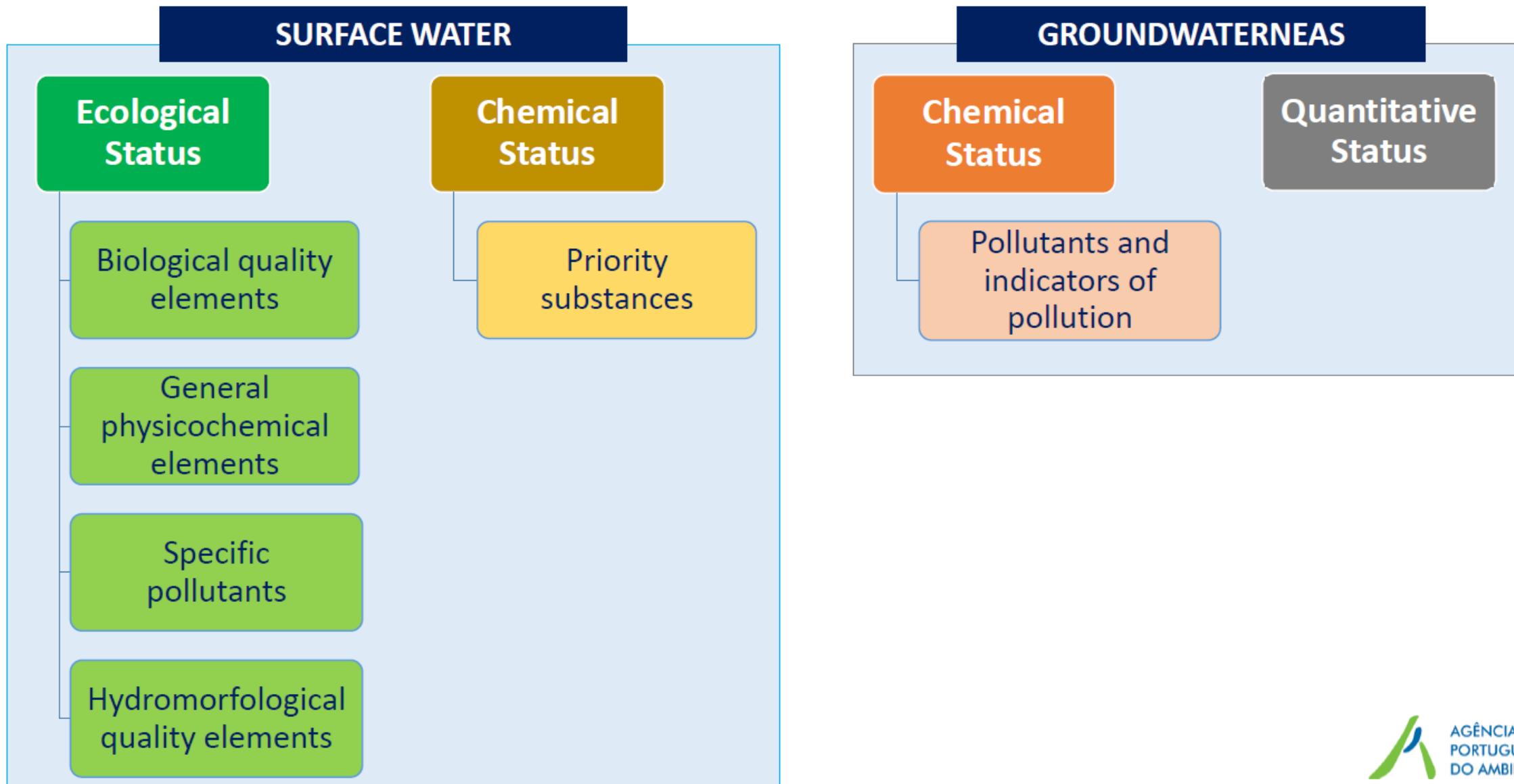


Qualidade química no âmbito da DQA  
(baseado em informações de Susana NUNES,  
Sofia BATISTA e Maria Felisbina QUADRADO)



# Surface water and Groundwater Status in the scope of WFD



# Legislative framework – Water Framework Directive/Quality

## Water Framework Directive (WFD) – Directive 2000/60/EC of 23/10

(National) Water Law - Law no. 58/2005 of 29/12

Amended by several legal acts

Decree-Law no. 77/2006 of 30/03

Amended by DL no. 103/2010 of 24/9, and by  
DL no. 218/2015 of 7/10

Chemical Status of  
surface water

Priority Substances Directive -  
Directive 2008/105/EC of 16/12

Amended by Directive 2013/39/EU of 12/8

Chemical Status of  
groundwater

Groundwater Directive –  
Directive 2006/118/EC of 12/12

Amended by Directive 2014/80/EU of 20/6

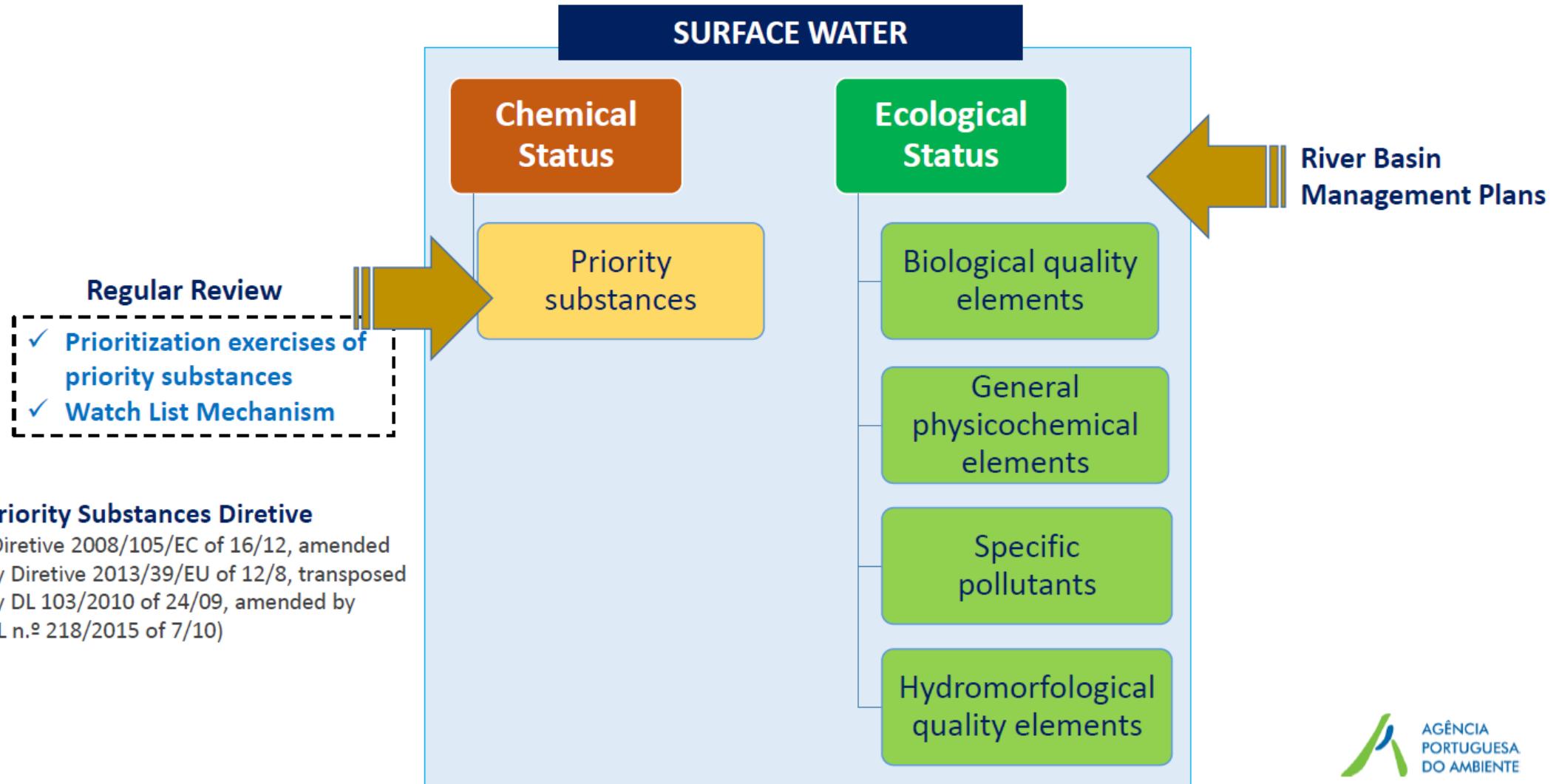
Decree-Law no. 103/2010 of 24/09

Amended by DL no. 83/2011 of 20/6, and by  
DL no. 218/2015 of 7/10

Decree-Law no. 208/2008 of 28/10

Amended by DL no. 34/2016 of 28/06

# Evaluation of surface water status



## Priority Substances and Other Pollutants List

**DYNAMIC LIST  
WHICH IS  
REGULARLY  
UPDATED**

\* New Priority  
Substances  
(Directive  
2013/39/EU of  
12/8)

\*\* Other  
Pollutants  
(already  
designated as  
dangerous  
substances  
before WFD)

<i>alacloro</i>	<i>endossulfão</i>	<i>tricloroetileno</i> **
<i>antraceno</i>	<i>fluoranteno</i>	<i>Compostos de tributilestanho (Catão tributilestanho)</i>
<i>atrazina</i>	<i>hexaclorobenzeno</i>	<i>triclorobenzenos</i>
<i>benzeno</i>	<i>hexaclorobutadieno</i>	<i>triclorometano (clorofórmio)</i>
<i>éteres difenílicos bromados (PBDEs)</i>	<i>hexaclorociclohexano/ lindano</i>	<i>trifluralina</i>
<i>cádmio e compostos de cádmio</i>	<i>isoproturão</i>	<i>dicofol *</i>
<i>tetracloreto de carbono</i> **	<i>chumbo e compostos de chumbo</i>	<i>ácido perfluorooctanossulfónico e seus derivados (PFOS)*</i>
<i>cloroalcanos C10-13</i>	<i>mercúrio e compostos de mercúrio</i>	<i>quinoxifena*</i>
<i>clorfenvinfos</i>	<i>naftaleno</i>	<i>dioxinas e compostos semelhantes a dioxinas*</i>
<i>clorpirifos</i>	<i>níquel e compostos de níquel</i>	<i>aconitifena*</i>
<i>Pesticidas ciclodienos (aldrina, dieldrina, endrina, isodrina)**</i>	<i>Nonilfenol (4-Nonilfenol)</i>	<i>bifenox*</i>
<i>DDT total</i> **	<i>Octilfenol (4-(1,1',3,3'-tetrametilbutil)-fenol)</i>	<i>cibutrina*</i>
<i>p,p'-DDP</i> **	<i>pentaclorobenzeno</i>	<i>cipermetrina*</i>
<i>1,2-dicloroetano</i>	<i>pentaclorofenol</i>	<i>diclorvos*</i>
<i>diclorometano</i>	<i>hidrocarbonetos aromáticos policíclicos (PAH)</i>	<i>hexabromociclododecano (HBCDD)*</i>
<i>Ftalato di(2-etil-hexilo) (DEHP)</i>	<i>simazina</i>	<i>heptacloro e heptacloro epóxido*</i>
<i>diurão</i>	<i>tetracloroetileno</i> **	<i>terbutrina*</i>

# Evaluation of Priority Substances - Matrices

- Evaluation of priority substances in different matrices:



## Water

EQS for inland waters and  
EQS for coastal and transitional  
waters



## Biota - Fish and shellfish

NQA for biota



## Sediments

Trends

# EQS for Priority Substances concerning evaluation of Chemical Status

Environmental Quality Standard (EQS)  
defined by the Directive 2008/105/EC (amended by Directive 2013/39/EC)

AA: annual average.

