

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER DIRECTIVE IN SLOVENIA (SELECTED CASES)

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The paper presents the Water Framework Directive (Water Directive), which is a strategic document for water management (in Slovenia since 2004). As this document is little known to the general public, including geographers, in the first part of the article we analyzed the composition of the Water Directive and in the second presented the implementation of this document in the case of selected water bodies in Slovenia. The geographical role in the implementation of the Water Directive is to respect the terminology prescribed by the EU with the Water Directive, to carry out field measurements in accordance with the required parameters and to interpret the results, which must be comprehensive and refer to the entire aquatic ecosystem. The importance of the article is in the awareness that geography must immediately become involved in the implementation of strategic documents and thus increase its influence in interpreting landscapes, which is its primary mission.

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