

Floods directive

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(Legal) coverage in the BNS	Flemish region, transitional waters, coastal waters (i.e. surface waters, situated at the land side of a line, of which each point is situated at a one nautical mile distance seawards, from the closest point of the baseline, if necessary, extended towards the outer limit of a transitional water)	
European contact point	Directorate-General Environment (DG ENV)	
Competent authorities in Belgium	Coordination Commission Integrated Water Policy (CIW)	
Transposition on the Flemish level	Decreet van 16 juli 2010 tot wijziging van het decreet van 18 juli 2003 betreffende het integraal waterbeleid	

// abstract:

The purpose of this directive is to set up a framework for the evaluation and the management of flood risks in order to limit the negative consequences resulting from floods that affect the human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activities. The Member States have to investigate which areas could possibly be affected by floods (flood risk assessment), and consequently have to draw up flood risk maps and management plans for these areas.

The plans and the measures developed in the context of this directive, have to be adjusted to the [Water framework directive](#) (2000/60/EC; p.77). Moreover, the Member States have to stimulate the participation of the involved Parties in the preparation, evaluation and adjustment of their flood risk management plans.