MAC: maximum allowable concentration.

Unit: [µg/l] for columns (4) to (7)

[µg/kg wet weight] for column (8)

Concentrations < EQS

Good chemical status



(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
No	Name of substance	CAS number <sup>(1)</sup>	AA-EQS <sup>(2)</sup> Inland surface waters <sup>(3)</sup>	AA-EQS <sup>(2)</sup> Other surface waters	MAC-EQS <sup>(4)</sup> Inland surface waters <sup>(3)</sup>	MAC-EQS <sup>(4)</sup> Other surface waters	EQS Biota <sup>(12)</sup>
(1)	Alachlor	15972-60-8	0,3	0,3	0,7	0,7	
(2)	Anthracene	120-12-7	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	

(...)

# Watch List Mechanism

**Diretive 2013/39/EU of 12/8** (which amends Directive 2008/105 /EC of 16/12),  
transposed by DL no. 218/2015 of 7/10 (which amends DL no. 103/2010 of 24/09)

The European Commission establishes the lists of substances for which monitoring should be performed across the EU in order to increase the knowledge on the occurrence of these substances or groups of substances in the surface water as a basis for future prioritization exercises of priority substances.



Inclusion of substances on Watch List:

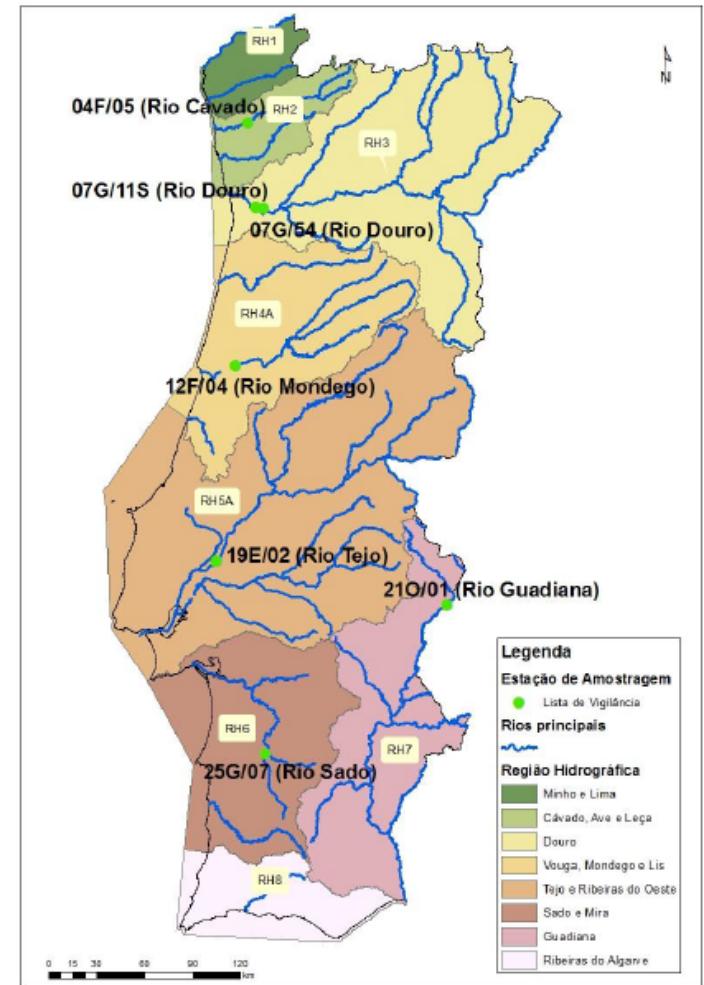
- Available information indicates that the substance may represent a significant risk at EU level for the aquatic environment, or through it; and
- Insufficient monitoring data (maximum of 3 MS with monitoring results).

**PEC/PNEC and MEC/PNEC  
Risk Quocientes**

MEC - Measured Environmental Concentration.  
PNEC - Predicted No-Effect Concentration.  
PEC – Predicted Environmental Concentration.

Maximum period to remain on the Watch List: 4 years.

Risk analysis (based on MEC / PNEC) and prioritization of substances will determine if they will be included in the List of Priority Substances.



**Number of stations to be monitor in PORTUGAL: 6**

## 1st WATCH LIST

Name of substance/group of substances	Source/ Pressure	Indicative analytical method	Maximum acceptable DL of the method (ng/l)
17-alpha-ethinylestradiol (EE2)	Synthetic sex hormone derived from 17 $\beta$ -estradiol, used in the contraceptive pill	Urban areas - urban WWTPs and rural areas - livestock	grande-volume SPE-LC-MS-MS 0.035
17-beta-estradiol (E2), Estrone (E1)	Natural/ synthetic hormone used as contraceptive pill; oxidation product is Estrone (E1)		SPE-LC-MS-MS 0.4
Diclofenac	Anti-inflammatory	Urban areas - urban WWTPs	SPE - LC-MS-MS 10
2,6-ditert-butyl-4-methylphenol	Anti-oxidant: food - E321; cosmetics - HMDB33826	Urban areas - urban WWTPs	SPE-GC-MS 3160
2-Ethylhexyl 4-methoxycinnamate	Sunscreen - UV filter (it is also present in paints, packages, interior of automobiles)	Inland and coastal bathing waters and Urban areas - urban WWTPs	SPE - LC-MS-MS or GC-MS 6000
Antibiotics from the macrolide family: Erythromycin Clarithromycin, Azithromycin	Antibiotics for human and veterinary use	Urban areas - urban WWTPs and rural areas - livestock	SPE-LC-MS-MS 90
Methiocarb	Insecticide/ acaricide authorized in Portugal	Rural areas – plant production	SPE - LC-MS-MS or GC-MS 10
Neonicotinoids: Imidacloprid, Thiacloprid, Thiamethoxam, Clothianidin, Acetamiprid.	Insecticide/ acaricide authorized in Portugal	Rural areas – plant production and livestock production	SPE-LC-MS-MS 9
Oxadiazon	Herbicide authorized in Portugal	Rural areas – plant production	LLE/SPE-GC-MS 88
Tri-allate	Herbicide non-authorized in Portugal/ Biocide	Rural areas – plant production; Non agricultural use of herbicide; industrial areas	LLE/SPE-GC-MS or LC-MS-MS 670

# POSEUR-03-2013-FC-000001 Project – “Improvement of evaluation of water bodies status”

*Component 3: Application of innovative methods for the evaluation of priority substances, watch list substances and specific pollutants in surface water bodies and emerging compounds in surface and ground water bodies - 2016-2018*



## SURFACE WATERS

### Water matrix:

**Quantitative evaluation** of priority substances, substances from the 1st watch list e specific pollutants



**Biota matriz – Fish and Mussels:**  
**Quantitative evaluation** of priority substances



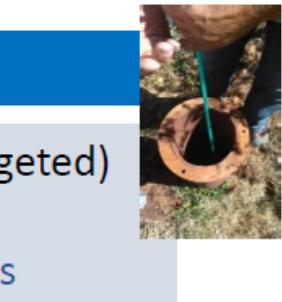
### Use of passive samplers:

**Qualitative evaluation** - screening of known and unknown substances, i.e. detection and identification of target compounds and **emerging compounds**, namely pharmaceutical substances and pesticides



