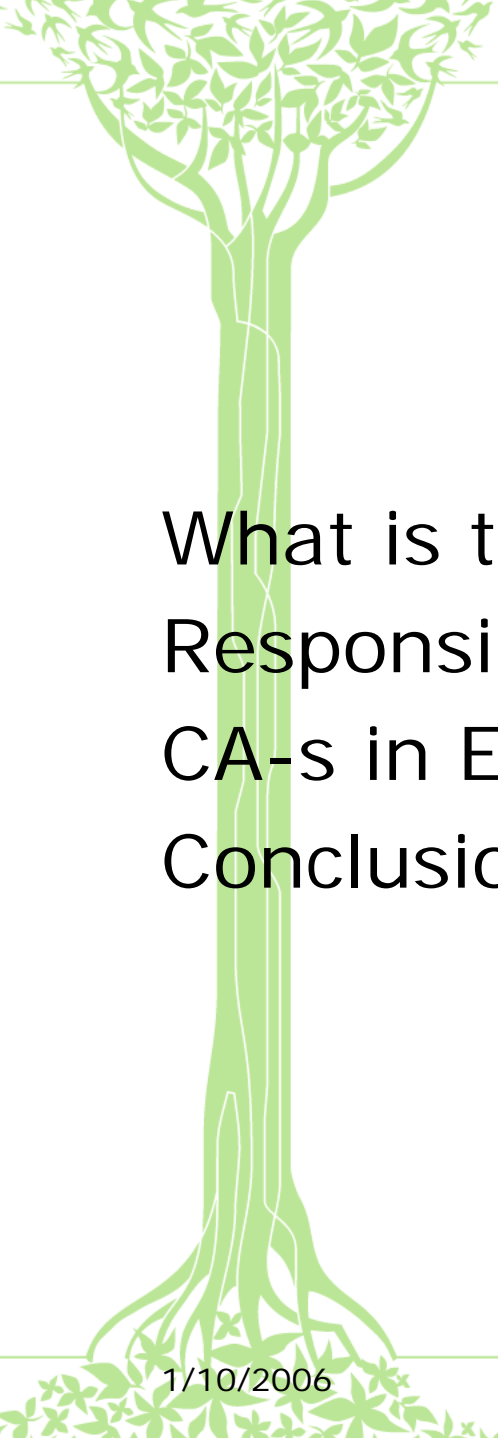




Competent authorities - introduction and ideas for development

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What is the competent authority

Art 2. Member States shall **ensure the appropriate administrative arrangements**, including the **identification of the appropriate competent authority**, for the application of the rules of this Directive within **each river basin district** lying within their territory

Art 3. Each Member State shall **ensure the appropriate administrative arrangements**, including the **identification of the appropriate competent authority**, for the application of the rules of this Directive within **the portion of any international river basin district** lying within its territory.

Art 6. Member States **may identify an existing national or international body as competent authority** for the purposes of this Directive.

Art 7. Member States shall identify the competent authority by the date mentioned in Article 24 (**December 2003**)



What is the competent authority

Art 8. Member States shall provide the Commission with **a list of their competent authorities** and of **the competent authorities of all the international bodies** in which they participate at the latest six months after the date mentioned in Article 24 (**June 2004**) For each competent authority the **information** set out in Annex I **shall be provided**.

Art 18.5 The Commission shall convene when appropriate, in line with the reporting cycle, a conference of interested parties on Community water policy from each of the Member States, to comment on the Commission's implementation reports and to share experiences.

Participants should include representatives from **the competent authorities**, the European Parliament, NGOs, the social and economic partners, consumer bodies, academics and other experts.



What is the competent authority

- A Competent Authority is defined as being the authority with the responsibility for **either** the production of the river basin management plan **or** reporting to the Commission.
- Relevant core role(s)
 - A. Co-ordination, Preparation and Production of River Basin Management Plans
 - B. Reporting:
 - B01. Reporting of Article 5 Requirements
 - B02. Reporting of Monitoring Requirements
 - B03. Reporting of River Basin Management Plans (including Establishment of programmes of measures, Regulation and authorisation of surface water activities, Regulation and authorisation of groundwater activities, Public information and consultation)



Information required for the list of CA-S

As required under Article 3(8), the Member States shall provide the following information **on all competent authorities** within each of its river basin districts as well as the portion of any international river basin district lying within their territory:

- 1) **Name and address of the competent authority**
- 2) **Geographical coverage of the river basin district**
- 3) **Legal status of competent authority**
- 4) **Responsibilities**
- 5) **Membership**
- 6) **International relationships**

Annex VII: A. River basin management plans shall cover the following elements:

10. a list of **competent authorities** in accordance with Annex I;

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Responsibilities for CA-s

- R01. Identification of river basin districts
- R02. Identification of water bodies
- R03. Identification of heavily modified and artificial water bodies
- R04. Identification of protected areas
- R05. Compilation and maintenance of register of protected areas
- R06. Characterization and classification of water bodies
- R07. Definition of reference conditions
- R08. Review of impact of human activity
- R09. Economic analysis of water use
- R10. Identification of derogations
- R11. Monitoring of surface waters
- R12. Monitoring of groundwaters



Responsibilities of CA-s

- R13. Monitoring of protected areas
- R14. Take account of the principle of recovery of costs for water services
- R15. Establishment of emission controls etc.
- R16. Implementation of emission controls
- R17. Establishment of programme measures
- R18. Implementation of programme of measures
- R19. Prior regulation of discharges
- R20. Regulation of abstractions
- R21. Ensuring compliance with prohibition of discharges of pollutants to groundwater
- R22. Implementation of measures to reduce pollution from accidents
- R23. Public information
- R24. Public consultation
- R25. Implementation of controls on priority substances

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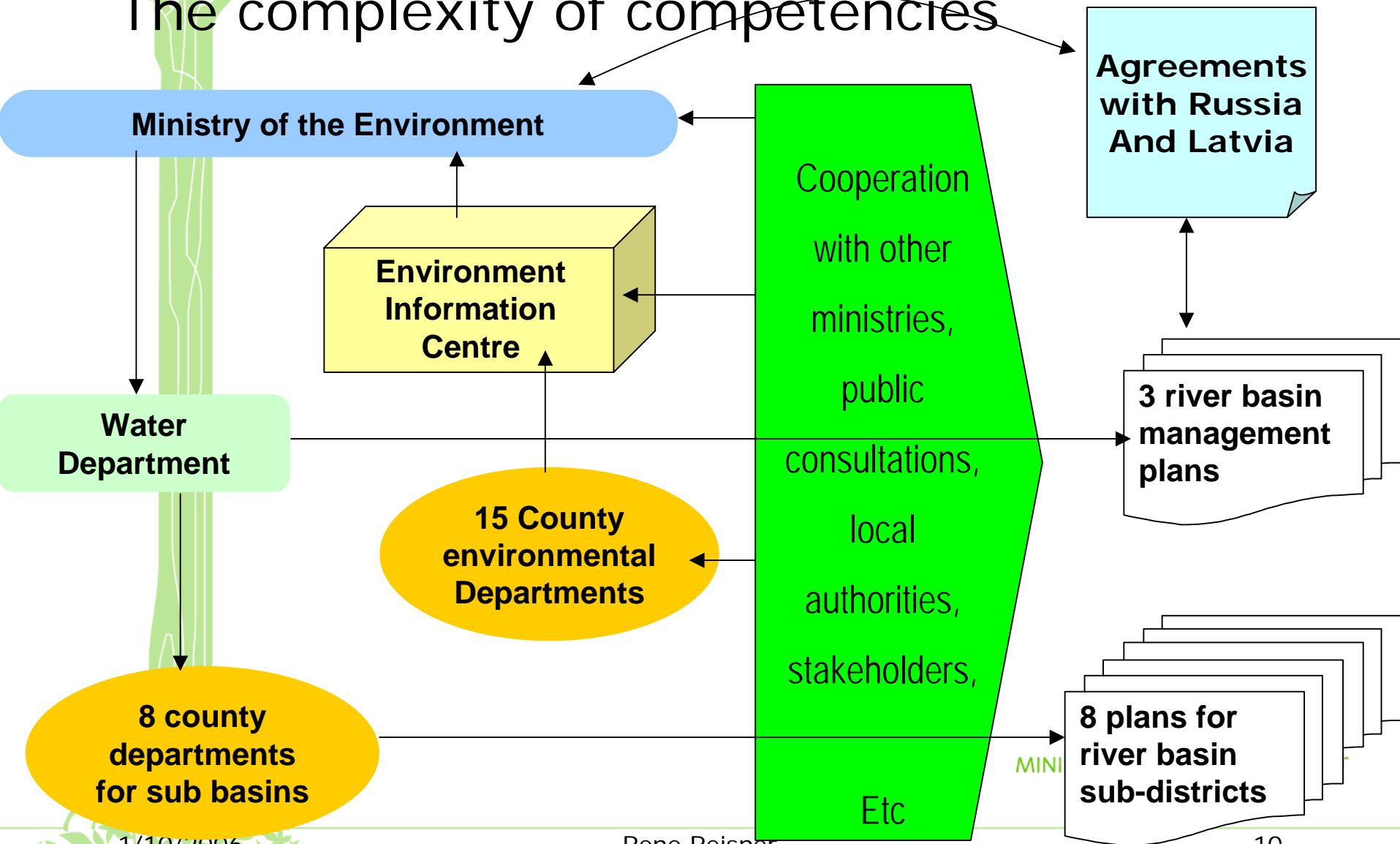


