



Current issues regarding ICP Waters

Joint ICP Waters & ICP IM Task Force meeting, Uppsala, Sweden, May 2017



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Outline

Highlights since last time

- Reports
- New web page

Ongoing work

- Mercury report
- Regional acidification assessment
- NEC-directive

Cooperation

ICP IM and ICP Waters in the same boat



Reports



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ICP Water
Proceedings of the
of the ICP Water

NIVA

pH, Conductivity, Alkalinity
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ICP Water
Biodiversity of macro-invertebrates
trends and relations to

UNECE

Towards Cleaner Air
Scientific Assessment Report 2016

The International Cooperative Program
and Monitoring Effects of Air Pollution
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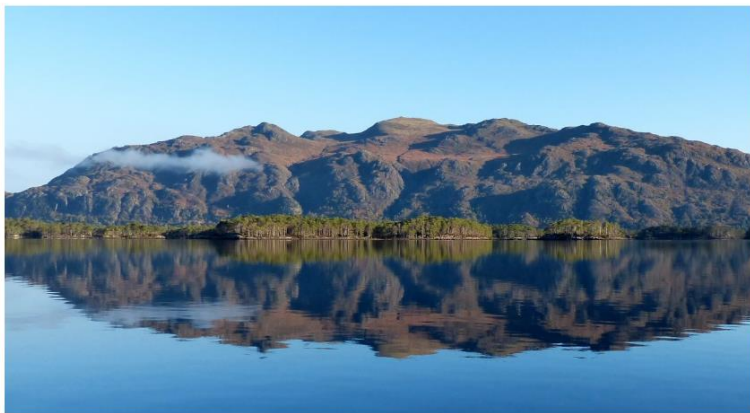
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New web page

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Air pollution and the associated impacts on water quality are large scale environmental

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LATEST NEWS

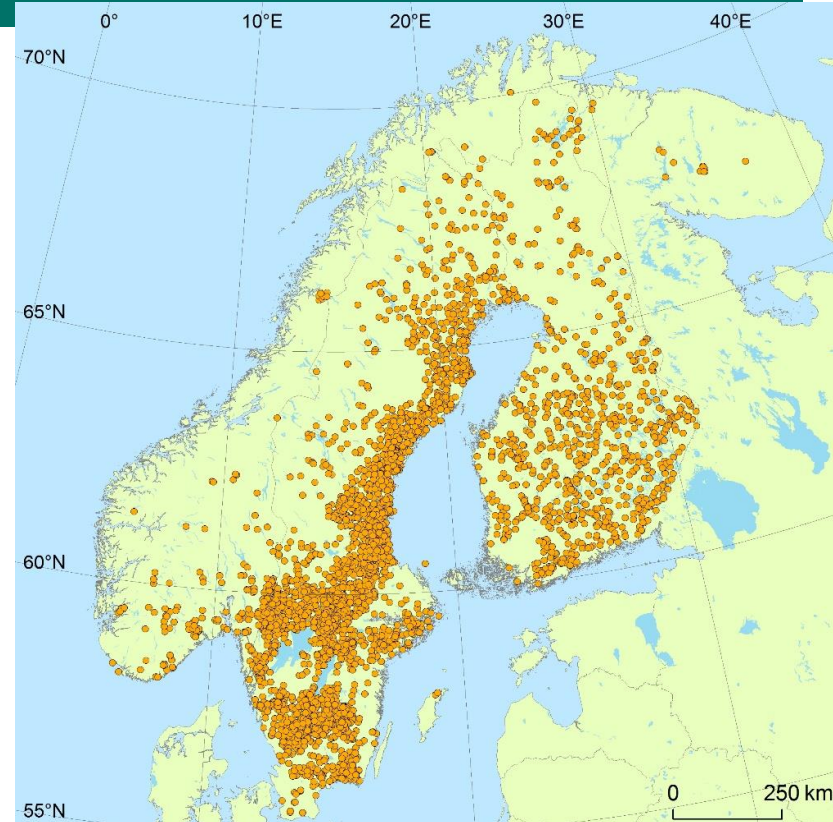
- [Agenda for 33rd Task Force Meeting](#)
May 1, 2017
- [33rd Task Force Meeting announced](#)
December 29, 2016
- [2016 call for data](#)
June 15, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