## GROUNDWATERS

**Quantitative evaluation** of (targeted) pesticides and pharmaceutical substances



# Passive samplers – Surface water and Groundwater



Surface water

Groundwater



*Exposure time in the aquatic environment: 1 month*

Lipophilic (non-polar) substances  
aggregation to organic matter



**SPMD** – Semipermeable Membrane Devices.  
Trioleína (lípido)



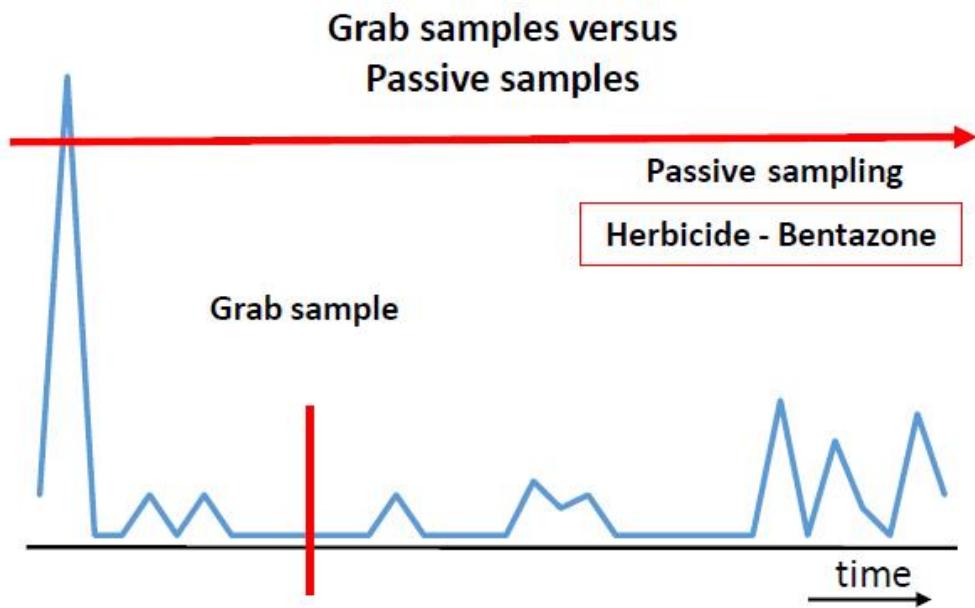
Virtual fish

Hydrophilic (polar) substances  
– dissolved in water



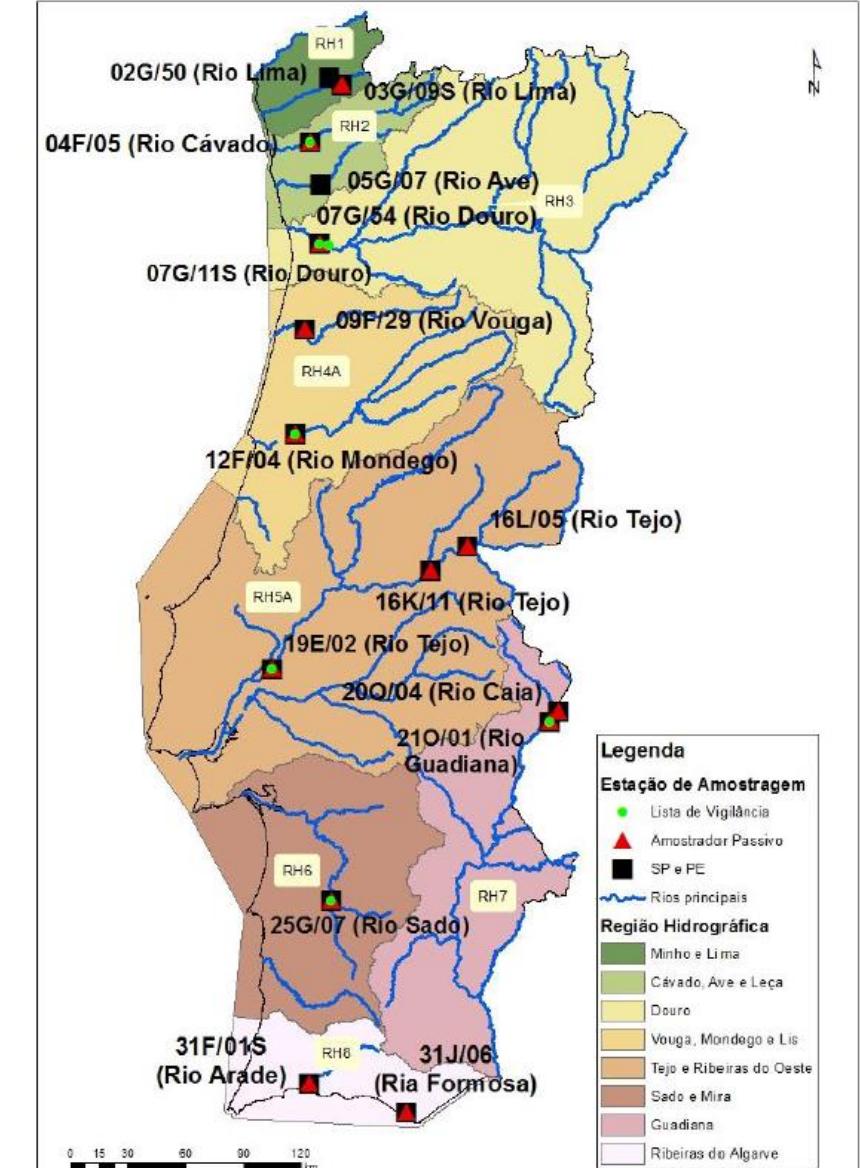
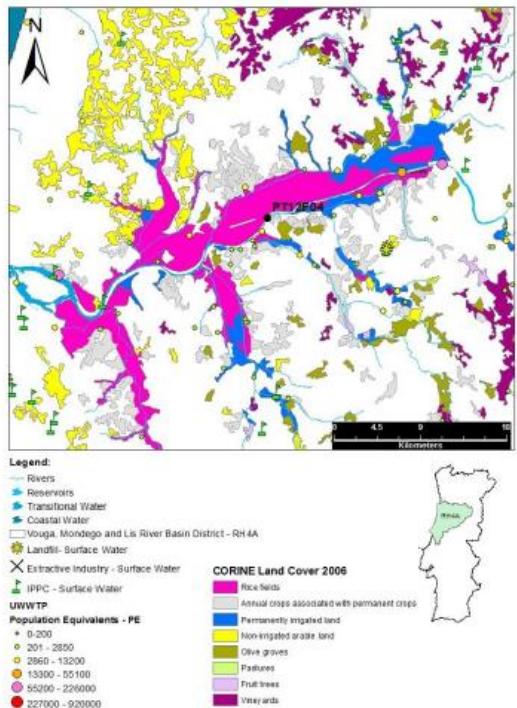
**POCIS** – Polar Organic Chemical Integrative sampler  
(HLB – polímero de divinylbenzene e vinylpyrrolidinone).

# Grab sampling versus Passive sampling

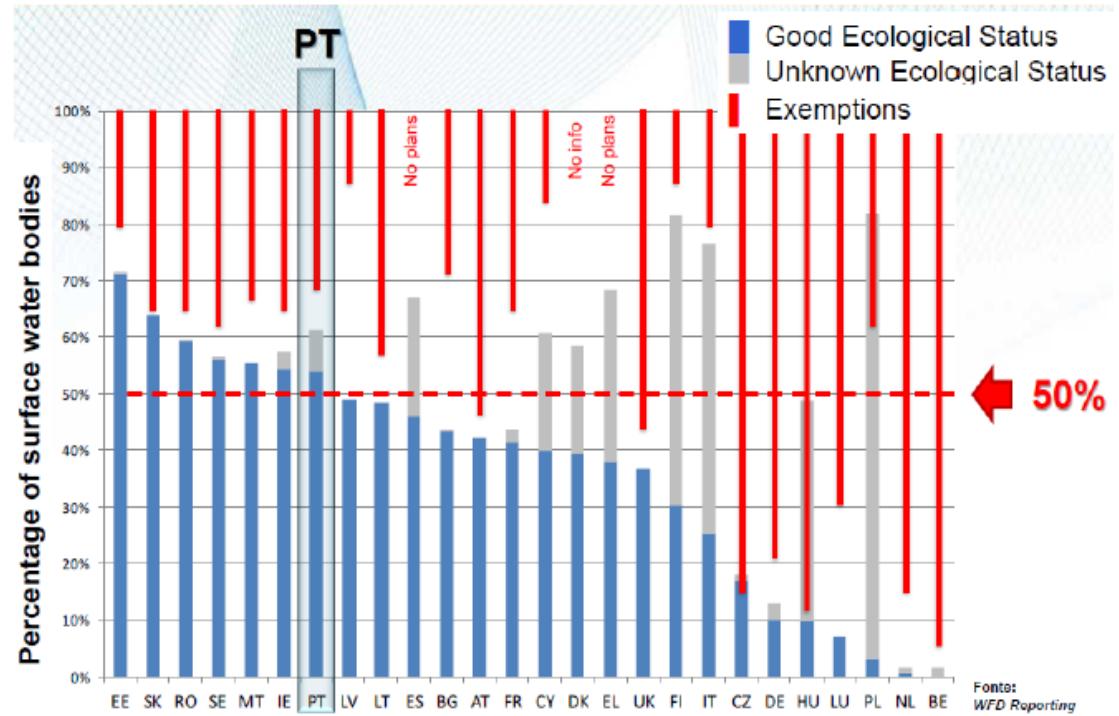
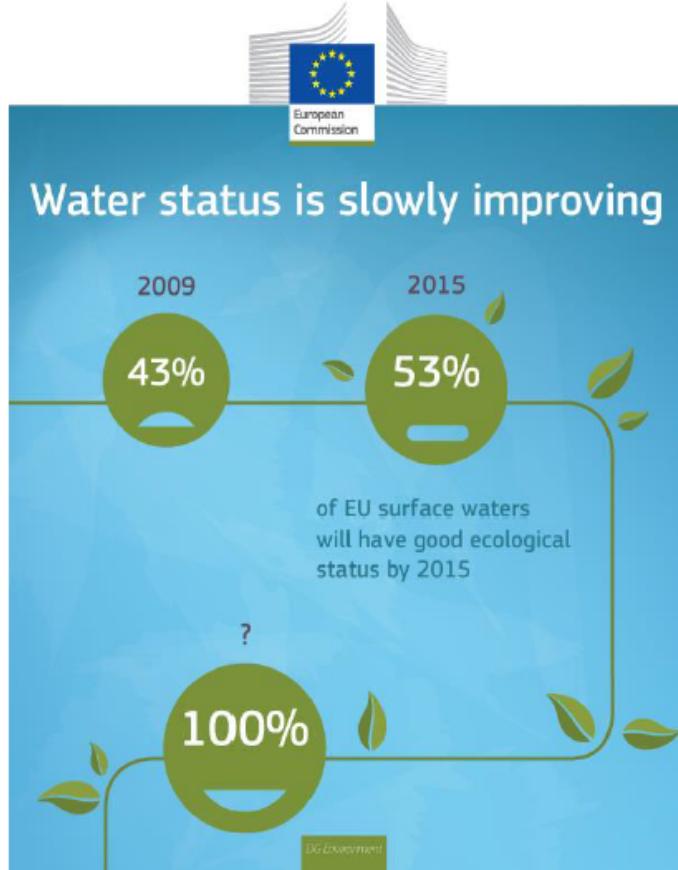


## Monitoring stations – 2016 e 2017

16 stations (in rivers, reservoirs, transitional and coastal waters)  
- selected taking into account the **pressures (agricultural, livestock, urban, industrial)** and considering, in general, hot spot areas



# EU water bodies status – 1st cycle RBMP assessment



Good Ecological Status  
(1st cycle):

PT: 52%

UE: 43%

Sistemas de Classificação e Avaliação do Estado  
Ecológico das Massas de Água de Transição e Costeiras  
no âmbito da DQA (baseado em informações de  
Susana NUNES, Sofia BATISTA e Maria Felisbina  
QUADRADO)



# CLASSIFICAÇÃO DO ESTADO ECOLÓGICO

- Elementos **físico-químicos e químicos** de suporte aos biológicos
- Elementos **hidromorfológicos** de suporte aos biológicos
- Elementos **biológicos (EQB)**

## EQB Águas Costeiras

- Fitoplâncton
- Outras Plantas: Macroalgas, Sapais e Ervas Marinhas
- Macroinvertebrados bentónicos

## EQB Águas de Transição

- Fitoplâncton
- Outras Plantas: Macroalgas, Sapais e Ervas Marinhas
- Macroinvertebrados bentónicos
- Peixes

## TIPOS DE MASSAS DE ÁGUA

A1 - Estuário mesotidal estratificado

A2 - Estuário mesotidal homogéneo com descargas irregulares de rio

A3 - Lagoas costeiras semi-fechadas

A4 - Lagoas costeiras abertas

A5 - Costa atlântica mesotidal exposta

A6 - Costa atlântica mesotidal moderadamente exposta

A7 - Costa atlântica abrigada



## ELEMENTOS FISICO-QUÍMICOS E QUÍMICOS DE SUPORTE AOS BIOLÓGICOS

- **Foram desenvolvidos Critérios de Classificação para os Nutrientes**

*Nitratos+Nitritos, Azoto amoniacial e Fosfato*

Os **valores de referência** foram definidos com base no tratamento estatístico dos dados disponíveis. No caso dos estuários os valores de referência são definidos por **classe de salinidade**

- **Foram definidas normas de qualidade (NQA) para os poluentes específicos**

*Poluentes específicos relevantes são substâncias químicas enquadradas nos pontos 1 a 9 do Anexo VIII da Diretiva Quadro da Água que não estão incluídos na lista de substâncias prioritárias.*

## ELEMENTOS HIDROMORFOLÓGICOS DE SUPORTE AOS BIOLÓGICOS

Na classificação dos elementos **hidromorfológicos** de suporte aos elementos biológicos, considera-se que uma massa de água não alcança o estado excelente quando está sujeita a pressões hidromorfológicas significativas.

### Alterações hidromorfológicas e pressões significativas:

- Dragagens e deposição de dragados
- Retenções marginais
- Aterros
- Assoreamentos
- Erosões litorais
- Infraestruturas portuárias
- Vegetação invasora
- Açudes, moinhos e armadilhas
- Quebra-mares
- Esporões
- Emissários submarinos

Elementos de Qualidade Hidromorfológica					
C	C	C	C	C	C
B	B	B	B	B	B

**Bibliografia:**  
• PGRH. Anexos da Parte 2  
– Caracterização e  
Diagnóstico

## EQB - FITOPLÂNCTON

**Métrica:** clorofila-a (biomassa, parâmetro indicador da produtividade fitoplânctonica)

**Estatística:** percentil 90 (variabilidade natural e sazonal do fitoplâncton)

É calculada a razão entre o percentil 90 e o valor de referência

As **condições de referência** são determinadas por tipo de massa de água. No caso dos estuários, as condições de referência foram definidas para três gamas de salinidade, que correspondem a comunidades fitoplânctónicas distintas.