Competent authorities in Estonia

- The **Ministry** of the Environment
- Environment Information **Centre**
- Environmental **Inspection**
- Other relevant ministries
- County environmental **departments**
- Responsible county environmental departments
- Other regional and local **authorities**
- Competency in **international** RBD-s

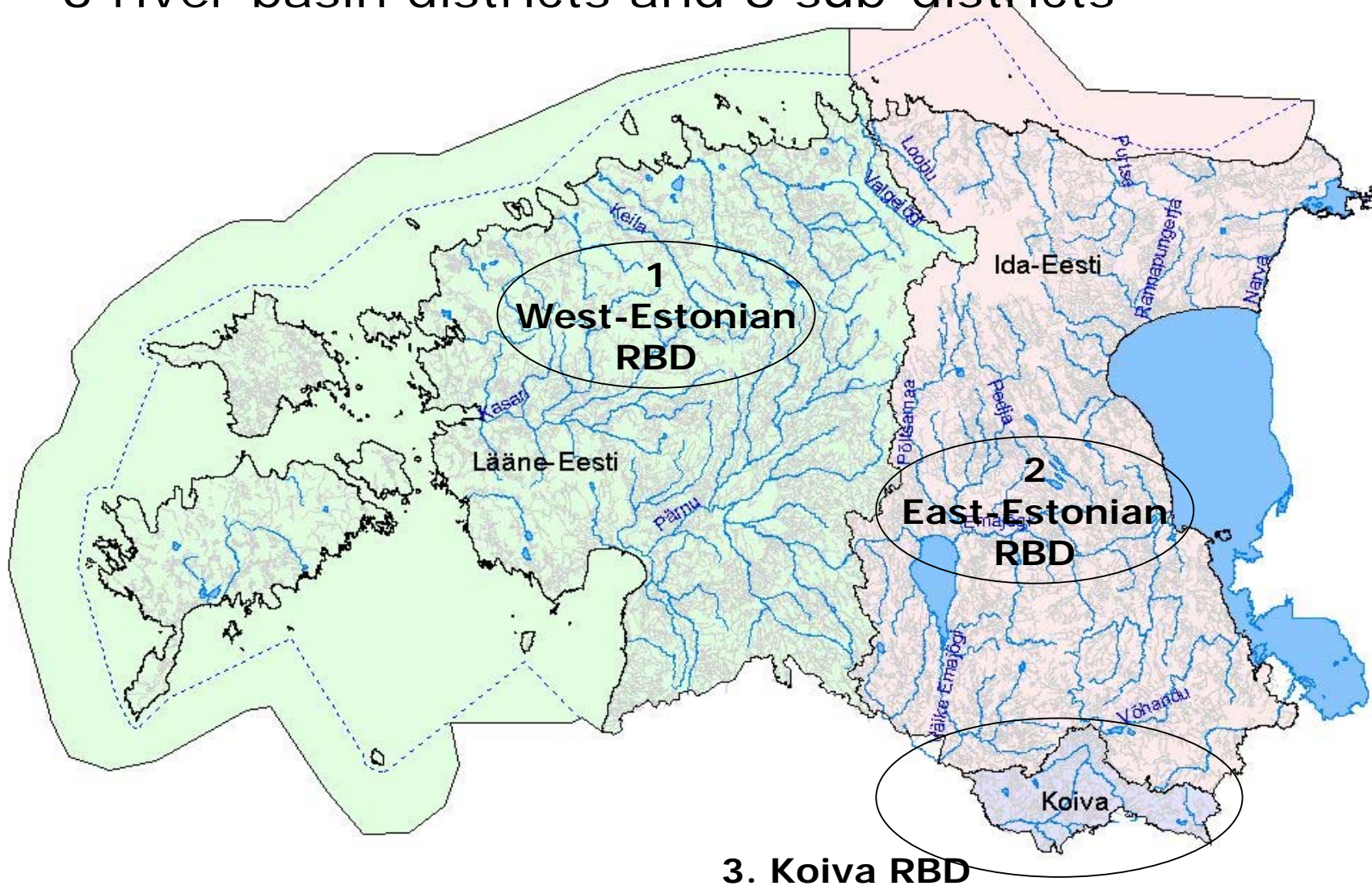
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The complexity of competencies



