

MSFD Art. 13/14 - Test phase comments

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Symptom (public)

This is a compiled list of the comments from the test phase for MSFD art. 13/14

Problem (public)

Solution (public)

1.1 Copying regions and updating targets UK comment:
The main issue is that there is currently no proper copy and paste function of the webforms when changing from one Sub(Region) to the next.
The guidance document states in the MSFD Programmes of Measures section on page 10:
Please note that changing the region in a report that contains Measures or Exceptions will trigger a number of validation errors. The reporter will have to go through each of the Measures or Exceptions one by one and carefully update the information for the new region".
This should not be the case. To make reporting as smooth as possible and reduce resources it should be a like for like copy and paste system (all answered questions) with the additional, as agreed at the last DIKE meeting, that the new Sub(Region) measure and exception codes are updated.
Answer:
The measures and exceptions references environmental targets that is linked to a specific region. When the region is changed the targets might not match. An analysis of the registered environmental targets shows that most member states uses the same name for targets for all their regions. However, there are some exceptions. In one case, the targets where similar but not the same: 'Target 16 - Fish' and 'Target_16_Fish'. In another case, the target included the region in the name: DK_2_ANS and DK_2_BAL.
The system have been updated to match the targets to similar targets instead of exact match.

1.2 Unique identifier - What is the codification for WFD Measures? ES
Comment:
In the reporting sheet-xml file, regarding the WFD measures codification "unique identifier"
There are some examples of "other measures" codification, which should comprise SubregionCountry-M001; example (MADIT-M001).
It is established that for the WFD measures codification it has to be used the KTM code, but there are no examples of it. We think the measures could have the format ABIES-KTM01, but we would need to clarify it and, if possible, to get some examples of the WFD measures codification:
Answer:
KTM is removed for the unique code codification and added to the measure or exception name.
The guidance is changed to:
For WFD use the KTM level only; give each WFD KTM a unique Region/MS/Measure code as per the other individual measures and give the KTM code in the 'measure name' field.

1.3 Unique identifier - Can one add a marine sub unit to the codification? ES, Fr and FI Comment:
A number of member states made this request. The general request is for an optional part in the unique code.
Answer:
The system is updated to allow an optional section at the end of the unique code.
The new guidance is:
The unique identifier code should comprise:
a. sub(region) and MS code (e.g. BALDE, MADIT)
(required)
b. plus M (for measure) + 3 digit number(e.g. M007)
(required)
c. plus an MS-defined alpha-numeric code (optional, maximum 5 characters)
d. The two (or three) parts are separated by dashes.
Full code example: MADIT-M007
or (with MS optional part): MADIT-M007-MED2b

1.4 Link to existing policies - Can one select multiple existing policies? DE, ES and FI commented:
The general request is the ability to report multiple existing policies.
Answer:
The system is updated to allow reporting multiple existing policies.

1.5 Link to existing policies - Extending the options DE, ES and FR commented.
One general comment about 'Link to existing policies' were about extending the list of options.
Answer:
The list of options are extended with the proposed options and the guidance are updated.

1.6 Link to existing policies – Guidance is unclear DE, ES and FR commented.

Another general comment about 'Link to existing policies' were about unclear guidance in relation to the different measure categories.

Answer:

The guidance document is updated with further clarification.

1.7 RBD codes ES comment:

N13- The list regarding the spatial coverage of the WFD measures "relevant WFD RBD or subunit codes..." includes all the River Basin Districts that have been in ES until now. They are BASQUE COUNTRY, CANTABRIAN, y MINHO, for example, and some of them are outdated. We would suggest to update the list with the River basins districts of the second management plans, that in the ES case are 25. If not, there could be the case to have a River basin District without measures.

Answer:

The list of RBD codes extracted from WFD is not correct. We have made a request for an updated list of RBD codes.

1.8 KTM list DE comment:

Drop down list of KTMs differs from agreed KTM list of EU CIS "Recommendation on Art. 13 implementation and reporting" and the reporting guidance. Please replace with agreed KTM-list.

Answer:

The KTM list in the webform and the terms list in guidance document are updated with the correct one.

1.9 Environmental targets DE comment:

The drop-down list links to indicators not to the operational targets. There is not a 1:1 relationship between targets and associated indicators – there can be more indicators to measures progress towards achieving a target. Please replace list with one reflecting the reported operational targets.

Answer:

The target list was compiled without distinguishing between 'Environmental targets' and 'Associated Indicator'.

The target list has been updated with Environmental targets only.

1.10 Timestamping stylesheet output Comment from DIKE meeting June 2015: Add a timestamp to the html view of the reported measure or exception.

Answer:

The html now shows the date it was generated.