	Índice	Excelente	Bom	Razoável	Mediocre	Mau
A1	Biomassa (Chl a)	$\geq 0.67$	[0,44 - 0,67[	[0,30 - 0,44[	[0,20 - 0,30[	[0 - 0,20[

### Bibliografia:

- Brito *et al.*, (2012a). *Ecological Indicators*: 5-14.
- Brito *et al.*, (2012b). *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science* 110: 147-156.
- Coutinho, *et al.*, (2012). *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science* 110: 134-146
- PGRH. Anexos da Parte 2 – Caracterização e Diagnóstico.
- [www.apambiente.pt](http://www.apambiente.pt)

# EQB - MACROALGAS

Índice p-MarMAT – *Portuguese Marine Macroalgae Assessment Tool*

**Métrica 1:** Riqueza taxonómica

**Métrica 2:** Proporção de *taxa* de Clorófitos (Lista reduzida de taxa)

**Métrica 3:** Número de *taxa* de Rodófitos (Lista reduzida de taxa)

**Métrica 4:** Rácio de Grupo de Estado Ecológico (Lista reduzida de taxa)

**Métrica 5:** Proporção de *taxa* oportunistas (Lista reduzida de taxa)

**Métrica 6:** Cobertura de *taxa* oportunistas em percentagem

**Métrica 7:** Descrição do local de amostragem (Tabela preenchida no campo)

**Condições de Referência** – definidas para os tipos A5, A6 e A7

**Tabela de pontuações** – define a pontuação a atribuir a cada métrica, face ao desvio das condições medidas em relação às condições de referência

## Bibliografia:

- Neto *et al.*, (2012). *Ecological Indicators* 19: 39-47.
- PGRH. Anexos da Parte 2 – Caracterização e Diagnóstico.
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p-MarMAT	EQR	Qualidade Ecológica
0-7	0-0.27	Má
8-14	0.28-0.45	Medíocre
15-21	0.46-0.60	Razoável
22-28	0.61-0.79	Boa
29-36	0.80-1	Excelente

# EQB – MACROALGAS OPORTUNISTAS

## Índice BMI – *Blooming Macroalgae Index*

**Métrica 1:** área intertidal disponível para os florescimentos, i.e., excluindo as áreas ocupadas por vegetação e/ou substrato duro

**Métrica 2:** área ocupada pelos florescimentos

**Métrica 3:** percentagem de cobertura dos florescimentos.

Tipo Nacional		Índice	Excelente	Bom	Razoável	Medíocre	Mau
Estuário mesotidal estratificado	A1	BMI	≥ 0,80	[0,60 - 0,80[	[0,40 - 0,60[	[0,20 - 0,40[	[0 - 0,20[
Estuário mesotidal homogéneo com descargas irregulares de rio	A2	BMI	≥ 0,80	[0,60 - 0,80[	[0,40 - 0,60[	[0,20 - 0,40[	[0 - 0,20[

## Bibliografia:

- Patrício, et al., (2003). *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 54: 1887-1896
- PGRH. Anexos da Parte 2 – Caracterização e Diagnóstico
- [www.apambiente.pt](http://www.apambiente.pt)

# EQB - SAPAIS

## Índice AQuA-Index - *Angiosperm Quality Assessment Index*

**Métrica 1:** Diversidade de Shannon

**Métrica 2:** Diversidade Máxima de Shannon

**Métrica 3:** Índice de Equitabilidade de Pielou

**Métrica 4:** Índice de Diversidade de Margalef

**Métrica 5:** Número total de espécies

AquA-Index	Qualidade Ecológica
0.00-0.19	Má
0.20-0.39	Medíocre
0.40-0.59	Razoável
0.60-0.79	Boa
0.80-1.00	Excelente

Aplicando a formulação definida em Caçador *et al.*, (2013) é calculado o valor do índice

### Bibliografia:

- Caçador et al., (2013). *Ecological Indicators* 25: 141-148.
- PGRH. Anexos da Parte 2 – Caracterização e Diagnóstico.
- [www.apambiente.pt](http://www.apambiente.pt)

# EQB – ERVAS MARINHAS

## Índice SQI – *Seagrass Quality Index*

**Métrica 1** – composição taxonómica

**Métrica 2** – abundância

2.1 área intertidal ocupada

2.2 densidade de indivíduos/meristemas foliares

2.3 % cobertura média e/ou distribuição de classes de cobertura

Índice	Excelente	Bom	Razoável	Mediocre	Mau
SQI	$\geq 0,80$	[0,60 - 0,80[	[0,40 - 0,60[	[0,20 - 0,40[	[0 - 0,20[

As **condições de referência** são estabelecidas por massa de água, tendo em consideração dados históricos e a avaliação de peritos

A partir da formulação descrita em Neto *et al.*, (2013), é calculado o valor do índice

## Bibliografia:

- Neto, *et al.*, (2013). *Ecological Indicators* 30, 130-137.
- PGRH. Anexos da Parte 2 – Caracterização e Diagnóstico.
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# EQB – MACROINVERTEBRADOS BENTÓNICOS

Índice BAT – *Benthic Assessment Tool* (macroinvertebrados de substrato móvel)

**Métrica 1:** Índice de Margalef – Riqueza específica

**Métrica 2:** Índice de Shannon-Weaver - Abundância

**Métrica 3:** AMBI - AZTI's Marine Biotic Index – Grupos ecológicos

Após o cálculo dos índices, os valores dos mesmos são normalizados e submetidos a análise fatorial de acordo com a metodologia proposta por Bald *et al.*, (2005) e Muxika *et al.*, (2007)

Tipo Nacional		Índice	Excelente	Bom	Razoável	Mediocre	Mau
Estuário mesotidal estratificado	A1	BAT	≥ 0,79	[0,58 - 0,79[	[0,44 – 0,58[	[0,27 - 0,44[	< 0,27
Estuário mesotidal homogéneo com descargas irregulares de rio	A2	BAT	≥ 0,79	[0,58 - 0,79[	[0,44 – 0,58[	[0,27 - 0,44[	< 0,27

## Bibliografia:

- Teixeira *et al.*, (2009). *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 58 (10), 1477-1486.
- PGRH. Anexos da Parte 2 – Caracterização e Diagnóstico.
- [www.apambiente.pt](http://www.apambiente.pt)

# EQB - PEIXES

Índice **EFAI - Estuarine Fish Assessment Index**

- Métrica 1:** Riqueza específica
- Métrica 2:** Percentagem de indivíduos que utilizam o estuário como viveiro
- Métrica 3:** Percentagem de indivíduos de espécies residentes
- Métrica 4:** Espécies piscívoras
- Métrica 5:** Espécies diadromas
- Métrica 6:** Espécies sensíveis a perturbações

EFAI	EQR	Qualidade Ecológica
6-8	0.20	Má
9-12	0.30	Medíocre
13-17	0.43	Razoável
18-25	0.60	Boa
26-30	0.86	Excelente

**Condições de Referência** – definidas para estuários (estuário hipotético) e massas de água oligohalinas, mesohalinas e polihalinas

**Tabela de pontuações** – define a pontuação a atribuir a cada métrica, face ao desvio das condições medidas em relação às condições de referência

## Bibliografia:

- Cabral *et al.*, (2012). *Ecological Indicators*: 144-153.
- PGRH. Anexos da Parte 2 – Caracterização e Diagnóstico.
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# SISTEMAS DE CLASSIFICAÇÃO - RESUMO



# Mediterranean GIG River BQEs Intercalibration Exercise

*Macroinvertebrates, diatoms and  
macrophytes*

*General Coordinator: Teresa Ferreira*

*Coordinator benthic macroinvertebrates: Maria João Feio*

*Coordinator benthic microflora: Salomé Almeida*

*Coordinator macrophytes: Francisca Aguiar*

*Coordinator Fish: Pedro Segurado*

- 7 countries participating: Portugal, France, Spain, Cyprus, Slovenia, Greece (only macrophytes) and Italy
- 42 experts and country representatives
- 21 international meetings, of which 7 General Med GIG meetings



# Overview of Methods to be intercalibrated

## Benthic macroinvertebrates

Member State	Method	Status	Reported in Wiser
<b>Portugal</b>	Rivers Biological Quality Assessment Method-Benthic Invertebrates (IPtIN, IPtIS)	1	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Spain 1</b>	Iberian Biological Monitoring Working Party (IBMWP)	1	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Spain 2</b>	Iberian Mediterranean Multimetric Index—using quantitative data (IMMi-T)	1	<b>Yes</b>
<b>France</b>	Global biological normalized index (IBGN)	1	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	STAR Intercalibration Common Metric Index (STAR-ICMi)	1	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	Slovenian Ecological Status assessment system for rivers using benthic invertebrates	1,2	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Italy</b>	Based on STAR_ICM index calculation (MacrOper)	1,2	<b>Yes</b>

# National method descriptions

MS	National method	Reference conditions setting at National level
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# Compliance checking of national methods

3. All relevant parameters indicative of the biological quality element are covered (see Table 1 in the IC Guidance)<sup>2</sup>. A combination rule to combine parameter assessment into BQE assessment has to be defined. If parameters are missing, Member States need to demonstrate that the method is sufficiently indicative of the status of the QE as a whole.

PT-yes

SP- abundance and diversity are not used;

SP2-yes

FR- abundance class in progress (see wiser)

IT-yes

SI-yes

CY-yes

<sup>2</sup> Diversity is used by the common metric (ICM), which is also the IT and CY method. PT method uses equitability as a metric, which is also derived from Shannon-Wiener diversity. FR includes the total number of taxa and SP2 the total number of families. All methods are highly correlated with the common metric (except SP with a lower correlation), which is fully compliant and has reliable responses to pressures.

# Compliance checking of national methods

7. Sampling procedure allows for representative information about water body quality/ ecological status in space and time<sup>3</sup>

PT- sampling done in 1 occasion in the year:  
February-June  
SP- 1 occasion: Spring; SP2: 1 occasion  
FR- 1 occasion June-September  
IT- 2 (temporary rivers, Spring and Winter)  
or 3 occasions (Spring, Winter and  
Autumn/Summer)  
SI - 1 occasion: June to September  
CY- 3 occasions: Winter, Spring and Autumn

<sup>3</sup> Sampling takes place 1-3 times depending on the MS. Spring (month varies according to geographical location) is common to all MS. Testing with the present data set suggests that the time variability is not relevant in terms of EQR variability, even in Mediterranean conditions (please refer to Section 6.1).

# Common intercalibration types

Common IC type	Type characteristics	MS sharing IC common type
RM1	catchment <100 km <sup>2</sup> ; mixed geology (except non-siliceous); highly seasonal	France, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
RM2	catchment 100-1000 km <sup>2</sup> ; mixed geology (except non-siliceous); highly seasonal	France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
<b>RM3 - insufficient reference sites for intercalibration purposes, and some methods were not comparable</b>		
RM4	non-siliceous streams; highly seasonal	Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Spain
RM5	temporary rivers	Cyprus, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain

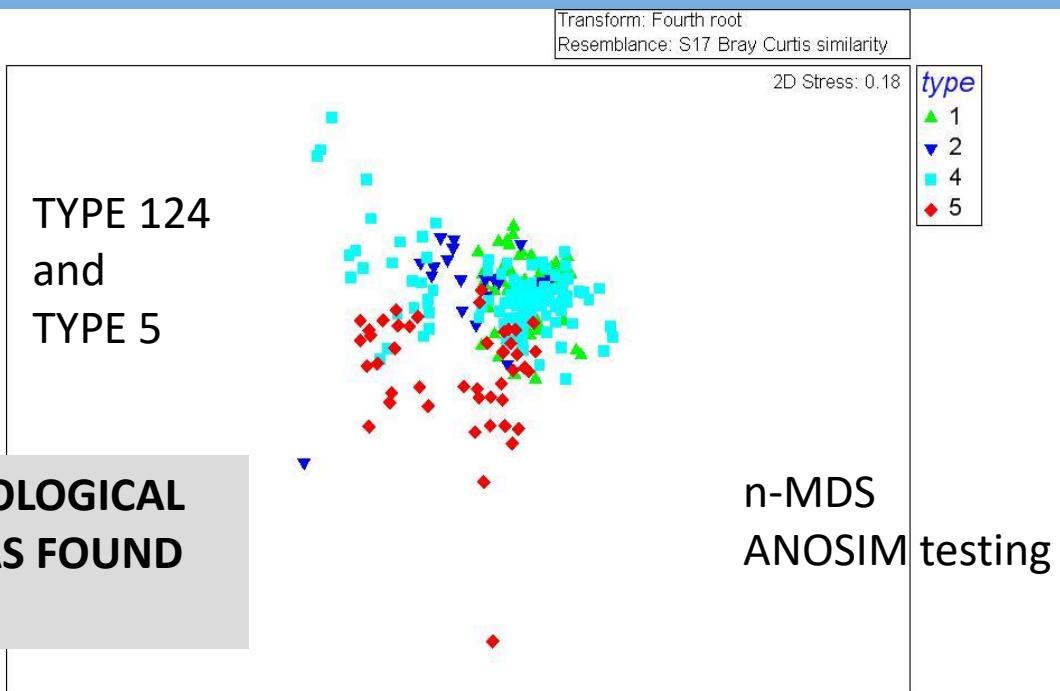
# Common intercalibration types

Note: The borders of the types were redefined for a better adjustment to the ecological reality. The redefinition was based on ordination data treatment, and presented, discussed and agreed in the General Mediterranean GIG meetings. The biological analysis furthermore revealed a poor segregation between types RM1, 2 and 4. Therefore these types were treated together throughout the IC process.