Competent authorities

3 river basin districts and 8 sub-districts



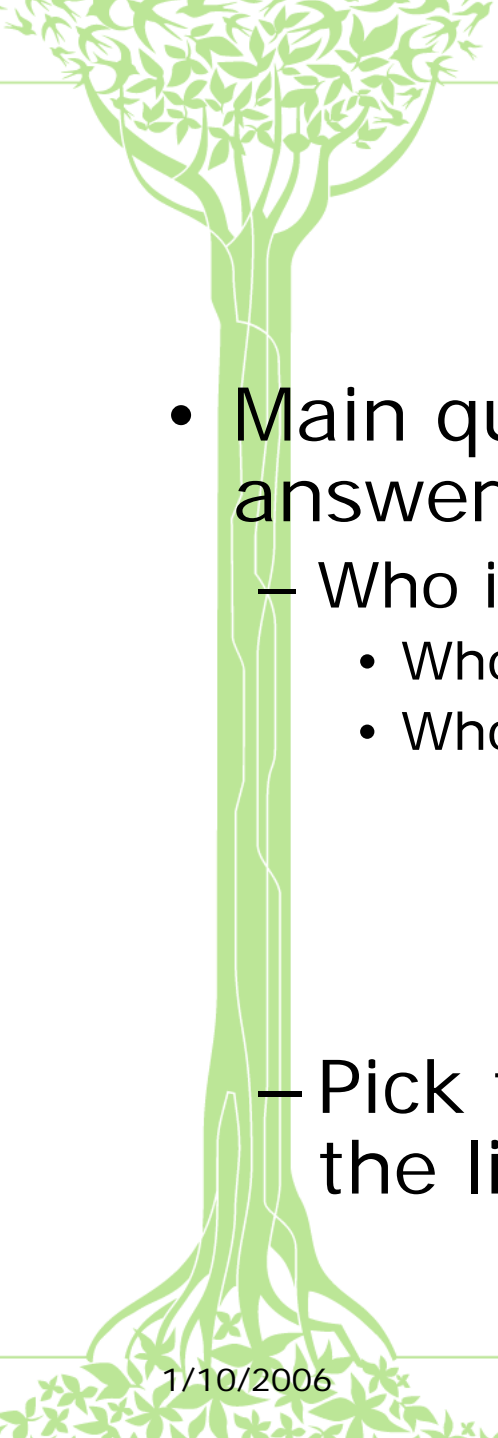


Competencies in implementation

The planned process

The reality

1. Water categories	MoE CED	MoE CED
2. Reference conditions	MoE EIC	MoE Sci
3. Identification of types	MoE CED	MoE EIC/Sci
4. Designation of wb-s	MoE CED	MoE CED
5. Pressures	MoE EIC	MoE CED
6. Impacts	MoE EIC	MoE CED
7. Protected areas	MoE CED	MoE EIC
8. Economic significance	MoE CED	MoE Conslt
9. Cost recover	MoE CED	MoE Conslt
10. Scenarios	MoE WD EIC	MoE Conslt

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- Main question that need to be answered:
 - Who is responsible?
 - Who takes the final responsibility?
 - Who should be blamed if something goes wrong?
 - Pick the most appropriate one from the list:

CA-s and RBD-s Austria

Competent Authorities

- 1 - Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
- 2 - Federal Ministry of Health and Women
- 3 - Federal Ministry of Traffic, Innovation and Technology
- 4 - Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour
- 5 - Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Culture
- head of the Länder government of Burgenland
- head of the Länder government of Carinthia
- head of the Länder government of Lower Austria
- head of the Länder government of Salzburg
- head of the Länder government of Styria
- head of the Länder government of Tyrol
- head of the Länder government of Upper Austria
- head of the Länder government of Vienna
- head of the Länder government of Vorarlberg

