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**ERB as a frontrunner, experiences and  
input from the academic sector.**

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# WFD implementation timetable

| Requirement   | Deadline   |
|---|------------|
| Environmental quality standards on priority substances    | 2006-12-22 |
| Operational programmes for the monitoring of water status | 2006-12-22 |
| Public information and consultation:                      |            |
| - timetable and work programme                            | 2006-12-22 |
| - significant water management issues                     | 2007-12-22 |
| - draft copies of the River Basin Management Plan         | 2008-12-22 |

## Requirement

## Deadline

Programmes of measures

- established
- operational
- revised

2009-12-22

2012-12-22

every 6 years

River basin management plans

2009-12-22

Good surface water status, good chemical and quantitative groundwater status

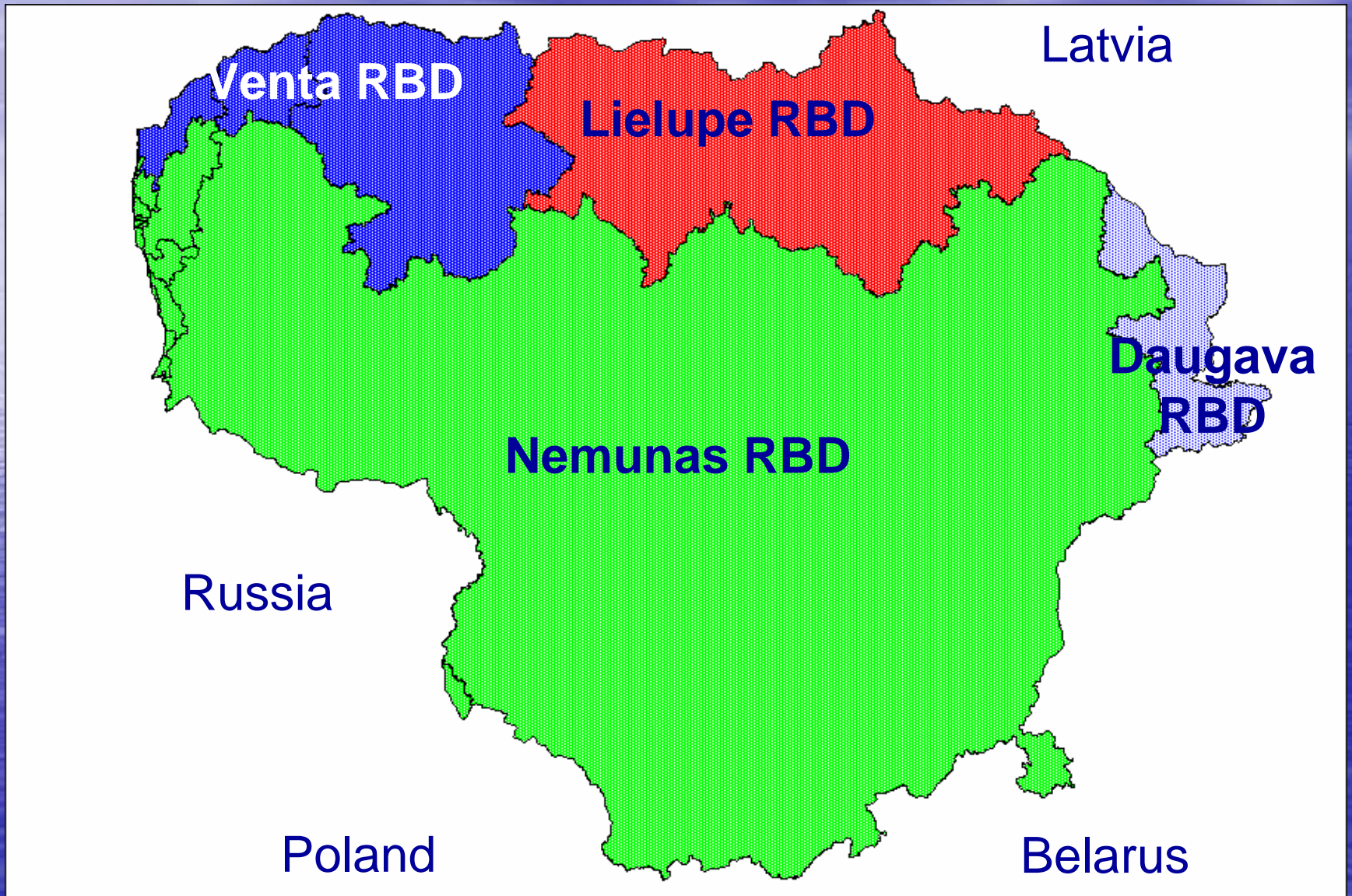
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# Formation of River Basin Districts (RBD)

## MoE order on the establishment of RBDs and the Competent Authority:

- 4 RBDs established
- EPA designated as a Competent Authority responsible for the development and implementation of River Basin Management Plans (BMP) for all RBDs

# River Basin Districts in Lithuania



# International Cooperation

- The **technical protocol** with Latvia on the implementation of river basin management of three international RBDs
- The **trilateral agreement** between Governments of Belarus, Russia and Lithuania on the Nemunas RBD has been prepared.
- The **bilateral intergovernmental agreement** with Poland on river basin management

# Analysis of River Basin Districts

Analysis of RBDs will be made with the help of DANCEE project „Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive, Meeting 2006 deadlines“. Planned outputs:

- Typology
- Water bodies
- Reference conditions
- Water quality classification system
- Preliminary Designation of Artificial or Heavily modified water bodies
- Analysis of Pressures and Impacts
- Economic analysis of water use

# Coordination Boards (CB)

CB – fundamental tool for the preparation and implementation of programmes of measures, BMPs and stakeholders' participation in the decision making process.

CBs was established for each RBD in year 2005.

**Their role – advisory**, but if the Competent Authority disagrees to adopt CB's proposals in BMPs the grounds for disagreement must be explained and justified.

## Main tasks of the Coordination Boards:

- To comment and make proposals for programs of measures, BMPs
- To coordinate and facilitate cooperation of various stakeholder groups in the preparation and implementation of BMPs
- To ensure the interests of various stakeholder groups are well represented in BMPs

## Klaipeda University participation :

- The restoration of Smiltele river (1996)
- The Action programme for Akmena-Dange (1997)
- "Watersketch" INTERREG IIIB project (2004-2007)
- Spatial planning of Klaipeda region (2002-2005)

# The Action programme for Akmena-Dange (1997)

## The objectives:

- To improve the water quality of the river Akmena-Dange
- To improve the living conditions for the people
- To stimulate interest and understanding of the maintenance of water sources
- To diminish pollution of the Curronian lagoon

# Integrated River Basin Management Strategies

## "Watersketch" INTERREG IIIB project

- "Watersketch" endeavours to produce a blueprint, which will lead to improved river basin management in the Baltic Sea region.
- The project partners will take a close look at the spatial planning and implementation of the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) for selected rivers and develop strategies for sustainable use.
- The project takes economic, social and environmental aspects equally into account.
- The "Watersketch" results will also aid decision-making for spatial planners.
- A final manual and a web-based toolbox will make the results available to others.

# Possible role of ERB

Information dissemination between partners, including academic institutions (good and bad examples)

- Public involvement in Decision making
- Projects
- Consultations

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Thank for your attention