

Contacting authorities from another country



Writing a letter to the authorities of your partner team will enable you to show solidarity with people in other countries, who depend on bodies of water, just like you. This approach may have a strong effect on the authorities as it exhibits international awareness of the implementation of the WFD and its status in the region in question.

Session III: Evaluating the response or call for help

This session should be done once you have received at least one response either to your letter or to the letter of your partner team. Ideally both authorities will have answered and you can compare their answers.

In the case that you do not receive an answer within two weeks, you can still meet for this session and use it to formulate a call for help (more information provided below). Teams that received only one answer can post a call for help in contacting the remaining authority.

Group work (3-4 persons): give each team a copy of the response letter. If you have two responses, different teams can work on different responses (10 min):

- Read the letter
- Is it understandable?
- Is it convincing?
- What questions remain?

Everybody together (5min):

- Collect the questions from the teams
- Can other teams answer those questions?

Back in the same groups (12 min):

- Extract key information from the response letters that can be posted on our website in the rubric "Pinnwand", e.g. obstacles, tips for other authorities
- Comment on those

Everybody together (12 min):

- Gather (and discuss if necessary) all the key information and comments from the working groups
- If you have two response letters, what are the main differences between them?
- Do you want to present the response (and your comments) to the media? If yes, to whom exactly and who will do it? Maybe some volunteers can be found.

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Brain- and heart-storm with the whole class (5 min):

- Give feedback to the Big Jump Coordination Team about the module
- Your group coordinator should transmit all the key information, comments and/or your call for help to the Big Jump so that they can post it on the website.

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