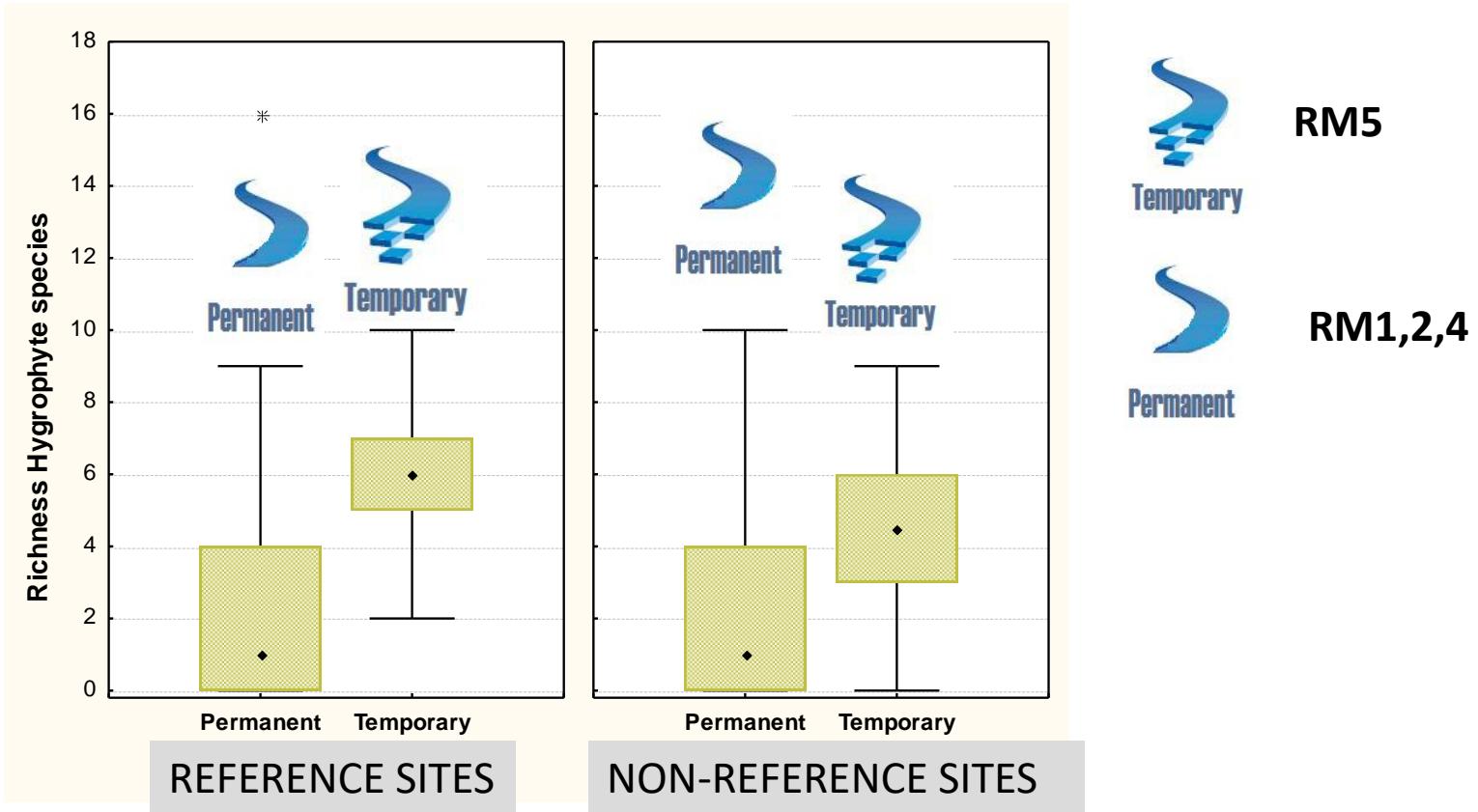
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TYPE 124  
and  
TYPE 5

**THE SAME TYPOLOGICAL  
SIMILARITY WAS FOUND  
FOR ALL BQE**



# Biological concordance for the 2 types used



Temporary



RM1,2,4

Permanent

intermittency = helophytes ↑ hygrophytes ↑ hydrophytes ↓  
■ mosses, liverworts, pterophytes, supra-aquatic bryophyta

# Overview of Methods to be intercalibrated

## Macrophytes

MS	Method	Abb.	Appropriate to types
Cyprus	Multimetric Macrophyte Index	MMI	RM5
	Biological Macrophytes Index for Rivers	IBMR	RM4
France	Biological Macrophytes Index for Rivers	IBMR	RM1, 2, 4
Greece	Biological Macrophytes Index for Rivers	IBMR	RM2
Italy	Biological Macrophytes Index for Rivers	IBMR	RM1, 2, 4 and RM5
Portugal	Biological Macrophytes Index for Rivers	IBMR	RM1,2,4 and RM5
Slovenia	River Macrophyte Index	RMI	RM1,2,4 and RM5
Spain	Biological Macrophytes Index for Rivers	IBMR	RM1, 2, 4 and RM5

### Multimetric Macrophyte Index

Metrics: Number of nitrophyllous species, log (No of Gramineae), Number of Helophytes\_herb, species richness, mean cover of green algae (categorical)

Papastergiadou E., P. Manolaki. 2011. MedGIG Report: R-M5 IC river types of Cyprus. Developing an Assessment system of R-M5 river types for Cyprus. Patras University, Greece, 21 pp. (not published)

Kuhar, U., Germ, M., Gaberščik,A., Urbanič, G. 2011. Development of a River Macrophyte Index (RMI) for assessing river ecological status. Limnologica 41:235-243.

# Overview of Methods to be intercalibrated

## Diatoms

Member State	Method	Status	Reported in Wiser
Cyprus	IPS (Coste in Cemagref, 1982)	1, 2	Yes
France	IBD 2007 (Coste et al, Ecol. Ind. 2009) (AFNOR NF-T-90-354, December 2007)	1, 2	Yes
Italy	ICMi (Intercalibration Common Metric) Index (Mancini & Sollazzo, 2009)	1, 2	No
Portugal	IPS (Coste in Cemagref, 1982)	1, 2	Yes
Slovenia	Slovenian Ecological Status assessment system for rivers using phytobenthos based on the Saprobic index (Rott et al. 1997) and the Trophic index (Rott et al. 1999)	1, 2	Yes
Spain	IPS (Coste in Cemagref, 1982)	1, 2	Yes

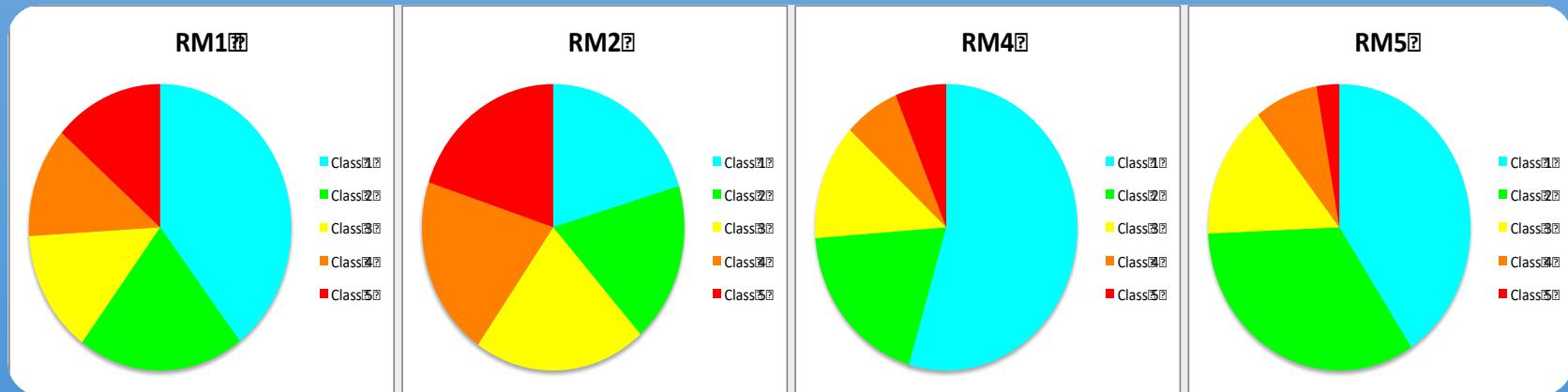
Ecological status assessment system for rivers using phytobenthos

Uradni list Republike Slovenije stran (pp) 832, št. (no) 10, 9.2.2009.

Metrics: Saprobic index ( $SI = \frac{\text{Sum of (Indicator Taxa Abundance} * \text{Saprobic value} * \text{Indicator weight})}{\text{Indicator Taxa Abundance} * \text{Indicator weight}}$ ) / Indicator Taxa Abundance\* Indicator weight), Trophic index ( $TI = \frac{\text{Sum of (Indicator Taxa Abundance} * \text{Trophic value} * \text{Indicator weight})}{\text{Indicator Taxa Abundance} * \text{Indicator weight}}$ ) / Indicator Taxa Abundance\* Indicator weight).

# Collection of IC dataset

Distribution of samples by quality class  
(example from invertebrates)



Do we have a good expression of the disturbance gradient?

