

Decree on integrated water policy

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// abstract:

The outlines of the Flemish water policy are set within the decree on Integrated Water Policy of 18 July 2003. The decree is also the transposition of the European legislation such as the *Water Framework Directive* (2000/60/EC; p.76) and the *Floods Directive* (2007/60/EC; p.84) into Flemish legislation. This decree defines the goals and the principles of the integrated water policy, and establishes a few instruments (such as the riparian zones and the water test). The decree on integrated water policy determines how the water systems have to be divided into river basins and river basin districts, basins and sub-basins. It also stipulates how the consultation platforms have to work, how the different levels prepare and follow up on the water policy, and how the population can have a say. Finally, the decree implements the special obligations of the European Water Framework Directive.

The decree on integrated water policy is a framework decree and only contains the main lines of the policy. The implementation decisions concretise the policy.