River Basin Districts

Danube

Elbe

Rhine

CA-s and RBD-s Denmark

Competent Authorities

- Aarhus County
- City of Copenhagen
- City of Frederiksberg
- Copenhagen County
- Frederiksborg County
- Fyn County
- Greater Copenhagen Authority
- Nordjylland County
- Regional Municipality of Bornholm
- Ribe County
- Ringkjoebing County
- Roskilde County
- Soenderjylland County
- Storstroem County
- Vejle County
- Vestsjaelland County
- Viborg County

River Basin Districts

- Aarhus
- Bornholm
- Fyn
- Greater Copenhagen
- Nordjylland
- Ribe
- Ringkjoebing
- Soenderjylland
- Storstroem
- Vejle
- Vestsjaelland
- Viborg
- Vidaa-Krusaa

CA-s and RBD-s France

Competent Authorities

- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin Adour Garonne
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin Artois Picardie
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin Loire Bretagne
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin Rhin Meuse
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin Rhône Méditerranée
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin Seine Normandie
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin de la Guadeloupe
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin de la Guyane
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin de la Martinique
- Préfet coordonnateur de bassin de la Réunion
- Président du Conseil Exécutif de Corse

River Basin Districts

- Adour, Garonne, Dordogne, Charente et cours d'eau côtiers charentais et aquitains
- Corsican creeks
- Cours d'eau de la Guadeloupe
- Cours d'eau de la Martinique
- Cours d'eau de la Réunion
- Fleuves et cours d'eau côtiers de la Guyane
- Loire et cours d'eau côtiers vendéens et bretons
- Meuse
- Rhine
- Rhône et cours d'eau côtiers méditerranéens
- Sambre
- Scheldt, Somme and coastal creeks along the Channel and North Sea
- Seine et cours d'eau côtiers normands

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CA-s and RBD-s Hungary

Competent Authorities

- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- Ministry of Environment and Water

River Basin Districts

- Danube



CA-s and RBD-s Slovak Republic

Competent Authorities

- Banská Bystrica Regional Environment Authority
- Košice Regional Environment Authority
- Prešov Regional Environment Authority
- The Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic
- Trnava Regional Environment Authority
- Žilina Regional Environment Authority

River Basin Districts

- Bodrog
- Danube
- Hornád
- Hron
- Poprad and Dunajec
- Váh



CA-s and RBD-s Slovenia

Competent Authorities

- Ministry for the Environment and Spatial Planning

River Basin Districts

- Adriatic River Basin District
- Danube River Basin District



CA-s and RBD-s Latvia

Competent Authorities

- Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Agency
- Ministry of Environment of Republic of Latvia

River Basin Districts

- Daugava
- Gauja
- Lielupe
- Venta



CA-s and RBD-s Lithuania

Competent Authorities

- Environmental protection agency

River Basin Districts

- Daugava
- Lielupe
- Nemunas
- Venta



CA-s and RBD-s Estonia

Competent Authorities

- Ministry of the Environment

River Basin Districts

- East-Estonian
- Koiva
- West-Estonian



CA-s and RBD-s Czech

Competent Authorities

- Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic
- Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic

River Basin Districts

- Danube
- Elbe
- Oder



Approaches taken

- Mostly the ministry or the government has the overall responsibility
- Ministries have given direct or indirect responsibilities to their competent authorities
 - Depends on general development of a country
 - Depends on existing legal system
 - Depends on institutions available for water management
 - Depends on interactions that take place among different institutions



Direct responsibility

- Direct responsibility
 - Only one institution is in charge or acting as a competent authority for a RBD
 - This institution will prepare the river basin management plan
- Indirect responsibility
 - Several institutions are in charge, based on their specific competencies
 - General coordination takes place in a working group (a steering group or a council)



International CA-s

- Possibility has not been used in EU
- International CA-s could be:
 - ICPDR (18 states, existing institution)
 - Other institutions based on the UNECE transboundary watercourses convention in:
 - Finland
 - Estonia
 - Latvia
 - Lithuania
- Could it be considered and would it be reasonable ?



Conclusions - What role for CA-s




- There are diverse conditions which require different specific solutions
- Diversity should be taken into account in the planning and execution of measures
- Decisions should be taken as close as possible to the locations where water is affected or used
- CA should be as close as possible to problems and solutions ??
- Could the CA be the ministry?