# Reference conditions approach (Med GIG)

## Conditions of acceptance

Pressure variables	References are accepted if	
	RM1+RM2+RM4	RM5
Channelization (classes 1-4)		
Bank alteration (classes 1-4)		
Connectivity (classes 1-4)		
Local habitat alteration (classes 1-4)		≤ 2
Stream Flow (classes 1-4)		
Upstream dams influence (classes 1-4)		
Hydropeaking (classes 1-4)		
Riparian Vegetation (classes 1-4)		
DO (mg/L) <sup>1</sup>	6,39-13,70	
O <sub>2</sub> (%)	73,72-127,92	60,34-127,92
N-NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> (mg/L)	≤0,09	
N-NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	≤1,15	
P-Total (mg/L)	≤0,07	
P-PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> (mg/L)	≤0,06	
% Artificial areas (catchm)	≤1	
% Intensive agriculture (catchm)	≤11	
% Extensive agriculture (catchm)	≤32	
% Semi-natural areas (catchm)	≥68	
% Urbanisation (reach) <sup>2</sup>	≤1	
% Land use (reach) <sup>2</sup>	≤20	
% Agriculture (reach) <sup>2</sup>	≤20	

<sup>1</sup> for macrophytes only, instead of O<sub>2</sub> (%)

<sup>2</sup> for diatoms only, instead of land use in the catchment

Step 1- Only sites with 1 categorical pressure were sorted from the 919 RS  
Step 2- Reference thresholds were calculated  
Step 3- Final screening and values

# Reference conditions approach (Med GIG)

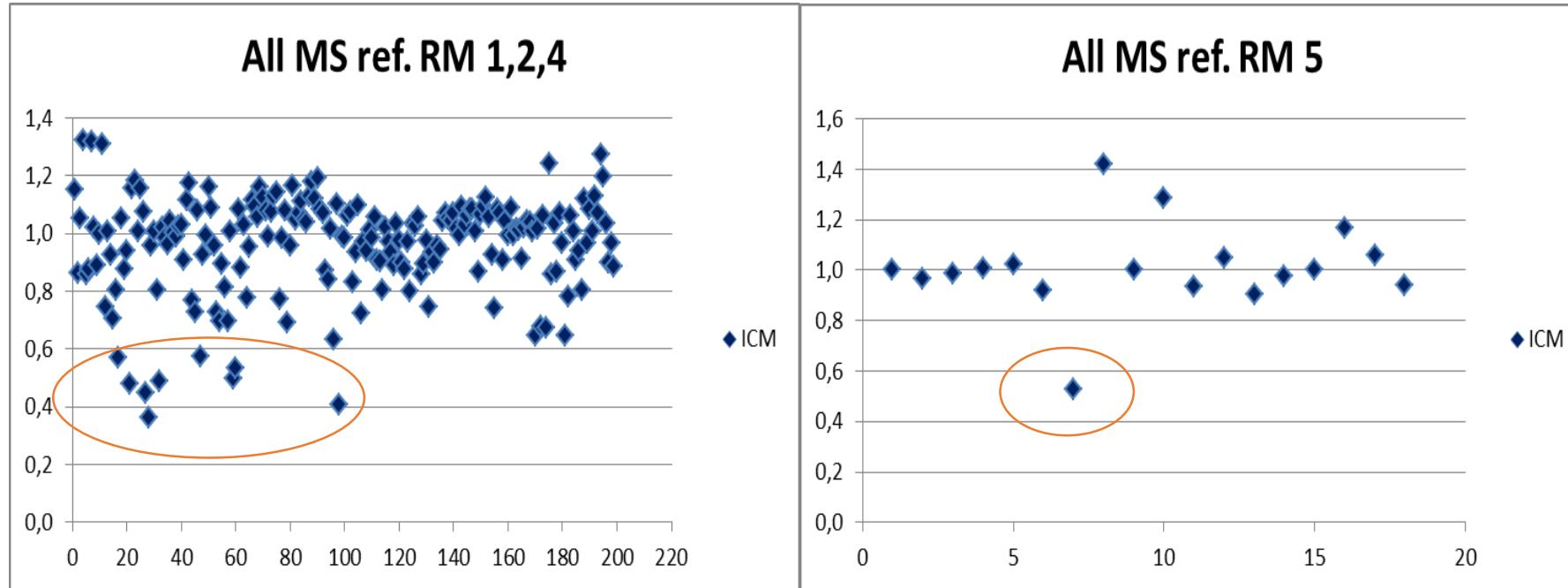
## Checking Med reference sites (macroinvertebrates)

	Reference sites ICMi (rho, p, n)
Channelization (class)	-0.023, p>0.05, 234
Bank alteration (class)	0.016, p>0.05, 234
Connectivity (class)	-0.145, p<0.05, 236
Local habitat alteration (class)	-0.023, p>0.05, 128
Stream flow (class)	-0.112, p>0.05, 236
Upstream dams influence (class)	0.000, p>0.05, 236
Hydropeaking (class)	0.080, p>0.05, 236
Riparian vegetation (class)	-0.015, p>0.05, 234
O2 (%)	-0.100, p>0.05, 227
N-NH4+ (mg/l)	-0.035, p>0.05, 226
N-NO3- (mg/l)	-0.103, p>0.05, 229
P-Total (mg/l)	0.182, p<0.05, 164
P-PO4 (mg/l)	-0.028, p>0.05, 217
BOD5 (mg/l)	-0.145, p<0.05, 210
Artificial areas (%)	-0.224, p<0.001, 236
Intensive agriculture (%)	-0.216, p<0.001, 236
Extensive agriculture (%)	-0.079, p>0.05, 236
Semi-natural areas (%)	0.155, p<0.05, 236
Extensive agriculture (%)	0.122, p<0.02, 236
Intensive agriculture (%)	-0.070, p>0.05, 236
Semi-natural areas (%)	-0.132, p<0.05, 236
Extensive agriculture (%)	0.000, p<0.05, 236

The IC benchmark sites include sites with small changes at the connectivity level and land use, which was the accepted level for common thresholds.

# Reference conditions approach (Med GIG)

## Checking Med reference sites (diatoms)



Samples with ICM values below 0,6 (circled in red) were considered outliers/extremes and removed from subsequent analyses

# Collection of IC reference dataset: macrophytes

Member State	RM1	RM2	RM4	RM5	Total
Cyprus	-	-	3	8	11
France	10	-	17	-	27
Greece	-	13	1	-	14
Italy	5	0	12	0	17
Portugal	10	10	-	9	29
Slovenia	0	0	-	0	0
Spain	10	1	28	0	39
<i>Sum</i>	35	24	61	17	137

432 sites were provided by MS  
(25 to 108 at country level)

Reference data set was subjected to screening using Mediterranean reference conditions

For RM5 the number of available reference sites can be insufficient (8 sites for the overall database).

Member State	RM1		RM2		RM4		RM5		TOTAL	
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	3	100%	5	63%	8	73%
France	6	60%	-	-	10	59%	-	-	16	59%
Greece	-	-	9	69%	1	100%	-	-	10	71%
Italy	4	80%	-	-	11	92%	-	-	15	88%
Portugal	8	80%	5	50%	-	-	3	33%	16	55%
Slovenia	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-
Spain	5	50%	0	0%	16	57%	0	0%	21	54%
<i>Sum</i>	23	66%	14	58%	41	67%	8	47%	86	63%



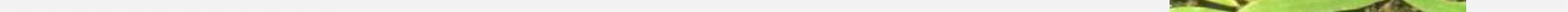
# Response to pressures: macrophytes

Method	Pressure
RMI (Slovenia)	Catchment land use, Eutrophication
IBMR (Cyprus, Greece, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain)	Cyprus –hydrological, morphological, land-use and physico-chemical degradation. Greece - hydrological, morphological, land use and physico-chemical degradation. France - Eutrophication, General degradation, Hydromorphological degradation; Italy –Eutrophication, General degradation, Pollution by organic matter; Portugal – Eutrophication, General degradation. Spain - Eutrophication, General degradation.
MMI (Cyprus)	Cyprus – hydrological, morphological, land use and physico-chemical degradation.

the Mediterranean GIG database was used to test the response of each metric to: individual types of pressures and to a general degradation gradient (obtained from PCA axes scores)



HARMONIZATION IN MED GID



# MACROPHYTES

INTERCALIBRATING FOR THE  
FIRST TIME

# IC MedGIG macrophytes steps

1. Whenever possible, River Macrophyte Index, RMI



(Slovenian National Method) **was computed** in the entire database. The IBMR was also computed for the Slovenian sites.

2. **The IBMR was regressed against RMI** in order to check the relatedness of indices and to convert RMI boundaries into the IBMR scale. Only sites from Greece, Italy, Portugal and Slovenia were used in the regression (Spain, Cyprus and France were not considered because the RMI was computed for too small number of sites).

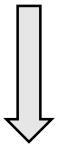
# Results RM1,2,4

6 countries – national method IBMR (same data acquisition, method and calculation)

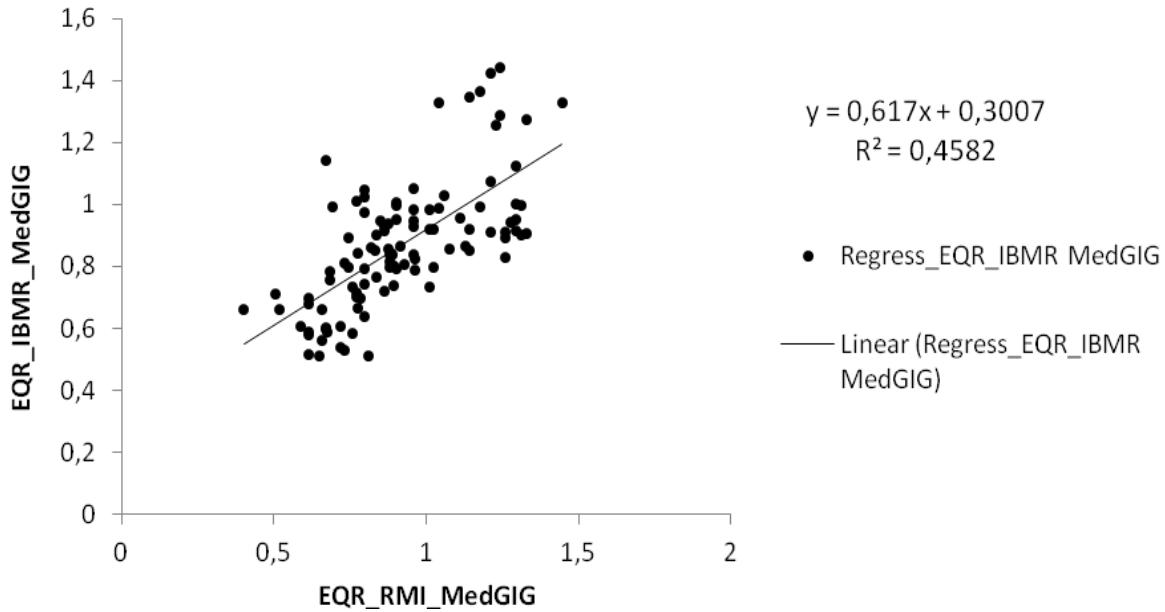


1 country – Slovenia RMI

1) IC Option 1 – 6 countries/ all dataset



2) IC Option 3 – Slovenia



r=0,677 OK  
p=0.000001 OK  
slope of regression OK

# RM1,2,4 – preliminary steps



Calculate the EQR site values for Mediterranean GIG (MedGIG EQR), using the IBMR absolute values divided by the median of the IBMR values of MedGIG reference sites (previously screened with MedGIG criteria).

Convert boundaries to IC EQR using regression analyses per MS:  
MedGIG EQR vs. National EQR IBMR reference sites.



MS	Regression equations
CY	$y = 0.5275x + 0.4837$
FR	$y = 0.7939x + 0.1794$
GR	$y = 0.6316x + 0.5124$
IT	$y = 0.9889x - 0.0395$
PT	$y = 1.0833x - 4E-05$
SP	$y = 0.9614x - 0.0056$

	CY	FR	GR	IT	PT	SP
H/G	0.9031	0.9177	0.9861	0.8505	0.9966	0.9077
G/M	0.7981	0.8066	0.8661	0.7516	0.7474	0.6770
M/P	0.6931	0.7034	0.7461	0.6033	0.4983	0.4463
P/B	0.5881	0.5922	0.6324	0.4550	0.2491	0.2251

## RM1,2,4 – Option 1



**Boundary harmonization using IC Option 1:** all countries except Slovenia (national method IBMR)

**The boundary bias criterion was used:** boundary bias should be less than a quarter of the width of a class. We used the median of the boundaries to compute the boundary bias. We changed iteratively the values of the boundaries that did not meet the criteria until the median of the boundaries was included within the quarter of the class (High or Good).

