



Environmental ex-ante conditionalities

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State of play November 2015

- Thematic ex-ante conditionality 6.1 for the **water sector**
 - Unfulfilled in 16 MS, with 32 distinct action plans
 - Many deadlines in December 2015 and also 31/12/2016
 - Some cases of self-suspension
 - Related deadlines of the WFD:
 - 2nd RBMP to be adopted and published by 22/12/2015 and
 - to be communicated to the Commission by 22/03/2016
 - Reporting regarding the WFD is done separately

State of play November 2015

- Thematic ex-ante conditionality 6.2 for the **waste sector**
 - Unfulfilled in 12 MS, with 51 distinct action plans
 - Deadlines throughout 2015 and 2016
 - Several cases of self-suspension

- General ex-ante conditionality 6 on **environmental legislation**
 - Unfulfilled in 6 MS, with 6 distinct action plans
 - Linked in some cases with an ongoing EU Court of Justice procedure
 - No major problems of fulfilment are expected

Assessment of action plans

- Member State submits letter of fulfilment through SFC
- Commission assesses the information (DG REGIO + DG ENV)
- Commission replies "fulfilled", "more info needed" or "not fulfilled"
- Assessment is without prejudice to future evaluation of compliance with environmental directives

Key messages

- Conditionalities ensure the strategic approach for investments and the efficient and effective use of the funds
- Still significant progress needed in several cases
- Action plans should be completed according to agreed deadlines, to avoid suspension of payments
- Recommendation to submit the ex-ante conditionality for assessment when entire action plan is completed



Questions or comments?

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