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## BASES AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE PLANNING PROCESS IN THE FIELD OF WATER

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Water planning is a systematic conceptual activity which implements the requirements of the Water Framework Directive. The main objective of the Water Framework Directive is to prevent any further deterioration of surface waters and groundwater and to improve the condition of the waters and water dependent ecosystems. The main purpose of the following text is to provide a brief summary of the historical background and current starting-point of the water planning process.