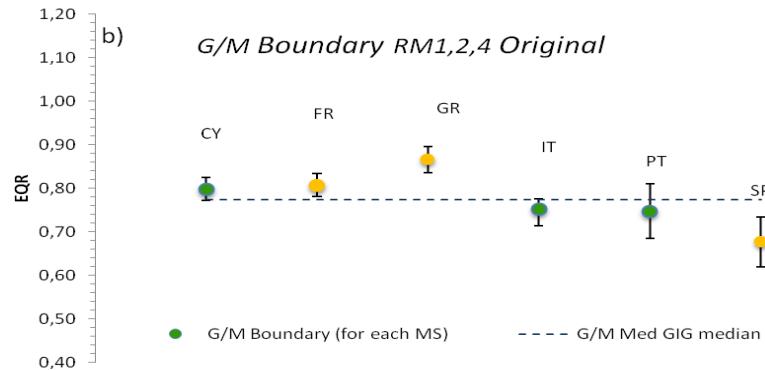
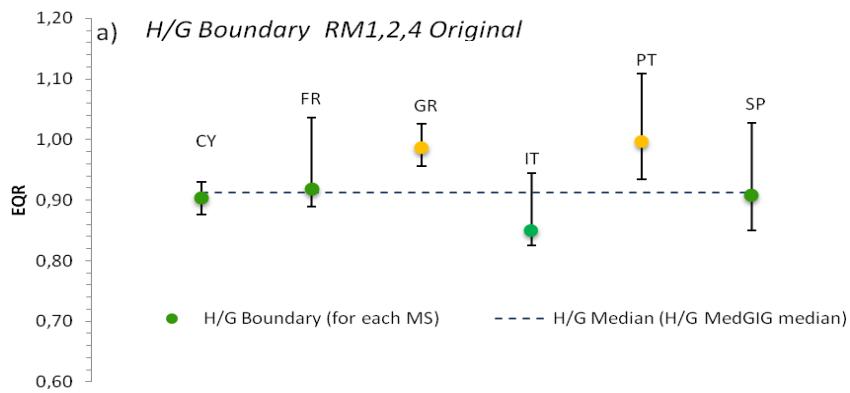


# RM1,2,4 – before harmonisation



	CY	FR	GR	IT	PT	SP
<b>Max</b>	1.011	1.393	1.144	1.226	1.443	1.386
<b>MedGIG_H/G</b>	0.903	0.918	0.986	0.851	0.997	0.908
<b>MedGIG_G/M</b>	0.798	0.807	0.866	0.752	0.747	0.677
<b>MedGIG_M/P</b>	0.693	0.703	0.746	0.603	0.498	0.446
<b>MedGIG_P/B</b>	0.588	0.592	0.632	0.455	0.249	0.225
<b>H width to Max</b>	0.11	0.48	0.16	0.38	0.45	0.48
<b>G width</b>	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.25	0.23
<b>M width</b>	0.10	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.25	0.23
<b>H/G bias</b>	-0.01	0.00	0.07	-0.06	0.08	0.00
<b>G/M bias</b>	0.02	0.03	0.09	-0.02	-0.03	-0.10
<b>H/G bias_CW</b>	-0.09	0.04	0.61	-0.17	0.34	-0.01
<b>G/M bias_CW</b>	0.22	0.31	0.76	-0.23	-0.11	-0.42

	Median MedGIG
H/G	0.9127
G/M	0.7749

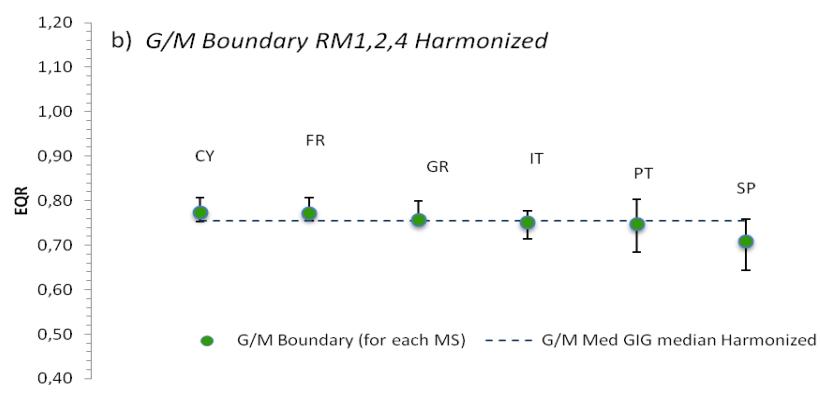
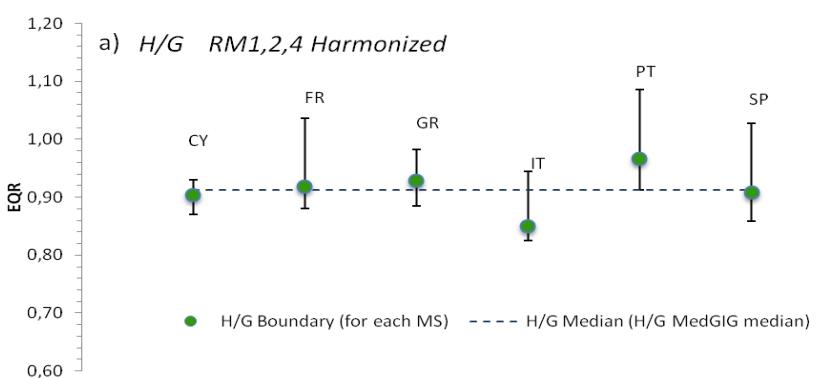




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<b>MedGIG_M/P</b>	0.693	0.703	0.746	0.603	0.498	0.446		
<b>MedGIG_P/B</b>	0.588	0.592	0.632	0.455	0.249	0.225		
<b>H width to Max</b>	0.108	0.476	0.216	0.376	0.476	0.478	H/G	0.9127
<b>G width</b>	0.129	0.147	0.171	0.099	0.220	0.199	G/M	0.7543
<b>M width</b>	0.081	0.068	0.011	0.148	0.249	0.263		
<b>H/G bias</b>	-0.010	0.005	0.015	-0.062	0.054	-0.005		
<b>G/M bias</b>	0.020	0.017	0.003	-0.003	-0.007	-0.045		
<b>H/G bias_CW</b>	-0.09	0.03	0.09	-0.17	0.25	-0.01		
<b>G/M bias_CW</b>	0.24	0.25	0.25	-0.03	-0.03	-0.23		



## Ecological characterization between G and M ecological status



Major changes between G and M associated with:

- ↓ species richness (median in G sites =12; M sites=7),
- ↑ cover and frequency of pondweed taxa, such as *Potamogeton pectinatus* and *P. nodosus*, macroalgae (e.g. *Enteromorpha* sp., *Cladophora* sp.), and other hydrophytes (*Lemna gibba*, *Nuphar lutea* ), and of some emergent species, such as *Schoenoplectus lacustris*.



# Ecological characterization



- loss and/or ↓ cover of bryophytes, mainly *Rhynchosstegium riparioides*, *Fontinalis antipyretica*, *Fissidens crassipes*, *Eurhynchium praelongum*, *Lunularia cruciata* and *Amblystegium riparium*, and of some amphibious and hygrophyte species (*Lotus pedunculatus*, *Carex elata*, *C. pendula*).
- Some infrequent species in the data base, bryophytes (*Bryum* sp.) , isoetids, *Juncus* sp., *Myosotis* sp. were only observed in sites classified in Good ecological status.
- Some alien invasive species raise their abundance due the raise of pressures, this is the case of *Azolla* sp.

# RM5 – Option 1 (IT and PT)

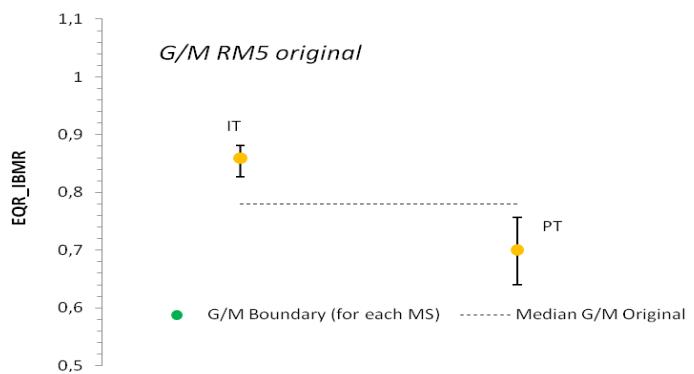
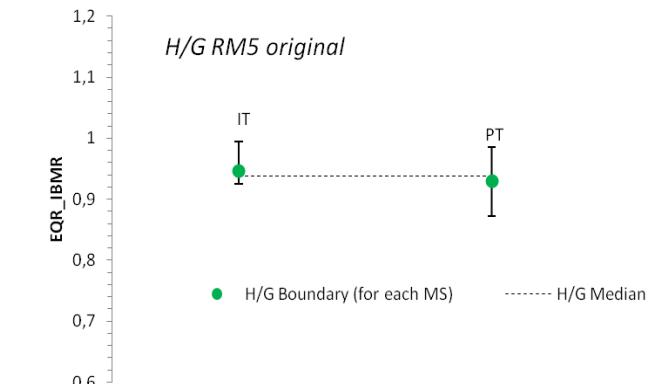
Boundaries	Original		Original MedGIG	
	IT	PT	IT	PT
<b>Max</b>	1.1240	1.1538	1.1405	1.1535
<b>H/G</b>	0.90	0.93	0.946	0.930
<b>G/M</b>	0.80	0.70	0.859	0.700
<b>M/P</b>	0.65	0.46	0.729	0.460
<b>P/B</b>	0.50	0.23	0.599	0.230

	Original		Harmonized	
	IT	PT	IT	PT
<b>Max</b>	1.1404	1.1535	1.1404	1.1535
<b>MedGIG_H/G</b>	0.946	0.930	0.946	0.930
<b>MedGIG_G/M</b>	0.859	0.700	0.726	0.728
<b>MedGIG_M/P</b>	0.729	0.460	0.729	0.460
<b>MedGIG_P/B</b>	0.599	0.230	0.599	0.230
<b>Median H/G MedGIG</b>	0.938		0.938	
<b>Median G/M MedGIG</b>	0.780		0.727	
<b>H width to Max</b>	0.194	0.224	0.194	0.224
<b>G width</b>	0.087	0.230	0.220	0.202
<b>M width</b>	0.130	0.240	-0.003	0.268
<b>H/G bias</b>	0.008	-0.008	0.008	-0.008
<b>G/M bias</b>	0.080	-0.080	-0.001	0.001
<b>H/G bias_CW</b>	0.092	-0.036	0.036	-0.036
<b>G/M bias_CW</b>	0.612	-0.346	-0.005	0.004

Regression analyses per MS used to convert the national boundaries into comparable boundaries.