33rd task force meeting
May 9, 2017 to May 11, 2017
Uppsala, Sweden

Mercury report

- Main authors:
 - Hans Fredrik Veiteberg Braaten (NIVA)
 - Staffan Åkerblom (SLU)
- 3300 lakes, ~55 000 individuals (fish)
- Sweden, Norway, Finland and Russia (Kola peninsula)
- Relevant for Minamata Convention (UNEP)
 - COP meeting in September 2017



NEC Directive

17.12.2016

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Official Journal of the European Union

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(Legislative acts)

DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE (EU) 2016/2284 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 14 December 2016
on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, amending Directive
2003/35/EC and repealing Directive 2001/81/EC

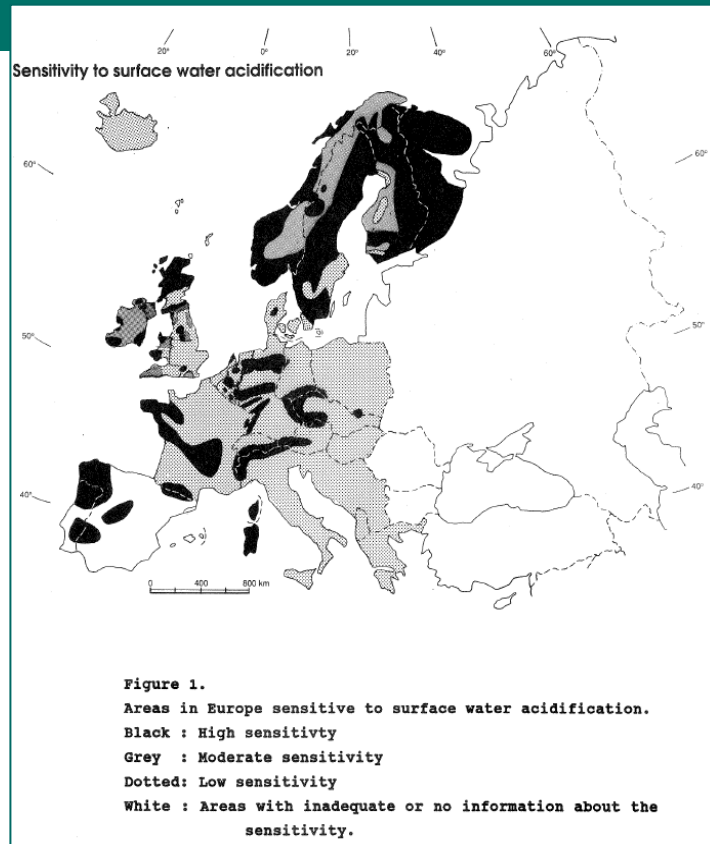
- Revised NEC directive: obligation to monitor negative impacts of air pollution on ecosystems
- Shall be «based on a network of monitoring sites that is representative of freshwater[...]ecosystem types[...] »
- Annex 5: optional monitoring indicators - based on LRTAP monitoring
- Deadline for MS to identify their monitoring networks: 1 July 2018

NEC Directive – what's in it for us?

- Effects monitoring becomes legally binding
- May secure funding of monitoring activities
- Use of ICP Waters database?
- Contact your national authorities to inform/get information

Regional acidification assessment

- Main author: Kari Austnes (NIVA)
- Objective: to *assess the current extent of surface water acidification* in Europe and possibly North America.
- Overview of current acidification status useful supplement to critical loads exceedance maps
- Involvement of NFCs important
- Potential: Could identify gaps in monitoring network (relevant for NEC directive?)



Items for discussion and consideration

- Mercury report
 - How to reach policy makers?
 - Three reviewers for report
- NEC Directive
 - Implications for national monitoring programmes?
 - Implications for ICPs?
- Data availability
- Regional assessment
 - Potential relevance for NEC Directive work

Conclusion

- The work of ICP Waters is increasingly relevant for initiatives outside the LRTAP Convention.



Thank you for your
attention!