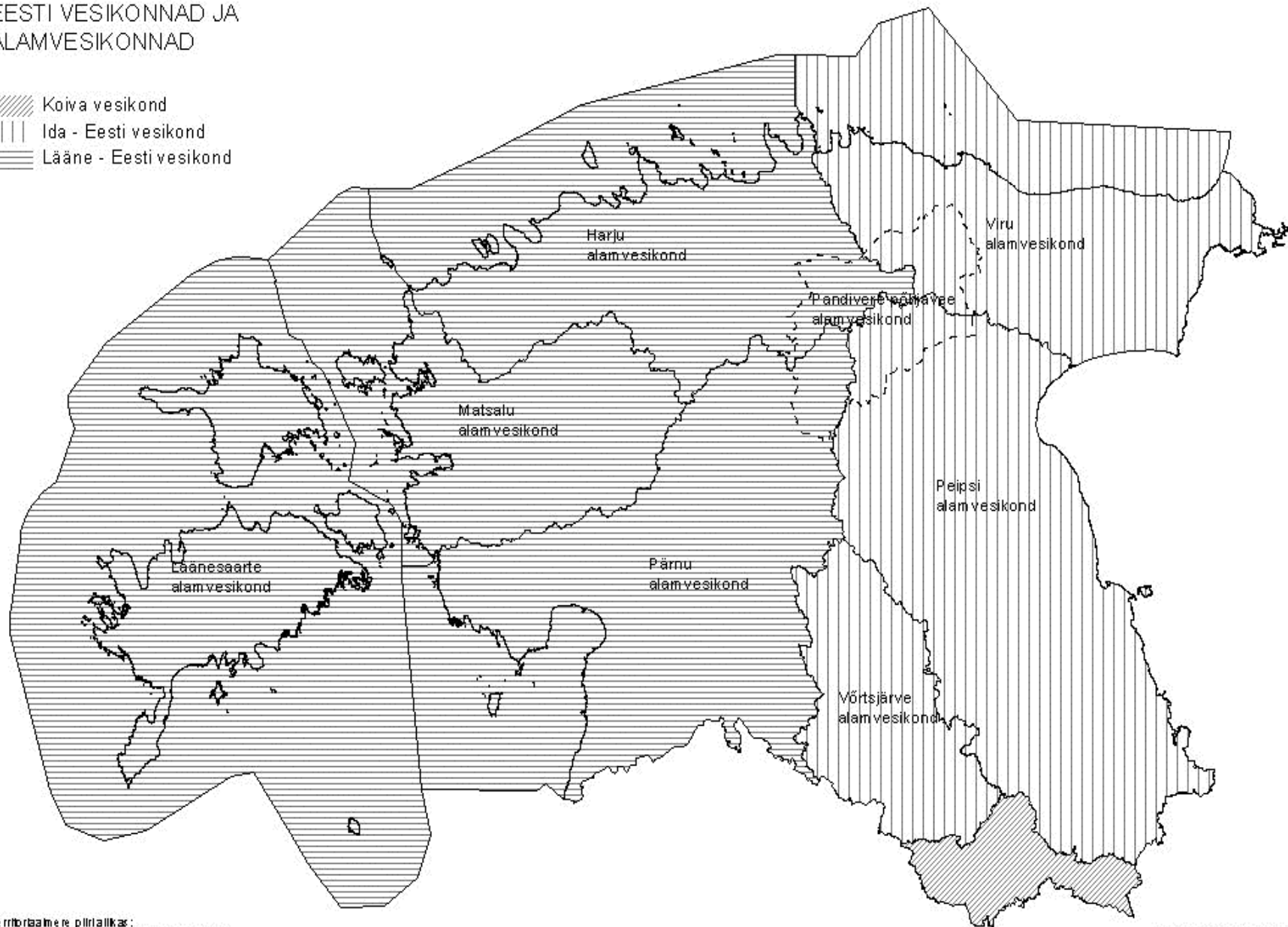


Conclusions - What role for CA-s

- Integration of water management into other policy areas such as energy, transport, agriculture, fisheries, regional policy and tourism is necessary.
- Directive should provide a basis for further integration of strategies
- Directive should contribute to cooperation between memberstates
- Could the CA be the municipality or a local level office??

EESTI VESIKONNAD JA ALAMVESIKONNAD

-  Koiva vesikond
-  Ida - Eesti vesikond
-  Lääne - Eesti vesikond



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Characterization of water bodies

- The main difficulties encountered
 - The availability of data and relevant information differs, results in the outcome
 - Administrative capacity
 - Continuous drawback from certain institutions
 - Adjusting to changed principles
 - Quality of data and the availability of data
 - The reliability of results