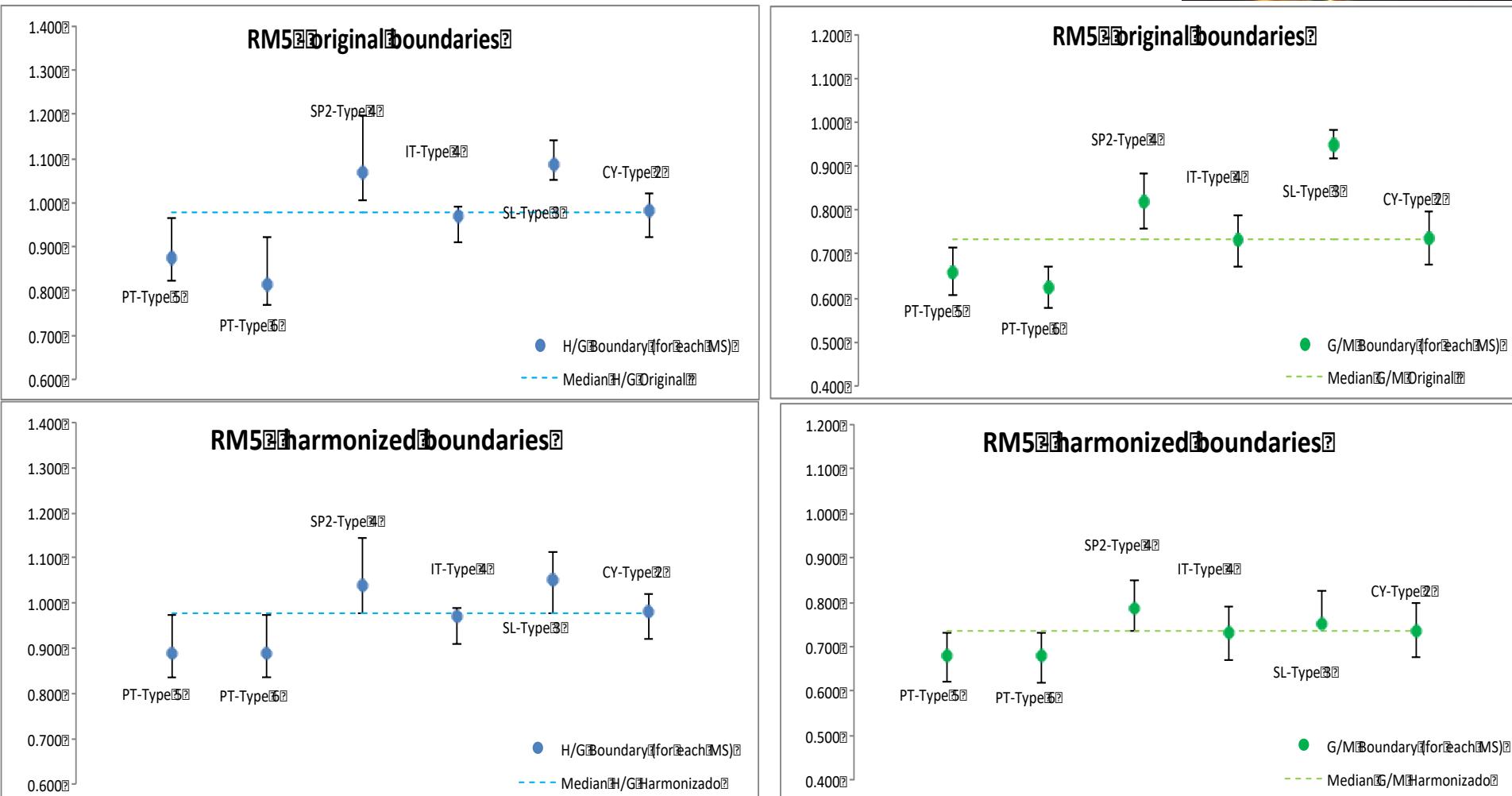
$$\text{IT: } Y=0.8674x+0.1655;$$

$$\text{PT: } 0.9999+0.0002$$





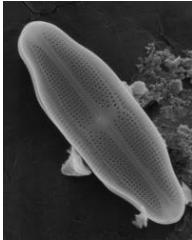
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	PT-Type 1	PT-Type 2	PT-Type 3	PT-Type 4	SP-Type 1	SP-Type 2	SP-Type 3	FR-Type 1	FR-Type 2	FR-Type 3	IT-Type 1	IT-Type 2	IT-Type 3	SL-Type 1	SL-Type 2	CY - Type 3
High Max (maximum of national EQR)	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,188	1,166	1,166	1,166	1,124	1,124	1,124	1,262	1,262	1,262	1,514	1,514	1,339
H/G Boundary + 0.25H	1,042	0,993	0,993	1,042	0,885	0,886	0,884	0,939	0,939	0,939	0,921	0,921	0,921	1,169	1,169	0,998
H/G Boundary (for each MS)	0,993	0,928	0,928	0,993	0,791	0,792	0,790	0,877	0,877	0,877	0,808	0,808	0,808	1,055	1,055	0,884
H/G Boundary - 0.25H	0,928	0,865	0,865	0,928	0,742	0,742	0,740	0,838	0,838	0,838	0,759	0,759	0,759	1,017	1,017	0,811
H/G MedGIG Mean	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896	0,896
H/G quarter (+)	0,049	0,065	0,065	0,049	0,094	0,093	0,094	0,062	0,062	0,062	0,114	0,114	0,114	0,115	0,115	0,114
H/G quarter (-)	0,066	0,063	0,063	0,066	0,050	0,050	0,049	0,039	0,039	0,039	0,048	0,048	0,048	0,038	0,038	0,074

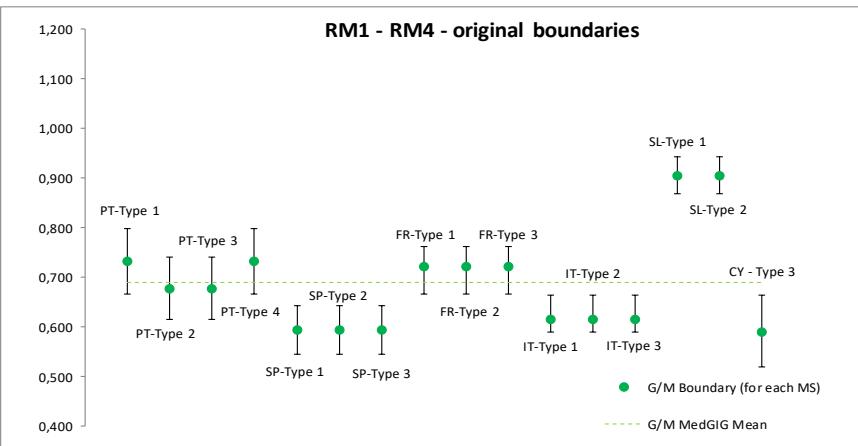
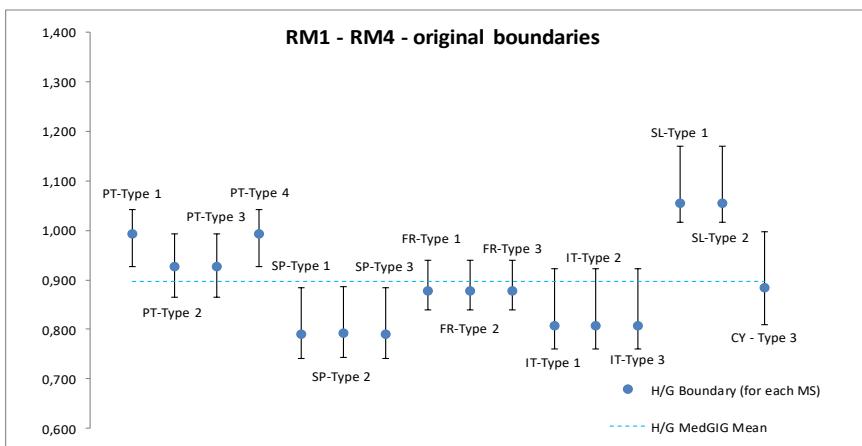
Mean H/G Original	0,896
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	PT-Type 1	PT-Type 2	PT-Type 3	PT-Type 4	SP-Type 1	SP-Type 2	SP-Type 3	FR-Type 1	FR-Type 2	FR-Type 3	IT-Type 1	IT-Type 2	IT-Type 3	SL-Type 1	SL-Type 2	CY - Type 3
Good/moderate Max	0,993	0,928	0,928	0,993	0,791	0,792	0,790	0,877	0,877	0,877	0,808	0,808	0,808	1,055	1,055	0,884
G/M+ 0.25H	0,797	0,739	0,739	0,797	0,642	0,643	0,642	0,761	0,761	0,761	0,663	0,663	0,663	0,942	0,942	0,663
G/M Boundary (for each MS)	0,731	0,677	0,677	0,731	0,593	0,594	0,593	0,722	0,722	0,722	0,615	0,615	0,615	0,904	0,904	0,590
G/M Boundary - 0.25H	0,666	0,614	0,614	0,666	0,544	0,545	0,544	0,666	0,666	0,666	0,589	0,589	0,589	0,867	0,867	0,518
M/P Min	0,469	0,425	0,425	0,469	0,399	0,400	0,397	0,499	0,499	0,499	0,513	0,513	0,513	0,754	0,754	0,302
G/M MedGIG Mean	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688	0,688
G/M quarter (+)	0,066	0,063	0,063	0,066	0,050	0,050	0,049	0,039	0,039	0,039	0,048	0,048	0,048	0,038	0,038	0,074
G/M quarter (-)	0,066	0,063	0,063	0,066	0,048	0,048	0,049	0,056	0,056	0,056	0,025	0,025	0,025	0,038	0,038	0,072

Mean G/M Original	0,688
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H/G Statistic	0,372	0,127	0,127	0,372	-0,279	-0,278	-0,282	-0,076	-0,076	-0,076	-0,194	-0,194	-0,194	1,057	1,057	-0,026
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G/M Statistic	0,165	-0,046	-0,046	0,165	-0,480	-0,476	-0,484	0,152	0,152	0,152	-0,379	-0,379	-0,379	1,441	1,441	-0,334
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# EXERCICIO DE INTERCALIBRAÇÃO

Grupo de Intercalibração Geográficos (GIG) que partilham tipos de massas de água comuns

- Costeiras: Tipos nacionais A5, A6 e A7 -> Tipo comunitário NEA 1/26
- Transição: Tipo nacional A1 -> Tipo comunitário NEA 11



O valor das fronteiras entre o Estado Excelente/Estado Bom e o Estado Bom/Estado Razoável é estabelecido por meio do IC, garantindo que as classes de qualidade são coerentes com as definições normativas da DQA

## EXERCICIO DE INTERCALIBRAÇÃO

1<sup>a</sup> fase do IC - Decisão  
**2008/915/CE**, de 30 de outubro -> **PGRH1**

2<sup>a</sup> fase do IC – Decisão  
**2013/480/UE** e retificação de 8 de outubro -> **PGRH2**

### 3<sup>a</sup> Decisão de Intercalibração

Decisão (UE) **2018/229** da Comissão de 12 de Fevereiro de 2018 que estabelece, nos termos da DQA, os valores para a atribuição de classificações com base nos sistemas de monitorização dos Estados-Membros, no seguimento do Exercício de Intercalibração, e revoga a Decisão 2013/480/UE da Comissão -> **PGRH3**

	Elementos de Qualidade Biológicos	Fases do Exercício de Intercalibração		
		1 <sup>a</sup> Fase	2 <sup>a</sup> Fase	3 <sup>a</sup> Fase
Águas de Transição	Fitoplâncton			
	Macroalgas (oportunistas)			
	Sapais			
	Ervas marinhas			
	Macroinvertebrados bentónicos			
	Peixes			
Águas costeiras	Fitoplâncton			
	Macroalgas			
	Macroinvertebrados bentónicos			
	Ervas marinhas			
Legenda		Não concluído	Incompleto	Concluído